



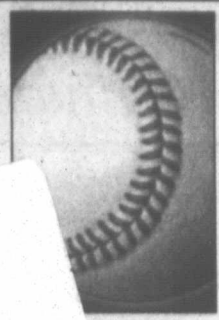
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A day to remember

America honors the sacrifices made by its veterans on Memorial Day today. Flags grace a cemetery in Pampa in preparation for ceremonies this morning. An evening service is scheduled at 8:15 tonight at the memorial park adjacent to Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart.

Meredith summer youth program applications due

FRITCH - Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Tri-City Youth of Borger announce that applications for the summer youth program are being accepted through Friday. This work program is under the authority of the Public Land Corps Program through the National Park Service.

Tri-City Youth will hire 15 enrollees between the ages of 16 to 21, with three coming from this announcement. The eight-week program will run from June 5 to July 28, and enrollees must be available to work for the entire time. Newly selected enrollees will work from June 7 through July 28. Enrollees will be paid \$7 per hour and will work a 40-hour week. Adult crew leaders will be hired to supervise the work crews and manage the program.

Work to be accomplished includes roadside maintenance and removal of brush and debris, cleaning and rehabilitation of front and backcountry campsites, trail maintenance, and rehabilitation and painting of picnic shelters and other park facilities. Enrollees will be required to provide their own leather work boots with an eight-inch high top, jeans, and work shirt. Hard hats and other safety equipment will be provided.

Youth may apply now through Friday. Applications may be picked up at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area headquarters at 419 E. Broadway in Fritch, next to the Pantex Credit Union building.

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Courtesy photo
 Clayton Lock, center, places American flags on the graves of 41 Veterans that are buried at the Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors. Helping him are his great-grandchildren, Braydon Weatherly, left, and Anthony Shephard. Lock is a Life Member of the Pampa VFW Post 1657 and served during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He retired from the Army in 1968.

Silver Haired Legislature election results

In accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Texas Silver Haired Legislature, the Area Election Steering Committee certified four candidates to represent the Panhandle at large in the 11th Texas Silver Haired Legislature.

Alan Abraham, Jean Clark and Betty Trotter from Amarillo were certified as duly elected.

Chester Cunningham from Fritch was the fourth representative certified from the six candidates in the race. Abraham, Trotter and Cunningham were elected for a second term. Clark was elected to her first term, replacing incumbent Libby Cleveland from Dimmit, who did not seek re-election.

The candidates were elected by senior citizens in

a broad based election held on May 23 at 12 polling places located in Amarillo and several cities and rural communities across the Panhandle, including Pampa.

The elected legislators will advocate for the needs of seniors from all walks of life. Many of the issues will deal with seniors on fixed income who are struggling to make ends meet as costs

continue to increase in health care, insurance, utilities, energy and taxes.

The 11th Texas Silver Haired Legislature, made up of 117 representatives from 28 districts and 5 urban areas, will meet for orientation, committee assignments and election of officers in Austin July 10-14. Swearing in ceremonies

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PISD meeting to be short

A special meeting of the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees this week will be short.

Meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Carver Center Administration Offices, 321 W. Albert, the board will discuss the hiring of new teachers.

They will also consider bids for copy machines.

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Obituaries

Cecil Merle Bohlander, 81

Cecil Merle Bohlander, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, May 26, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church with Nancy Ruff, commissioned lay pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and Roger Hunter, son-in-law, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bohlander was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Erie, Kan. He came to Pampa in 1954 from Stark, Kan., where he graduated from Stark High School.

He married Mary Lee McPhetters in 1947. She preceded him in death in 1960. He later married Betty Myatt on Aug. 23, 1961, in Pampa.

In 1963, he purchased Pampa Bearing Service Company that built industrial engine bearings for jet engines. He established a construction company called Pampa



Bohlander

Grouting Service and performed work for the oil, gas and chemical industries in the Texas Panhandle and the western part of the United States.

He was a pilot and had logged several thousand hours of flying time. He was a member of Pampa Flying Club, did volunteer work for Pampa Meals on Wheels and was an active volunteer for BSA Hospice for 10 years.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, the Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory, and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Bohlander, of the home; one son, Steven Merle Bohlander and wife Maureen of Ottawa, Kan.; two daughters, Debra Hunter and husband Roger of Santa Fe, N.M., and Jeri Cole of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Jon Bohlander of Kansas City, Mo., Bert Bohlander of Linn Valley, Kan., Christopher Wood of Seattle, Wash., and Jeremy Cole of Arlington; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Darrell Bohlander.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitely.com.

Services tomorrow

BOHLANDER, Cecil Merle — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. Memorial services, 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Pampa.

COLLIER, Elizabeth "Betty" — 10 a.m., Harveson and Cole Funeral Home, Fort Worth.

Gray County Weather

Memorial Day: Mostly sunny, with a high around 95. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming north northeast.

Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 62.

East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 83. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 85. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 84. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 62.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 89.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, May 27

Edwin Brian Thornton, 44, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Tariq Sahir Carter, 23, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for no driver's license, no insurance and expired registration.

Stephen Buchanan 51, of Amarillo was arrested by Carson County Sheriff's Office on a grand jury indictment for burglary of a building and a bond surrendered for theft over \$1,500 with two prior convictions.

Sunday, May 28

Michael Eugene Horton, 45, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a warrant for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Mary Michelle Daniels, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines for two counts of no valid driver's license, two counts of no Texas driver's license, four counts of expired motor vehicle inspection and two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

David Wayne Trezell, 38, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Tancie Garrison, 21, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for failure to appear and no insurance.

Brandi Bradstreet, 22, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for two counts of issuing a bad check.

Monday, May 29

Jerod Matlock, 22, of Fritch was arrested by PPD for no insurance, expired registration, failure to identify as a fugitive and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 27

2:22 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist.

Sunday, May 28

3:04 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to the 200 block of North Faulkner on a structure fire. An attached garage sustained damage.

9:39 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 200 block of South Nelson on a medical assist.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 27

1:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to the 1700 block of Evergreen.

2:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Faulkner and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, May 28

1:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee. No transport.

4:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded on a mutual aid call in Lefors and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of South Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

Frist says FBI acted appropriately when searching House office

WASHINGTON (AP) — While House members are still angry about an FBI search of a congressman's office, the Senate's leader says the controversy has been "pretty much put to bed."

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Sunday he had talked the issue over with Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and concluded that the FBI acted appropriately.

"I don't think it abused separation of powers," Frist said on "Fox News Sunday." "I think there's allegations of criminal activity, and the American people need to have the law enforced."

Frist, R-Tenn., was responding to the search conducted May 20-21 in the office of Rep. William Jefferson, D-La.

FBI agents carted away computer and other records in their pursuit of evidence that Jefferson accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in exchange for helping set up business deals in Africa.

It was the first time in the history of Congress that a warrant had been used to search a lawmaker's office.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California responded with a rare joint statement, protesting that the FBI had not notified them and that the search violated the Constitution's separation of power protections.

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which plans a hearing Tuesday on the constitutionality of the search, said the FBI overstepped its authori-

ty. Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., compared the search to a Capitol Police raid of the Oval Office.

"This debate is not over whether Congressman Jefferson is guilty of a criminal offense," Sensenbrenner said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." "He cannot use the constitutional immunity of Congress to shield himself from that or any evidence of that. But it is about the ability of the Congress to be able to do its job free of coercion from the executive branch."

Hastert complained directly to President Bush and demanded that the FBI return the materials. Bush struck a compromise Thursday, ordering that the documents be sealed for 45 days until congressional leaders and the Justice Department agree on what to do with them — a move that Frist said he supported "to let things settle down."

"I think we've seen it pretty much put to bed now, I hope," Frist said Sunday. "I trust our Department of Justice."

Before Bush's compromise, the showdown last week led the House leaders to threaten budgetary retaliation against the Justice Department, a senior administration official told The Associated Press on Saturday. Justice officials, including Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, raised the prospect of resigning if the department were asked to return the documents taken from Jefferson's office.

Cheney offers advice to high school grads

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney told graduates of his old high school Saturday to keep their eyes open for unexpected opportunities.

Cheney recalled for the Natrona County High School Class of 2006 how George W. Bush asked him to lead the search for his running mate in the 2000 presidential race.

"We all know how that turned out," Cheney said. "Let me put this lesson in very specific terms. If you're ever asked to head up an important search committee, say 'yes.'"

Cheney headed a three-month search in 2000 that ended up with his own selection to be Bush's running mate.

Cheney has extensive ties in Wyoming. Cheney's family moved to Casper in 1954 and both he and his wife, Lynne, graduated from Natrona County High in 1959. Cheney was senior class president and a member of the football team; Lynne was homecoming queen and a star baton-twirler.

Cheney said meeting Lynne was the best thing that happened to him in high school.

"I explained to friends the other day that if I hadn't moved to Casper, she would have married someone else. And she said, 'Right, and he would be vice president of the United States,'" Cheney joked.

Cheney told the 340 or so graduates there is truth in the old adage about carefully choosing friends.

"They have a big influence on the person you will become," he said. "In many ways, when you choose your friends, you choose your future. Remember too, the best friends you will ever have are the first people you ever knew."

However far you may live from your parents, he said, "I promise you, you will never regret staying close."

On work: "A good rule is to stay focused on the job you have, not the next job you might want. In your careers people will give you more responsibility when they see that you take your present job seriously," he said.

Cheney also talked about following advice, such as when former Wyoming Gov. Stan Hathaway, an early political mentor, counseled him not to run for the Senate.

"He said, 'Well, you can do that, but there's one problem,'" Cheney recalled. "He said, 'Dick, if you run for the Senate, Al Simpson will kick your fanny.' I took his advice to heart and I ran for the House."

Cheney was elected to the U.S. House in 1978.

About 6,000 people attended the graduation at the Casper Events Center. Cheney shook the graduates' hands as they received their diplomas.

"It was impressive how he incorporated his own history and related it to ours at the same time," graduate Jai-Ayla Sutherland, the 2006 senior class president, said.

Cheney has been to his old high school a couple times as vice president. He attended his 45th high school reunion last year and the homecoming game in 2002. Meyer said the Cheney's go to all their reunions every five years.

Cheney last publicly visited Wyoming in February, addressing the Legislature in Cheyenne soon after accidentally wounding a hunting partner in Texas. He visits his home in Jackson Hole regularly.

President Bush and Cheney won Wyoming with 69 percent of the vote in 2004.

Free football tickets to UT games a perk of elected office

AUSTIN (AP) — Tickets to University of Texas football games may be out of reach for some fans, but state and federal lawmakers have routinely taken the opportunity to attend games at no cost, according to a newspaper report.

The UT System gave the elected officials 1,962 free or discounted tickets to UT football games during the past five seasons, according to records obtained by the Austin American-Statesman under the Texas Public Information Act.

School and elected officials say the practice encourages good will and communication. Of the 140 state and federal lawmakers who received free or discounted tickets, some have supported

the UT System's legislative interests and others have not.

In letters sent each August, the chancellor of the UT System offers state legislators two free tickets to each Longhorns home game. The letter isn't sent to federal lawmakers, but they can request tickets.

About 950 of the tickets were distributed at no charge. The remainder, including tickets to bowl games and away games, were sold at face value, without the lawmakers having to qualify by making a contribution to the UT athletics program that would have been required of ordinary fans.

Several lawmakers said there's nothing wrong with accepting the tickets.

"That's certainly up to the university. That's not up to me. I'm a recipient, and I'm happy to be one," said state Sen. Florence Shapiro, who received 51 free or discounted tickets.

Shapiro, R-Plano, heads the Senate Education Committee. She said she often discusses higher education matters with fellow lawmakers and university officials while attending games.

In his letter to legislators last year, Chancellor Mark Yudof said the offer was "in recognition and appreciation of the outstanding service that you provide to the State of Texas," the newspaper reported.

Steven Collins, interim vice chancellor for governmental relations, said furnishing tickets to lawmakers is also "a gesture of good will." The system has no plans to review its ticket practices involving lawmakers, said Michael Warden, assistant vice chancellor for public affairs.

State law allows legislators to use "property or facilities owned, leased or operated by the governmental entity" — a category that includes public universities. State law does not require legislators to disclose the tickets on personal financial statements filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

University of Texas System regents are granted free tickets for life. But board Chairman James Huffines said he would prefer a policy requiring former regents to pay for tickets and barring others from using the regents' tickets.

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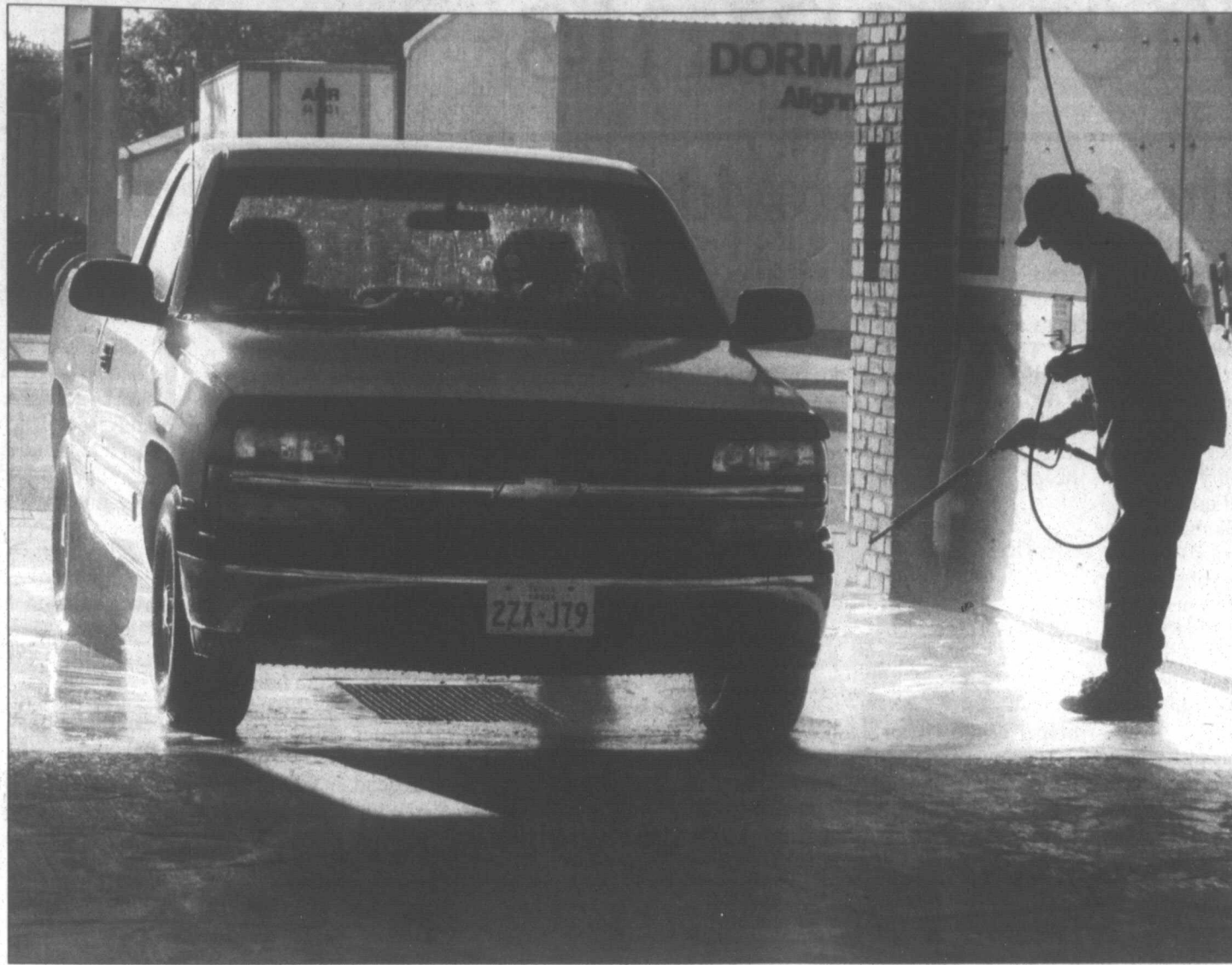
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Cleaning up



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Taking advantage of the Memorial Day holiday, Lester Lynch washes his pickup at a near deserted car wash on Hobart early today.

Former astronaut eyes Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Former NASA astronaut and researcher Franklin Chang-Diaz wants to bring the space industry to his native Costa Rica, and says he will start looking for 50 Central American investors to fund rocket production in the region.

Chang-Diaz told the newspaper El Financiero he hopes to set the project rolling in July and start producing his Magneto-Plasma Rocket by 2011 for sale to space agencies.

Chang-Diaz seemed surprised by the positive reaction to plans for bringing the space industry to Central America, a region where many people's main activity is still subsistence farming. "We were positively sur-

prised that there are investors in the region are interested in this type of business," said Chang-Diaz, who went into space on U.S. space shuttle flights and led research projects into rocket propulsion while at NASA.

He resigned from NASA and founded a private company, Ad Astra, to develop the plasma rocket design. The system uses radio waves to heat rocket fuel to temperatures high enough to classify as plasma — a hot mass of electrically charged gas — giving rocket engines greater power and efficiency.

Chang-Diaz calculates that a total of about \$150 million to fund the project, and says he already has backing from European and American investors.

Jobs

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Park headquarters is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, except for the Memorial Day holiday. A resume may be submitted as long as it contains the information

requested on the application. Applications must be completed and returned by close of business Friday. Successful applicants will be notified by mail no later than June 7.

For more information, contact Administrative Officer Rose Pollard at park headquarters: 806-857-0301.

Election

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will be conducted by the Texas secretary of state during the first session in the House Chambers on Aug. 12.

In September, this legislative body will be in session in the House Chambers in Austin to develop resolutions to be presented to the governor, lieutenant governor and the 80th Texas Legislature that convenes in January of 2007.

British saga earns top prize at Cannes

CANNES, France (AP) — British director Ken Loach's "The Wind That Shakes the Barley," a saga set amid Ireland's struggle for independence in the early 1920s, won top honors Sunday in an unanimous vote at the Cannes Film Festival.

It was the first time veteran filmmaker Loach won the main prize after seven earlier entries in the main competition at the world's most prestigious film festival.

"The Wind That Shakes the Barley" stars Cillian Murphy as an Irish medical student who takes up arms against a reign of terror by the Black and Tans, British troops sent in to quell calls for independence.

Loach, who previously won the third-place prize at Cannes with 1990's "Hidden Agenda" and 1993's "Raining Stones," said he hoped the film would be a small step encouraging the British to "confront their imperial history. And maybe, if we tell the truth about the past, maybe we tell the truth about the present."

Prizes for best actor and actress went to ensemble casts. Penelope Cruz and her five key cast mates in Pedro Almodovar's "Volver," including Carmen Maura, Yohana Cobo and Lola Duenas, shared the actress prize. The film, a comic drama about women making do without men, also won the

screenplay honor for director Almodovar.

"It's such an honor to be able to share this award with all these amazing women," Cruz said. "I think this award really belongs to Pedro, the master. ... Thank you so much, Pedro, for what you do for women."

The men of Algerian director Rachid Bouchareb's World War II saga "Days of Glory," about North African Muslims who volunteered in the fight to free France from the Nazis, received the best-actor honor. The cast included French stars Jamel Debbouze, Samy Nacerj and Sami Bouajila.

In accepting the award, the "Days of Glory" cast joined in on an anthem sung by French colonial soldiers during World War II.

Mexican filmmaker Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu won the directing prize for "Babel," which featured Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett in a multicultural drama about loosely linked families around the globe.

Inarritu said more than 1,000 people contributed to the production of the film and that "I'm receiving this award on behalf of all of them."

The grand prize for second-place film was given to French director Bruno Dumont's "Flanders," a stark drama following soldiers from dreary farm country through a grisly tour of

duty in the Middle East.

The third-place jury prize went to British filmmaker Andrea Arnold's "Red Road," a somber tale about a Scottish woman carrying out surveillance on a man responsible for tragedy in her past.

"Only about five hours ago I was in London, so this is very strange," first-time director Arnold told the Cannes crowd. "It means that maybe more people will see my film, which is very important."

The award for best film from a first-time director went to Romanian filmmaker Corneliu Porumboiu for his Christmas drama "A Fost Sau N-A Fost?"

On Saturday, Chinese director Wang Chao's "Luxury Car," about a retired teacher searching for his lost son, won top honors in a secondary Cannes competition called "Un Certain Regard."

The main competition's three high-profile American films — including Sofia Coppola's "Marie Antoinette," starring Kirsten Dunst as the 18th century French queen — were shut out for prizes. "Marie Antoinette" earned praise for its style and visual panache but was criticized as a superficial treatment of the Austrian aristocrat who became a symbol of extravagance preceding the French Revolution.

Peach shortage hits Hill Country growers

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas (AP) — Texas peach lovers may need to find another fruit to savor this summer.

Bad weather that wiped out 95 percent of the Hill Country peach crop — where about 40 percent of the state's peaches are plucked each year — has stretched the supply of orchards elsewhere and left growers warning customers to take whatever they can find.

Some orchards spared the poor conditions could be in for record sales. But many more growers are struggling.

"Everybody will just have to be happy to get a peach," said Lafreita Hutton, who runs a farm outside Weatherford in Parker County.

Hutton, whose own crop is only about 40 percent healthy because of a late freeze, is among the growers who don't know how many peaches they can spare to Hill Country farmers whose orchards were destroyed by hail storms.

It's the second widespread crop loss for the Hill Country since 2003, when a late freeze destroyed nearly all of the area's peaches, said

James Kamas, a horticulture expert with the Gillespie County Cooperative Extension Service.

Kamas said growers expect a total loss only once every seven years.

Miami

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in the park. A Lions Club turtle race, sack race and train will be at the park following the contest.

Also on Saturday will be an American Legion dance at the Miami Fire Barn. The

band "Empty Pockets" will provide music, and drawings will be held.

The Community Cowboy Church will meet at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the high school auditorium.

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Viewpoints

Transportation on the frontier provided a lot of excitement

Depending on how traffic is flowing, or not, in Austin, it's easy to drive from Fredericksburg to the Capital City in less than an hour-and-a-half.

But back when the only way to get from Gillespie to Travis County was by horse or wagon, a traveler could expect to spend at least three days on the road — assuming it hadn't rained recently. Teamsters hauling freight in a heavy wagon pulled by oxen could make 12 miles in a good day.

That's what it was like for Lorez Wendel, the first of his German family born in Texas, who made his living as a teamster. As a youngster, Wendel drove a freight wagon from Fredericksburg to the port of Indianola, picked up supplies bound for Forts McKavett and Concho and made the long trip to the northwest. Part of his trek traversed the now little-known Toe Nail Trail between the military post

near Menard and Fort Concho across the river from San Angelo.

Wendel must have had his own interesting experiences, but the best story he passed down to his son Henry involved another Texas German teamster.

An older man, this freighter always brought along a young boy to assist in loading and unloading.

"They left Fredericksburg one day for Austin," Henry Wendel recalled in a 1969 newspaper interview. "They made camp somewhere in between and were sitting around the campfire when a woman came up, saying she was alone and asking if she could spend the night there."

The old man, pleasantly surprised at running into an unescorted lady, paid no attention to her faltering voice, which seemed prone to deepen in mid sentence, only to become more lilting.

As the woman fiddled with the

strap of her bonnet, the teamster's teen-aged helper sidled up to his boss and whispered in his ear.

"That woman's got boots on," the boy said. "It don't like right."

But the older man, a firm believer in the 19th century tradition that "children should be seen, not heard," paid no attention to his

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



helper or the visitor's footwear.

Having graciously welcomed the lady to camp and fed her, the teamster made a pallet for her under his wagon. Satisfied he done the best he could in the way of hospitality, the tired freight hauler turned in for the night inside the wagon bed.

As soon as the teamster had started snoring loudly, the camp visitor slipped out from under the wagon and pulled a pistol from beneath her dress. No damsel in distress, she awakened the German with a demand for his money.

Despite his snoring, the old timer turned out to be not only a light sleeper but a no-nonsense host. Not one to tolerate un-lady-like behavior, he quickly produced his pistol and shot and killed the would-be robber. Only as he and his helper loaded the body into their wagon did he realize the "lady" was a man in a dress wearing a wig.

After breakfast, the teamster hauled the body to Austin. Rolling up Congress Avenue with a dead criminal cross-dresser created quite a stir.

Most of Wendel's long wagon trips were noneventful, but there was a time someone robbed the

stagecoach that made the regular run between Fredericksburg and Austin.

Wendel later told his son about an experience he had as a youngster traveling with an older driver.

"They were about 10 miles out of town and it was real muddy," Henry Wendel said. "They found a tow sack lying in the mud ruts and picked it up to wipe their hands on it."

About that time, the stage clattered up. The driver said he had just been robbed and recognized the sack as having been dropped by the hold-up men.

"Gimme the sack," the driver ordered.

Wendel threw it up to the driver.

Reaching into his pocket, the driver pulled out a coin the robbers hadn't taken and tossed it down to the boy. "Go hang yourself," he

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 29, the 149th day of 2006. There are 216 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day Observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 29, 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses. Responding to a cry of "Treason!" Henry declared, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

On this date:

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1903, comedian Bob Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope in Eltham, England.

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive for another 13 years.

'Haven't you ever noticed how highways always get beautiful near the state capital?'

— Shirley Ann Grau
American author

In 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1985, 35 people were killed in rioting that erupted between British and Italian spectators at the European Cup soccer final in Brussels, Belgium.

In 1995, Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and the Senate, died in Skowhegan, Maine, at age 97.

In 1998, Republican elder statesman Barry Goldwater died in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at age 89.

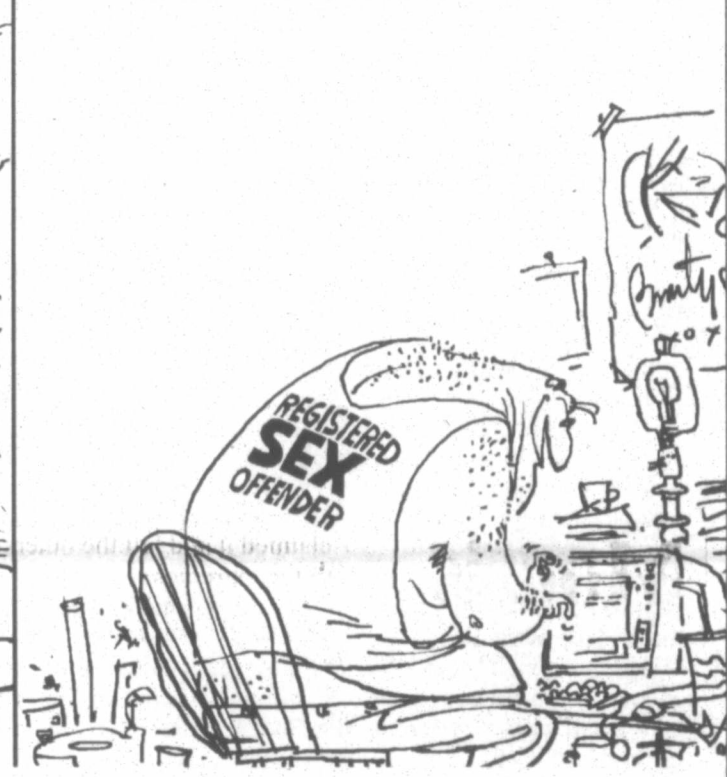
Ten years ago: Israelis went to the polls for an election that resulted in a narrow victory for opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu over Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Five years ago: Four followers of Osama bin Laden were convicted in New York of a global conspiracy to murder Americans, including the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa that killed 224 people. President Bush, meeting in Los Angeles with California Gov. Gray Davis, rejected a plea for federal caps on soaring electricity bills. The Supreme Court ruled that disabled golfer Casey Martin could use a cart to ride in tournaments.

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Bush hit all the right notes in speech

President Bush got it just right for once. His immigration speech had all the key moves he needs to keep his base in order and to reach out to the Latino voters who are the political future of the Republican Party.

He began with the wall — the border fence. Whether made of concrete or of high-tech instrumentation, he has finally embraced the reality that border agents, no matter how numerous, cannot police a 2,000-mile border. And Americans have no reason to have faith that they can. Only a fence can control the massive flow of immigrants across our borders and give Americans some sense of control over our own country.

By addressing the problem as one of sovereignty, Bush said it just right. A

country that can't control who comes in is not sovereign.

Bush resisted the crazier appeals of the frustrated elements of his core support would have urged on him. He did not require that we round up millions of

Mexicans, Gestapo style, and force them to go back over the border. He conceded that there is a difference between those who have been here for years and recent arrivals, and he did not require illegals to go home and touch grass in order to come back again.

This is not a children's game, and the massive

migrations such a requirement would have imposed would have made us into a totalitarian state, rooting out residents, albeit illegal ones, by knocking on their doors late at night. Nor did he take the demagogic approach and further criminalize illegal immigration by making it a felony.

He also satisfied the core demands and needs of the Hispanic community, assuring that the Republican Party will have a future as their ranks in our voter population swell. He set out a path by which Latinos can come here legally, matched with jobs and willing employers. If illegal immigrants disap-

peared, so would much of our economy, and Bush realized this in his guest-worker program. His attempts to differentiate between legal paths to citizenship and amnesty were a bit strained and will undoubtedly attract much-deserved criticism, but his attempt was a good one. The fact is that those who do learn English, resist drugs, remain arrest-free, pay taxes, contribute to FICA and remain employed should become citizens after the passage of a certain time if they wish to do so. These are the sort of citizens we want and need, regardless of their accents or their skin colors. And by emphasizing English, Bush repeats the fundamental credo of the

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Dick Morris
Columnist



Bush amnesty proposal not good thinking

President Bush's ploy of sending 6,000 National Guardsmen to the American-Mexican border shows once again that he is a poor thinker and cares little about the ordinary American.

It is a ploy, of course, designed to dupe the American people into thinking Bush actually cares about the immigration problem while he and his minions try to pass an amnesty bill in Congress. Amnesty in any form for illegal immigrants is an open invitation for millions more to cross our borders. Reason not only tells you that, but past history as well.

Using the National Guard for players in this political theater shows you that the president never thinks a moment about the plight of regular Americans. Young men and women join the National Guard willing to serve their country in an emergency. Our leaky borders are not an emergency. They've been leaking for the past decade. For six years, Bush has ignored the problem. The only emergency is the col-

Charley Reese
Columnist



lapse of Bush's popularity and the Republican Party's fear that it might lose control of Congress this fall. When guardsmen are called to active duty, they have to leave their civilian jobs as well as their families. This almost always involves a pay cut and causes financial hardship for the families. It also disrupts the civilian employers' operations. Everybody is willing to endure all of this when the need is real. In this

case, however, there is no need at all to use the National Guard.

In the Pacific and Asia, not counting Hawaii and Guam, there are 79,000 full-time regular members of the armed forces essentially sitting on their duffs, doing housekeeping chores and running missions. There are not wars in that area and no probability of any wars.

North Korea, which is the last of the Stalinist states, is not going to war against South Korea now that it no longer has the support of China and Russia. And, if it

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Special session on education needs termed successful

Not only does the Texas Constitution require lawmakers to craft an equitable public school system, it's the right thing to do. We have one public school system in Texas to educate the next generation of leaders. History shows us that greatness can grow from humble beginnings, and it's our job to make sure everyone has the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their Zip code.

It was with that in mind that rural and urban lawmakers, representing the needs of both rich and poor, crafted a school finance solution that will better serve all Texans.

This latest special session was enormously successful. Poor school districts will have access to more money than ever before, and wealthy districts will be able to keep much more of the money they generate locally. All teachers will receive a \$2,000 pay raise. Homeowners will pay lower property taxes. And, the playing field for business has been leveled.

This coming school year, the school finance plan compresses the local school property tax rate by 17

cents. School districts whose rates are currently at the \$1.50 maintenance and operations cap will reduce their rates to \$1.33. School districts that are currently below the \$1.50 cap will see their rates drop proportionately. The following school year, the rate is further compressed to \$1.

To accomplish this, the state will step in with funding for education that had been provided by the local property tax. This state investment will equalize education dollars to the historic level of the 88th percentile, far above the 73rd percentile now funded. Students across Texas will benefit from education funding at the level of the Dallas Independent School District, which is presently ranked at the 88th percentile. These percentiles indicate where a school district ranks based on its property wealth per student - the wealthiest school district in Texas is at the 100th percentile.

A new local enrichment tier will provide school districts with the "meaningful local discretion" in setting property tax rates required by last year's Texas Supreme Court

decision. This new funding tier will raise an even greater amount of money for every penny of tax rate. The first four cents of any new tax rate locally levied will be free of recapture for wealthy school districts; poor school districts' funding in this tier will be equal to spending at the Austin Independent School District, currently just below the 95th percentile.

Robert Duncan

State Senator



Texas' contribution to these two formulas will raise the state's investment from 34 percent to 50 percent of the cost to educate our children.

In addition to investing a historic amount of money in schools, this Legislature reformed our state's franchise tax. The new system will provide a fair, reasonable levy that

replaces the current tax, which many businesses avoid through existing loopholes. This legislation returns to the original intent of the franchise tax, which is payment from those who enjoy liability protection under our state's laws.

We accomplished the long-stated goal "broadening the base and lowering the rate" of the business tax. The new base of the tax will be computed on gross receipts less, at the election of the business, employment costs or the cost of goods sold. The current franchise tax is based on business income, with an alternative minimum tax based on net worth. And, the primary rate is dropped from 4.5 percent under the old franchise tax to 1 percent (0.5 percent for wholesalers and retailers).

This plan protects small businesses. Sole proprietors and general partnerships are exempt from the tax. In addition, we doubled the small business exemption from \$150,000 in gross receipts to \$300,000 (adjusted for inflation beginning in 2009). If the business's tax liability is calculated to be less than \$1,000, no tax is due.

In essence, this reform accomplishes the following: it taxes all entities that enjoy liability protection; it taxes gross receipts minus certain deductions; it taxes at a lower rate; and it computes the tax based on gross receipts as opposed to income and net worth.

Small businesses will no longer be unfairly burdened. This landmark reform requires large companies, such as Dell Computer Corporation and Wal-Mart, to pay their fair share for the privilege of doing business in Texas.

The steps taken this year by the current Legislature injected new life into three of our most fundamental endeavors: public education, home ownership and Texas business. As these measures become law and evolve, expect to see great things from our students, our communities and our economy.

Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock has represented West Texas in the Legislature since 1993. During the school finance debate, he served on the Senate Select Committee on Education Reform and School Finance.

Aging farmers leave uncertain future for next generation

BLUE GRASS, Iowa (AP)—Earl Martz winces at the idea that one day someone other than a Martz may work the farm his family has owned for generations.

Martz, 71, raised hogs, corn and soybeans on the same 160 acres his father bought in 1913. Two of his three sons now are working the land, but the future of the family farm seems uncertain.

Soaring land values and operating costs, competition from large-scale operations, tax hurdles and market forces have made it difficult for young families to take over for the nation's graying farmers.

"I really don't think my grandchildren will farm," said Martz, now a year into retirement. "We don't know what will happen to it, really, after our two sons are done farming here."

The questions facing the Martz family are familiar to many American farmers and ranchers.

A 2002 survey by farm economists at Iowa State University found that nearly 25 percent of Iowa farmland owners are 75 or older. Another 24 percent are 65 to 74, and nearly 22 percent are 55 to 64.

The most recent census by the U.S. Department of

Agriculture shows a similar trend nationwide. Based on 2002 figures, the average age of America's estimated 2 million farmers is 55.3 years.

The next national agriculture census is scheduled for 2007, but economists say there is scant evidence to suggest the trend will reverse any time soon.

"The average age of the farmer is going up year after year," said Pat O'Brien, an economist with the American Farm Bureau. "And one result of that is that we're seeing right now more and more land being concentrated in the hands of older owners."

Mike Duffy, professor of farm economics at Iowa State University, says research in Iowa shows an increase in land held by joint tenants and trusts — often by multiple heirs — as retirees turn the farm over to their children.

While some children choose to farm, many more have other careers. As a result, Duffy says, multiple-heir ownership has put more land in the hands of people who live away from the farm or out of state.

In 1982, 37 percent of Iowa farmland was owned by someone living off the farm. By 2002, that had risen to 45 percent, according to Duffy's research.

"What we anticipate seeing is more land being owned by more people who don't live in the state any

more," Duffy said. "That just means more income leaves the state and the rural communities."

The trend also has contributed to rising land values and consolidation of land by bigger, established operators, officials say. While rising land prices benefit older farmers, many of whom rely on cash rent for retirement income, inflated prices are discouraging the hopes of the next generation of farmers.

"It doesn't take a very smart guy to realize the numbers are stacked against you," said Steven Houston Jr., a 31-year-old part-time farmer from Donaldsonville, Ga., in the state's southwest corner.

When he's not driving trucks to help pay the bills, Houston says he raises

wheat, peanuts and cotton on 220 rented acres. But his dream is to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and farm full time.

"It's so hard to be able to afford extra land," said Houston, adding that his father recently sold some farmland for \$3,300 per acre.

"If your daddy isn't already an established, big farmer, where you can use the name to start up a partnership, you really don't have much of a chance these days," he said.

The federal government has programs designed to help a new generation of farmers buy or rent land, but critics say the federal farm payment system offsets the good intentions of future farming programs.

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melting pot or of our national motto: "Out of many, one."

Congress would be doing itself a favor by passing the Bush plan just as he spelled it out. He has co-opted the middle ground, as any president must in order to govern. Those who would seek harsher or more exclusionary policies or who would inveigh against "walls" and border barriers would do so at their own political peril. There is only one middle ground, and Bush has

claimed it and left the others to the extremes.

After the enactment of the Bush program, if it is passed, the nation will see solutions happening. The media will cover it as border guards take up their jobs and the National Guard assumes its positions. The nation will follow the construction of the border fence and will see guest workers come in to take jobs that need doing. They will see a problem being solved before their eyes. It will be good for their sense of confidence in government and for the Bush administration to have gotten at least one thing right.

But, as Churchill said, wars are not won by evacuations. Immigration was never going to be a comeback issue for Bush. At best, he could escape damage to his base and to his prospects with America's Latinos. It is over oil and energy that he must come back and resume his ratings and his power. It is only by laying out a broad and comprehensive national plan that shows everyone how we can solve our oil dependency in years not in decades that he can stop from becoming the lamest of ducks.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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said by way of thanks. Wendel kept the money but ignored the driver's suggestion.

In later years, Wendel

turned to farming. In 1936, then an old man, he helped organize the Old Teamsters Association of Fredericksburg. At the time, there were 84 living ex-ox teamsters.

Lorez Wendel died in 1947, with the last member of the association making it to 1958 and the age of 96.

Wendel's son Henry and other descendants kept the organization alive for years, telling tales of a long-vanished mode of transportation.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

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did, it is not a war we should enter. We have never won a war on the Asian mainland, and we never will, so we should just avoid them.

In Europe, there are 100,000 American military personnel also doing house-keeping chores and running training missions. There presence is a remnant of the Cold War, and they serve no useful purpose whatsoever. There is no army threatening to invade Europe. The Soviet Union is gone. The Warsaw Pact was disbanded. On the European continent, there is peace and no prospect of war. NATO should have been disbanded long ago.

All of these troops should be brought home, but surely 6,000 can be spared for duty on the border. If you were a Marine, where would you rather be — in the American Southwest, or sitting on Guam, a lump or coral in the Pacific where brown tree snakes and insects far outnumber the human population?

The problem is that the military-industrial complex doesn't want to give up its empire. The more bases there are, the more commands and the more slots there are for generals and admirals. The imperialists practically panicked when the Soviet Union collapsed. The MIC desperately needs a threat to justify its existence, and I'm sure many hid in the closet to say thanks when the World Trade Center was struck by terrorists. At last, a threat to

keep the money flowing.

But overseas personnel are just a drop in the bucket from which the president can draw his 6,000 men for the border. Excluding the National Guard and Reserves, he has 1.4 million full-time active-duty military personnel, and all of them not in the wars in Iraq and abroad. That's what armies do in peacetime.

The president could easily find his 6,000 men at Fort Hood, Texas. There are two full divisions stationed there, as well as a number of other units. As you can see, there is no reason to put this burden on the men and women of the National Guard, who have already suffered enough from the Iraq War, to which they should not have been deployed in the first place.

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Luncheon honorees

Members of the City of Pampa's Public Service Department were among those honored at a luncheon Wednesday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium in observance of National Public Works Week. Front row from left are Manuel Navarete, Johnny Montgomery and Tony Hughes. Back row from left are Israel Ulloa, Mac Martinez, Terry Brown, Abel Shorter and Kim Lincycumb, superintendent.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

House Republican rejects illegals plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's effort to curb illegal immigration involves the hiring of 14,000 Border Patrol agents, more detention centers to hold illegal immigrants and 370 miles of fencing.

But those get-tough provisions aren't generating much support from a key GOP lawmaker in the House — at least not when combined with a provision that would allow millions of illegal immigrants already in the country a chance to become U.S. citizens.

"It's too much too soon, and too expensive," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "What we have to do is first secure the border, and then we have to turn off the magnet that brings more illegal immigrants into our country."

"Once we do that and we know it's effective, then we can figure out what to do with the 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants that are already here."

Sensenbrenner will lead House negotiators when they meet with their Senate counterparts to try to work out

differences between competing versions of immigration legislation.

A Senate bill passed last week provides a chance at citizenship, but the earlier-passed House bill is generally limited to border enforcement and cracking down on employers who hire illegal immigrants.

Sensenbrenner answered a flat "no" when asked Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether he would accept any legislation that would put illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship.

"The words 'path to citizenship' is a buzz word for amnesty," he said.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said the immigration bill presented a test of leadership and courage, and the country just can't defer on the issue of what to do with illegal immigrants already here.

"You can't just let dangle out there for our country, for our national security, for our economics, for our fabric, ... those who are here illegally," Hagel said. "They have broken a law. They must be dealt with."

Native Hawaiians nearing rights of self-government

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii politicians are scrambling to gather enough votes in Congress to pass a bill that would grant Native Hawaiians a degree of self-government and possibly a share of the land ruled by their ancestors.

After seven years of debate, the proposal to recognize Native Hawaiians as indigenous inhabitants of the 50th state — a legal status similar to that of American Indians — has finally been promised a vote in the Senate. The vote could come as early as next week.

Democratic Sen. Daniel Akaka says he has solid support from his party, but will need help from Republicans to pass the proposal.

The bill provides a process to set up a Native Hawaiian government

and then start negotiations to transfer power and property from state and federal authorities to Hawaiians. The form of government and the amount of public land to be granted wouldn't be decided until then.

The new government would not be allowed to deny civil rights or set up gambling operations such as those allowed for Indian tribes on the mainland.

Akaka said the bill, which passed the House in 2000 but never made it to the Senate floor, will help right some of the wrongs done by the U.S. government in the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy.

"It clarifies a political and legal relationship with the United States,

and it will bring parity to the indigenous peoples of Hawaii," said Akaka, who has Native Hawaiian ancestry.

There are about 400,000 people of Native Hawaiian ancestry nationwide, and 260,000 of them live in Hawaii. No one would be required to join a Hawaiian government if the so-called Akaka bill is approved.

A wide range of opponents stands in the way, from Native Hawaiians who won't support anything short of secession to lawyers who claim the bill is a racial entitlement program.

A report from the Washington-based U.S. Commission on Civil Rights recommended that Congress reject the bill because it

would discriminate on the basis of race. Some Republican senators argue that recognizing a Native Hawaiian group is creating a subgroup with different rights from other Americans.

Another opponent, Honolulu attorney H. William Burgess, said he fears a breakup of the state of Hawaii, the relinquishment of hundreds of thousands of acres of land and a new set of race-based privileges.

"Hands are constantly being held out for more and more and more. Gimme, gimme, gimme," Burgess said. "I don't think it's fair to anticipate this government is going to be one which doesn't discriminate on the basis of race."

Members of the Koani

Foundation, a Hawaiian sovereignty advocacy group, fear federal recognition would forever put indigenous people under the authority of the Interior Department, said director Kaiopua Fyfe.

"More Hawaiians are coming to understand just how bad this federal recognition would be. It would be the final nail in the coffin for Hawaiian issues," Fyfe said.

Nearly all elected officials from both parties and officials of all state agencies, led by the elected trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, support the bill.

Attorney General Mark Bennett said it's needed to help preserve the language, identity and culture of Native Hawaiians.

Washington tourist sites try to balance aesthetics, security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Paul Logli first visited the nation's capital in 1964 while attending a Boy Scout Jamboree.

"When I was a kid you could just walk up the Capitol steps and circumnavigate the White House right up to the fence," said Logli, of Rockford, Ill.

When the 56-year-old returned with his family recently, he found metal detectors at the museums and the U.S. Capitol, and armed guards blocking the White House gates.

Yet some of those imposing barriers are beginning to vanish as federal officials balance aesthetics

with the need for stricter security measures in the wake of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Near the White House, American elm trees have been planted in intervals along Pennsylvania Avenue to keep out vehicles, replacing concrete barriers. While unauthorized vehicles still aren't allowed near the executive mansion, retractable bollards and security booths have replaced the chain link and bicycle fencing that critics said reflected the government's siege mentality.

"They created a Spartan state in

the nation's capital — and that was unnecessary," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's nonvoting delegate to Congress. "Gradually, the ugly stuff is disappearing."

Since 2001, the National Capital Planning Commission has worked with security experts from nearly two dozen federal agencies to come up with a blueprint for getting rid of all the makeshift barriers.

But permanent security measures are expensive. The overall cost of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, now under construction, ballooned from \$265 million to \$522 million

after Sept. 11. The increased costs include more than \$71 million for additional security enhancements to the building, which is slated to open next year.

Security work has already been completed at the Washington Monument, where it took nearly four years to remove the last of the Jersey wall around the structure. A lit sloping pathway now takes visitors past a series of terraced low granite walls to the base of the monument.

"We walked the grounds, and it was nice," said Kevin Greml, a tourist from Orange County, N.Y.

The major monuments and 14 national parks in the Washington area draw about 50 million visitors a year.

At the Lincoln Memorial, crews are working to finish \$5 million in security and access upgrades. The work includes the addition of a raised granite stone wall near adjacent streets and the installation of bollards near the Reflecting Pool, east of the memorial.

Park and security officials have gotten more creative on the National Mall, using trees and other natural materials as security measures.

Expedition on camels retraces historic route

CUERO, Texas (AP) — Six camels and a group of history buffs are journeying across South Texas to retrace the route of a 19th century Army experiment and spread the story of the short-lived project.

The group started the 215-mile trek May 20, leaving from the Port of Indianola on the Texas coast and bound for Camp Verde, the site of a frontier-era camel base about 50 miles northwest of San Antonio.

"It's one chance in a lifetime to relive an excursion like this that a family member made," said Gil Tafolla Hernandez, 47, whose great-grandfather was among Army troops who brought camels inland and cared for them at Camp Verde after the Civil War.

The camels travel mostly in trailers because of the hazards of walking along roads,

stopping for educational presentations at schools and civic clubs. The expedition is scheduled to arrive in Camp Verde this week.

The first of about 100 camels imported by the Army arrived in 1856 to the Port of Indianola, located about 75 northeast of Corpus Christi.

Doug Baum, who runs a Valley Mills company that offers camel excursions, said the U.S. government approved \$30,000 in the 1850s to bring camels to Texas to serve as pack animals and on survey expeditions.

The animals were suited to the task because of their ability to carry 750 pounds and go months without water. But the unusual beasts upset horses and mules, Baum said, and the project ran into political roadblocks.

Museum visit



Courtesy photo

Kirstin Hood, left, and Vanessa Ontiveras, both third-graders at Austin Elementary School, visited White Deer Land Museum recently, where they got to sit in an old-fashioned horse-drawn buggy.

Shoe tag designed to ID lost children

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A company has donated 6,500 shoe tags to the Galveston school district in hopes that they will serve as identification in case families are separated by hurricanes.

Mary Lynn Fernau, the founder of Who's Shoes ID, said thousands of children were separated from their parents when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast last year.

"Adults wouldn't leave the house without ID, nor would they let their pets run free without ID, yet we leave our children unprotected," Fernau said.

The Galveston Independent School District is distributing the tags to its elementary school students during end-of-the-year awards presentations. The tags attach by Velcro to a child's shoe and have a

small form for parents to write contact information with a permanent marker.

Fernau's company is based in Pearland, about 30 miles inland from Galveston. She said the company decided to donate the identification kits to Galveston because it's "rather vulnerable."

Who's Shoes ID has sold about 250,000 of the identification kits since its inception in 2003. The shoe tags sell for about \$8 a piece.

Fernau said she started the company after her 9-year-old son spent hours in an emergency room without being able to contact his parents. The boy had gotten a fishhook stuck in his finger while visiting a friend's house. At the emergency room, he only remembered his parents' home phone number.

Hemphill ranchers honored with land steward award in Austin

AUSTIN — Hiram and Darena Begert, owners of Begert Limousin Ranch in Hemphill County near Allison, were honored Wednesday at the Lone Star Land Steward Awards ceremony by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for exemplary land stewardship efforts.

The Begert family has ranched in the Allison area for more than 60 years and Hiram and Darena Begert have operated the property for the past 36 years.

They are a fourth generation ranching family whose primary goal is to operate a profitable registered cattle operation and to maintain high-quality wildlife habitat with current population levels of key species such as lesser prairie chicken, Texas horned lizard, bobwhite quail, Rio Grande wild turkey and white-tailed deer.

Among their accomplishments and endeavors toward stewardship of land and wildlife include effectively using various grazing tools of rest, rotation, cross-fencing, and water development to improve the overall productivity of their ranch for livestock and wildlife.

They have also instituted a restrictive harvest system to perpetuate deer buck quality as a function of antler size, age, and field-dressed body weights.

The Begerts are cooperators with Texas Prairie

Rivers Region, Inc., to promote nature tourism and land conservation in the eastern Panhandle, and are charter members of the newly-formed Texas Panhandle Prescribed Burn Association and the Prairie Rivers Landowners Association.

TPWD recognized 11 regional land stewards, including nine private ranches in various ecological regions, plus a cooperative category recognizing landowners who band together to help wildlife, and a corporate recipient. The statewide land steward of the year Leopold Conservation winner was a regional recipient from last year, the Treadwell-Brady Ranch in Menard County.

The 11th annual Lone Star Land Steward Awards program recognizes and honors private landowners for their accomplishments in habitat management and wildlife conservation. The program is designed to educate landowners and the public and to encourage participation in habitat conservation. Sponsors include Sand County Foundation, Farm Credit Banks of Texas, LCRA, Alcoa Rockdale, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Farm Bureau.

"This year's group of honorees illustrates the diversity of landowners in Texas, each with a unique vision," said



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Darena Begert, left, TPW Commission Chairman Joseph Fitzsimons, and Hiram Begert. The Begerts own the Begert Limousin Ranch in Hemphill County, which was recognized as this year's Rolling Plains ecological region recipient in the TPWD Lone Star Land Steward Awards.

Linda Campbell, TPWD Private Lands Program Director. "No matter how much acreage you manage, everybody can do something to improve and enhance their habitat."

Land Steward program objectives are to recognize private landowners for excellence in habitat management

and wildlife conservation on their lands, publicize the best examples of sound natural resource management practices, encourage youth education and participation in promoting responsible habitat management and improved ecosystem health, promote long-term conservation of unique natural and

cultural resources, promote ecosystem awareness and acknowledge the best conservation practices in the state's 10 ecological regions, enhance relationships between private landowners and Texas natural resource agencies, and illustrate the important role of private landowners in the future of

Texas natural resources. This year's recipients characterize the unique cultural and natural heritage of Texas. Landowners that are preserving historical landmarks while conserving flora and fauna are a common thread. For example, there is evidence that several Confederate burial sites and a tannery rock used in the making of saddles are on the Graff Ranch, the Pineywoods ecoregion award recipient.

The original headquarters of one of the state's largest cattle operations dating back 100 years, the McFaddin Ranch in Jefferson County, is now the Sabine Ranch & Cattle Company, winners of the Gulf Coast Marshes and Prairies ecoregion award.

There are sites where nature has been revived, thanks to the stewardship efforts of these landowners. Such is the case in South Texas, where native plant restoration and research is a key component of the Stockard-Sirianni Ranch. And, on the Begert Limousin Ranch in the Rolling Plains, a fourth generation ranching family's management practices are helping key wildlife species, such as lesser prairie chickens and Texas horned lizards.

Murtha: Marine shootings, cover-up hurt U.S. Iraq efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deaths of as many as two dozen Iraqi civilians and an ensuing cover-up threaten to do more harm to U.S. efforts in Iraq than even the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, a prominent congressman and war critic says.

"This is the kind of war you have to win the hearts and minds of the people," Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., said Sunday. "And we're set back every time something like this happens. This is worse than Abu Ghraib."

Murtha compared the shootings last November at Haditha, a city in the Anbar province of western Iraq, with the revelations that U.S. military personnel had abused and humiliated Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib, a U.S.-run prison outside of Baghdad. The prison scandal severely damaged the U.S. effort

to win over the Arab world by fostering a democratic government in Iraq.

A bomb rocked a military convoy in Haditha on Nov. 19, killing a Marine. Marines then shot and killed unarmed civilians in a taxi at the scene and went into two homes and shot other people, according to Murtha.

Murtha said high-level reports he received indicated that no one fired upon the Marines and there was no military action against the U.S. forces after the initial explosion. Yet the deaths were not seriously investigated until March because an early probe was stifled within days of the incident, he said.

"Who covered it up, why did they cover it up, why did they wait so long?" Murtha said on "This Week" on ABC. "We don't know

how far it goes. It goes right up the chain of command."

Lt. Col. Scott Fazekas, a Marine Corps spokesman, told The Associated Press the investigation was ongoing and he would have no comment.

Murtha, a former Marine who has criticized the Bush administration's conduct of the war, repeated his view that the war cannot be won militarily and needs political solutions, which he said were damaged by such incidents involving the U.S.

The incident at Haditha has sparked two investigations — one into the deadly encounter itself and another into whether it was the subject of a cover-up.

The second, noncriminal investigation is examining whether Marines sought to cover up what happened that day and, in doing so,

lied about having killed civilians without justification. The Marine Corps had initially attributed 15 civilian deaths to the car bombing and a firefight with insurgents, eight of whom the Marines reported had been killed.

A defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, told The Associated Press on Friday that evidence gathered so far strongly indicated that the Haditha killings were unjustified.

Early this year, a videotape of the aftermath of the incident, showing the bodies of women and children, was obtained by Time magazine and Arab television stations. The military then undertook another investigation.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he would hold

hearings on the incident but cautioned against reaching conclusions until the military completed its investigation.

"There is this serious question, however, of what happened and when it happened and what was the immediate reaction of the senior officers in the Marine Corps when they began to gain knowledge of it," Warner said on ABC.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigation into the shootings is ongoing. Whether violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, including murder, would be pursued would be determined by a senior Marine commander in Iraq.

The NCIS also is conducting a criminal investigation into another incident, the April 26 death of an Iraqi civilian involving Marines in Hamadiyah, west of Baghdad.

Got a minute? Survey finds Americans are in a hurry

WASHINGTON (AP) — We'll make this quick. We know you're busy.

An Associated Press poll has found an impatient nation. To get to the point without further ado, it's a nation that gets antsy after five minutes on hold on the phone and 15 minutes max in a line. So say people in the survey.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, the U.S. version of the old Soviet bread line, is among the top spots where Americans hate to wait. But grocery stores are the worst.

Almost one in four in the AP-Ipsos poll picked the grocery checkout as the line where their patience is most likely to melt like the ice cream turning to goo in their cart.

And it seems people don't mellow with age. The survey found older people to be more impatient than younger people.

Nor does getting away from the urban pressure cooker make much difference. People in the country and the suburbs can bear a few more minutes in a line before losing it than city inhabitants can, but that's it.

In short, Americans want it all NOW. Or awfully close to now.

"If you ask the typical person, do you feel more time-poor or money-poor, the answer almost always is time-poor," says Paco Underhill, an authority on

what draws and drives away shoppers.

"We walk in the door with the clock ticking with various degrees of loudness in our heads. And if I get to the checkout and if I have the perception it's not working efficiently, often that clock gets even louder."

In other words, it's not just how long you wait, but how you wait. Creative merchants turn waiting time into something approaching quality time. A lot don't.

A free-for-all deli counter that doesn't let people take numbered tickets is a flashpoint for frayed nerves. But if managers approach shoppers in a long line and help shepherd them to the right counter, they'll have happier sheep.

The typical supercenter shopper spends 25 to 30 minutes in the store, but many think they've been there an hour, Underhill says. His company, Envirosell, monitors the behavior of shoppers and sellers across the U.S. and in other countries.

Americans are demanding. Half in the AP-Ipsos poll said they refuse to return to businesses that made them wait too long. Nearly one in five owned up to speaking rudely to someone in the last few months when they weren't served efficiently.

Hana Sklar, 23, lives in New York and wants things done, yes, in a New York

minute.

A native of Australia, where "it's relaxing, calm, everyone takes their time," Sklar now lives in Brooklyn and says she typically loses patience after waiting less than one minute in a line or on the phone.

The snail's slither to the post office counter drives her the nuttiest. "By the time you get there and it's your turn, there are only two people working there," she said. "It's not only me getting angry. Everyone is talking about it."

Now meet one of the most patient men in America. John Vivian, 72, of Lantana, Fla., can wait "hours" on hold on the phone. "I spent 23 years in the military and if you spent 23 years in the military, you don't lose your patience."

He worked for just as long behind the post office counter, giving him a really thick skin. "Life is too short to be upset," he says.

Underhill says post offices and some DMVs have improved in recent years but grocery stores are notably poor at managing crowds, especially considering busy times are so predictable.

One solution: Online ordering of routine purchases, which make up 80 percent of the shopping cart.

This would transform the store into a series of "pleasure centers" where people linger over the gourmet cheeses, fancy breads and fine wines, then pick up the bagged-and-ready staples they ordered earlier from the home or work computer.

Overall, 60 percent in the survey said they can usually

wait no more than 15 minutes in a line before losing their cool.

Their fuses are even shorter on the phone.

Nearly four in five respondents in the survey said their patience has run out while being kept on hold.

As if by some cruel joke, phoning the phone company is often a path to madness.

"I stayed on the phone once for an hour, just to see how long it would take," said

Janet Collier, 76, of Macdon, N.Y. "It was just stubbornness."

Asked if she finally gave her carrier an earful, she laughed and said, "I'm not with them anymore."

Exasperation with phones extends to cell service. Underhill described cellular company stores as "locations of last resort" for customers who have been put through all manner of nuisance trying to get their needs met.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Today, Memorial Day, Americans wherever they may be are asked to pause for one minute in remembrance and respect for those who have given their lives in service to our country from the Revolutionary War to the present. Everyone is invited to participate in this National Moment of Remembrance, which has been established by Congress. For this Moment, we connect with one identity as Americans. Our hope is that this shared remembrance will unify a fragmented society. We need to reclaim this national holiday as a day to honor and remember those young men and women who have left us too soon. They were among our country's very best. Abby, your patriotism and that of your millions of readers has helped, and continues to help us unite our great country in commemorating our fallen heroes on Memorial Day. We mourn their deaths, but let us be grateful that such heroes have lived. With heartfelt thanks ... **CARMELLA LA SPADA, DIRECTOR, COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE**

DEAR CARMELLA: Thank you for your beautiful letter. My readers and I thank you for the heartfelt reminder.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 39 and divorced. I have been seeing "Jesse" for about three years. He's kind, helpful, and I enjoy spending time with him. However, Jesse has said many times that he won't marry me or even live with me. He is 17 years older than I am, and has mentioned that I should be with someone my own age. I think Jesse is secretly afraid I won't want to be with him as he ages. It's not true. I love him and treasure every moment I can spend with him. Due to a medical condition, our relationship is strictly platonic, but I don't miss sex that much. It's more important for me to be with someone who is kind and thoughtful. My friends say I should dump him, and I should be with someone who is

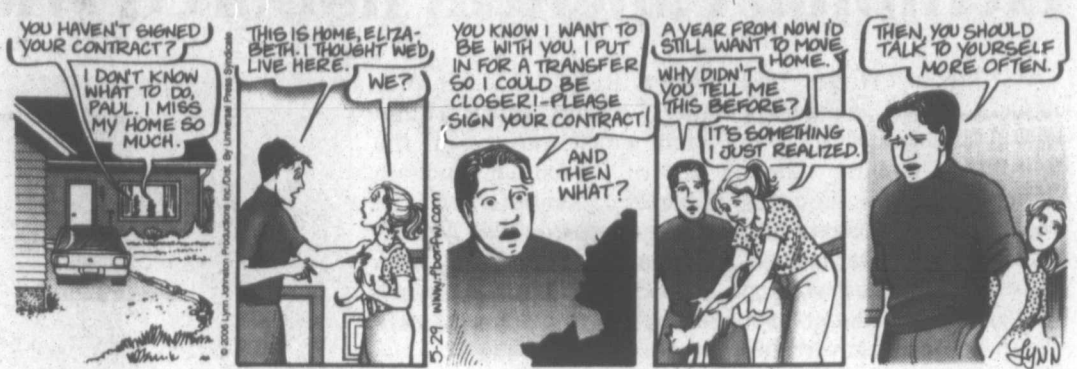
willing to make a commitment. I love Jesse, but I don't get to see him very often anymore, and I'd like more from our relationship. I don't need "happily ever after," but I would like a little commitment. — **STILL HERE IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR STILL HERE: If you want commitment, you will have to find it with someone else. Jesse appears to be happy with his life -- and your relationship -- just as it is. Please listen to your friends because the more you pressure this man, the less I predict you will see of him.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter was invited to a 6-year-old's birthday party at a sports event. We were asked to RSVP by a certain date, which I did. On the day of the party, my daughter got sick, so I called the mother to let her know that my daughter would not be coming. The mother said, "OK, just give me \$15 for her ticket tomorrow." The tickets were part of a birthday package, which I would not have had to pay for if she were attending. If siblings of any of the guests arrived, one of them could have used her ticket. Also, I checked with the box office and the mother is charging me \$5 more than the face value of the ticket! How should I handle this? — **MIFFED IN AIKEN, S.C.**

DEAR MIFFED: Send "the mother" \$10 along with a sweet note, explaining that in the "excitement of preparing for the party" she must have confused the cost of the ticket -- because you checked with the box office and that's what you were told. (I wonder if you were being asked to also reimburse her for the cost of one slice of the birthday cake ...)

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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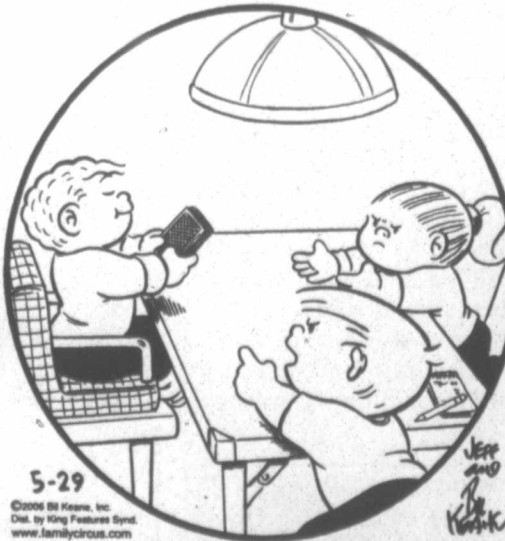
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Sports Day

Suns try to rebound following Game 3 loss to Mavericks

PHOENIX (AP) - The last time the Phoenix Suns lost back-to-back playoff games, they reeled off three straight victories to stun the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round.

Perhaps that's why the Suns refused to panic after a 95-88 loss to Dallas in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals Sunday night, which gave Dallas a 2-1 series lead.

"We know what it is," forward Shawn Marion said. "We've been in this situation before."

But the Mavericks aren't the Lakers. And the Suns aren't the same team without Raja Bell, who has missed the last two games with a strained left calf.

The Mavericks reclaimed home-court advantage they lost in the series opener. But they aren't about to begin looking ahead to the franchise's first trip to the NBA Finals.

"We've still got a ways to go," guard Jason Terry said. Flashing some defensive muscle, the Mavs limited the NBA's highest-scoring team to a postseason low in points.

And the Suns' problems go beyond the loss of Bell, who scored only eight points in Game 1.

Too often Sunday night, the Suns allowed themselves to be forced into a half-court game. They know they have to regain their run-and-gun rhythm in Game 4 here Tuesday night.

A loss would force them to sweep the final three games, two of which would be in Dallas.

"I wouldn't say the next game is a must win," Phoenix forward Tim Thomas said. "But we have to come in and get this game. Now it's a series."

It's a changed series. The first two games were all about grace and style. But Game 3 was about toughness.

Sparked by a first-half shoving match between Terry and Thomas, the Mavericks proved grittier than the Suns.

The Mavs overcame an 11-point first-half deficit and regained the home-court advantage they lost in the series opener.

"We just battled for 48 minutes," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "Teams are so evenly matched at this time of year. It comes down to will. This team is very resilient."

Dirk Nowitzki had 28 points and 17 rebounds for the Mavs, and Josh Howard added 22 points and 12 rebounds.

The Suns lost their second straight game without Bell, who's out with a strained left calf, and fell to 1-5 without Bell in the regular season and playoffs.

Throughout the playoffs, the Suns have performed best when they play with emotion and energy.

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MAJOR LEAGUE MILESTONE

Bonds passes Ruth with 715th home run

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Barry Bonds gave his home fans what they had been waiting nearly a month to see: the historic shot that finally moved him past the Babe.

No. 715 was the latest memorable homer he's hit in San Francisco, and could be his last if he doesn't stick around long enough to pass Hank Aaron.

Bonds pulled ahead of Babe Ruth into sole possession of second place Sunday, his first home run at the Giants' waterfront ballpark since May 2.

"For the fans of San Francisco, it can't get any better than this - even though I made them wait longer than I have in the past," Bonds said, wearing a new 715 shirt and cap. "Age ain't catching up with me."

Now the debate begins whether Bonds will hold up to break Aaron's long-standing record of 755.

"If you keep playing long enough anything is possible," Bonds said.

Bonds' seventh home run of the season came eight days after he tied Ruth for second place on the career chart.

But at 41, Bonds has been slowed by health problems. He underwent three operations on his right knee last year that limited him to 14 games, and also has bone chips in his left elbow.

And many believe his rapid ascent up the home run ranks was fueled by performance-enhancing drugs - though he has always denied knowingly taking steroids.

Bonds' latest milestone, a mightier homer than No. 714, was a 445-foot, two-run shot to center before a sellout crowd. He homered in the final game before the Giants began a road trip to Florida and New York.

Bonds' teammates toasted him with champagne in the clubhouse after the Giants' 6-3 loss to the Colorado Rockies.

"Everybody was waiting for a moment like this," shortstop Omar Vizquel said. "A couple of words were said."

Bonds homered off Byung-Hyun Kim in the fourth inning, making him baseball's career leader among lefties. The ball glanced off a fan's hands

about 15 rows up and then dropped onto an elevated platform beyond the fence.

The souvenir sat there for a few minutes before rolling off the roof and into the hands of 38-year-old San Francisco resident Andrew Morbitzer, who was waiting for a beer and peanuts. He was quickly ushered away by security.

"I got to be a small part of a big day," said Morbitzer, a marketing director and newlywed who brought his bride, Megan.

Bonds circled the bases as shiny orange, gold and black streamers fell from the upper deck.

He connected at 2:14 p.m. on a 90 mph fastball with the count full, then immediately raised his arms and clapped his hands before beginning his trot. Kim became the 421st pitcher to surrender a homer to Bonds.

"It's a great honor," said Bonds, who watched Aaron hit his 715th home run at age 10. "It's a wonderful honor. Hank Aaron is the home run king and I won't disrespect that ever. ... I have a lot of respect for Babe Ruth and what he's done."

Bonds embraced and kissed his 16-year-old son, bat boy Nikolai, as he crossed home plate, then was greeted by his teammates at the top of the dugout.

He took one curtain call in which he tipped his hat and raised both arms and blew a kiss to the crowd.

Moments later, he came out again and waved.

After the homer, the Giants unfurled two banners from the light towers on either side of the main scoreboard in center field: one of Bonds on the left side and the other of Hammerin' Hank's 755.

"Watching Barry, I had goose bumps," said Colorado center fielder Ryan Spilborghs, called up before the game. "It was one of the most incredible baseball moments I've ever had."

Thousands of fans stayed put in the stadium to watch Bonds' news conference being played on the big screen. Some chanted "Barry! Barry!" outside the Giants' clubhouse.

Bonds has hit most of his other

milestone home runs in San Francisco: 500, 600, 700 along with 660 and 661 to tie and pass godfather Willie Mays. In 2001, Bonds hit the final three of his 73 homers at home to break Mark McGwire's single-season record of 70.

Bonds walked on five pitches in the first inning and went five games between 714 and 715. He hit 714 on May 20 at Oakland, a span of 17 at-bats and 25 plate appearances. Aaron had a four-game wait between 714 and 715 in 1974.

"I'm glad for him. He is a great player, and has had a great career," St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols said. "It's going to be tough for anyone else to reach 715."

Bonds singled to right in his next at-bat with a drive off the right-field facade that looked as if it might be headed out, too, for No. 716. He grounded out to third to end the eighth and was replaced in left field in the ninth by Jason Ellison.

This is the first time in nearly 85 years that Ruth hasn't been in the top two on the career home run list, according to David Vincent of the Society for American Baseball Research. He passed Sam Thompson to move into second on June 20, 1921, when he hit his 127th home run.

Kim has a history of giving up notable homers - he allowed tying two-run homers with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to the Yankees' Tino Martinez and Scott Brosius in Games 4 and 5 of the 2001 World Series.

Kim also gave up a key homer in the World Baseball Classic semifinals in South Korea's loss to Japan.

"I thought the game was finished," he joked. "People cheer like that when it's over."

Giants manager Felipe Alou wrote Bonds into the lineup without checking with the seven-time NL MVP about playing in a day game following a night game, aware that Bonds wanted to make history at home.

"That's one of the reasons I'm playing him without even asking him," Alou said. "We're going to be gone for a week. Today's the perfect day."

Williams heads North; 'Ironhead' dead at 39

MIAMI (AP) - Ricky Williams has a new home in the CFL.

Suspended for the 2006 season by the NFL after a fourth positive drug test, Williams signed a \$240,000, one-year contract Sunday with the Toronto Argonauts - a deal making him the highest-paid running back in the Canadian league.

Williams, who's still under contract with the Miami Dolphins, is expected to begin practicing on Monday.

ATLANTA (AP) - Former NFL fullback Craig "Ironhead" Heyward died Saturday after a 7 1/2-year fight with a recurring brain tumor, his son's high school football coach said. He was 39.

Kahne dethrones Johnson

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) - Most drivers would be thrilled with a second-place finish in one of the biggest races of the year.

Jimmie Johnson isn't one of them.

Johnson had his total domination of Lowe's Motor Speedway snapped Sunday night when Kasey Kahne blew past him with 29 laps to go to win the Coca-Cola 600. It ended Johnson's run of three consecutive 600 victories, and five straight overall.

"As I was chasing Kasey at the end, and I couldn't catch him ... looking at the streak and looking at the 600-mile race, to win three of them, I've been very fortunate to do that," Johnson said. "It's a weird race, a long race, and I'm very proud of the stats that I've had - and slightly disappointed that it's come to an end."

Since Johnson began his run of seven wins in 10 races dating to 2003, the rest of the field has been desperate to dethrone him. The fans wanted it, too, and implored their favorite drivers to beat him with pleas and T-shirts that begged for "Anybody But Jimmie" to

win the 600. Kahne was the only one up for the challenge.

"That's all I ever wanted here, was a car that could race with Jimmie at the end," Kahne said. "You know every time you get to the end of a race at Charlotte, Jimmie Johnson is the guy to beat."

"We finally made it to that point and had a car that could race him and we were able to win."

It was Kahne's third victory of the season - all in the same Charger - and the first win for a Dodge at this track since Richard Petty in 1977.

Johnson, winner of last week's All-Star Challenge, finished second.

He was well over 2 seconds behind Kahne, who stopped his car at the finish line to grab the checkered flag and celebrate with his team.

Carl Edwards, Mark Martin and Matt Kenseth finished third through fifth for Roush Racing, followed by Jeff Burton, then Greg Biffle and Jamie McMurray in the other two Roush Fords.

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Hornish wins Indy 500 by edging Andretti

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Sam Hornish Jr. overcame a disastrous mistake in the pits and a pair of Andrettis on Sunday to win the Indianapolis 500.

In the second-closest finish in Indy history, Hornish made a late charge on Michael Andretti and his 19-year-old son Marco, who were a heartbeat from erasing years of family frustration before the polesitter overtook the rookie in the final, thrilling stretch.

Hornish lost a lap late in the race when he was penalized for leaving his pit with the fuel hose still connected. Somehow, with pit strategies playing a role, he found himself back on the lead lap and in fourth place under yellow in the last 10 laps.

When the green flag flew with four laps to go, Hornish trailed only the Andrettis and Scott Dixon. That's when Hornish, who has been the fastest driver here virtually the entire month, began his charge.

As Marco Andretti brought the huge crowd to its feet by passing his father for the lead on lap 198, Hornish followed, passing the elder Andretti - who made a comeback after retiring from the cockpit in 2003 to run with his son

- for second.

Hornish caught Marco and tried to dive below him in the third turn on lap 199 and the two almost collided as Hornish fell several car-lengths back.

On the final lap, Hornish, who had failed to finish the 500 in his first six tries, set sail again, moving up to the rear of Andretti's Dallara. Marco, running in only his fourth IRL IndyCar Series event, did his best to block the two-time series champion, but it wasn't enough.

Hornish swung low on the final straightaway, pulled alongside and nosed ahead at the finish, a half car-length ahead at the checkered flag.

It was the second-closest finish in Indy 500 history, with 0.0635 seconds separating Hornish from Andretti.

The closest was in 1992, when Al Unser Jr. beat Scott Goodyear by 0.043 seconds.

"Thank goodness it's 500 instead of 497 1/2," Hornish said, referring to his failure to pass Marco on his first try.

Despite the thrilling finish that introduced Marco Andretti as perhaps the sport's newest young star, the third-generation driver wasn't satisfied with

second place.

"Man, I don't want to wait for next year," he said. "It's a bummer. Woulda, coulda, shoulda, I mean - second place is nothing."

Michael Andretti was obviously proud of his son.

"I just knew he was going to surprise a lot of people," Michael said. "He didn't surprise me. I was just a little surprised by how fast he got here."

It was one of the hottest days in the 90-year history of the 500 and the action on the track was just as heated throughout the race.

Hornish, who had crashed out of the race three times and never finished more than 196 of the race's 200 laps, watched defending champion Dan Wheldon dominate most of Sunday, leading 148 laps. Hornish led just 19, including the final one.

He said his first goal in this race was to get to the finish. After giving team owner Roger Penske a record 14th Indy victory, Hornish choked up and kissed the yard of bricks at the finish line.

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Astros fall to Pirates 8-7 in 18-inning marathon

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Jason Bay hit a home run, prevented another and scored the winning run in the 18th inning, with the kind of play befitting an athlete who grew up in Canada - a forecheck worthy of a hockey rink.

There were a month's worth of high-lights in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 8-7, 18-inning win over the Astros on Saturday night, believed to be the longest game in time (5 hours, 49 minutes) played in Pittsburgh and the longest in the majors, by innings, in 10 months. It also was the longest NL game in three years.

"There were a lot of moments in that game that led up to the final outcome," Pirates general manager Dave Littlefield said Sunday. "It's like that final free throw that's made or missed - there were 100 other plays ahead of that."

Not all of them by the winning team, either, though the grumpy Astros had trouble finding much to be encouraged

about following such a long night, and early morning, in which they accomplished little but using up their bullpen while losing a fifth consecutive game.

Astros manager Phil Garner, ejected for arguing what appeared to be a phantom tagout at the plate 10 innings before the game ended, didn't hold his usual pregame media session Sunday - probably wishing he had gotten a little more sleep and at least one more run the night before.

No doubt he felt better after the Astros rallied from four runs down in the ninth to win 5-4 Sunday - yes, in extra innings, though this time only 10 innings.

Bay had the key hit Saturday, a three-run homer in the fifth inning that was his ninth homer in as many games, and he followed with his 10th in 10 games Sunday.

But his biggest hit Saturday came in the 18th, when he upended catcher Eric Munson to score the decisive run

on a sacrifice fly ball to short center field by Jose Bautista.

"I was scoring there, believe me," Bay said. He didn't hesitate to go, even though a major league runner almost never tags up and tries to score on a fly ball that is nearly a pop-up.

The players probably were a little too bleary-eyed Sunday to replay the game in their minds, especially after arriving back at PNC Park about eight hours after leaving.

But there was a lot to remember about the longest game innings-wise in Pittsburgh since a 20-inning Cubs-Pirates game on July 6, 1980, and in a major league regular-season game since the Blue Jays beat the Angels 2-1 in Toronto in 18 innings last July 28.

And, for the Astros, a lot fewer pleasant memories than in that historic 18-inning playoff win over the Braves last year, the longest postseason game:

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INDY 500

Andretti's obsession opens new chapter

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Ahab had Moby Dick. Susan Lucci had the Emmys. The Andrettis' magnificent obsession continues. They still have the Indy 500.

Open-wheel racing's most star-crossed family is now 1-for-54 at the sport's most hallowed speedway. Mario Andretti, the patriarch, won in his fifth try in 1969, and it's been 0-for-the-club - sons Michael and Jeff, nephew John and now grandson Marco - ever since.

Andretti have lost the Indy 500 on the first lap and last, because of crashes and busted half-dollar parts and, perhaps most memorably, when an official inquiry five months after the 1981 race that took the victory from Mario and handed it to Bobby Unser.

For the briefest moment Sunday, Mario watched from the pits and thought his family was about to get even. With four laps to go, Marco, who was making his debut and had his driver's license for all of three years, was in the lead. His son, Michael, who came out of retirement and has known almost as many disappointments here as the old man, was second.

"You'd love to have one handed to you," Mario said, then paused. "And God willing, Marco being as young as he is, the future looks very bright."

Now there's an optimist for you. And here's two more, suggesting that driving genes, steely nerves and a love of the game aren't the only things Mario passed on.

"Our strategy was almost perfect," Michael said, "but not quite."

All Marco could muster was, "Woulda, coulda, shoulda."

Apparently the racing gods have a twisted sense of humor. Mario was beaten so many times in so many weird ways that Indy fans used to joke that the four most famous words heard at the speedway every year weren't "Gentlemen, start your engines" but "Mario is slowing down."

This time, his 19-year-old grandson was beaten within 100 yards of the line in the second-closest finish ever by Sam Hornish Jr., a promising driver whose underachieving prompted some people to tab him the Michael Andretti of this generation.

Still don't believe in curses? Well, then there's this: Marco's dad had a front-row seat for the closest finish ever.

Michael led the 1992 race with less than a dozen laps left. He put his car where he wanted to, as fast as he wanted to, and everybody else was convinced they were racing for second place. Then, just like that,

Michael watched the fuel pressure gauge in his howling, 800-horsepower engine shut off. Al Unser Jr. and Scott Goodyear, separated finally by the blink of an eye, inherited the podium that day.

"It was to a point," Michael said at the time, "where I could almost have walked it in."

That was truer still in Marco's case. With three laps to go, he zoomed past his father. The problem was that Hornish did the same.

"I thought I could help try to protect him," Michael said, "but unfortunately I didn't do a good enough job."

Anybody seeking an omen that the Andrettis' luck was about to change had to look no further than the starting grid. Nine of the 33 drivers there were sons of former or current drivers, including more than one champion. Besides the Andrettis, there was an Unser (Al Jr.), a Foyt (Larry), a Jones (Parnelli's son PJ), Arie Luyendyk Jr., Buddy and Jacques Lazier (Bob's boys) and Jeff Bucknum (Ronnie's son). The Andrettis were the only ones still running on the lead lap.

On the final lap, from his vantage point at the top of the stretch, Michael was so certain Hornish couldn't make that final pass in time that he started celebrating.

"I actually put my hand up thinking Marco had won," Michael said.

Mario knew better. A TV reporter stuck a microphone in his face just a few moments earlier and asked what it felt like for an Andretti to finally win again.

"I'll let you know in a couple of laps," he said. He wouldn't get ahead of himself.

As Hornish and Marco crossed the line, roughly half a car length separating them, a bemused smile parted Mario's lips.

"You see how quickly," he said, "it can be taken away from you."

Afterward, Mario and Michael kept saying how proud they were of the kid, how they knew he was cut out for this race, they just didn't know it would be this soon. Both praised Marco for skillfully blocking Hornish in Turn 3 on the next-to-last lap and, even more important, for resisting the temptation to try a second time at the very end of the race.

"If he blocked him the second time ..." Mario said, then let out a low whistle.

"We're not going to crash him," Michael concurred.

Marco was in agreement, at least for the moment. Next time, though, might be different.

"I have to take advantage of every chance out there," he said, "I really do. Because second is nothing."

And nobody knows that like an Andretti.

Rangers 4, Athletics 3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Those rookies and former roommates at the bottom of the lineup for the Texas Rangers were pretty good.

Jason Botts hit his first career homer and second baseman Ian Kinsler drove in a run with a broken-bat grounder that pushed the Rangers to a 4-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Sunday night.

"That was one of the best parts of the home run. It gave us the lead and I was able to contribute in a big game," said Botts, who hit eighth ahead of Kinsler. "It's a great feeling. It seems like I'm floating right now."

The Rangers led 3-1 after Botts, the designated hitter in his 13th major league game, hit a 399-foot homer to right-center field with two outs in the second. After Oakland tied the game, Kinsler drove in the go-ahead

run in the sixth. Texas had the bases loaded in the sixth when Kinsler shattered his bat on a grounder that went only about a third of the way up the first-base line. Dan Johnson fielded the slow roller and all he could do was tag Kinsler out while Brad Wilkerson scored the go-ahead run.

"I got a lucky RBI. He threw a pretty good pitch. It almost got me on the hand," Kinsler said.

"He broke his bat. He didn't really do anything with it," Oakland starter Kirk Saarloos said. "But he put it in the perfect spot."

The Rangers won three of four in the weekend series to build a three-game lead in the AL West over Oakland, their closest competitor. The Athletics had four one-run losses during a 1-6 road trip.

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"I didn't know whether I could get there," Hornish said. "Marco tried to block me and he did a pretty good job, but he couldn't keep me from getting under him. Once I got there, I just hoped I could get in front in time."

Michael Andretti, about a third of the straightaway behind the leaders, thought for a moment that his son had won.

"It's a heartbreak, another one," Michael said. "But, in a couple of days, I'll probably sit back and think, 'Oh Wow!' I thought he had won. It was a fairytale, a dream."

Inheriting the lead when Andretti Green teammates Tony Kanaan and Dario Franchitti pitted on lap 193, Michael, who has led more laps (430) here than any other non-winner, was pretty sure he wouldn't win this time, either.

"I knew I didn't have the speed and I saw Marco making a run at me," he said. "I started to move over to do a little block, but he was really moving and I decided to let him go. I thought I could hold him out by blocking Hornish a little, but he got by me a little too quick."

Wheldon wound up fourth, followed by Kanaan, Dixon, Franchitti and last year's rookie sensation Danica Patrick, the only woman in the 33-car field.

Game 3

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They lacked both in Game 3, and Suns point guard Steve Nash took his teammates to task for it.

"We're out there with our shoulders slumped, and we're not smiling," said Nash, who led the Suns with 21 points and seven assists. "We're not fighting. We're not, you know, playing with the necessary fire it takes to win. I think that's the most disappointing thing is just the way we're going out there and playing."

Tempers flared late in the first half when Howard was called for a flagrant foul for hitting Thomas in the face as the Phoenix forward drove to the basket. As Thomas walked to the foul line, he and Terry exchanged shoves, and both players were assessed technicals.

After the scuffle, the Mavericks scored the last five points of the quarter to cut it to 52-47 at halftime. Dallas kept rolling after intermission, outscoring the Suns 10-2 to take a 57-54 lead. The Mavs would trail only once - at 64-63 - the rest of the way.

Terry had been suspended for one game for throwing a punch in the second round against San Antonio.

Marathon

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- Bay, the left fielder, possibly took a homer away from Morgan Ensberg to start the 13th, reaching above his head to take away a drive that would have cleared the wall had he not made the catch.

- Bay dropped a Mike Lamb fly ball in the eighth inning but recovered to make a strong throw to shortstop Jack Wilson, who threw out Chris Burke at the plate on the disputed call that led to Garner's ejection. Catcher Ryan Doumit didn't appear to tag Burke before the runner got his hand on the plate.

- Pirates shortstop Jack Wilson went deep in the hole at short to throw out pitcher-turned-pinch hitter Taylor Buchholz on a close play in the 15th. The inning before, second baseman Jose Castillo leaped to avoid a sliding Adam Everett and still made the

throw to first to complete a double play on Jason Lane's grounder.

- Andy Pettitte, a nonhitting AL pitcher most of his career, grounded out as an Astros pinch hitter to leave runners stranded at second and third in the 16th.

- Pirates players gathered on the top step of the dugout to cheer and encourage mop-up reliever Ryan Vogelsong, who limited the Astros to a run over five valuable relief innings. This from a pitcher who, earlier this month, had stretches of nine and 10 days when he didn't pitch.

"We all feel for him," reliever Mike Gonzalez said. "We all want him to be successful."

- Munson caught all 18 innings on a warm night, got three hits, reached base four times and didn't have a passed ball, only to be run over by Bay on the game's pivotal play.

"Hey, we fought hard," Garner said. "We had a lot go against us, but I appreciate the guys battling."

Kahne

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Denny Hamlin and Reed Sorenson rounded out the top 10, while Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished 11th.

Defending series champion Tony Stewart wrecked early in the race and was taken to the hospital for evaluation. He was seen and released, and a team spokesman said he broke the tip of his right shoulder blade.

Stewart - who slipped to fourth in the standings, 209 points behind Johnson - also was taken to the hospital because of a bruised shoulder following a wreck Saturday night in the Busch Series race.

"He's going to be sore - it's the same spot he hit last time," team president J.D. Gibbs said. "There isn't much you can do about it. He needs rest and needs to take care of it, ice it, wrap it up real well."

It looked as if pole-sitter Scott Riggs, Kahne's teammate, was going to make a run at his first career victory until a series of mistakes during his pit stop with 40 laps to go took him out of contention.

Riggs was the leader when he pitted, but didn't come to a clean stop, stalled his Dodge when he tried to pull away, and as his crew pushed him out the jack and fuel can left his assigned

area - drawing a stop-and-go penalty that took him out of contention.

He ended up 13th, after leading eight times for 90 laps.

Riggs was 17th on the restart, with Edwards, Johnson and Kahne leading the field with 33 laps to go.

Kahne grabbed the lead moments later, his seventh time out front in NASCAR's longest race of the season. He led a race-high 158 of the 400 laps in a race that begins in the day, ends in the night and leaves most drivers mentally and physically exhausted.

"Kasey's car was pretty awesome," Edwards said. "I couldn't keep up with him when he went by us, so I'm pretty happy with third place."

Tempers flared late in the race when Casey Mears lost control of his Dodge, bounced off the wall and into Kyle Busch while the two were running second and fourth. Mears suffered slight damage, but Busch's night was ruined.

As NASCAR officials tried to coax Busch back toward the garage, he angrily tried to break free so he could get at Mears as he passed by. He only managed a feeble, left-handed toss of a safety device that failed to hit Mears.

"Just a very frustrating moment for me," Busch said. "I had a really great race car that I thought could have won the race."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 30, 2006:

You might want to assume a different perspective about the basics in your life. Listen to other points of view. You can flow with the status quo this year, if you so choose. New people, a broadening horizon and generally good times head your way late fall or winter. You will be in live-it-up mode! If you are single, you might be considering a change in your status by your next birthday. How exciting! You are high-energy, though sometimes quarrelsome. Why fight? If you are attached, add more nurturing to your bond, and both of you will become a lot happier. CANCER helps you make money.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Good intentions mean a lot, but actions count too. What might be critical at this point is determining the authentic you and what you want. Open up to your inner core in order to truly achieve the success you want. Tonight: Easy does it. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You have a way with words, though now you are unusually direct and your words are poignant. You encourage others to go in new directions: Be the innovator. Tonight: Happy as a cat, hanging out. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might indulge yourself or take the lead in a different direction. Honor who you are and what you most deserve. Stay on top of a problem, espe-

cially if it is financial, as you will be able to get past hassles with ease. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your personality comes through. However, at this point, you might need to tame your assertiveness. You might want to rethink your words or actions with an eye to effectiveness rather than catharsis. Tonight: In the middle of the action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Know when to back off. You might want to understand more of what is happening around a personal matter. Could you be irritated beyond the norm? Take your time getting to the bottom of an issue. Rome wasn't built in a day. Tonight: Listen rather than dictate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out en masse. You might want to rethink your decisions with care. You'll see life from a different perspective if you walk in a friend's shoes. You easily could be delighted. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others look to you for leadership and an example. You have a lot going for you. Right now, you are into strutting your stuff. Others notice. Keep smiling, and all will turn out well. Tonight: No early bedtime for you! SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Take an overview and study a situation with new light. Be imaginative and direct. Understand that others don't have to agree with you. Evaluate a change more directly. Take in new insights. You might not have the only answer. Tonight: New vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to reach out for one special person. Read between the lines when a partner or associate gets a touch difficult or angry. Your understanding can soothe and mellow out a hard moment. Tonight: Togetherness. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others clearly dominate happenings, whether you like it or not. Instead of fighting the inevitable, go with the flow. You might be delighted by the end results - and much less frayed. Learn to trust others with projects. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Easy does it. You might want to revise your thinking, especially if it involves your daily life. A new exercise program is just what the doctor ordered. You will feel empowered and better. Think positively. Tonight: Easy does it. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might be forced to get to the bottom of a hassle, which you do easily. You need to push to get the end result. Listen to others. You have answers. You have solutions. Pitch in when asked. Tonight: Act on a potential case of Spring Fever.

BORN TODAY

Actor Clint Walker (1927), singer Wynonna Judd (1964), bandleader Benny Goodman (1909)

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

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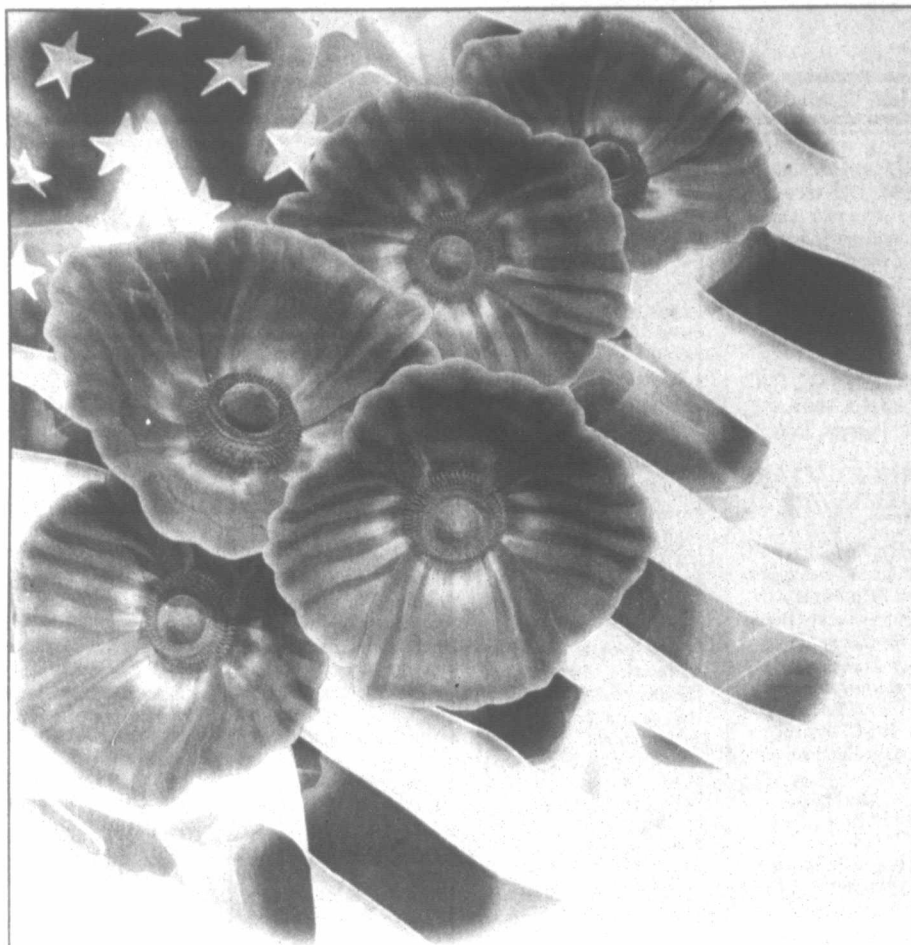
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