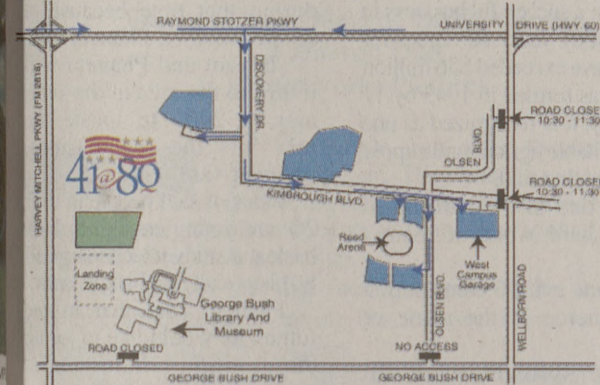


Public viewing area to be open for Bush jump

41 @ 80

There will be a public viewing area for former President Bush's parachute jump at the George Bush Presidential Library on Sunday.



- Room for 5,000
- Parking areas will open at 10 a.m.
- Spectators should bring sunscreen, water, hats, or umbrellas
- In the event of inclement weather, the jump will be canceled
- GENERAL PARKING**
- PUBLIC VIEWING AREA**

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By Shawn Millender
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The George Bush Forty-One has announced that a viewing area will be open to the general public for former President George Bush's parachute jump at the George Bush Presidential Library on Sunday.

The George Bush Forty-One Endowment is a campaign to raise \$41 million to benefit the Bush Library Foundation, the Points of Light Foundation and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Parking for the event will open at 10 a.m. and the space will accommodate 5,000 spectators.

"We are pleased to open this event to the general public free of

charge, and our goal is to accommodate as many people as we safely can," said Roman Popaduk, the executive director of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation. "We strongly urge those who join us Sunday to come prepared with their own sunscreen, water, hats and umbrellas."

Bush is scheduled to jump with the Golden Knights, the U.S. Army Parachute Team. Actor Chuck Norris and Fox News Managing Editor Brit Hume will also be jumping with the former president.

Dr. Olivia Bannon, who is working hospitality for Saturday's 41@80 festivities in Houston, plans to attend the event.

"I think this is very exciting," Bannon said. "He's 80 years old

and has a lot of energy. This is a man who won't let his age slow him down."

The Aggie Wranglers, The Oakridge Boys and The Singing Cadets will all be on hand to perform.

"It's going to be an exciting time," said Aggie Wrangler President Jared Chastain. "It's a real privilege to be invited to a part of something like this."

Chastain said this is the third time in the past year the Aggie Wranglers have performed for Bush.

In case of rain or high winds, the jump will be canceled. The Weather Channel has indicated a 10 percent chance of rain on Sunday and the forecast is mostly sunny.

Bush Library honors Reagan with memorial

By Suzy Green
THE BATTALION

A memorial honoring President Ronald Reagan is open to the public in the rotunda of the George Bush Presidential Library through July 5.

"We join the nation in mourning the passing of a great president and statesman," said Douglas



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Menarchik, director of the Bush Library. More than 400 visitors have signed the memorial scroll with messages of sympathy since it was put on display Monday. The scroll will be sent to Reagan's family in July.

"I just wanted to make the effort to express my condolences after Reagan and his family dedicated so much of their lives to our country," said Heather Ottmers, a junior biomedical sciences major.

All presidential libraries have created memorials to Reagan in observance of the traditional 30-day period of national mourning. "We thought the scroll was a good way to get the public involved," Menarchik said.

Many entries thank Reagan for his impact on the United States. A message signed by Jim Anderson said, "You showed America how to stand and be counted for what we believe in. Thank you."

A photograph of Reagan, Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev at a 1988 peace summit on Governor's Island is displayed beside the scroll to remind visitors of Reagan's connection to Bush, his former vice president.

Reagan had a large impact on the character and leadership development of former President Bush, Menarchik said.

"Reagan's leadership lasted not only through his presidency, but also through the term of former President Bush. Now his influence continues to be seen through George W. Bush," Ottmers said.

Gifts or memorabilia will not be accepted because of security concerns, said Brian Blake, director of public relations for the Bush Library.

Instead of flowers, the Reagan family has suggested



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An honor guard carries the casket of former President Ronald Reagan from a hearse at Point Mugu Naval Air Station, Calif., to an Air Force jet that carried his body to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, June 9.

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Americans bid farewell to Reagan

By Calvin Woodward
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With the storied riderless horse symbolizing the fallen president, Ronald Reagan's casket rolled on a century-old caisson to the Capitol on Wednesday for final tributes from high officials and common Americans in the first presidential state funeral in three decades.

The 40th president lay in state under a dome where public servants from Abraham Lincoln forward have been honored. People stood by the thousands in quiet witness to his funeral procession along the broad expanse of Constitution Avenue and waited hours in steamy heat to pay last respects in the Capitol Rotunda.

"Fellow Americans, here lies a graceful and a gallant man," said Vice President Dick Cheney, speaking at the state funeral ceremony opening the 34-hour period of Reagan's lying in state. "It was the vision and the will of Ronald Reagan that gave hope to the oppressed, shamed the oppressors and ended the evil empire."

Crowds 15 deep watched the Washington procession. Drums sounded, marking the cadence of the marchers, and cheers briefly broke out for Nancy Reagan at the head of the procession. She waved repeatedly, looking wan.

"God bless you, Nancy," a man cried out. In her husband's death as in his life, she was

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A&M researchers locate WWII sub

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Texas A&M researchers have located the Japanese submarine that sank the USS Indianapolis near the Marianas Islands on July 30, 1945.

The submarine, I-58, was discovered in April, 50 miles off the coast of Nagasaki, 675 feet underwater by William Bryant, an oceanography professor, and Brett Phaneuf, an oceanography graduate student.

The Discovery Channel funded the project and will air a special on it in January 2005. Phaneuf said a film-production company, Parallax, which was working with the Discovery

Channel, contacted the researchers about a year ago. "They had seen some of the work we've done," Phaneuf said. "They thought we'd be the right guys. We had the expertise technologically to help them."

The company wanted the A&M oceanography department's help in locating 24 Japanese submarines.

The I-58 sank the Indianapolis two weeks before the end of the war, according to the Naval Historical Center in Washington.

When the Japanese surrendered, ending World War II, the United States inherited the submarines. The United States kept the submarines in a naval harbor in, Sasebo Bay, Japan.

The U.S. Navy and the Allies

did not want the Soviet Union to have access to the Japanese submarines because they were significantly more technologically advanced than the Soviet submarines, Phaneuf said.

On a secret mission, the United States intentionally scuttled, or sank, the submarines, Phaneuf said.

The 24 submarines made up the largest and most diverse collection of World War II submarines, Phaneuf said.

"It's the largest collection of sunken submarines in the world," Bryant said. "We know where they are now."

The Indianapolis delivered the atomic bombs that were

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Small businesses honored with performance award

By Chelsea Sledge
THE BATTALION

Chris Scotti was recognized Wednesday for a business that he began out of his room in Appelt Hall in 1995.

Scotti is the owner of AgniTEK, a business technology server, which started out as CW Computer Services nine years ago.

"I took fewer classes as the business grew," Scotti said. "I never finished school. It was hard to concentrate and stay motivated."

AgniTEK was one of 10 small businesses in the Brazos Valley honored with the Bryan Rotary Club/Newman 10 Business Performance Award at a luncheon at the Hilton Hotel. The award is sponsored by the Bryan Rotary Club, Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and Newman Printing Company.

For the 11th year in a row, the Newman 10 Award honored the fastest growing firms in the Brazos Valley. Recipients are chosen by the Lowry Mays Business School based on the percentage of sales increase over a three year period.

"Small business makes up 60 percent of Bryan/College Station's annual sales and the backbone of jobs," said Bon Fazzino, a member of the B-CS Chamber of Commerce. "They will continue to generate the vast majority of jobs and they are the backbone of our economy."

Other Newman 10 Award recipients included Marilyn Ferguson, owner of Gifts and Gab, and Denise Fries, who started Fries Financial Services.

Gifts and Gab had 38 percent sales growth between 2001 and 2003, placing Ferguson's store at number eight. Ferguson started her first business in 1975, the first residential landscaping company in College Station. Ferguson is also a proud survivor of two types of cancer.

A graduate of Texas A&M, Fries' company ranked

The Newman 10 Business Performance Award

The Bryan Rotary Club and Newman Printing Company recognized the 10 fastest growing companies in the Brazos County.



Left to right: James Sledge, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient; Albert Smith and Rany Roberts of AES Employer Services Inc., the top-ranked company.

- 1 AES Employer Services Inc.
- 2 Stearns Construction Inc.
- 3 Infinity Pro Sports
- 4 Fries Financial Services
- 5 Redtail Equipment Rental
- 6 AgniTEK
- 7 Pride Cleaners
- 8 Gifts & Gab
- 9 A&K Custom Cabinets and Trim Inc.
- 10 Capsher Technology Inc.

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