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'DARE' program graduates six classes in culmination ceremony

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program graduated six fifth-grade classes at a "culmination" ceremony held in the Big Spring City Auditorium Friday afternoon.

Officer Terry Hudson of the Big Spring Police Department, said the graduation was a time of celebration for the students. She said they call it a culmination ceremony because "to culminate means to rise to, or to form a summit, to reach the highest peak."

Hudson equated the DARE class with climbing a mountain. "Today, we're on the peak, we're on the top of that mountain and we can look around and see where we've come from," she said.

The DARE class is a semester-long program that teaches students how to say no to drugs. Hudson said it includes lessons on the effects, consequences and risks of drug and substance abuse and includes lessons on assertiveness. She said one of the main things the class discusses is "Eight Ways to Say No."

During the ceremony, students from Bauer, College Heights and St. Mary's

Episcopal School presented role-plays on the eight ways; saying no thanks; giving a reason or an excuse; repeated refusal method; to walk away; learning how to change the subject; avoiding the situation; and giving the cold shoulder.

The DARE class required students to write an essay on their commitment to stay drug free. Those students with the most heart-felt essays presented them at the ceremony and were awarded a DARE medallion.

Yael Portocarrero, a College Heights Elementary student, said in her essay, "When you use drugs it makes you get

addicted ... when you start using drugs you cannot stop, that is why it's important to stay drug free."

In his essay, Chris Lewis, another student at College Heights said, "In DARE I learned to stay off drugs and stay violence free so I won't hurt anybody and nobody will hurt me."

John Gallagher, a Bauer Elementary student, said in his essay, "I like DARE because it has told me the truth about drugs ... I know DARE will help me say no to drugs and violence in the future."

Melinda McCann, the mother of a DARE student, said she appreciated

what the program was trying to do. She said it seemed to help her son Cody communicate about drugs with her. "I'd say it (the program) opened-up dialogue," she said.

As the ceremony concluded, Hudson urged the students to keep their essays and to read over them. "The essay was a promise to yourself to stay drug free and to stay violence free," she said.

Other selected essay readers were: Crystal Clark, College Heights; Cassie Coates, Bauer; Sterling Burchett, Bauer; Kelly Wade, Bauer; David Lee, Bauer; and Cody McCann, St. Mary's Episcopal.

READY TO THROW



Erika Hilario cocks her arm back before tossing the football toward the hoop at the Lakeview Headstart School Friday morning during their annual Field Day.

Red Cross says 1,272 homes now affected by May 10 storm

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As people continue to recover and get their homes and automobiles back in order after the short but destructive hailstorm that pounded Big Spring May 10, the American Red Cross is continuing to make its presence known as well.

As of Sunday afternoon, the American Red Cross' temporary service center headquarters at Trinity Baptist Church had assisted 245 Big Spring families.

The Red Cross' count as to the number of homes affected by the storm stood at 1,272, and the number of meals served stood at 210.

Twenty-one red Cross Disaster Workers and one mobile feeding unit continues to be a part of the team from Midland brought in to assist local residents in need following the storm.

The service center is operating during the following hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6

p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

According to Dave Wiltse of the American Red Cross, a lot of questions come to mind when disaster relief is needed, such as how to get help from the Red Cross.

If your home was damaged in the hailstorm, the Red Cross urges you to come by the service center set up at Trinity Baptist Church and bring some form of identification such as a drivers license or utility bill that identifies you with your residence.

Assistance from the Red Cross is based on disaster-caused needs and may include the means to pay for groceries, clothing, temporary housing, emergency home repairs, transportation, basic household items and prescription medication lost in the storm.

As far as identifying a Red Cross worker, all Red Cross workers are fully identified by their clothes and they carry an

official American Red Cross picture identification card. If an individual does not have an ID card or an official American Red Cross disaster referral form, you should call the Red Cross information hotline at 268-1000.

Wiltse said, "We anticipate being in Big Spring for about three weeks, from the time the storm hit, but there will be a Red Cross presence in Big Spring as long as there is a need."

What the Red Cross has seen more than anything else, according to Wiltse, is a need for assistance with minor roof repairs.

"Fortunately, the storm did not do a lot of interior damage to many homes. I've seen storms take the roofs off houses and then pound them with rain" Wiltse said.

Wiltse added once the Red Cross had phones set up at the Trinity Baptist Church service center, things became much easier.

Contractor offers tips to homeowners about roofers — both local and out-of-town variety

Special to the Herald

When it comes to choosing a roofing contractor, a Midland contractor has some advice he'd like to share with Big Spring residents who suffered roof damage from the May 10 hailstorm.

According to Charles Terry of Charles Terry Construction Inc., he understands the concerns and questions people have.

"After such a devastating hailstorm, you have been overrun with roofing contractors. The news media has made several comments about out-of-town contractors and your City Hall is doing all it can do to protect you," Terry said.

He added, "However, the fact is Big Spring has not experienced this kind of hailstorm. In the past four years you have had hailstorms that have caused considerable damage, but residents have always been able to choose the contractor of their choice."

Terry says it's a good practice to use local contractors if at all possible.

"Consider this. You have about four or five local contractors and estimated losses are in the 900 home range. Divide 900

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Ask for permits and current references.

- Ask for driver's license for proof of residency.

- Ask for name and phone number of his suppliers.

- Check with his local chamber of commerce and BBB.

by 5 local contractors and you end up with about 180 homes per contractor. They can't do it," Terry said.

He added, "The first good rain Big Spring receives is going to cause total chaos, as ceilings of sheetrock and insulation are going to fall; water will be on everything inside the house; and then you're going to be screaming for your local contractor to get over to your house."

Terry said there are contractors from Midland, Odessa and San Angelo that are reasonably within driving distance to service Big Spring residents if there is a problem after the job is completed.

Terry also offers these tips

about choosing a contractor: If using a local contractor, find out how many contracts for which he is already obligated. If your home is in the hardest hit areas, you will want to know how long it will be to start.

If you decide you are going to use one of the surrounding area roofing contractors, the following guidelines will protect your from scams:

- No matter where a contractor says he's from, ask to see his driver's license. This will tell you where he's really from.

- Ask for 1995 references and then call these people and see what kind of work he has done.

- Ask for his supplier's name and phone number. This will tell you a lot about his past record.

- Check with his local chamber of commerce and Better Business Bureau.

- Ask for a schedule of when he could do your job and how long it would take to complete.

- Do not ever give him any money before he starts the job.

- Be leary of someone who lives so far away that it would be difficult for him to give you service after the fact.

Terry added there are some good contractors in the area and if residents will be careful and follow the guidelines he suggested things should be alright.

BSHS freshman wins \$17,000 in scholarships

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

D.J. Graves, 14, a freshman at Big Spring High School, won over \$17,000 in scholarships at the West Texas American National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The regional program hosted 40 contestants from all over West Texas and awarded over \$320,000 in tuition scholarships to contest winners.

D.J. played the piano in the talent competition of the contest. She said she performed Raymond Thomas Sears, "Concerto-ette No. 10." It's a classical sounding song, she said.

D.J.'s mother, Della Graves, said her daughter received a standing ovation for her performance. She also received two trophies; a \$4,000 annually renewable scholarship to Mil-



D.J. Graves shows off two trophies she won in a scholarship program.

iken University in Decatur, Ill.; a \$1,500 scholarship to Wayland Baptist University in Plainview; a \$200 scholarship to John Robert Powers modeling course;

and a \$200 Barbizon Modeling scholarship. There's a demand for concert pianists and they can earn a lot of money, D.J. said. Just think, "I only played for 2 1/2 minutes and I got \$18,000 in scholarships ... only in America."

Although her performance was short, it took months of preparation to get there. She said the application process began in November and involved getting sponsors and selling advertisements to fund the trip and \$395 entry fee.

D.J. is a member of the Piano Guild and has been playing the piano for the last seven years under the instruction of Brenda Bedell, of Big Spring.

Another Big Spring winner at the contest was Leanne Miller, who won an \$8,000 scholarship to Southern Wesleyan University.

Police still looking for man who assaulted officer on Friday night

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Police Officer Cpl. Lonnie Kincannon is back at work, but the BSPD is still searching for the man who assaulted him Friday night.

Kincannon suffered cuts to his face and arm when the suspect attacked



him after being approached outside the Howard County Library and asked for identification.

Police have questioned one man, but according to Detective Anthony Hill no one has been arrested and charged.

The man is described as a black male, 5-foot, 6-inches tall, weighing 140 to 150 pounds, with light facial hair.

Anyone having any information about this suspect should contact the BSPD at 264-2550.

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Building housing FBI in Laredo hit by explosion early today

LAREDO — An explosion this morning at an office building housing the FBI, a bank and law offices blew out windows, but apparently did no structural damage, officials say. There were no reports of injuries.

Interim Fire Chief Mike Garza said the blast occurred about 6:50 a.m. CDT, and broke some windows on the first three floors of the five-story Walker Plaza Building.

The bank is on the first floor. The second floor houses a title

company, Garza said. He said the blast apparently came from the outside of the building.

"It was just windows. No structural damage is evident," Garza said. "It is a brick building, and apparently all the bricks are in place. The building is not more than 5 years old."

Garza did not know the cause of the blast but said officials had ruled out a natural gas explosion.

A&M regents cut use of state aircraft since bad publicity

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University's regents have had their wings clipped.

Just a few years ago, being a regent meant using state-owned aircraft routinely for transportation.

Regents, their families and guests were ferried to and from meetings and other functions with little debate about whether the trips were necessary for state business.

But former Texas A&M University System board chairman Ross Margraves Jr.'s April 30 indictment on a charge of official misconduct has highlighted the lack of control over regents' use of system airplanes.

Brazos County jurors indicted Margraves last month, claiming he and his wife used an A&M plane to travel to Baton Rouge, La., to watch his son graduate from Louisiana State University in August 1994.

Margraves' attorney and an LSU official have said Margraves was a speaker at the graduation ceremonies and met with the LSU chancellor during the trip.

Even before the indictment, publicity about Margraves' use of A&M aircraft resulted in a sharp decline in flying time for the fleet.

Regents spent an average of \$21,683 a month on system aircraft travel in fiscal year 1991, when William McKenzie was chairman. They spent an average of \$17,405 a month in fiscal

year 1993, when Margraves was chairman, according to figures provided by the Texas A&M System.

A check by the Bryan-College Station Eagle of A&M plane logs for 1990-1995 revealed regents, spouses and guests flew often on the planes when Margraves and William McKenzie chaired the boards — including trips associated with football games, committee meetings and board meetings.

In contrast, regents spent an average of \$1,860 per month for flights on system aircraft through the first eight months of the current fiscal year, A&M figures show.

Regents revised their policies when Batesville rancher Mary Nan West took over as board chairman, resulting in a drastic cut in overall travel expenses and travel on the A&M-owned planes.

Regents have spent \$20,496 on total travel expenses so far in fiscal year 1996; \$246,062 in 1993; and \$343,445 in 1991, according to system records.

Current A&M Board Vice Chairman T. Michael O'Connor described the changes as more of a function of the board's new members than a reaction to public perception and criticism of spending.

"I don't think we made those changes in the wake of Mr. Margraves' resignation," said O'Connor, who had been on the board about a year when Margraves resigned. "There were different philosophies from the previous administration."

Margraves' attorney, Geoff Berg of Houston, said Margraves couldn't discuss A&M travel — even in a general way — because of the pending criminal charge against him.

But, Berg added, "Mr. Margraves has done nothing wrong."

Regent John Lindsey of Houston said regents re-evaluated their policies after media reports in 1994 and 1995.

The revised board policies require regents to receive written approval from the audit and finance committee before taking a spouse on a system plane.

"The news media made it sound like we were all criminals over there," he said, noting that he and other board members donate their time to serve as regents.

"I love this institution and my job as a regent," Lindsey said. "I don't think enough has been said about the good things regents do. We hear nothing but criticism. We work hard up here."

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reform Party drops effort to get on Texas ballot
HOUSTON — Efforts to get Ross Perot's Reform Party on the general election ballot in Texas as a new political party have ended, according to a published report.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported today that leaders of the Reform Party said Sunday they have ended their efforts.

But an organizer for the U.S. Taxpayers Party say they are about halfway to their goal of gathering 43,692 valid signatures on petitions by May 28. And leaders of the Natural Law Party say they will succeed in their new party petition drive.

Last Monday, Reform Party leaders delivered to the state 160,000 signatures to get Perot on the ballot as an independent candidate, saying he would serve as a stand-in candidate if the party nominated someone else for president.

Report: OSHA papers show past hazards at depot
CORPUS CHRISTI — The Corpus Christi Army Depot exposed workers to asbestos, lead, acid and otherwise violated federal workplace standards for the last decade, official documents show.

In some incidents, supervisors failed to notify workers of dangers that could have killed or seriously injured them, according to hundreds of documents obtained by the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The 3,000-employee depot repairs and overhauls helicopters in more than 100 production shops at the 190-acre base. It is the largest facility of its type in the world.

OSHA is the federal agency that oversees workplace safety issues.

Drought jeopardizes reforestation projects

DALLAS — If it doesn't rain soon in East Texas, the survival rate of this year's seedlings could be the worst in recent memory.

"This has been the second-worst experience we've had, and it could become the worst if we don't get rain," said Glenn Chancellor, a top

executive for Temple-Inland Forest Products Corp. in Diboll.

So far, the 1995-96 seedling survival rate already is running second to 1980, when an unbroken string of 100-degree summer days almost wiped out the new pine tree crop.

Estimates from three major timber companies in East Texas say the ongoing drought could kill between one-third and one-half of the new seedlings planted in the '95-96 reforestation projects.

Officials regret sex offender's early release

FORT WORTH — Timothy Ernest Nemecek has acknowledged that he had sex with a 13-year-old boy in his car at Lake Waco, but told a jury that it was consensual.

Nemecek, age 23 at the time of his 1977 trial, was convicted and sentenced to 60 years.

Five years later, three prominent McLennan County officials wrote to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles protesting the sentence. It was commuted to 12 years, said Brett Hornsby, a clemency supervisor for the board.

In March 1983, Nemecek, a member of one of the most prominent families in West, a tiny farming community near Waco, was released on parole after serving six years.

Since his return to the streets, he has been arrested twice on child-sex charges. And today, the jury foreman and the prosecutor in the 1977 case and even the former district attorney are among those questioning the decision to reduce his sentence.

Three arrested in animal rights group protest

DALLAS — Three animal rights activists remained jailed today on criminal trespass charges after they staged a protest of fur sales at a North Dallas department store and refused to leave the mall.

Lydia Nichols, 26, of Dallas, 18-year-old Megan Amber Lewis of Fort Worth, and Sheridan Tyler Wright, 27, of Dallas, are members of the Texas Establishment for Animal Rights.

They were jailed Sunday at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center on criminal trespass charges in lieu of \$506 bond each. The offense is a Class B misdemeanor.

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"Giving up is the ultimate tragedy."

-Robert J. Donovan

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OTHER VIEWS

Third time is not the charm on Jack Kevorkian

Dr. Jack Kevorkian has been acquitted yet again — for the third time — of charges that he assisted a suicide, in the instant case, two of them.

Michigan presently has no statute making assisted-suicide a crime, though it did have one that expired in 1991. So the state tried the doctor based on the notion that assisting a suicide is a crime in common law — legal principles underlying the justice system that have never been formally enacted. The jury didn't buy that approach.

Basing a prosecution on an interpretation of what the common law does and doesn't permit isn't a sound practice. So the prosecution's effort was flawed from the beginning, though the jury probably wouldn't have convicted anyway.

The expired state law banning assisted suicide contained an exception for doctors acting to relieve suffering when they do not intend death to result, a reasonable protection for those acting in good faith. But Kevorkian used that defense when there could be no doubt about the consequences of his actions, and the jury accepted it.

Prosecutors vow to continue to seek to convict Kevorkian, who assisted yet another suicide even while the trial was under way, and now has extended his services to patients not clearly terminal. Indeed, neither of the two people he was charged with assisting to kill themselves were terminally ill.

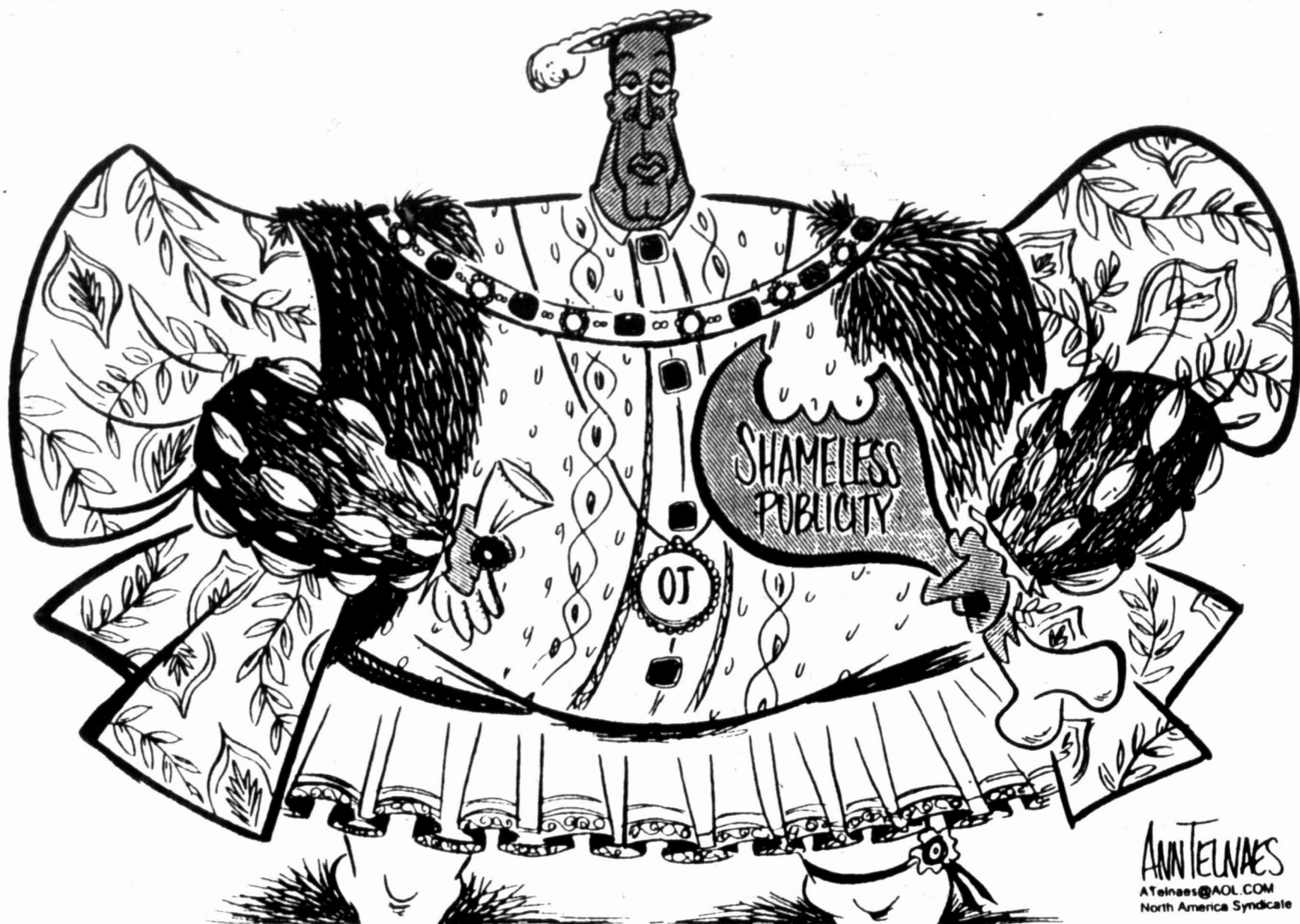
However, more prosecutions are not the answer. Michigan Gov. John Engler has a better answer: The state Legislature should enact a law on assisted-suicide.

That's the right approach, though just how it can write a law that meets the needs of suffering patients, protects doctors and at the same time avoids the potential abuses of legalized assisted-suicide remains highly uncertain to almost everyone.

One thing is certain: Kevorkian's declaration that his acquittal legitimizes assisted suicide is wrong. It has done no such thing. The issue is a complex one fraught with potential abuse that demands a searching debate by physicians, patients, lawyers, ethicists and citizens alike before anything is done.

But a law that at least puts out of business zealots such as Kevorkian, who practice the equivalent of vigilante medicine, would be a good idea.

-ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH



Protests against Mitsubishi will be dead-end gestures

My wife and I are announcing that we will not be buying a Mitsubishi automobile this week.

And we are declaring that at no time in the immediate future will we be buying a car made by Mitsubishi.

In fact, it is not only possible but likely that we will never own a Mitsubishi product and will live out our lives without even going into a Mitsubishi showroom.

We are taking this hard-line position to display our sensitivity and political correctness. And as a gesture of solidarity with Jesse Jackson and his Operation PUSH and Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women.

As you may have noticed, Jackson and Ireland were recently given sizable chunks of TV news shows and newspaper space when they held a news conference to reveal their plan of attack on Mitsubishi.

They said members of their groups would picket selected Mitsubishi dealer showrooms to protest the sexual hanky-panky that is said to have occurred at the car maker's big plant in downstate Normal, Ill.



Mike Royko
Syndicated
Columnist

They also want to show their unhappiness with Mitsubishi for having 3,000 workers come to Chicago to protest the federal government's legal action against the employer.

Well, any sensible, politically correct, proper-thinking person can see the logic of the Jackson/Ireland protests.

First, we have the well-publicized lawsuit filed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on behalf of female Mitsubishi workers who said they were sexually harassed by male employees.

What a shocker that was. Who would have thought that in a big blue-collar industrial plant, with thousands of blue-collar workers, some males might be crude enough to behave in a lewd manner.

Then came the arrogance of the managers of the Mitsubishi plant for paying those 3,000 workers who came downtown and protested the lawsuit right outside of the EEOC office.

Apparently Mitsubishi didn't know that when the EEOC has a big news conference to announce that it is suing you, what you are supposed to do is beat your chest and tear your hair and express guilt and remorse and promise never to do anything bad again and pay whatever penalties and fines the EEOC decrees, even if they might put you out of business.

Mitsubishi mistakenly thought that it, too, had the right to play the public-opinion game by encouraging some of its workers to thumb their

noses at the EEOC.

But now Mitsubishi has learned a lesson: The EEOC can grab headlines by heaping mud on Mitsubishi (especially while the EEOC was looking foolish by trying to make Hooters hire men), but Mitsubishi can't try to embarrass the EEOC.

Mitsubishi also has learned that while it is OK for Jackson and PUSH to lead protests against just about anyone for just about anything, it is not OK for Mitsubishi workers to protest outside of the EEOC office.

So the followers of Jackson and Ireland, most of whom don't work on auto assembly lines, will gather outside of Mitsubishi showrooms in Chicago and other cities to discourage potential customers.

Some nit-pickers might wonder about the fairness of these protests and ask why they want to punish car salesmen and dealers who are many miles away from the Mitsubishi plant in Normal and are in no way involved in the sexual-harassment legal action.

There are three obvious answers for that:

1. While it is true that the dealers, the salesmen and the mechanics didn't have anything to do with any sexual harassment in the Normal plant, it is possible that the horn, the hubcaps or the cigarette lighter were installed by leering boors who pinched the buns of female co-workers. Would any sensitive, politi-

cally correct car shopper knowingly buy a car from a salesman if there were even a slight chance that the car had been partially built by someone who would grope?

2. They will protest outside of Mitsubishi showrooms because the showrooms are there. And the customers will be there, too. You can't expect dignitaries such as Jesse Jackson or Patricia Ireland to go all the way to Normal and waste time protesting outside of an auto plant that is closed and virtually empty and motionless on a Sunday. What kind of sound and video bites would that provide the TV people?

3. When the weekend is over, Jackson and Ireland can claim a victory because more than 99 percent of all Americans will not have bought a Mitsubishi while they were boldly protesting.

Of course, 99 percent of all Americans wouldn't have bought a Mitsubishi anyway, although they are fine cars. And my wife and I are among them since our two cars run OK. So we aren't going to buy a Ford, a Chevy, a Dodge or a Toyota either.

But we now feel better because we have made a gesture of support for Jackson and Ireland and their gesture.

And our gesture is just as meaningful and effective as their gesture, although it won't make as good a 20-second bite on the evening news.

YOUR VIEWS

Kids' Zone coordinator offers thanks for help, effort

To the Editor:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone that helped make Kids' Zone a reality. As you can guess there are too many for me to be able to thank each one by name but I do want to single out a few people that far surpassed anyone's expectations. The first is John Richard Sparks. He worked tirelessly raising funds and keeping up my spirits. Whenever I thought we weren't going to make it he was there to help me go that extra mile. He stayed at the site every day well into the night while we were trying to dig and build. He must know every inch of that playground in his sleep because he directed almost every crew that was out there.

The second person is Mitzi Knight. She is my dearest friend and my most trusted helper. Whenever I was unavailable for questions, she stepped in and made "executive decisions." Thanks, Mitzi. You are the best.

The city and county are also to be commended. Gary Fuqua and his staff were supportive and encouraging every step of the way. The city council members gave Gary a lot of freedom to help me and provided the land Kids' Zone is standing on. The county commissioners are

planning to build a walking track around the playground which will be wonderful for all us moms who would like to get some exercise while our kids play.

Two more people that were invaluable were Ralph Truskowski and Rick (I can't remember his last name). Ralph showed up several times every day we were working to find out what we might need and to make sure we got it. He was Mitzi's favorite visitor. (She was in charge of the tool trailer). Rick worked every day and he was great. Ralph had other city workers out there who were also very necessary to the success of our project. Thanks, guys!

John Paul Anderson is someone I knew nothing about until we began building other than that he is on the city council. I have to say I am incredibly impressed. He was another person that was there every day finding out what we needed and making sure we got it. At times he bought expensive tools which we couldn't borrow so that our project would go smooth and the money wouldn't come from the donations we had collected. He is a generous, kind man and I appreciate the opportunity I have had to get to know him. The success or failure of the Kids' Zone depended very much on Ralph and John Paul and people like them.

I also want to thank each of my committee members who worked with me through the last eight months helping to make this dream a reality. Brenda Banks, Javier Becerra, Kristy Caruthers, Beth Christy, Becky Crane, Glenn Fillingim, Linda Frazier, Carol Hanes, Steve Herren, Suzie Lozano, Kathy Lusk, Donna Nixon, Brandy Sanderson, and Pete Sanderson. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your hours of work and sacrifice. You did it, Guys!!

Thirteen people that we could never have done without were the captains. They showed up each morning at 7 a.m. and stayed until the last person left at 10 p.m. They were diligent, hard-working and humorous. They kept going no matter what. Chris Chaney, Glenn Fillingim, Linda Frazier, Debbie Gunn, Stephen Howard, Robert Lafer, Jimmie McCain, Robert Seago, James Sanderson, John Richard Sparks, Sissy Wells, and Al Yanke. You guys were incredible.

The inmates and guards from Wilderness Camp 4 also deserve special mention. They stayed longer than any other group of volunteers and worked very hard. They were polite, helpful and many were very skilled in carpentry. They volunteered to stay longer than their "work" hours and the guards stayed with them without being paid for their extra

hours. We truly enjoyed working with them and it is no exaggeration to say we could not have built the playground without them. The volunteers from the city worked as hard as they could but our numbers always stayed low. Without the inmates there would be no Kids' Zone.

Of course, it can never be said enough. Thank you very much to all donors. Your financial, verbal, in kind and tool type support made it possible for May 8-12 to happen. Thank you one and all. I hope you love your investment.

My heartfelt appreciation also goes out to the Big Spring Herald, KBST and KBYG. No one in the city would have had a clue what Kids' Zone was without their constant, excellent coverage. There is no way of knowing how much they saved us in advertising dollars but I know we couldn't have done it

without them. Thank you for covering us so well and so favorably. There was a tremendous difference between the way people received me before your coverage began and after it got started. In the beginning, it was difficult to explain to people what I wanted to do. Once coverage began in the paper and on the radio, people really got excited about the project. They wanted to see it succeed. It made my job and the jobs of our different committees that much easier.

Last, I want to thank everyone that showed up and worked. This is your playground. You all sweat for it. I know! Thank you. I really enjoyed getting to know everyone. Thank you for sacrificing your evenings and weekend to do this for our kids. I hope everyone enjoys this playground. I know I will.

Thank you, Big Spring, for a

great year. We can now truthfully say that "come hail and high water" we built a playground! See ya'll at Kids' Zone!

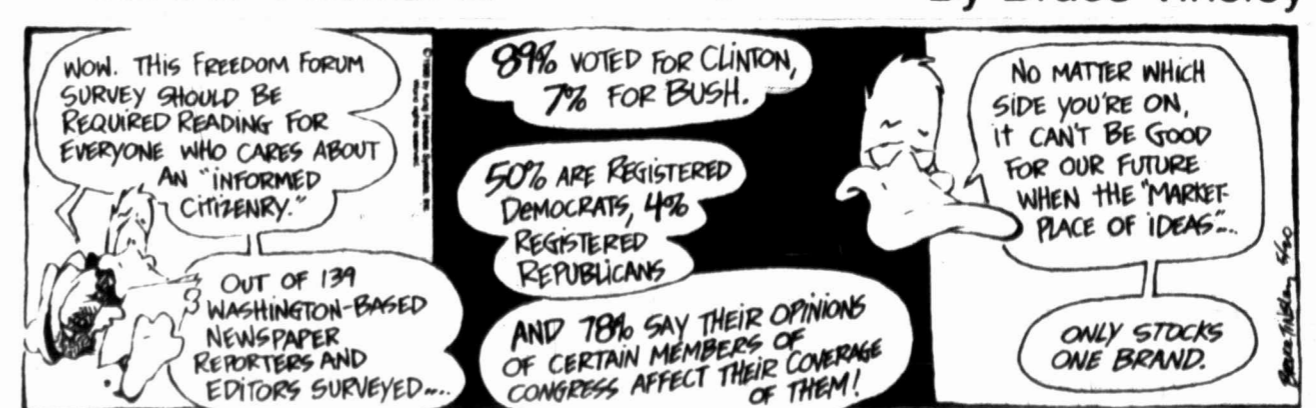
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Canister parts and melted tires offer evidence of explosion on Flight 592

MIAMI (AP) — Singed oxygen canister parts and melted tires are giving investigators more evidence that a fire or explosion may have occurred aboard ValuJet Flight 592 before it made its deadly plunge into the Everglades.

Two heat-damaged canister end caps were found in one of three tires removed from the front cargo hold. The tire also was damaged by soot and heat, Gregory Feith, lead investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, said Sunday.

About 119 oxygen canisters were in the cargo hold, more than double the number originally thought. None were outfitted with safety caps, which prevent accidental ignition of the canisters' firing mechanisms, Feith said.

Evidence of at least one canister that had discharged had been found, Feith said. A firing pin also was found, he said. It was not clear when the canister discharged, whether it was heat-damaged, or whether any of the other canisters on board were full.

The canisters, which contain a volatile mix of chemicals used to provide oxygen to passenger emergency masks, can create heat of up to 500 degrees when in use. ValuJet was not authorized to transport full canisters, considered hazardous materials when transported as cargo, federal officials said.

Phoenix-based SabreTech, an aircraft maintenance company that packed the canisters, has said it wasn't sure whether they were empty.

ValuJet said it believed the containers, which were being returned to company headquarters in Atlanta, were empty, and therefore not hazardous.

"ValuJet would not have

Colorado fires burns 9,700 acres, two homes

BUFFALO CREEK, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters were hoping a break in the hot, windy weather would help them control a 9,700-acre wildfire that has forced hundreds to evacuate and left a path of scorched cars and blackened trees.

Twelve structures, including at least two homes, were destroyed by the fast-moving blaze that began Saturday in the Pike National Forest, about 30 miles southwest of Denver. No serious injuries were reported.

Investigators said they believed they had found the fire's origin, a burned-out tent at a campsite southwest of Buffalo Creek. Federal agents were sifting through the charred campsite, now sealed off by yellow police tape, for evidence.

Most firefighters were pulled off the lines Sunday night to rest, with pumper crews keeping an eye on hot spots. Calm winds, higher humidity, cloudy skies and cooler temperatures helped firefighters on Sunday and were forecast again for today.

"We're anticipating a little cooperation from Mother Nature," Rik Kajans, a fire operations chief, said Sunday.

Temperatures near 90 degrees and high winds set the stage for the Colorado wildfire which spread quickly and forced hundreds of campers and residents of Pine and Buffalo Creek to evacuate.

The flames scorched a 2-mile-wide swath now littered with camping equipment, the scorched skeletons of abandoned cars and blackened trees.

"It was so dry and so hot that they had to abandon everything and just get of the way it was blowing so hard," Buffalo Creek resident Mary Green said Sunday.

accepted the shipment had it been accurately labeled as hazardous material by the shipper," the company said in a statement Sunday.

Aircraft parts in a compartment near the cargo hold show evidence of scorching or soot, and pilots reported smoke in the cockpit and cabin before the plane went down. Investigators, however, have not concluded there was a fire or explosion on the DC-9, which crashed soon after takeoff, killing all 110 people on board.

Investigators have held open

the possibility of an electrical fire, but several bundles of electrical wiring located so far had no evidence of fire or heat damage. They are continuing to look for circuit breakers that were repaired in Atlanta before the plane's final trip to Miami.

Meanwhile, new ground-mapping radar was put to work Sunday and should help identify key remnants of the plane, Feith said.

"We are anticipating the material we get back to be of a sufficient nature to help us find the voice recorder," he said, referring to the cockpit voice

recorder that may yield the last comments of the crew and help answer many questions about the crash.

Tom Fenner, sales director for the company that sent the radar, Geophysical Survey Systems of Salem, N.H., said today that the device is working well. There had been concerns that it would not work in the Everglades muck. He would not comment on what the radar was finding.

Working at the crash site has been exhausting and disturbing, he said. "I think the best description I've heard is it's like a scene out of a Stephen King

novel," he said. "There are still a lot of things floating in the water that you don't want to see."

With the recovery work in its second week, only about 10 percent of the plane has been recovered, Feith said. Investigators believe they saw the tip of a wing during a morning airboat trip over the crater where they think a large part of the wreckage is.

Divers have received new bio-hazard suits but will wait until Tuesday to go into the crater. A platform is being built to help them bring up any parts found. On Sunday, workers trapped

an alligator in a canal away from the search area where the divers were testing their suits, said Metro Dade police spokeswoman Linda O'Brien. The gator was captured and moved.

Feith said a contractor should be helping by late in the week to come up with a plan to retrieve the rest of the plane. Searchers picked up a truckload and a half of wreckage Saturday, including a case containing a flight book with the captain's name on it.

Samples of the singed pieces are being sent to Washington for FBI analysis of the soot and heat damage.

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Few countries take up the call for U.N. sanctions on Sudan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The United States calls Sudan a "viper's nest of terrorists." Egypt accuses it of cultivating and sheltering a generation of Muslim extremists.

But a week into sanctions imposed on Sudan by the U.N. Security Council, few governments have heeded the call either to reduce the number of Sudanese diplomats they allow in their countries or to restrict their movements.

Some, in fact, have indicated they will not abide by the U.N. action.

"You are seeing that they are not being implemented seriously," said Mubarak al-Mahdi, secretary-general of the National Democratic Alliance, Sudan's main opposition group.

"What is needed are tougher sanctions and tougher action against Sudan if they are to compel it to deliver the goods," he said in an interview from London.

The diplomatic sanctions took effect May 10 to pressure Sudan's Islamic-based regime to turn over three men accused of trying to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Ethiopia last year.

One of the men, Mustafa Hamza, is widely believed to be in eastern Afghanistan in a region long frequented by Arab militants. Sudan maintains that the other two are abroad as well.

So far, the United States appears to be the only country to have complied fully with the sanctions, officials said.

It expelled the Sudanese embassy's information counselor and ordered Sudanese diplomats based in Washington

or at U.N. headquarters in New York to give at least 48 hours' notice when traveling more than 25 miles outside those cities.

The tepid response of other nations may reflect the dissension that was involved in devising the resolution itself.

The United States pushed for a ban on air links to Sudan and some of Sudan's neighbors wanted even tougher measures.

But Egypt, for years the most vociferous critic of Sudan, was fearful that such actions would worsen Sudan's already anemic economy, making life harder for some of Africa's poorest.

Arab countries are sensitive to popular anger over the plight of Iraqis suffering from more than five years of U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Those sanctions were meant to undermine Saddam Hussein's regime but have instead impoverished its peo-

ple. Egypt has toned down its rhetoric in recent days, eager to foster indications that Sudanese government in Khartoum might be willing to crack down on Lebanese, Egyptian and Palestinian militants in Sudan.

"Egypt wants to exert pressure, but it doesn't want it to reach the breaking point," said Ibrahim Karawan, an analyst at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

European countries have not acted strongly either, although nations have until June 25 to report to the Security Council on steps they have taken to comply with the sanctions.

Germany stopped issuing visas to Sudanese with official passports, but said any other response would be coordinated with European Union members. Britain and Russia, both Security Council members, said no

decision had been made on what steps they would take.

In a challenge to the credibility of U.N. sanctions, other countries indicated they will ignore the resolution.

The Syrian ambassador in Khartoum, Mohamed al-Mohamed, was quoted in the newspaper Al-Hayat as saying that "Syria believes this decision is unfair and skirts the truth."

Hassan Turabi, the parliament speaker and leading political force in Sudan, attended a meeting of Arab parliament members in Syria despite the U.N. resolution's call to restrict the entry of Sudanese officials.

Sudan's vice president, Zubair Mohamed Saleh, returned from an official visit to Iran on Wednesday.

Sudan, meanwhile, has sent mixed signals, possibly hoping to forestall a toughening of the sanctions if it does not turn over the three fugitives.

Sudanese President Omar el-

Bashir said any foreigner seeking to subvert a government must leave Sudan, an implicit acknowledgement that militants had indeed received refuge in Sudan.

But days later, Sudanese newspapers quoted an unidentified official as saying that Sudan had not asked any Arab residents to leave and that it "would stay open to Arab brothers as long as they respect its policies and their presence does not oppose its interests."

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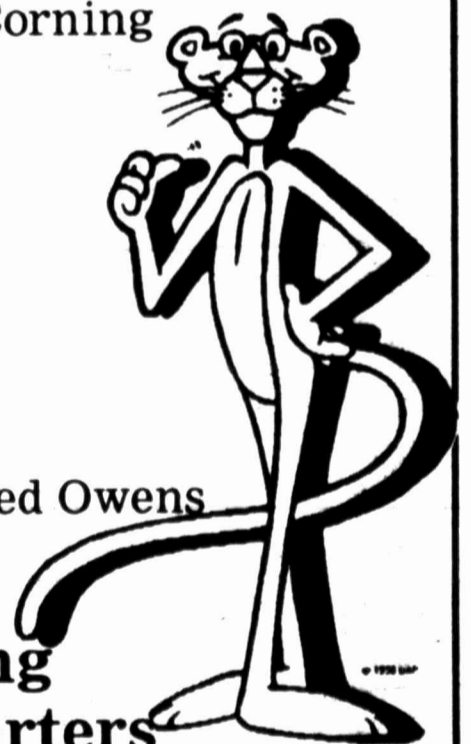
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Wednesday's Games: Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 4.

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Weekend BASEBALL

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SEATTLE MARINERS—Sent LHP Joe Kirtz outright to Tacoma.

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The win was huge for the Bulldogettes, but no bigger, Randolph said, than subsequent playoff wins over Natalia, Albany or Slocum.

"If your last loss is in the title game of the state tournament, it's hard to consider in a down point," Randolph said.

to ever duplicate what this year's team accomplished. "They did something no other Coahoma team has ever done - they played for the state title," Randolph said.

Pavin wins at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Soon, they might have to call it Pavin's Place if Corey Pavin keeps winning on courses once favored by Ben Hogan.

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Pavin also has won two Los Angeles Opens at Riviera Country Club, another course favored by Hogan.

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Indy

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As a driver, the Indy 500 made Foyt a household name. Now as a car-team owner he is trying to give something back.

race steered clear of his hand charging self. "I'd pick Al Unser," he answered.

"Looking at Danny, I remember when he ran on a full-time basis, when he was called 'Danny On-the-gas,'" Curry said.

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"With all the first-timers, the race could go two ways. It could be wide open, with more holes than ever to run a car through, or," he added, "guys could spend all day running up each other's backs."

"Al was steady as they come and a hole had to have plenty of room before he'd go through. In fact, I tried to get him. What a kick that would have been."

"I think what Hogan and I have in common is a lot of imagination on the golf course," Pavin said.

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The real kick is that Al Unser, a four-time winner at Indy, is already 56. And Foyt wasn't the only owner trying to talk him out of retirement.

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As happened with pitching, the sudden expansion has exposed a lack of quality driving. No one could have foreseen that Brayton, who ran 14 times at Indy, would run into such unyielding trouble.

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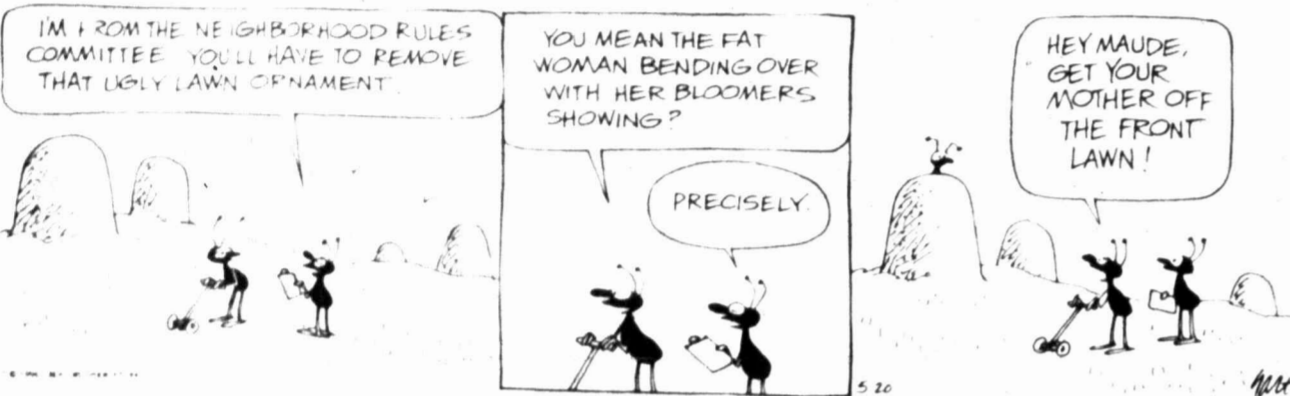
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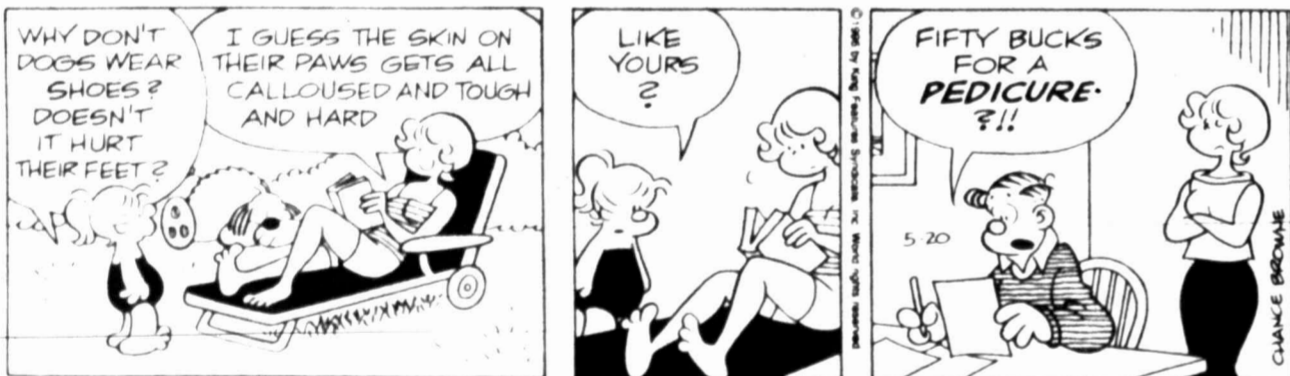
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, May 20, the 141st day of 1996. There are 225 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France. On this date: In 1506, Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain. In 1830, the first railroad timetable was published, in the newspaper Baltimore American.

THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Credit and calling, 6 Shoof, 10 Extinct bird, 13 Woodwinds, 14 One of a flight, 15 Small cobra, 16 Vegetable preparation, 18 Severely sharp cold, 19 Ogled, 20 Writer Ephron, 21 One of the Fords, 23 N.Y.'s Island, 25 Unearthly, 26 Spheres, 32 Otherwise called, 33 Covetousness, 36 Part of Eur, 37 Kiri Te Kanawa, for one, 40 - Mana, 42 Well-liked, 44 Proprietor, 46 Mirrors, 47 Hold fast, 48 Climb a rope, 51 Far from dense, 54 Freight, 56 Facilitate, 57 Lat abbr, 61 Make inquiry, 62 Things bought and sold, 65 Itinerary abbr, 66 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' playwright, 67 Worn out, 68 Nourished, 69 Sunbeams, 70 Discover, 9 Bring to bay, 10 Cleric's house, 11 Willow used in basketry, 12 Put on, 14 Blemish, 17 - even keel, 22 Lucy's husband, 24 Even chance, 26 Spigot, 27 Drooping on one side, 28 Metric weight, 30 Conducted, 31 Ponders moodily, 33 Opp. of deep, 34 Woody stem, 35 At any time, 38 Cry at a bullfight, 39 Man in the street, 41 Before, 43 Sharp pain, 45 Coax, 47 Neighborhood, 48 Babushka, 49 Dispatch, 50 Annoyed, 52 Walks back and forth, 53 Tennis great, 55 - Khayyam, 58 At full -, 59 Place of penitence, 60 Season of penitence, 63 Guidonian note, 64 Xanthippe, e.g.

Saturday's Puzzle solved:

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: SHED, ABATE, PUAZE, CAEN, PEAR, FLUES, ORNE, ERSE, LOTSO, FLOTS, CRESS, NOTSO, FLAMAT, SCADS, OFSCADS, ALI, UTE, NET, RACEME, ESSENE, TIMET, ORAD, AERATE, REPINE, AGO, BET, CAN, RAFTS, OFRAFTS, ALIAS, AIR, ATRIA, GBSO, FGOBS, OUST, EVES, RETIE, ANNE, SERE, ASSET, TETE.

timetable was published, in the newspaper Baltimore American. In 1861, North Carolina voted to secede from the Union. In 1861, the capital of the Confederacy was moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va. In 1902, the United States ended its occupation of Cuba. In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. In 1939, regular trans-Atlantic air service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Europe. In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order. In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Apbia Mountain, referred to as Hamburger Hill by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War. In 1970, some 100,000 people demonstrated in New York's Wall Street district in support of U.S. policy in Vietnam and Cambodia. In 1985, the FBI arrested John A. Walker Jr. who was later convicted of spying for the Soviet Union. Ten years ago: President Reagan urged the Senate to adopt, without changes, a major tax-overhaul bill reducing the top individual rate to 27 percent.

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