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Neighbors of Broad Street nightclub react to arrests

BY ERIC CORMIER
AMERICAN PRESS

Recent arrests at a Broad Street nightclub have not brought an end to the worries of residents or the business's owner.

Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office investigators apprehended seven Lake Charles men on various charges after Al Ambrose, the owner of City Streets, filed a complaint.

Ambrose visited with Sheriff's Office officials last Tuesday after a community

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A Neighborhood Watch meeting has been scheduled for today, April 30, to allow residents a chance to voice their concerns about Lake

Charles nightclubs. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the community center behind Henry Heights Elementary School.

meeting between city officials and concerned residents held the day before.

Concerns of loitering, drug dealing and violence in the nightclub's parking lot were

discussed in the meeting.

Ambrose said he came out of the meeting wondering what could be done to save his business from closure.

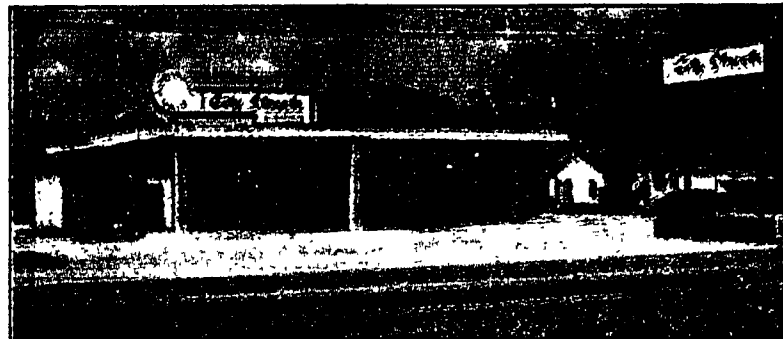
"He told us that drug deal-

ers are meeting in the back of the parking lot and selling narcotics along with hassling the patrons," said Lt. Col. Norris' Benoit with the Sheriff's Office.

Before going to the Sheriff's Office, Ambrose said he met with many agencies in an attempt to find a way to make his establishment safe.

"I was terrified to open the place up because I did not know what would happen. I went to a lot of people to air

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The owner of the City Streets nightclub is in a battle of wills with neighbors. Residents who live near the club want it closed because of drug dealing, shootings and other disturbances. The owner, Al Ambrose, wants help in keeping lawbreakers away.

More pilots on river

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Despite opposition from the shipping industry, Gov. Mike Foster has signed commissions for 19 new Mississippi River pilots while a federal grand jury investigates the pilots' group.

Foster said he relied on the advice of river pilots who screened the 19 candidates.

The Times-Picayune of New Orleans reported that the candidates included two with prior drunken-driving arrests, one who tested positive for marijuana in 1998 and one whose application included a pair of forged training certificates.

The jobs with the New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association pay \$321,000 per year.

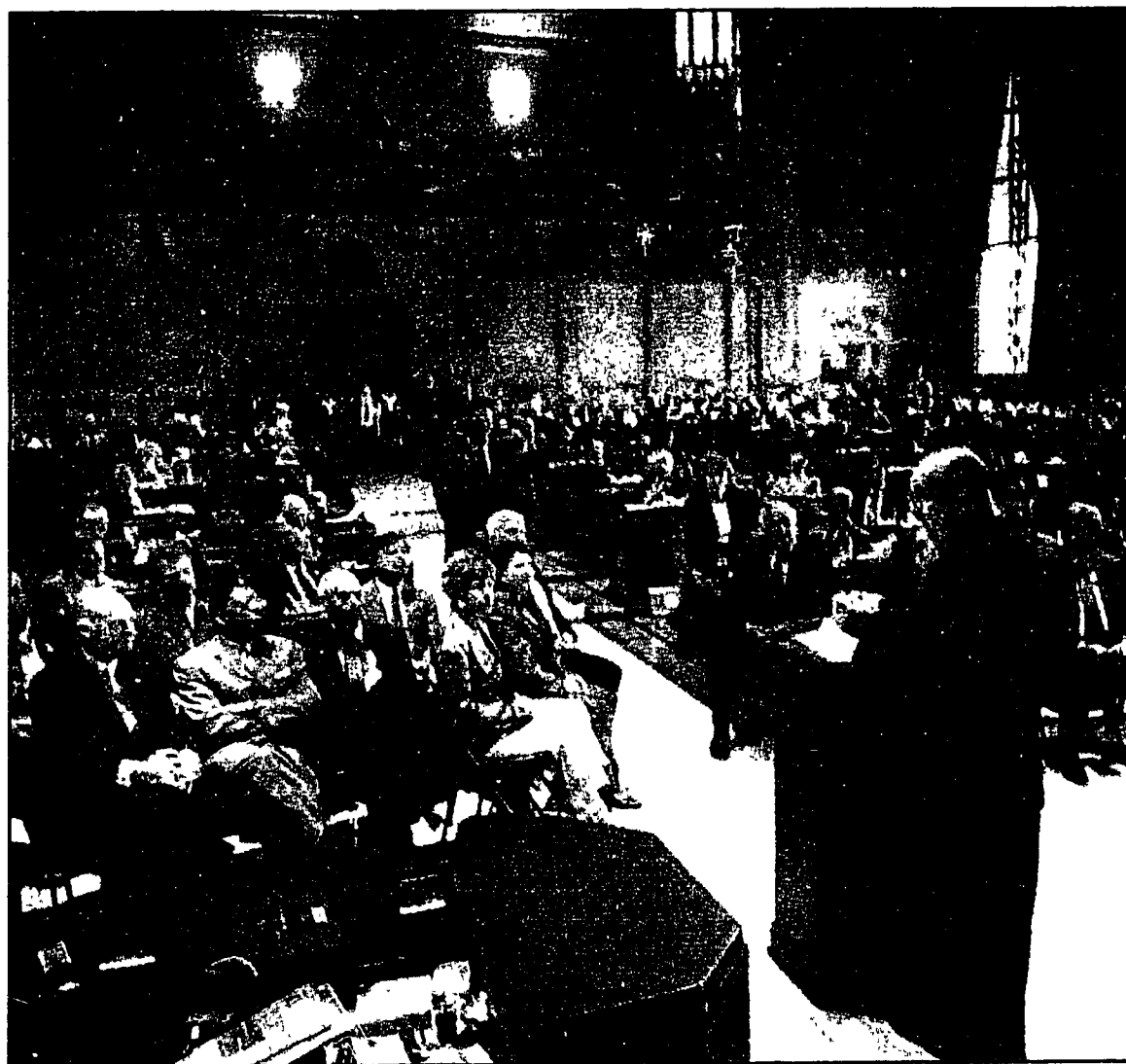
The maritime industry had asked the governor to hold off commissioning new pilots for NOBRA. A grand jury is investigating allegations that some winning candidates fraudulently obtained Coast Guard licenses by falsifying information about the time they had worked as mariners.

Under state law, river pilots enjoy virtually unfettered control over who is admitted to their small fraternity, whose politically powerful members enjoy a monopoly on the job of guiding foreign ships along the lower Mississippi River.

Of the 19 freshly minted NOBRA pilots, 16 are related

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AT THE SESSION



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Gov. Mike Foster, at the lectern, makes a point while speaking to a joint session of the Legislature on the opening day of the 2002 regular session in Baton Rouge on Monday. Foster threw away a prepared speech as the Legislature opened and made an off-the-cuff attack on critics of his plan to keep two-year temporary taxes on the books for 10 years.

Foster: Renew sales tax

Most SW La. lawmakers have a wait-and-see attitude about plan

BY JIM BEAM
AMERICAN PRESS

BATON ROUGE — Gov. Mike Foster made what some described as the most passionate speech of his political career here Monday in appealing to legislators to approve his proposal to renew nearly \$600 million in temporary sales and income taxes for 10 years.

Southwest Louisiana lawmakers praised his sincerity, but most are taking a wait-and-see attitude about Foster's plan. They want to

know more about it and whether it will solve the state's long-term money problems and produce real tax cuts.

Under the governor's proposal, the renewed taxes would be cut by 10 percent any time state income in any year grows by at least 3 percent. If income growth reaches 6 percent, the tax cut would increase to 20 percent. There would be no tax cuts in any year in which income growth doesn't reach 3 percent.

Based on the state income
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Trappers excited about \$4-per-tail nutria bounty

POINTE AUX CHENES (AP) — Trappers are excited about a new plan to pay a \$4-per-tail bounty on nutria, and to let trappers sell whatever else they can for as much as they can.

"If they put up that money

up front, we'll go for it," said Thomas Billiot, 43, who lives in Terrebonne Parish but has trapped in Jefferson, St. Bernard and Lafourche parishes.

State and federal officials hope trappers and hunters

will kill up to 400,000 nutria a year — and that this, in turn, will slow the erosion of Louisiana's vital wetlands.

In the late 1970s, Billiot, a third-generation trapper, could earn a good living catching thousands of nutria and

selling their hides for up to \$6 each.

In one four-month season, he said, he earned enough from hides and "pieces and parts" to buy his first car, pay his bills and use another \$3,000 for his captain's license.

But when the fur market fell in the 1980s, Billiot and others like him looked for work elsewhere. At \$1 to \$1.50 a pelt, trapping nutria just wasn't worth it, said Greg Linscombe, a biologist for the

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Report: Oil companies manipulating gas price

WASHINGTON (AP) — The concentration of oil companies and refineries among a few owners allows producers to manipulate gasoline supplies and force up prices to increase profits, a congressional report concluded Monday.

The investigation by a Senate subcommittee found that intentional reductions in gasoline supplies tightened fuel markets and helped produce some of the

sharp price spikes over the past three years, especially in the Midwest.

"In a number of instances, refiners have sought to increase prices by reducing supplies," says the 396-page report released by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee.

Levin said "the concentration
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Terry J. Broussard
 LAKE ARTHUR — Terry J. Broussard, 51, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, in Lake Arthur. His funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in the Miguez Funeral Home Chapel in Lake Arthur. Burial will be in Istre Cemetery in Morse.

Allen Richard Dailey
 CARLYSS — Allen Richard "Lefty" Dailey, 90, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, in his residence.

He was a native of Estherwood. He had worked for the Union Sulphur Co. and retired as a supervisor from the Cities Service refinery. He was a member of the Masonic F&AM Lodge 424 and First Baptist Church of Carlyss.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Landry Dailey of Carlyss; one son, Larry Richard Dailey of Phelan, Calif.; one daughter, Linda Fay Dailey of Carlyss; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

His funeral, with Masonic rites, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Mimosa Pines Cemetery in Carlyss. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Merzie Guillory



Merzie Guillory, 83, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, in her residence.

A native of Mamou, she had lived in Lake Charles for more than 60 years. She was a graduate of Mamou High School. She had been a member of St. Margaret Catholic Church for more than 50 years.

Survivors include two sons, Richard and Danny Guillory, both of Lake Charles; two brothers, Lee V. Young of Lake Charles and Burkman Young of Eunice; one sister, Bernice Cross of New Orleans; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. today, April 30, from St. Margaret Catholic Church. The Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau will officiate. Burial will be in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Visitation is 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. A rosary was recited on Monday.

SCHOLARSHIP

CAMERON — Deadline for Farm Bureau scholarship applications is Friday, May 3, at the Farm Bureau office in Creole.

The Cameron Parish Farm Bureau will offer a \$500 scholarship to a 2002 graduating senior.

The scholarship, which qualifies for college or technical school, is open to any senior whose parents are Farm Bureau members.

Applications may be picked up at the Farm Bureau office or from the school counselor. For more information, call the Farm Bureau Office at (337) 542-4807.

PENDING

Harry J. Guillory, 69, Hixson Funeral Home of Welsh.

Minnix Raymond Leopold, 70, Fondel Memorial Chapel.

Lois Ann Paige, 59, Matthews and Son Funeral Home of Jennings.

Cathy Parrott, 38, Matthews and Son Funeral Home of Jennings.

R.B. Thompson, 93, Myers-Colonial Funeral Home of DeRidder.

Edna T. Helgeland



Edna Trout Helgeland, 74, died Sunday 29, 2002, in a local care center.

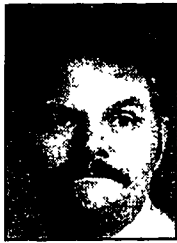
A native of Douds, Iowa, she moved 21

years ago to Lake Charles from Des Plaines, Ill. She worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation during World War II and for United Airlines. She was Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Merle G. Helgeland of Lake Charles; two sons, John Helgeland of Everett, Wash., and Eric Helgeland of Northbrooke, Ill.; two brothers, Rosco "Rock" Trout of Carmel Valley, Calif., and Clarence Trout of Cherokee Village, Ark.; one sister, Miriam Cox of Wickenburg, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

Her funeral will be Friday, May 3, in Pedrick Funeral Home in Douds, Iowa. Burial will be in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-9 p.m. today in Hixson Funeral Home in Lake Charles.

Donie D. Hodge



Donie D. Hodge, 62, died Monday, April 29, 2002 in a Lake Charles hospital.

He was a native of Mangum, Okla., and had lived in Lake Charles for 27 years. He was a graduate of Mangum High School and was an Air Force veteran. He was a former loan officer at Lakeside National Bank and was a finance manager for Credit Thrift and Merit Finance. He was a member of South City Optimist Club and University United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sondra Windle Hodge of Lake Charles; one son, Kevin Don Hodge of Lake Charles; one daughter, Kristina Gayle Hodge Lasserre of Lake Charles; two sisters, Barbara Lankford and Lawton, Okla., and Iva Lee Kisselberg of Roswell, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, at University United Methodist Church under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Mike McLaurin will officiate. The body will be cremated. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the church and from 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Exie LaCaze

LACAMP — Exie LaCaze, 72, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, in her residence.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2, in Laurel Hill Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville. Visitation is ongoing from 5 p.m. Wednesday in the church.

LaFleur infant

KINDER — Jordan Keith LaFleur, infant son of Brandon LaFleur and Chantelle Taylor, died Monday, April 29, 2002, in an Alexandria hospital.

Survivors include his paternal grandparents, Joe and Melody LaFleur and Phyllis Savant, all of Kinder; and maternal grandparents, Paul and Ellen Taylor of Colorado and Dwayne and Kim Long of Boyce.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in Green Oak Cemetery under the direction of Ardoin Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert Jones will officiate. Visitation is from 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Constant J. LaFont

IOWA — Constant J. LaFont, 80, died at 4:35 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2002, in a Lake Charles hospital.

He was a native of Cut Off and had lived in Golden Meadow for several years. He moved to Iowa more than 50 years ago. He was a production superintendent in the North Iowa gas field. He was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Doucet LaFont of Iowa; one son, Donald LaFont of Point Blank, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Claude (Alice) Landry of Iowa; one brother, Irvin LaFont of Galiano; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, from St. Raphael's Catholic Church. The Rev. Bill Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Lacassine Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Visitation is 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, with a rosary at 7 p.m., and 8-10:15 a.m. Wednesday.

Help needed to identify crash victim

State Police investigators need help in identifying a woman who was killed Sunday night following a one-vehicle accident.

The woman, who is believed to be from Kinder, was hit at about 9:48 p.m. by a car driven by Aaron C. Campbell, 25, of Sulphur.

The woman was standing on U.S. 165 when she was hit, according to the accident report from Troop D.

The accident happened two miles north of Kinder. Campbell was not issued a citation.

She was taken to Humana Hospital in Oakdale and then airlifted to Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria where she died.

The black woman is described as standing 5-foot-6, weighing 140 pounds and between the age of 30 and 40. She has short curly hair.

Anyone with information, should call Troop D at 439-2511.

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A year later, no leads in Levy case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chandra Levy's parents refuse to accept that they may never know their daughter's fate.

Levy vanished one year ago instead of returning home to California as planned, and the largest missing person investigation in Washington history turned up no sign of the young woman who had been working as an intern at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

But Bob and Sue Levy of Modesto, Calif., plan to light candles outside their daughter's Washington apartment Wednesday — a year after police believe Levy disappeared — in the belief that keeping her story alive will somehow lead to an end to their nightmare.

They hope against hope that their daughter will come home alive. Absent that, they at least want to know what happened to her. And — they can barely bring themselves to say it — if she is dead, who killed her.

"We're hoping and praying that somehow we'll get answers and someone will help us," Mrs. Levy said in a telephone interview last week. "Someone out there knows something."

The search for Levy, who was 24 when she disappeared, quickly commanded national interest when the name of Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., surfaced in the investigation.

"In my 10 years, I have never seen a case of a missing



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Susan Levy holds a picture of her daughter, missing Washington intern Chandra Levy, after a news conference at the Stanislaus County Sheriff's office in Modesto, Calif. "We're hoping and praying that somehow we'll get answers," Mrs. Levy said during a telephone interview near the one-year anniversary of her daughter's disappearance.

adult receive this much exposure," said Kym Pasqualini, president of the Nation's Missing Children Organization and Center for Missing Adults.

POLICE BLOTTER

Shooting arrest

Lake Charles police arrested a suspect in the April 11 shooting of a Lake Charles man.

Jonathan Tillman, 25, of 1219 Oklahoma Street, was booked into the Calcasieu Correctional Center on a \$100,000 bond for attempted second-degree murder.

Lake Charles Police Detective Kevin Kirkum said Tillman was arrested Friday by Ward 4 City Marshals.

"They were looking for another person and recognized him while doing their search," he said.

Kirkum had already gotten a warrant signed for Tillman's arrest.

The shooting took place at the Walmart Super Center on La. 14.

Impersonating officer

SULPHUR — An 18-year-old Westlake man was arrested after he stopped a female driver by impersonating a police officer.

Calvin D. Allison, 18, of 2514 Evergreen, #72, was booked into the Sulphur Jail for DWI, running a stop sign, illegal possession of alcohol by persons under 21, and false impersonation of a police officer.

A woman said she was stopped at about 9:50 p.m. by Allison who was in a white Jeep Cherokee.

Allison asked the female for her driver's license and registration. He was wearing plain clothes at the time of the incident happened.

The woman said Allison eventually let her go and she contacted Sulphur police officials.

Allison was eventually stopped later in the evening, and he admitted to making the traffic stop.

Marijuana arrest

Two Illinois residents were arrested after marijuana was found inside the vehicle they

were driving.

Jason M. Kick, 22, of Chicago Heights, and Tonya M. Mazurkiewicz, 23, of Crete, were both charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

CPSO Sgt. Jimmy Horner stopped Kick on a traffic violation. Ten pounds of marijuana were found inside the vehicle's trunk.

Weekend arrests

IOWA — Three people were arrested on two separate investigations by Iowa police.

Ian K. Rodericks, 18, 1428 W. Moreland, Lake Charles, was booked into the parish jail for DWI, speeding 55 in 25, reckless operation, expired inspection sticker, possession of alcohol under 21, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to register vehicle.

Police said Rodericks was clocked driving 55 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour speed zone at about 3:47 a.m. Sunday.

Cpl. Tim Clark noticed the smell of alcohol on Rodericks' breath and the smell of marijuana coming out of the vehicle, police said.

After doing a search, a small amount of marijuana was found inside the vehicle, police said.

Investigators also arrested Kevin D. West, 27, and Candice D. Espanza, both of Brenham, Texas.

Officers stopped their vehicle for defective equipment, and a search led to the finding of a small amount of marijuana.

Officers Jason Racca and Robert McGarity investigated the case.

Items were compiled by Staff Writers **Eric Cormier**. Have a crime tip? Call 494-4090 or e-mail news@americanpress.com.

Jody Lee Fuselier

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By Michelle Childs

We will love you always & forever
 Erica (Angel) Kylee (Beatle Bug), & Kiefer (Little man)



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BRIEFLY

Hells Angel member found dead on I-40

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Authorities said Monday that they were trying to determine whether the slaying of a Hells Angel gang member on a California highway was linked to a deadly fight at a Nevada casino.

Christian Tate, 28, was found dead near his wrecked Harley-Davidson motorcycle about 3 a.m. Saturday on Interstate 40 near Ludlow, Calif., San Bernardino County sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson said.

"The evidence at the scene is that he was in motion when he was shot and the bike went off the shoulder," Patterson said, adding that investigators have found no witnesses.

At about 2 a.m. Saturday, three California motorcycle gang members were killed at Harrah's Laughlin Casino & Hotel during an annual biker rally that brought some 80,000 bikers to southern Nevada.

Police said they were piecing together videotape, ballistic and blood evidence to try to determine what turned a simmering rivalry between the Hells Angels and the Mongols into the deadliest shooting ever in a Nevada casino.

Navy expected to end island stay by 2003

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The Navy is expected to stop war exercises on Vieques Island by 2003, but there will be "lots of things to do," which could extend the Navy's stay, a Navy official said.

"We have to find jobs for the civilian employees there, comply with (Environmental Protection Agency) rules and do some cleanup and patrolling the fences," Capt. Kevin Wensing, a spokesman for Navy Secretary Gordon England, told The San Juan Star.

He could not say how long Navy personnel may have to remain on the outlying Puerto Rican island. The Navy probably would carry out "two or maybe three" more rounds of exercises before May 2003, the English-language daily quoted him as saying.

Anti-military sentiment in this U.S. territory flared after an off-target bomb killed a civilian guard in 1999 on Vieques.

Officials increase scrutiny of Amtrak

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has increased its scrutiny of Amtrak's operations, trying to make sure that the passenger railroad's financial problems don't compromise safety.

Federal Railroad Administration spokesman Robert Gould said Monday that the agency began increasing inspections and monitoring in February, after Amtrak officials announced they would eliminate 1,000 jobs, cut advertising, and delay work on equipment, tracks and stations to save \$285 million.

"Our actions should in no way be viewed as Amtrak is unsafe," Gould said. "All we're trying to do is ensure that a safe railroad remains safe."

Amtrak spokesman Bill Schulz said the railroad is increasing its own inspections as well, and said none of the cuts would undermine safety.

**Statue debate**

A truck passes by a 17-foot statue of Jesus belonging to Evelyn Blazek on Hwy. 105 East near New Waverly, Texas. Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation say the statue is violating state right-of-way laws with its location. Blazek believes the department's survey is wrong and the statue is on her property and hopes she won't be asked to remove her statue.

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PILOTS: Foster has sole power to appoint posts

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to other pilot members. NOBRA members guide ships on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

Two lawsuits were filed this year in New Orleans federal court by three unsuccessful NOBRA candidates who claim the process used to select the apprentices last year unfairly favored relatives of existing pilots and violated federal anti-discrimination laws and due process.

State law grants the governor sole power to commission state pilots, but pilot candidates first are elected by the pilots associations.

"It is not possible, nor would it be appropriate, for me to micromanage the operations of the NOBRA board, or any other board," the governor said in a written response to questions posed by The Times-Picayune. "If the qualifications of the pilots are questioned, it is the responsibility of the board to do the investigations, not the governor's office."

The newly commissioned members of NOBRA were part of a group of 44 apprentice pilots elected by the group last April. The other 25 apprentices will complete their training over the next two years and will be commissioned in two groups.

Louisiana Steamship Association President Channing Hayden said the governor should have postponed signing the commissions until questions about the NOBRA election and some of the candidates have been resolved.

"It was a step down a path that didn't have to be taken," said Hayden, whose group represents many of the shipping companies and agents who are required by state law to hire pilots.

With the new members, NOBRA has about 100 commissioned pilots.

Hayden said a sharp decline in cargo activity along the river over the past year has reduced the demand for pilots and the need for new ones.

GAS: No illegal market activities found in report

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of oil companies is so heavy that it allows them to manipulate supply ... without fear of competition," to the detriment of consumers.

Levin urged tightening of antitrust laws and a tougher review of oil industry mergers to curtail market abuses by today's dwindling number of industry players. He noted that in some European countries companies are required by law to keep in storage a minimum amount of oil or gasoline to avert shortages.

Red Cavaney, president of the American Petroleum Institute, said the Senate panel's report vindicates the oil companies because — as have previous investigations — it found no collusion or illegal market activities in setting gas prices. He said companies have a right, if

they act alone, to make market dedications on supply.

"As long as the company or individuals act on their own, when they decide to put there supply on the market is their decision and its legal. ... It's part of the free-enterprise system," said Cavaney in an interview.

Levin acknowledged the investigation "did not discover any evidence of collusion," but he argued gasoline markets are so "highly concentrated ... you don't need collusion to have a big artificial impact on supply" and, in turn, prices.

The report, written by the Democratic staff of Levin's subcommittee, cited several internal memos, dating back to 1998, from major oil firms that outline a general strategy of using supplies to influence prices.

White House counsel asks staff to fill out questionnaire on Enron contacts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — White House Counsel Al Gonzales directed more than 100 staff members Monday to complete a questionnaire on communications between the administration and Enron in the months leading up to the company's collapse.

The White House undertook the survey at the request of Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Lieberman wrote to White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card on March 27, "The rapid collapse of what was once ranked as the nation's seventh-largest company demands public scrutiny." His commit-

tee plans to probe how regulators acted in the days leading up to the implosion of Enron Corp., the largest U.S. bankruptcy ever, and what might have been done to avert it.

He sought information on White House and certain Cabinet agency actions regarding Enron dating from just before the end of the first Bush administration in 1992. Lieberman sent similar letters to two Cabinet secretaries and chiefs of agencies dealing with energy and shares trading.

Gonzales' questionnaire fell far short of what Lieberman sought.

"We have been working with the committee, and we're continuing to work with the

committee to comply with reasonable requests," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Lieberman wanted identities of people who initiated meetings with Enron officials, who was present, the subject matter, dates and a host of other details.

Gonzales' three-page questionnaire instructs staff members — assistants, deputy assistants and special assistants to both the president and vice president — for simple yes or no answers.

A third possible answer is "I'd like to discuss."

Gonzales set a May 10 deadline for returning the completed forms.

NEIGHBORS: Arrests a good step

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my grievances," he said.

Narcotics and patrol division deputies observed activities at the nightclub Wednesday night. At about 11 p.m., drug dealing started to pick up, and the arrests were made.

Ambrose and concerned residents agree the arrests were a good step.

"My complaint is the same as the neighbors': We need protection," said Ambrose. "If the city officials would enforce loitering laws, we would not have a problem at my business or any other in the city."

A group of concerned residents said arresting the drug dealers helps, but that they want to see City Streets closed.

"Arresting people does not solve the big problem," said Rosie Glapion.

Glapion and fellow resident Lois Booker-Malvo said law enforcement activity normally occurs after something bad has happened at the nightclub.

"The club has to be closed because it is out of control. He can't control his clientele," Booker-Malvo said.

Residents said that more

than 130 calls have been made to parish and city law officials because of shootings, drug dealing and disturbances at the club.

The women said many residents view the nightclub as a "drug store."

"Cars just roll around the place all night," Booker-Malvo said.

During last week's community meeting, City Councilman A.B. Franklin proposed a 90-day monitoring of the club to see if illegal activities would curb after enforcement.

Glapion said residents are not interested in the plan.

"There is no waiting period. We are outraged that anyone would even consider a waiting period. That ran out a long time ago. We want the business shut down," she said. "Every effort used in closing the business down is an effort to ensure security for the neighborhood."

Ambrose said he wants a solution beneficial for all, especially since his business's reputation is at stake.

"I'm trying to protect the dignity of my place. I don't want problems out of anybody. I am comfortable with police protection," he said.

Officials at the Sheriff's

Office said deputies will patrol the area around City Streets on Wednesday.

"This man came to us for help, and we will do what we have to do to make sure the problem is solved," Benoit said.

The following people were arrested by the Sheriff's Office last Wednesday night:

Kevin L. Alexander, 17, 1508 McNabb St., possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, obstruction of justice and resisting an officer.

Larry J. Chatman, 19, 1202 Sixth Ave., remaining after forbidden.

Kendrick A. Caldwell, 24, 2304 Lilly St., criminal bench warrant.

Keon R. Fontenot, 23, 624 South Franklin St., distribution of cocaine (warrant) and prohibited acts of schedule I (warrant).

Caddy J. Lewis, 23, 6505 Nelson Road, Lot 16, distribution of cocaine.

Robert L. Thomas, 23, 1426 Kathy St., resisting arrest.

David Zeno Jr., 18, 1708 Ninth Ave., possession of marijuana (warrant) and possession of stolen things (warrant).

NUTRIA: 100,000 acres lost to pest

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state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Fur and Refuge Division.

When the trappers left, the nutria flourished. They eat the plants which hold coastal wetlands together — leaves, roots and all — and undermine urban levees with their burrows.

Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee started using sharpshooters against nutria seven years ago, because the beasts were undermining the banks of 300 miles of drainage canals. That program has killed more than 10,500 nutria since 1995.

The critters are not nearly as easy to pick off in the wetlands, where they have damaged or destroyed about 100,000 acres.

Two weeks ago a coastal wetlands conservation task force approved spending \$12.5 million in federal money over five years put a bounty on nutria and monitor the wetlands to see if they rebound.

Officials hope to pay for up to 400,000 nutria a year, save

about 15,000 marsh acres over 20 years, and fuel a market for nutria meat.

"We hope with the incentives program (the trappers) go back to doing what they did historically: control the population," Linscombe said.

Officials hope to have the Coastwide Nutria Control Program up and running when trapping season begins Nov. 20.

Nutria found on marshland south of Interstate 10 from the Texas border to Baton Rouge, and south of I-12 from Baton Rouge to the Mississippi border, are fair game.

In 1976, 1.8 million nutria pelts brought in \$15.7 million to coastal trappers such as Billiot, who has caught nutria and muskrat since he was a boy.

"It was your major income. Everyone looked forward to all that," he said.

Billiot said he earned \$10,000 in 1977 from nutria, but turned to oystering and running tugboats when the demand for fur plunged in the 1980s. He now leads swamp tours in Westwego, but still traps nutria, making about \$3,000 a year from hides, skulls and nutria-tooth jewelry.

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AMERICAN PRESS EDITORIAL

Effort to cut prison spending needs scrutiny

A move by the state Legislature last year to reduce the annual cost of prisons in Louisiana is stirring controversy.

Act 403 established three risk review panels to examine nonviolent inmate applications, gauge the inmates' risk to the public if they were released from prison early and make recommendations to the state Pardon and Parole boards. In April, the Louisiana Pardon Board recommended approval for 10 of 14 applications for immediate parole eligibility. All 10 inmates who received positive recommendations are serving time on possession and/or distribution of cocaine convictions.

The recommendations for parole eligibility were forwarded to Gov. Mike Foster for his approval. If approved, they then go to the Parole Board for a hearing.

However, the recommendation came in the face of opposition from district attorneys, law enforcement officials and victim-rights organizations.

East Baton Rouge District Attorney Doug Moreau said that sooner or later, a felon released through Act 403 is going to run afoul of the law. He said that the act relieves individuals from responsibility if something goes wrong. He said that inmates have already been through the judicial system and sentenced by a judge who considered their crimes and their criminal history. He also said that because of plea bargains, many of the inmates are already serving time on lesser charges.

"You have to work very, very hard these days to get in jail," Moreau said.

James Sandifer, president of Common Sense Against Crime, opposed the 14 applications before the Pardon Board and

objected to the leniency in each case.

"This is a new risk review panel. What you have from the risk review is their opinion, but what you have before you is fact," Sandifer said about the criminal history the Pardon Board is given for the hearings. "I think the risk review panel needs to review more closely the clients they send over here. They sent over nothing but reoffenders."

Department of Public Safety and Correction Secretary Richard Stadler said the panel reviews criminal histories, court records and other documents to decide if an applicant is a good risk for release. The panel considers criminal history, but it also looks at the age of the crimes. If a person has nine arrests in the 1970s, but a clean record recently, the panel will look at that differently than a person who had more recent arrests, Stadler said.

Kathy Gess, a co-director of a national organization that works for criminal justice reform in fair treatment for inmates and their families, said that panel members go through the entire file before talking to prisoners. She said that panel members then ask prisoners about their crimes, what they've done to improve themselves, such as drug treatment, anger management, education or job training courses and their plans if they are released.

She said that in comparison, the Pardon Board only focuses on arrest records and law enforcement opposition.

While the Legislature's efforts to reduce the cost of the state's prison system are laudable, it comes with risks. The new review system deserves a chance to succeed, but it also deserves close scrutiny and a short life span should benefactors of the early release wind up back in the criminal justice system.

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'We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes.'

John F. Kennedy



Poll workers deserve respect, courtesy

THE PUBLIC SPEAKS

I had the opportunity to observe how people act at the voting poles on Saturday, April 6. Quite frankly most were very cordial and very happy to be able to utilize their American right to vote.

But, there are a few bad apples in every bunch, and it is true that a few do spoil it for the rest. The people that work the polls are there not for the money, but for the ability to give back to the community and also it is a chance to meet the people whom live in their neighborhood. Some of the older poll workers are there to supplement their income. I was appalled at the way some of the people behaved. The few who were very rude indeed spoiled it for the rest, however, you did let your neighbor know the other side of you and you left a lasting impression. I feel very sorry for you going through life so very unhappy.

We choose every day how we are going to live. That is our free will. We can choose to be positive or choose to be negative. Reports have proven the positive person outlives the negative person. I choose to live a positive life and hope that I can put a smile on every person with whom I come in contact with.

The commissioners at the polls work long hours. They arrive at 5:30 a.m. and don't leave until 8 p.m. or later. Then the commissioner in charge brings the tapes and other material to Lake Charles. These commissioners in charge don't return home until 9 p.m. or later.

One particular precinct in Sulphur is not air-conditioned. So in the summer we don't just perspire,

we sweat. That precinct is located at TD McMurtry Street Park. The summers are sweltering, and the winters are really cold. We have to bring ice chests for water and cold drinks. There is not a facility to accommodate food or drink for the poll worker. We do not just deal with agitated voters, we deal with weather condition.

There is a large sign that is red and has bold lettering on it giving the instructions of what is required of a voter. It begins something like this "Picture ID Required" Does that not explain what is needed? This sign was posted on the door.

Almost every person that came to vote had his or her white voters registration card. They thought this was all that was needed to vote. When we asked for a picture ID, they became angry or agitated. They wanted to know why the voters card is sent to them, and some even said they called the voters registration office and were told that the card was all they needed. Wrong. The card you received is to let you know where you are supposed to vote and what precinct number you are in.

We are going to have a runoff for the Sulphur Mayor's position in May. I do hope this letter will help clear up some of the confusion. We are here to serve you and to make your voting experience a happy one. We want you to walk away happy and know that we gave you a smile and a big hello and good-bye. We only ask for the same in return. We are not above making a mistake, but

we will do everything in our power to make things right for you. We ask that you treat us with the same respect we give to you. Keep your sarcasm to yourself.

We apologize if we disrespected you in any way including either misspelling your name or mispronouncing your name. We are not perfect, but we do our best.

So as we gather again at the polls in May, let us put on our best behavior and smiling faces.

We ask if you do not have a picture ID, please go to Department of Motor Vehicles and get one. Even if you do not drive you should have a picture ID. You need this for many things including bank, cashing a check and using a credit card. Save yourself some trouble and protect yourself with that picture ID.

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Our support for democracy abroad is a sometime thing

WASHINGTON — It is easy to understand why it all happened in Venezuela, although the how is not entirely clear.

You can understand, for instance, how tempted the Bush administration was to give the old heave-ho to Hugo Chavez, a motor-mouth "revolutionary" Latin American president who bragged about his friendship with Fidel, Saddam and other U.S. nemeses.

You can understand, too, the appeal of his short-term replacement, one Pedro Carmona, friend of oligarchs and captains of an oil industry that is the third-largest supplier to the United States.

But the coup didn't work in Venezuela. Democracy prevailed. The man the White House sees as a pluperfect pain in the neck, Chavez, got his job back in 48 hours. The coup collapsed after the two-day president, Carmona, declared he would cancel Congress and fire the Supreme Court. The most conspicuous casualty? America's reputation for promoting democracy, one of the stated goals of our currently con-



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Latin America. Reich is an anti-Castro zealot, and this intrigue on the anniversary of the Bay of Pigs offered a peerless opportunity to get even. The presence of Elliot Abrams on the Bush national security team was considered a factor — he used to lecture on patriotism to congressmen protesting death squads.

Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer denied all U.S. complicity in the events of April 12, but our failure to deplore the coup was suspicious and reminiscent of the bad old days of knocking over Latin American governments that displeased us — a la Kissinger and Nixon in Chile. The Organization of

fused foreign policy.

The Bush White House insists it had nothing to do with the whole affair, which some considered almost inevitable in view of the recent appointment of Otto Reich to be the State Department's leader on

American States, which happened to be meeting in Costa Rica on that same weekend, issued a resounding denunciation of anti-democratic activity.

It was acknowledged here that Chavez's opponents had been cordially received at the White House and the State Department. Recent accounts of the activities of the National Endowment for Democracy, which happened to sponsor a union demonstration hostile to Chavez, added to the speculation. Spokesman Chris Sabatini says that no endowment funds were "used to support the coup."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., was frankly skeptical at a Foreign Relations Committee hearing. He says U.S. officials failed to ask obvious questions: How could anyone believe that Hugo Chavez signed "resignation" papers when his hands were manacled? How come we were so misinformed about popular support for Carmona? When the short-term president proclaimed the shutdown of democracy, the poor people of Caracas — 80 percent

of Venezuelans live in poverty despite its oil riches — poured into the streets to protest and restore Chavez. When he came back from the Mideast, Secretary of State Colin Powell made a strong statement to the OAS reaffirming our preference for democracy.

Democracy is taking a hit on another continent, too. The president of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf, is going forward with plans for a referendum on his record — not exactly a substitute for the election he promised his people.

We are entirely beholden to Pakistan's military dictator, who seized power in a coup two years ago. His cooperation in the war against terrorism is indispensable. As Afghanistan's closest neighbor, he has played a key role in our successes in those inhospitable mountains. His program to crack down on domestic terrorists and Muslim extremists was much appreciated, and it was easy to close our eyes to Pakistan's terrorist activity in Kashmir. In any case, we have had no comment on his plan to hold the

referendum, which would prolong his term in office by three years.

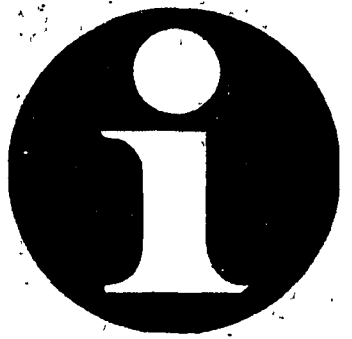
The State Department has contented itself with stating that the Pakistani courts will determine the constitutionality of the referendum. It is being conducted without pretense of basic democratic practices. Gen. Musharraf has closed the country's borders to two exiled rivals. He has forbidden anti-referendum demonstrations and rallies.

The Indian government, needless to say, has issued a stinging statement. Its foreign ministry has called the referendum "constitutionally suspect" and a plan for "fictional democracy with all powers and control vested in the army."

The general faces growing resistance to the referendum from intellectuals and professionals who, despite misgivings about his access to power, had supported his anti-extremism campaign. There is a lawyers' strike in progress. It contributed to a suspension of the trial of suspects in the kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Danny Pearl.

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Lawmakers from area approved of DWI bill

Could you please tell us how our local legislative delegation voted on the DWI law changes that recently took effect?

The law, which emphasizes treatment and house arrest for multiple offenders, was passed in last year's regular legislative session. It was sponsored by Reps. Kenneth Odinet, D-Arabi, and Ernest Wooton, D-Bell Chasse.

All but two of Southwest Louisiana's legislators voted for the bill. Reps. Elcie Guillory, D-Lake Charles, and Dan Morrish, D-Jennings, were absent when lawmakers passed the measure.

Teacher numbers

How many teachers in Louisiana are certified?

In its 2000-2001 annual overview, the state Department of Education reported that 85 percent of the state's more than 55,000 teachers were certified.

Shark attack victim

How has shark attack victim Jesse Arbogast progressed?

The 8-year-old Mississippi boy — who suffered brain damage and temporarily lost his right arm in the attack in July 2001 — was released from a Florida hospital Aug. 12. He was still in a comatose state, doctors said then.

"The outlook for Jesse's recovery remains unknown," pediatric neurologist Dr. Tim Livingston said at the time.

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Priest's suspension draws little response from community

CROWN POINT (AP) — The suspension of a priest over an allegation that he sexually abused a minor in the Lafayette area in 1967 has caused little talk in this New Orleans-area community where he now ministers.

Many people in the community between Marrero and Lafitte said they had not even heard of the allegation against the Rev. Joseph F. Pellettieri, who ran the Ave Maria Retreat

House until Thursday.

Pellettieri is the second New Orleans-area priest caught up in the scandals involving pedophilia and official cover-ups that have rocked the Catholic church in recent months.

Pellettieri, a Redemptorist priest, cannot perform any priestly duties while the church investigates the complaint against him.

The complaint brought

Wednesday is the only one ever made against him, the Very Rev. Thomas D. Picton, vice provincial for the Redemptorist order, said Saturday. He noted that it was made by someone who does not want to be identified and has not filed any legal papers or charges.

The allegation against Pellettieri goes back 35 years ago to the Diocese of Lafayette, when he was a teacher and

principal at Notre Dame High School in Crowley. Pellettieri, 62, was assigned to the retreat house in June.

Several nearby residents said the center attracted mostly out-of-town visitors.

"I only know two or three people that ever went there," said Tony Ting, a dance hall-restaurant owner. "Hardly any of the local people go."

Pat Morrow, owner of the

Restaurant des Familles next door, said she heard little talk about Pellettieri's suspension.

"They eat here all the time, the priest and two brothers," Morrow said. "They eat here a lot, and they're very nice people."

The retreat near Bayou Barataria, was empty Sunday. Doors to the chapels and meeting halls were locked, and the office was closed.

KEEPING TRACK OF SNACKS

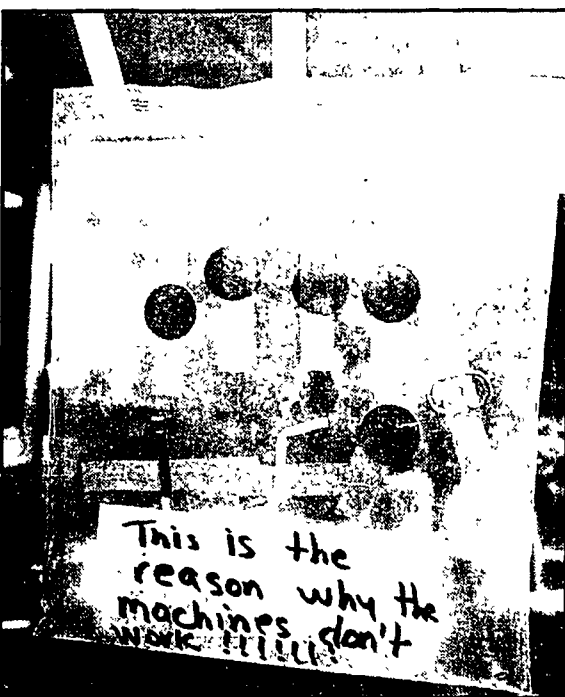


Vending machine mayhem

Above: Newman Guidry calculates the items needed in the vending machines at Westlake High School. He enters the code numbers into the machine, which is then plugged into a printer to generate a printed invoice. Guidry said he has almost all of the 70 items committed to memory.

Left: It's common to find the coin slots filled with items such as slugs and pop tops, which foul up the mechanism and put the vending machines out of order. Guidry works for Cradeur Distribution, which is better known as Toms.

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Schools await grades

State to release rankings of districts on Thursday

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — For students around the state, it must seem like poetic justice: The school districts who run their schools will be getting their own report cards Thursday.

That's when the state will release its rankings on how well the districts are doing in meeting state educational goals.

Thursday's rankings will be the first ever set of district accountability scores and corresponding labels that the state has issued. Louisiana is one of the few states to use rankings to hold schools publicly accountable for student performance.

Each of the state's 66 public school districts will receive two scores from the state education department: a district performance score and a "responsibility index."

The performance scores are a composite of individual school performance scores, which are calculated using student scores on the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program and Iowa tests, student attendance and dropout records for the 2000-01 school year.

Education officials said they expect the performance scores to reflect each district's relative poverty, with high-poverty areas earning the lowest scores and affluent ones earning the top scores.

Schools that managed to avoid that trend will be scrutinized, said Leslie Jacobs, a

state school board member and chairman of the board's accountability commission.

"If there are some districts with high poverty who are doing very well, we'll want to look at what they're doing," she said. "And if there are some districts with low poverty who are in the bottom group, we'll want to know why."

The district responsibility index will be determined by four factors: the percentage of schools in the district that reach state-set targets for school improvement, the percentage of students who passed the LEAP test on their first try, how effective the district's summer remediation program was at helping students pass the LEAP on their second try, and how successful the district is in recruiting certified teachers.

Districts will receive scores ranging from "excellent" to "unsatisfactory."

Unlike school performance scores, the district scores do not come with specific sanctions or rewards but are designed to be an informational tool for local residents, Jacobs said.

"If a district is doing an awful job, there's not a lot we can do about it," Jacobs said.

That's because of restrictions in the state Constitution that prevent the board from withholding state educational money and do not give the board firing authority over local schools and districts, Jacobs said.

This tribe member doesn't bet on getting check from casino

Jack Suttle is the only local member of the Iowa Tribe that he knows. That's the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska as opposed to the Iowas of Oklahoma.

The members pronounce their name the same way as the town on the eastern end of Calcasieu Parish. There are a couple thousand members scattered throughout the United States.

The tribe has a casino in White Cloud, Kan. Suttle, 85, has never received a dividend check.

"And I don't expect to get one," he said.

He moved from Oklahoma to Lake Charles in 1956 to work for Conoco. Suttle retired in 1981 and now reads every Louis L'Amour book once a year. He will read as

long as his glaucoma doesn't get worse.

Suttle grew up in Ponca City, Okla., where he met Babe Ruth on the steps of City Hall. The Babe was in town on a tour. Suttle was 10 or 11.

"I said howdy, shook his hand and grinned," Suttle said.

He played clarinet in the high school band. The band played in a

state contest, in which John Philip Sousa was the judge.

Years later, as an adult, he met Will Rogers. Rogers was in Ponca City for the dedication of the Pioneer Woman

statue.

"Just a howdy-do and shook hands," Suttle said.

One of his favorite stories involves a Lake Charles bank. After Suttle moved here, he applied for a loan. The vice president of the bank said that if Suttle would work with the local Boy Scouts, he'd make sure he got that loan.

Suttle agreed. He showed up for the first meeting, but he didn't see the bank officer. Never saw him again. Suttle stayed with the Scouts for 15 years as volunteer chairman and board member.

Waving Man

A San Francisco Bay Area reporter estimated that Joseph Charles waved to more than 14 million people,

Charles, who grew up in Lake Charles, stood in front of his Berkeley house for 30 years and waved to motorists.

Charles died last month at the age of 91. He retired in 1971 from the Oakland Naval Supply Center, which gave him more time for his second career. He waved and called out "Keep smiling" and "Have a good day" to the morning commuters on busy Martin Luther King Highway.

As a young man, he played first base for a Lake Charles negro league team. He said proudly that Satchel Paige struck him out.

He moved to California during World War II to work at the shipyard. He made gumbo for family and friends. Some of them looked at him cockeyed when he started

waving to everyone who drove by.

Charles was recognized by Walter Cronkite, Charles Kuralt, USA Today and People magazine. The city of Berkeley named tennis courts for him when he was still alive.

He outlived his wife and both his children, and he lived alone in his final years. A mugger once knocked him in the head when Charles was gardening. A few months after he got out of the hospital, a couple knocked on his door, claiming to be a film crew making a documentary on him. He let them inside, and they promptly beat him up and took his money.

A year later, a woman and a girl knocked on his door. The woman asked if her daughter could use his bath-

room. While he showed the girl where to go, the woman tore through his belongings and stole some of his late wife's jewelry.

His neighbors tried as best they could to look after him. A reporter, Martin Snapp of the Berkeley Voice, helped organize local residents to serenade him with Christmas carols under his window every year.

The mayor of Berkeley attended Charles' funeral. The New York Times ran an obituary.

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Guilty pleas rendered in connection with two death cases

BY VINCENT LUPO
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Two people charged in connection with separate homicides are to be sentenced at 9 a.m. Aug. 28 after pleading guilty on Monday.

The pleas were accepted by Judge David Painter during a hearing in 14th Judicial

District Court.

Roy Eugene Burton, 42, of Lima, Ohio, could receive up to 40 years in prison for manslaughter amended from second-degree murder.

Christine Marie Ogea, 30, 334 Cobb Road, faces up to 10 years in prison for felony hit-and-run. A charge of vehicular homicide was dismissed.

Burton is accused of killing

Joseph Ross Savoy, 34, on April 30, 2000, and taking his 2000 black Nissan truck in an attempt to flee the state.

Savoy's body was found wrapped in a blanket near a trash bin behind the Market Basket Store in the 900 block of Third Avenue. The victim had been strangled to death.

Deputies with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's

Department captured Burton after a vehicle pursuit in Slidell.

At the time of the crime, Burton was living in Lake Charles at the Budget Motel. He held a construction job.

Ogea was charged in connection with the death of Darrell Smith, 40.

Smith, who was riding his bike south on Gulf Highway

just north of the airport, was struck from behind by a car at 6:43 a.m. on Sept. 20, 2000. Smith died the following Oct. 21.

Smith was dragged 148 feet after Ogea allegedly hit him. He eventually fell onto the side of the road.

Ogea, who was accused of leaving the scene of a serious accident without rendering aid

or notifying authorities, was arrested by State Police several hours later.

Troop D State Police Trooper Chris Guillory said at the time of the accident that Ogea drove by the scene several times and later went to the Sheriff's Office and told personnel there she thought she had been involved in an accident.

Lafayette's downtown music fest still big hit

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — While the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival was preparing for its second weekend, officials for the 16th Festival International de Louisiane were counting heads.

Mark Falgout, president of the festival's board of directors, guessed that attendance through Sunday hit a record 225,000.

Dena Canedo, executive director, estimated a conservative 150,000 to 200,000. "We can't be responsible for what he says," Canedo said, adding that final counts won't be in until midweek.

The festival opened Tuesday night with a \$30-a-ticket gala by Les Batinses from Quebec, con-

tinued with an art walk and wine tasting Wednesday night and ended Sunday with music on six stages, ranging from bluegrass to South Africa's Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

Last year's attendance, at 200,000, was a record for the street festival.

Unlike the Jazz Fest, which charges \$18 in advance or \$25 at the gate for its 33rd incarnation, the Festival International's street fair is free and has no tickets to count.

But any way you look at it, the 16th Festival International is much bigger than the first, a one-day, one-day event with sparse crowds.

"It has just blossomed. And it's as good as always," said Candy Franchebois of Opelou-

sas, who was at the first and was back again Sunday.

"I wish it could go on for another week," she said.

Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys closed out the four-day fete with his All Star Guests D.L. Menard, Ann Savoy, guitar; Sonny Landreth, steel guitar; and Michael Doucet, fiddle.

"There were people everywhere," Canedo said. "They were dancing on Lafayette Street and the courthouse steps."

As couples waltzed to the final song, Don't Stop the Music, the dust settled on festivalgoers packing up folding chairs.

The festival focuses on music from nations where

French is spoken.

Esi Haizels, a Ghanain who has lived in Lafayette for about a year, came with her mother, festival veteran Novisi Haizel.

They said they enjoyed the various African groups in the festival and the crowds' obvious appreciation.

"I feel so proud," Novisi Haizel said after Atlas Souls, a group with members from Algeria, France and Morocco had played. "The group here reached everybody."

Construction forced the festival to change streets for the first time in more than 10 years, but Falgout said the new layout worked better. It will be re-evaluated again next year because three new downtown parks will be completed, he said.

Six Flags considers takeover of N.O.'s Jazzland

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The troubled Jazzland theme park would carry the name of Six Flags, which would invest at least \$25 million in improvements under a bid that received the city's backing Monday.

Six Flags Inc., operator of 38 theme parks in North America and Europe, wants to take over Jazzland, which has been in federal bankruptcy protection since late February.

"The City of New Orleans fully supports Six Flags' effort

to purchase Jazzland theme park," Mayor Marc Morial said in a statement issued by his office.

Oklahoma City-based Six Flags is one of at least three potential operators who have shown recent interest in the park. The others include WAC International, a Heathrow, Fla.-based company that produces concerts and movies, and Orlando, Fla.-based Ripley Entertainment Inc., which operates Ripley's Believe It or Not Museums.

A group including current park managers and a retired Six Flags executive recently dropped out after Jazzland Inc.'s creditors objected and the city said it preferred another deal.

Under terms in a letter between Six Flags and the city: Six Flags would get a lease of at least 75 years on the city-controlled 140-acre Jazzland site, with an option to buy the property after 2017.

Six Flags would invest at least \$25 million in park

improvements, including \$20 million before the park's 2004 opening for a major attraction ride, a water section, a children's area and shade.

The park would carry the Six Flags brand name by 2004.

The deal would have to be approved by a federal bankruptcy court.

Jazzland said it had a profitable first season in 2000 with 1.1 million visitors, but attendance dipped to between 560,000 and 580,000 in 2001.

Woman gets 20-year term in slaying of boyfriend

BY DORIS MARICLE
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JENNINGS — A Lake Arthur woman who fatally shot her boyfriend during an abusive relationship was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison.

Monica L. Turner, 22, had faced a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison at hard labor after pleading guilty to

manslaughter in January in the 31st Judicial District Court.

Judge Wendell Miller sentenced Turner to 20 years with credit for time served Monday following a pre-sentence investigation which included statements from the victim's family.

The pre-sentencing investigation also included a written

statement from Turner and police reports from the Lake Arthur Police Department.

Turner's attorney, Charles Bull, said he plans to file a writ of reconsideration of sentencing and a notice of appeal.

Turner is accused of fatally shooting her boyfriend, Robert "Robbie" Carter III, 21, also of Lake Arthur, in the back with a Ruger .44 Magnum revolver outside a residence on Oct. 28, 2000, following an earlier argument.

Turner was later arrested for second-degree murder. She pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of manslaughter on Jan. 14.

Turner told police she

retrieved the gun, which belonged to Carter, from a bedroom closet in her home and later drove to a Lake Arthur store where she bought bullets for the gun.

Turner told police she had told Carter after he "punched and grabbed" her during a fight that she was going to kill him. However, she told police she never meant to kill him.

Turner later found Carter at the home of Harry Robinson on New Orleans Street in Lake Arthur where the shooting occurred.

Turner told police that Carter ran toward her, the gun accidentally went off and he turned around causing her to fatally shoot him in the back. Police said the gun was fired at least twice.

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Ala. justice's ruling suspends jury trials

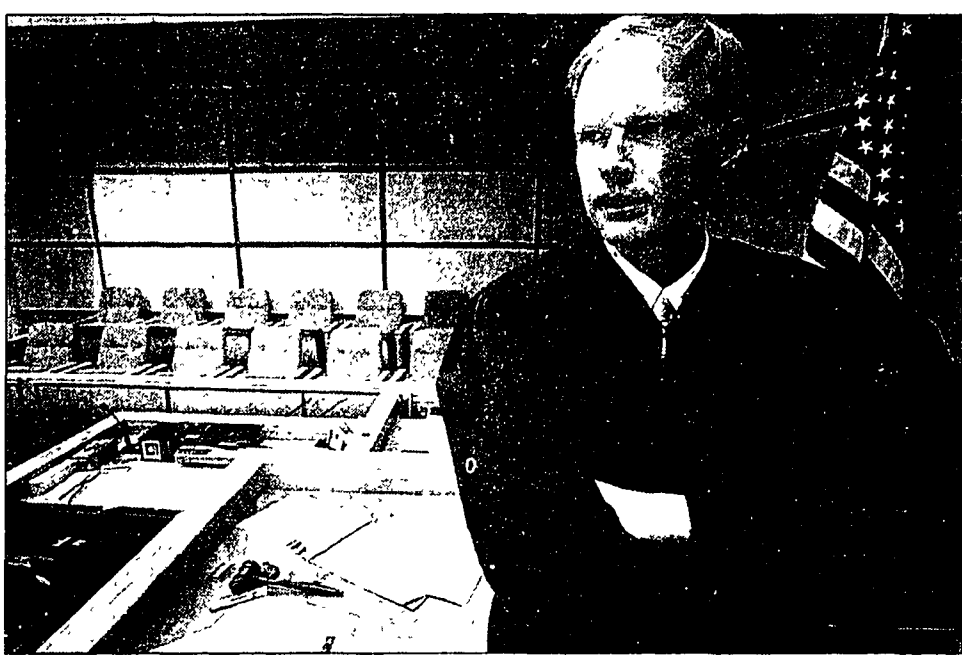
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A statewide moratorium on jury trials began Monday, emptying juror waiting rooms across the state in Chief Justice Roy Moore's attempt to cut spending after he failed to get all the money he wanted from the Legislature and governor.

Meanwhile, Gov. Don Siegelman proposed a \$500,000 emergency loan to the courts system to get jury trials going again on condition it be paid back with fines and fees that haven't been collected.

But the head of the Alabama Sheriffs Association said the only winners in the shutdown are defendants who get to remain free on bond with no court date in sight.

"This is a good move for the criminals. They ought to vote for Judge Moore," said Bobby Timmons, executive director of the sheriffs' association and law enforcement liaison for the governor.

Moore has stopped all civil court jury trials through the end of the state fiscal year Sept. 30 and is permitting



Circuit Judge Joseph S. Johnston stands by his bench in his empty courtroom on Monday in Mobile, Ala. Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore began a statewide moratorium on jury trials Monday.

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only two weeks of criminal jury trials in most counties. Moore said the courts are in a fiscal crisis because the governor and Legislature underfunded them by \$2.7 million.

In a conference call with district and circuit judges from around the state, Siegelman gave jurists until Wednesday to decide whether to accept a \$500,000 loan to keep trials going.

The loan would be contingent on a promise that the judges begin collecting on millions of dollars in unpaid fines and fees.

"I told them that the denial of justice for victims' families was spilling over into the public arena and it was not good for the state's image as we seek to bring in more jobs," Siegelman said.

In Jefferson County, Ala-

bama's largest, the County Commission is stepping in with \$272,000 to keep jury trials going.

State court spokesman Scott Barnett said Monday that several other counties are discussing doing the same thing. For instance, Shelby County is looking at putting up \$20,000 to \$40,000, finance manager Butch Burbage said.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Sulphur Council

SULPHUR — The budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 will be presented at a special Sulphur City Council meeting at 5 p.m. today, April 30, at City Hall.

An introduction of a budget ordinance and public hearing dates will also be told.

The next regular City Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, at City Hall.

LC Flood Plan

The final meeting of the City of Lake Charles Flood Plan Committee will be at 11:30 a.m. today, April 30, in the mayor office's large conference room on the 10th floor of City Hall.

The committee will finalize the flood hazard mitigation plan for Lake Charles. The committee will then set a public hearing to present the

approved plan to the general public.

The Flood Plan Committee consists of members of the City of Lake Charles Planning and Development, Public Works, Engineering, Police and Fire Departments, members of the Lake Charles City Council; City of Lake Charles Gravity Drainage District 4; representatives of the Calcasieu Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness; and members of the Calcasieu Police Jury.

For information, contact Grant Bush in the city's Planning and Development Department at 491-1440.

Dock Board

CARLYSS — The West Calcasieu Harbor and Terminal District Board has announced it will now meet at 3 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the West Fleet Office of Devall Towing at the port.

Appeals for Browns on court's docket

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Suspended state Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown and auctioneer Cecil Brown, convicted in separate trials involving former Gov. Edwin Edwards, are each listed first on the docket in separate federal appeals next week.

Jim Brown was sentenced to six months in prison for lying to the FBI, which was investigating the liquidation of a failed insurance company. His case is to be heard May 8, by Judges W. Eugene Davis, Emilio M. Garza and Carl E. Stewart.

The case of Cecil Brown, serving time for extortion and fraud in a case in which Edwards was an unindicted co-conspirator, will be heard Monday, May 6, by Judges Henry A. Politz, Edith H. Jones and James L. Dennis.

Jim Brown was acquitted on 55 charges of mail, insurance and wire fraud, conspiracy and witness tampering. Edwards was acquitted of all charges in the insurance case.

Cecil Brown was allowed to stay out of prison while appealing his conviction in the riverboat casino case with Edwards. However, he was ordered to prison after being convicted in March of extortion and fraud against businessmen wanting to build a juvenile prison in Jena and get waste disposal contracts in New Orleans.

INFORMER: Speed limits apply during school hours

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"It may be a year before we know."

The Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal reported Jan. 11 that Jesse, now 9, had begun to smile and to try to form words.

He is eating soft foods, but is fed mostly through a tube, the paper said. And he can move his arm, but he lacks coordination. He undergoes physical and speech therapy in Atlanta.

Doctors are still uncertain of Jessie's recovery. But Livingston has said the boy could regain the ability to

feed himself and walk and that he may one day return to school.

School zones

What are the laws on reduced-speed zones near schools? Should drivers observe the limits when the schools are closed?

School-zone limits apply during the time period mentioned on the signs — usually 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

The limits don't apply when school is out — holidays, weekends, summertime. The regular speed limit applies at all other times.

Convicted burglar could lose teacher certification

BATON ROUGE (AP) — A teacher who convinced a state board she had gone straight after 12 years in prison could lose her certification because she failed to report a drug arrest.

A proposal to revoke Cora Dell LaFitte's teaching credentials will be on May's agenda at the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, going first to the Legal/Due Process Committee.

"I will recommend that they be taken back forever," said committee chairman Richard Musemeche, who got the item onto the agenda Thursday.

LaFitte will have a chance to defend herself, but Musemeche said she will have a hard time swaying the panel this time.

Last month, the committee

returned her certification, saying she had been rehabilitated after serving 12 of the last 16 years in prison for burglary and theft charges.

She told the committee in March that she had worked for the Caddo School Board since getting out of prison but was put on leave after her certification was questioned. She said she has again asked to be hired but is currently working at a low-wage job.

The (Shreveport) Times found that her reinstatement application did not mention the drug arrest in Texas. Musemeche said that arrest and the series of crimes she admitted warrant permanent loss of teaching privileges.

The board also voted to require an FBI crime check for would-be teachers.

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LEGISLATURE

Planters' payment limits addressed in farm bill

BATON ROUGE — The joint House and Senate Conference Committee hammering out the details of the 2002 farm bill reached an agreement Friday, one that Louisiana Farm Bureau officials are eyeing with guarded optimism.

"Right now the major issues have been agreed to on the basic framework for the farm bill, but a few details could require additional negotiation," said Ronnie Anderson, president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau.

"The compromise proposal is being scored by the Congressional Budget Office. One early assessment is that the compromise should score close to the target," he said.

Anderson added that an announcement of a final agreement will not be made until after the CBO scoring and any necessary adjustments are made.

"However, we are pleased to see our concerns about payment limits to farmers have apparently been addressed," he said.

The CBO score is expected by the middle of next week, said Kyle McCann, a Farm Bureau legislative specialist who has tracked the bill since the Conference Committee began its work nearly two months ago.

Other issues could arise if the compromise is scored over \$73.5 billion, the 10-year spending target for farm programs, McCann said.

"The conferees would then meet again to reduce the costs of the bill," he said.

"There are still probably lots of details to be filled in. The level of those details will determine when the bill can be wrapped up and sent to President Bush for his signature."

The new bill will run for

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six years, starting with 2002 crops for many provisions. Exceptions to this include changes in payment limitations and perhaps some other provisions, Anderson said.

"The focus will soon turn to how fast the USDA can implement the provisions," Anderson said.

"In Louisiana we're well into planting, so timing is extremely important. For many farmers, the quicker, the better."

Early in the Conference Committee debate, Farm Bureau officials questioned the Senate version's farm payment cap, set at \$275,000.

Under the compromise, that number is now \$360,000 in total payments, \$40,000 of which are direct payments, \$65,000 countercyclical payments — payments in times of extremely low commodity prices — and \$75,000 loan deficiency payments, or marketing loan guarantees.

The compromise also retains rules on husband-and-wife farming operations and the so-called "three-entity" rule.

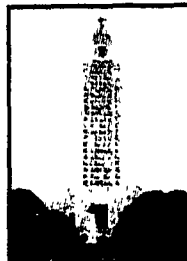
The compromise adopted a \$2.5 million adjusted gross income means test for participation in farm programs.

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School prayer bill vetoed

BATON-ROUGE (AP) — Gov. Mike Foster officially vetoed a bill Monday that would have put verbal prayer back in Bossier Parish public schools.

The governor announced last week that he planned to reject the measure from the special session because the legislator who sponsored it faced complaints from the local school board and asked Foster to veto it.

Parish school board mem-

bers told Rep. Jane Smith, R-Bossier City, they didn't want to pay the legal costs of defending the measure in court, a crucial requirement in the bill. Smith agreed to the requirement during legislative debate.

Smith's bill would have allowed "voluntary, student-led, student-initiated" prayer at Bossier Parish public schools. The courts struck down the state's prayer law after legislators amended it in 1999 to allow verbal prayer.

FOSTER: Two-thirds vote needed to renew taxes

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experience over the past 10 years, the taxes would have been reduced by 20 percent in five of those years; the other five years would have seen no reductions.

Foster tossed aside his prepared speech and told legislators he would talk from the heart. He said he is "extremely worried about where we are in history."

"This plan will keep government from growing," Foster said. "If we had done it 10 years ago, the taxes would be gone."

"We do need a change. We do not need to do the political thing," the governor said. "I was in a mood to tell you we meant business. We do not need to take this state backwards."

Rep. Elcie Guillory, D-Lake Charles, said the taxes Foster is talking about hurt poor people the most. But he said he would take a hard look at the plan and that it might work. Guillory said that if there were some kind of guarantee the taxes would be repealed over the 10-year period, he would support the proposal.

"It would give the people some relief," he said.

Rep. Dan Flavin, R-Lake Charles, said that judging from the governor's remarks, the votes to renew \$600 million in

temporary taxes must not be there. It takes a two-thirds vote to renew the taxes — 70 votes in the 105-member House and 26 votes in the 39-member Senate.

"That's why the governor is scolding the Legislature today," Flavin said.

Fiscal predictions coming out of the governor's office are normally wrong, Flavin said. Unexpected surpluses have cropped up in the past, and that makes lawmakers gunshy about raising more-revenues, he said.

"I'd like to have our state once and for all look at spending in each agency," Flavin said.

Rep. Vic Stelly, R-Moss Bluff, who is again sponsoring a swap of sales for income taxes, said renewal for 10 years isn't the answer.

"That's not the number one fallacy," he said. "Taxing the necessities of life and taxing the poorest people in the nation is the problem."

"Our tax system isn't fair. It's been nearly 20 years, and we still have temporary taxes."

Foster said those who didn't like his plan should come up with one of their own.

"I think I have a better plan," Stelly said.

Even if taxes are reduced over the next 10 years, there would be added demands on

the budget, Stelly said. Lawmakers would end up suspending reductions just like they have suspended exemptions since 1986, he said.

Rep. Ronnie Johns, R-Sulphur, said the thing that worries him about the 10-year tax reduction plan is how the state will replace the revenue stream it will lose.

"It's not a tax reform plan," Johns said. "True tax reform is not just tax reduction."

"I know he's sincere in what he's trying to do, and I'm upbeat about the fact there is no fiscal crisis. However, my other concern is we may not see tax reductions."

The taxes Foster is talking about first got on the books back in 1986 when the Legislature was facing a \$600 million budget shortfall. They have been renewed at one- or two-year intervals since that time.

"People are trying to make it (his plan) complicated, but it isn't complicated," Foster said.

Louisiana is in an unusual position, he said. It is one of seven states that doesn't have a major fiscal crisis on its hands, the governor said.

Mississippi is cutting higher education, he said, and 16 states are using their tobacco settlement funds to balance their budgets. He said 13 states have dipped into rainy-day

funds.

Foster said his 10-year plan wasn't dreamed up all of a sudden. He said the legislative leadership was prepared to go with a 10-year renewal plan with or without his support.

"Think about your choices, and do what you have continued to do," the governor said. "Playing games with taxes forces us to go above and below the line in the budget."

Items below the line in the budget won't be funded if legislators don't renew the temporary sales and income taxes. Health care and supplemental pay for police and firemen are some of the items below the line.

"That scares the pants off firemen and policemen and scares the pants off poor people," Foster said. "Teachers will wonder whether their gains will be lost, and universities will wonder if they are going to be cut."

State police rank 44th in the country in pay, and state employees haven't had a pay increase in years, he said.

"I hope the people of this state realize we are trying to do the responsible thing," Foster said.

Some legislators want to cut budget items, but the leadership wants to do something different, he said.

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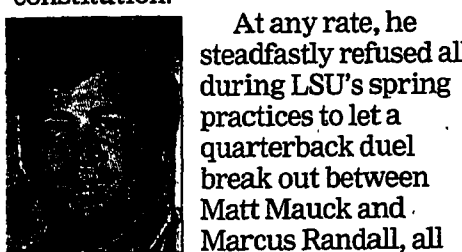
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No controversy at QB spot, just question marks

Nick Saban doesn't really believe in public depth charts, nor is he a big fan of quarterback derbies, both inalienable staples to the Southern way of life.

He didn't even plan to have depth charts at LSU until he found out it was basically written into the state constitution.



Scooter Hobbs

Sports Editor

At any rate, he steadfastly refused all during LSU's spring practices to let a quarterback duel break out between Matt Mauck and Marcus Randall, all but wiping out talk radio in Baton Rouge. The quarterbacks were just practicing, he said, no different than the offensive linemen and cornerbacks, trying to get better with no statistical graphs or fan polls to chart the horse race.

To his credit, he said it with a straight face, and even before the first workout announced that no starter would be decided by spring practice itself, let alone the silly exercise known as the spring intrasquad game.

They settled it anyway. Mauck locked up the job in a spring game in which he threw five interceptions.

Mauck appeared to be the clear leader all spring anyway, and perhaps being the reigning SEC championship game MVP should count for something.

But Mauck won the starting job, no questions asked, when Randall went down with a non-violent knee injury, one of those drop-back-and-collapse jobs where the dreaded ACL rips out from under you without so much as a strong breeze making contact.

Randall will have surgery sometime in the next two weeks and then faces a four- to six-month rehab, possibly longer.

Your ball, Matt Mauck. LSU hopes Randall will be back vertical sometime next fall. Keyword: Sometime.

In this case, Saban can only wish and pray for a bona fide Backup Quarterback Derby.

Lester Ricard of Amite will be part of this year's incoming freshman class and redshirt freshman-to-be Rick Clausen is ... well, Saban says the Tigers might have to take a late dip into the junior college ranks to find a quarterback.

You would think the breathing ones had been picked over during the normal February recruiting, not that LSU traditionally has much success with JC players anyway.

Somewhere, perhaps, there's a former hot-shot prep quarterback just figuring out that he'll never hit Double A curveballs and getting a desire to scratch the football itch that he bypassed out of high school.

Beyond that, Job One for the fall is keeping Mauck vertical, a chore made all the tougher when you consider he won the SEC title game MVP (in relief of injured Rohan Davey) mainly by running 400 quarterback draws at Tennessee.

The five interceptions he threw last Saturday really shouldn't really cause a panic attack.

Spring rarely turns LSU's fancy to completing passes. Last year, they couldn't catch a cold in the spring and promptly shattered all the school's and a few of the SEC's pass-catching records in the fall.

There's no reason to think Mauck can't be a serviceable quarterback. In the Purple-Gold game, for instance, he should have demanded a recount after the wide receivers were allocated, and at least three of the interceptions clearly weren't traced to pilot error.

And LSU may not need a Rohan Davey-type performance this year anyway. Davey, you recall, was basically given a mandate last year to outscore his leaky secondary with as many tosses as he deemed necessary.

This year, they might be able to occasionally punt without fearing immediate retribution.

The star of the spring was clearly LSU's secondary, an upset if there ever was one. But revamped and retooled with some good player-making athletes from the glut at wide receiver, it looked downright dependable.

But stay tuned for a lot of August hand-wringing over the quarterback spot.

Regional round of baseball playoffs begins

St. Louis out to knock off Notre Dame in Class 3A state golf championship.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

As the high school sports season winds down more than 10 area baseball teams are still alive in the playoffs, while the Class 3A state golf championship gets underway at Gray Plantation.

More than 75 individual golfers will tee it up at Gray Plantation starting at 7:30 a.m. today and

Wednesday in hopes of claiming a state title in the two-day, 36-hole tournament.

St. Louis is one of twelve schools that qualified as a team by winning its regional tournament last week. It was the third consecutive regional victory for the Saints, who are out to knock off defending state champion Notre Dame.

Also the finals of the Division I, Class 5A state tennis tournament will be played at the Lake Charles Racquet Club at noon.

In baseball, three Southwest Louisiana area teams that advanced to

the finals last year are still alive in the playoffs. Sam Houston and Jennings are in the regional round of the playoffs, while Barbe made the Class 5A playoffs — which begins play this week — as the District 3-5A winner.

Defending state champion Barbe will host a first-round game against a wildcard opponent to be named today when the Class 5A pairings are released.

In a rematch of last year's Class 4A championship, the Sam Houston Broncos will take on Alexandria Senior High at 6 p.m. in Moss Bluff. The Broncos won their first state

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title last year by knocking off ASH 7-1 in Alexandria.

The DeRidder Dragons will also be at home today as they take on Westgate High at 6 p.m.

The Class 3A runner-up Jennings Bulldogs will hit the road for a 3 p.m. contest at Bunkie.

St. Louis, which finished second to Jennings in District 4-3A, will play host to wildcard St. James at Cowboy Diamond at 5 p.m.

Raptors stay alive

Toronto tops Detroit again to force a deciding Game 5

TORONTO (AP) — Something about elimination games brings out the best in the Toronto Raptors. They showed it again Monday night.

Avoiding an end to their season for the second time in three days, the Raptors found another way to win without Vince Carter.

Keon Clark had 19 points and 16 rebounds and Morris Peterson scored a career playoff-high 20 points as Toronto beat Detroit 89-83 in Game 4 of their first-round series.

Game 5 will be Thursday night at Detroit, with the Raptors having shown the Pistons they're no pushovers despite the absence of their best player. Toronto is 5-1 when facing elimination over the past two seasons.

The Pistons failed to capitalize on Toronto's slow start, struggled for long stretches on offense and got another sub-par game from Jerry Stackhouse. Now, they must go into an elimination game with a roster that lacks the playoff experience of Toronto's.

The Raptors, winning at home for the 10th straight time, took the lead for good in the second quarter and held off every Detroit run. Antonio Davis added 18 points and Alvin Williams had 15 points and nine assists. Peterson shot 8-for-12, scoring eight points in the fourth quarter, while Clark had 15 points and 13 rebounds by halftime.

The Pistons found a way to get the ball out of Davis' hands after he hurt them so much in Game 3, but the Raptors had plenty of other options.

Detroit, meanwhile, looked to reserves Corliss Williamson and Jon Barry for points in the fourth quarter as Stackhouse shot 6-for-18 and scored 15 points.

It became apparent quite early that this might not be Detroit's night.



FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5)

Monday	Today
Toronto 89	Charlotte at
Detroit 83	Orlando . . . 6 p.m.
(Series tied 2-2)	(TBS)
Sacramento at	New Jersey at
Utah late	Indiana 8:30 p.m.
	(TBS)

The Raptors made their first shot and then missed their next 12, but the Pistons could only go ahead by eight points. Toronto came back and regained the lead before the end of the quarter, then opened the second period with a 9-0 run for a 30-21 lead.

The Pistons went 6-42 between baskets, missing their first five shots of the quarter and committing four turnovers. Clark scored the final five points of the half on a three-point play and a corner jumper to give Toronto a 46-36 lead.

Clark's most unlikely sequence of shots came early in the third quarter when he backed down Ben Wallace, leaned back and shot a layup with his back to the basket. He followed that with an 18-foot bank shot from the right side for a 52-41 lead.

Clark then leaped out of bounds to save his own missed shot, leading to a 3-pointer from the corner by Peterson. A turnover by Stackhouse led to a breakaway layup by Peterson for a 57-43 lead with 7:44 left in the third.

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Wonderful weekend for pitchers

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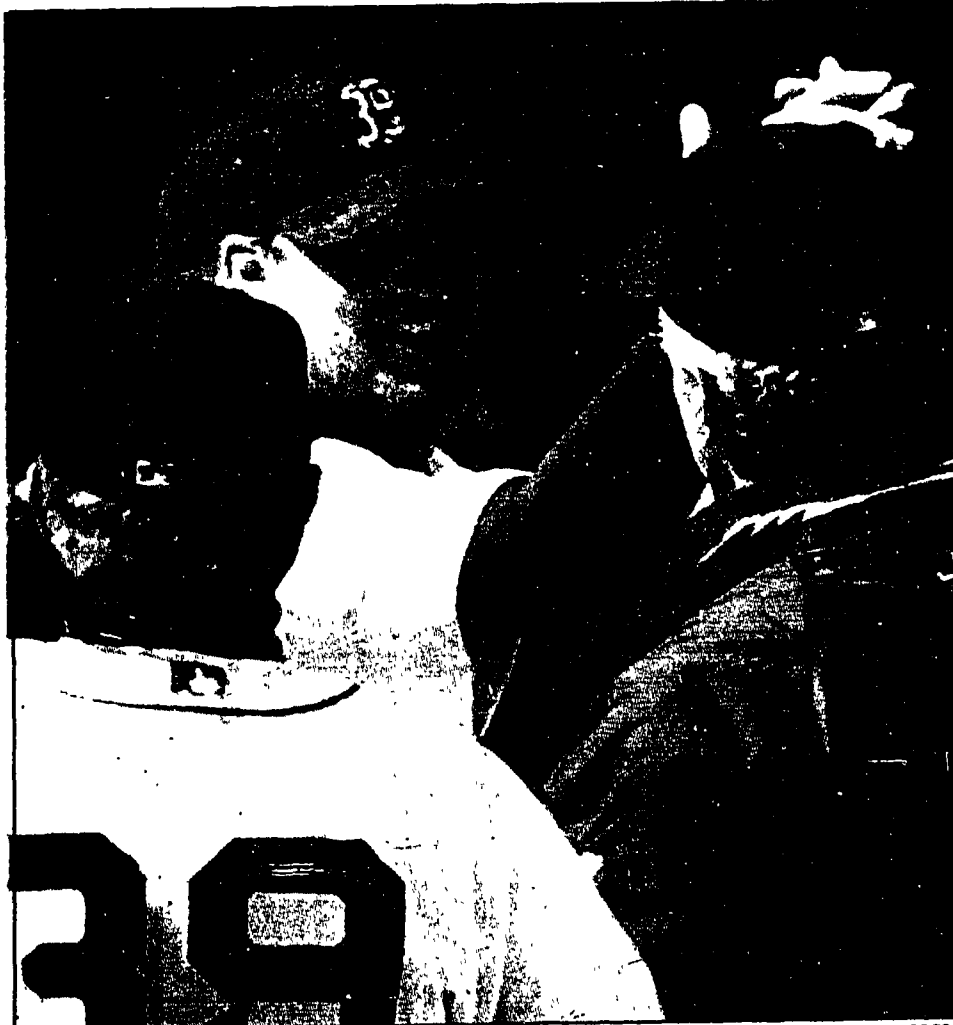
What a weekend for pitchers! From Fenway Park to Wrigley Field, from Shea Stadium to Safeco Field, fans across the majors were captivated by the high drama of low-hit pitching.

In a two-day span, five starters held opponents hitless into at least the seventh inning, although only Boston's Derek Lowe finished the job.

And the pitchers were pulling for each other.

"I was rooting for him. Good for him," said Florida's A.J. Burnett, who threw his own no-hitter last year and watched the final three outs of Lowe's performance in the Marlins' clubhouse. "It's an awesome feeling."

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Boston's Derek Lowe, center, receives a high-five from manager Grady Little, right, and a pat on the back from coach Mike Cuddage after throwing a no-hitter against the Devil Rays on Saturday.

MSU hits road to play Sooners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NORMAN, Okla. — It will be a homecoming of sorts for McNeese baseball coach Todd Butler when the Cowboys travel to the University of Oklahoma for a two-game series tonight and Wednesday.

Today's game will begin at 7 p.m. while Wednesday's game has a 3 p.m. start.

Butler, though born and raised in the Lake Area, played for the Sooners in 1987 and 1988, transferring there after starting his college career at McNeese.

It will be Butler's first trip back to Norman since 1989.

McNeese (25-18,) is coming off of a series win against Texas-Arlington that left the Cowboys in second place in the conference, 1½ games behind Northwestern State.

Oklahoma (24-20) is trying to break a five-game losing streak. The Sooners haven't won since beating Texas in the first game of a three-game series three weeks ago.

SPORTS

Tigers hit road to battle New Orleans

LSU makes return to Top 25 poll

SPECIAL TO THE AMERICAN PRESS

METAIRIE — LSU, back in the national polls for the first time in over a month, goes after its fifth straight win at 6:30 p.m. today when the Tigers visit the University of New Orleans (22-22) at Zephyr Field in Metairie.

The Tigers (30-15) are coming off a three-game weekend sweep of SEC West foe Arkansas, winning 3-0, 8-0 and 13-5 to improve to 12-8 in the league, good for third place in the division and fifth in the overall standings. LSU has now won nine consecutive home games and is 13-3 in the month of April, a month that started with an 8-1 victory over UNO on April 2 at Alex Box Stadium.

The sweep landed the Tigers the No. 25 spot in Baseball America's Top 25.

Meanwhile, LSU right-hander Brian Wilson became the second Tigers pitcher in three weeks to be named SEC pitcher of the week.



LSU at UNO
6:30 p.m.

on Saturday, firing a three-hit shutout against Arkansas in his first career complete game. Wilson did not allow any Razorback runner to reach third base and tied a career high with eight strikeouts.

Wilson combined with sophomore left-hander Lane Mestepey, who won the honor two weeks ago, to become the first two LSU pitchers ever to throw back-to-back complete game, nine-inning shutouts. Mestepey threw a four-hitter in the Tigers' 3-0 win over Arkansas on Friday.

Wilson started the year off as the Tigers' closer, but moved to the starting rotation prior to the Georgia series. In his three starts, Wilson is 2-1 with a 1.25 ERA, compared to 4-2 with a 4.01 ERA as a reliever, including three blown saves. For the season, Wilson is 6-3 with a 2.72 ERA, the best ERA on the Tiger staff among

qualifying pitchers, and his six wins are second on the staff to Mestepey's nine.

The Tigers' pitching did not allow Arkansas to score in the series until one out in the second inning of Sunday's game, a span of 19 1/3 innings.

For tonight's final non-conference game of the regular season, LSU will start true freshman left-hander Jason Vargas (1-1, 3.79) against UNO. Vargas lasted pitched last Tuesday at Louisiana-Monroe, turning in two scoreless innings. As a reliever, Vargas is 1-0 with a 1.23 ERA in eight appearances. But as a starter, he has not lasted past the third inning in either of his two starts, going just 1 2/3 innings at Auburn on April 7 in his last start.

UNO is coming off an 0-4 week. They were shut out by cross-town rival Tulane on Tuesday before getting swept by Western Kentucky over the weekend in Bowling Green to drop the Privateers to 8-10 in the Sun Belt and .500 overall for the year. The Privateers had an 8-0 lead on Sunday, only to give up 13 runs in the final four innings to WKU and

lose, 13-12. UNO has lost six of its last eight contests and hasn't won more than two in a row since a seven-game winning streak in March.

Privateers coach Randy Bush said that he would not decide on a starting pitcher until game time, as UNO used five pitchers in Sunday's contest. Leading the way for the Privateers on the hill are a pair of left-handers, senior Tom Lipari (4-5, 2.38) and junior Brandon Kling (4-3, 2.60), a Baton Rouge native who played at Catholic High.

LSU has won nine straight against UNO and leads the overall series 39-29. LSU has won all four meetings at Zephyr Field, outscoring the UNO 44-15 in the process.

The Tigers play their final nine games in the Southeastern Conference, beginning Friday at 6 p.m. against Tennessee (23-23, 8-13 SEC) at Knoxville in the opener of a three-game set. LSU, who is 12-8 and third in the SEC West, travels to Florida May 10-12 before winding up the regular season May 17-19 against SEC leader Alabama.

BRIEFS

SPECIAL TO THE AMERICAN PRESS

James named to all-America team

BATON ROUGE — LSU linebacker Bradie James continues to pile up the pre-season awards as the senior was named to the 2002 Playboy all-America team.

James, a Monroe native, becomes the second LSU player in as many years to earn a spot on the prestigious team. Last year, tight end Robert Royal was named to the Playboy team.

James has already been listed as one of the nation's leading candidates for the Bronko Nagurski Award as well as the Lombardi Award.

Roush progressing well after crash

NORTHVILLE, Mich. (AP) — NASCAR team owner Jack Roush plans to return home this week, less than two weeks after his small plane crashed into a lake in southern Alabama.

Roush, 60, will undergo rehabilitation at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, the Detroit Free Press reported Monday.

Speaking from the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical Center, where he was taken after the accident, Roush on Saturday thanked doctors and Larry Hicks, who lives near the Troy, Ala., lake and rescued Roush from the water.

Warrants issued for Colorado players

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Police issued arrest warrants Monday for four University of Colorado football players accused of giving alcohol and marijuana to minors at a party where a woman alleged she was gang raped.

Boulder County District Attorney Mary Keenan announced last week she wouldn't pursue rape charges because of problems with acquaintance-rape cases. But police said at the time other charges likely would be filed.

The four student-athletes face the felony charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor for allegedly providing the drugs and alcohol to high school football recruits visiting the school. They had until 5 p.m. Tuesday to turn themselves in to Boulder or campus police.

Cobbs' trial postponed because of conflict

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The trial of Arkansas running back Cedric Cobbs has been pushed back almost two months because Cobbs' new attorney had a conflict, attorney Ron Davis said Monday.

Cobbs was supposed to go on trial Wednesday on a marijuana charge and traffic charges, but Davis said Darrell Brown would not be available at that time. He said the case is set for July 3.

The traffic case and a marijuana possession case both resulted from a traffic stop Jan. 8.

OSU's Cooper charged with having gun

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Linebacker Marco Cooper was suspended from the Ohio State football team for the 2002 season and barred from campus Monday after he was arrested on felony charges of drug abuse and carrying a concealed weapon.

The junior from Detroit is accused of having a 9 mm handgun, ammunition and Ecstasy pills hidden in his sport utility vehicle. He was pulled over for a traffic violation on Saturday night after Ohio State's spring game.

Cooper was also suspended by the university's office of student affairs. He has three days to appeal that ruling, which prevents him from attending classes or even being on campus without permission from university authorities.

Benson arrested on drug charges

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Texas running back Cedric Benson, the Big 12 freshman

of the year last season, was arrested on misdemeanor drug and alcohol possession charges.

Benson was charged Saturday with possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana under 2 ounces, and with being a minor in possession of alcohol, police said Monday. Police responded to a call about loud music at a Midland apartment.

Texas coach Mack Brown said he couldn't comment on the arrest and charges, but called Benson "a great young man who we've really enjoyed having in our program."

QB Kelley could miss 2002 season

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Maryland quarterback Chris Kelley could miss the 2002 season after tearing a ligament in his right knee in Saturday's spring scrimmage.

Kelley, a redshirt sophomore, was at the top of the depth chart until he tore the ligament when he was tackled in the scrimmage.

The knee was evaluated Monday by the team's physician, Dr. Leigh Ann Curl. Surgery was tentatively scheduled for early May.

Washington signs quarterback Matthews

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprisingly quick turnabout, Steve Spurrier decided he needed Shane Matthews after all.

A day after Spurrier said he was happy with his quarterbacks — and that no major changes were planned — the Washington Redskins agreed to terms Monday with Matthews, who played for the coach at the University of Florida and was cut last week by the Chicago Bears.

The signing comes after a three-day minicamp in which none of the four quarterbacks on the Redskins' practice field seemed on pace for assuming a starting job in the NFL. Danny Wuerffel, Sage Rosenfels and Dameyune Craig all struggled at times, and first-round draft pick Patrick Ramsey did not work much because he's still learning the offense.

Running back Levens visits with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dorsey Levens wants to play more than he did in Green Bay. He could get that chance in Philadelphia.

The Eagles, looking for a running back to replace Correll Buckhalter and probably split time with Duce Staley, brought in Levens for a visit on Monday.

Buckhalter, who was expected to play a bigger role in Philadelphia's offense this season, went down with a season-ending knee injury on the first day of minicamp Friday.

Grizzard leaving to enter NBA draft

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Guard Rod Grizzard is skipping his senior season and entering the NBA draft after helping Alabama win its first Southeastern Conference regular-season title in 15 years.

The 6-foot-8 Grizzard said Monday he hasn't hired an agent but does not plan to change his decision to enter the draft. He averaged 14.9 points during his three seasons and ranks 13th on the Crimson Tide's career scoring list.

Grizzard thinks right now he's projected to be drafted late in the first round in June.

Johnson returns to San Jose State

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Phil Johnson returned Monday to San Jose State as the men's basketball coach after three seasons as an assistant with the NBA's Chicago Bulls.

Johnson replaces Steve Barnes, who abruptly resigned earlier in the day to become the associate head coach at Iowa State.

Johnson was the Spartans' coach during the 1996-99 season, leading the school to a 12-16 record. He left for the job with the Bulls, but has been out of coaching since Bulls coach Tim Floyd and his staff were fired Dec. 24.

Cowgirls to play UTSA at SLC tournament

SPECIAL TO THE AMERICAN PRESS

McNeese State's Cowgirls have drawn the fourth seed in this week's Southland Conference softball tournament that begins Friday in Natchitoches on the Northwestern State campus.

The Cowgirls will play No. 3 seed Texas-San Antonio in the opening round. McNeese and UTSA will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday in the third game of the day.

Top seeded and regular season SLC champion Southwest Texas will tackle No. 6 seed Louisiana-Monroe at 9 a.m. on Friday while No. 2 seed Northwestern State will play No. 5 seed Southeastern Louisiana at 11:30 a.m.

A fourth game is set for Friday, starting 4:30 p.m. and pitting the loser of Game 1 against the loser of Game 2.

The double elimination tournament will continue



SLC Tournament
McNeese vs.
UT-San Antonio
2 p.m. Friday

A victory by McNeese on Friday would put the Cowgirls into an 11:30 a.m. game on Saturday against either Northwestern State or SE Louisiana while a loss will have them playing either Southwest Texas or Louisiana-Monroe in a 9 a.m. contest.

The Cowgirls enter the tournament on an eight-game winning streak.

Head coach Scott Eastman said he wasn't too particular about who the Cowgirls played in the opening round.

"You've got to beat them all sometime," he said. "But,

through Sunday with the eventual champion receiving the league's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

A key for the Cowgirls in the tournament, Eastman said, was that they would have to swing the bats like they have in their last four games when they went double digits in hits for each game.

The Cowgirls enter the tournament with a .237 team batting average and with only one player, Rikki Fontenot (.303), batting over .300.

Corrie Hale has been the team's top pitcher, having posted a 14-15 record along with a 1.91 ERA.

Also, she hasn't given up a run in her last 11 1/2 innings.

A year ago the Cowgirls bowed out of the tournament by losing two games the first day.

■ **NOTES:** McNeese State's rescheduled game with Louisiana-Lafayette on Wednesday has been cancelled.



CORRIE HALE
McNeese State starting pitcher

SPRING PREP REPORT

BASEBALL

Regionals Class 2A

Kinder4
Riverside1
Kinder 101 000-2-7-1
Riverside 000 001-0-1-2-3

PITCHING: Kinder — Eric Fontenot (W, 9-3), Riverside — Jared Remquet (L), Derek Fontenberry (7).

TOP HITTERS: Kinder — Jeremy Walker (3-3 runs), Eric Fontenot 2-4 (3 RBIs), Josh Lacour 1-3 (RBI), Riverside — Brad Hodges 1-2.

GAME NOTES: Kinder will play Oakdale, a 13-12 winner over Episcopal, in the quarterfinals.

RECORDS: Kinder — 16-7

Riverside — 22-7

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DeQuincy

North Desoto0
DeQuincy 100 030-0-4-7-0
N. Desoto 000 000-0-0-0-0

PITCHING: DeQuincy — Hank Shaheen (W, 6-2), North Desoto — Brandon Ezerneck (L), Josh Bradford (6).

TOP HITTERS: DeQuincy — Hank Shaheen 2-3, Reese Grove 1-3 (double, 2 RBIs), North Desoto — Evan Jones 2-3 (double).

GAME NOTES: Shaheen struck out 12 batters. DeQuincy hosts Ouchita Christian in the quarterfinals.

RECORDS: DeQuincy — 11-2

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Oakdale

Episcopal12
Oakdale 004 810-0-13-15-2
Episcopal 024 021-3-12-11-4

PITCHING: Oakdale — Anthony Holmes (W, 11-2), Episcopal — Ron Causey (L), Brandon Box (5).

TOP HITTERS: Oakdale — Josh Hulick 3-5 (RBI), Thomas Crawford 3-4 (double, 3 RBIs), Daniel Lajune 2-4 (3 RBIs), Episcopal — Brandon Box 3-5 (double, 3 RBIs), Josh Goodner 3-5 (double, 3 RBIs).

GAME NOTES: Oakdale will host Kinder in the quarterfinals.

RECORDS: Oakdale — 21-5

Episcopal — 25-10

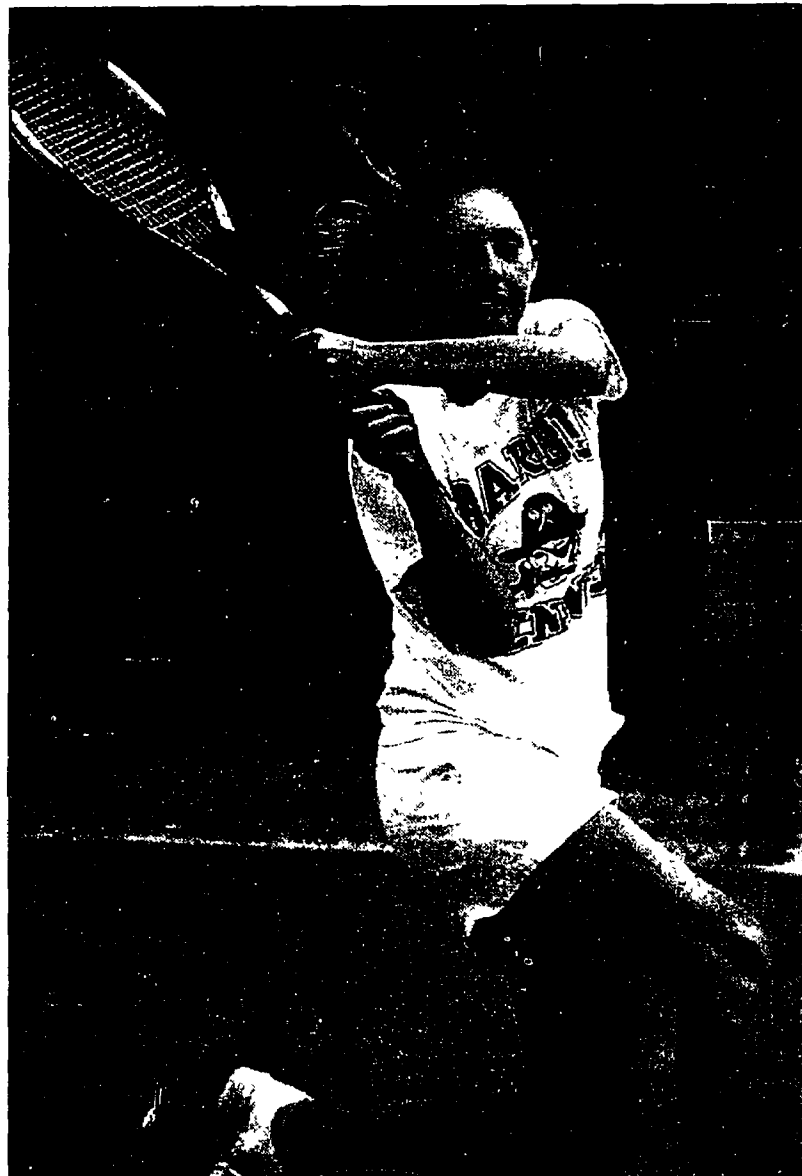
TENNIS

Division I/Class 5A State Tournament

At Lake Charles Racquet Club
Team scoring

1. Javell, 12; 2. Catholic-Baton Rouge, 9; 3. Barbe, 8; 4. (tie) Brother Martin, 8; 5. Lafayette, 6; 6. Airline, 5; 7. Shreve, 4; 8. (tie) Caddo Magnet, 3; 9. H.L. Bourgoin, 3; 10. Terrebonne, 2; 11. (tie) Baton Rouge Magnet, 2; 12. St. Paul's, 2; 13. (tie) Mandeville, 1; 14. Rummel, 1.

Quarterfinals
No. 1 Bryan, Brother Martin, def. No. 5 Patrick, Caddo



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Barbe's Emily White returns a shot during the Division I state tennis tournament Monday at McMurry Park.

Magnet, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 3 M. Smith, Catholic-Baton Rouge, def. Simonson, De La Salle, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 4 A. Guldry, Terrebonne, def. No. 7 Irvin, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 2 P. White, Barbe, def. Sisk, St. Paul's, 6-1, 6-1

Doubles
Quarterfinals
No. 1 Bourgeois/Allen, Jesuit, def. No. 7 Spratt/Sanford, Jesuit, 6-1, 6-2.

Mosing/Duplechin, Lafayette, def. No. 8 Hinrichs/Rosignoli, Brother Martin, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 6 Woods/Procell, Airline, def. No. 4 Knox/E. Sweetman, H.L. Bourgoin, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 5 Stopp/Fogelman, Jesuit, def. No. 2 Hastings/Jesuit, Catholic-Baton Rouge, 7-5, 6-2.

Girls
At McMurry Park
Team totals: 1. (tie) Captain Shreve, 6; Dominican, 6; Mount

Carmel, 6; 4. Barbe, 5; 5. Covington, 4; 6. (tie) Blenk, 3; 7. Chapelle, 3; 8. Mandeville, 3; 9. Northshore, 3; 10. St. Joseph's, 3; 11. (tie) Caddo Magnet, 2; 12. Central Lafourche, 2; 13. West Monroe, 2; 14. (tie) Airline, 1; 15. Comeaux, 1; 16. Evangel, 1; 17. Natchitoches-Central, 1.

Quarterfinals
No. 1 Megan Muth, Covington, def. No. 5 Melanie Allego, Barbe, 6-4, 6-2.

Jamie Jones, Blenk, def. Jeter, St. Joseph's, 6-0, 2-0 (retired).

Amber Garza, Northshore, def. Meghan Gereaux, Mandeville, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 6 Emily White, Barbe, def. No. 2 Kimi Lyles, Captain Shreve, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles Quarterfinals
No. 1 L. Harrison/M. Harrison, def. No. 3 Captain Shreve, 6-1, 6-3

Murphy/Lemon, Mount Carmel, 6-1, 6-3.

Karas/Wideroth, Dominican, def. Haynes/Landry, West Monroe, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 7 Fridge/Savoy, Chapelle, def. No. 4 Faigout/St. Pierre, Central Lafourche, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 2 Karas/Koban, Dominican, def. Murphy/Spensel, Mount Carmel, 6-1, 6-3

Wild Card at Southwood
Denham Springs at Ouchita
Wild Card at Barbe
Wild Card at Hahnville
Wild Card at Rummel
McDonough at Central
Thibodeaux at Slidell
Wild Card at East Jefferson
Wild Card at Catholic-Baton Rouge
Evangel at Acadiana
Lafayette at West Monroe
Northshore at Ruston
Wild Card at McDonough 35
John Ehrst at Jesuit
Brother Martin at Destrehan
Riverside at Mandeville
Wildcards from Class 5A will be announced today.

Regional Round
Class 4A
Minden at Hannan
Alexandria at Sam Houston
Westgate at DeRidder
Vandebilt at Houghton
Neville at Parkway
Breault Bridge at Northwood
Pineville at Lyle Oak
Morgan City at John Curtis
Class 3A
Winnabow at Notre Dame
Jennings at Bunkie

St. Charles at Cecilia
Parkview at Berwick
North Vermilion at Menard
Crowley at Abbeville
St. James at St. Louis
Redemptonist at Amite
Class 2A
Loyola 7, St. Frederick 5
Vidalia 4, Sacred Heart-Ville 3
Plate, 3
Kinder 4, Riverside 1
Oakdale 13, Episcopal 12
DeQuincy 4, North Desoto 0
Ouchita Christian 8, Lakeside 1
Newman 8, Pope John Paul 4
Christian Life 8, Port Barre 1
Class 1A
Mangham at Cedar Creek
Dunham at Rosspine
Country Day at Hanson
St. Edmund at St. John
LaSalle at Southern Lab
Haynesville at Oak Grove
Boothville-Venice at Central
Catholic
Mamou at Catholic Point
Coupes
Class B
Doyleline at Choudrant
Vidrine at Converse
Anacoco at Doyle
Centerville at Bethany
Christian
Hamsonburg at Rapides
Joveneville at Goumen
Mount Harmon at Florien
Rumels at French Settlement
Class C
Linville at Stanley
Chataigner at Calvin
Gabries-Hicks winner at Faith
Christian
Fairview at Hackberry
Georgetown at Forest Hill
Shongaloo at Summerfield
Reeves at Family Christian
Elizabeth at Acadiana Prep
Tennis
Division I/Class 5A
State Tournament
Today's Matches
At Lake Charles Racquet Club
Boys Doubles
Semifinals
9 a.m. — No. 1 Bryan, Brother Martin, vs. No. 3 M. Smith, Catholic-Baton Rouge
9 a.m. — No. 4 A. Guldry, Terrebonne, vs. No. 2 P. White, Barbe
Championship
Noon — semifinal winners.
Boys Doubles
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Championship
Noon — semifinal winners.
Girls Singles
Semifinals
9 a.m. — No. 1 Muth, Covington, vs. J. Jones, Blenk.
9 a.m. — No. 7 Fridge/Savoy, Chapelle, vs. No. 4 Karas/Koban, Dominican.
Championship
Noon — semifinal winners.

GOLF
Class 5A
State Tournament
Covington Country Club
Covington, Louisiana
First round results
Team Standings
1. Catholic-Baton Rouge, 302;
2. Barbe, 305; 3. Jesuit 305;
4. Mandeville, 306; 5. Slidell,

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Streaking Orioles defeat Red Sox

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AL ROUNDUP

BOSTON — Rodrigo Lopez shut Boston down for five innings, and Geronimo Gil and Melvin Mora homered to lead Baltimore past the Boston Red Sox 5-3 on Monday night — the Orioles' eighth win in 10 games.

In the first game at Fenway Park since Derek Lowe's no-hitter, Lopez (3-0) allowed just one hit through five innings. A former reliever, Lopez ran into trouble in the sixth when Boston scored two runs on three hits and a walk.

Jorge Julio pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Frank Castillo (1-2) gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings, striking out one.

Twins3

Devil Rays2

MINNEAPOLIS — Eric Milton rebounded from a rough start last time out with two strong innings and Denny Hocking drove in two runs to lead Minnesota.

Taking the first of a four-game series, the Twins momentarily ended their

woes against the Devil Rays, who had won 12 of 15 against Minnesota since Aug. 8, 2000. The Devil Rays lost their fourth in a row.

Milton (4-2), who lost 9-1 to Tampa Bay last week, gave up six hits, a walk and a pair of runs and struck out three. Eddie Guardado pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save.

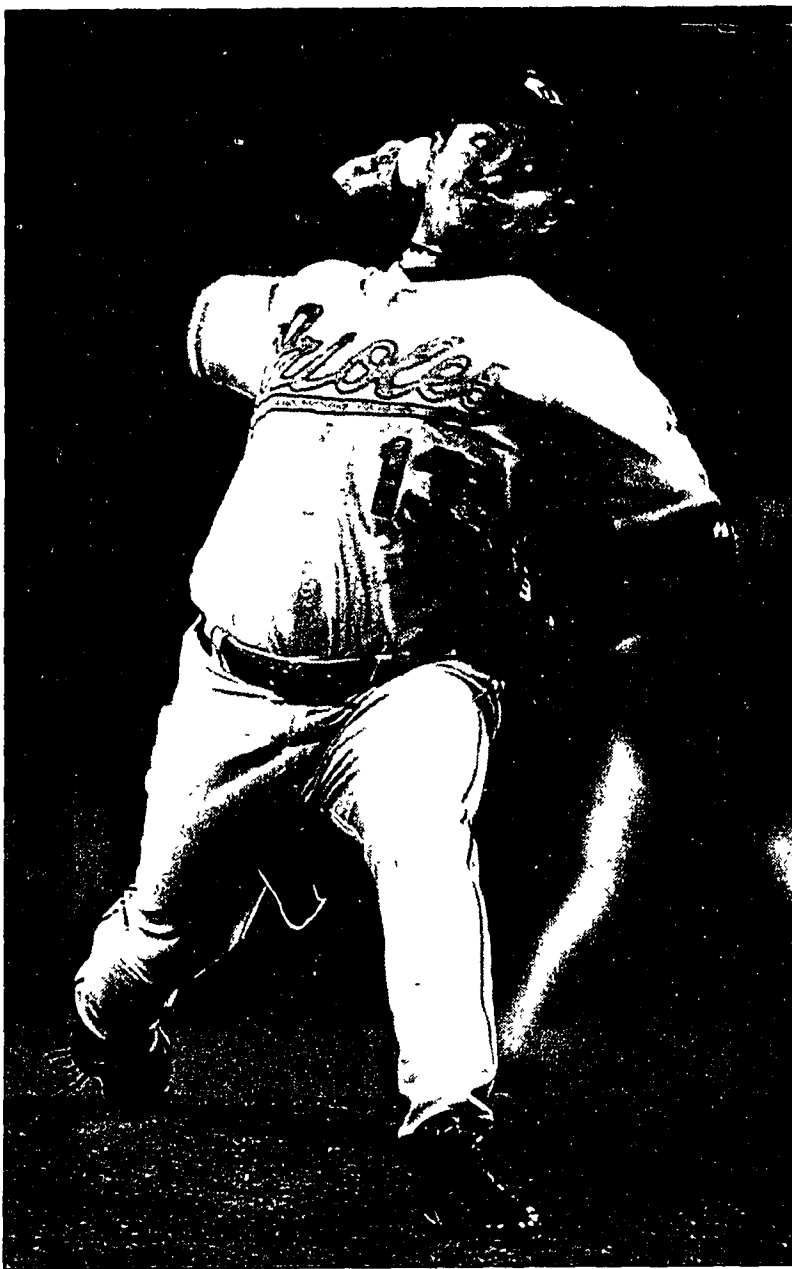
Joe Kennedy (1-2) allowed three runs, seven hits and three walks in 7½ innings.

Royals4

Tigers0

DETROIT — Jeff Suppan pitched a two-hitter and Kansas City broke a scoreless tie on a wild pitch by Jeff Weaver (1-4) in the eighth inning.

Suppan walked one and struck out three in his third career shutout and 10th complete game. Suppan's previous low-hit game was a three-hitter, accomplished three times. It was his first shutout since beating Detroit 3-0 on Sept. 27, 2000.



Baltimore pitcher Rodrigo Lopez delivers against the Boston Red Sox in the sixth inning at Fenway Park.

BRIEFS

Yankees' Pettitte has tendinitis in elbow

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte was diagnosed Monday with tendinitis in his left elbow but a test didn't detect any structural damage.

Pettitte, on the disabled list since April 21, threw 15 pitches in the Yankees' bullpen Sunday in Seattle and still felt pain, then went to Birmingham, Ala., to see Dr. James Andrews, who conducted an MRI exam.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said the 29-year-old left-hander will rest a few days, then continue his rehabilitation program. If the pain disappears, Pettitte could be sent to the minor leagues for a rehabilitation assignment in about two weeks.

Yankees third baseman Robin Ventura, who had a sore jaw and bruised neck after colliding Sunday with Seattle shortstop Carlos Guillen, had X-rays and a CT scan Monday in New York, and both were negative.

Indians waive outfielder Cordero

CLEVELAND (AP) — Outfielder Wil Cordero was placed on waivers for the purpose of his unconditional release Monday by the Cleveland Indians, who will have to pay the rest of his \$4 million salary.

Cordero was designated for assignment last week, giving the team 10 days to trade him,

place him on waivers or send him outright to the minor leagues. He batted .222 (4-for-18) with one RBI in six games this season for the Indians, who were reluctant to play the 30-year-old because of his lack of productivity.

Cordero, who was in his second stint with the Indians, signed with Cleveland as a free agent in 1999 after playing for Montreal, Boston and the Chicago White Sox.

Rockies name new hitting coach

DENVER (AP) — Alan Cockrell was selected to replace Clint Hurdle as the Colorado Rockies hitting coach Monday, the same day third base coach Rich Donnelly resigned.

No replacement was named for Donnelly, who's resignation was effective immediately.

Hurdle replaced the fired Buddy Bell as Rockies manager on Friday.

Source: Royster to stay on at Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jerry Royster will remain manager of the Milwaukee Brewers, shedding the "interim" title he took when he replaced Davey Lopes, a high-ranking baseball official said Monday.

General manager Dean Taylor would not confirm Royster's selection, but said he expected to make an announcement on a new manager Tuesday or

Wednesday.

The baseball official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the team had decided to keep Royster as manager. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Monday that he was the team's choice.

All-Star voting in five foreign countries

NEW YORK (AP) — Voting for starters at baseball's All-Star game again will include five foreign countries.

More than 10 million ballots will be distributed in Canada, the Dominican Republic, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Venezuela, the commissioner's office said Monday. Ballots will be printed in Japanese and Spanish.

Baseball attendance down 4.9 percent

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's attendance drop accelerated during the fourth week of the season, leaving the sport's average 4.9 percent below last year.

The 30 major league teams averaged 26,338 through the first 361 dates of the season, down from 27,701 through a similar period last year. After three weeks, attendance was down 3.4 percent.

Nineteen teams have experienced declines, led by Pittsburgh (down 133,185), Texas (124,630), Milwaukee (82,535), Cleveland (81,811), Florida (70,802), Cincinnati (62,247), Colorado (54,468),

Kansas City (49,849) and Montreal (43,284).

Guzman to have MRI on sore knee

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota shortstop Cristian Guzman, the latest Twins player to miss a game because of injury, has irritation in his left kneecap and will have an MRI test done Tuesday.

Guzman, who missed more than a month last year with an inflamed shoulder, has been bothered by soreness in the knee for most of the season but played through it for the most part. The Twins will decide whether or not Guzman should go on the disabled list after the test results are back.

Mariners won't stand for offensive shirts

SEATTLE (AP) — There was a no-no at Safeco Field this weekend and it had nothing to do with New York pitcher Ted Lilly's near feat.

This one was a scolding. Seattle Mariners fans who tried to wear "Yankees Suck" T-shirts during a three-game series against New York were told to turn their shirts inside out, take them off or leave.

The shirts were being sold across the street from the stadium by at least one vendor; Hale said. No one was ejected for having the clothing.

The Mariners say they will maintain a longstanding policy of providing a family atmosphere at all times.

PITCHERS: One no-hitter, four misses

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With one no-hitter and four near misses, it seemed as if every few minutes the TV broadcast of one game was interrupted to cut to another for a no-hit update.

"I can't figure it. I mean, if you had Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens and Randy Johnson and Greg Maddux all pitching on the same day, then maybe you could explain it," said Tom Seaver, who tossed a no-hitter for the Reds and is now an analyst on New York Mets' telecasts.

"When you look at the trend in baseball the last few years, the way hitting and scoring and offense are up, what's happening this weekend is an aberration," Seaver said. "But, I like to see it."

These mound masterpieces weren't crafted by the likes of Clemens or Johnson, although both The Rocket and The Big Unit won easily Friday night.

No, the top performances were turned in by No. 3 starters such as Odlis Perez and Pedro Astacio. They came from a converted closer, a spot starter and the often-erratic left arm of Shawn Estes.

Lowe, a bust out of the bullpen last season, pitched Fenway's first no-hitter since 1965 and the first in the majors this season, leading the Red Sox over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-0 Saturday.

"I was thinking Tiger Woods in the Masters — finish the deal," Lowe said. "That's what I kept telling myself — you've got to finish it."

In the end, he was the only guy who did.

Yankees lefty Ted Lilly, pitching in place of injured Andy Pettitte, took perhaps the most unlikely gem into the eighth inning against Seattle on Saturday night before Desi Relaford broke it up with an RBI single.

Coming just hours after Lowe's no-hitter ended, Lilly's bid brought back memories of that summer night in 1990, the only time in modern major league history two no-hitters were thrown in one day.

On June 29 of that year, Oakland's Dave Stewart beat Toronto 5-0, and Dodgers lefty Fernando Valenzuela shut out St. Louis 6-0.

Lilly eventually lost not only his no-hit bid but the

game, as Freddy Garcia and Kazuhiro Sasaki combined to shut out New York 1-0.

Perez was perfect for six innings as Los Angeles beat the Cubs 10-0 Friday at Wrigley, but he wound up with a one-hitter after speedy Corey Patterson beat out a bad-hop infield single leading off the seventh.

Estes, seeking the first no-hitter in Mets history, gave up a clean single to Eric Young leading off the seventh of a 1-0 win over the Brewers on Friday night. The only other runner Estes allowed came on an eighth-inning walk.

Estes, who watched Perez's one-hitter in the clubhouse, was preparing to bat in the fifth when the Shea Stadium scoreboard flashed that he pitched four no-hitters in high school.

Astacio made another bid for the Mets the next afternoon, holding Milwaukee hitless until Geoff Jenkins lined a single with one out in the seventh of New York's 2-1 win.

"We've got guys who are capable of doing it," Estes said.

This past weekend, it seemed as if everybody did.

Louisiana Connection

Update on the state's Major and Minor League players

MAJOR LEAGUES

POSITION PLAYERS													
Player	Home/Coll	Pos	Team	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
Paul Bako	Lafayette	C	Milwaukee	.241	12	29	0	7	1	0	0	1	0
Dave Dellucci	Baton Rouge	OF	Arizona	.143	12	14	3	2	0	0	0	2	2
Tren. Hubbard	Southern	OF	San Diego	.167	14	18	2	3	0	0	0	1	2
Russ Johnson	Baton Rouge	3B	Tampa Bay	.212	10	33	3	7	0	0	0	1	8
Joe Lawrence	Lake Charles	1B	Toronto	.000	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juan Pierre	Alexandria	OF	Colorado	.276	25	98	14	27	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Reboulet	LSU	2B	Los Angeles	.091	8	11	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Armando Rios	LSU	OF	Pittsburgh	.258	21	66	10	17	4	0	0	7	0
Gerald Williams	New Orleans	OF	Ny Yankees	.000	13	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

MINOR LEAGUES

POSITION PLAYERS													
Player	College/Home	Pos	Team (Class)	Org	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
Danny Ardoin	Ville Platte	C	Omaha (AAA)	Royals	.196	51	7	10	0	0	3	6	0
Brooks Badoaux	Scott	2B	Durham (AAA)	Rays	.208	24	0	5	3	0	0	1	1
Blair Barber	Harvey	1B	Daytona (A)	Cubs	.240	75	13	18	6	0	1	10	1
Ben Broussard	McNeese	1B	Louisville (AAA)	Reds	.310	84	11	26	7	1	4	18	1
Andy Cannizaro	Mandeville	2B	Tampa (A)	Yankees	.275	69	14	19	3	0	0	11	0
Howie Clark	Lake Charles	LF	Rochester (AAA)	Orioles	.274	84	11	23	5	0	5	16	0
Brad Cresse	LSU	C	El Paso (AA)	D-backs	.282	39	7	11	4	0	1	5	1
Jason Fitzgerald	Belle Chasse	LF	Akron (AA)	Indians	.254	63	7	16	4	0	0	4	5
Mike Fontenot	Slidell	2B	Frederick (A)	Orioles	.241	87	12	21	2	1	2	8	2
Eddy Furniss	LSU	DH	Tulsa (AA)	Rangers	.190	63	5	12	3	0	1	7	0
Joe Gathright	La Place	LF	Charleston-SC (A)	Rays	.292	24	3	7	0	0	0	1	0
Jake Gautreau	Tulane	2B	Lake Elsinore (A)	Padres	.277	65	5	18	4	0	1	14	0
Cedrick Harris	LSU	LF	El Paso (AA)	D-backs	.275	40	5	11	1	1	1	3	0
Brad Hawpe	LSU	1B	Salem (A)	Rockies	.375	88	13	33	7	1	5	22	0
Rick Haydel	Lafayette	SS	South Bend (A)	D-backs	.181	83	7	15	2	0	1	2	1
Josh Hoffpauir	Vidalia	2B	Modesto (A)	Athletics	.071	28	5	2	1	0	0	0	0
Josh Hudnall	Monroe	2B	Lynchburg (A)	Pirates	.180	50	10	9	1	0	0	3	3
Juan Jorgensen	LSU	C	Jupiter (A)	Expos	.339	56	10	19	7	0	0	7	0
Jason Kinchen	Baton Rouge	DH	Norwich (AA)	Yankees	.308	26	3	8	1	0	1	5	0
Casey Lambert	Amant	SS	Asheville (A)	Rockies	.259	27	3	7	2	0	0	2	1
Brandon Larson	LSU	3B	Louisville (AAA)	Reds	.382	68	10	26	5	0	4	12	0
Todd Linden	LSU	LF	Shreveport (AA)	Giants	.307	88	14	27	6	1	1	6	4
Mike McKee	Tulane	1B	Lexington (A)	Pirates	.270	37	4	10	4	0	1	4	0
Bryan Moore	LSU	DH	Peoria (A)	Cardinals	.150	20	1	3	1	0	0	2	0
Warren Morris	Alexandria	2B	Edmonton (AAA)	Twins	.231	39	9	9	2	0	1	3	2
Brian Myrow	La Tech	3B	Tampa (A)	Yankees	.341	82	11	28	8	1	1	15	0
Austin Nagle	Lake Charles	LF	Modesto (A)	Athletics	.214	84	8	18	8	2	0	14	2
Jeremy Salazar	Breaux Bridge	C	Scranton-WB (AAA)	Phillies	.077	13	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Antwon Seiber	Independence	LF	Augusta (A)	Red Sox	.279	86	11	24	2	0	0	5	4
Todd Self	Stonewall	1B	Michigan (A)	Astros	.284	81	18	23	8	2	4	17	1
Andy Sheets	Lafayette	2B	Durham (AAA)	Rays	.338	80	13	27	7	2	3	18	1
Brian Shipp	Zachary	2B	Binghamton (AA)	Mets	.290	69	17	20	9	1	2	8	0
Neil Simoneaux	Lake Charles	2B	Peoria (A)	Cardinals	.143	28	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
T.J. Soto	Ruston	1B	Round Rock (AA)	Astros	.176	34	3	4	0	0	1	8	0
Ryan Theriot	Baton Rouge	2B	Lansing (A)	Cubs	.194	67	15	13	2	0	1	5	5
Gary Thomas	Houma	LF	Modesto (A)	Athletics	.269	78	17	21	2	1	1	7	8
Jude Voltz	Metairie	1B	Modesto (A)	Brewers	.236	55	8	13	3	0	0	5	1
Chris Williamson	McNeese	1B	High Desert (A)	Reds	.045	22	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jeff Winchester	Metairie	C	Salem (A)	Rockies	.289	45	4	13	2	0	0	4	0
Willie Woods	Baton Rouge	2B	Lakeland (A)	Tigers	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

PITCHERS													
Players	Coll/Home	Team(Class)	Org	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
Kurt Ainsworth	Baton Rouge	Fresno (AAA)	Giants	0-1	3.00	1	1	0	0	6	9	0	5
Henry Bonilla	Tulane	Fort Myers (A)	Twins	2-0	0.75	10	0	1	12	10	4	9	
Toby Brandon	Quitman	Calgary (AAA)	Marlins	1-1	5.91	11	0	1	10.2	12	7	9	
Brandon Rowe	LSU	Portland (AA)	Marlins	2-1	8.03	10	0	0	12.1	16	3	10	
Elliot Brown	Metairie	San Bern. (A)	Mariners	1-1	3.96	5	5	0	25	21	9	13	
Kirk Bullinger	Gretna	New Orleans (AAA)	Astros	0-0	1.98	7	1	0	13.2	13	1	5	
Lance Caraccioli	Walker	Jacksonville (AA)	Dodgers	2-2	4.85	5	5	0	26	31	10	20	
Clay Condry	McNeese	Portland (AAA)	Padres	1-0	1.50	3	2	0	12	4	6	10	
Patrick Coogan	Baton Rouge	Memphis (AAA)	Cardinals	1-2	5.68	5	4	0	19	19	9	19	
Roy Corcoran	Slaughter	Clinton (A)	Expos	0-0	7.62	7	0	0	13	17	6	21	
Tim Corcoran	Slaughter	Bowie (AA)	Orioles	0-3	9.00	9	0	1	8	15	3	8	
Casey Daigle	Vinton	Lancaster (A)	D-backs	2-1	4.91	5	5	0	29.1	31	10	19	
Allen Davis	NW LA	Harrisburg (AA)	Expos	1-1	3.00	3	1	0	9	10	3	6	
Phil Devey	ULL	Jacksonville (AA)	Dodgers	1-1	2.08	5	4	0	26	24	7	12	
Scott Dohmann	Morgan City	Salem (A)	Rockies	3-1	3.45	5	5	0	31.1	19	10	19	
Courtney Dnrc	Grambling	Iowa (AAA)	Cubs	0-3	8.22	7	0	0	7.2	11	10	7	
Chad Durbin	Baton Rouge	Omaha (AAA)	Royals	0-1	10.8	1	0	0	1.2	4	0	2	
Brant Estames	NW LA	Arkansas (AA)	Angels	0-2	5.09	5	5	0	23	26	8	11	
Jack Esteves	LSU	Shreveport (AA)	Giants	2-0	7.00	7	0	1	9	14	3	8	
Chad Gaudin	Harahan	Charleston-SC (A)	Yankees	1-0	2.08	3	2	0	17.1	19	1	9	
Bryan Grace	Baton Rouge	Tampá (A)	Rangers	1-1	2.45	3	2	0	14.2	10	10	8	
Dan Gullory	Baton Rouge	Akron (AA)	Indians	1-1	1.80	7	0	2	10	6	8	14	
Terry Hill	Thibodaux	Trenton (AA)	Red Sox	1-2	8.76	9	0	0	12.1	21	4	8	
Trey Hodges	LSU	Richmond (AAA)	Braves	1-1	2.15	5	5	0	29.1	25	12	16	
John Hulob	Houma	Fort Myers (A)	Twins	4-1	3.65	5	0	0	24.2	24	9	32	
Dave Hooten	Shreveport	West Haven (AA)	Cubs	1-0	1.06	11	0	0	17	9	3	7	
Cheyenne Janke	Nicholls	New Tenna (AA)	Cardinals	1-2	4.99	6	3	0	19.2	26	7	23	
Brett Laxton	LSU	Omaha (AAA)	Angels	0-3	3.60	2	5	0	25	22	7	23	
Alejandro Lortayo	Tulane	Oaxaca (AAA)	Braves	0-2	3.55	6	0	0	33	26	22	21	
Rob Marquez	McNeese	Indy (AAA)	Royals	0-0	3.00	6	0	3	12	3	3	11	
Chad Meche	Bruce	San Antonio (AA)	Mariners	0-3	8.10	5	5	0	20	24	11	19	
Chad Medlock	New Orleans	Potomac (A)	Cardinals	1-1	3.38	2	0	0	8	5	6	2	
Jeff Miller	New Orleans	Hickory (A)	Pirates	3-0	0.00	8	0	2	8.2	5	3	9	
Matt Peterson	Alexandria	Columbia (A)	Mets	1-1	2.82	5	0	0	22.1	13	10	20	
Mike Romano	Chalmerte	Saltillio (AAA)	Pirates	3-3	5.68	7	7	0	38	45	15	31	
Steve Sawyer	Hammond	Jupiter (A)	Expos	1-0	5.87	9	0	0	15.1	17	7	12	
Justin Speier	Nicholls	Colo. Springs (AAA)	Rockies	1-0	2.25	8	0	1	8	11	1	10	
Brian Stephens	Springhill	Salt Lake (AAA)	Angels	0-3	6.14	4	0	0	22	30	5	10	
Brian Tallet	LSU	Akron (AA)	Indians	1-0	1.00	3	2	0	18	8	7	10	
Doug Thompson	LSU	Carolina (AA)	Rockies	0-1	4.09	10	0	3	11	11	5	5	
Jeff West	West Monroe	Birmingham (AA)	White Sox	1-1	5.67	5	0	0	27	27	15	19	
Brant Williams	SLU	Las Vegas (AAA)	Dodgers	2-1	2.66	9	0	1	23.2	25	4	19	

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BRIEFS

Walker has bone bruise on left knee

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers starting forward Samaki Walker has a bone bruise in his left knee but should be available Sunday when the two-time defending NBA champions open the second round of the playoffs against San Antonio or Seattle.

Walker, slowed by the injury for two weeks, was examined Monday by team physician Dr. Steve Lombardo and an MRI was conducted, revealing the bone bruise. "He'll receive treatment, lucky for us we have a week off before the next game," team spokesman John Black said, adding the Lakers will have a light practice Tuesday and a heavier one Wednesday.

Stern: League will discuss instant replay

NEW YORK (AP) — In the wake of the controversy over a buzzer-beating shot that was waved off in a Charlotte-Orlando playoff game, NBA commissioner David Stern says the league plans to discuss using instant replay in similar situations.

The league adopted one timing-related rule change for the playoffs, deciding in February that timekeepers from neutral NBA cities should be brought in to work postseason games. In addition, referees have been equipped for several seasons with clock-starting devices attached to their belts that override the timekeeper's controls.

Stern said the details of any instant replay rule would have to be addressed by the league's competition committee when it meets in June in Chicago. Among the problems: quality of replays and the number of cameras used at different games.

West decides to take job with Grizzlies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jerry West, architect of the Los Angeles Lakers' team going for its third straight NBA title, has agreed to run the Memphis Grizzlies, a source close to the Lakers said Monday.

The Grizzlies announced plans to hold "a special press conference to make a significant announcement" Tuesday, but they wouldn't elaborate further.

On condition of anonymity, the source said West agreed to leave his \$1 million-a-year job as a Lakers consultant to work for the Grizzlies.

Brown ticketed for driving 120 mph

DUBLIN, Ga. (AP) — Kwame Brown, the NBA's No. 1 overall draft pick in 2001 by the Washington Wizards, was arrested for driving 120 mph.

Brown, a 20-year-old forward and the first high school player taken with the first pick of the NBA draft, was charged Saturday with speeding in a 60 mph construction zone.

Sgt. Kirk Hartwell of the Laurens County Sheriff's Department said Brown was racing a motorcycle, but pulled over without any trouble.

Two Grizzlies on NBA All-Rookie team

NEW YORK (AP) — Memphis Grizzlies teammates Pau Gasol and Shane Battier topped the voting for the NBA All-Rookie team Monday.

They were joined by San Antonio's Tony Parker, Utah's Andrei Kirilenko and Golden State's Jason Richardson on the squad selected by the NBA's 29 coaches, who weren't allowed to vote for their own players.

The second team was Indiana's Jamaal Tinsley, New Jersey's Richard Jefferson, Houston's Eddie Griffin, Detroit's Zeljko Rebraca, Seattle's Vladimir Radmanovic, and Phoenix's Joe Johnson.

Corson suspended one game for kick

NEW YORK (AP) — Toronto forward Shayne Corson was suspended by the NHL for Game 7 of the Maple Leafs' playoff series against the New York Islanders.

Corson was suspended for Tuesday night's game in Toronto for kicking New York defenseman Eric Cairns during a fight Sunday night late in Game 6.

It is the first suspension handed down by the league for the rough and contentious series, that has seen the Islanders lose defenseman Kenny Jonsson and captain Michael Peca to injuries following questionable hits in Game 5 at Toronto.

Drake skates, but remains questionable

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As the second round of the playoffs approach, St. Louis Blues forward Dallas Drake remains a question mark.

For the first time since sustaining a concussion when he knocked himself out delivering an open-ice check six days earlier, Drake skated before the team practiced on Monday. But he wasn't cleared to work out with his teammates, pending results of a baseline test.

Drake, 33, was hopeful of being available for Game 1 of the second round. He said he hasn't had any concussion-related symptoms for three days.

Deadmarsh, Boucher out for Game 7

DENVER (AP) — Colorado forward Peter Forsberg was scheduled to return after missing a game with a leg injury, while forward Adam Deadmarsh and Philippe Boucher are out for Los Angeles in Game 7 of the Western Conference quarterfinals Monday night.

Forsberg did not play in Game 6 on Saturday due to an undisclosed leg injury. His return and the addition of forward Milan Hejduk in Game 6 gives the Avalanche a full roster for the first time this season.

L.A. coach Andy Murray said Deadmarsh and Boucher did not make the trip. Deadmarsh has been out since straining his neck in Game 4, and Boucher has not played since getting hit near the right eye with a puck in Game 5.

Three down, 12 to go for Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers figure they'll find a way to win.

That confidence has helped them accomplish an unprecedented feat in sports — 19 wins in 20 playoff games.

The Lakers' latest victory was perhaps the most improbable of the run that started with a 116-111 win over Indiana in the clinching Game 6 of the 2000 NBA Finals. It continued with a 15-1 postseason last spring and the 3-0 beginning to these playoffs.

And it came after they showed why many believe they're more vulnerable this time around as they shoot for their third straight championship.

Vulnerable? Perhaps. Battle-tested and clutch? No doubt.

And that's how the Lakers became the first baseball, football, basketball or hockey team ever to go 19-1 in a span of 20 postseason games.

"It took the pressure of the game-ending situation for them to step it up and play the way they should play," coach Phil Jackson said following Sunday's 92-91 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers, giving the Lakers a first-round sweep and a week off before they face San Antonio or Seattle in the second round.

After the Blazers took an 89-84 lead on Rasheed Wallace's rebound basket with 39 seconds remaining that left their bench delirious with joy, the Lakers systematically put Portland away with a game-finishing 8-2 run capped by Robert Horry's 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left.

Horry, a member of four championship teams in his career, has played that act before, making a game-winning 3-pointer at Philadelphia in Game 3 of the NBA Finals last year along with several other clutch shots in the postseason.

He got the open shot this time compliments of a Kobe Bryant pass — a play Bryant hasn't always been willing or able to make.

'This shows his maturity. He doesn't force things anymore. He trusts us now.'

Brian Shaw
On the play of Kobe Bryant

"Last year Kobe wouldn't have made that pass," Horry said. "He believed in himself more than his team. But all this year, he's changed."

Bryant, who flicked the ball to a wide-open Horry in the right corner after being double-teamed as he dribbled toward the basket.

Horry's shot was clean. And after a Portland turnover, it was game over.

"This shows his maturity, it's been like this all year," veteran Lakers guard Brian Shaw said of Bryant. "He doesn't force things anymore. He trusts us now."

Actually, everything changed for Bryant before last year's playoffs, when he sat out nine games and most of a 10th because of a sprained ankle. That was on the heels of his well-publicized feud with Shaquille O'Neal — now just a distant memory.

When Bryant returned with four games left in the regular season, it was apparent he learned during his absence that he could benefit himself and his team more by reading the defense, not just always trying to make the winning play by himself.

O'Neal recognized Bryant's growth by proclaiming him the best player in the world during the Lakers' four-game sweep of San Antonio during the Western Conference finals.

And O'Neal wasn't kidding, he meant it.

Horry's game-winner in Portland wouldn't have happened had Bryant not made a 3-pointer of his own with 12.7 seconds to play thanks in part to a screen by O'Neal that freed Bryant near the top of the key.



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Los Angeles' Shaquille O'Neal, right, blocks a shot by Portland's Ruben Patterson, left, as the Lakers' Robert Horry falls away in the second quarter on Sunday.

"A beautiful pick, I was wide open," Bryant said.

Of Horry's game-winner, Bryant said: "It's hard to describe what it feels like when the ball is floating through the air like that, and you know it's going in. All I was thinking was, cash."

Jackson had to be frustrated at times at his team's ragged second-half performance leading to Portland's late five-point lead.

Afterward, though, he marveled at what O'Neal, Bryant, Horry, Rick Fox and Derek Fisher accomplished.

"The symbiotic relationship that those five have on the court after playing a couple of championships now showed its difference in there," Jackson said. "I was concerned about it because they didn't demonstrate that with three minutes to go or two minutes to go."

It was another matter when the Lakers had to get it done, eliminating the Blazers for the fifth time in six years.

Jackson rewarded his players by giving them off Monday, a no-brainer considering they won't play again until next Sunday.

RAPTORS: Beat Pistons to force a Game 5

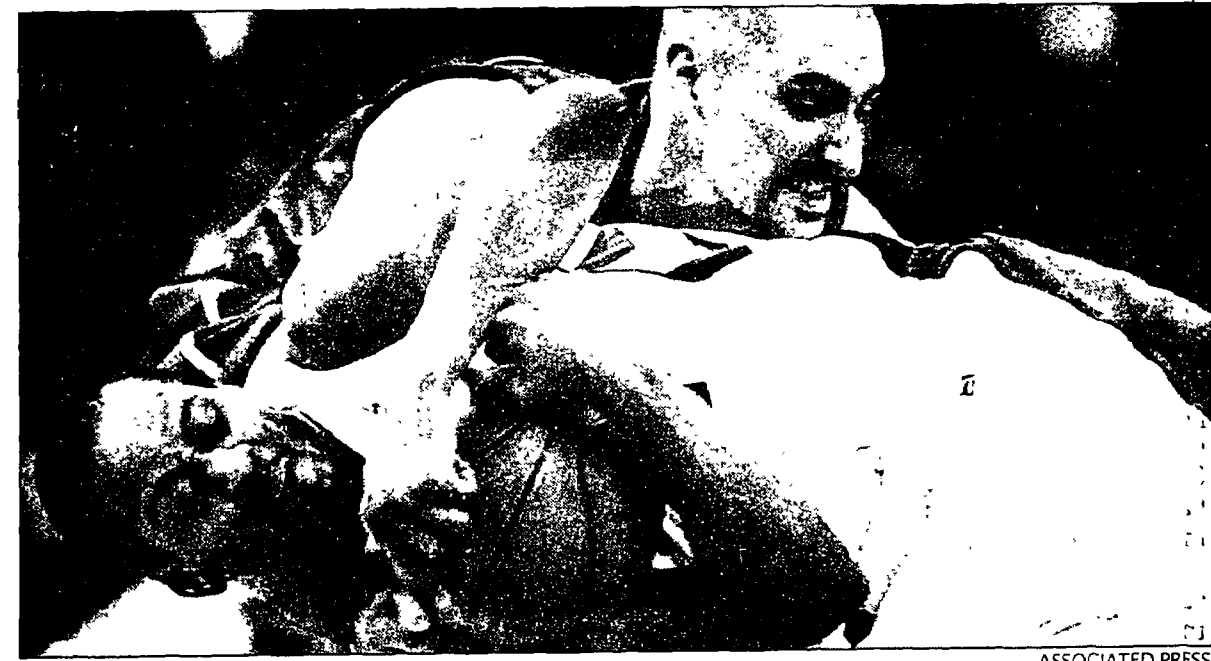
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Detroit steadily worked its deficit down over the remainder of the quarter as Clark sat out the final 7:58 with four fouls, and a 3-pointer by Cliff Robinson made it 63-61 before Toronto closed the quarter with a 5-0 run.

Peterson and Hakeem Olajuwon scored the first baskets of the fourth to make it 70-61, and Stackhouse spent a long stretch on the bench before returning with 4:09 left and Detroit trailing 76-71.

Barry scored eight straight points to keep the Pistons within striking range. Stackhouse cut it to 80-78 on a long jumper, but Davis answered with a jumper.

Stackhouse was called for a charge and Williamson missed a shot, and the Pistons were forced to foul after Jerome Williams grabbed an offensive rebound with 55 seconds left.



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Toronto's Morris Peterson, bottom, battles over the ball on a steal from Detroit's J.J. Redick during first-half NBA first-round playoff action in Toronto Monday.

Alvin Williams made two free throws for an 84-77 lead with 36 seconds left, then two more with 27 remaining for an

eight-point lead.

■ **NOTES:** As they did in Game 3, the fans cheered the U.S. national anthem despite

"O Canada" being booed Sunday night in New York at Game 6 of the Islanders-Maple Leafs NHL playoff game.

Montreal eliminates top-seeded Boston

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens weren't content just to make the playoffs.

Yanic Perreault scored Montreal's second power-play goal of the game 39 seconds into the third as the Canadiens beat the top-seeded Bruins 2-1 Monday night to win their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series 4-2.

Montreal, which finished eighth in the East to make the playoffs for the first time in four years, moves on to the conference semifinals against third-seeded Carolina, which beat New Jersey in six games.

Jose Theodore stopped 34 shots, including a huge pad save off Glen Murray's backhand on a power play with just over 14 minutes remaining. Theodore also caught a break when Martin Lapointe's shot hit the right post with less than 10 minutes to go.

NHL PLAYOFFS

The soldout Molson Centre crowd of 21,273 cheered throughout the final minutes of the period and erupted into a loud ovation as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

The game-winning goal was scored with Joe Thornton off for a double high-sticking penalty called late in the second period.

Perreault, who assisted on Donald Audette's tying goal in the first, put the Canadiens ahead when put a shot in from the slot with only his right hand holding his stick. Perreault was tied up with Bruins forward Martin Lapointe, but managed to get the puck past goalie Byron Dufour.

Montreal, outshot 35-18 in the game and 212-142 in the six contests, earned its first play-



SHAUN VAN ALLEN
Hits Boston's Martin Lapointe

off series win since 1998 when the Canadiens beat Pittsburgh before being swept by Buffalo in the conference semifinals.

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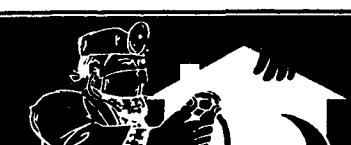
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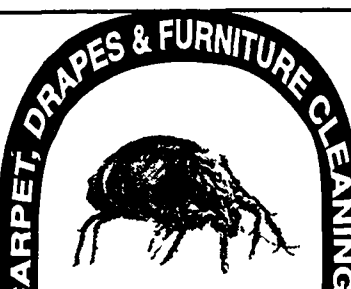
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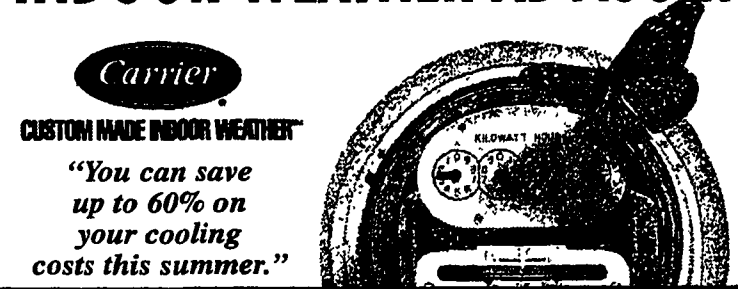
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LIFE

One poem inspires another from bedtime story lover

Dear Abby: I was inspired by the "Old-Timer's Bedtime" poem about the elderly couple who slept in their birthday suits. It inspired me to share what happened to me:

*The poem about the couple
Sleeping in the nude
Was really quite revealing
And it put me in the mood.*

*I talked about it to my wife
And we tried it, bit by bit*

*But with "branches
entwined," we quickly saw
Our legs just didn't fit.*

*And then what happened,
Abby,
Is something that we all*



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

*dread —
Our branches got
so tangled
That we fell
right out of
bed!*

— Vic Mabry, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Dear Vic:
*I don't
doubt for a*

*minute
What you've said to me is
true —
I only hope the two of you
weren't bruised all black*

and blue.

*I offer this advice to you —
And take it, please, I plead.
To you and your beloved —
Don't try everything you
read!*

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law has two family pictures of my husband and his ex-wife hanging on their living room wall. We have been married for nearly three years and have a 2-year-old daughter. She is starting to look at the pictures. We would prefer that she not find out by looking at pictures that her father was married before. (There were no children from the previous

marriage.)

I told my husband that I would like the photos to come down. He agrees, but his family doesn't deal well with "family dynamics." He still has not told his parents how I feel about the photos, and we are scheduled to visit them again next month. I trust your advice. — Looking for Help in Pennsylvania

Dear Looking for Help:

Pick up the phone and explain to your in-laws that your young daughter is old enough to notice her father with another woman in the photos — but too young to understand prior marriages.

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Before electing to declare, through, suppose you defend a little better. After winning the ace of clubs, shift to the jack of spades at trick two. Declarer can win in dummy, draw trumps and lead a diamond to the jack. You hold up one round, win the ace next and revert to clubs. Since South has no entry to dummy, in the fullness of time you will collect two spade tricks for a one-trick set.

Nevertheless, declarer should prevail. After winning the second trick with the queen of spades, draw trumps, discarding a diamond from dummy on the third round, and then cash the king of clubs. Lead a diamond to the jack. East cannot afford to win, so make use of the entry to ruff the remaining club. Now lead a diamond to the queen.

East wins, but has nothing left but spades and diamonds. Whichever suit East chooses to return, you can lose no more than one spade trick and three tricks in all.

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Former school superintendent dies in L.C.

From the American Press of April 30, 1952

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Mr. White served as school principal at Sulphur before his 10 years as parish superintendent. Later he was a supervisor for the Louisiana state board of education.

A native of Woodville, Miss., Mr. White spent his boyhood in Clinton, La., and graduated from Louisiana State university in 1909. He moved to Sulphur in 1912 and became principal of the Sulphur schools.

A resident of Lake Charles since 1919, Mr. White served as superintendent of Calcasieu parish schools for 10 years. Following this term of service, he was engaged in the automobile business, then later served for 12 years as a supervisor in the Louisiana education department, adult education.

Hathaway senior play

JENNINGS — "All On Account of Luella," a three-act comedy, will be presented by the senior class of

Hathaway high school at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the school gym-auditorium.

The leading role of Luella is played by Betty Brown. Other members of the cast are Bill Hine, Edna Lee Courville, Mary Jane Smith, Elmer Doucet, Barbara Brown, Yvonne Krumnow, Marilyn Phenice, Lovely Forrestier, Charles Koll and William Hertzell.

Strike averted temporarily

A wave of crippling oil strikes swept the nation today but bypassed the Lake Charles refineries — temporarily, at least.

There was an imminent possibility, however, of strikes that would tie up production at one local refinery almost immediately and other refineries and related plants by May 10.

It was also reported that the oil refinery strikes which hit many areas of the country could also result in a drastic cut in chemical plant production at Lake Charles.

Cameron firsts

CAMERON — Home demonstration club women of Cameron parish joined with their sisters throughout the

nation this week in celebrating National Home Demonstration Week.

Home demonstration work has been responsible for many "firsts" in the parish during the past year, Mrs. Dorothy Granier, parish home agent, said today.

Some of those "firsts" include the first flower show, first baby show, first community square dances in Grand Lake, Sweet Lake, Johnson Bayou and Hackberry, first entertainment program, "Living Pictures," presented by women of all parish communities, and the first community cutting beds for propagation of fig and pear trees.

Optimist Club

The Optimist Club has begun plans for three annual summer events.

Grant McCracken was appointed chairman Monday night of the club's annual birdhouse-building contest.

The club's junior fishing rodeo will be held in July, with Walter Phillips in charge.

Lake Charles version of the national soap-box derby will be sponsored by the Optimists later in the summer, and John Calderera will serve as chairman.

BRIEFLY

Scouting conference

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Rev. Anthony Fontenot, chaplain, and Truman Stacey were among 19 volunteers from Region V that attended the 37th biennial Conference of the National Catholic Committee of Scouting.

Brunch n' Learn

Kingsley Place's monthly Brunch n' Learn series will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, and will feature

Monsignor Irving DeBlanc. He will share thoughts from his newest publication, "Hints for Creative Aging."

Monsignor DeBlanc was made a Domestic Prelate by the Pope in 1952 with the title Right Reverend Monsignor. He has had meals with three U.S. presidents: Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Nixon. In 1992, he was appointed Episcopal Vicar for Special Services in the Diocese and continues to serve in that position.

The event is free and brunch will be served. Due to limited seating, pre-

registration is recommended by calling 478-4030.

Poster contest

SAN ANTONIO — The deadline for the Catholic Life Insurance poster contest to commemorate the 225th birthday of our nation's flag is Wednesday, May 15.

The theme is "Happy Birthday Old Glory! You are invited to the Birthday Party, Draw the Present You Would Like to Give the Flag."

Elementary school students in grades K-5 may submit one original poster no larger than 20" by 20". Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality and theme. Winners will receive cash awards.

To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the contest, contact Shawna Pittman in the Communications Department at (800) 292-2548 or (210) 828-9221 ext. 141. All entries will become property of Catholic Life Insurance.

Engagement Guidelines

Engagement photographs should be submitted to the American Press at least six to eight weeks prior to the wedding date. Photos must be clear prints, 5-by-7 or 4-by-6, head-shoulder pose of the

bride only. Announcements and pictures are published free of charge.

Engagement forms are available at the paper, 4900 U.S. 90 East, during regular business hours.

Good prognosis for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Question: My husband was diagnosed with malignant lymphoma after an orchiectomy due to a large mass. There were growths along the cord also. The doctor's explanation was unsatisfactory, saying only that it was a malignant blood disease. The only thing I can find in my medical dictionary is that it is a growth of new tissue in the lymphatic system. No prognosis was given. He has been referred to an oncologist. Any information you could give me would be very much appreciated. — L.K., Alta Loma, Calif.

Answer: Perhaps your husband's doctor thought the oncologist, after a full battery of tests, would be able to provide you with more information. That is the only marginally reasonable explanation I can think of why more information wasn't given.

I hope by now your husband has talked with the oncologist and has received more information about his specific condition. Let me give some general information.

I'm going to presume that your husband's diagnosis was non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. If the diagnosis is Hodgkin's disease, another form of lymphoma, it's usually reported as such.

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is a cancer of the lymphocytes, the white blood cells that detect and destroy foreign substances like infections. It's important to know that this form of lymphoma includes a large variety of malignancies that are very diverse in their symptoms and progression.

NHL varies from a slow-growing disorder with no symptoms to a rapidly progressive and devastating disease. Symptoms, when they are present, usually begin with enlarged but not always painful lymph nodes in a single area, such as the neck or groin.

Based on comprehensive test results, the lymphoma is staged, that is, classified according to the extent the disease has progressed.

Stage I is localized and confined to the original location; in stage II, the cancer has spread to adjacent areas, but only either below or above the diaphragm; stage III means the cancer has spread to areas both above and below the diaphragm; and stage IV means it has spread to other organs and tissues in the body.

In the early stages, no treatment is necessary or directed only at relief of symptoms. As the disease progresses, a more definitive treatment plan may become necessary. This is a very individualized plan based on the type and extent of the lymphoma and the ability of the person to tolerate the therapy.

One of the more effective therapies is the use of monoclonal antibodies, which specifically attach to and attack lymphoma cells. Rituximab — brand name, Rituxan — is the first monoclonal

antibody to be approved by the FDA for treatment of cancer. It has been found to be an effective single agent for short-term outpatient treatment.

Of course, prognosis depends on, among other things, the stage of disease and its response to the chemotherapy. However, most of these lymphomas are responsive to treatment and allow for long survival rates. According to one source, more than 80 percent survive for five years, and about 75 percent survive for 10 years.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345.

Update on drug costs: A prescription drug-buying plan developed by many major pharmaceutical companies cannot be delivered too soon for many older Americans.

For the sickest people enrolled in Medicare HMOs, the out-of-pocket costs have risen by almost \$1,400 from 1999 to 2001, and over half was due to prescription drugs. This increase was fueled by higher usage, higher costs and a 10 percent reduction in insurance coverage for drugs.

Many people are not taking prescribed medications because they can't afford them. And, to make matters worse, they are simply not telling their doctors about it. Even if you can afford it, I suggest that when a doctor recommends a drug and provides you with a prescription that you ask about cost and ask if there are good, less expensive alternatives.

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Who has a harder time with breaking up, girls or boys?

Dr. Wallace: I'm well aware that males and females have huge psychological differences in some areas. Can you explain why girls suffer more than guys do when a girl-guy relationship ends?

My ex-boyfriend and I broke up a month ago, and I'm still emotionally stressed while he seems to be completely happy-go-lucky. It appears that males and females are never treated equally by Mother Nature. — Rheba, Orlando, Fla.

Rheba: It appears that you and your ex are exceptions. Or maybe he's just putting up a happy-go-lucky front.



TWEEN 12 & 20

Dr. Robert Wallace

Studies show that females tend to have better resources available to them for coping with the breakup blues. They turn to family and friends following a breakup, whereas guys,

trapped by "manly" pride, tend to suppress their true feelings. All this does is cause the suffering to last longer. Girls grieve over the ruined

relationship and then get on with their lives; very soon they're going out with other guys.

Dr. Wallace: I'm 20 and my girlfriend is a very sophisticated and mature 14-year-old. My problem is her father. I know he hates me because my heritage makes me a minority. Last week, he told me to stay away from his daughter or he would have me arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The only reason he despises me is for my ethnic background. What should I do? — Juan, Porterville, Calif.

Juan: It's a good

possibility that your girlfriend's father is much more concerned with your age than your heritage.

Regardless of your girlfriend's sophistication and maturity, she is too young to be dating a 20-year-old guy. For that matter, she is too young to be dating anyone. Do yourself a big favor and find a female friend who is 18 or older.

Dr. Wallace: I'm 20 and have been dating Joe steadily for about two years. We love each other and plan to be married this summer. Before I dated Joe, I went with Doug. We broke up because I Doug

much more about him than he cared about me.

Even though we have since gone our separate ways, I still enjoy keeping in touch with Doug just to see what he's up to. This bothers Joe very much because of the way I used to care about Doug. Doug's birthday is coming up in three weeks, and I would like to send him a small gift. If I do, this will cause Joe to be very upset with me. I don't think this is fair. I care about Doug as a friend, and I have no romantic interest in him whatsoever. What should I do? — Jessica, Michigan City, Ind.

Jessica: Forget about Doug and focus all your energy on your fianci. If you find this difficult, then you had better ponder seriously whether you really want to get married this summer. Old flames should be extinguished before you consider marrying someone else.

Dr. Wallace welcomes questions from readers. Although he is unable to reply to all of them individually, he will answer as many as possible in this column. Write to Dr. Wallace in care of the American Press, P.O. Box 2893, Lake Charles, La. 70602.

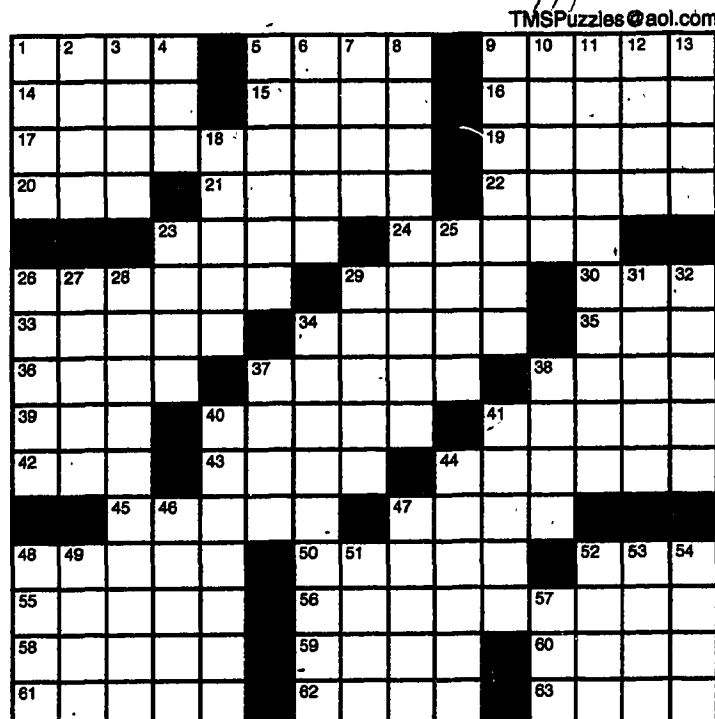
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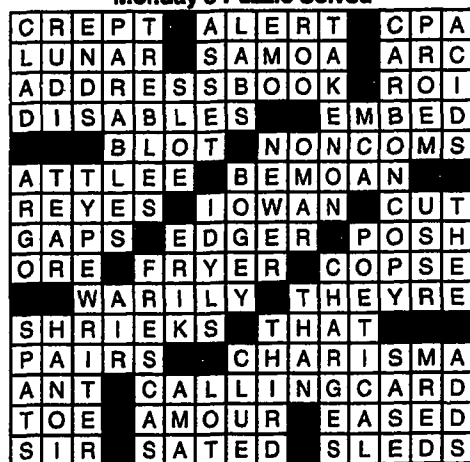
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 61 Graceful birds
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 2 Garfield's pal
 3 Female noble
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By Frances Burton
 Summerville, GA

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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TV TONIGHT

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KATC	Dharma & Greg "The Mamas and the Papas" (CC)	Spin City "A Tale of Four Cities/A Friend in Need" (CC)	NYPD Blue "Low Blow" (CC)	News (CC)	Frasier (10:35) (CC)	Nightline (11:05) (CC)	Spin City (11:35) (CC)			
KBTU	Bob Hope's Funniest Outtakes (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Tonight Show 10th Anniv.	News (CC)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) (CC)	Late Night Conan			
KFDM	JAG "Tribunal" (CC)	M "Living With the Dead" (Part 2) '02 (Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen.)	News (CC)	Letterman (10:35) Debra Messing (CC)	Late Late Show					
KPLC	Bob Hope's Funniest Outtakes (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Tonight Show 10th Anniv.	News (CC)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) (CC)	Late Night Conan			
KLFY	JAG "Tribunal" (CC)	M "Living With the Dead" (Part 2) '02 (Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen.)	News	Letterman (10:35) Debra Messing (CC)	EXTRA (11:35) (CC)					
KBMT	Dharma & Greg "The Mamas and the Papas" (CC)	Spin City (CC)	NYPD Blue "Low Blow" (CC)	News (CC)	Everybody/Raymond	Frasier (11:05) (CC)	Nightline (11:35)			
KLTL	Nova (CC)	Frontier House (Part 2 of 3) (CC)	Red Dwarf	Bless Me ... Nova (CC)						
KVHP	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Special (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	News	Seinfeld (9:35) (CC)	News	Star Trek: Voyager (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	3rd Rock From Sun		
A/E	Biography (CC)	M "Columbo: Murder, A Self-Portrait" '89 ** (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Biography (CC)						
AMC	M "Rio Bravo" '59 *** (John Wayne, Dean Martin.)	M "We're No Angels" '55 ** (CC)	M "Robinson Crusoe ..."							
BET	On the Beat "I'm Living"	Spring Bling	ComicView Comics	News (CC)	Tonight	Midnight Love				
BRAVO	M "Ironweed" '87 *** (Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep.) (R)	M "Man Trouble" '92 ** (Jack Nicholson) (PG-13)								
CSPAN	Prime Time Public Affairs		Prime Time Public Affairs							
CNBC	America Now (CC)	Hardball: Chris Matthews	News W/Brian Williams	America Now (CC)	Hardball: Chris Matthews					
DISC	The New Detectives	The New Detectives	The FBI Files "Vanished"	The New Detectives	The New Detectives					
EI	The El True Hollywood Story "Bewitched" (CC)	El True Hollywood Story	H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild On ... "The Islands"					
ESPN	To Be Announced (6:00)	To Be Announced	SportsCenter (CC)	Baseball Tonight (CC)						
ESPN2	NHL Hockey (6:00) (CC)	To Be Announced								
FAM	M "Moms on Strike" '02 ** (Faith Ford) (CC)	Whose Line Whose Line	The 700 Club (CC)	Who's Boss Who's Boss						
OXSPORTS	Baseball "Montreal Expos at Houston Astros" (Live)	The Shield	Sports Rep. Last Word	Best Damn Sports Show						
ix	M "Chain Reaction" '96 * (Keanu Reeves) (PG-13)	The Shield	The Shield	Wildcat Police Videos						
HGTV	Martha's Gardener	Room Decorating	Op. House Home Front	Martha's Gardener	Room Decorating					
LEARN	Without Warning: Special	Lost Civilization	Without Warning: Special	Lost Civilization	Without Warning: Special					
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries	M "Childhood Sweetheart?" '97 ** (CC)	Golden Girl Golden Girl	Mad About Mad About						
MSNBC	News W/Brian Williams	Ashleigh Banfield	Alan Keyes	News W/Brian Williams	Ashleigh Banfield					
MTV	Real World Real World	Real World Real World	Real World Osbournes	Andy Dick Dismissed	Fear					
NICK	SpongeBob Told/Ginger	Cosby Cosby	Cheers Cheers	All/Family All/Family	Cosby Cosby					
PTL/INSP	R. Parsley Jim Swilley	Benny Hinn J. Robinson	Frazer Methodist Church	Missions	Presbyt'n Inspiration	Children				
SCIFI	The Outer Limits (CC)	M "Species II" '98 * (Michael Madsen) (R) (CC)	Crossing	Crossing	Tales/Crypt Tales/Crypt					
TBN	Behind Robinson	John Hages (CC)	Praise the Lord (CC)	Religious Special						
TCM	M "Austin Powers"	M "Casino Royale" '67 ** (Peter Sellers, Ursula Andress.)	M "Matchless" '67 **							
TNN	Star Trek: Next Generat'n	M "Airplane!" '80 *** (Robert Hays) (PG)	Star Trek: Next Generat'n	MAD TV						
TNT	Law & Order (CC)	Law & Order "Flight" (CC)	Charm'd (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	M "Ghosts of Mississippi"					
USA	Nash Bridges (CC)	M "Arlington Road" '99 ** (Jeff Bridges, Tim Robbins.) (R) (CC)	M "Arlington Road" '99 ** (R) (CC)							
VH1	Behind the Music (CC)	Greatest Rock Moments	Greatest Rock Moments	M "Vision Quest" '85 ** (R)						
/ISNODSY	Quinn, Medicine Woman	M "Enchanted April" '91 *** (PG)	Quinn, Medicine Woman	M "Our Son, Matchmaker"						
WBCL	Gilmore Girls (CC)	Smallville "Drone" (CC)	Read. View 5th Wheel	Jamie Foxx	Read. View 5th Wheel					
WGN	M "Platoon Leader" '88 * (Michael Dudikoff) (R)	News (CC)	In the Heat of the Night	Matlock "The Juror" (CC)						
WTBS	NBA Basketball (6:00)	NBA Basketball "New Jersey Nets at Indiana Pacers" (Live)	Inside NBA	M "Dragnet"						
CINE	M "Cast Away" (6:30) '00 *** (PG-13) (CC)	M "Freddy Got Fingered" '01 ** (R) (CC)	R. al Sex Love-in.	"Forsaken"						
DIS	M "MVP"	M "Just Like Dad" '74 (5) '96 (PG) (CC)	M "Back to the Future, Part 1" '81 (9:40) '89 ** (PG) (CC)	J. Jackson						
ENCORE	M "Casper" '95 * (Christina Ricci) (PG) (CC)	M "Before and After" '96 *** (PG-13) (CC)	M "Smokey and Bandit"							
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel	M "The Gathering Storm" '02 (Albert Finney) (CC)	Six Feet Under (CC)	D. Miller Movie						
HBO2	M "Dude, Where's My Car?" ** (CC)	M "Substitute 4"	Boxing (CC)							
SHOW	M "Nurse Betty" '00 *** (Morgan Freeman) (R) (CC)	Chris Isaak Show	Queer as Folk (CC)	M "Lethal Weapon" (CC)						
STARZ	M "Town & Country" '01 ** (Warren Beatty) (R) (CC)	M "Lost Souls" '00 * (Winona Ryder) (R) (CC)	M "Bamboozled" '00 (10:45)							
TMC	M "Fish in the Bathtub"	M "Deceived" '91 ** (Goldie Hawn) (PG-13) (CC)	M "Crime & Punishment in Suburbia" '00 ** (CC)							

Kennedy couple's early years on display

BALTIMORE (AP) — They were living together in their first home, a couple with plenty of advantages in life. They didn't know each other very well, and their interests didn't mesh. He was much older, consumed by politics and sports; she was a society girl, passionate about the arts.

Their names: John and Jacqueline Kennedy.

A fascinating glimpse of the discomfort, tentativeness and occasional bliss of the Kennedys' new marriage is on view at Johns Hopkins University's Evergreen House.

Titled "Camelot at Dawn: Jacqueline and John Kennedy in Georgetown, May 1954," the exhibit includes 55 black-and-white photographs by Orlando Suero. It is the first extensive show of the photos owned by the Peabody Institute.

The title is catchy but problematic, as it suggests that Suero had a conscious hand in creating the myth of the perfect political couple, who were married in September 1953.

Although he was charmed by the Kennedys, there isn't much fawning in Suero's pictures. He was a documentarian, capturing the details of life with the junior senator from Massachusetts and his bride at their modest, rented home.

In an interview at the exhibit's opening, Suero, 77, said he felt no pressure to depict the Kennedys in a certain way. "The only thing the senator said was, 'Please don't ask me to pose for something that would embarrass us,'" Suero said.

Then a free-lance photojournalist, Suero said he was inspired by a line he read about Mrs. Kennedy in a New York newspaper that noted she was "a housewife, a Washington hostess and a schoolgirl." Only 24 years old at the time (Kennedy was 36), Mrs. Kennedy was trying to maintain and improve her home while taking classes at Georgetown University and learning how to be a hostess at formal dinners. Suero successfully pitched the idea for a photo-essay to McCall's magazine.

PEOPLE

Johnny off the spot

Since his final goodbye on "The Tonight Show," **Johnny Carson** has kept busy: Playing poker with pals like **Chevy Chase** and **Steve Martin**.

Learning to speak Swahili. And cruising in his custom-built, triple-decker, 130-foot boat.

But Carson has mostly avoided public attention since his May 22, 1992, farewell — although he sat down for a rare, exclusive interview with Esquire magazine to discuss life since stepping away from his desk.

"I think I left at the right time," the 76-year-old says in the June issue. "You've got to know when to get the hell off the stage, and the timing was right for me."

Widespread arrests

About 200 people were arrested on drug charges during a three-night undercover crackdown at a series of rock concerts in Pelham, Ala., which one person died of an apparent overdose.

About half the arrests at **Widespread Panic's** outdoor shows were felony drug cases. The rest involved misdemeanor drug and underage drinking charges.

The crackdown, called Operation Don't Panic, was conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at the Oak Mountain Amphitheatre by agents of the state alcoholic beverage control board and Pelham police.

Some 30,000 fans attended the group's sold-out concerts at the amphitheater south of Birmingham.

Versace book ban

A Sydney, Australia, court on Monday banned the publication of a book about Italy's Versace fashion family by an Australian man who claimed to have worked as a bodyguard for **Gianni Versace**, who was murdered in 1997.

Justice Brian Tamberlin said **Frank Monte's** manuscript, "The Spying Game," lacks "any credibility whatsoever." He said the writer acted out of malice and had tried to "procure maximum publicity" from the case.

The judge said Monte, a

Sydney investigator and former policeman, had lied about his connections with Gianni Versace and defamed the fashion family by alleging it had Mafia links.

The book was released in Australia last year and sold 800 copies but was withdrawn following legal action.

Tamberlin ordered Monte, to pay the Versace family's legal costs. On Friday, the judge will set a date to begin hearings to decide the level of damages to award.

Star power

Backstreet Boys singer **Nick Carter** is once again at the top of the charts — this time in high-speed powerboat racing.

The 22-year-old pop star watched his team, Nick Carter Racing, win the first race of this year's American Power Boat Association Offshore Tour on Sunday.

The event marked the debut of Carter's 40-foot, 130-mph Super Vee-class boat, which had never been tested in open-water competition.

"I didn't expect we would do so well," Carter said. "I would have been happy just to place."

Carter started the team in February so his father, **Bob**, could pilot the boat in races. Bob Carter let Key West chiropractor **Steve Oropeza** take the helm Sunday while fellow Key West resident **Lee Murray** handled the throttles.

The Carter family lives in the Florida Keys.

New morning man?

Jane Clayson, a co-host on CBS's "The Early Show," has a suggestion for who should replace the departing **Bryant Gumbel**: late-night television host **David Letterman**.

"He's on at 11:30 p.m. He could stick around for a couple more hours," Clayson told TV Guide for its May 4 issue. "He'd be fun."

Clayson said Gumbel called her into his office before his surprise announcement. "He said he's moving into a new phase in his life," she told the magazine. "He's getting married. He's tired of waking up early."

As for the uncertainty surrounding Gumbel's replacement, Clayson said she's not fretting.

HOROSCOPE

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cloris Leachman, Willie Nelson, Jill Clayburgh

Happy Birthday: It's time to get rid of the things that are no longer working to your advantage. You need a change of scenery. You will have insight into matters pertaining to work, however, you mustn't neglect personal problems. Focus on yourself, your intentions and your goals. Your numbers are 13, 17, 28, 31, 36, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be quick to respond to others today and should be able to accomplish whatever you start out to do. You will learn quickly and adjust to whatever changes are necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may not understand what is happening with regard to a legal or financial matter that is unfolding. Don't be afraid to ask questions. It's better to discover all you can firsthand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone you care about may be going through a difficult time. If you are sensitive to everyone else's needs, you will get the same sympathy in return.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

You should be able to offer some great solutions to existing problems. You will be in the limelight even if you don't want to be. Relax and enjoy the notoriety.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sign up for interesting events that will allow you to show off your talent. You will handle any competition you face with ease, and your hard work and dedication will pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let someone you live with or know well get the better of you. Focus on what you know and what you do best. Offer to help an organization you believe in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is your day to interact with friends and to make your point known. You will have the keen sense to take charge. Your ability to get things done will bring you great results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your time and effort into your future. Money can be made, but risks must be avoided. Your forceful manner will be enticing to potential partners.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your high energy must be well distributed today. Take a step back and

look at your situation. Nothing is as bad as it appears.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may want to get involved in some secret activity today. Be careful not to reveal too much about yourself just yet. Listen and evaluate the situation first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your humanitarian outlook will win you praise. Your strong convictions will lead you into interesting group encounters. Your creative sense and timing will help you accomplish what you set out to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone may be trying to make you look bad at work. If you feel betrayed, say something even if it means losing a friend.

Birthday Baby: You like to work within groups, taking on the most detailed jobs all by yourself. You are precise and systematic in your approach to money matters, and you will always have a long-term goal in mind.

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Fox News Channel military expert reportedly lied about background

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel employed a consultant for four months during the war on terrorism who claimed an extensive military background yet reportedly spent only 44 days in boot camp in 1976.

The discrepancies between Joseph Cafasso's claims and his background came to light after he stopped working at Fox on March 11, The New York Times reported Monday.

Fox News would not comment on the story, but confirmed the accuracy of the Times' account.

Cafasso was hired by Fox

last fall after he went to the network's Washington offices with retired generals who were being interviewed about the campaign in Afghanistan.

He worked behind the scenes, helping analyze military moves and impressing network officials with his knowledge and military contacts. Fox said it was not aware of any false information that was aired because of him.

Cafasso had allegedly claimed to be a retired lieutenant colonel in the Special Forces, saying he had served in Vietnam, won a Silver Star for bravery and was part of an

unsuccessful secret mission to rescue hostages in Iran in 1980.

Yet military records showed he was discharged as a private after spending 44 days at boot camp in Fort Dix, N.J.

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Troops move into Hebron after siege plan accepted

U.N. chief wants Jenin issue resolved

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Monday it was "very urgent" to find out what happened during the Israeli military assault on the Jenin refugee camp, but Israel again deferred a decision on letting U.N. fact-finders into the region.

'At this stage, it was very urgent that we go in, find out what happened, and put all the rumors and accusations behind us.'

Kofi Annan
U.N. Secretary-General

Israel's defiance left a three-man fact-finding team waiting in Geneva for a second straight day and further embarrassed Annan who said 15 days ago he had received a green light from Israel. Israel has since objected to the team's mandate and composition, including wanting more military and counterterrorism experts on the team. "The Israeli Cabinet did not take a decision today as we had been led to expect," U.N. Undersecretary-General Kieran Prendergast told the Security Council, calling the news "disappointing." Prendergast said Israel reported that its Cabinet would meet Tuesday morning to decide. Annan's objective is unchanged — to deploy the mission "as soon as possible," Prendergast said.

"At this stage, it was very urgent that we go in, find out what happened, and put all the rumors and the accusations behind us," Annan said Monday.

The Palestinians accuse the Israeli army of a massacre of civilians during eight days of fighting that left part of the Jenin camp in rubble. Israel says its army fought intense gunbattles with Palestinian gunmen, who were the main victims, stressing that 26 suicide bombers came from Jenin.

The Security Council put off any action until the Israeli decision on Tuesday. U.S. deputy U.N. ambassador James Cunningham said patience is essential.

Mission spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in Geneva that the mission, now numbering more than 20 people, is "very balanced" and "very impartial."

But Gideon Meir, an Israeli Foreign Ministry official, said in Jerusalem, "Nothing good will come out of the U.N. ... It's an anti-Israeli organization."



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A Palestinian boy climbs through the rubble of a house at the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank on Monday. Israel said it would not cooperate with a U.N. mission looking into a weeklong battle between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen at the camp unless demands for changes in the composition and mandate of the team were met.

Nine killed in Hebron takeover

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israel said Monday that a breakthrough agreement had set Yasser Arafat free after five months confined to his compound, but the Palestinian leader stayed put for fear Israeli forces would storm the building and seize wanted militants inside. Still, if the agreement sticks, one of three tense confrontations should be resolved in the coming days. And in the latest Israeli military incursion, tanks and troops poured into the West Bank town of Hebron in search of militants, leaving nine Palestinians dead, including six civilians.

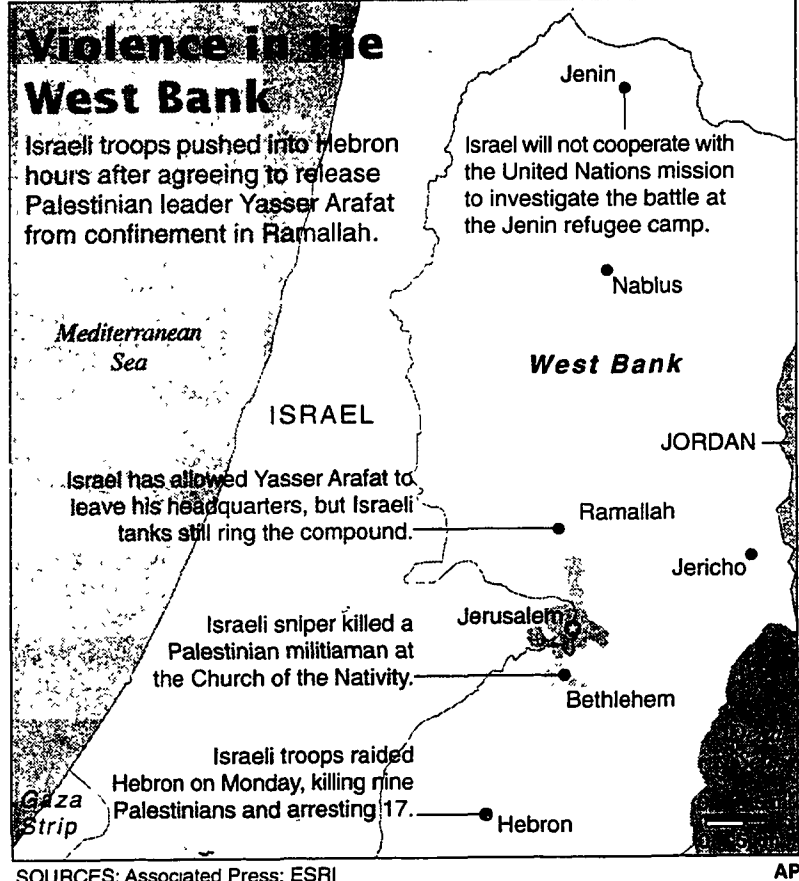
A U.N. fact-finding team to the Jenin refugee camp is stalled. Israel is effectively keeping the team from arriving, saying it fears an anti-Israel bias that will produce a highly critical report on Israel's military operation in the camp. Palestinians called on the United Nations to send the team immediately, claiming Israel is trying to cover up the killings of large numbers of civilians, something Israel strongly denies.

U.N. officials said the Israeli Cabinet was expected to make a decision on Tuesday. Israel is seeking changes in the team's composition and mandate.

In Ramallah, the crisis at Arafat's headquarters appeared near conclusion, but final details were still being worked out. Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers remained parked inside Arafat's compound and sealed off city streets for several blocks in every direction.

Israel and the Palestinians both agreed Sunday to a U.S. proposal that restores Arafat's freedom of movement, and in exchange, six wanted men inside the compound will be imprisoned in a Palestinian jail, watched over by U.S. and British officials.

Under the plan, the six would be transferred to the West Bank town of Jericho,



said Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo. The minister said Monday the six would be moved within 48 hours.

A makeshift Palestinian court has convicted four of the men accused of killing Israeli Cabinet Minister Rehavam Zeevi last October. The fifth man is the leader of the political faction that claimed responsibility for the killing, and the sixth is an Arafat aide suspected of orchestrating a large arms smuggling operation.

Israel and the U.S. State Department both said Arafat was now free to go where he likes, including trips outside the Palestinian territory.

"Today, Arafat can go where he chooses," said Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer.

The Palestinians, however, said Arafat was not actually free and that if he tried to leave before the prisoners were transferred, Israel would seize the six men from the building.

The exact details of how the

deal would work were sketchy. However, it appeared the first step would be to move the six wanted men to Jericho. Then, the Israeli troops are expected to withdraw, and finally, the Palestinian leader would emerge from his battered compound.

Israel clamped down on Arafat at the beginning of December, barring him from leaving Ramallah until he handed over those accused of Zeevi's killing. Arafat made a couple brief trips out of his compound and into the city, but worked and slept at his office building.

Israel gave its consent to ending Arafat's confinement with the understanding that the United States, in turn, would stand by Israel's side in an increasingly tense showdown with the United Nations over the fact-finding team, government officials said.

Israel has said it fears the team harbors an anti-Israel bias and has effectively kept them from arriving from Switzerland.

Israeli gunfire kills one at church in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — A Palestinian gunman holed up in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem was shot and killed by Israeli troops Monday after negotiations to end a standoff at the traditional birthplace of Jesus foundered.

The Palestinian was shot by Israeli soldiers surrounding the holy site when he emerged onto a courtyard with a gun, the army spokesman said. Palestinians inside the church returned fire at Israeli soldiers, the army said.

Palestinians identified the man as Nidal Aweiba, 30, a member of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade militia. Aweiba's body was carried out of the church by three monks.

Israeli tanks moved into Bethlehem April 2 and pursued gunmen to the holy site, which the army has pledged not to storm. Israeli snipers surrounding the church occasionally shoot at Palestinians inside. Israel says several of the gunmen in the church are behind deadly attacks in Israel. More than a dozen Palestinians — some of them civilians — have been killed in or around the church by Israeli troops.

Monday's shooting came as talks between Palestinian and Israeli officials came to a standstill, with no new talks planned. Israel rejected a Palestinian offer that 30 gunmen in the church be sent to the Gaza Strip and the Palestinians turned down an Israeli demand that the men be tried in Israel or exiled abroad.

The Palestinians demanded in talks Sunday that those holed up in the church be sup-



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Under the watchful eyes of Israeli soldiers behind their armored vehicle, monks carry the body of Nidal Aweiba out of the door of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on Monday.

plied with food, but Israel refused. No new talks were planned Monday, the army and Palestinians involved in the talks said, and the Palestinians were trying to get the Americans to intervene to help solve the dispute.

Several Palestinians and clergy have left the church in recent days as conditions have deteriorated sharply in the 4th-century stone structure.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Monday that 53 people have left the church since the siege began. Food stores are so low that the occupants of the church have taken to collecting vegetation from a courtyard, and sanitary conditions are appalling, according to those who have left.

Appeal of suicide bombers grows among Palestinians

JENIN REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank (AP) — Mohammed Badi, 13, says he wants to die young. "Life is not good here. I'll do an operation," the seventh-grader said in a matter-of-fact tone.

In today's Palestinian parlance, an "operation" means a suicide bombing or a gun attack that is certain to end with the assailant's death. In either case, an eternity in paradise is thought to await the bomber and the gunman.

There's no way to judge whether Badi really means to go through with it, but his words illustrate how the appeal of suicide attacks, once the domain of militant Muslim groups, is striking roots throughout Palestinian society and giving rise to a cult complete with rituals.

Secular Palestinians have blown themselves up in the nearly 60 attacks in 19 months. So have women. So have teen-agers.

After each attack, candy is distributed in the streets, and women often greet the news with joyous shrieks. Attackers videotape their final words against a backdrop of assault rifles and banners with Quranic verses. Posters of the bombers and

gunmen in Rambo-like poses are plastered on walls.

Opinion polls indicate that more than 70 percent of Palestinians support suicide attacks, and experts say the high regard in which the "martyrs" are held in society is shaping the next generation.

"Martyrdom has become an ambition for our children," said Fadl Abu Hein, a psychology lecturer from Gaza. "If they had a proper education in a normal environment, they won't have looked for a value in death."

The militants say they get so many candidates that they have waiting lists. Priority goes to those with good knowledge of Israeli roads, cities and landmarks.

When zero hour approaches, would-be bombers offer a final prayer and listen to a sermon on martyrdom. They then set out with no goodbyes to family or friends.

Explosives strapped around their waist, they look for a spot where they can cause as many deaths and as much destruction as possible by blowing themselves up. The family later makes itself available at a youth center or social club for people to pay respects — not condolences.

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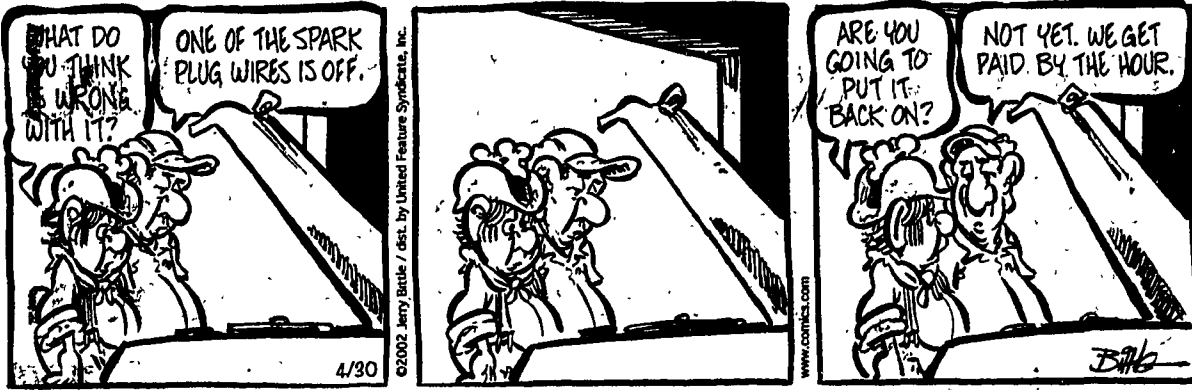
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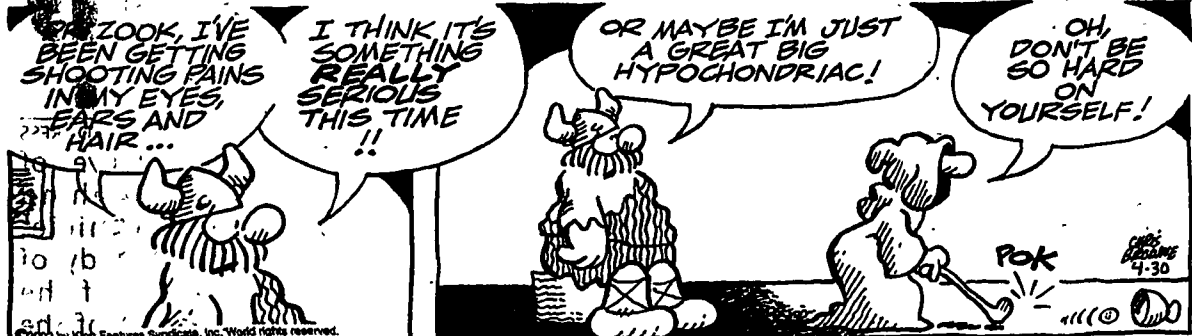
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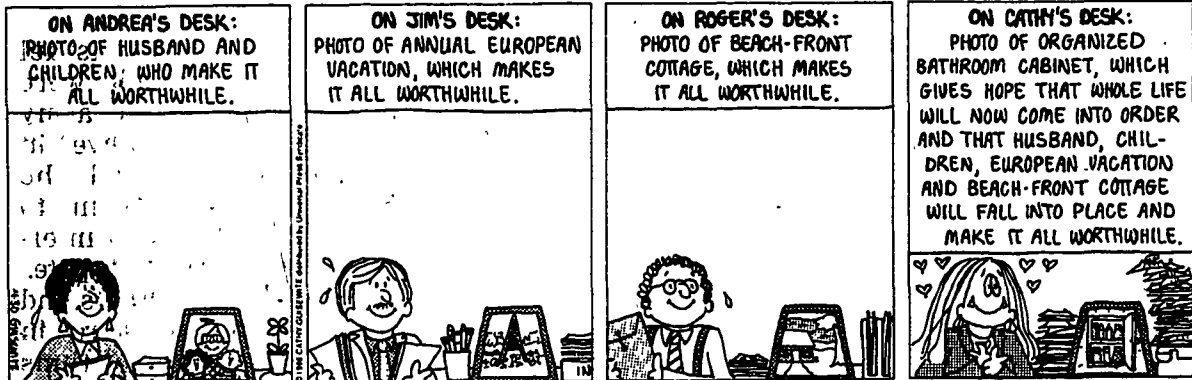
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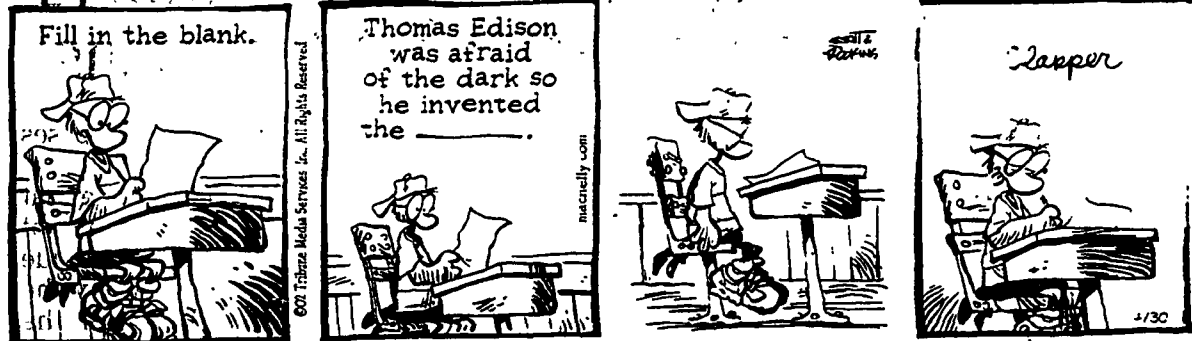
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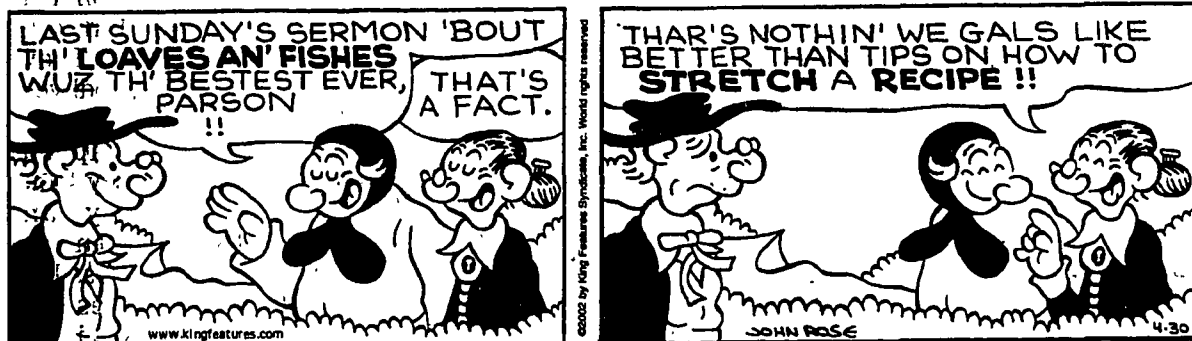
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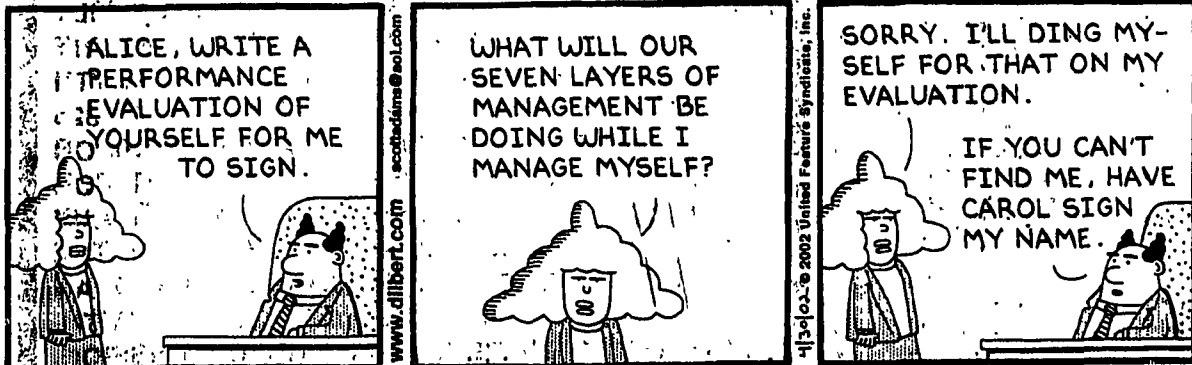
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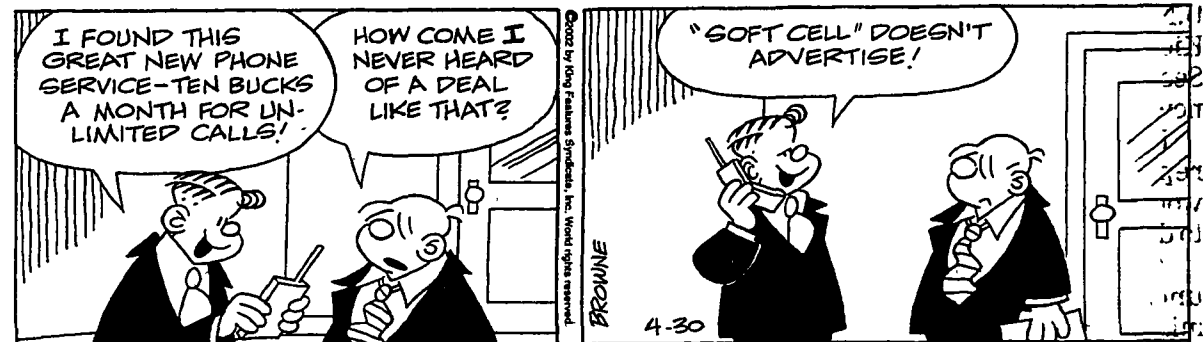
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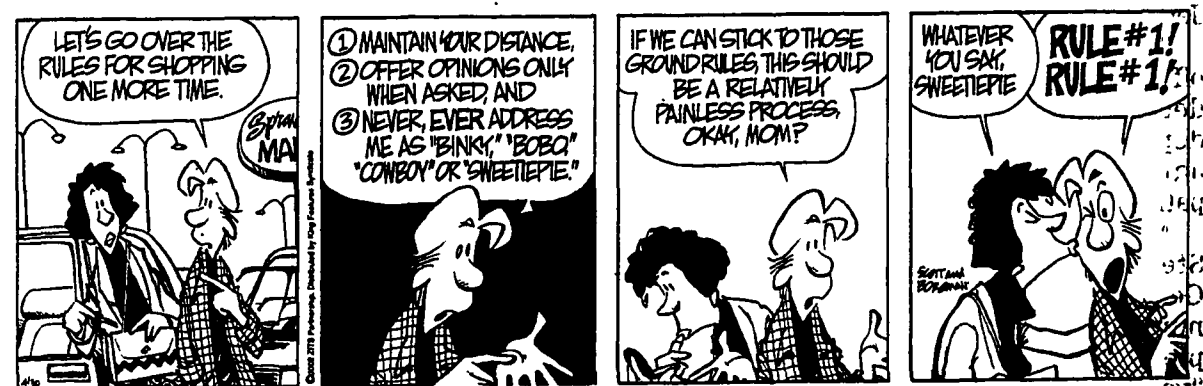
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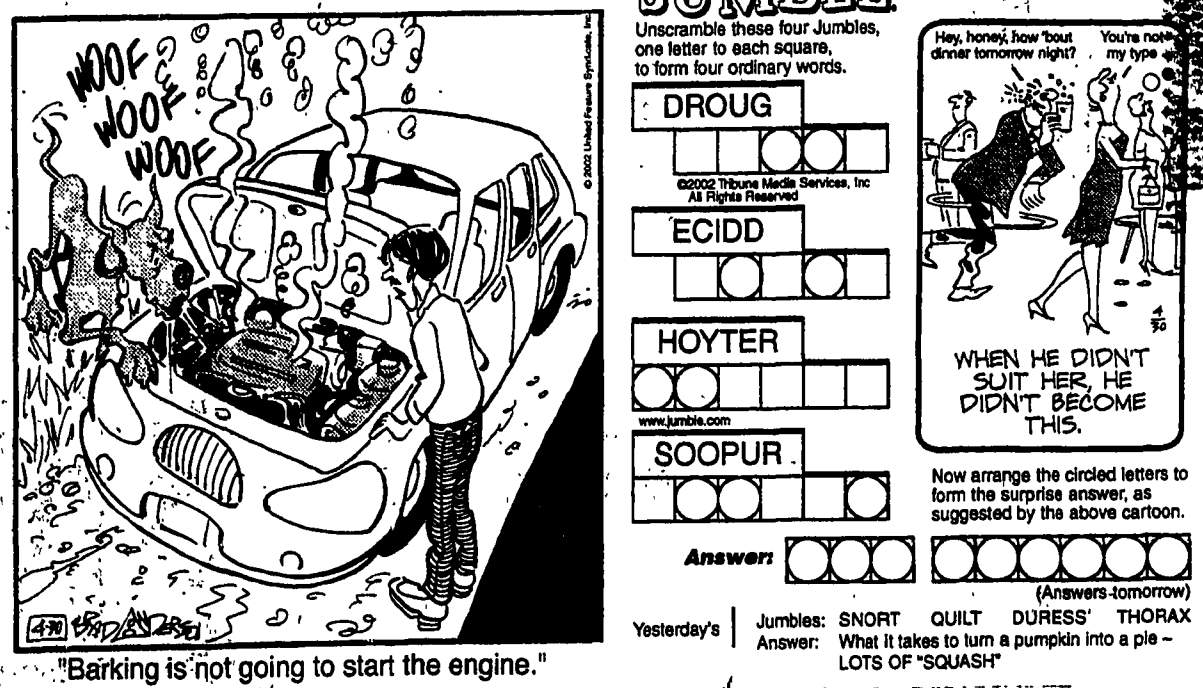
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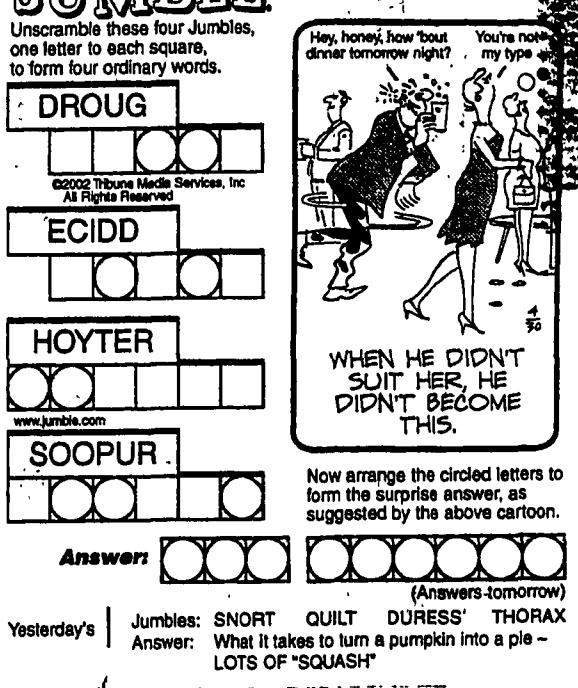
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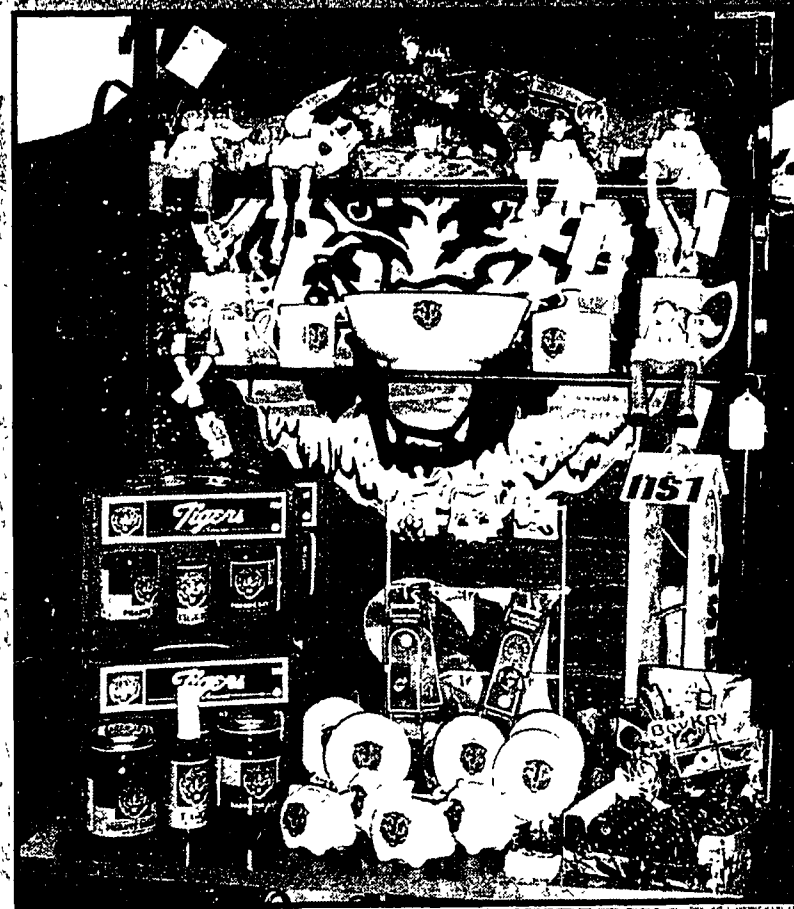


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THE WAR ON TERRORISM

U.S. troops cart away Taliban weapons cache

TALAK, Afghanistan (AP) — Flushing out Taliban warriors is a difficult task, but U.S. special forces are putting a dent in their weapons supplies. Just last week, a U.S. convoy roared into this village in eastern Afghanistan, searched two houses, dug up a garden, and found three truckloads of weapons and ammunition left by the Taliban.

The munitions had been there since just after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

Taliban commander Jalaluddin Haqqani came to Talak, 12 miles north of Khost, with the cache of weapons and handed it over to his trusted commander, Alef Khan, said Khan's cousin.

"The Taliban came and said to keep the ammunition safe," recalled Mohammed Hadi, the commander's cousin. "They said they would come back for it." But they never returned.

A convoy of U.S. special forces came and took away the cache last week.

"There was a lot of ammunition. They went from one house and then to another and put everything into the trucks. They even dug up the weapons that had been buried. They took everything," said Mohammed Attig, a resident of the sun-parched village, its mud and straw houses scattered among drought-ravaged fields.

Attig said Alef Khan told the U.S. special forces of his weapons stash after two of eastern Afghanistan's warlords, Bacha Khan Zardran and Zakim Khan, both approached him for the weapons.

"He thought, 'If I give to one, the other will be angry.' So instead he called the Americans to come and take it away," said Attig.

Scores of U.S. special forces are stationed in Khost and Gardez in eastern Afghanistan, cities where rival warlords wage artillery duels, park their tanks on street corners and hide their men behind sandbag bunkers.



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An Afghan villager stands in a trench in Talak, eastern Afghanistan, where U.S. special forces found weapons left behind by Taliban forces.

These same warlords are the anti-Taliban soldiers on whom the U.S.-led coalition is relying to help it find Taliban and al-Qaida members.

Eastern Afghanistan is considered a hotbed of Taliban resistance and a likely hide-out of al-Qaida fugitives. Its mountains run along the border with Pakistan, where U.S. forces are conducting raids of suspected al-Qaida and Taliban hide-outs in joint operations with the Pakistani military.

The Pakistani authorities have been reluctant to discuss the U.S. military presence in its deeply conservative tribal belt, where most tribesmen share the same ideology as the

deposed Taliban and openly say they would harbor them.

Resistance to Pakistan's joining the United States in its war on terror has been strongest from the tribal belt, where most people are armed, follow tribal law and resent interference even from Pakistan's central government.

There have been reports that Osama bin Laden's lieutenant, Ayman Al Zawahri, an Egyptian, is hiding in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan and routinely crossing into Pakistan's tribal belt. Zawahri was convicted in absentia of assassinating Egypt's Anwar Sadat and was sentenced to death.

Turkey to take over peacekeeping mission

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — With strong U.S. backing, overwhelmingly Muslim Turkey officially agreed Monday to take command of the peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan. The change supports Washington's position that the war against terror is not between Islam and the West.

The Turkish government said it would take command of the 4,500-member, 18-nation force from Britain for six months, but gave no date. British officials said they did not believe that a handover would take place before June.

"The date of the takeover will be determined following negotiations with Afghanistan, Britain and the United Nations," Cabinet spokesman Yilmaz Karakoyunlu said.

The announcement came after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld sent a letter to the Turkish government assuring full U.S. support if Turkey takes command of the force, private NTV television reported.

Turkey has some 270 peacekeepers in Afghanistan and is the only Muslim country that has contributed to the force, which is responsible for patrolling the capital, Kabul.

The United States had been strongly encouraging Turkey, NATO's sole Muslim member and a staunchly secular state, to head the force.

Washington sees Western-oriented Turkey as a role model for Afghanistan. Turkey's leadership of the force would also support Washington's argument that the fight in Afghanistan is a battle against terror and not a clash between Islam and the West.

In London, British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon welcomed the Turkish announcement and said a British contingent would remain with the force after Turkey took over leadership.

Britain has led the force since the Security Council established it in late December and had wanted to hand over command in April.



Associated Press
Stone security barriers have become part of the decor outside of City Hall in downtown Los Angeles.

Security intensity wanes, but measures accepted

CHICAGO (AP) — Small planes can fly again over the nation's tallest building. Picnics are back along the Mississippi River. But visitors still must pass through metal detectors to reach Liberty Island, home of the Statue of Liberty.

Seven months after the nation tightened security in response to the terrorist attacks, some measures have been quietly dropped, while others have been woven into the fabric of a new, more cautious life in the United States.

Fewer soldiers are stationed at airports and state capitols, but the long lines of travelers, extra metal detectors and bag searches remain. Parking restrictions have been lifted at some government buildings, but the temporary concrete barriers set up around them after Sept. 11 have been replaced by enormous, permanent planters.

The American public seems to have changed, too. People who initially bristled at the inconvenience and intrusiveness of personal

searches now accept them as part of the daily routine as they enter their workplaces.

When Justin Stein, a security guard at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Center, began searching bags and briefcases last fall, people expressed annoyance and some even left the building in protest.

But as the weeks went on, he said, "they started to acknowledge our efforts, and people started realizing it could easily have been us that were killed."

Across the country, many officials have refined their approaches to security since their initial, all-out response to the attacks.

"We now are moving from that kind of knee-jerk phase," said Daniel Goure, an intelligence and defense expert at the Lexington Institute in Washington. "This is a much more complex or subtle problem than the way we treated everything at first, which was just protect everything and put barriers around everything."

AVIATION SECURITY SINCE SEPT. 11

Journey through airspace and time

Every aspect of the nation's aviation system felt shockwaves from Sept. 11. Many effects were lasting, such as heightened airport security and reinforced cockpit doors. Other precautions were eased gradually over time.

- Sept. 13 — National airspace reopens to commercial aviation.
- Sept. 14 — Airspace reopened to private planes flying under instrument flight rules, which require flight plans to be filed with the Federal Aviation Administration. Because most private planes normally fly under visual flight rules, navigating by landmarks on the ground, the vast majority of private planes remain grounded. Other restrictions include no-fly zones within 25 nautical miles of New York and Washington, D.C.
- Sept. 19 — Airspace is reopened to private planes flying under visual flight rules except around 30 major metropolitan areas.
- Oct. 4 — Reagan National Airport reopens with restrictions.
- Oct. 15-24 — The airspace over major metropolitan areas is gradually reopened to private planes flying under visual flight rules:
- 15 — Houston; Kansas City, Mo.; New Orleans; Memphis, Tenn.; St. Louis.
- 16 — Cleveland; Dallas; Honolulu; Minneapolis; Phoenix.
- 17 — Charlotte, N.C.; Cincinnati; Salt Lake City; Seattle; Tampa, Fla.
- 22 — Atlanta; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Miami; San Francisco.
- 23 — Denver; Detroit; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; San Diego.
- 24 — Chicago; Orlando, Fla.
- Oct. 26 — Flight schedules at Reagan National are increased to allow travel to 17 additional cities.
- Oct. 30 — FAA imposes weeklong ban on private planes flying within 11 miles of 86 nuclear plants.
- Nov. 19 — President Bush signs aviation security bill, which includes federal control over screening and more air marshals on flights.
- Dec. 19 — The FAA discontinues post-Sept. 11 restrictions in what is referred to as "enhanced Class B airspace" around 30 metropolitan areas. Also, general aviation aircraft including blimps and news helicopters are allowed to return to the sky.
- Feb. 1 — Ten more cities added to the flight schedules at Reagan National.
- Feb. 13 — The FAA allows three small airports in the Washington, D.C., area to reopen.
- April 15 — Reagan National restored to virtually full service.
- April 24 — No-fly zone around Camp David reduced from eight nautical miles to five.

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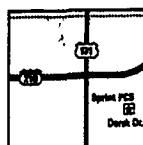
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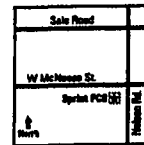
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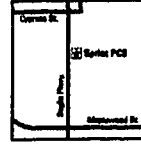
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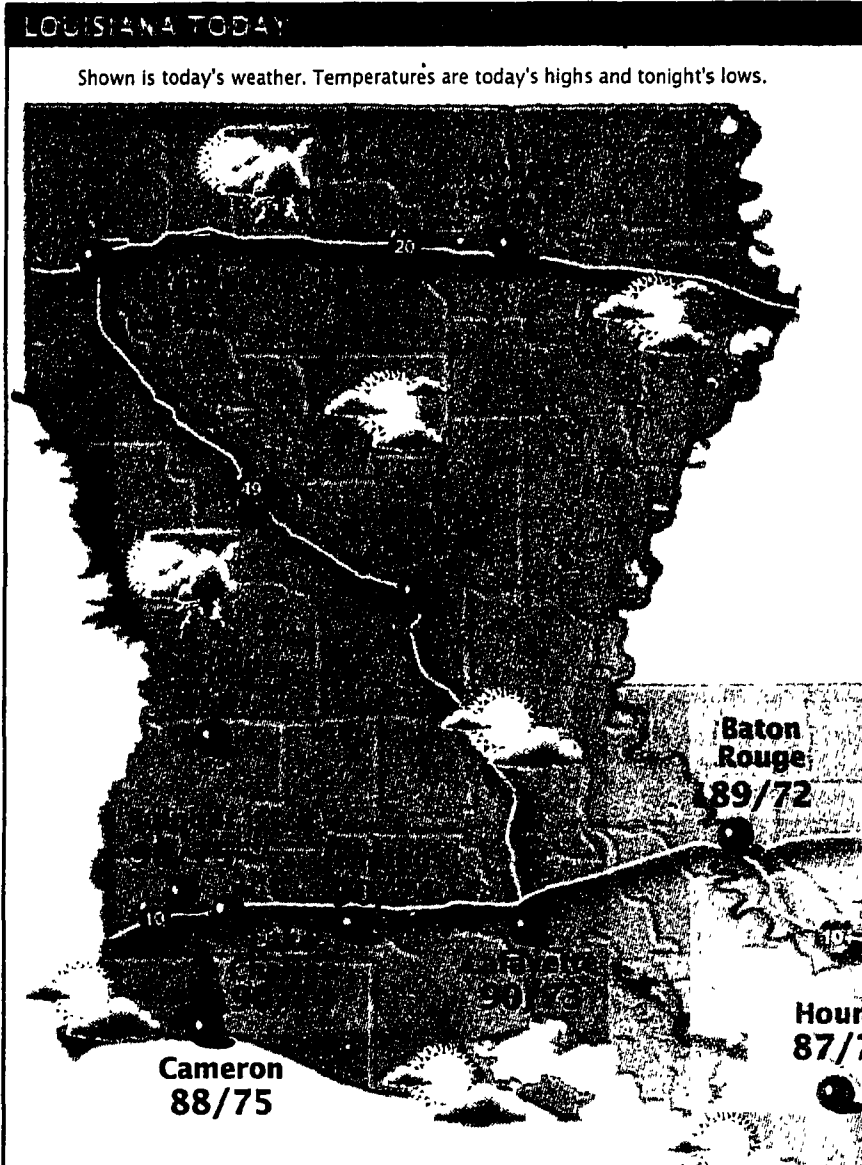
AccuWeather 5-DAY FORECAST FOR LAKE CHARLES

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
90° Mixed clouds and sunshine; warm.	90° 76° Partly sunny and very warm.	82° 62° Some sun; chance of a t-storm.	82° 64° Mostly sunny, cooler and less humid.	86° 72° Partly sunny, warm and more humid.
WINDS SW 10-20 mph	WINDS SW 8-16 mph	WINDS SE 5-10 mph	WINDS SW 6-12 mph	WINDS WSW 8-16 mph

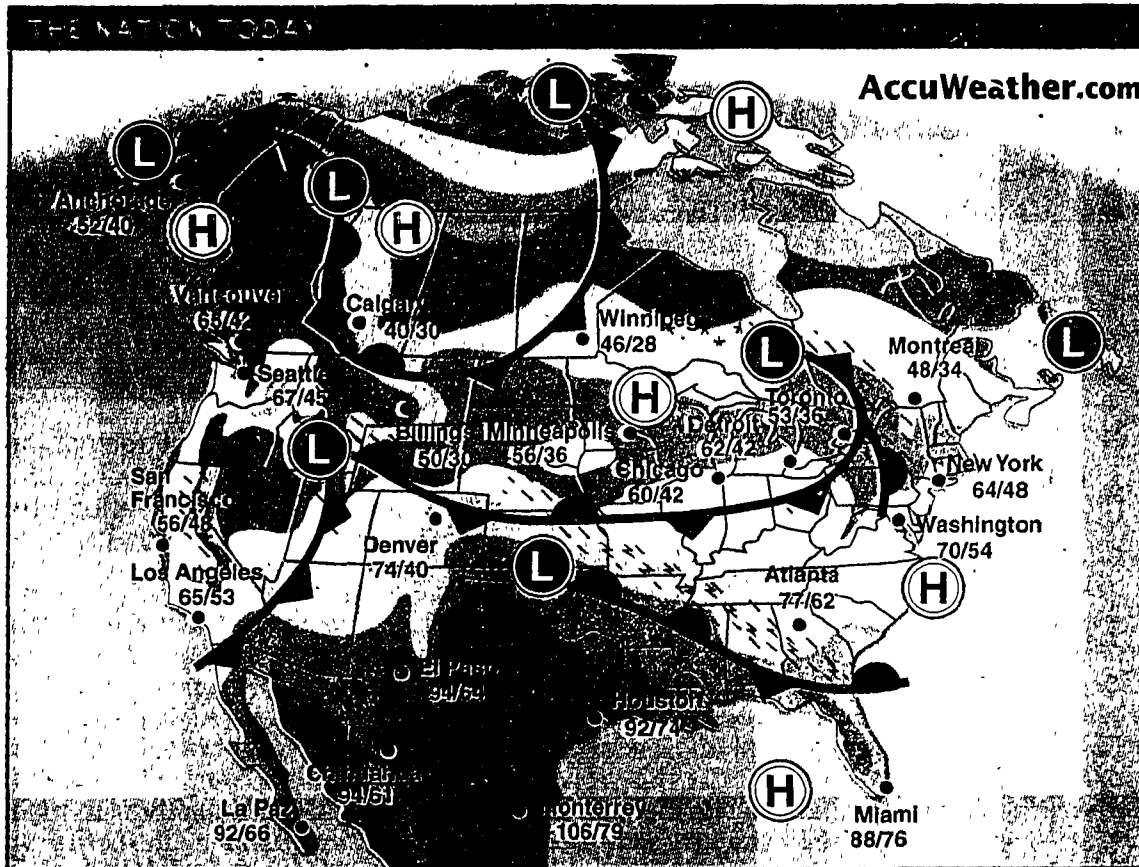
UV INDEX
Tonight
74° Partly cloudy.
WINDS S 6-12 mph

ALMANAC
Temperature
Statistics for Lake Charles through 4 p.m. yesterday.
High/Low 87°/68°
Normal high/low 80°/60°
Record high 93° in 1915
Record low 47° in 1965
Last year's high/low 81°/58°
Precipitation
Statistics for 24 hours ending 4 p.m. yesterday.
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 3.05"
Normal month to date 3.49"
Year to date 13.98"
Normal year to date 15.83"
Humidity
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 62%
Today at 3 p.m. 56%

SUN & MOON
Today
Sunrise today 6:31 a.m.
Sunset today 7:50 p.m.
Moonrise today none
Moonset today 9:23 a.m.
Moon Phases



MARINE REPORT
Tides Today
Eugene Island High 9:08 am 2.4 11:41 pm -0.3
Shell Island 10:27 am 1.8 12:11 am -0.3
Rabbit Island 9:20 am 2.4 11:44 pm -0.3
Lighthouse Point 8:17 am 2.4 11:27 pm -0.3
Cote Blanche Is. 11:52 am 1.7 3:06 am -0.3
Southwest Pass 9:01 am 1.9 12:17 am -0.3
Weeks Bay 11:17 am 1.8 3:22 am -0.3
Mermentau R. Ent. 7:39 am 3.0
Calcasieu Pass 7:19 am 2.4
Sabine Pass 8:33 am 2.3
Surf & Sea Forecast
Lake Charles Winds southwest at 7-14 knots today. A light chop on the lake.
Water temperature: 78°
Calcasieu River Winds southwest at 6-12 knots today. A light chop on the water.
Water temperature: 75°
Gulf of Mexico at Cameron Winds southwest today at 8-16 knots. Waves 1-3 feet near shore to 2-4 feet offshore.
Water temperature: 77°



National Extremes
Yesterday in the 48 contiguous states.
High: 102 at Wink, TX
Low: 18 at Dixie, ID
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation.
Temperature bands are highs for the day.
-10s -5s 0s 10s 15s 20s 25s 30s 35s 40s 45s 50s 55s 60s 65s 70s 75s 80s 85s 90s 95s 100s
Legend: Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary, Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice

NATIONAL CITIES
City Today Hi/Lo W Tomorrow Hi/Lo W
Albuquerque 86/48 s 69/41 s
Amarillo 91/51 pc 72/35 s
Anchorage 52/40 sh 50/33 s
Asheville 69/56 pc 81/62 sh
Atlanta 77/62 t 83/67 pc
Baltimore 68/52 pc 66/56 r
Beaumont, TX 90/75 pc 90/74 pc
Billings 50/30 sh 42/28 c
Biloxi 85/75 pc 87/79 pc
Boise 64/40 sh 64/40 pc
Boston 58/46 c 61/45 pc
Brownsville 92/78 s 96/78 pc
Buffalo 52/36 sh 62/45 pc
Burlington 50/37 sh 57/40 c
Charleston, SC 80/65 c 87/71 pc
Charleston, WV 68/50 c 74/64 sh
Charlotte 74/58 pc 84/67 sh
Cheyenne 56/31 pc 39/26 sf
Chicago 60/42 c 52/40 r
Cincinnati 68/51 sh 70/55 r
Cleveland 63/39 sh 55/49 r
Columbus, OH 62/46 sh 59/56 r
Dallas 92/71 t 90/58 t
Dayton 62/46 sh 60/53 r
Denver 74/40 pc 50/30 sh
Des Moines 58/48 sh 52/35 r
Detroit 62/42 c 52/45 r
Duluth 50/31 pc 46/29 sh
El Paso 94/64 pc 80/50 s
Fairbanks 51/34 sh 44/25 c
Fairbanks 85/77 pc 86/76 pc
Gulf Shores 85/74 pc 84/75 pc
Helena 56/32 sh 52/32 c
Honolulu 85/73 pc 85/72 c
Houston 92/74 pc 91/72 pc
Indianapolis 66/49 sh 65/52 r
Jackson, MS 86/70 sh 90/70 pc
Jacksonville 85/69 pc 91/73 pc
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Tulsa 80/68 t 73/45 pc
Wash., DC 70/54 pc 66/58 r
Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Maryland tornado kills 3

LA PLATA, Md. (AP) — Tornado-ravaged cities from Missouri to Maryland picked up the pieces Monday after an unusually wide and potent swath of thunderstorms plowed across the eastern half of the nation, killing at least six people.

Maryland was hit especially hard Sunday evening, with a tornado causing at least three deaths and 93 injuries in two counties south of the nation's capital. A twister caused serious damage to at least a 10-mile stretch of this town of about 6,500 — even leveling part of a school.

"They're banged up and shocked, and they're frightened," Civista Medical Center chief executive Chris Stefanides said of the injured.

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening issued a disaster declaration Monday for Charles and Calvert counties, allowing the National Guard to send troops to the area.

Jack Cahalan, a spokesman with the Maryland Emergency Management Administration, said Monday that 12 people were critically injured and 81 others had minor or serious injuries.

One of those killed was 74-year-old Margaret Albey of Prince Frederick. Her husband, George, was critically injured, said Calvert County sheriff's Sgt. Rick Thomas.

"The house is gone," Thomas said of the Albey's home. "It's moved probably 80 yards down and into a ravine. They were in the house and trapped in the rubble."

A curfew was set in La Plata to keep people off the streets, and all public schools in Charles County were closed, officials said. About 6,500 customers in the area



Vicky Boyce sits on railroad tracks near her La Plata, Md. Monday, April 29, 2002 after a tornado hit the area Sunday night. The tornado that bounced through Charles and Calvert counties, killing three people, was one of the strongest tornadoes ever to hit Maryland.

were without power Monday.

Thunderstorms struck states throughout the Tennessee and Ohio valleys on Sunday before heading east to Maryland.

In Missouri, a tornado packing wind of up to 180 mph and roughly two football fields wide plowed through the small town of Marble Hill, hurling a 12-year-old boy 50 yards to his death. At least 16 people were injured and several homes were destroyed.

"It took several houses completely away. Blown to sticks — nothing left but the subfloor," Marble Hill Police Sgt. Dennis Willis said.

The boy, Billy Hoover, was on a sleeper with friends when the tornado touched down. Two of his friends in the house walked away, as did two other occupants, but the house was left in ruins, Bollinger County Sheriff Terry Wiseman said.

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That power was evident Sunday when a series of storms struck from Missouri to Maryland, claiming a half-dozen lives and ruining homes and businesses.

As many as 1,000 tornadoes occur each year in the United States, yet each is uniquely dangerous and frightening when it arrives, moving quickly and often accompanied by rain, hail, thunder and lightning.

Only a few decades ago tornado warnings didn't go out until a twister was on the ground, but thanks to radar and satellites the conditions that create these storms can now be better monitored. Last year the National Weather Service delivered warnings, on average, 11.5 minutes before a tornado struck.

In the storm that claimed three lives in Maryland, for example, warning of a severe storm with possible tornado was issued at 6:45 p.m. It was upgraded to a tornado warning at 7:02 p.m. About eight minutes later the tornado hit La Plata, and 39 minutes later it reached Calvert County.

The Maryland tornado was listed at F5 on the Fujita scale for twisters, with winds of more than 260 mph, making it the strongest tornado on record in the state. It was at first rated an F4 but was upgraded after meteorologists surveyed damage on the ground, according to Susan Weaver of the National Weather Service.

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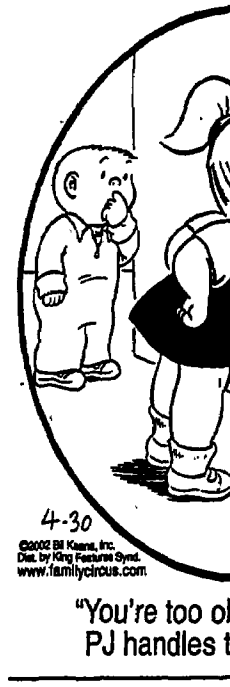
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Work directly with de-
velopmentally disabled
adults. Training is pro-
vided for all staff. Cer-
tification not required,
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positions offer excellent
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ical, dental, vision, 401K,
pay raises, paid vaca-
tions and group health
insurance.

Apply in person
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Robinswood School
200 Avenue C, Lake
Charles, LA EOE

DISABLED MAN needs
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area. Live in consid-
ered. Leave a message
at 786-6365.

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LifeShare Blood Cen-
ters is seeking part-
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tions area:
• Have a high school
diploma
• Good driving record
• Must be able to lift up to 35
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• Experience in
phlebotomy preferred
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many of our drives
are evenings and
weekends
• Shift Differential for
evening and
weekends
• Have a positive
customer service
attitude

Applications are being
accepted between
8:00 a.m. and
5:30 p.m. at
LifeShare Blood
Centers
214 South Ryan,
Lake Charles, LA.
Applications will be
accepted until Friday,
May 10.
Pre-employment drug
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AA/EEO/M/F/D.

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Flatbed hauling. CDL
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tablish themselves with
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and paid vacation. Work
schedule Monday, Fri-
day 7:00am - 3:00pm.
No phone calls please.
Apply to:
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Monday-Friday
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(No phone calls please)

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Mate. Requires mini-
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Master of a 100 ton ves-
sel. License, valid MMS,
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New pay scale
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COLLECTORS, EXPER-
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Send resumes to P.O.
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LA 70602.

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Mail resume to Person-
nel, P.O. Box 1690, Lake
Charles, LA 70602.

CUSTOMER SERVICE
representative needed
for well established in-
surance agency, special-
izing in automobile in-
surance. Property/Casualty
experience required.
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nicom Services,
Attn: Human Resources,
124 West 4th Street
Dequincy, LA 70633
(337)540-6202 cell

BILLING AND RECEPTIONIST

Person needed

Help Wanted 502

Personal Care Attendants Wanted
Lake Charles Area
Male client/8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday and 8:30am-12:30pm on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Female client/6:30am-9am and 3pm-5pm Monday through Friday and every other weekend, reliable transportation required
All position required valid ID and experience working with handicapped
Fill out applications at:
GULF TEACHING FAMILY SERVICES, INC.
PCA PROGRAM
715 RYAN STREET
SUITE 202
LAKE CHARLES, LA 70601

POSITION OPEN for summer caregiver for elementary age children. Must love sports, games, crafts and kids! Experience working with groups of children. High school diploma or GED and at least 18 years of age. Applications and phone calls will be taken, Monday-Friday, 10am-12pm. Call Stephanie, 527-3838.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
At
Oakdale Community Hospital

RN and LPN-Medical/Surgical
Full time and PRN Day and night shifts
Weekend Program Available

Athletic Trainer
Physical Therapy
Full Time

Respiratory Therapist
Registered Therapists preferred, PRN

LPN-ICU
Full Time

HIM Specialist II
Full Time

Director of Human Resources
Full Time
BS in Business or Human Resources or related field, 3-5 years Human Resources experience preferred.
JCAHO wage and salary administration, workers compensation experience preferred.
Come join the dynamic field of health care.

Send resume to:
Oakdale Community Hospital
Attention:
Human Resources
130 North Hospital Drive
Post Office Box 629
Oakdale, LA 71663

Phone (318) 215-3254
Fax (318) 215-3254

WVF **EOE**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE in day care center. Apply in person, 210 West McNeese Street.

RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL needed with a good office skills for local construction company. Excellent communication, organizational, and typing skills a must. Send resume to: P.O. Box 3217, Lake Charles, LA 70606 or fax to: 337-478-9448.

REGISTERED NURSE
Is needed of long term care facility for
Assistant Director of Nursing position
Offering excellent salary and benefits for a challenging and rewarding career.

If interested, please send resume to or apply at
Resthaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, LLC
4532 Sole Lane
Lake Charles, LA 70605

REGISTERED NURSE
Consultant position available. Excellent package and benefits. Experience in acute and long term care preferred. Computer and Internet knowledge required. Send or fax resume: CR, PO Box 880, Mandeville, LA 70470-0880. Fax 985-624-9448.

RESIDENT ACTIVITY Director needed at 250 bed JCAHO accredited long term care facility. Preferred candidates will be certified activity directors with knowledge of State regulations but we will consider training the right individual. Position requires the organization of and people skills to oversee and continue the development of a recently implemented structured activity program catering to the needs of a unique and active resident population. Successful personal management experience a must. Send resume to: Martin de Porres, 200 Teal Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605, or apply in person Monday-Friday.

RESTAURANT MANAGER
Trainees and Managers
Company Benefits
Salary Based on experience.
Send resume to:
928 Shady Lane,
Lake Charles, LA 70601
Fax: (337) 479-1524

RN and LPN OPPORTUNITY
Immediate opening for RN and LPN who would like to train in the exciting field of Hemodialysis. Rush resumes to: Lake Charles Dialysis, P.O. Box 4789, Lake Charles, LA 70606.

SALES MANAGER POSITION
For local environmental consulting firm. Offers salary plus commission with benefits. Apply in person, 4909 Common Street, Lake Charles.

TRUCK DRIVERS needed (2): One with 1 year Over The Road tanker experience and one with 1 year over the road tanker experience. CDI with Hazmat, Call 439-0105.

Help Wanted 502

SALES - TELEMARKETING
Marketing, Medical software companies, recruiting individuals with strong telephone voice to set appointments for demonstrations of high-end software products. Previous telemarketing/sales experience is essential. Generous commissions with base pay. Send resume to: Kayla@chmni.com, or mail to Personnel, 1039 Common Street, Suite A, Lake Charles, LA 70601, or fax to 337-433-1399.

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SOUTHERN HOME HEALTH

LAKE CHARLES LPNs - Full Time
Southern Pediatric Services, a division of Southern Home Health, is searching for Full Time LPNs for extended care. All shifts available.

CLERICAL POSITION
8-4:30pm. Must be computer literate. Please contact Jackie Hebert, Office Manager at 337-479-2233 to set up an interview or fax resume to 337-479-2882. Equal Opportunity Employer
www.lahelthcaregroup.com

TAKING APPLICATIONS for Part time or Full time summer help. Apply at Brusse's, 2902 Ryan Street.

TEAM LEADER Position open for Direct Care staff. 2nd shift, p.m. to 11 p.m. Apply in person at Robinsonwood School, 200 Avenue C, Lake Charles, LA. EOE.

THE IOWA Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Applicants must be P.O.S.T. certified, must pass background check, and pass a physical. Please send resume to: 337-582-3636 for details. E.O.E.

TIERED of being stuck in a dead end job with no chance of advancement? Do you dread going to work everyday? We are looking for people who are considering a future in the retail sales and service industry. Our current manager and supervisor team all started on the ground floor. We have openings in stores in local construction company. Excellent communication, organizational, and typing skills a must. Send resume to: P.O. Box 3217, Lake Charles, LA 70606 or fax to: 337-478-9448.

TRACER Now hiring Security Officers. Call 1-337-433-0007.

TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR
needed for adult facility. Experience in fleet management needed. Must have a high school diploma and commercial driving experience. Apply in person at: Concorde, 1100 Concorde Street, Lake Charles, Monday-Friday, 9-4.

TRAVEL INN
has an opening for a full time maintenance person. Plumbing, minor electrical, carpentry and painting experience must. Louisiana driver's license and good driving record required. Uniforms and paid vacation provided. Apply in person, 1212 Lakeshore Drive.

UNIVERSITY Medical Center
We now have approval to hire!
University Medical Center is seeking RNs, LPNs, Surgical Technicians and CRNAs for inpatient units and outpatient clinics.

Positions are available in the Medical/Surgical Unit, ICU/Telemetry Unit, Detox Unit, Pediatric/ICU Unit, Labor and Delivery Unit, Outpatient Clinics, Emergency Room/PACU. For further information, please contact the Nursing Service Office at 337-261-6770.

If interested, please mail applications to: University Medical Center, Human Resources, P.O. Box 6930, Lafayette, LA 70506-9300 or apply at the Hospital of Acadia Building at 2600 Johnson Street, Suite 127, Lafayette, LA.

WANTED EXPANDED Duty Detail Assistant, with benefits. Apply in person, 4909 Common Street, Lake Charles.

WANTED EXPERIENCED Salesperson for portable buildings retail. Call: 337-528-7578 or 1-800-584-9076

Help Wanted 502

RN WEEKEND SUPERVISOR
Apply in person:
Lake Charles Care Center
2701 Ernest Street

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	NYSE	835	14.30	-.82	ChoiceH	241	26.13	+0.04	EV MULT	.92	17.0	13.99	-.09	ChoiceH	
NATIONAL PRICES FOR NEW YORK	NYSE	46	22848	37.98	-.27	ChoicePt	2508	54.80	-1.05	EV SINC	.58	316	8.04	-0.01	GLPLAIN
STOCK EXCHANGE ISSUES.	NYSE	48	430	23.45	-.26	Chmct	149	15.80	-.70	Ecolab	.54	2255	43.01	-.52	GMP
	NYSE	149	70.23	1.19	EdisonInt	1588R	17.43	-.78	Green						

AT A GLANCE **METALS**

ASE			Most Active: Worldcom Inc Wild	
Sales	Last	Chg	Index	Price
1,325,530,000	564.43	-5.89	2,400	9.92
			Nasdaq Sales: 1,784,468,000	

US	9100	.02	Most Active: Nasdaq 100	Wheat: Higher.	Silver: \$4,670. Handy & Harman (only gain)
Marlton	1500	-47	\$31.12 +0.80	Corn: Higher.	Silver: \$4,636 Troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mo
US Lq	10700	3.02	Sales: \$7,561,000	Oats: Higher.	Mercury: \$154.00 per 78 lb flask, N.Y.
		3.05	\$220.00 -0.00	Soybeans: Higher.	Platinum: \$919.00 per 100 gm, N.Y.

OIL/GAS				BIGGEST GAINERS					
	NYSE	Last	Chg	%Chg	AMEX	Last	Chg	%Chg	NAS
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE		20.00	+0.00	0.00		20.00	+0.00	0.00	

Today	Yesterday	Change	Airborne	20.46	+2.70	+11.60	Starbuck	3.66	+1.60	+11.60	Pinb
\$27.57	\$27.11	+\$4.46	SinoppBeij	7.60	+7.10	+10.15	Newtek	5.10	+4.00	+8.51	Pinb
NATURAL GAS			HaciMa	3.39	+1.30	+8.71	Celzinc	11.75	+9.81	+8.36	Fro
			Celazinc	22.15	+1.87	+8.22	ML nh04 n	7.20	+5.53	+7.95	Pro

Cobalt Cp	17.35	+1.35	+8.44	LionsGt g	2.34	+14	+6.36	Nv
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New York (AP) - Standard and Poor's stock indexes for Monday					NYSE	Vol(x100)	Last	Chg	AMEX	Vol(x100)	Last	Chg	NASDAQ
	High	Low	Close	Chg	Typical Vol. TW				Nasdaq 100 Tr SPDR				World Clos
					995183	17.00	-2.90		830818	31.12	+0.08		World
					282062	18.04	- .88		174708	108.86	-.53		Clos

MidCap 400	533.86	527.44	529.13	-3.02	EMC Cp	180974	9.12	-0.01	EchoBay	24430	.90	+0.05	Ven
					RiteAid	173978	3.20	-0.32	Biotech	17682	98.05	-2.55	Mc
SmallCap	251.04	249.13	250.55	-0.02	Hibern	153585	18.90	-0.09	Kinross g	17059	1.80	+0.05	Nv
										17029	12.02	-0.02	W

BIGGEST LOSERS

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Figure 1. The effect of the number of trials on the number of correct responses. The number of correct responses was plotted against the number of trials for each condition. The number of correct responses increased with the number of trials for all conditions. The number of correct responses was highest for the condition with the highest number of trials (10 trials) and lowest for the condition with the lowest number of trials (2 trials).

DOW JONES									
Chicago	Board of Trade	Monday	Settle	Chg.	Aug 03	148.70	440		
Open	High	Low			Oct 03	147.50			
WHEAT									
5,000 bu. minimum—cents per bushel									
						Prev. Sales:	33,276		
							ANF000		

Dec 02	285½	287½	283½	284	-1¼
Mar 03	294½	295	291½	292¾	-1¼
Jul 03	292¼	293	290	290¼	-1¾

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Monday.

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					

						CORN		5,000 bu minimum— cents per bushel					
								Oct 02	88.15	87 00	85.25	85.55	-40
								Dec 02	67.40	68 00	66 50	66 95	-35
act)	30 Ind	9910.52	10012.16	9767.15	9819.87	-90.85	May 02	186 1/4	187 3/4	192 1/4	192 1/2	-33 1/2	-75
			0371.40	0680.48	0684.84	-27.78							

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35.43	+5.06	+16.66	NASDAQ	Prev. Close: 100.00	40,000 lbs.-cents per lb.	May 02	48.50	48.60	45.72	45.72	-2.00
				Prev Open Int: 10063		Jun 02	52.10	52.60	50.75	51.10	-1.65
			SOYBEANS								

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343712	6.07	-1.82	ChartCm	128338	8.48	-7.77	PerCom	955	14.00	+5.59	Prev. Sales:74,502	May02	67.15	68.87	63.55	65.95	-1.90
330712	62.24	+7.74		7380	50.27	-2.20	PtHl vlg	2	27.00	-6.60		Jul02	67.80	69.35	66.75	68.87	-6.65
324861	35.43	+5.06	Cinco	657366	14.13	+2.22		Q-R			Prev Open Int:156015	Aug02	67.50	68.70	66.45	66.45	-1.52
269729	4.22	-3.31						4049	55.25	+8.84	SOYBEAN OIL						65.00

	Genuity	8517	.68	-.03	SpecLink	1100	10.01	-.29	Aug 02	16.79	16.81	16.48	16.57	-.30	Prev Open Int:3007
	Globind	2117	9.30	-.07	StdMic	432	23.45	-.33	Sep 02	16.93	16.94	16.60	16.70	-.28	• • •
	GrvFam	1130	8.93	-.06	Staples	48422	19.89	-.34	Oct 02	17.12	17.12	16.73	16.83	-.27	Chicago (AP) - Rough rice futures on the

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n	3.44	-0.81	-19.06	Lamar Adv	M	72	2.70	+0.01	WorldCom	.721	2813004	2.35	-.92	Sep 02	152.80	153.00	152.50	153.10		Prev Sales:	2,905
n	8.07	-1.82	-18.40						Yahoo		77867	14.21	-.29	Oct 02	150.50	151.60	150.50	151.10	+20	Prev Open Int:	8759
nt	5.36	-1.05	-18.38	Mannitc		79	2.79	+0.01						Dec 02	150.70	151.30	150.00	150.80	+10		

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Chicago (AP) - Futures trading on the	Jan03	151.00	151.00
Chicago Board of Trade Monday:	Mar03	149.50	149.50

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
May 02	258	260 1/4	255 1/2	258	-1 3/4
Jul 02	266 1/2	268 3/4	264 1/4	265	-1 1/2
Jan 02	273 1/2	275 1/2	271	272	-3/4

Chicago (AP) - Futures trading on the

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29	Jul 02	204	204½	200	200¼	-2¾	Apr 03	69.90	70.00	69.30	69.30	-55
41	Sep 02	211¼	211¼	207	207¼	-2½						
	Dec 02	220¾	221	216¾	217	-2½						
										Prev. Sales:	20,728	
										Prev Open Int:	96753	

500	Dec 03	23894	23894	23714	23714	Aug 02	76.50	77.30	75.80	76.37	+47
500						Aug 02	76.50	77.35	75.70	76.25	+40
						Sep 02	76.50	77.35	75.70	76.25	+40
						Oct 02	76.80	77.45	75.95	76.30	+30

Jul 02	142 1/4	143 1/2	135	137 1/4	-1/2	Prev. Sales:3,597
Sep 02	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/4	122 1/4		Prev Open Int:14392
Dec 02	125 1/2	125 1/2	124	124 1/4	-1/2	

	5,000 bu minimum	cents per bushel		Jul 02	Aug 02	Oct 02	
May 02	487	487 3/4	480 1/4	481 3/4	-5 3/4	51.15	50.77
Jul 02	470	470 1/2	465	485 1/2	-4	43.50	42.00
Aug 02	463 1/2	463 1/2	462	462	-1 1/2	43.50	42.00

	Mar 03	468	467½	484½	487	-2	
							Prev Open Int:31091
	Jul 03	474	474	472	472	-3	PORK BELLIES
	Nov 03	478	478	475¼	475¼	-1¼	40,000 lbs.- cents per lb.

		60,000 lbs- cents per lb					Feb 03	65.00
-1.05	May 02	18.58	18.56	18.07	18.17	-33	Mar 03	65.00
-51	Jul 02	18.69	18.69	18.31	18.44	-30		65.00
							Prev. Sales:	673
							Prev. Costs:	2657

-44	Dec 02	17.38	17.38	18.95	17.09	-21	CBOT Mon:						
+18	Jul 03	18.15	18.15	17.96	17.96	-34		Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg	
Prev. Sales:24,856													
ROUGH RICE													

May 02	180.80	181.30	159.90	180.80	-1.00	Sep 02	4.050	4.050	3.970	4.010	-0.040
Jul 02	158.50	158.80	157.10	158.00	-.80	Nov 02	4.270	4.270	4.200	4.240	-.030
Aug 02	155.00	155.90	154.80	155.50	-.50	Jan 03	4.430	4.470	4.430	4.470	-.010

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BRIEFLY

Northrop Grumman lands ship contract

WASHINGTON (AP) — A team led by Northrop Grumman will design a new family of high-tech warships for the Navy in a contract worth \$2.9 billion over three years, the Defense Department announced Monday.

Northrop Grumman's Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss., will design the prototype for the new DD-X series of warships. Northrop Grumman and its partners, led by Raytheon Systems Co., also will get the job of designing the communications and electronics systems for the new warship.

Northrop Grumman had been in competition with General Dynamics and its Bath Iron Works in Maine for the project. General Dynamics' main partner was Lockheed Martin.

Teen-ager accused of poison punch plot

VILLISCA, Iowa (AP) — A teen-ager has been charged with administering a dangerous substance after he allegedly plotted to poison the punch at the Villisca High School prom.

Robert David Dumler, 15, initially faced a more serious felony charge of terrorism. But Montgomery County Attorney Bruce said Monday that the terrorism charge must involve a weapon or the use of an incendiary device.

Dumler was arrested Friday night after reports that he planned to spike the punch at Saturday's dance with a substance that would make people seriously ill or kill them, Police Chief Butch Rulla said.

"This young man was unhappy with some other students, a couple in particular," Rulla said Sunday.

"Fortunately we had a couple of other juveniles he confided in, and they came forward," Rulla said another teen turned over a plastic vial of an unknown liquid that belonged to Dumler. The liquid was being tested.

Court awards \$140M in torture lawsuit

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal judge awarded \$140 million Monday to four Bosnian Muslims who claimed they were beaten and tortured by a Bosnian-Serb soldier who moved to the United States after the war.

The four men sued the former soldier, Nikola Vuckovic, in 1998 under laws allowing torture victims to seek redress in American courts, even if the offenses occurred elsewhere.

U.S. District Judge Marvin H. Shoob awarded \$35 million each to Kemal Mehinovic, Muhamed Bicic, Safet Hadzialijagic and Hasan Subasic. In an October trial, they told of being detained and tortured at the hands of Vuckovic and other Bosnian-Serb soldiers. Two of the victims live in Salt Lake City.

The award will be difficult to collect, since Vuckovic disappeared just before the trial. But Mehinovic, 45, said legal accountability was more important than the money.

"I brought this case because I felt an obligation toward those who were killed or tortured by Vuckovic," he said. "I am satisfied with the result. He will no longer be able to live peacefully in the United States."

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N.Y. cardinal, priests hold summit on abuse scandal

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — In a meeting that resembled last week's summit between U.S. cardinals and the pope, New York Cardinal Edward Egan and hundreds of priests gathered Monday to discuss the sex abuse scandal engulfing the U.S. Roman Catholic church.

The Rev. Peter Gavigan from Our Lady of Victory in New York said his "faith and trust" in Egan was renewed following the private, four-hour meeting.

Egan opened the meeting with a 45-minute speech, after which the 500 priests broke into small groups. Egan met

with the smaller groups and answered their concerns.

"It was both informational and relational ... the relationship between the priests and the cardinal as bishop was strengthened," Gavigan said. "We priests have been dealing with it, in a sense, on our own. It was necessary to see him face to face."

New York Archdiocese spokesman Joe Zwilling would not say what the priests discussed with Egan. He said the message was "to let them know what was happening ... they read things, they see things, and they don't have an opportunity to

ask the cardinal directly what's going on."

Egan had no comment as he arrived at St. Joseph's Seminary. On Sunday, he said priests accused of sexual violations would be suspended from clerical duties at least until the allegation is resolved. He also suggested those who suspect abuse should seek out the authorities.

Before the meeting, the Rev. Walter Birkle of Our Lady of Grace in New York listed concerns that need to be addressed, including protecting children and establishing a process to deal with abusive priests.

Gavigan also said the church should "listen to the people's pain, listen to their hurt and also listen to their suggestions about how things might be improved."

"I think the wisdom will also come from the people, not just from the top," he said.

In Boston, Cardinal Bernard Law came under new criticism for a legal defense that suggests plaintiffs in a lawsuit against him were partly responsible for an allegedly abusive relationship between the Rev. Paul Shanley and a boy.

The alleged abuse began in 1983, when Gregory Ford was 6.

Now 24, Ford and his parents say Law was negligent in overseeing Shanley, who was described in archdiocese documents as a "very sick person" and known as a proponent of sex between men and boys even as he was shuffled from job to job by church officials.

In a six-page response to the lawsuit, an attorney for Law said, "the negligence of the plaintiffs contributed to cause the injury or damage." The response said any damages against Law "should be reduced in proportion to the said negligence of the plaintiffs."

High court rules seniority rules trump Disabilities Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies' seniority policies almost always trump the demands of disabled employees, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in a 5-4 decision that continued the justices' trend of limiting the reach of the landmark Americans With Disabilities Act.

When choice jobs go to those with the most seniority, employers do not have to upend that system to accommodate a disabled worker such as former US Airways baggage handler Robert Barnett, the divided court ruled.

Barnett wanted a mailroom job that did not aggravate his back injury, but employees with more years on the job had dibs on the position. He sued

under the ADA, the 1990 law guaranteeing fair treatment for the disabled on the job and elsewhere.

"The statute does not require proof on a case-by-case basis that a seniority system should prevail," Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for the majority. Rather, the assumption is that seniority systems take precedence, the court said.

Anything else could compromise the expectations or job security of all employees covered by a seniority system, Breyer wrote.

"We can find nothing in the statute that suggests Congress intended to undermine seniority systems in this way," the court said.

Pharmacies allowed to advertise mixed drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — When sick children come to his counter for antibiotics, pharmacist Don Talley gives them a choice: banana or bubble gum.

Like most drug stores, Lakeside Pharmacy in Chattanooga, Tenn., mixes drugs to make them more effective or palatable for patients with special needs.

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that pharmacies have a free speech right to advertise the mixed products, striking down a ban aimed at the marketing of drugs that have not been

approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The court said that the government should find another way to regulate companies that engage in large-scale drug mixing.

"If the First Amendment means anything, it means that regulating speech must be a last — not first — resort," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the 5-4 court. "Yet here it seems to have been the first strategy the government thought to try."

Justice Stephen Breyer, in a dissent, warned that the

consequences could be fatal when pharmacists are doing more than adding flavors to drugs, then using ads to get patients interested in new mixed drugs.

Talley's drug store joined pharmacies in Colorado, Nevada, New Jersey, Texas and Wisconsin in challenging the 1997 advertising rules.

His typical mixing clients include women having trouble with the dosages of their hormone medicines or children who have been prescribed unpleasant-tasting liquid antibiotics, he said.

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WHOLE FRYERS
LB. 69¢

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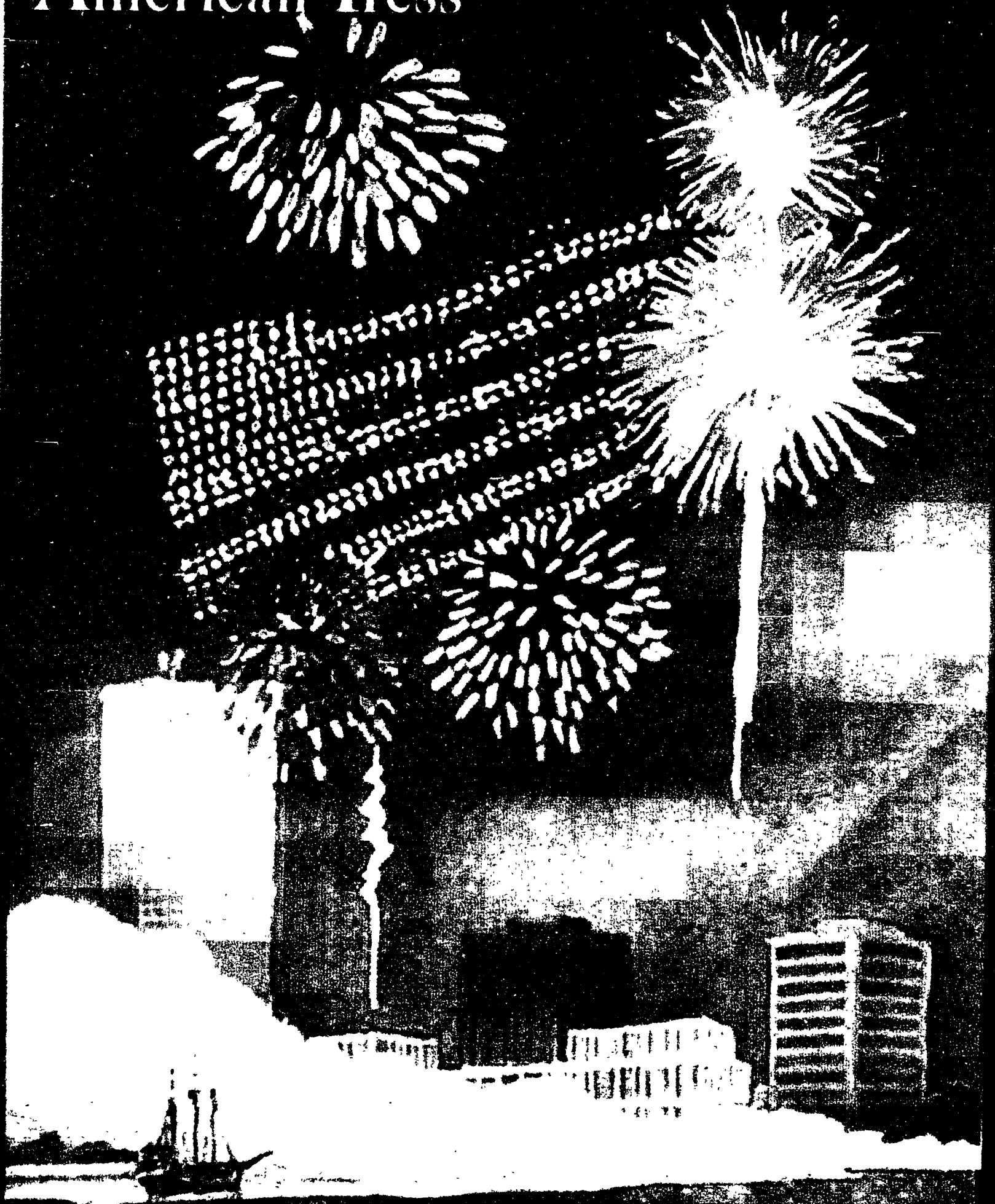
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Dear Southwest Louisiana,

Are you ready for two weeks of food, fun and concerts? Contraband 2002 has many new events and attractions April 30-May 12.

Enjoy colorful floats, bountiful throws, Miss Contraband, Jean LaFitte and his Buccaneers at the Contraband Parade which will be at 7 p.m. today, April 30.

Contraband Days Family Night is back by popular demand, Thursday, May 1 — an alcohol-free evening featuring Washington-Marion/Lake Charles Boston High School Gospel Show Choirs and Christian-gospel artist Salvador Concert.

A highlight of the festival, Jean LaFitte and his Buccaneers will storm ashore amidst cannon balls flying and the brave militia to take over the city, capture the mayor and (with a little persuasion from

Jean LaFitte's sword) make him walk the plank on Friday, May 2.

New events this year are the teen dance, Egg Drop, Sink O De Mayo, Best Seats in the House, Build a Boat Contest and many more.

Music of every kind — zydeco, pop, rock 'n' roll, and country — will fill the air as more than 40 bands perform in concerts featuring guest artists during the festival.

Kids World Stage will showcase performances geared toward family entertainment. Also the petting zoo and puppet show should not be missed.

Don't miss the Galley Alley food booths, Fest of Foods, Matt Armstrong Carnival plus many more attractions and new this year Galley Alley Dining ... a place to sit in the shade and enjoy your food.

A successful festival takes hard work and lots of time from

many individuals, and I would like to acknowledge them and their dedication: Executive director Marlene Hobbs, who won 2002 Festival Professional of the Year award, and Anita Ardoin, office manager, Contraband Board of Directors and Advisors.

It's only because of their hard work, vision and the caring attitude of these individuals that Contraband 2002 will exceed expectations.

On behalf of the Contraband Board of Directors, its staff and its generous sponsors, I invite you, the residents of Southwest Louisiana, to bring your family and friends to Contraband 2002 for an unforgettable experience — let us entertain you.

Jeannette Willis

Jeannette Willis

2002 Contraband Days President



Jean LaFitte/Miss Contraband 2002

Jean LaFitte 2002, John Michon, and Miss Contraband 2002, Becky Brantley, will reign over the festival April 30-May 12. Michon has been a member of the Buccaneers for 14 years and served on its board for seven years. Brantley is the 21-year-old daughter of Ernest Brantley and the late JoAnn Brantley. Her guardians are Jo and Karen Brantley, and she is a graduate of Delta School of Business and Technology. More royalty on page 19.

"Contraband Days 2002" is a special American Press advertising section designed by Pamela Seal with assistance from Destenie Vital, Heather Rogers, Karen Kebodeaux and Erin Kelly.

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- No open fires, no barbecue pits, no cooking units.
- No glass containers or kegs.
- Ice chests are allowed unless otherwise noted and will be limited to a small hand-held type containing no more than 12 cans of any beverage.
- No ice chests or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the designated family night—Thursday, May 2.
- No pets.
- No tents, canopies, awnings.
- Wagons will be allowed, and all music must be played moderately.
- No weapons, knives, guns, etc.
- No bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or rollerblades.
- Anyone consuming alcoholic beverages on Civic Center Grounds must have a

valid state driver's license or valid state I.D. with photo, and must be at least 21 years of age.

SEAWALL

- Boat parking at own risk.
- Pirate-landing boats get first pick on seawall. All others will be first-come, first-served. There will be no saving of spots.
- Boats will stern in or beam in sideways.
- Signs will be posted saying Contraband Days is not responsible for boats or damage to boats.
- Law enforcement departments may have boats leave from area as they see fit.
- The Lady Claire dock will be for law enforcement and for those loading and unloading people. Boats cannot tie off to the Lady Claire dock for any reason.
- All unoccupied boats left on seawall, when seawall is to

be cleared, will be towed and anchored. Notify Marine Enforcement for location.

- No ice chests to be carried on or off boats during open hours of festival.
- Loud music laws will be enforced.
- No dancing on seawall or steps. Dancing is allowed on grass areas.
- No swimming off boats at seawall or around anchored boats.
- No-wake zone enforced inside boat-anchored (parking) areas.
- Idle lane will be marked off for boat travel through anchored boats along seawall.
- No anchoring in idle lane.
- No sailboats running under sail in idle lane.
- All drug laws will be enforced.
- All DWI laws will be enforced.
- All marine laws will be enforced.

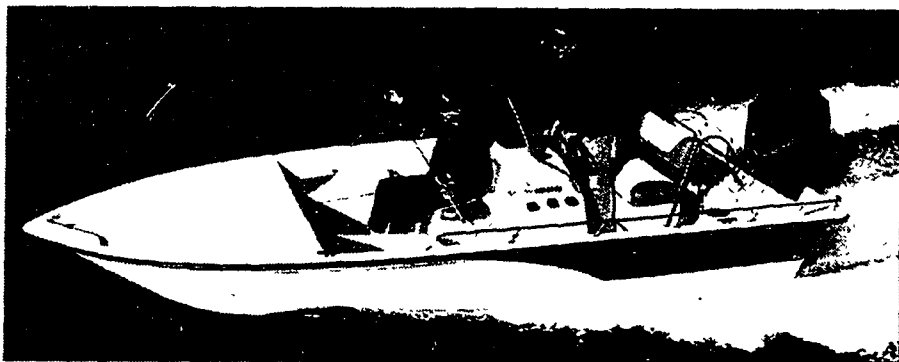


SPECIAL TO THE AMERICAN PRESS

Sean Ardoin and Zydekool

V107.5, US Unwired and Contraband Days present Sean Ardoin and Zydekool at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, on the US Unwired Stage. Ardoin is touring in several cities and states, and he was featured on BET Comic View in New Orleans. He hosts the V107.5 Zydeco program on Saturday mornings. His CD "Pullin'" has received rave reviews.

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Young at Art

A group of art students studying under Nancy Melton will have their artwork on exhibit on the first floor of the Civic Center during Contraband Days as a part of the "Young at Art" Show. Sisters Carla and Pamela Choucino prepare paintings for the show. They are the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Carlos Choucino. The exhibit will feature work depicting children's reaction to the 9/11 tragedy.

Best-selling author will speak during prayer luncheon May 2

John Trent will be the featured speaker this year's National Day of Prayer luncheon at noon Thursday, May 2, in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center.

The Profit N Loss Association, an area fellowship of business people, is sponsoring the event.

Trent is president of Encouraging Words, a ministry committed to strengthening marriage and family relationships worldwide. He teaches conferences on the concept of the blessing across North America. For nearly seven years, he team-taught the "Love is a Decision" seminar with Gary Smalley.

The theme will be "America United Under God."

Area students are invited to attend the prayer luncheon.

Cost is \$24 per person, and

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



John Trent

is available on reservation basis only by calling 439-0942. Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call John Hixson at 433-4334, Melissa Poole at 598-3441 or James Bertrand at 527-8192 or 515-4433.

Billy Navarre Chevorlet-Honda is this year's Diamond sponsor for the event.

Beginning at 11 a.m., Washington-Marion and Lake Charles-Boston high schools will perform music, and Hamilton Christian Academy will perform a dance at the out-

door amphitheatre on the Civic Center grounds. Thirteen-year-old singer-songwriter Meagan Michealis of Houston will also perform.

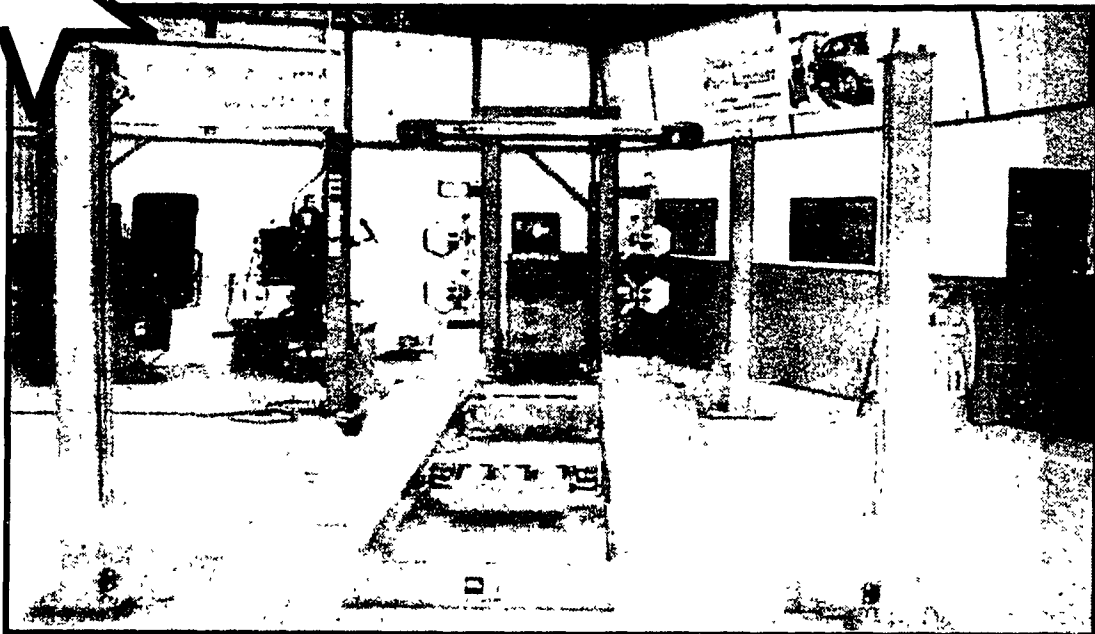
There will be special giveaways by Logan's Roadhouse, Outback Steakhouse and US Unwired. Wagon Wheel BBQ will donate more than 400 hot dogs.

A voluntary field trip is allowed for the first time to all Calcasieu Parish Schools.

For general information on the National Day of Prayer, log on at www.ndptf.org.

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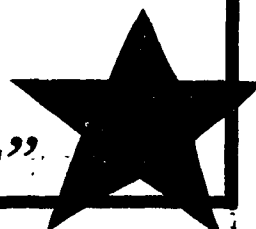
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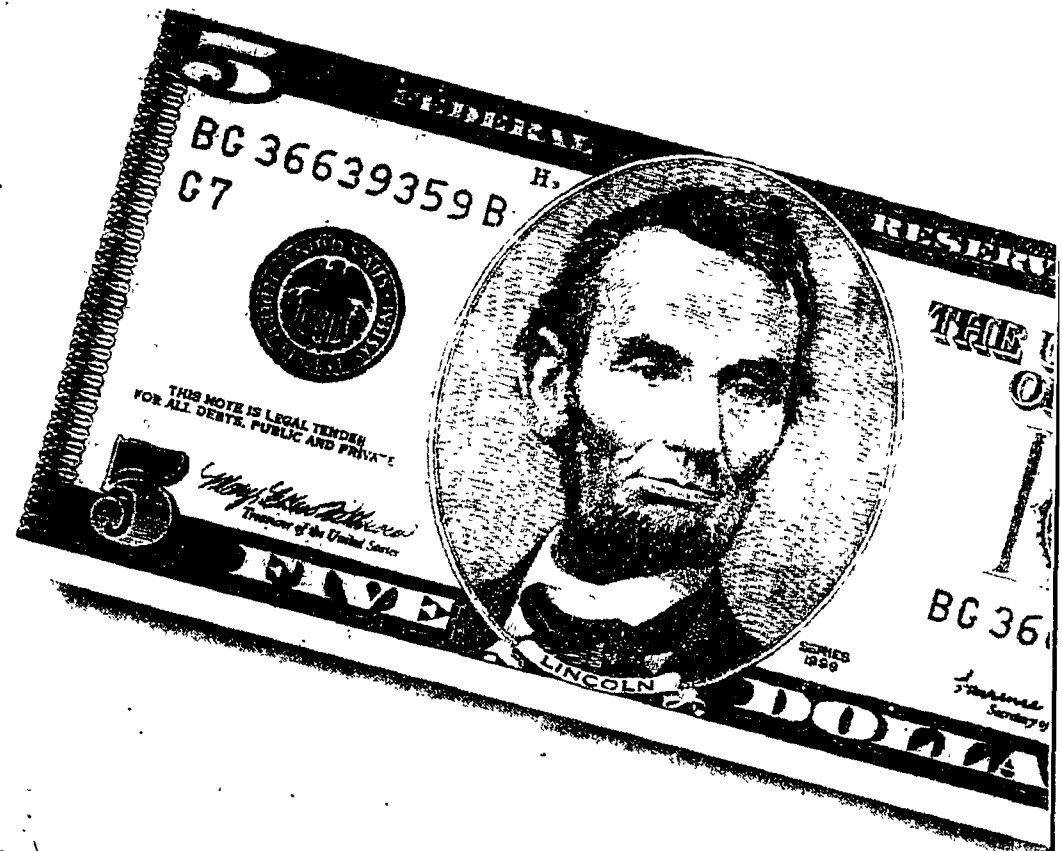
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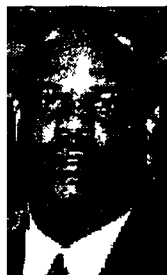
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Coach Tic Price, MSU Basketball Team named 2002 Contraband parade marshals

Contraband Days announces the parade marshals of the 2002 Contraband Days parade scheduled for 7

p.m. today, April 30. The Festival will honor McNeese State Basketball Head Coach Tic Price, along with 2001-02 Southland Conference Champions Basketball Team as the official parade marshals for this year's parade.



Tic Price
MSU Basketball
Head Coach



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The 2001-02 McNeese Basketball Team, along with Head Coach Tic Price, will serve as the official parade marshals for the Contraband Days Parade. Front row, from left, are Manager Mike Willeford, Manager Josh Heisser, trainer Scott Johnson, Assistant Coach John Dillard, Head Coach Tic Price, Assistant Coach David Dumars, Assistant Coach Jamle Eagles, strength coach Mike Robinson, Manager Franklin Shaw. Back row, from left, are Eldridge Lewis, Jason Coleman, Damond Williams, Brett Teeter, Paul Beik, Fred Gentry, Dmitri Khorokorin, Raynell Brewer, Larry Jackson, Ben Perkins, Adrian Johnson, Edward Garriet, John Williams and Chauncey Bryant.

Tournament title.

Senior Fred Gentry was named most valuable player in the Southland Conference tournament as well as named

to the All-Louisiana Team.

The Cowboys posted a 21-9 overall record and earned a berth in the NCAA tournament. Cowboys were 17-3 in

conference play.

For more information, please visit the Web site www.contrabanddays.com or call 436-5508.

Inaugural youth concert by Les Petites Voix planned May 12

The Louisiana Choral Foundation will present an inaugural youth concert by Les Petites Voix, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12, in the Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theatre.

Les Petites Voix, a community chorus for children, will perform several numbers.

The concert is designed to give the community a first-hand look at the wealth

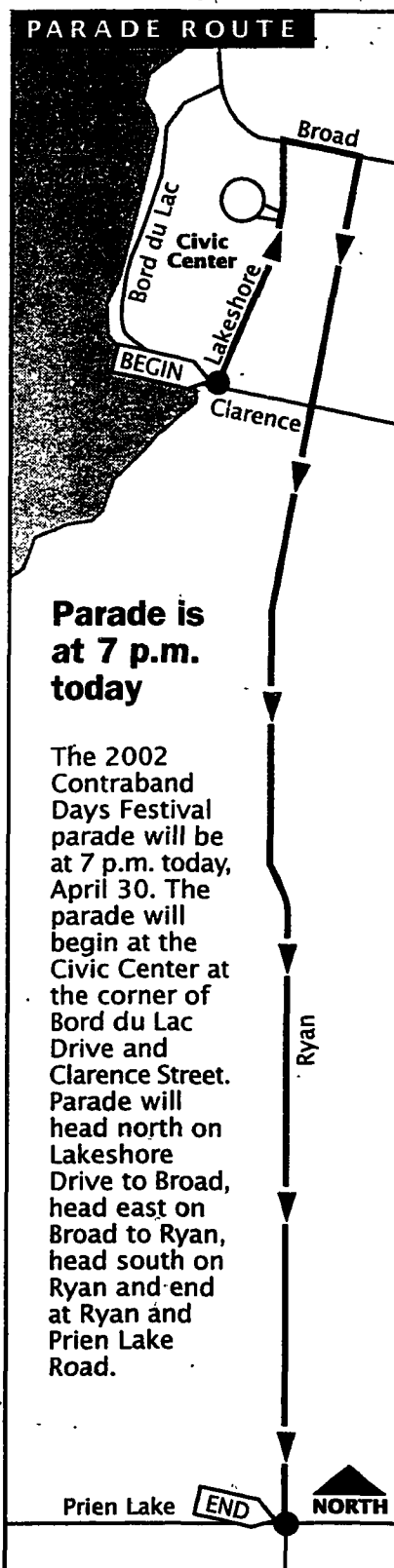
of performing arts opportunities available for youth.

Also included is a jazz dance ensemble from Sarah Quinn Jones Studio, several student performances and a McNeese State University jazz trio led by saxophonist Chris Clark.

"This is a great opportunity for Southwest Louisiana to see how talented

our young people are," said Michelle White, artistic director of Les Petites Voix. "There are so many occasions for us to see the plethora of visual artists in our area. Finally, there will be a forum for the musical performing arts as well. I think the community will be amazed."

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.



Parade is
at 7 p.m.
today

The 2002 Contraband Days Festival parade will be at 7 p.m. today, April 30. The parade will begin at the Civic Center at the corner of Bord du Lac Drive and Clarence Street. Parade will head north on Lakeshore Drive to Broad, head east on Broad to Ryan, head south on Ryan and end at Ryan and Prien Lake Road.

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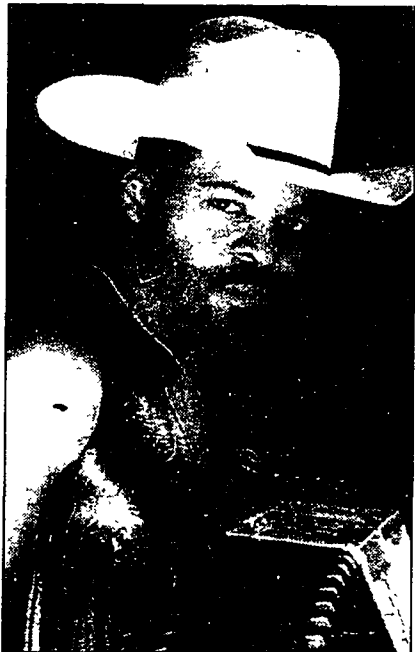
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Morris Day and the Time to perform May 4

KZWA 105 FM and Contraband Days will present Morris Day and the Time at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, on the US Unwired Stage.

Morris Day and the Time, a group popular with funky groove and trend-setting skits, dance and gadgetry with top hits in the 1980s, will be making an appearance at Contraband Days featuring three of the Time's original members: Jerome "Mirror Man" Benton, Jelly Bean Johnson, and Monty Moir.

The groups '80s hits include: "What Time is It," "Jungle Love," "The Walk," "777-9311," "Oaktree," "Fishnet," "The Bird" and "Girl."

Morris Day also appeared in the movie "Purple Rain."

Opening act will be the popular local zydeco group Step Rideau & the Zydeco Outlaws at 6 p.m.



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Opening act

The popular local zydeco group Step Rideau and the Zydeco Outlaws act will open at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 4, for the Morris Day and the Time concert, which follows at 8:30 p.m. Both concerts will take place on the US Unwired Stage.

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Family Night to feature Salvador, high school gospel choirs

Billy Navarre Chevrolet will host the Fourth Annual designated Contraband Days Family Night Thursday, May 2, on the Lake Charles Civic Center grounds.

This date will be an alcohol-free designated night. No alcohol will be sold or ice chests allowed on the grounds of the festival.

Featured concert on the US Unwired stage will be the Christian Latin Pop Band Salvador at 7:30 p.m.

Salvador concert is sponsored by Billy Navarre Chevrolet, Profit N Loss Association, LRC Wireless, KVHP Fox 29, and KAJN 102 FM of Crowley.

KZWA 105 FM will present the opening act of Washington Marion-Lake Charles High School Gospel Choir on the US Unwired Stage at 6 p.m.

Other activities will feature kids entertainment on the Cingular Wireless Kids World Stage.

Other Family Night events will feature Lake Charles Bait and Tackle hosting a Kids Kast Contest, \$10 Carnival Ride Bracelet Specials, food booths, Lake Charles Fire Department Clowns, Lake Charles Safe Kids Bike Safety, Dr. Rock Dinosaur Puppet Show, Grand Opening and Ribbon-cutting.

THURSDAY, MAY 2



Salvador will perform as a part of the Contraband Days Family Night at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, on the Lake Charles Civic Center grounds. Salvador is a trusted name today among local churches and national ministries alike. The backbone of Salvador's live music success is an emphasis on fundamentals: Hard work, great musicianship and a blend of fun and stirring songs celebrating Christian faith.

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Second Annual Kids Kast scheduled for May 9

The Second Annual Contraband Days Kids Kast will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 9.


Sponsored by Lake Charles Tackle, Metal Outlet and "Outdoor Xtremes" TV-show, the casting contest is open to boys and girls in four age categories: 10 years and under, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-16.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. All contestants will receive a free tackle pack and must use rod and reels provided by contest sponsors. "Zebco Type" reels will be provided. The top five finishers will be awarded prizes.

The contest will consist of a best

of 10 format casting into a ring at designated distances for each age group. Each contestant will have three practice casts. Any ties will be broken by a "castoff."

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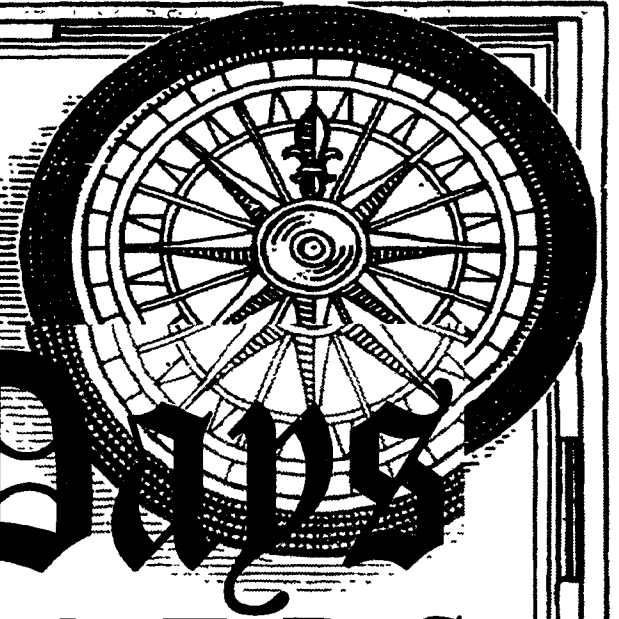
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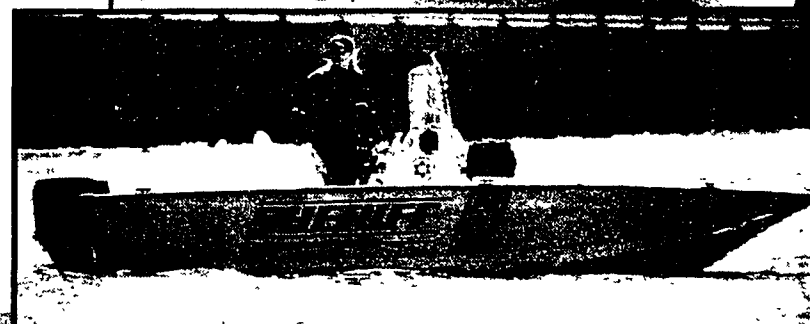


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- Ensure that children are well supervised, and keep small children away from the water.
- Don't swim off the seawall or off any boats attached to the seawall.
- While boating, follow all marine laws, including the wearing of life jackets. Whenever possible, "BOAT WITH A BUDDY."
- Ensure all boats utilized are properly equipped (should you have any questions, contact the CPSO Marine Division at 491-3617).
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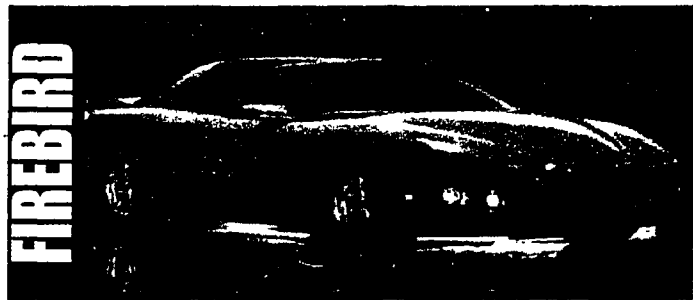
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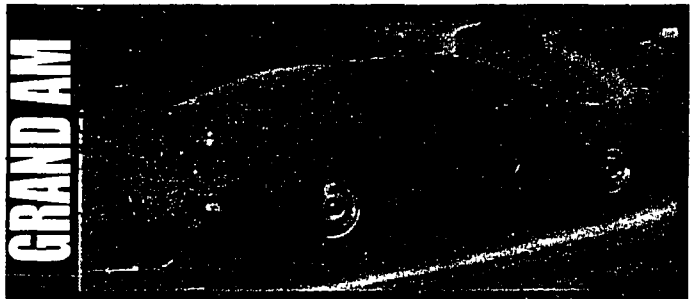
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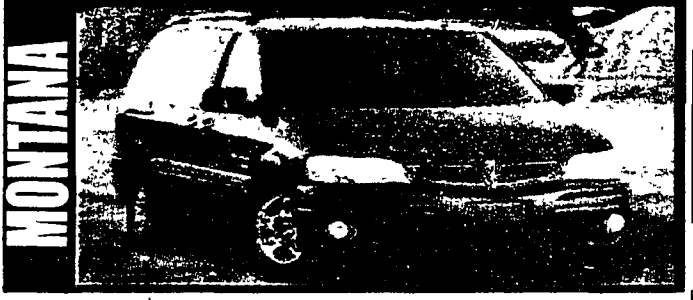
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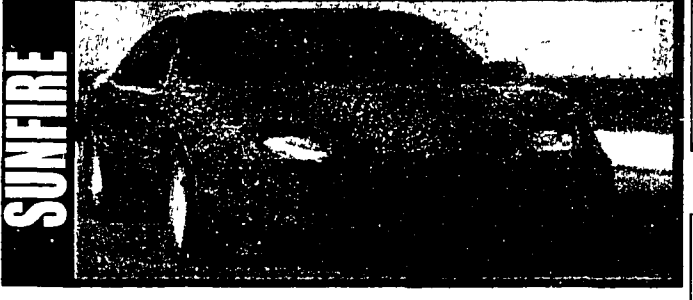
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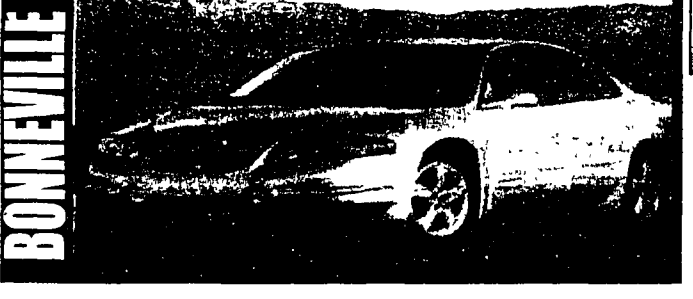
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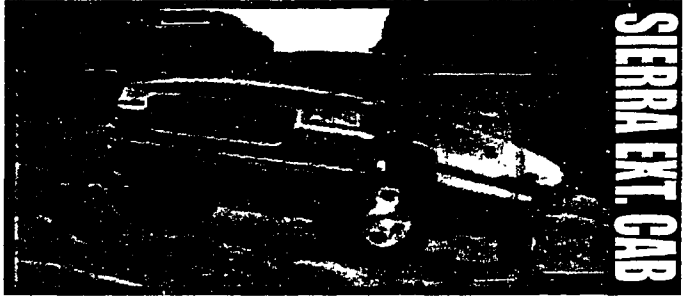


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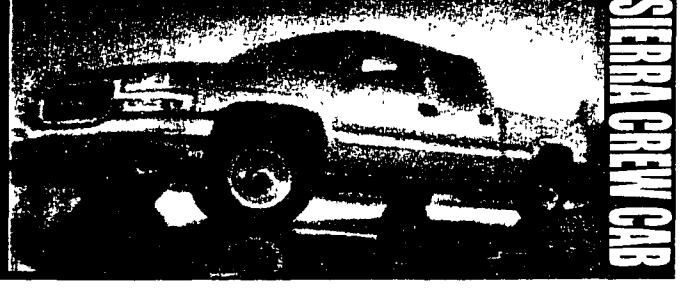
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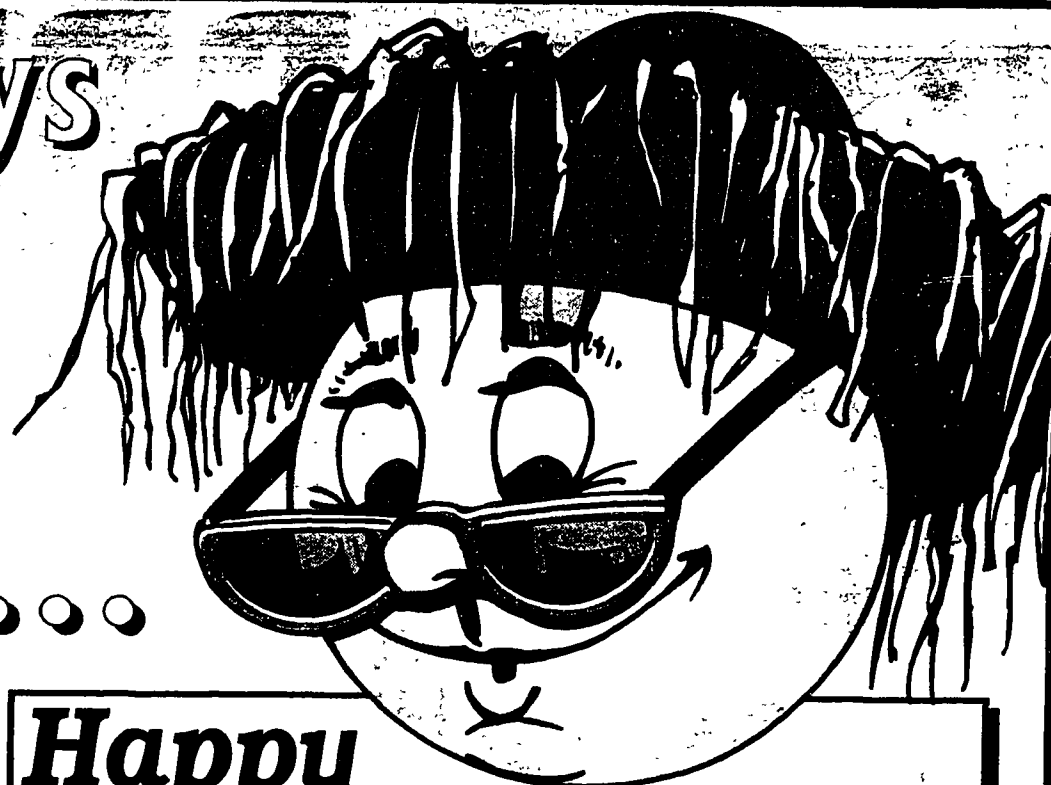
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Contraband Days Festival

Official Schedule of Events

April 30 - May 12, 2002

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TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.
8 a.m.: L.M.E.A. Contraband Days State Choir Festival — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.
8 a.m.: Mallard Cove Ladies Association Contraband Days Golf Tournament — Mallard Cove.
7 p.m.: Contraband Days Parade — Begins at Civic Center (Bord du Lac and Clarence Street), north on Lakeshore Drive to Broad, east on Broad to Ryan Street, south on Ryan ending at Prien Lake Road.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.
8 a.m.: L.M.E.A. Contraband Days State Choir Festival — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Billy Navarre Chevrolet Family Night Gate Day. Alcohol free; no ice chests allowed.

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.
8 a.m.: L.M.E.A. Contraband Days State Choir Festival — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.

9 a.m.: Bank One Contraband Days Tennis Tournament — Lake Charles Racquet Club.
11 a.m.: National Day of Prayer — US Unwired Stage.

Noon: Profit N Loss Association National Prayer Day Luncheon featuring "Dr. John Trent" — Lake Charles Civic Center Buccaneer Room.

4 p.m.: Armstrong Carnival Opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: Rock Wall, Quad Power Jump, Ejection Seat, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: Galley Alley Food Booths — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: Galley Alley Dining Area sponsored by Whitney Bank Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: US Army Recruiting Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: Lake Charles Safe Kids Coalition Bike Ride and Safety — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5:50 p.m.: Mary Poppins with Judith Glatt — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

6 p.m.: Glad Tidings Assembly of God — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

6 p.m.: Contraband Days Official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting — US Unwired Stage.

6:15 p.m.: KZWA 105 presents Washington Marion Lake Charles Boston High School Gospel Show Choirs — US Unwired Stage.

6:30 p.m.: Cameron State Bank presents Dr. Rocks Dinosaur Puppet Theater Shows — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

7:30 p.m.: Billy Navarre Chevrolet Profit N Loss Association, LRC Wireless, KVHP-Fox 29, KAJN 102 FM presents "Salvador" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

7:30 p.m.: Alii Kats Band — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

5 a.m.: KPLC TV SUNRISE "Live at Contraband Days" Show — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

8 a.m.: L.M.E.A. Contraband Days State Choir Festival — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.

9 a.m.: Bank One Contraband Days Tennis Tournament — Lake Charles Racquet Club.

Noon: Bank One Contraband Days Tennis Tournament Celebrity Match — Lake Charles Racquet Club.

Noon: U.S. Naval Reserve LCM-8 Landing Craft and Static Display — Seawall.

4 p.m.: Rock Wall, Ejection Seat, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: Army Recruiting Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: Jean Lafitte and Buccaneer boats enter the lake — Lake.

4:30 p.m.: Lake Charles Militia Cannon Firing to Protect the City — Seawall.

5 p.m.: Armstrong Carnival opens — Lake

Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Buccaneers square off with Ground Patrol and capture the mayor — Seawall.

5 p.m.: Galley Alley Food Booths — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Galley Alley Dining Area sponsored by Whitney Bank — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: World's Largest Live Drag Racing Simulator by Xtreme Reaction — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5:30 p.m.: Buccaneers begin landing on the Seawall — Seawall.

6 p.m.: Jean Lafitte lands and puts mayor on trial — Seawall.

6 p.m.: Mary Poppins with Judith Glatt — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

6:10 p.m.: Coca Cola's Contraband Crazies with Ashley Beyeaux — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

6:30 p.m.: Cameron State Bank presents Dr. Rocks Dinosaur Puppet Theater Shows — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

6:25 p.m.: Jean Lafitte and Buccaneers force mayor "to walk plank" — Seawall.

7 p.m.: KKGB the Rock Beverage Sales — Miller Lite Grand Casino Coshatta Contraband Days presents "Static" — US Unwired Stage.

7 p.m.: Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

7:30 p.m.: Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

8 p.m.: Suncom and B-104 Teen Street Dance with D.J. — Alcohol, Smoke Free Zone — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

9 p.m.: KKGB the Rock Beverage Sales-Miller Lite Grand Casino Coshatta Contraband Days presents "Foghat" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

9:30 p.m.: Alii Kats Band — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9 a.m.: Bank One Contraband Days Tennis Tournament — Lake Charles Racquet Club.

10 a.m.: Young At Art Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

10 a.m.: 12th Annual Contraband Days, Card, Comic and Collectibles Show — Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

10 a.m.: Rock Wall, Ejection Seat, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: US Naval Reserve LCM — 8 Landing Craft and Static Display — Seawall.

10 a.m.: O'Reilly Auto Parts Fifth Annual Contraband Classic and Antique Car Show — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Army Recruiting Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Armstrong Carnival opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: World's Largest Live Drag Racing Simulator by Xtreme Reaction — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Registration — KPLC-TV Spittin' Image Contest — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

11 a.m.: KPLC-TV Spittin' Image Contest — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

Noon: 19th Annual B-104 Crawfish Eating Contest — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

1 p.m.: Cameron State Bank presents Dr. Rocks Dinosaur Puppet Theater Shows — Kids World area.

1 p.m.: Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

1:30 p.m.: Alii Kats — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

3 p.m.: The Buccaneers Third Annual Contraband Pirate Costume Contest — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

4 p.m.: "Sugarhouse" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

4 p.m.: Diedra Whatley and Kountry Kidz — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

5 p.m.: The Sulphur Silver Strutters — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

5:30 p.m.: Coca Cola Contraband Crazies — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

5:50 p.m.: Mary Poppins with Judith Glatt — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

6 p.m.: International Miss Youth Development — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

6 p.m.: KZWA 105 FM Beverage Sales-Miller Lite Contraband Days presents "Step Rideau and the Zydeco Outlaws" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

7 p.m.: Charlotte Eliseaers Vocal Studio — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

8:30 p.m.: KZWA 105 FM Beverage Sales-

Miller Lite Contraband Days presents "Morris Day and the Time" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

8 p.m.: Suncom and B-104 Teen Street Dance with D.J. — Alcohol, Smoke Free Zone — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

9 p.m.: Beau Shyne — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Lake Charles Coca-Cola Market Basket Gate Day. Visit any Market Basket stores for Gate Day discount coupon details.

8 a.m.: Bank One Contraband Days Tennis Tournament — Lake Charles Racquet Club.

9 a.m.: Grand Lake 4-H Club Contraband Days Trap and Clay Target Competition — Lake Charles Gun Club.

11 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

11 a.m.: Ejection Seat, Climbing Rock Wall, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Galley Alley Food Booths — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Galley Alley Dining Area sponsored by Whitney Bank — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Army Recruiting Helicopter Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: World's Largest Live Drag Racing Simulator by Xtreme Reaction — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Naval Reserve LCM-8 Landing Craft and Static Display — Seawall.

11 a.m.: 12th Annual "Card Comics and Collectibles Show" — Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

11 a.m.: Market Basket KYKZ 96 presents Lafitte's Fest-O-Foods — Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

Noon: Matt Armstrong Carnival opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

Noon: Cameron State Bank presents Dr. Rocks Dinosaur Puppet Theater Shows — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

2 p.m.: Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

2:30 p.m.: Ashley Beyeaux — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

3 p.m.: Diedra Whatley and Kountry Kidz — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

3:30 p.m.: "Terry Croft and County Line Band" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

4 p.m.: KYKZ 96 "Sink O De Mayo" Contest — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Alii Kats Band — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

5:30 p.m.: KBIG 99.5 Lake Charles Coca Cola American Press Contraband Days presents "Kingfish" — US Unwired Stage.

7:30 p.m.: KBIG 99.5 Lake Charles Coca Cola American Press Contraband Days presents "John Conlee" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

MONDAY, MAY 6

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Displays — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

6 p.m.: Armstrong Carnival opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

6 p.m.: Armstrong Carnival Opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

6 p.m.: Armstrong Carnival Opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

8:30 a.m.: ACTS presents "Beauty and the Beast" — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.

10:15 a.m.: ACTS presents "Beauty and the Beast" — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.

4 p.m.: Ejection Seat, Rock Wall, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

4 p.m.: Army Recruiting Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Galley Alley Food Booths — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Galley Alley Dining Area sponsored by Whitney Bank — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Armstrong Carnival Opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

6 p.m.: Lake Charles Bait and Tackle Contraband Days Second Annual Kids Cast Contest — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

7 p.m.: Contraband Days and 107.5 FM presents "Sean Ardoin and Zydeko" — US Unwired Stage.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Prien Lake Mall Gate Day. Visit Prien Lake Mall Simon Market Place for gate day discount coupon details.

8 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

10 a.m.: ACTS presents "Beauty and the Beast" — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.

5 p.m.: Galley Alley Food Booths — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Galley Alley Dining Area sponsored by Whitney Bank — Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Ejection Seat, Rock Wall, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Exotic Petting Zoo — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Army Recruiting Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: Armstrong Carnival Opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

5 p.m.: World's Largest Live Drag Racing Simulator by Xtreme Reaction — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

7 p.m.: ACTS presents "Beauty and the Beast" — Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater.

7 p.m.: Punch Dylan Band — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

7 p.m.: Secretary Of State Fox McKeithen and Contraband Days presents "La Cavalcade" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

8 p.m.: Suncom and B-104 Teen Street Dance with D.J. — Alcohol, Smoke Free Zone — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

9:30 p.m.: Coca Cola's Contraband Crazies — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8 a.m.: 27th Annual US Unwired Five Miler — US Unwired Tower.

8 a.m.: B-104 Beach Volleyball Classic — North Beach.

8 a.m.: L.C. Yacht Club presents the Third Annual Contraband Days Sailboat Regatta, registration at Yacht Club — North Beach.

10 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

10 a.m.: Kodak presents Picture Planet Experience — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Galley Alley Food Booths Open — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Galley Alley Food Booth Dining Area sponsored by Whitney Bank — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino Cajun Days presents "Joe Simon and Louisiana Cajuns" — Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

10 a.m.: Ejection Seat, Rock Wall, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Exotic Petting Zoo — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: Armstrong Carnival Opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10 a.m.: World's Largest Live Drag Racing Simulator by Xtreme Reaction — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

10:30 a.m.: L.C. Yacht Club presents the 32nd Annual Contraband Days Sailboat Regatta — Lake.

11 a.m.: Kaleidoscopes presents 14th Annual Contraband Days Arm Wrestling Tourney Weigh-in — Lake Charles Civic Center Ground, Seawall Stage.

Noon: Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino Cajun Days presents "Blackie Fruge, Milford Simon and the Hix Wagon Wheel Ramblers" — Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

Noon: Team 3:16 Christian Praise Dancers — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

1 p.m.: Kaleidoscopes 14th Annual Contraband Days Arm Wrestling Tournament — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds, Seawall Stage.

11 a.m.: Ejection Seat, Rock Wall, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Army Recruiting Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Exotic Petting Zoo — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

1 p.m.: Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

1:30 p.m.: Kayla Woodson — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

2 p.m.: Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

2 p.m.: Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino Cajun Days presents "Mack Manuel and the L.C. Ramblers" — Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

2:30 p.m.: B-104 presents "Canvas Red" — US Unwired Stage.

4 p.m.: B-104 presents "Barbe High School Show Choir" — US Unwired Stage.

4 p.m.: Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino Cajun Days presents "Cajun Spice Band" — Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

4 p.m.: Cynthia Mere's Les Dancers — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

5 p.m.: Kayla Woodson — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

5:30 p.m.: "XAT 43" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

7:30 p.m.: LA 92.9 Contraband Days presents "Percy Sledge with Louisiana Express" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

8 p.m.: Suncom and B-104 Teen Street Dance with D.J. — Alcohol, Smoke Free Zone — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

8 p.m.: Coca Cola presents "At the Malt Shop" — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

10 p.m.: Global Industries, Ltd., American Press, Lake Charles Coca Cola, LA 92.9, Contraband Days presents "Celebrate America" Spectacular Fireworks Show — Seawall/Lake.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Sprint PCS Gate Day. Visit any area Sprint PCS store for gate day discount coupon details.

11 a.m.: Ejection Seat, Rock Wall, Quad Power Jump, Bullride — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Army Recruiting Static Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Exotic Petting Zoo — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: "Young At Art" Display — Lake Charles Civic Center Lobby.

11 a.m.: Galley Alley Food Booths Open — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Galley Alley Food Booth Dining Area sponsored by Whitney Bank — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: World's Largest Live Drag Racing Simulator by Xtreme Reaction — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

11 a.m.: Kodak Picture presents Planet Experience — Kids World — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

Noon: Armstrong Carnival opens — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

2 p.m.: KYKZ 96 "Egg Drop" Contest — Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

2 p.m.: Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

2:30 p.m.: Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz — Circular Wireless Kids World Stage.

3 p.m.: "Sabine River Band" in concert — US Unwired Stage.

3 p.m.: Louisiana Choral Foundation presents an inaugural youth concert by Les Petites Voix — Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theatre.

4 p.m.: Sprint PCS presents Contraband Days Boat Parade — Seawall.

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THURSDAY, MAY 2

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FRIDAY, MAY 3

Unlimited rides wristband, 6-11 p.m., \$15 per person. Wristbands go on sale at 6 p.m. and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Unlimited rides wristband, noon-11 p.m., \$15 per person. Wristbands go on sale at noon, and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Unlimited rides wristband, noon to 10 p.m., \$15 per person. Wristbands go on sale at noon, and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 6

Unlimited rides wristband, 6-11 p.m., \$12 per person. Wristbands go on sale at 6 p.m., and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Unlimited rides wristband, 6-11 p.m., \$12 per person. Wristbands go on sale at 6 p.m., and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

Pre-sale platinum passes available until May 3

Contraband Days Festival and Matt Armstrong Carnival is offering a pre-sale only "carnival ride platinum pass."

The carnival ride platinum pass is good for unlimited carnival rides — all day every day — for 11 days, May 2-12.

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Passes are on sale now at all Cameron State Bank Locations, and will not be sold after Friday, May 3.

For more information on Contraband Days events, visit the Web site at www.contrabanddays.com or call 436-5508.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Unlimited rides wristband, 6-11 p.m., \$12 per person. Wristbands go on sale at 6 p.m., and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Unlimited rides wristband, 6-11 p.m., \$12 per person. Wristbands go on sale at 6 p.m., and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Unlimited rides wristband, 6-11 p.m., \$15 per person. Wristbands go on sale at 6 p.m., and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Unlimited rides wristband, noon-11 p.m., \$15 per person. Wristbands go on sale at noon, and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Unlimited rides wristband, noon-10 p.m., \$15 per person. Wristbands go on sale at noon, and sales stop at 9:30 p.m.

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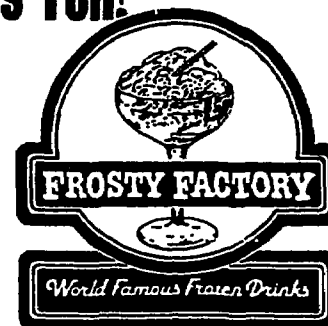
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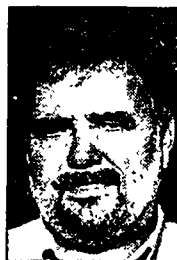
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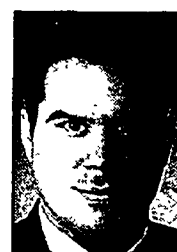
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UNTIL MAY 3

Pre-sale gate passes \$7 for entire festival

Daily gate admission is \$3

A limited number of pre-sale gate admission passes for the Contraband Days Festival, April 30-May 12, are on sale now for a limited time. These passes will not be sold after May 3.

Pre-sale cost is \$7 for gate admission during the entire festival.

Gate admission is \$3 daily. No charge for pre-school children.

The passes can be purchased at all Cameron State Bank locations in the three-parish region and at Ship to Shore on Lake Street.

For more information, contact the Contraband Days Office at 436-5508. For the latest in festival information, log on to the Web site at www.contrabanddays.com.

ATTRACTIONS

Galley Alley

Two new dining areas will be available at Contraband Days 2002.

Whitney Bank will sponsor Galley Alley dining area tents near the Galley Alley food booths on the Civic Center grounds.

In concert

"X-IT 43" will perform in concert at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, on the US Unwired Stage.

Naval Reserve

The U.S. Naval Reserve Division from Orange will dock at the Lake Charles Civic Center Seawall Friday-Sunday, May 3-5.

The ACU-1 reserve unit as well as the LCM-8 landing craft will also participate in the Contraband Days festivities.

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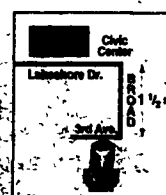
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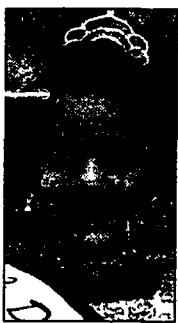
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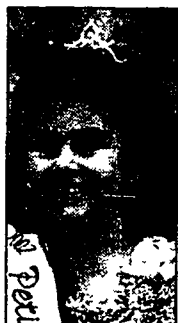
Jr. Miss
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Mona Lisa Hilerio



Little Miss
Kelsie Benoit



Petite Miss
Callie Brevette



Master Jean LaFitte
Kyle Huber

Joining Jean LaFitte and Miss Contraband Days 2002 during their reign over the festival April 30-May 12 are: Teen Miss Contraband Lauren Brown; Jr. Miss Contraband Amber Benoit; Deb Miss Contraband Mona Lisa Hilerio; Little Miss Contraband Kelsie Benoit; Petite Miss Contraband, Callie Brevette; and Master Jean LaFitte, Kyle Huber. Lauren is the 16-year-old daughter of Bill and Janice Brown of DeQuincy and a sophomore at DeQuincy High School. Amber is the 12-year-old daughter of Wendell and Stephanie Benoit of Sulphur and a seventh-grade student at LeBlanc Middle School. Mona Lisa is the 10-year-old daughter of Jose and Diane Hilerio of Sulphur and a fourth-grade student at Frasch Elementary School. Kelsie is the 6-year-old daughter of Jeremy and Ashley White of Sulphur and a first-grade student at Frasch Elementary School. Callie is the 5-year-old daughter of Mark and Laurie Brevette of Lake Charles and a kindergarten student at Grand Lake High School. Kyle is the 4-year-old son of Todd and Victoria Huber of Lake Charles and a Pre-K student at St. John Elementary School.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

B104 taking it to the beach with 2002 Volleyball Classic

B104 presents the 2002 Contraband Days Beach Volleyball Classic on Saturday, May 11.

A captain's meeting begins at 8:15 a.m., and the tournament is expected to last until early evening.

The first 300 players to complete registration will receive a free T-shirt and gift bag on the morning of the tournament.

The three divisions include:

■ **Power division** — Prizes for more experienced teams are \$500 for first-place and \$400 for second-place.

■ **Intermediate division** — Prizes for teams between pro and amateur skill levels are \$300 for first-place, \$200 for second-place and \$100 for first-place.

■ **Fun division** — This division is for those playing just to have fun. First-, second- and third-place teams receive trophies.

The fun division also features a "Corporate Challenge" for Lake-Area businesses to challenge each other. The winners keep the trophy until Contraband Days 2003, when they must defend their title.

Each division allows a limited number of teams with a fee of \$10 per person. Entry fees will be donated to the McNeese State University girl's volleyball team.

Call B104 at 439-3300 for entry and waiver forms; or visit the B104 Web site at www.kbiu.com to download the forms.

WEEKEND OF MAY 3-5

rawfish Eating Contest

B104 presents the annual B104 rawfish Eating Contest at noon Saturday, May 4, on Bord du Lac Drive behind the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Contestants will compete to see who can eat the most crawfish in the least time.

For more information on registering, call 439-3300.

on the Civic Center grounds. The banner will be sent to the 519 Military Police Battalion stationed in Afghanistan.

There will be an OH-58 D Helicopter Static display Friday-Sunday, May 3-5.

For more information contact Sgt. Dickey at 477-3760.

Sugarhouse in concert

Sugarhouse will perform at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, on the US Unwired Stage on the Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds.

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Lake Charles Army Recruiting Station will have a banner for the public to sign Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5,

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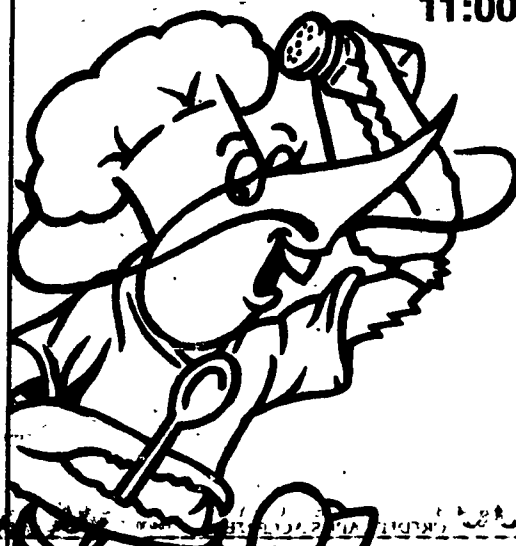
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ACTS will present 'Beauty and the Beast'

MAY 9-10

Artists Civic Theatre and Studio will perform its student musical production of *Beauty and the Beast* at 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Thursday, May 9; 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, May 10, in the Civic Center Rosa Hart Theatre.

The latest production by the Civic Students Theatre division of ACTS boasts 33 students, colorful costumes, a tuneful score and numbers of production values.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$7 for adults for each performance and can be purchased at the Civic Center box office.

Schools may attend any of the day performances and should scheduled seating in advance by calling 436-5908.

ACTS has performed during Contraband Days for more than 25 years.

Beauty is being portrayed by Beth Anderson, daughter of James and Tara Anderson. She is a student at Episcopal Day School.

Dietrich Jessen will portray the Prince/Beast. He is the son of Walter and Melissa Jessen and attends Prien Lake Elementary School.

Other students in the production:

■ *Beauty's* father, Messier LaTour — Alex Boutte; son of Marcus and Denise Boutte.

■ *Spoon and Demitasse* — Cydney and Jodi Chatters, children of Bernard and Rachael Chatters.

■ *Beauty's* suitor, Valon, and friend Lesappes — Lane



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Dietrich Jessen and Beth Anderson dress the parts for the upcoming musical "*Beauty and the Beast*" scheduled Thursday-Friday, May 9-10.

and Ty Clavier; children of Darrell and Stephanie Clavier.

■ *Hortense*, a floppy dog — Callie Clement; daughter of Thomas and Ondrea Clement.

■ *Rouelle* — Kodi Darbonne; daughter of Maritza Darbonne.

■ *Sterling* — Caitlin Delafield; daughter of Rhonda Thomas.

■ *Singing teapot* — Allison Gimnick; daughter of John and Amy Gimnick.

■ *Madame LeBon* — Kaylen Fletcher; daughter of Stuart and Kire Fletcher.

■ *Madame Capuchee* — Kristen Hinton; daughter of Alan and Briget Hinton.

■ *Pierre* — Austin Holleman; son of Mike and Martha Holleman.

■ *Mme. Tournet* — Bonnie LeDoux; daughter of Christa LeDoux.

■ *Beauty's* friend, Marianne — Bailey Lee; daughter of Chad and Brandi Lee.

■ *Sisters to Beauty*, Isabelle and Annabelle — Lauren Leung, daughter of Tony and Josefa Leung; and Courtney Shaw, daughter of Richard and Gina Shaw.

■ *Compote* — Emmelyn Leung; daughter of Tony and Josefa Leung.

■ *Knife* — Lara Lignitz; daughter of Larry and Shelley Lignitz.

■ *Celeste* — Kristina Loftin; daughter of Manette Phillips.

■ *Trivet and Goblet* — Margaret and Anne Monk; daughters of Billy and Aimee Monk.

■ *Store clerk, Herman* — Matthew McElveen; son of Hank and Melissa McElveen.

■ *Teensy Louise* — Hannah Reed; daughter of Thomas and Janet Reed.

■ *Madame Petite* — Brandi Roessler; granddaughter of Betty McMillan.

■ *Madame LaRousse* — Stephanie Roetzel; daughter of Kendall and Sharry Roetzel.

■ *Jacques* — Blaine Simon; son of Richard and Carolyn Dever and Dennis Simon.

■ *Tremor* — Logan Soileau; son of Mike and Pauline Soileau.

■ *Madame Bonnelle and Hotpad* — Alexandra and Nathaniel Thompson; children of Richard and Norma Thompson.

■ *Pansy the cat* — Camille Ward; daughter of Clay and Paige Ward.

■ *Veronique* — Somer Yarbrough; daughter of Jim and Debbie Yarbrough.

Marc Pettaway is the director, with assistance from Betty McMillan, Janet Reed and Ondrea Clement.

EVENTS

Sink-o de Mayo-o

KYKZ is bringing the Cinco de Mayo celebration to Contraband Days on Sunday, May 5 — with a twist.

KYKZ presents "Sink-o de Mayo-o" at 4 p.m. on the Civic Center grounds.

Contestants will compete for prizes by sticking their head into a sink filled with mayonnaise. The winning contestant must find a small ball hidden in the sink using only their mouths.

Egg Drop

The radio station KYKZ 96 will sponsor an Egg Drop at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 12, on the Civic Center grounds.

An egg will be dropped from a crane and the contestant on the ground will attempt to catch it with his or her hands. The egg must stay intact.

The competition will continue until the process of elimination leaves one winner.

KYKZ encourages the public to participate and see who will go the longest without getting egg on the face.

Target competition

The Grand Lake Junior 4-H Club will host a trap and clay target competition at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Lake Charles Gun Club, 600 Ward Line Road, off of La. 14.

Divisions are: men, women, junior (14-19) and sub-junior (9-13). Shotguns will be awarded to each division winner.

Food and drink will be available for sale.

For more information, call Cypi Atwell at (337) 598-4299.

Runa Pacha Band

The Runa Pacha Band will appear on the Lake Charles Civic Center grounds during both weekends.

Runa Pacha is a group of five Indian musicians from the Andes Mountains village of Otavalo in South America.

Runa Pacha plays traditional songs and musical instruments such as pan pipes, charango, guitar, flutes and drums — some of which are still used by the Incan descendants of Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru.

Foghat concert featured opening weekend of festival

The Long Island, N.Y.-based group Foghat is set to perform at 9 p.m. Friday, May 3, on the US Unwired Stage. Static will open at 7 p.m.

With a total of six gold albums and one platinum and double-platinum album, Foghat is best known for hits like "Slow Ride" and "Fool for the City."

The band features drummer Roger Earl, bassist Tony Stevens, lead guitarist Bryan Bassett and

vocalist Charlie Huhn.

Stevens said, "Fans can expect an absolute rock show, complete with Foghat's own brand of blues-based rock."

The show is free to Contraband attendees and sponsored by KKGB, Miller Lite/Beverage Sales, Grand Casino Coushatta and Contraband Days.

For more information, call KKGB at 439-3300 or e-mail Kevin@kkgb.com.

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EVENTS

Cajun Days

Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino presents Cajun Days Saturday, May 11, at the Civic Center Exhibition Hall. Scheduled events include:

10 a.m.-noon: Joe Simon and the Louisiana Cajuns with William LaBoue on accordion.

Noon- 2 p.m.: Blackie Fruge, Milford Simon and the Hix Wagon Wheel Ramblers.

2-4 p.m.: Mack Manuel and the LC Ramblers.

4-6 p.m.: Cajun Spice Band.

Costume Contest

The Buccaneers of Lake Charles are sponsoring the Third Annual Contraband Days Costume Contest at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, on the Kid's World Stage. The contest is free to enter.

Costumes will be judged in the following age groups: ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11.

Every child who enters will leave with a prize. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the best costume in each age group.

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Fireworks will 'Celebrate America' May 11 on lakefront

The Contraband Days Fireworks Spectacular is set for 10 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Lake Charles Civic Center Seawall and Lakefront. The event will follow the Percy Sledge concert.

The theme of the show is "Celebrate America."

Music will be simulcast with LA-92.9 FM and KBIG 99.5 radio stations. Sponsors of the fireworks show are LA-92.9 FM, Global Industries, American Press, Lake Charles Coca-Cola and Contraband Days.

SATURDAY, MAY 11



LA-92.9 brings Percy Sledge to the US Unwired Stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11. Sledge is known for such hit songs as "When a Man Loves a Woman," "It Tears Me Up," "Warm And Tender Love" and "Take Time To Know Her." Louisiana Express will open the show with oldies tunes prior to Sledge's performance.

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Louisiana Express

Arm wrestling Championships May 11

The 15th Annual Contraband Days Armwrestling Championships will begin with weigh-in 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Civic Center Seawall Stage.

Competition commences at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$20. The first 100 entrants will receive tournament T-shirts. For tournament information, contact The Compassionate Friends at 436-9625.

The Contraband Days Armwrestling Championships has become the largest and most competitive arm sport event in the Gulf South. From its beginnings in 1988, it has grown to a nationally known and respected event attended by world-class pullers from Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas as well as all over Louisiana.

The 2002 contest will feature competition in nine weight classes in three divisions. They are:

- Men's right-handed division: under 132 pounds, 133-154 pounds, 155-176 pounds, 177-198 pounds and 199+ pounds.
- Men's left-handed division: Light, middle and heavy.
- Women's division: right-handed open weight class.



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The Contraband Days Armwrestling Championships has become the largest and most competitive arm sport event in the Gulf South.

Sculptures and trophies will be awarded to the top three pullers in each division.

Guest referees will be National Champion Armwrestlers David Randall of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Tom Watson of Chantilly, Va.

All proceeds go to The Compassionate Friends of Southwest Louisiana. The Compassionate Friends is a national self-help organization for families who are grieving the death of a child at any age from any cause.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Set your sails for regatta

The Lake Charles Yacht Club will sponsor the annual Contraband Days Sailboat Regatta on Saturday, May 11.

Registration for the event, held since 1969, begins at 8 a.m. at the Yacht Club, 1305 North Lakeshore Drive, under the Interstate 10 bridge.

A skippers meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. A total of three races, weather permitting, will begin at 10:30 a.m.

All classes of sailboats

are invited to participate.

Entry fee is \$25 and includes food and drink at the after-party.

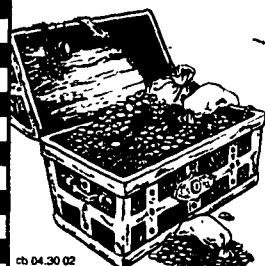
Trophies will be given for the top three finishers in each class. T-shirts will be on sale.

The public is invited to view the regatta from the lakefront.

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Puppet show sure to please

Performances begin on Family Night

Cameron State Bank presents Dr. Rocks Dinosaur Adventure Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5 and May 9-12, in the Contraband Days Kids World Area on the Civic Center grounds.

Dr. Rock's Dinosaur Adventure consists of a unique and exciting children and family entertainment puppet show. The adventure interacts with children as well as adults through dialogue, comedy and songs.

Performance times are:

■ Thursdays, May 2, 9 — 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

■ Fridays, May 3, 10 — 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

■ Saturdays, May 4, 11 — 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

■ Sundays, May 5, 12 — 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Rock consists of five characters: Dr. Rock, a paleontologist; Dyno, an Iguanodon; Fossil, a Pteranodon; Tyro, a Triceratops; and Rex, a Compsognathus. One or two dinosaur characters will greet the children after every show.

The characters are about 7 feet tall and will sign autographs, talk and interact with children of all ages.

EVENTS

Fest-O-Foods

Market Basket Stores will present the Lafitte Fest-O-Foods 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall. KYKZ-96 will provide music.

A sheet of tickets for \$5 can be used to sample a wide variety of foods from area restaurants, organizations and individuals.

There is no admission charge.

For more information, call the Contraband Days Office at 436-5508 or visit the Web site at www.contrabanddays.com.

For more information on booths, call Richard Cole, Food Fest chairman, at 437-3461.

Spittin' Image

KPLC's Spittin' Image Contest is a mother-daughter or father-son look-a-like contest that offers great prizes for the team that most resembles each other.

The contest will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, behind the Civic Center.

You can tip the scales in your favor by dressing alike or practicing the same walk. No talent or performance is required, just walk on stage and let our judges decide how much you favor your teammate.

Pick up your registration form at the KPLC Studios located at 320 Division St. or register at 10 a.m. in the front of the Children's Stage.

SUNDAY, MAY 5



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Conlee, Kingfish in concert

A concert featuring John Conlee will be held Sunday, May 5, on the US Unwired Stage. Sponsors are KBIG-99, Lake Charles Coca-Cola and the American Press. Opening act at 5:30 p.m. is the group Kingfish. Conlee is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Conlee has released 29 singles with 26 of them charting in the Top 20 or better. Hits include "Rose Colored Glasses," "Miss Emily's Picture," "Common Man," "Back Side of Thirty" and more. He has participated in nine Farm Aid concerts. Lake Charles-based Kingfish began in 1998 and plays a variety of Cajun, rock 'n' roll, zydeco, country, and rhythm and blues.



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High School Show Choir takes the stage May 11



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In its 10th year, The Barbe High School Show Choir, "The Last Hour," will appear at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11, on the US Unwired Stage.

B104 and Contraband Days present the High School Show Choir at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, on the US Unwired Stage.

High school choirs from across the area will perform.

In its 10th year, The Barbe High School Show Choir, "The Last Hour," will also appear at 4 p.m.

The choir's style includes classic rock, R&B, rap, ska, country, and pop with occasional performances of New

Orleans rhythm and blues, jazz, and Cajun/zydeco music.

"The Last Hour" features seven singers, Kristine Killingsworth, Jessica Martin, Tiffany Mitchell, Kathleen Mocklin, Beau Moss, Nick Gregory and Matt Torres; five instrumentalists, Joseph Darbonne, Mikey Hart, Matt Rusnak, Shane Monds and Matt Chafin.

Sound technicians are Daniel Miller and Sidney "Big Sid" Walker.

Teen street dance both weekends

Suncom and B104 will present the Teen Street Dance both weekends of Contraband Days Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, and again on the second weekend, Friday-Saturday, May 10-11.

The street dance will be

held outdoors 8-11 p.m. on the Civic Center grounds in a fenced area, which will be an alcohol-free and smoke-free zone. It will be monitored by security, and no one over 18 will be allowed.

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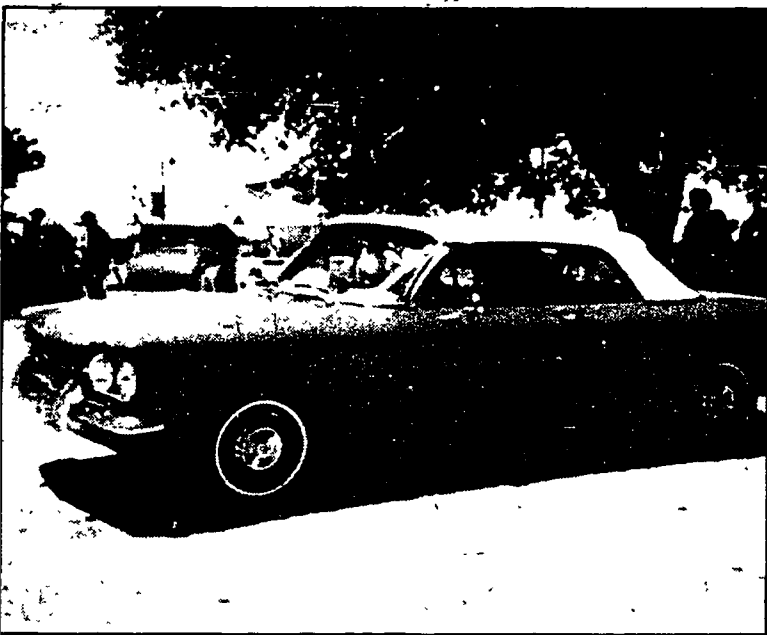


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Car show

O'Reilly Automotive will host its fifth annual Contraband Days Classic and Antique car show 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, on the Civic Center Grounds. The first 200 entrants will receive goody bags. All entrants will receive dash plaques. Drawings will be held for door prizes. Trophies will be awarded to the top three vehicles in all eight categories. Admission is free.

Five-mile, one-mile races May 11

The Lake Area Runners and US Unwired present the annual Five Mile and One Mile Kid's runs at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 11.

The US Unwired building, on the corner of Pujo Street and Lakeshore Drive, will serve as race headquarters.

Awards will be given to the top three competitors in the five-year age groups 18-70 in

both female and male categories. Special awards will be given to the first male and female runners older than 40; all children in the one-mile race will receive an award.

A post-race party will include pizza, cold drinks, beer and massages.

Race registration will end at 7:45 a.m. Before May 6, registration is \$15 for the Five

Miler and \$8 for the One Mile.

After May 6 and on race day, Five Miler registration is \$20; the One Mile remains at \$8.

Applications can be picked up at Gigi's Downtown, Gigi's-Nelson Road, Athlete's Corner and Academy Sports. To register online, visit www.cox-internet.com/lakearearunners.

EVENTS

Tennis tournament

The Lake Charles Racquet Club will host the 2002 Contraband Tennis Tournament, sponsored by Bank One, Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5.

Qualifying rounds for the open divisions will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 2. Prize money is \$15,000.

The celebrity match between Art Hollins and David Doherty of Bank One and a surprise local celebrity

team will start at noon Friday, May 3. The Buccaneers will make the losing team "walk the plank" into the pool.

All events are sanctioned by the LTA and USTA and apply towards State and Southern ranking. Admission is free. For more information, call 433-1647.

Boat parade

The Sprint PCS Contraband Days boat parade is sched-

uled for 4 p.m. Sunday, May 12. There are no entry fees for the parade, and awards will be presented for the best-decorated entries in each division. All participants must fill out an entry form.

Forms are available at the Contraband Days office, Ship to Shore and Sprint PCS locations or e-mail lloydlauw@aol.com. Come join in the fun at the Sprint PCS Boat Parade.

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Here's the lineup for Kids World Stage

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 5:50-6 p.m. — Mary Poppins, with Judith Glatt.
- 6-7:30 p.m. — Glad Tidings Assembly of God (puppets, clowns, skits and music).
- 7:30 p.m.-until — Alli Kats Band

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 6-6:10 p.m. — Mary Poppins, with Judith Glatt.
- 6:10-6:50 p.m. — Coca-Cola's Contraband Crazies (magic, music, contests and more) with Ashley Beyeaux.
- 6:50-7 p.m. — Mary Poppins, with Judith Glatt.
- 7-7:30 p.m. — Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier (country, pop, and gospel).
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz.
- 9:30-until — Alli Kats Band.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — KPLC's Spittin' Image Contest.
- 1-1:30 p.m. — Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier (country, pop, and gospel).
- 1:30-3 p.m. — Alli Kats Band.
- 3-4 p.m. — The Buccaneers' Costume Contest.
- 4-5 p.m. — Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz.
- 5-5:30 p.m. — The Sulphur Silver Strutters.
- 5:30-5:50 p.m. — Coca-Cola's Contraband Crazies (magic, music, contests and more) with Ashley Beyeaux.
- 5:50-6 p.m. — Mary Poppins, with Judith Glatt.
- 6-7 p.m. — International Miss Youth Development Organization.
- 7-9 p.m. — Charlotte Ellsafer's Vocal Studio.
- 9 p.m.-until — Beau Shyne (country band).

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 2-2:30 p.m. — Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier (country, pop, and gospel).
- 2:30-3 p.m. — Ashley Beyeaux.
- 3-5 p.m. — Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz.
- 5 p.m.-until — Alli Kats Band.



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Coca-Cola presents Dolby Elementary in "At the Malt Shop" — a musical comedy starring, from left, Rowdy Runte, Camryn Miller and Judith Glatt.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- 7-8:30 p.m. — Punch Dylan Band.
- 9:30-10:30 p.m. — Coca-Cola's Contraband Crazies (Mary Poppins' Magic Show, music, contests and more).

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- Noon-1 p.m. — Team 3:16 Christian Praise Dancers.
- 1-1:30 p.m. — Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier (country, pop, and gospel).
- 1:30-2 p.m. — Kayla Woodson.
- 2-4 p.m. — Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz.
- 4-5 p.m. — Cynthia Mere's Les Dancers.
- 5-5:30 p.m. — Kayla Woodson.
- 8-9:30 p.m. — Coca-Cola presents "At the Malt Shop".

Sunday, May 12

- 2-2:30 p.m. — Sheila Doucet and Rhea Dozier (country, pop, and gospel).
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. — Deidra Whatley and the Kountry Kidz.
- 4:30-6 p.m. — Coca-Cola's Contraband Crazies (magic, music, contests and more) with Ashley Beyeaux.



Judith Glatt, a regular performer at Contraband Days, will magically tidy up the nursery as Mary Poppins in "A Spoonful of Sugar".

SPECIAL TO THE AMERICAN PRESS

Judith Glatt is featured performer

Judith Glatt, 11, has been a featured performer on the Kids World Stage for the last five years. Her elaborate numbers combine music, magic, puppets, special effects, pyrotechnics and comedy to bring a number of characters to the stage including Pippi Longstockings, Shirley Temple, Annette Funicello, Hayley Mills, Ann-Margaret, Bayou Suzette and this year —

Mary Poppins.

Glatt has been recognized by the Louisiana Alliance for Arts Education as one of the Top six talents in Louisiana and has charmed audiences throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana with her magic shows.

Glatt will appear throughout both weekends of Contraband Days on the Cingular Wireless Kids World Stage.

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One or two people can be launched together. Riders reactions are shown live by an on-board camera system. Video copies of rides are available for purchase.

Toups in concert

Wayne Toups and Zydecajun will perform at 7:30 p.m.



Wayne Toups

Sunday, May 12, on the US Unwired Stage at the Arcade Pavilion.

Toups' music is a fusion of French-language material and the R & B textures of zydeco music.

Key West, the opening act, will perform at 5 p.m. The free event is sponsored by KYKZ 96 and Global Industries, Miller Lite Beverage Sale and Contraband Days.

Lost Children Booth

The Salvation Army will host a Lost Children Booth near the Kids World Area.

Helicopter rescue

The U.S. Coast Guard Air Station of Houston will have a mock helicopter rescue at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 12.

A Dolphin helicopter will assist in the rescue of the mock victim.

The Dolphin is the Coast Guard's primary search and rescue asset. It normally hovers 40 feet above the water during rescue operations. A rescue swimmer enters the water or vessel in distress to assist with evacuation using a "horsecollar" sling or basket.

In a normal year, the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary rescues more than 650 people at sea.

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Cards, Comics and Collectibles Show

Khristian Guidry, Carmen Rigmaiden, Kayla Guidry and Caleb Rigmaiden display some of the items that will be available during the 12th Annual Card, Comics and Collectibles Show May 4-5. The show will be held 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 5, on the first floor Exhibition Hall of the Lake Charles Civic Center. Players from the Lake Charles Landsharks will sign autographs on both days. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded. Dealers from Louisiana and Texas will be at the show. Local dealers include Retro-Sports, Paper Heroes and Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

MAY 10-12

See the latest in digital technology and film at Kodak Picture Planet

The Kodak Picture Planet will visit Contraband Days on Friday, May 10-Sunday, May 12. The traveling exhibit will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on May 10, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on May 11 and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on May 12.

Eastman Kodak Company recently introduced Kodak Picture Planet, a traveling exhibit that offers consumers a personalized introduction to Kodak's latest products and services in film or digital technology.

The 53-foot traveling exhibit is staffed by a team of picture experts. It offers consumers 1,000 square feet of interactive, entertaining picture education — including how-to seminars, themed entertainment solutions, a Kodak product playground and interactive picture kiosks.

Some of the activities the Kodak Picture Planet offers:

■ "Your Kodak Moment" fantasy theater offers guests a chance to pose in front of a blank "green screen" to create personalized pictures of themselves superimposed over a variety of images.

■ Interactive kiosks provide guests the chance to take pictures, play with the image, print the photo and share the image through a picture postcard.

■ Kodak experts will be available to provide photography tips and techniques. They will also have showcase a variety of new products and services in both film and digital technology.

Kodak Picture Planet made an appearance at the Winter Olympics and kicked off a nationwide tour in March.

For more information, log on to <http://www.kodak.com/US/en/corp/picturePlanet>.

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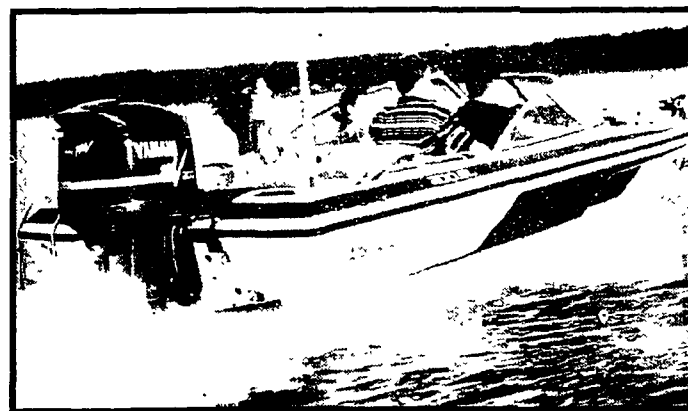
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