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Fugitive found on I-40

A Wisconsin man wanted in Arizona ended up in Gray County Jail recently following a routine traffic stop on Interstate 40.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Doug Acker pulled Edward Peter Tognas, 36, of Milwaukee, Wis., over about 5 p.m. Thursday on Interstate 40 near McLean on a minor traffic violation.

A routine check indicated that Tognas was wanted on a fugitive warrant out of Arizona charging him with possession of narcotic drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Officials said Tognas was expected to appear in state district court Tuesday to waive extradition.

Theresa H. Hermesmeier, 88, Christian Mothers member.

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Honoring veterans



Virgil Lumpkin, left, and Walter Smith, fix themselves a barbecue sandwich at a Memorial Day luncheon honoring local U.S. military veterans at the Schneider House retirement center. Lumpkin was a sergeant major with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers serving in the Pacific during World War II. Smith served as a member of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne during WW II.

Mold mars dreams of Panhandle family

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

PANHANDLE — Chance and Brent jumped on the trampoline in the warm evening sunlight. Kyle just graduated to kindergarten.

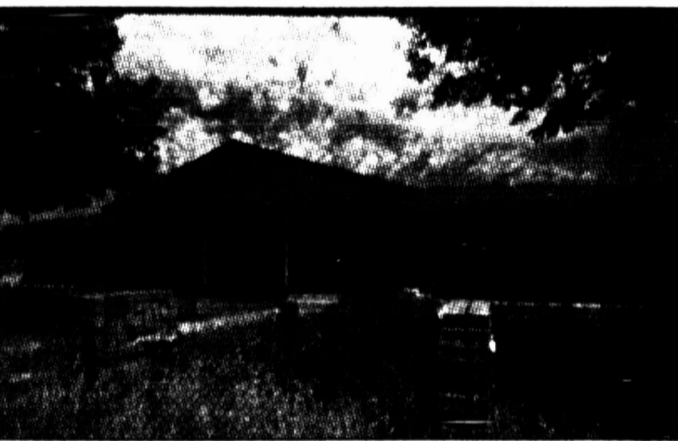
But Dewayne and Lynette Weiss aren't sure yet if their children will suffer permanent health problems.

It was Nov. 20, 1995, when the couple bought the home at 1310 Maple, a nice tree-shaded neighborhood in Panhandle. They moved into the house in December so they could spend Christmas in their new home.

At the time, they were a family of four with one on the way. The life before them seemed good.

Today, the children still suffer some health problems, and the family faces financial ruin.

"After we bought the house, we noticed the kids and I were having a lot of sinus and ear infections," Lynette said. "The ear infections for the boy became so bad that



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

The home the Weiss family bought in 1995, Dewayne and Lynette Weiss say, had black mold in the walls and attic that caused a multitude of health problems for Lynette and her sons.

we just kept changing antibiotic in hopes to find a cure. Then, we noticed that if the kids would spend a week-end with my folks or my husband's parents, they would start to clear up."

"The noses would clear up. The breathing eased. The kids were sleeping better."

"We bought the house five years ago," Lynette said, "and we started having problems immediately, breathing problems, ear infections, sinus infections."

None of them had any respiratory problems before moving into the house.

"We all started having breathing problems, Lynette says.

They started taking air samples from the duct work. It showed mold.

"We had them cleaned," she said of the air ducts. "In fact, we cleaned them three times."

But the companies that cleaned the duct work said they couldn't get all the mold out. The ducting would have to be replaced.

They replaced it. They expected the situation to improve.

It didn't.

"We replaced the carpet," Lynette said. "It didn't improve."

The kids couldn't sleep all night without a respiratory attack.

There were runny noses and throat hurts.

Just before Mother's Day, 1998, Lynette noticed something growing on the outside brick wall. They sent a sample to a professor at West Texas A&M University. He said it was fungus.

"Mother's Day, I knocked out a wall in the boys' room," Lynette said.

There was an odor in the house, and it was strongest in the boys' room.

The sheet rock was clean, the insulation was clean, but the 2x4s were black.

"That's when we called Republic Insurance," Lynette said.

Carson Co. schools face low numbers

Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series on how the economy, population, and end-of-the-year enrollment figures affect area school districts.

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

While the numbers of students in public schools in Gray County did not fall as much this year as they did from 1999 to 2000, some area counties weren't as fortunate.

In Carson County, Groom, Panhandle and White Deer student enrollment were all down from the 2000 numbers.

Carson County

White Deer Independent School District (WDISD) has experienced a loss of enrollment and the taxable value of the district has plunged due to the loss of oil and gas in the area.

In a controversial decision, the WDISD trustees voted unanimously in March to bus the fifth and sixth graders from the Skellytown campus to White Deer during the next school year.

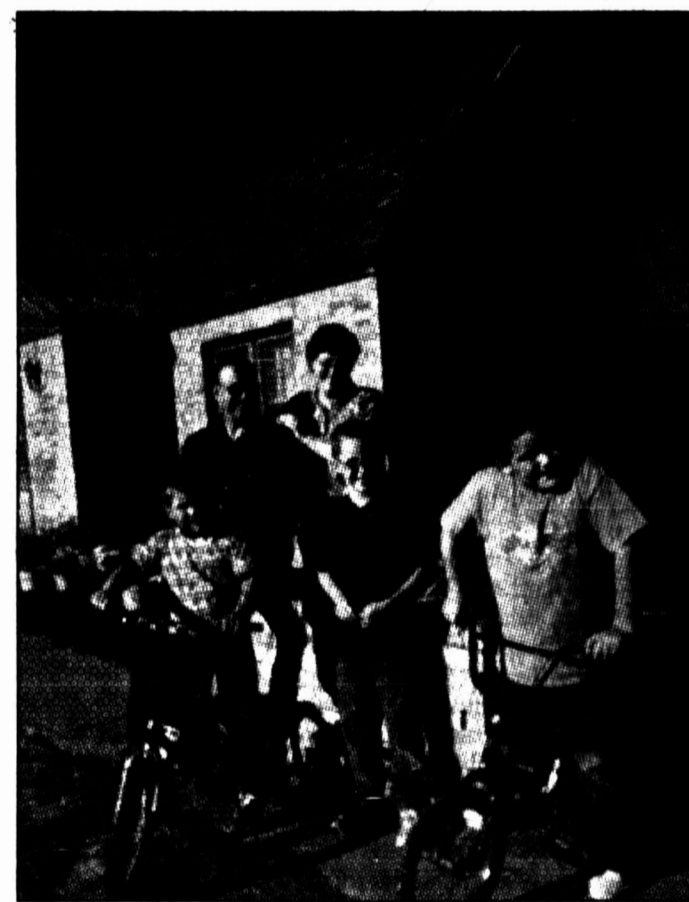
Skellytown's pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes will be combined next year as will first and second grade there during the upcoming school year. Third and fourth graders will also be combined.

Seventh and eighth graders from the Skellytown campus were transferred this past year to White Deer. Board President Joe Freeman said at a March 22 meeting the move will save the district about \$200,000.

The Skellytown school cafeteria will also be closed this year.

Enrollment figures of WDISD on March 28, were White Deer High School (WDHS), 133, and White Deer Elementary, 203, which includes 63 junior high students; Skellytown-based campus, K-sixth, 75.

WDHS dropped from 154 in 1999 to 136 in August 2000. (See NUMBERS, page 2)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser) Settled into their new home, Dewayne and Lynette Weiss with the children, Kyle, Brent and Chance, are having fewer health problems.

They sent a specialist to inspect the house.

"He spent six hours testing the house," Lynette said. "He found 11 different kinds of mold and mildews and

(See MOLD, Page 2)

Cow calling contest draws bovine bawlers

MIAMI — The City of Miami will host its 2001 National Cow Calling Celebration Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3. The three-day extravaganza will kick-off with "Frontier Follies" at 8 p.m., Friday in Miami School Auditorium.

A schedule of activities and events for each day is as follows:

FRIDAY — Frontier Follies, 8 p.m., school auditorium

(refreshments will be served following the Follies in the Methodist Church.)

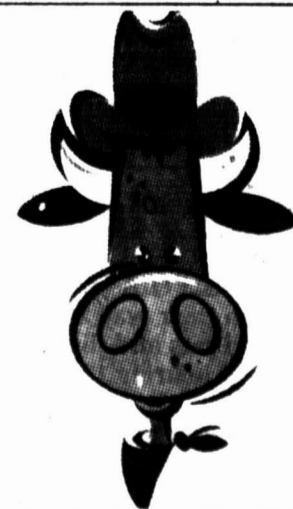
SATURDAY — Pioneer Roundup, 9 a.m., Community Center; Museum Open House, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Roberts County Museum (will feature artist John P. Darby and weaver Linda Burt); 12 noon, Barbecue hosted by Miami Volunteer Fire Department, Roberts County

Park; 1 p.m., Cow Calling Contest, Roberts Co. Park; 2-6 p.m., Miami Volunteer EMS Bingo, Community Center; 6 p.m., Class of 1946 Reunion, Methodist Church Fellowship Hall; 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., American Legion Western Dance with Tiny Lynn, Miami Volunteer Fireman's Barn.

On Saturday, the park will also be the site of Lions Club

games for children, Seniors 2002 Concession, MHS Junior Class Homemade Ice Cream, MHS Cheerleaders Raffle, K-Land Chuck wagon booth, and Texas Tech Red Raider Tour. In addition, EMS will be sponsoring the Lifestar Helicopter.

SUNDAY — Community Cowboy Church, 10:30 a.m., with speaker Dr. Lewis Holland, Miami School Auditorium.



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HERMESMEYER, Theresa Homer — 10 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Groom.

MANGUS, Thercile Jane Grange — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, White Deer.

ROGERS, Sandra Denise — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

HERMESMEYER, Theresa Homer

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Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 26

Van Johnson, 47, 831 S. Barnes, was arrested in the 400 block of West Tynng for driving while intoxicated - first offense.

Sunday, May 27

Rolando Ramirez, 23, Dallas, was arrested in the 400 block of East Browning for public intoxication.

William Hatt, 17, no address listed, was arrested in the 600 block of Yeager on a warrant for disorderly conduct - fighting. He was released after paying fines.

Monday, May 28

Brandon Orr, 20, 210 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 100 block of West Kingsmill on municipal warrants for minor in possession and no seat belt.

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Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 28

Eddie Lawrence, 20, 1210 E. Francis, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's Office for Pampa Police Department on a warrant for minor in possession.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, May 25

12:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Hobart and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

12:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

12:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Prison Unit and transported one to PRMC.

1:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Foster streets. No transport.

Saturday, May 26

5:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Darby. No transport.

8:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Northwest Texas Hospital (NWTX), Amarillo, and transferred two to PRMC.

3:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to NWTX, Amarillo.

5:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Zimmers and transported one to PRMC.

6:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.

10:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Golden Plains Hospital, Borger, and transferred one to NWTX, Amarillo.

Sunday, May 27

7:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of West Crawford.

11:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Chestnut and transported one to PRMC.

1:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Houston. No transport.

3:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Campbell and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 26

1:02 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a smoke complaint in the 600 block of South Ballard. A person was illegally burning items inside the city limits.

2:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to an anti-freeze spill at Nelson and Buckler streets.

Sunday, May 27

11:49 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2600 block of Chestnut.

9:13 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters conducted an investigation in the 1000 block of East Frederic. The nature of the investigation was not listed on the report.

9:57 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a downed power line in the 2200 block of North Wells.

11:37 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of spilled gasoline in an abandoned house in the 600 block of Yeager.

Driver runs from fatal van wreck; 12 injured

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A van crammed with children on their way home from a party plowed into several cars and flipped over, killing a 4-year-old girl and injuring 12 other children, authorities said.

The driver of the van ran from the crash scene and police said they had not located him by early Monday.

One adult was also injured in the crash Sunday in south Philadelphia.

"There was a lot of kids hurt, but she was the only one dead," Cerita Kelly, the 4-year-old's grandmother, told WPVI-TV. "And she died instantly and now she's gone."

The GMC Safari van struck several parked cars, hit a construction trash bin and overturned,

Philadelphia police Capt. Ted Sideras said.

Four children, ranging in age from 4 to 12, were ejected.

"There were just kids everywhere," resident Kevin Smith told WPVI-TV. "Kids who couldn't move. Kids who were passed out. Kids who were lying in pools of their own blood."

Two boys, ages 5 and 7, were in critical condition at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, hospital spokeswoman Joey McCool said early Monday.

A woman and the other 10 children were treated and released at several hospitals.

"We're obviously trying to track down the driver of the vehicle," Sideras said. "We believe that it's just a matter of time before this individual turns himself in or we catch up to him."

NUMBERS

Superintendent Danny Ferrell attributed the loss to the reduction in work force by area oil companies, as people were moving away in search of jobs.

The school has dropped from 172 students to 133 in less than three years.

Projected enrollment for first grade this coming year is 33 students: nine in Skellytown, 24 in White Deer.

During the 1991-1992 school year, the enrollment was 486 students, and during the past school year there were 418 students.

Certified taxable value for White Deer was \$195,440,540 in 2000.

Taxable value for 1986 was \$445,899,752, according to information distributed by Ferrell at a recent school board meeting. Donita Davis, Chief Appraiser of the Carson County Appraisal District, said the taxable value was \$219,918,225 in 1991 and \$226,681,380 in 1997.

Groom dropped nearly 10 percent in students this year after maintaining a steady enrollment in 1999 and 2000. Both years, the school held the number at 179 students, but the student population has dropped 18 students to 161 in 2001, according to Superintendent John Wilson.

"There seems to be a general movement away from the farm," said Wilson, "and, like everyone else, we've experienced the loss of jobs in the energy sector."

Wilson said the district is cutting back on some programs.

"We are cutting back on our vocational agriculture program and band," he said, adding that teachers for both programs are semi-retired. "We were fortunate to be able to do that."

Another cost-cutting measure during the 2001-2002 school year will be combining the positions of superintendent and high school principal in the Groom ISD.

Wilson will be leaving Groom to take the superintendent position at Childress. Current Groom High School Principal Kevin Noack will take on the superintendent's duties.

Seventeen students graduated in 2001, said Wilson. He said the number of incoming kindergarten and first grade students has declined.

He added that the school currently has small

junior high classes. "In some classes there are only eight," he said.

Total taxable property value for 2000 at Groom was \$46,805,170.

John Walts, Panhandle ISD Superintendent, said his school has dropped 11 to 16 students.

"When we took the census a few days ago, we had 699 students," said Walts. "Last year at this time we had between 710 to 715 students in our school system."

"We're holding our own," he said, saying he was quite relieved the drop wasn't more. "Being close to Amarillo helps us. So many of the parents of our students travel to Amarillo daily to work. We remain pretty steady. If we had more housing, I think we'd have more students."

Walts said the Panhandle Panther graduating class is right around 50 this year.

"It's about the normal size," he said. He added that the Kindergarten and first grade classes have not shrunk in size, and that the eighth grade has about 65 students.

Panhandle isn't having to make any cutbacks in their programs, he said. "The numbers are supporting what we have," he said.

Roberts County

Miami Independent School District is down nine students. The district had 172 students last year and currently have 163.

"Younger people are not coming back to their hometowns," said Superintendent Allan Dinsmore. "We don't have the jobs here. Our population is declining."

He said 13 students graduated as the Class of 2001, but only six or seven have preregistered for Kindergarten. "Basically, the numbers in Kindergarten didn't match the number of seniors we are losing," he said.

"We're not having to cut any programs yet," he said, "but we're watching the enrollment very closely. Basically, we're maintaining."

A Chapter 41 school district (property wealthy), Miami is closely watching a lawsuit filed by Plano and Texas City stating the current method of school finance is illegal.

Miami ISD has \$221,664,839 total taxable value in 2000.

TUESDAY - Hutchinson and Hemphill counties.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

MOLD

fungus in the house."

The insurance company said they would not cover the mold damage. Under the terms of their policy, the insurance didn't cover losses caused by rust, rot, mold or other fungi.

"Some of the times, the kids would wake up and literally could not breathe," Lynette said.

But by the time she could get them to the doctor's office in Amarillo, they were fine.

"It was so frustrating," Lynette said. "There is a problem!"

A doctor in Panhandle finally diagnosed Lynette and the boys with asthma although they all became better the longer they were out of the house.

Dewayne and Lynette began tearing out walls. The 2x4 studs in the wall were treated, vacuumed and sealed. The sheet rock was then replaced.

Over the next couple of years, they repeated the process in room after room.

"We found out two and a half years later that procedure won't work," Dewayne said.

As the costs rose, they talked to their banker and decided to add on, using part of the money to cover the costs of trying to rid the rest of the house of the mold.

"I was trying to work overtime at my job plus working here," said Dewayne, who works at a Borger refinery. "She was working on it."

To make matters worse, the contractor disappeared, owing many of the sub-contractors, before the job was completed.

"Basically, we rebuilt the house, except for the frame," Dewayne said. "We rewired it, re-roofed it, added on and re-bricked it."

Saddled with a new note, the mold problem came back.

Dewayne and Lynette talked to lawyers in Borger and Amarillo, but after researching the problem, they were told it was a shaky case and the time limit to sue the insurance company and the builder had expired.

"By that point, I was giving the kids breathing treatments every two to three hours, 24 hours a day," Lynette said.

Dewayne and Lynette decided it wasn't worth the health risk anymore.

"That's when we decided to look at filing bankruptcy and getting out from under it," Dewayne said.

They had used their 401K money and borrowed money from Dewayne's parents and from the bank.

They spent around \$180,000 trying to fix the problem in the house that they had bought for \$70,000.

By Jan. 24 this year, they had reached a decision. They would move out and leave the house to the bank.

"The last night we spent in that house, Brent had such a serious attack he couldn't even draw air in," Dewayne said.

Lynette, by then, was giving

said. "This is where we were going to live. We were really going to try to make it healthy. We just kept gutting it, gutting it and gutting it. We never found a wall that was clean."

Initially, they thought there had been water damage from the roof and it had leaked down into the walls, but eventually inspectors decided it might have been green wood that contained spores of mold when the structure was built. The house was tight enough that the walls were sealed and couldn't breathe.

"It's likely that it was in the lumber when the house was built," Dewayne said.

The house was a 30-year-old ready-built home.

They bought the lot and had a ready-built brought in," Dewayne said. "We bought it from the original owners."

The man, Dewayne said, never really had any symptoms, but the man's wife suffered symptoms similar to Lynette, but the couple who previously lived in the house were older and the symptoms tended to be blamed on age.

Since their problem came to light, they have heard of similar situations in the area, but none as bad as theirs.

"This was our house," Lynette

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MEDICAL

Discovery of HIV hiding place crushes hope of curing AIDS

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

Will AIDS ever be cured?
The latest research on the resourceful HIV virus that causes the disease suggests a disheartening answer: Probably not.

Just a few years ago, even some of the most sober-minded researchers wondered if the end of AIDS might be near. Perhaps the pills that miraculously changed HIV from a death sentence to a chronic infection would go the final step, they thought, eventually curing the infection by purging every trace of the virus from the human body.

Such talk quickly faded. The new drug cocktails, amazing as they were, could not get rid of the virus. Even if all signs of it vanished for years, HIV was still lurking somewhere. Inevitably it roared back by the billions as soon as people stopped taking their medicines.

Ever since that realization sank in, finding HIV's hiding places has been the goal of a small group of researchers. What they have learned is one of the biggest disappointments in AIDS research.

The fact that HIV is an insidious and resourceful parasite is hardly a surprise. After all, AIDS researchers already understand in lavish detail how HIV latches onto human blood cells, how it oozes inside and kills them. They know the significance of every bump and crevice on the surface of the virus and how these shield it from destruction.

No basic AIDS discovery in recent times has proved so disturbing as the way HIV burrows in for the long haul.

It has shifted the ultimate goal of AIDS treatment toward something less ambitious. Since eradicating HIV now seems so unlikely many contend the next best thing will be somehow training the body to control the virus, to help patients live with HIV instead of getting rid of it.

Many of the insights come from the work of Dr. Robert Siliciano of Johns Hopkins University, who regularly tests the blood of about 50 Baltimore AIDS patients, measuring the virus's persistence despite the best treatments.

"What HIV has done is tap into the most fundamental aspect of the immune system, and that is its immunological memory," he says. "It's the perfect mechanism for the virus to ensure its survival."

Perfect because the virus lies silent inside cells that are programmed to do nothing but sit and wait. They are called resting memory T cells. Their only job is to store a record of the germs they encounter, keeping the body prepared for the next time it sees them.

These cells literally are the immune system's memory, so they must survive for a long time. Otherwise we would catch the same diseases over and over. HIV lies inside these sleeping cells, dormant but dangerous. Siliciano believes this means HIV infection will last a lifetime.

The memory cells do die off,

but ever so slowly. At the rate he sees in his Baltimore patients, it will take 73 years for them to go away completely. He cannot imagine a way to speed up the process, certainly not with the drugs now available or with anything else on the horizon.

This latently infected reservoir, as scientists call it, is the single biggest obstacle to getting rid of AIDS. "It's the thing that keeps us from curing this," says Dr. Roger Pomerantz of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

None of this was obvious in 1996, the dawn of the modern age of AIDS treatment. Doctors watched AIDS patients literally get up from their death beds after taking the newly available drug combinations. Anything seemed possible.

Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City cautiously speculated about eradicating HIV. If the drugs stopped the virus from infecting more blood cells, then the ones already loaded with virus would eventually die off naturally, leaving the body virus free. Perhaps this would take two or three years, he thought.

In late 1997, another discovery made that seem unlikely. Siliciano and two other teams independently found the virus inside memory T cells. They checked people who had seemingly been free of virus for two years. Every time, they found fully potent copies of virus inside their memory cells.

No one understood then how long these cells would stay alive, although it was assumed it would almost certainly be more than a couple of years.

"It was a sobering realization about the recalcitrant nature of this reservoir," remembers Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The next obvious approach was to try to destroy these Trojan horses.

Fauci's team tried to "flush out the reservoir," as they put it. The idea: Intermittently feed the body interleukin-2, a growth hormone that would make these dormant memory cells awaken and then die.

The experiment seemed to go well. Doctors biopsied patients' lymph nodes and found nothing. They grew hundreds of millions of their cells in cultures. Still nothing. Finally they stopped all treatment and waited. Within three or four weeks, they had their answer. The virus came back in every single patient.

"We are not going to be eliminating this reservoir," Fauci now says. "Whether you can measure it or not doesn't seem to have a significant impact on the clinically relevant phenomenon of what happens when you stop the drug."

Scientists have learned much about how the virus hides. HIV's primary target in the body is a kind of white blood cell known as a CD4 T helper cell. The virus infects them, hijacks their machinery so they manufacture more virus, then kills them.

After they get infected, though, a few of these helper cells become memory cells. HIV has already stitched its genes into the cells' genetic code in preparation for making more virus. Nothing happens. The cells go to sleep, virus and all.

All of this happens within the first days of an HIV infection, even before the body begins to make antibodies against the virus. The number of cells involved is relatively small, perhaps 1 million scattered through the blood stream, the lymph glands and perhaps elsewhere.

Normally, the body kills HIV-infected cells. It misses these, because they look perfectly normal. "The only difference between a latently infected cell and its uninfected counterparts is a little bit of HIV DNA," says Siliciano.

This similarity also makes the infected cells almost impossible to kill with any kind of targeted drugs. There is simply no easy way to sort out the good from the bad.

Siliciano has been counting these cells in his Baltimore volunteers for five years. The number he finds in their bodies now "is essentially exactly the same as they started with."

Why do they die off so slowly, if at all? There are two leading theories: Their longevity reflects the basic biology of memory T cells, or their supply is constantly replenished.

Siliciano favors the first theory. Immunological memory lasts forever. This is why someone who catches measles in childhood will remain immune to the disease into old age.

Memory cells may die over time, but they also make replacements by cell division. And every time a memory cell divides, it faithfully reproduces the HIV that is stitched into its genes.

The Diamond Center's Ho prefers the second theory. Actually, memory cells are much shorter lived, he believes. But their supply is constantly being renewed by a continuing cycle of low-level infection.

The standard drug regimens — what doctors call highly active antiretroviral therapy, or HAART — can reduce viral levels by 10,000 fold. But perhaps they do not completely stop the virus from infecting fresh T cells. Some of these go on to become infected memory cells. Thus, however quickly these memory cells die, they are replaced by more.

"If we could stop the residual replication, what would be the persistence of the reservoir?" Ho asks. His team has started a new experiment, code numbered 377, to find out.

They have come up with a new four-drug combination, a kind of super-HAART, that they believe is more powerful than the standard variety. About 30 patients are taking the drugs. The goal is to stop the low-level circulation of their virus, which in turn should shut off the supply of newly infected memory cells.

If it works, Ho believes it could wipe out the body's HIV-infected memory T cells in three to four years.

"No one would say that once we get rid of this reservoir, we have a cure," says Ho. "We have confronted a difficult problem, but there may be others."

Among the biggest of these is the worry that infected memory T cells are not the body's only long-lived reservoir of HIV. The virus may linger as well in other places that are hard to check or lie beyond the reach of AIDS drugs, such as the brain, bone marrow and testes.

"It will be a daunting task to eliminate those unknown viral reservoirs, even with much more potent drugs that might

come out in the near future," says Dr. Tae-Wook Chun of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

This is why Chun and many AIDS researchers now believe the best defense against HIV may ultimately be the body's own.

These doctors would like to

teach the immune system to control HIV, so people can stop taking AIDS drugs, which have unpleasant and unhealthy side effects.

No one can say whether this is even possible. But they already can envision a strategy: Shut down viral replication with standard drugs. Then

give vaccines and other boosters that will intensify the body's natural surveillance against HIV.

In time, they say, the immune system might learn to do the entire job alone. All of this is unproven theory, just like the idea of viral eradication was five years ago.

Study: Implanting ear tubes in children not shown to improve development

By STEPHANIE NANO
Associated Press Writer

Implanting ear tubes — an operation done on hundreds of thousands of toddlers each year — does not appear to improve their speech and learning development and may not be worth the risks and the cost, a study suggests.

The tiny tubes are inserted in the eardrums to help clear the fluid that can build up in a child's middle ear during an infection and to prevent further infections. Because the fluid can cause hearing loss, there is concern that the child's speech, language and other development will suffer if the fluid persists for weeks or months.

But whether that hearing loss actually harms development is not certain; previous studies have produced inconsistent results.

In a study in a recent New England Journal of Medicine, researchers in Pittsburgh looked at two groups of toddlers: those who got ear tubes after three months of fluid in their ears — the standard guideline — and those who waited up to nine months before tubes were inserted. The children were tested for speech, language, learning and behavior when they turned 3.

"The bottom line was there wasn't any difference in the developmental outcomes as best we could measure them at age 3," said Dr. Jack L. Paradise of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

The study only looked at children who were candidates for tubes because of lingering fluid, not specifically to relieve chronic infections. It was funded by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and two drug makers, SmithKline Beecham Laboratories and Pfizer.

The researchers cautioned that longer periods of fluid or more severe hearing loss than those studied could affect development and that problems not apparent at age 3 might surface later. Paradise said the children were tested at 4 and the results are being analyzed, and testing at 6 is under way.

The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery estimates that 700,000 children undergo the procedure each year at an estimated cost of \$2,000. The tubes have been used since the early 1960s.

Paradise said there is a small risk of complications from the anesthesia. Also, he said, the tubes sometimes leave perforations in the eardrums or

scar them, or cause chronic drainage from the ear. "If tubes were absolutely harmless and free, then I think you might say, 'Well, let's have the tubes to be sure,'" Paradise said. "But tubes themselves carry risk and, of course, there's cost involved. So it becomes a matter of ... which set of risks would you rather take?"

Paradise said he would hold off inserting tubes if the only concern was developmental problems from hearing loss.

A New York pediatric otolaryngologist, Dr. Max M. April, said the Pittsburgh study was narrowly focused. He noted that about half of all tubes inserted are because the child has repeated ear infections, and the study did not look at infections.

In addition, "at age 3, it's very difficult to test developmentally," April said. "And yes, they don't see a difference in waiting. But it's a hard test to make a major statement about."

Information at 6 years will be very helpful because at 6 years, first-grade, developmental testing is much more accurate and that will be a very important study," he said.

The Pittsburgh researchers enrolled 6,350 healthy infants from 1991 to 1995 and monitored them for ear infections and buildup of fluid. If the fluid persisted for three months, the children were randomly assigned to one of two groups if their parents agreed.

One group got ear tubes right away. The second group waited and got tubes at six months if they still had fluid in both ears or at nine months if fluid remained in one ear.

In all, 402 children from the two groups were tested when they turned 3. The researchers found no significant differences in their development. The researchers also compared the youngsters with children in the study who were not considered for tubes, and again found no difference.

In a related study, researchers in Toronto reported that removing a child's adenoids or tonsils and adenoids when ear tubes are implanted substantially reduces the likelihood of more hospital stays and operations because of ear infections. They said more study is needed to determine which children would benefit most from the additional surgery.

On the Net:
New England Journal of Medicine:
<http://www.nejm.org>
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: <http://www.entnet.org>

Texas Children's Hospital website packed with children's health information

HOUSTON — It's 2 a.m., and your child has a fever of 101 degrees. She's been crying for hours, and you're exhausted and concerned. You're not sure what to do or who to call: Your mother? Your doctor? Should you rush your child to the emergency room?

Now, worried parents can log on to www.texaschildrenshospital.org and find information about common symptoms and ailments children experience 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The site takes parents step by step through treating the condition at home, when appropriate, and offers guidelines on when to call a doctor or go to the emergency room.

The largest pediatric hospital in the United States, Texas Children's designed its newly expanded Web site to be a trustworthy resource for children's health issues in English and Spanish.

New features of Texas Children's Web site include: —*Tips for Parents.* This section categorizes health topics by symptoms. For example, it advises parents to call a doctor if their child has been crying constantly for more than two hours. Texas Children's also had developed a comprehensive library of more than 150 fact sheets in English and Spanish on topics ranging from

common children's illnesses to serious diseases requiring specialized pediatric care, such as heart disease, sickle cell disease, diabetes and cancer.

—*Texas Children's Online Parents' Connection.* This secure area of the Web site offers benefits such as monthly e-mail newsletters, which are packed full of informative tips on pediatric health and safety, to its members.

Members also can request information on specific topics, such as asthma, developmental milestones and teen issues.

—*Find a Texas Children's Doctor.* Visitors can search for Texas Children's pediatric subspecialists or for a pediatrician at one of the 44 Texas Children's Pediatric Associates offices in greater Houston.

Visitors to Texas Children's new site also can watch videos about different areas of the hospital, shop at the toy store and download free screen-savers featuring children's art. In addition to hundreds of pages of new content, the Web site has a colorful, user-friendly design that is easy to navigate.

The fact that HIV is an insidious and resourceful parasite is hardly a surprise. After all, AIDS researchers already understand in lavish detail how HIV latches onto human blood cells, how it oozes inside and kills them. They know the significance of every bump and crevice on the surface of the virus and how these shield it from destruction.

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Child of War Recalls Brave Soldiers Who Saved His Life

DEAR ABBY: I would like to address this letter to the American heroes of World War II. I am a Dutch lawyer, 63 years old, and retired. At the time of that terrible war I was a little boy between 4 and 8 years old.

We lived in Balikpapan (Borneo, Indonesia) until the day that women and children had to quickly leave by plane for Java, trying to escape the onrushing Japanese army. My mother, sister and I arrived in Java with nothing but the clothes and shoes we were wearing.

My father, whom I loved dearly, had to stay behind with the other employees of the Shell group in order to destroy the oil installations and plants so they couldn't be used by the Japanese. I never saw my father again. After the war, I learned that he and the other men had died in a concentration camp. My mother, sister and I were also in a concentration camp for four years. It's a miracle I survived.

I owe my life to the American soldiers who served at that time in the Pacific and Europe. Because of them, the war ended much sooner. I want to thank them all for giving everything they had and lived for to serve America and to rescue so many nations in distress and agony. I am always happy to see that when others are too afraid, the Americans step into the breach for a world in trouble.

I want to acknowledge the brave efforts of the American military who fought gallantly in World War II, in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. I want to thank them with my whole heart for giving their youth, their limbs

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

and sometimes their lives in order to save the lives of defenseless children and adults. It was a heroic fight against satanic dictators and tyrants.

I realize that words may be inadequate to express my deep gratitude. But I want them to be assured that they have not been forgotten, and that my life and the lives of so many others were saved by their heroic sacrifices.

God bless the American veterans!
ERIK P. BOERS, HOLLAND

DEAR ERIK: You may feel that words are inadequate to express your feelings, but I'm sure the people they are intended for will get the message.

As the citizens of our great country well know, wearing a uniform and serving in the armed forces is dangerous work even in the best of times — so I would like to extend your

message: God bless our veterans and the men and women currently in our armed forces, wherever they are. They deserve to know how grateful we are. And bless the spirits of those who sacrificed their lives that we might live in freedom on this Memorial Day.

DEAR ABBY: I was the "cupid" who introduced two friends — a widow and a widower. They have now been married more than 10 years. Today when I see them, they act like they're doing me a big favor by saying hello. I don't understand it. I have the feeling they're sore at me. What do you think is their problem?

CUPID IN PARK RIDGE, ILL.

DEAR CUPID: Rather than speculate, call them and make a date to get together. It will give you an opportunity to find out the reason for their change in attitude, and the mystery will be solved. (Perhaps there is a statute of limitations on being nice to little naked people shooting arrows.)

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Have A Story Idea...

Contact Dee Dee or Nancy
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Wildwood

Deep within my heart there lives a lonely little boy

Whose only wish: to find that girl with whom he'll live in joy.

The entire world he'll travel, his one true love to find.

But just in case you're reading this—leave a message.

box 3-9.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	2 Can neighbor	3 Bolt partner	4 City-surrounding ring	5 Sound-picture alignment	6 Shrinks back	7 Chopping tool	8 Battle memento	9 Mexican city on the Rhine	10 Winter glider	11 Old TV show "Ramsey"	12 The Red Planet	13 Complains											
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DOWN

1 Regret

Marmaduke

"All that digging just to bury one little bone?"

The Family Circus

"Some soldiers wear a lot of jewelry."

For Better or For Worse

MOM? APRIL KNOWS, DOESN'T SHE? SHE OVERHEARD ME TALKING TO CONNIE.

CONNIE KNOWS? SO DOES GRANDPA.

WE'LL BE DEAD MEAT IF MIRA BOBINSKI FINDS OUT THAT DEE AND I ARE MARRIED!

THE SLIGHTEST LOOK, THE MOST INNOCENT REMARK COULD GIVE IT AWAY!

DON'T FRET, SON—YOU CAN COUNT ON US!

NUDGE, NUDGE, WINK, WINK, EH?...NUDGE, NUDGE, WINK, WINK!

I'LL GET IT!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

BANG! BANNNITY! CLOMP! CLOMP! CLOMP!

SKREEEE—WHAM!

OH, HI DAD. FORGET YOUR HOUSE KEY?

ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOU MAKE MORE NOISE ENTERING THE DOOR THAN THE SAWMILL DID MAKING IT?

Garfield

HERE ARE YOUR MENUS, HON.

I LOVE DINERS.

OOOH, I HAVE HEARTBURN ALREADY!

I'M IN DEEP-FRIED HEAVEN.

Beetle Bailey

IS IT EASIER TO TAKE THE NORTH ROUTE OR GO OVER THE BRIDGE?

LET'S ASK BEETLE.

HE ALWAYS KNOWS THE EASIEST WAY TO DO ANYTHING.

Marvin

DR. BOB, YOUR OLD VETERINARIAN, HAS RETIRED, BITSY.

SO I MADE YOU AN APPOINTMENT TOMORROW FOR YOUR ANNUAL PHYSICAL WITH DR. DEBBIE.

GAG. I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO DISROBE MY DOG COLLAR IN FRONT OF A STRANGE FEMALE!!

B.C.

Dear Miss know-it-all,

How can I go out for an evening of drinking and not risk getting a DUI?

GO TO A BALLPARK.

Haggar The Horrible

BUT I'VE ALREADY PAID MY TAXES TWICE THIS YEAR!

LOOK, FELLA—I CAN'T READ OR WRITE! DO YOU THINK IT'S EASY KEEPING ALL THIS STUFF IN MY HEAD?!

Peanuts

CAVEAT EMPTOR... LET THE BUYER BEWARE.

I SUPPOSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS YOU LEARNED IN LAW SCHOOL...

NO, I LEARNED IT WHEN THE HANDLE FELL OFF THIS CHEAP BRIEFCASE!

Blondie

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MR. BUMSTEAD.

HEY, YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?

WELL, OF COURSE... HOW COULD I FORGET A GUY LIKE YOU?

THANK YOU.

DO YOU NEED ANOTHER SIX DOZEN GOLF BALLS?

YES, PLEASE.

Mallard Filmore

IT BURNS ME UP THE WAY WE SMUG MEDIA-TYPES PASS JUDGMENT ON GUYS LIKE BOB KERREY!

HEY, I DESERVE TO BE SELF-RIGHTOUS!

I HAD A LOT OF PRESSURE ON ME DURING THE VIETNAM WAR...

...BUT I NEVER SHOT ANY UNARMED CANADIAN CIVILIANS.

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BASEBALL

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Ryan Garko hit a two-run single in the eighth inning as Stanford beat Texas 4-3 Sunday night to advance to the super regional against South Carolina.

The Cardinal (46-15) edged the Longhorns 10-9 in 10 innings earlier Sunday to force the doubleheader.

Down 3-1, Chris O'Riordan's sacrifice fly narrowed it before Garko's hit to center field off Ray Clark (3-4) put Stanford ahead. The single extended Garko's hitting streak to 20 games.

Matt Rosenberg singled to lead off the sixth, went to second on Sam Anderson's sacrifice bunt, and scored on Ryan France's single off eventual winner Mike Wodnicki (5-1) to put Texas up 2-1.

AUTO RACING

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Jeff Burton snapped out of a season-long slump Sunday night, pulling away for an easy victory in the Coca-Cola 600 to give Roush Racing its first win of the year.

Burton elected not to pit on the sixth and final caution of the race on lap 337 and took the lead when Kevin Harvick went in for gas and fresh tires. Burton led the final 73 laps, opening up a huge advantage and beating Harvick to the finish line by 3.190 seconds.

Burton's crew then ran over to the fence at the start-finish line and climbed it, mimicking what Helio Castroneves and his crew did after winning the Indianapolis 500 earlier Sunday.

"We need to do more of this," Burton said. "We've still got some hard days ahead of us, but this is a good start."

GOLF

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — The celebration of Frank Lickliter's first PGA Tour victory was postponed for a day. Assuming he wins.

Lickliter sounded very confident about his chances Sunday night, even though he was locked in a battle with another first-time wannabe, J.J. Henry, when bad weather forced the Kemper Insurance Open to spill over to Monday.

"My plans before this was to celebrate," Lickliter said after the last of three thunderstorms forced officials to abandon play for the day. "Now I'm thinking about a very good dinner."

Lickliter and Henry were 16 under par, four strokes ahead of the field, after a day that included thunder, lightning, mud, fog and even a rainbow. The result is a five-day Kemper for the first time in the tournament's 34-year history.

"It's been a long, long day," said Henry, whose best tour finish is a tie for 27th at the Buick Invitational in February. "To be honest, I'm ready to go. It's just unfortunate we've had this weather."

Play was stopped for the last time at 6:42 p.m. with the unlikely duel taking place five holes apart. Henry was at the 15th tee while Lickliter was on the green at No. 10.

Lickliter is enjoying his best year on the tour, ranking 27th on the money list. He has four top-10 finishes this year, including second to Phil Mickelson after a three-hole playoff at the Buick.

"I'd like to play well enough not to be in a playoff," Lickliter said. "If it happens, I think I'll be a lot more prepared than I was the first time."

Bradley Hughes was four strokes back at 12 under through nine holes.

Flashback

1969: The Pampa boys' golf team placed 10th in the Plainview Tournament.

Harry Aureli and Lee Waters each shot 85 to lead the Harvesters.



Cheyenne McFall is pictured with her brother Garyn, and parents Marty and Stacy McFall.

Little cowgirl rides tall in the saddle

BROWNWOOD — Battling a crippling illness since the day she was born, six-year-old Cheyenne Paige McFall of Brownwood has made the best of a bad situation.

After competing in the National Barrel Horse Association (District 18), little Cheyenne received the "Most Improved Rider" buckle for barrel racing during an awards ceremony at the Elks Lodge in Brownwood last March.

Cheyenne has spastic cerebral palsy, which affects the muscles and tendons in her legs. A patient at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, her condition has improved steadily, and she has gone from using a walker to forearm crutches.

"Cheyenne has always loved horses, but could not manage a

horse on her own," said family friend Diane Lumley. "Her family had to ride the horse with her or lead it."

A year ago, Cheyenne's great-grandparents, Billy Joe and JoDean McFall, gave her a horse (Choppy) of her own, and since then, she's learned to ride by herself and learn the barrel pattern.

"It's taken a lot of heart and a whole lot of practice, but Cheyenne and Choppy have managed to succeed," Lumley added.

Cheyenne is the daughter of Marty and Stacy McFall of Brownwood.

Her grandparents are Gary and Cheryl McFall of Allanreed; Gary and Kathy Middaugh of Fritch; Charlie and Sue Miller of Olney; Lester and Paula Robinson of Brownwood.

Area athletes in Classic Bowl

WOODWARD, Okla. — Three Pampa area athletes will be competing in the 101 Classic Bowl on Saturday night in Woodward, Okla.

Wheeler's Caleb Finsterwald and Bret Goad, along with Canadian's Nathan Reyes, will be playing for West team. Jim Verden of Wheeler will be one of the West coaches. The other coaches are Don Hendrix from Laverne, Okla. and John Winchester from Turpin, Okla.

Coaching the East team are Lyle Welsh of Fairview, Okla., Steve Justus of Mooreland, Okla. and Mike Tyson of Thomas, Okla.

The players kick off practice

Tuesday in preparation for the all-star football game. The contest will be played at Boomer Stadium at Woodward High School.

Boys' and girls' all-star basketball games will be played Tuesday and Thursday.

Oklahoma Congressman Steve Largent, former NFL All-Pro player, will headline the athletic awards banquet on Friday night. Tickets for the dinner and all other 101 Class Bowl events can be purchased at the 101 Centre on Williams and Downs in Woodward. Fans can call (800) 299-4101 to order tickets by credit card.

Penske home again at Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The celebration was hardly the kind Roger Penske might have scripted: an exuberant young Brazilian dangling from the fence at Indy.

By then, it didn't matter. The Captain's work was done.

Penske made a triumphant return to the world's biggest race Sunday, with Helio Castroneves — aka "Spiderman" — leading the team's 1-2 finish in the Indianapolis 500.

Afterward, there were no tears of satisfaction from the silver-haired Penske, whose entire career has been built on cold, calculated precision. His return to Indy after a five-year exile was handled like any other business decision.

He bought the best possible equipment for his drivers, devised a winning strategy for the grueling 500-mile race, then watched Castroneves pull away to a 1.7-second victory over teammate Gil de Ferran.

About the only glitch came a few days before the race. Marlboro Team Penske removed the cigarette's name from its cars to avoid violating the 1998 tobacco settlement with a group of state attorneys general.

So, Penske simply raced to victory with plain red-and-white cars.

"It's a great day for the team," he said, sounding about as passionate as a CEO at a board meeting. "I think it shows continued commitment from the people we have. That's the thing. It's human capital."

Cut through the boardroom talk, and there were indications this was more than just another victory for Penske, his record 11th at the Indy's hallowed ground.

Six years ago, he left Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a rare disgrace, having failed to even qualify with defending champion Al Unser Jr. and Emerson Fittipaldi.

Then war broke out between Championship Auto Racing Teams and the fledgling Indy Racing League, which kept Penske away from 1996-2000.

"It's the best day of my life, redeeming myself like this," he said. "Obviously, when I think about today's race and the 1-2 finish, it kind of takes away the pain we had in 1995."

Castroneves led the final 52 laps. When the race ended, he parked his Dallara-Oldsmobile in front of the main grandstand and scaled halfway up the 17-foot-high catch fence while the crowd of some 400,000 roared.

The 26-year-old driver motioned for his crew, which joined him on the steel mesh for a victory ritual that inspired his nickname on the CART circuit.

"I just wanted to express my feelings, and I think everybody liked that," said Castroneves, who was cheered some more as he rode atop a pace car during a victory lap, waving his arms and punching the air.

Penske passed on a chance to climb the fence. That would be unbecoming of a CEO.

"I'm going to climb it tonight with him," Penske vowed, "when nobody can see me."

After de Ferran, the rest of the lead lap included Michael Andretti, Jimmy Vasser, rookie Bruno Junqueira and Tony Stewart, who hopped a waiting plane for the trip to Concord, N.C., where he overcame an early spin to finish third Sunday night in NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600.

The top five were regulars in CART, while Stewart, who cut his teeth in the IRL, was driving this day for Chip Ganassi's CART team.

The IRL, which was created by speedway founder Tony George and considers the 500 its center-

piece race, couldn't even stay on the same lap with its more experienced, better-financed rivals.

Pole-sitter Scott Sharp, who has the most victories in IRL history, crashed on the first corner of the race and finished last. Up-and-comer Sarah Fisher put herself into the wall on cold tires after just seven laps, taking out two-time runner-up Scott Goodyear in the process.

Goodyear was hospitalized with a fractured back, the day's only injury.

On lap 17, 21-year-old Sam Hornish Jr., the IRL's points leader and winner of the first two races this year, lost control coming out of turn four. He recovered, but not before putting Al Unser Jr., a two-time Indy winner and the IRL's most recognizable name, into the wall. "It's definitely a black mark," said Buzz Calkins, another IRL regular who finished 12th, two laps down. "A lot of IRL teams stepped on their feet, did some things that didn't help. You can't step on your feet at this place."

Even George had to concede defeat in this skirmish.

IRL regular Robbie Buhl was challenging for the lead until he spun out on lap 165. Eliseo Salazar finished seventh in the best showing for an IRL regular. "Well, they got all their guys at the top," George said. "You can't beat that."

CART's return to Indy, which began a year ago when Juan Montoya cruised to victory for Ganassi's team, increased to six entries this year: two from Penske, four from Ganassi, and Andretti's ride for Barry Green.

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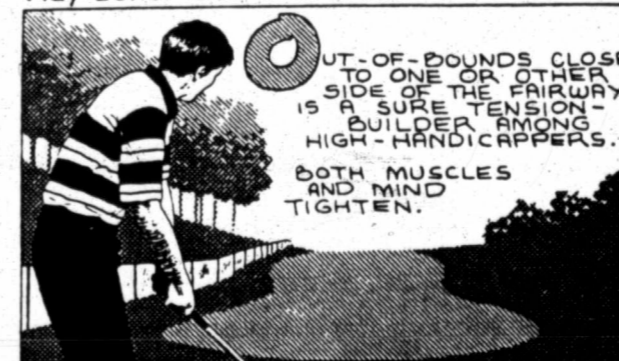
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Yanks' Lilly passes fifth-inning test to defeat Cleveland, 6-2

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

Ted Lilly passed his big test and kept the Cleveland Indians from doing the same.

Lilly got out of a fifth-inning jam and kept Cleveland off-balance for 6 2-3 innings as the New York Yankees won 6-2 Sunday to hand the Indians their first series loss in a month.

In three of his four previous starts, Lilly (2-0) gave up a combined eight runs in the fifth inning and failed to get past that point in his previous three outings.

He was leading 3-0 in the fifth when he gave up four straight singles, including RBI hits to Einar Diaz and Jolbert Cabrera.

"I told myself, 'no way is this going to happen again,'" said Lilly, who got out of the jam by striking out Omar Vizquel and getting Roberto Alomar to fly out.

Lilly allowed seven hits, didn't give up a walk and struck out six. Cleveland's 2-thru-6 hitters went a combined 0-for-15 with five Ks.

The Indians, facing their first opponent with a winning record since the season's second week, dropped two of three to the Yankees after winning a franchise record eight straight series.

"Give that kid credit," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "He changed speeds and spotted his fastball. He wasn't afraid to use his fastball to get ahead. We weren't patient."

In other AL games, it was Seattle 5, Kansas City 4; Minnesota 9, Oakland 3; Boston 4, Toronto 2; Baltimore 3, Texas 1; Tampa Bay 4, Anaheim 3; and Chicago 3, Detroit 2 in 11 innings.

Bernie Williams homered as the Yankees won for the sixth time in eight games to remain a half-game ahead of Boston in the AL East.

Mike Stanton got two outs and Mariano Rivera pitched the final

1 2-3 innings for his 14th save in 15 chances.

The Yankees got just six hits in the game but scored two runs in the seventh on five walks and beat Indians ace Bartolo Colon (4-5) for the first time.

Colon, bothered by a blister under his fingernail for a month, gave up five runs and four hits in six-plus innings. The right-hander came in 2-0 with a 0.69 in four career appearances against the Yankees, but left trailing 3-2 after walking the first two batters in the seventh.

Mariners 5, Royals 4
Mike Cameron hit an 11th-inning sacrifice fly off Jose Santiago (2-2) as visiting Seattle won its fourth straight.

At 36-12, Seattle is 24 games over .500 for the first time in team history. The Mariners are 21-5 on the road.

Dave McCarty tied it at 4 with one out homing in the ninth-off Kazuhiro Sasaki. Norm Charlton (2-0) pitched two hitless innings.

Twins 9, Athletics 3

Torii Hunter keyed a six-run eighth inning with a tiebreaking, two-run double off Jeff Tam after Barry Zito (3-4) walked Chad Allen leading off and hit Doug Mientkiewicz with a pitch.

Minnesota (32-16), off to its best start since 1970, moved back into first place in the AL Central, a half-game ahead of Cleveland. Oakland lost its second straight after winning nine of 10.

Brad Radke wasted a 3-0 lead by allowing Eric Chavez's two-run homer in the seventh and Jason Giambi's RBI double in the eighth. Eddie Guardado (4-0) was the winner at the Metrodome.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 2

Tim Wakefield (2-0) struck out seven in seven innings, allowing both runs and five hits. Derek Lowe pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Brian Daubach homered and Carl Everett had three of

Boston's 10 hits as the Red Sox rallied from a 2-0 deficit at Fenway Park.

Steve Parris (3-4) gave up four runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Orioles 3, Rangers 1
Sidney Ponson (2-3) allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings as host Baltimore (24-24) won its fifth straight to reach .500 for the first time since April 11.

Ponson, B.J. Ryan and Mike Trombley combined to end Texas' 18-game streak with-at least one homer, seven short of the major league mark. Trombley got a game-ending double play for his fourth save.

Ryan Glynn (1-4) gave up three runs — two earned — and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Devil Rays 4, Angels 3

Gerald Williams hit an RBI single off Al Levine (2-3) in the 10th at Tampa Bay.

After singling off Esteban Yan (2-2) in the top half, stealing second and taking third on a wild pitch, Darin Erstad was thrown out at the plate by first baseman Steve Cox on Wally Joyner's one-out grounder.

White Sox 3, Tigers 2, 11 innings
Chris Singleton's sacrifice fly in the 11th gave Chicago a victory in Detroit.

Sandy Alomar led off the 11th with a double off Danny Patterson (3-2) and Jose Valentin followed with a bunt single. Singleton hit a low liner to right and Roger Cedeno made a diving catch, but had no chance to get pinch-runner Josh Paul at the plate.

Lorenzo Barcelo (1-0) allowed two hits and a walk in 1 1-3 relief innings for the win, and Sean Lowe got the last three outs for his first save.

The win was Chicago's fourth in a row, including a three-game sweep of the Tigers that improved their Comerica Park record to 9-3. The Tigers have lost five straight since getting to .500.

Astros fall to Dodgers in 12th inning

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike Fetters made a huge mistake on the mound in the top of the 12th inning. Lance Berkman made an even costlier one in center field in the bottom half.

Berkman's fielding error allowed the winning run to score as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Astros 5-4 Sunday and overcame Berkman's two home runs — including a two-run shot in the 12th off Fetters.

"I didn't do my job today, but the rest of the team battled real hard and we came back and snatched that one from them," Fetters said. "They really picked me up. I feel a little bit better about it because we won. I would have been miserable if we lost the game."

The Astros lost for the seventh straight time, their longest skid since a seven-game drought last May. The Dodgers' three-game sweep was their first against Houston since 1994, when they won all six meetings in Los Angeles.

Fetters surrendered a leadoff single in the 12th by Jose Vizcaino, who scored one out later on Berkman's third homer in two days. Berkman, who also hit a game-tying two-run shot in the eighth, has five career multi-homer games.

"I tried to throw a four-seam fastball in, and the ball came back over the middle," Fetters said. "You never want to be beat on your third-best pitch, and that was my third-best pitch. When you make a mistake, big league hitters are going to crush it —

especially a guy like that who's hot and is seeing the ball well."

Roy Oswalt (2-1) gave up a pair of one-out walks and an RBI single to Adrian Beltre that trimmed Houston's lead to 4-3 in the bottom half. Octavio Dotel came in and Marquis Grissom lined an RBI single to center that went under Berkman's glove and rolled to the wall, scoring Shawn Green and Beltre.

"He hit it good, and it just skipped by me," Berkman said. "I was running full-speed and just trying to play it aggressively and hold him to a single. It's just a very frustrating loss for us."

The error was Berkman's first this season in 45 starts in the outfield, including 20 in center field.

"He's not a center fielder. He's really a first baseman," manager Larry Dierker said. "Lance has played pretty well out there, given his background, but he's not a true center fielder. A true center fielder would have kept the ball from going through."

In an attempt to spark his team's offense, Dierker dropped Julio Lugo from first to seventh in the order for the first time this season and had Richard Hidalgo bat fourth. Berkman, who entered with a league-leading .480 on-base percentage, led off for the first time in his major league career and went 2-for-5 with a walk.

Dodgers starter Darren Dreifort allowed one hit through the first seven innings — Lugo's bunt single in the fifth. But the Astros tied it at 2 in the eighth as Dreifort walked pinch-hitter

Orlando Merced and Berkman homered.

"Lance has been more patient this year," Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "It used to be, if you threw anything around the plate on the first pitch, he was swinging at it. Now he's a little bit more selective. And when he gets the pitch he wants to hit, he's smashing the heck out of it."

Dreifort hit Craig Biggio on the left arm with the next pitch. Bagwell walked and Moises Alou loaded the bases with an infield single, but Dreifort retired Vinny Castilla on a popout.

Dreifort had nine strikeouts and five walks — both season highs — and got his second RBI of the season when he drew a bases-loaded walk in the second from Scott Elarton.

Elarton allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, including Angel Pena's first home run of the season leading off the seventh.

Notes: Biggio has been plunked eight times this season and 177 times in his career, more than any active player. ... Jeff Shaw, who entered the series with a lifetime ERA of 7.20 against the Astros, pitched two scoreless innings in the series. ... The Dodgers left the bases loaded in the ninth, when closer Billy Wagner replaced injured reliever Mike Jackson and retired pinch-hitter Hiram Bocachica on a flyout. ... Jackson, who missed last season with Philadelphia after undergoing shoulder surgery, sprained his left knee.

Lakers finish off San Antonio, 111-82

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The old chant "Beat L.A., Beat L.A." has a hollow ring to it these days — because nobody can.

Not Portland, not Sacramento, and now, not San Antonio.

Los Angeles stormed into the NBA Finals Sunday with a 111-82 rout of a San Antonio Spurs team that compiled the league's best regular-season record only to be dismantled by the Lakers.

"We've just been riding the wave," Shaquille O'Neal said. "Now we just need four more victories."

Make that a tidal wave. The Lakers won their 19th in a row. Their 11-0 start in the playoffs ties the league record set by Los Angeles in 1989. That team collapsed and was swept by Detroit in the finals after Magic Johnson and Byron Scott were injured.

Short of anything that cataclysmic, Los Angeles seems a good bet to sweep its way through the playoffs without a loss, something no NBA team has done.

The Spurs' David Robinson believes it's a sure thing.

"Man, if they play like that, there is no way any of the Eastern teams will beat them," he said. "If they play anything like that, there's no chance for them to get beat."

Los Angeles will have at least a week off to await the outcome of the Milwaukee-Philadelphia series in the East. Such breaks are nothing new. The Lakers had long breaks after dispatching both Portland and Sacramento.

As the pressure builds to run the playoff table, Los Angeles is relying on the trusty "one game at a time" cliché.

"It's still very far back in our

minds," Derek Fisher said. "The object is to win the championship, and not necessarily win 15 games in a row. We're at 11 now. I'm sure if we get to 12, 13, it will definitely start to work its way toward the front of our minds. As for right now, we're just staying focused on one game at a time."

O'Neal was an unstoppable brute, Kobe Bryant the newfound maestro and Fisher almost perfect in Game 4.

He made 6 of 7 3-pointers, one short of the team playoff record, and 11 of 13 shots overall. Fisher finished the series 15-for-20 from 3-point range. The 15 3-pointers are the most in a four-game series.

"I can't say enough about Shaq and Kobe," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said, "but Derek Fisher obviously was the player of the game."

Humbled Devils regroup

DENVER (AP) — It's back to basic hockey for the New Jersey Devils, who made the mistake of believing their press clippings.

Jolted back to reality by the Colorado Avalanche's 5-0 romp in the opening game of the Stanley Cup finals Saturday night, the Devils were a humbled team Sunday as they made adjustments for Game 2.

"It's hard when everybody tells you how good you are," goaltender Martin Brodeur said. "We paid the price for it."

Devils coach Larry Robinson, still dismayed that his team was "outhustled and outworked" in the opener, said his team was guilty of reading "how good we were and how we were going to walk all over the Avalanche, and we started to believe all of our clippings."

"We forgot that games are still won and lost on the ice," Robinson said. "We found out we can't just put our sticks on the ice because we are the defending — so-called defending — champions. We have to play well."

It's difficult not to be smug when one of the strongest compliments came from Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux, who called the Devils the best team he has ever faced after his Penguins were dispatched in five games in the Eastern Conference finals.

If the Devils took Colorado lightly, they know better now.

"There's a reason why the Avalanche are here," Robinson said. "In the first game, they beat us to the loose pucks. A lot of times we were caught standing still. They were dumping pucks and chipping them past us with speed, and we weren't in good

position." Robinson insists his team must be more physical when the series resumes here Tuesday night.

"If you're not scoring goals, you have to do other things well," he said. "That means that guys who don't normally consider themselves physical players still have to be a part of the physical game. They have got (Dan) Hinote and (Chris) Drury, and even Joe (Sakic) is out there finishing checks. We have to get the same thing from our players."

Brodeur said the common theme in the locker room Sunday was playing with more intensity.

"There are some adjustments we'll need to make," Brodeur said. "We need to go back to the basics, listen to the coach and play the game the way he wants us to play it."

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