

High gasoline prices won't affect road travel in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — It takes more than a few pennies a gallon to separate Texas travelers from their wandering ways according to people who make it their business to know these things.

"While no one likes to pay more at the pump, Texans will not let gas prices stand in the way of their summer vacation," said Kim Cash, a spokeswoman for the American Automobile Association. "Whether you are going 100 miles or 1,000 miles this summer, the bottom-line difference adds just a few cents more to the overall travel experience."

Darren Rudloff, Texas tourism

director at the state Department of Commerce, agreed.

"(Gas prices) may seem pretty high to the consumer right at the start of the vacation season, (but) we really don't think it will have that much of an impact on travel," Rudloff said as Memorial Day, the traditional kickoff to vacations, approached.

For example, Rudloff said, gasoline cost for a round-trip between Dallas and San Antonio will cost about \$28.64 this year, or \$2.44 more than last year. El Paso to Houston and back is a \$74.70 trip, an increase of \$6.50. And a vacation from Houston to

South Padre Island will cost \$38.36, or \$3.34 more.

Retail prices have gone from a low of \$1.08 per gallon on Feb. 12 to \$1.28 per gallon on May 10 because of rising crude prices as well as seasonal price pressures, according to a Department of Energy report.

It appears that prices have reached their peak and are stabilizing, the report said.

According to the most recent AAA figures, self-serve, regular unleaded gasoline costs an average of \$1.26 per gallon in Texas.

Rudloff said a low unemployment rate, a good economy and consumer confidence should off-

set the temporary spike in gas prices.

"Historically, these type of fluctuations haven't had that much of an impact," Rudloff said.

A national telephone survey of 1,500 adults found 27 percent expect to travel more this summer, while 11 percent plan to travel less. Forty-three percent expect to travel the same amount and 16 percent plan to stay home.

Eighty percent, or 187 million vacations, will be road trips, an increase of 1 percent over last year.

Seventeen percent, or close to

39 million trips, will be taken by air, a 5 percent increase that reflects the growth of budget airlines.

Cindy Kosser, a spokeswoman for the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, said she isn't concerned about the higher gas prices.

"I don't necessarily think that would hurt tourism this summer for us. A lot of people fly, anyway," she said, estimating that 40 percent to 50 percent of the island's visitors fly rather than drive.

"When the peso dropped, that's something that impacted tourism. But I don't think the

gas prices will have that drastic of an effect," she said.

Rudloff laughed off the idea of suggesting his favorite Texas summer vacation spots, explaining that it's his job to sell the entire state.

But he mentioned renewed excitement for Fiesta Texas, a music theme park near San Antonio that was bought by Six Flags Theme Parks Inc. earlier this year.

Texas' other theme parks have some new rides and attractions; the Gulf Coast is always a popular draw, particularly during Memorial Day weekend.

Clinton vows to maintain global role

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, honoring the men and women who died in military service, defended on Saturday America's global military role, saying it "is making our people safer and the world more secure."

As the Memorial Day weekend began, Clinton devoted his weekly radio address to honoring members of the U.S. armed forces.

"Today the men and women of America's armed forces are the best trained, best equipped, best prepared in the world and I am determined to keep them that way," he said from the Oval Office in the White House.

"This is the surest guarantee of our security and our freedom." Despite the end of the Cold War, the president said America's soldiers, airmen and sailors continue to play an essential role and "are the backbone of the American leadership that is the source of strength at home and our success around the world."

"Whether preventing conflict in the Persian Gulf, reducing the nuclear threat as we have done in North Korea, working with other nations to fight common dangers like terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime, strengthening our alliances in Asia and Europe, or isolating rogue nations like Libya and Iraq, steady strong American leadership is making our people safer and the world more secure," said Clinton.

The president will formally mark Memorial Day on Monday at a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial Day



Ben Douglas, commander of the American Legion Post 506, places flowers in a wreath during the annual Memorial Day ceremonies at Trinity Memorial Park Sunday. Several veterans organizations are involved in the placing of the wreaths.

'Texas Horned Toad' becoming a memory

BENAVIDES (AP) — Spaced a few yards apart, eyes scanning the ground, the searchers shuffle-stepped across a bumpy South Texas field, probing with all the intensity of rookie federal agents assigned to the Unabomber case.

But it was not forensic evidence they sought. Rather, it was that endearing reptilian gargoyle known to scientists as the "Texas Horned Lizard," and to the rest of the world as the horny toad.

"This is one of their scats," said Scott Fair, a Texas A&M-Kingsville graduate, plucking a coffee-colored lizard dropping from the dry ground.

"You can see all the bumps in it. Those are ant heads and ant bodies. But you can usually find scat faster than you can find the lizards," cautioned Fair, whose thesis involved tracking horn toads by radio in the South Texas brush.

On this recent field trip of the Texas Chapter of the Horned Lizard Conservation Society, the old toad hunter's axiom largely held true.

During two morning sweeps at the Bomer Wildlife Management Area, only five horny toads were flushed from hiding among the gopher mounds, prickly pear and buffelgrass.

The 130-acre wildlife site is 12 miles south of Benavides and has been used by Texas A&M-Kingsville graduate students such as Fair for quail and toad studies.

In these times, the horny toad

is a creature of fantasy and fable for many. And although the catch seemed meager, to the young Texans and the foreign-born, was an abundance.

One boy was lucky enough to even catch one.

"I was just walking. I saw this thing move a little bit and I tried to grab it. It went off, and I grabbed it again, and it sprayed blood out," said an awed Curtis Hill, 8, whose parents traveled from La Vernia on the chance their children would see the legendary beast.

The horned lizard was designated the Texas state reptile in 1992, by unhappy coincidence, the same year a study was published documenting its precipitous decline in many areas.

As quintessentially Texan as the armadillo, as Lone Star as the longhorn, and once as common as grasshoppers, the Texas horned toad is now only a memory in many places.

Pesticides, loss of habitat, the displacement of red ants by fire ants and other causes are suspected, but so far no one has conclusively determined what is behind their decline.

"It's a cold reality. The Texas Horned Lizard doesn't exist in East Texas anymore, except for a few informal reintroductions, and the species will continue to decline in Central and Northern Texas as cities continue to grow," said Wendy Hodges, a University of Texas at Austin graduate student who co-authored the 1992 study.

"In South Texas and West

Texas, the populations appear stable unless there are landscape-scale changes," she said.

Once made into curios, traded at Boy Scout Jamborees and collected for the pet trade, the lizard now is listed as a threatened species by federal authorities. It is illegal to collect, possess or remove Texas Horned Lizards from their habitat.

It was in response to the alarming trends that the Texas Horned Lizard Conservation Society was founded in Austin six years ago. Its mission is to publicize the horny toad's plight, to preserve existing habitats and to research the feasibility of reintroduction into its former range.

The society has 300 dues-paying members from across the state and puts out a periodic newsletter addressed to "phrynosomatics," a word derived from the horned toad's latin name, phrynosoma.

The society went national three years ago when a second chapter opened in Southern California where the Coastal Horned Lizard, a related species, is likewise imperiled.

Most who join are inspired less by science than by nostalgia.

"When I think of them as playthings, I call them horny toads. When I think of them as a zoological phenomenon, I call them horned lizards," said Clare Freeman, 59, the society's treasurer.

BSISD, Region 18 teaming for more technology

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District is collaborating with the 31 other school districts in the Region 18 Service Center to bring higher technology to Big Spring's students.

The BSISD Board voted unanimously Thursday to join the Region 18 Communication Cooperative. Paula Cole, technology coordinator for BSISD, said the creation of the cooperative has been in the works for the last six months. Participation in the cooperative will offer "a lot of educational benefits for our students and also our staff," Cole said.

The district is planning on installing a wide area network that will ultimately provide all campuses with internet access;

two-way interactive video; and an interregional phone system.

"I feel like we need to be able to prepare our kids to go out in the technology world," Cole explained, noting the increased access will allow students to stay in touch with what is happening in "cyber space."

According to Cole, accessing information and graphics through the internet is something most businesses do and expect their employees to be knowledgeable with. "I think it's a real life situation that kids have to get to know and get comfortable with," she said.

Internet access will allow students from smaller cities like Big Spring, living relatively sheltered lives, to be able to experience things they might not otherwise have a chance to, Cole said. "The research capa-

bilities are limitless with the internet."

Once the system is installed, the Region 18 Service Center will act as a switching company for all of the cooperative's districts.

Cole said she expects the first phase of the installation, "the data side," will include setting up a central location at the staff training center located at 3600 11th Place Extension; the laying of T-1 fiber optic lines; and setting-up the high school with access. The initial phase should be completed by September at a cost of \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Cole said the district has already allocated \$45,000 from the 1995-96 budget for the project. The \$45,000 was saved this year because the district took care of its own computer main-

tenance, instead of contracting it out.

An additional monthly service charge of \$260 will be charged each campus for the use of the T-1 lines which will be installed and serviced by Southwestern Bell or another company that utilizes Transport Resource Management (TRM). According to Cole, using a TRM will decrease equipment requirements and expense to the district.

"Eventually, what we hope to do is have all of our computers connected to the wide area network," Cole said, estimating the cost of bringing each additional campus on-line to be \$5,000 to \$6,000. She said she hopes to have all of Big Spring's campuses connected to the service within the next two and a half years.



Edith Kennedy of Earth to Kiln Stoneware sets some of her pottery out on display on top of the Big Spring State Park Saturday. The park hosted the inaugural State Park Arts and Crafts Show.

Judge: Agent can sue government over Davidian siege

DALLAS (AP) — An undercover federal agent who tried to warn against what became the bloody raid on the Branch Davidian sect may sue his supervisors for allegedly lying and blaming him for the deadly outcome, a judge has ruled.

In a 17-page opinion, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith of Waco rejected government arguments that the raid commanders were immune from the

lawsuit because they acted as U.S. government officials.

In the suit, agent Robert Rodriguez accused his superiors at the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of lying to cover up their actions and blaming him after the raid ended in death for four ATF agents.

Six Branch Davidian sect members also died in the Feb.

28, 1993, fire fight that erupted when ATF agents tried to search the sect's Mount Carmel compound, near Waco, and arrest leader David Koresh on firearms charges.

Rodriguez, who was assigned to infiltrate the compound beforehand, emerged the morning of the raid to warn his supervisors that the group had been tipped off.

A 51-day standoff with government authorities climaxed on April 19, 1993, when Koresh and 80 of his followers died in a fire that destroyed the compound.

A lengthy review by the Treasury Department, which administers ATF, concluded that raid commanders lied about what Rodriguez had reported and unfairly tried to blame him for the tragedy.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Clear tonight and Tuesday. Low in the mid 60s. High Tuesday 97.



OBITUARIES

Ell McComb

Graveside services for Ell McComb, 70, of Arlington, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Rev. Flynn Long, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mr. McComb died Sunday, May 26, in an Arlington hospital.

He was born on April 22, 1926, in Abilene, and married Ann Currie on March 5, 1954, in Lovington, N.M. He was a petroleum geologist and worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical Company. He later owned and operated McComb Associates. He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the First Presbyterian Church. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduated from Big Spring High School and Texas Tech University. He received a master's degree from the University of Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Ann McComb of Arlington; a daughter, Karen Farabee of Austin; a son, Paul C. McComb of Hurst; a sister, Sammie Sue Poulson of Odessa; a brother, Dell McComb of Lubbock; three grandchildren; an aunt; and several nieces and nephews.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

Virginia Patterson

Funeral services for Virginia Patterson, 65, of Big Spring will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Wanda Hill, pastor of North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Patterson died on Friday, May 24, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1931, in Mitchell County, and married Robert A. "Pat" Patterson on Aug. 10, 1951, in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death on Nov. 13, 1981. She was a lifelong resident of this area and attended Coahoma Schools, graduating in 1949. She was a homemaker and an active member of the North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Wayne Patterson of Garland and Steve Patterson and David Patterson, both of Big Spring; her mother, Esther Cathcart of Big Spring; one brother, Robert Cathcart of Hohenwald, Tenn.; one sister, Mary Gressett of Forsan; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Virginia Patterson, 65, died Friday. Services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gladys Nix, 87, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Gladys Nix

Gladys Nix, 87, of Carlsbad, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, May 26, 1996, in a Carlsbad nursing home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 1996, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. James Mantooth, pastor of the East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on July 15, 1908, in Tishomingo, Okla., and married J.W. Nix on Feb. 16, 1935, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1978.

She and her late husband farmed in the Luther community for several years. She moved to Carlsbad, N.M., in 1994. She was a homemaker. She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and C.G. Evans of Carlsbad, N.M.; Glenda and Bernon Hinson of Lafayette, La.; and Gloria and Granville Cobb of Kerrville; one sister, Juanita Wright of Toyah; two brothers, Paul Biffle of Longview and J.C. Duston of Fredericksburg; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, John Richard and Lora Effie Biffle; three sisters; two brothers; and one great-grandchild.

Her grandsons, Doug Cobb, Jon Aaron Hinson, Bobby Hinson, Steve Evans, Mike Evans and Scott Evans, will serve as pallbearers.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Frank Fuller Sr.

Private graveside services for Frank Davidson Fuller Sr., 78, of Abilene, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 1996, at Elmwood Memorial Park Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the St. Paul United Methodist Church with the Rev. Archie Echols officiating.

Mr. Fuller died Saturday, May 25, in a local hospital.

He was born in Worcester, Mass., on Dec. 27, 1917. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Air Forces in the European Theater from 1941 to 1945. He married Virginia Elizabeth Long of Sweetwater, on June 30, 1945. He came to Abilene as an assistant business manager of Hardin-Simmons University in 1956. He was manager of the West Texas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America from 1961 until his retirement in 1982. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and its Propheteers Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Fuller of Abilene; two sons, Frank Fuller Jr. of Natchitoches, La., and Tom Fuller of Big Spring; a daughter, Mary Couch of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the churches or charities of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Elmwood Funeral Home, Abilene.

Irma House

Services for Irma Mae House, 82, of Stanton, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 1996, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Harp and Duane McClure, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

She died Saturday, May 25, in Midland.

She was born July 2, 1913, in Tupelo, Miss., and moved to Martin County 46 years ago from Artesia, N.M. She married John Dee House on May 2, 1931, in Loraine and he preceded her in death June 14, 1981. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Survivors include a son, Jay Dee House of Tahoka; three daughters, Mary Lou Wise of Midland, Mildred Walraven of Odessa and Frances Nobles of Lubbock; a brother, Johnny Mack Payne of Stanton; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ruth Payne, and a brother, Leo Payne.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Big Spring
ON THE RUN

IN BRIEF

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 1004 FM 2230, will be hosting Vacation Bible School May 27-31 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The theme is "Camp Courageous, God's Love is Contagious." If you need a ride or directions to the church, call 399-4310. The school is open for children four years of age through those who have completed sixth grade.

THE HERALD IS CURRENTLY seeking submissions to its monthly "Recipe Corner" that runs the first Wednesday of each month.

Readers are encouraged to submit recipes they would like to see published.

When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month.

The next "Recipe Corner" is scheduled for June 5 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is May 27. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

THE FIRST PLANNING MEETING of the Women of Big Spring's 40-day fast and prayer is May 28 at 7 p.m. at the Miracle Revival Center, 600 East FM 700.

The fast will begin June 3 and end on Saturday, July 13. Several pastors are supporting and covering the women in this united fast. This will be a time of training and learning for those involved.

For more information, call Rhonda Harding, 965-3420; Dee Sevey, 267-8658; Linda White, 263-5541; Kay Bancroft, 267-1282 or Helen Vaughn, 694-5456.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 800 Runnels, is sponsoring Vacation Bible School June 3-7. Time is from 9 a.m. to noon and enrollment is open for children ages four years through fourth grade but limited to the first 55 children who register. The group will meet on the north grounds near the Fellowship Hall.

CAUBLE SCHOOL FRIENDS and alumni will meet at the Elbow School cafeteria on June 1 at 10 a.m. Guests are encouraged to bring covered dish lunch to be served at 12 p.m.

Gifts and door prizes will be awarded and gifts will be accepted for these drawings.

All alumni are encouraged to meet with the group. Contact Mildred Callihan (reporter) at 267-6023 for more information.

THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS are having a rummage sale at the V.F.W. Hall on Driver Road. Donations of usable and saleable items are needed. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773 for pick up.

THERE WILL BE A WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP at the West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College, on June 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$70 for both days and \$35 for one day. Jobeth Gilliam, of Lubbock, will be the instructor. Supplies that are needed are:

140 lb. cold pressed arches we paper watercolors, 1" - 2" brushes, pencil/eraser. Have your own drawing of still life, floral or landscape ready to critique. Also bring old dog watercolor painting for critique/resurrection.

Mail your deposit of \$25 to Sherree Moates, WTCA, P.O. Box 1810, Big Spring, Texas 79721, by May 31, 1996. Minimum 10 artists.

For more information call Kay Smith at 263-6466 or Sherree Moates at 264-5195.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents from 4 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•**MICKEY L. HERNANDEZ**, 37, of 311 NE Eighth, was arrested for outstanding local warrants. He was later released on bond.

•**JAMES EDWARDS**, 41, of 538 Westover Apt. # 38, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•**ANITA MARIA YBARRA**, 39, of 1504 Benton, was arrested for outstanding local warrants and theft.

•**ESTELLA VEGA**, 19, of 1504 Chickasaw, was arrested for outstanding local warrants, driving without a license and without a seat belt. She was later released on bond.

•**JARVIS MCCURTIS**, 19, of Houston, was arrested for driving without a license and without insurance.

•**JIMMY JUAREZ**, 26, of 430 Edwards, was arrested for outstanding local warrants. He was later released after paying a fine.

•**MOSES G. MARTINEZ**, 19, of 908 Aylford, was arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting. He was later released on bond.

•**BRUNO RODRIGUEZ**, 46, of no known address, was arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting.

•**MARY L. MITCHELL**, 33, of 1509 Bluebird, was arrested for theft. She was later released on bond.

•**TEDDY W. WILKERSON**, 38, of 1002 N. Main Apt. # 21, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**EUSEBIO SIAZ**, 57, of no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 1500 block of Wood.

•**THEFTS** in the 200 block of West Marcy, 1500 block of East Marcy, 500 block of Birdwell, 400 block of Edwards, 400 block of Johnson, 400 block of Scurry, 1600 block of Settles and 400 block of South Gregg.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 1500 block of East Third, 700 block of West Interstate 20, 1400 block of East Sixth, 3300 block of Fordham and at the north service road of Interstate 20 and Refinery.

•**WELFARE CONCERNS** in the 3300 block of West 80, 2100 block of Old 80 and 100 block of Northwest Ninth.

•**INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES** at Avenue B and Simler, in the 1000 block of Gregg, 600 block of Northwest Eighth, 800 block of West Marcy, 1300 block of East Third, Sixth and Johnson, 500 block of Goliad, 700 block of East 13th, 2000 block of West Fourth, 600 block of South Gregg, 2500 block of Rebecca, Seventh and Douglas, 100 block of East 15th, 2500 block of Hunter, 600 block of West Interstate 20, 1200 block of West Fourth, 300 block of Tulane, 1300 block of Mount Vernon and 1400 block of Harding.

•**LOUD PARTIES** at 12th and Austin, in the 500 block of Westover, 600 block of Avondale and 2100 block of Warren.

•**ANIMAL PROBLEMS** in the 1800 block of Wasson and 1200 to 1400 blocks of Nolan.

•**ASSAULT** in the 1000 block of North Main.

•**JUVENILE PROBLEMS** in the 2000 block of Gregg, 1600 block of East Fifth and 300 block of West Ninth.

•**MINOR ACCIDENTS** at Highway 350 and Interstate 20, in the 1100 block of East Sixth and 1800 block of Lancaster.

•**PHONE HARASSMENT** in the 800 block of East 15th.

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•**DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** in the 1000 block of North Main.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 1500 block of East Fourth.

•**FAMILY VIOLENCE** in the 1400 block of Dixie.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 500 block of Douglas.

•**CRIMINAL TRESPASS** WARNING in the 3300 block of West Highway 80.

•**SHOTS FIRED** in the 600 block of North Gregg.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents from 4 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•**JEFFREY LYNN SCOTT**, 35, of Andrews, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**CHRIS JOE ORTIZ**, 19, of Lubbock, was arrested for driving with a suspended license. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•**SUSPICIOUS PERSON** on Hickory Street.

•**ANIMAL PROBLEMS** on Fry Road and Angela Road.

•**LOOSE LIVESTOCK** in Martin County, near Fairview and on Thorpe Road.

•**PUBLIC INTOXICATION** on Midway Road.

•**GRASS FIRE** 10 miles south on U.S. Highway 87.

•**INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** on Becker Road.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** on Driver Road.

•**THEFT** in Coahoma.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 4300 block of Parkway.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

TODAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•**TOPS Clubs** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
•**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•**Prairie View Baptist Church**, 1004 FM 2230, will be hosting Vacation Bible School through May 31, from 9 to 11 a.m. The theme is "Camp Courageous, God's Love is Contagious." If you need a ride or directions to the church, call 399-4310. The school is open for children four years of age through those who have completed the sixth grade.

SATURDAY
•**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•**Cauble School friends** and alumni will meet 10 a.m. at the Elbow School cafeteria. Guests are encouraged to bring a covered dish lunch to be served at noon. Gifts and door prizes will be awarded and gifts will be accepted for these drawings. All alumni are encouraged to meet with the group.

SUNDAY
•**Good Shepherd Fellowship Church**, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY
•**Big Spring Evening Lion's Club**, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 7-5811.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Long dry spell brings out water police, snitches

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The long dry spell at San Antonio is turning residents into snitches who want to blow the whistle on water wasters.

Officials say that since May 17, when the city shifted into Phase III of its water conservation plan, San Antonio Water Systems dispatchers have been deluged with more 400 complaints.

John Phillips, supervisor of field services for the water system, said the callers want to be certain they do not have to give their name. They usually call to report that someone is watering too much, on the wrong day or at the wrong time.

Phillips says his 11 investigators who are patrolling and responding to complaints have been focusing so far on educating water users about the city's conservation rules.

In a few cases, he said, investigators have issued written warnings, but no one has been hauled into Municipal court yet.

Astronauts encounter test satellite for last time

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Shuttle Endeavour today crept up behind a self-orienting satellite for a third round of tests as astronauts worked to complete the last major task of their 10-day mission.

Commander John Casper guided the shuttle to within 2,080 feet of the wastebasket-sized craft for a 6-hour encounter to check its stability after five days of free flight.

Astronauts reported that the 80-pound satellite traveled like a dart with its heavy end forward and wobbled only slightly, as scientists anticipated.

"It sure looks like the science was correct," Mission Control said.

"Looks great," astronaut Daniel Bursch said.

Challenge to affirmative-action postpones police promotions

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Police Department has shelved promotions involving more than 70 patrol officers pending a challenge of the city's affirmative action policy.

The Dallas Police Patrolmen's Union, with about 500 officers below the rank of sergeant, has asked a federal court to halt all the senior corporal promotions — and the 5 percent raises that go with them — through the end of the year.

That's when the union's 1993 challenge to the department's affirmative action plan is scheduled to be heard in federal court.

Department officials responded Thursday by delaying promotions for the first group of 20 officers.

"I understand why they're doing it, but it's frustrating because I get caught up in it when I was looking forward to getting promoted," David Graham, a white officer who was among those expecting a promotion, told The Dallas Morning News.

Martial arts training helps youngsters 'kick' drugs

BROOKSHIRE (AP) — At Royal Middle School in this community 35 miles west of Houston, martial arts training has surged in popularity as part of an anti-drug movement.

Tae kwon do kicks and karate chops are an integral part of life at the school, following the unexpectedly successful introduction two months ago of TV star Chuck Norris' "Kick Drugs Out of America" martial arts program as a substitute physical education activity.

Almost half of the school's 340 students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are enrolled in a martial arts program.

Norris, a six-time world karate champion before turning to acting, launched the program in Houston in 1991 at the invitation of then-President George Bush. Today, it operates in 16 Texas schools.

One year later, education law reviews mixed

AUSTIN (AP) — A year after Texas public education was overhauled to increase local control, some reforms are getting mixed grades. But educators say it's too early to issue a final report card.

"Education is a big business. It isn't going to change overnight based on a couple of things somebody's put down on paper," said Superintendent Bob Schumacher of the McAllen Independent School District.

The law's emphasis on local decision-making is applauded by Houston Independent School District Superintendent Rod Paige.

"It has cut loose a lot of the red tape ... and given us more control over the situation here locally. It definitely improves education, because that way education can come closer to customizing itself for the particular area it serves," he said.

But Paige said his school district already had some innovative policies, such as charter

programs, before the law took effect.

"It does add the possibility for others outside of our system to come up with ways of delivering education ... For us inside the system, I think it pretty much just confirms we were going in the right direction in the first place," he said.

On May 30, 1995, Gov. George W. Bush signed the new law and proclaimed new freedom for Texans to take control of their schools.

The law's independent charter school experiment has proven popular. There were more applications than slots available for the schools that will be free of many state rules.

But no school districts are yet taking advantage of the chance to escape many state controls by adopting home rule, an idea heavily touted by Bush.

Some say it's too soon, the process is difficult and school districts wouldn't gain that much by leaving the revamped,

more flexible state system.

The law's get-tough discipline section, which requires alternative education programs for some students, got off to a rocky start in some areas.

Although teachers welcome strong authority to remove disruptive students from classrooms, and school officials say expulsions are down, a federal judge ruled that due-process rights are violated when a student is moved into alternative classes without formal hearings.

Teacher groups say some school districts appear to be slow in implementing the discipline measure. The Texas Association of School Boards says parts of it need to be clarified.

The law's easing of the no-pass, no-play rule also gets mixed reviews.

The change: falling students' suspension from extracurricular activities was cut from six to three weeks if they can bring up their grades, and honors classes

are exempt from the rule.

Some worry that the change detracts from academics. Others say allowing it helps keep students involved in school.

With more than 1,000 school districts working to implement the new law, some say it's just too early to judge its effectiveness.

"We are talking about a huge state with 3 million kids. I know it has an effect in some cases where some teachers have used the new safe schools law. But it's way too soon to make any assessment of it all," said John Cole of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

Bush says educators are realizing the state is giving them control over how they teach as long as they achieve results.

"I believe we've got a menu of opportunity available for school districts that far exceeds most people in the nation," he said.

Everest survivor rehabilitates with humor

DALLAS (AP) — Charcoal-like smudges are still smeared across the face of Dr. Beck Weathers, and his hands remain wrapped in gauze when they're not soaking in a whirlpool, desperately trying to keep blood flowing through frostbitten fingers.

Sound bad? Not when you consider the alternative for a man whose Memorial Day will be spent celebrating the three-week anniversary of his dramatic rescue high atop Mount Everest during a storm that killed eight other climbers.

Weathers, 49, fully credits "blind staggering luck" for allowing him to be back at home in Dallas with his wife, teen-age son and daughter, dog and the family cat.

His pathology practice is on hold, but so what. What matters is that he's alive. Weathers realizes his good fortune and, like many who survive near-death experiences, he's taken a new view of life.

"There are things I've done, like mountain climbing, that I don't regret. I enjoyed that. At the same time, that's not the most important thing in my life. I think family and friends and just having a certain wonderment and pleasure at being alive — the simple things — are certainly more apparent to me," Weathers said during a week-end interview.

Maybe, then, it's no surprise that Weathers' rebirth has left him in what he calls "a child-like state of wonderment." And with that has come a heightened sense of humor.

Weathers prides himself on having had a pretty good sense of humor before his ordeal, but it sure comes in handy now. For example, he calls the attention he's getting his "Andy Warhol moment," but he expects to easily slide back into anonymity.

"One of the good things about being in all those pictures and looking so bizarre and bandaged

is that as soon as all this heals up I'll be back to Mr. Incognito," he jokes.

Not necessarily.

See, Weathers' nose is the blackest part of his face and he even says he's "just waiting around to see if my nose falls off." If it does, he jokes that he may want to replace it with "a silver nose, like the villain in the movie 'Cat Ballou.'"

Humor comes easy now because death was so close such a short time ago.

On May 11, Weathers was stuck about 26,000 feet up Everest, roughly three football fields from the summit — so tantalizingly close to the point every serious climber dreams of reaching.

But with a blizzard knocking out any chance of going higher, it was time to figure out how to get down.

When rescuers first reached Weathers, they thought they were too late. Assuming he couldn't be revived, he was left

behind. Weathers awoke a few hours later, but felt as if he was in a dream. His frozen fingers didn't seem real and he had visions of his loved ones.

Weathers willed himself to continue and on May 13 he finally was flown to safety in Everest's highest-ever helicopter rescue.

These days, Weathers spends most of his time at home, and much of that time in bed.

He's not seeing many visitors because his stamina is still down; he can't go out much for fear of catching anything because his resistance also is diminished.

He does go out twice a day, every day, for two-hour rehabilitation sessions for his hands. He gets the whirlpool treatments and does some exercises — anything to keep the fingers moving.

Weathers is willing to rehab as long as necessary.

Dallas residents, police join forces on crime

DALLAS (AP) — Once a month, in various parts of Dallas, police officers sit down with residents over coffee and donuts to discuss crime in the neighborhood.

For the past three years in Dallas, at the direction of Police Chief Ben Click, residents and neighborhood groups have been brought into the mix in a broad effort to catch criminals and prevent crimes.

It's part of a philosophical shift in the way crime is being fought in Dallas and around the country, say police and the people they protect.

"The key to fighting crime in a big city is strong neighborhoods. And we're doing every-

thing we can to make Dallas neighborhoods stronger," Click told The Dallas Morning News. "I don't know of any city in the country that's doing it any better than we are."

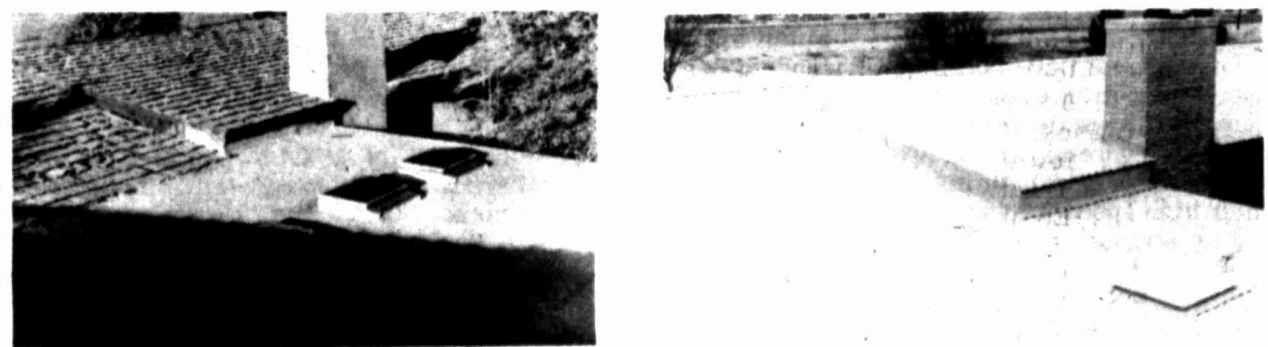
In Dallas, officials can point to dozens of programs that have drawn thousands of residents into volunteer police work, as well as placing more officers in neighborhoods to resolve problems never considered part of their jurisdiction.

The effort has the enthusiastic support of long-established neighborhood groups, particularly those in northeast Dallas, where residents and police have organized a massive crime-prevention effort.

"You can't run away from crime," said John Pepitone, a retired pharmaceutical salesman. "The best you can do is stay put and try to do something about it."

Pepitone uses his home computer, voice mail and fax machine to keep members of the Town Creek Homeowners Association updated on suspicious activities around their homes, which are valued at \$175,000 to \$475,000.

"We aren't going to carry a gun or try to enforce the law," said Pepitone, 67. "We just want to know when to call the police."



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Quote of the Day

"Patriotism, to be truly American, begins with the human allegiance."

—George Bernard Shaw

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OUR VIEWS

Remember our fallen heroes today

This year's calendar lists two Memorial Days: May 27, Memorial Day (Observed), and May 30, the "real" Memorial Day.

The observance was unofficially started by a group of Confederate mothers, wives and daughters at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss. on April 25, 1866.

The group of women had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones, as well as other Confederate war dead.

While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in a corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers.

The women, thankful that even though their loved ones were dead, they were close to home. Thinking about how the loved ones of the Union soldiers must feel, perhaps not even knowing where their loved ones were buried, the women decided to place flowers on the graves of all those killed in the Civil War, both Confederate and Union.

At that time, the observance was known as Decoration Day.

In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, formalized the custom by setting May 30 as the day to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers and flags. Many Americans of a certain age still think of it as Decoration Day.

However, in our pursuit of three-day weekends, we moved Memorial Day, as it had then become, to the last Monday in May. Veterans organizations later regretted their support for the switch because the day seemed to lose its solemnity.

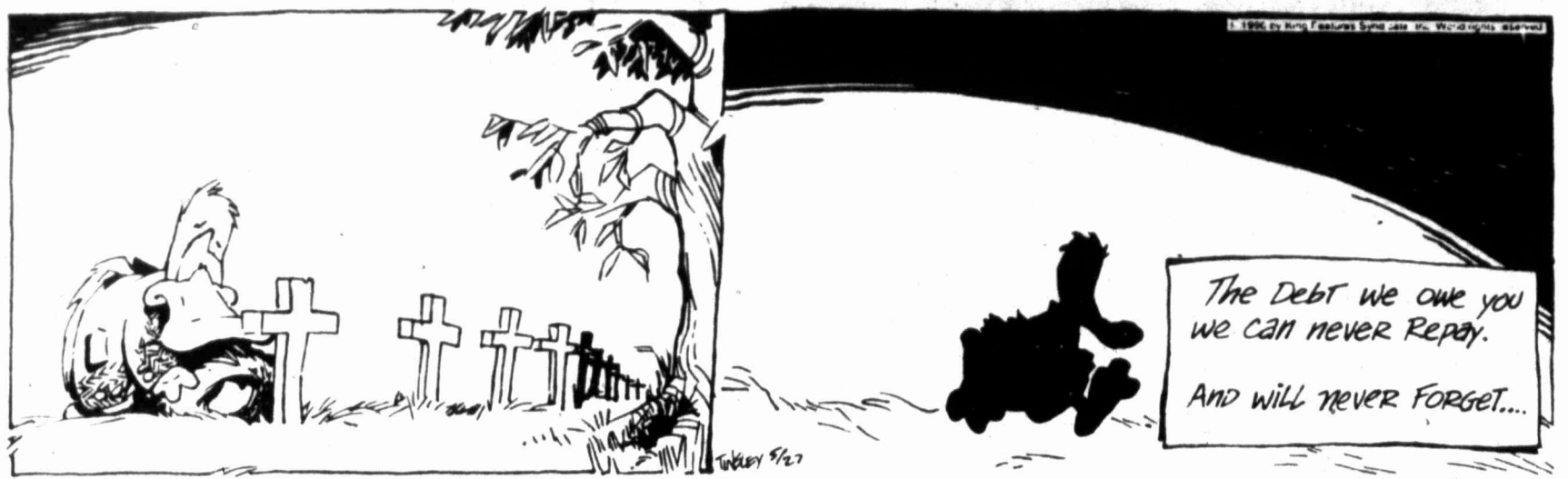
In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is the kickoff to summer; the swimming pools open; seniors are graduating; small fry can see the end of the endless school year; the Indy 500 is run; and everywhere there are sales.

While sunburns and barbecues are not what either the Confederate women or Gen. Logan had in mind, the secular cheerfulness of Memorial Day weekend is not at all unfortunate. For the fact is that Memorial Day has always been observed most solemnly and seriously when the grief of war was still fresh and painful, and for more than two decades the United States has been largely at peace.

The hazards to our military come in their honorable and necessary role as peacekeepers in troubled lands that need our help. Would that these kind of Memorial Day weekends would last.

The enjoyment of this weekend was brought to you by a long line of Americans, almost 1.2 million of them, who died in this country's wars dating back to the eight patriots who fell at Lexington in 1775.

Think of them twice, both today, the day we observe, and again on Thursday, the real Memorial Day.



Everyone pays for those "free" internet calls

By CHARLES H. HELEIN
For Scripps Howard News Service

About a year ago, a handful of small software companies catering to Internet users began hawking their wares with the come-on of "free" long distance calls using the Internet.

The truth is, making a phone call nowadays can be done by turning on one's personal computer, hooking into the Internet and using Internet phone software to make long distance calls, nearly free of charge.

Small phone companies that provide long distance services took a dim view of this development.

America's Carriers Telecommunications Association — ACTA — their national trade association, has asked the Federal Communications Commission to intervene because Internet phone calls are transmitted over the same phone system all Americans use.

Despite that fact, Internet software vendors and Internet phone users do not have to pay the same rates the rest of us do

for long distance service. From a fair competition standpoint, ACTA's members feel this is unjust.

Internet access companies and Internet phone software vendors don't pay certain government-imposed costs for using the phone system. Long distance phone companies, on the other hand, pay 45 percent to 50 percent of their costs for long distance calls in the form of access charges, the cost of which is passed on to consumers.

Access charges are not paid by Internet access providers and, hence, are not factored into the costs of calls being made via the Internet.

In addition, long-distance phone companies are required to contribute to "universal service" funding, running more than \$750 million a year, which provides phone service to rural and low-income areas throughout the country. Furthermore, traditional long distance callers are billed based on the length of a phone call, while Internet

phone users can talk as long as they want for a low, flat fee, if not for free.

The reasons these inconsistencies exist are clear and irrefutable. Internet access companies don't have to pay access charges due to an outdated government policy that exempts certain types of telephone users from these FCC requirements.

In addition, the Internet began as a taxpayer subsidized data exchange network, which will continue to be subsidized until 1998. Therefore, the "free" in Internet phone usage is the "free ride" made possible by we the taxpayers, and we the users of the traditional phone system, unwittingly subsidizing such usage.

Should Internet calls remain free? ACTA's opponents say yes. But, if they do, at what price to others?

In ACTA's view, the FCC and Congress cannot sit idly by while funding is drained from the support of the phone system by those promoting free Internet phone calls. The future of the Internet itself

depends not only on maintaining the phone system but in contributing to the costs of its expansion. Contributions from traditional phone users and Internet users will ensure the phone system can accommodate both traditional uses and advances in technology, such as the Internet phone.

Today, the government wants to provide all Americans with access to the information superhighway. However, a recent survey indicated that only 12 percent of homes with an annual income of \$35,000 or less have a computer.

Internet users, who are benefiting from subsidized service, represent less than one-fifth of the population. If we are going to provide rural schoolchildren the opportunity to take an interactive tour of the Louvre over the Internet, as the TV ads suggest, all users must step up and help foot the bill.

(Charles H. Helein, senior partner of Helein & Associates, practices telecommunications law and is general counsel to America's Carriers Telecommunications Association.)

POINT

Telephone service on internet a tremendous service

By SANDY COMBS
For Scripps Howard News Service

America's Carriers Telecommunications Association — ACTA — representing 150 long distance telephone companies, wants the Federal Communications Commission and state agencies to regulate the Internet and ban its use for voice services.

The VON Coalition (<http://www.von.org>) is opposed to this self-serving position.

The Internet has been an unfettered entity since its inception.

What ACTA is attempting to accomplish through the federal and state regulatory process is analogous to the horse and buggy whip manufacturers asking for federal and state relief because of the emergence of the automobile.

The tremendous benefits being provided by the innovative use of the Internet are:

- Increased job creation by software manufacturers.
- Distance learning and tele-

medicine.

— Increased revenue for long distance companies that are carrying back-bone traffic (phone lines) and beginning to offer Internet access, i.e. AT&T, Sprint and MCI, which do NOT agree with ACTA's position, as evidenced by their recent FCC filings.

— Substantial revenue increases for local telephone companies, which are providing second telephone lines to millions of Internet users, including new higher speed Internet lines.

— Increased revenues for Internet Service Providers, the companies that provide a bridge between the Internet and the Internet user.

The regional Bell operating companies, unlike ACTA members, have seen the future. They are currently in the process of trials or expanding their high speed Internet con-

nections for home and businesses. Among them are AmeriTech, Bell Atlantic, Bell South, Nynex, Pacific Bell, South Western Bell and U.S. West. GTE also is testing.

Internet telephone users are individuals, educational institutions, non-profits and businesses — worldwide — who are taking advantage of the enabling technologies prevalent on the Internet by the foresight of software manufacturers who realistically envision the shrinking global entity we know today as our world.

ACTA member corporations want to maintain the status quo world that they and their stockholders have grown comfortable with.

Making calls on the Internet is not free. Internet telephone equipment is necessary to make the call. You need a computer, appropriate software, a modem (with a telephone line) plus a connection to the Internet.

In its most basic form, Internet telephoning is no different from other forms of data com-

munication using the Internet or other communications networks.

As such, its development and use is inseparable from the development and use of other multimedia software and applications. Any effort to regulate Internet telephones will force the government to regulate e-mail and other Internet services such as audio and video.

ACTA has failed completely to show that innovative uses of the Internet have produced any harm to the public interest or even to the narrow self-interest of ACTA's members. The logical government response should be to welcome and encourage the development of new services that add to competition and consumer choice.

(Sandy Combs is director of the Voice-on-the-Net Coalition. The VON Coalition of 81 corporations and more than 400 individuals was formed as a result of ACTA's attempt to get the FCC to regulate computer software and Internet services.)

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Storms rage through Midwest; Homes damaged, train derailed

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. (AP) — Tornadoes and other strong storms swept through several states, destroying homes, overturning cars and knocking a coal train off its tracks.

Winds of up to 125 mph ripped through western Missouri late Sunday. At least 13 homes were destroyed and 98 others were damaged in Lee's Summit, a town outside Kansas City. As least 10 people were injured, none seriously.

Faith Cox said she was in her kitchen when she "saw big bub-

bly raindrops on the window and heard a big booming wind like something was falling down."

"The houseplants inside were being shaken even though the windows were closed," said Cox, whose house was not damaged. "The lights were flickering, but it all seemed like it was over in a minute."

Dave Beusterien, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Kansas City said radar indicated strong winds in the area at the time, but not a

tornado.

Lightning and rain continued early today as residents milled around one cul de sac, looking at the damage. A garage stood relatively untouched next to a heavily damaged house. Nearby, a home had its siding torn off, its frame exposed.

Work crews scrambled to shut off gas lines, and a telephone pole leaned to one side. Tree limbs were strewn throughout the street.

Elsewhere in the area, large trees were on top of houses, cars

Soldiers continue mutiny, saying demands not met

BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) — Renegade soldiers refused to end their fast-fizzing mutiny today, even after releasing their hostages and welcoming the president's offer of amnesty.

Mutineers refused to return to their barracks because President Ange-Felix Patasse has not fired his chief of security, a mutiny leader said today. The leader, Chief Warrant Officer Mathurin Dokodo, said he would try to persuade the soldiers to end their uprising.

Regardless, the revolt that began May 18 appeared to have lost steam in the face of military and diplomatic pressure from France, the Central African Republic's former colonial ruler.

After talks Saturday with French military leaders, the estimated 200 mutineers dropped their demand for Patasse's resignation. The next day they released four hostages, including a government minister and the head of the National Assembly.

Army chief of staff Col. Maurice Regonessa remained with the mutineers today. Some of the rebellious soldiers said Regonessa was being held hostage, but others said he was them by choice to show his solidarity.

Before the hostages' release, Patasse repeated his offer of amnesty — an offer first made Tuesday. At the time, the mutineers had indicated they were ready to give up. But at the

Voice recorder from ValuJet crash found

MIAMI (AP) — Buried 15 days in the Everglades muck, the cockpit voice recorder that could help explain the fiery end of ValuJet Flight 592 was discovered after a searcher gave a prayer and a poke.

"I said, 'God, so far I've just prayed for you to keep everyone safe out here and I haven't asked for your help finding anything. Now I'm asking you to help us find this recorder,'" Metro-Dade Sgt. Felix Jimenez said Sunday.

"The next time I put my probe into the water, it hit the recorder."

Finding the voice recorder has been a top priority since the DC-9 crashed May 11, killing all 110 people on board. In past accidents recorders have helped

provide conclusive evidence about the events leading up to a crash.

"We want to know what happened in the cockpit, the last moment. We are hopeful that the conversation between the pilot and other sound will give us important clues," said National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Mike Benson.

The toolbox-sized recorder, found about 150 feet from where the flight data recorder was found May 13, was shipped to NTSB headquarters in Washington late Sunday in a water-filled cooler to keep the tapes from drying out.

The outer case holding the recorder showed "impact damage" but no fire damage, Benson said after the box arrived in

Forbes predicting bold tax package from Dole

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole is about to unveil a dramatic package of measures to cut and simplify taxes, says magazine publisher Steve Forbes, a former rival for the Republican presidential nomination.

"I think he is going to do something very bold," Forbes, a leading proponent of the flat tax, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." During the primary campaign, Forbes had

run advertisements criticizing Dole's past votes for higher taxes and his lack of a tax reform plan.

Forbes, who discussed taxes in a meeting with the presumptive GOP nominee and Senate majority leader last week, said Dole is "now convinced that the only way to get this country moving is with a dramatic tax change and tax cut."

He said Dole has "endorsed the principle of radical simplifi-



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Lazier takes Indy; Vasser wins U.S. 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — No asterisk, no apology.

Buddy Lazier is the winner of the Indianapolis 500, a painful symbol of the painful split that reduced auto racing's richest, fastest day to a channel-switching, we-crash-first-you-crash-last game of brinksmanship.

The Indianapolis 500 had the tradition, the renegade U.S. 500 in Michigan the names. Michigan began with a 12-car crash just as the green flag was about to drop; Indy ended with a crash just as the checkered flag fell.

Want more signs from above? Try a darkening cloud over Indy, gathering gloom over Michigan, weather befitting the state of Indy-car racing.

With the defection of many of the top teams and drivers to Michigan, Indy was loaded

with rookies and also-rans. Yet, in a wild finish with four lead changes in the closing laps Sunday, it was the veteran Lazier, still hobbled by a back injury, who crossed the finish line first.

Will there be an asterisk by his name?

"Obviously, I hope not," Lazier said after navigating the 200 laps at a rather ordinary average speed of 147.956 mph. "I gave it everything I had, my heart and soul. And I think everybody else out there did the same."

Problem was that not everybody else was out there this year.

Tony George, president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, founded his own Indy Racing League to reduce costs, steer Indy racing back to its traditional oval-track roots and open

the door to more drivers who might otherwise be kept out without major sponsorship.

But when he gave the IRL preference at Indy, the rival Championship Auto Racing Teams balked and organized its own Memorial Day weekend race, taking Indy's hottest stars with it.

Mo matter. Lazier's name will be enshrined right along with Foyt, Mears, Andretti and all the Unsers.

"The stars are born at this race track," said Ron Hemelgarn, Lazier's car owner, mindful of the criticism from CART that this year's Indy field was second-rate. "There are great stars at Michigan and some great teams, but this is the place, and I'm sure each one of those would like to be

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Indy-car's weekend: Everybody lost

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — There's no point trying to assess which race was hurt worse. Having two on the same day only guaranteed both would lose.

"I was a little nervous for everyone," Indianapolis Motor Speedway boss Tony George admitted Sunday. "Someone had to be."

And will — for some time to come.

George was talking about his race, but he might as well have been speaking about both. The 500 in Michigan began with a crash. The 500 in Indianapolis ended with one.

From Victory Lane, where he stood on the fringe of a crowd Sunday afternoon celebrating Buddy Lazier's stirring win, George didn't bother to turn his head to see the ambulance make one final trip down the front straightaway. If he had, he would have seen it carrying Alessandro Zampedri, one of three drivers injured in a last-lap crash.

But someone looking for omens might have imagined a second patient inside — the sport of Indy-car racing itself. The one that the drivers and owners and power brokers at both races spent years nurturing. The same one they're now trying to tear in two: George

with his rival Indy Racing League, the Championship Auto Racing Teams circuit's owners and drivers with their rival 500-mile race.

"I believe if they could have been here," winning owner Ron Hemelgarn said, referring to the faction at the U.S. 500 in Michigan, "we would have beaten them, too."

Of course, that conveniently leaves out the fact that Hemelgarn had never turned the trick before. In 19 previous trips to the Indy 500 with 32 different cars, the best he managed was a 10th-place finish in 1984.

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Jarrett dominates Coca-Cola 600 field

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Dale Jarrett's 42 rivals in the Coca-Cola 600 never really had much of a chance.

"That's the best car that I've ever had — anywhere, anytime," Jarrett said after he put on a dominating display in NASCAR's longest race and put himself one victory closer to a million payday.

Friday night's victory at Charlotte Motor Speedway means Jarrett becomes the fourth driver to ever have a chance at the Winston Select Million. The bonus goes to any driver who wins three of the sport's four jewels in a year.

Jarrett, who won the season-opening Daytona 500 and finished second in the Winston Select 500, can claim the bonus with a victory in the Southern 500 on Sept. 1 at Darlington, S.C.

Bill Elliott in 1985 became the only driver to go to Darlington and win the bonus. Darrell Waltrip failed in 1989, as did the late Davey Allison in 1992.

Jarrett likes his chances of cashing in at Darlington, especially considering the car he plans to use.

It's the same Ford Thunderbird he drove Sunday night, when he led 199 of the 400 laps on Charlotte's 1.5-mile trioval and wound up 11.98 seconds — more than one-third of a lap — ahead of Dale Earnhardt.

"It was the same car we had at Darlington for the spring race," Jarrett said. "We should have won that race but we ran out of gas late. We know we can win there."

The car kept Jarrett up front for almost the entire second half of Charlotte's 600-mile race, the longest on the Winston Cup circuit. Jarrett led the final 62 laps, building his lead to more than one-half lap before carefully cruising through traffic over the final 10 laps.

"I'd like to take a lot of the credit, but a lot of people could have taken this car tonight and done well," Jarrett said. "The car was just terrific."

Earnhardt was impressed.

"Our car was about perfect," he said. "We were outclassed."

Terry Labonte and Jeff Gordon were the only other drivers on the lead lap at the end.

As dominant as Jarrett was, he couldn't make a major cut into Earnhardt's lead in the season standings. Earnhardt came to Charlotte with a 115-point lead over Jarrett and left with a 105-point edge.

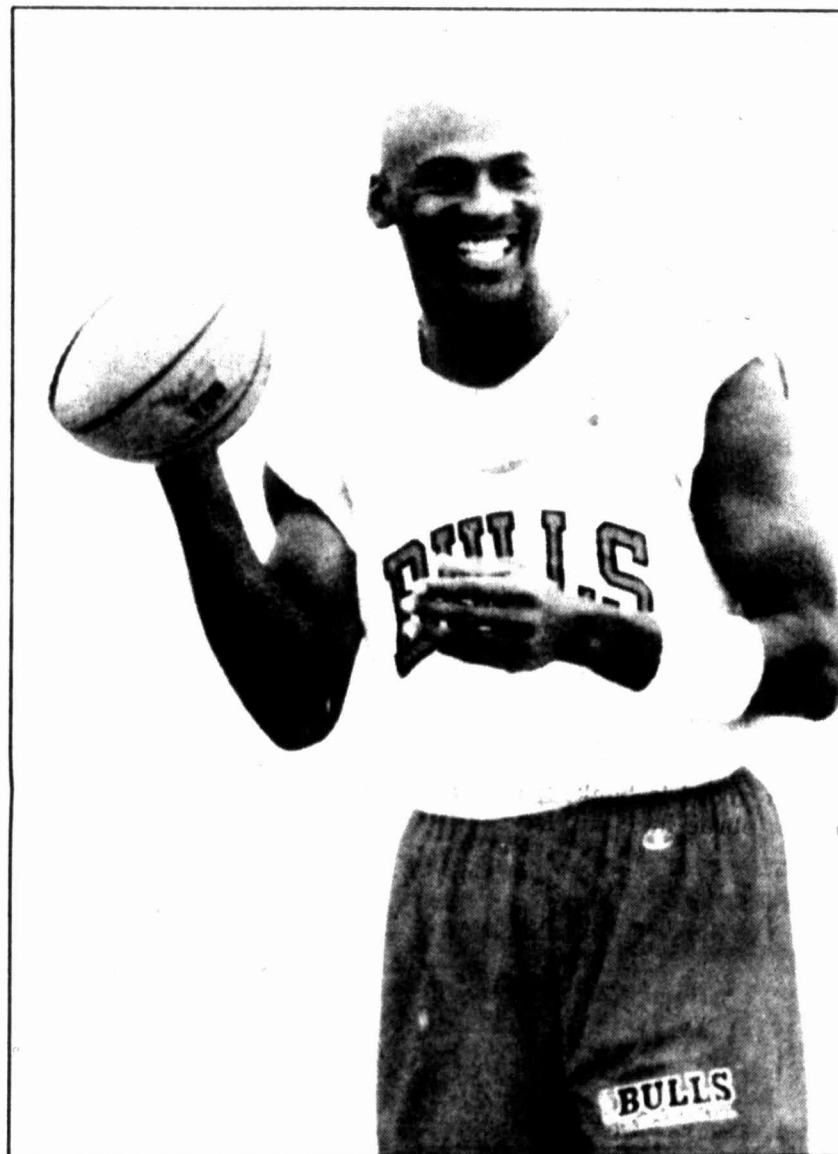
"We've got a lot of races between now and Darlington. Our biggest goal this year is to try and win the championship," Jarrett said. "I think I'm correct in saying that Earnhardt's finished in the top five in nine of 11 races. We're going to have to win to catch him at that rate."

Jarrett's second victory of the season and sixth of his career came on a night when Fords found a measure of parity. Kyle Petty drew the ire of NASCAR officials and Ricky Craven and rookie Johnny Benson avoided potential disaster.

Four of the top five finishers were in Chevrolets, but five of the top 10 were in Fords. It was the first race in which Fords and Pontiacs were using body changes approved by NASCAR to help the Thunderbirds and Grand Prixes compete with the redesigned Monte Carlo, which has won 28 of 42 races since it was introduced last year.

We think NASCAR's trying to make things as even as possible," Jarrett said, "and someone's going to hit it really good."

The first half of the race was marred by six wrecks, the biggest of which was caused when Petty spun out Ted Musgrave on a restart on lap 155, setting off a 13-car chain reaction.



Michael Jordan, shown in this file photo, will attempt to lead the Chicago Bulls to a sweep of their NBA Eastern Conference Finals series with Orlando when the two teams meet today.

Bulls seek to close the door on Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Anfernee Hardaway measured his words carefully, then conceded the Orlando Magic need to be more like the Chicago Bulls.

"It's like everybody knows their role and everybody plays well together," the Magic's third-year point guard said Sunday.

"They are going out there focusing on defense and rebounding, then the scoring comes whenever it comes. That's how you're going to win. Until we get that mindset of defense first, we're not going to be winning anything."

If that sounds like Hardaway had given up on Orlando's chances of coming back from a 3-0 deficit in the Eastern Conference finals, he hadn't. The lingering pain of being swept from the playoffs the past two seasons wouldn't allow a concession statement.

"We've been down this road before, and it's a hurting feeling. We don't want it to happen again this year, especially at home," he said. "It's really embarrassing with the talent that we have, even though we do have injuries, to get swept

by a team even as great as the Bulls."

Chicago won a record 72 games during the regular season and moved within one victory of its fourth trip to the NBA Finals by holding the usually high-scoring Magic to 67 points on 34 percent shooting in Game 3.

Orlando averaged a league-high 105 points on 52 percent shooting through the first two rounds of the playoffs, yet managed just 79 per game on 43 percent marksmanship in the first three games of this series.

"I think their egos are a little crushed right now. But it's not our jobs to worry about what they feel like. We need to go out there and do our job," Chicago's Dennis Rodman said, eyeing a sweep.

"Their focus is not there. You can see it in their eyes. It's like: 'The hell with it. Let's go home.'"

Indiana swept Orlando in the first round of the playoffs two years ago. And although they beat the Celtics, Bulls and Pacers to get to the 1995 NBA Finals, the Magic failed to win a game against the Rockets in the championship series.

Sonics head back to Seattle with 3-1 lead over Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — George Karl said he was almost driven to tears watching his Seattle SuperSonics.

After all, they became the first team to leave Utah with a post-season win this year and Sunday's 88-86 victory over the Jazz gave them a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 Western Conference finals.

First, the Sonics lost an eight-point lead to a 10-2 Jazz run. Then they took a precarious 83-82 lead on Shawn Kemp's foul shots with 2:36 to play. They only slipped by disaster for good when Utah's John Stockton missed a 3-pointer at

the buzzer.

The Sonics will have a chance to wrap it up at home Tuesday night in Game 5.

"At times, I almost start crying because I'm so happy for the guys and what they are doing," Karl said. "It was a Utah-Seattle game. We play this way all the time. I think we have played 10 times in the last three years and seven of them came down to the last minute."

Sam Perkins, playing in place of the foul-plagued Kemp, led the Sonics with 20 points, including three 3-pointers. Gary Payton had 19 points and six assists, and Kemp, who

fouled out with 1:37 remaining, had 18 points and eight rebounds.

Karl Malone had 25 points for Utah, while Jeff Hornacek added 19. Stockton, in another losing duel at the point with Payton, finished with seven points and eight assists.

"We know that we are going to come back strong," Payton said. "Good thing we came here and got a win."

Kemp admitted frustration with the foul problems that continued to trouble him — he played just 23 minutes — but said the victory helped take the sting away.

"Any time you get to 3-1 in a seven-game series and go home for the next game, you've got to have confidence," Kemp said.

The 6-foot-10 forward couldn't help but muse about what lies beyond one more win over the Jazz — the NBA Finals.

"The dream is to get to the promised land, and that's the promised land," Kemp said.

While last-second defense was the focus of the Sonics' effort, it was their foul shooting that won the game. Seattle was 31-of-36 at the free throw line, 86 percent, while Utah hit just half of its 22 foul shots.

Poor ol' Detroit just keeps on losing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pity the poor Detroit Tigers. They finally get some fans into the ballpark and they're all from Cleveland. They limit the hard-hitting Indians to three hits Sunday and get shut out. They finish a eight-game homestand and have to leave on a nine-game road trip having lost 11 straight and 31 of 35.

Could it get any worse? Sure, it's still May.

Albert Belle hit his major league-leading 20th homer, a three-run shot in the eighth inning as the Indians completed their first three-game sweep in Detroit since 1959 with a 5-0 win over the Tigers.

Belle had been 0-for-6 since hitting two homers Friday night and had struck out twice and grounded into a double play when he came to bat in the eighth with two on.

Brian Williams (0-2) had held the Indians to two hits and

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trailing 2-0 when Belle homered off the facade of the upper deck in right.

"I was pretty happy," Williams said. "I mean, even the eighth inning I made some pitches there. But the pitch to Albert Belle, I'm not happy with that one. But hey, you can't take it back."

Detroit manager Buddy Bell, who spent the past two seasons as the Indians' bench coach, wished he could have taken back his decision to pitch to Belle with first base unoccupied.

"Pitching to Albert is not real smart," Bell said. "We shouldn't let the best offensive player in the league beat us. You've got to make somebody else beat you."

Belle, who led the majors with 50 homers last year, has hit 65 in his last 162 games.

Dennis Martinez (7-2) pitched

an eight-hitter for his 29th career shutout for the Indians, who must have felt like they were playing at home this weekend.

Sunday's crowd of 39,056 boosted the attendance for the three-game series to 107,550, the most for a three-game series in Detroit since 1994.

However, about three-quarters of the fans were from Cleveland, transforming Tiger Stadium into Jacobs Field North.

"It was just like we were at home," Martinez said. "I hope they follow us everywhere we go. I hope they go to Texas now."

Elsewhere in the American League, it was: Chicago 12, Milwaukee 1; Baltimore 6, Oakland 1; Minnesota 9, Toronto 3; Texas 6, Kansas City 4; California 12, Boston 2; and Seattle 4, New York 3.

White Sox 12, Brewers 1

At Chicago, Frank Thomas,

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Braves stay stout in close contests

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just like last year, the Atlanta Braves are winning close games.

Greg Maddux gave the bullpen a 3-1 lead Sunday at Pittsburgh, but the relievers failed to hold it. It took until the 13th inning for the Braves to win, with Marquis Grissom hitting a three-run homer off Dan Miceli (0-2) for a 5-3 victory.

"It makes baseball fun when you go out and win a lot, especially when you win come-from-behind games," Grissom said.

Atlanta won 25 games last season in its final at-bat. The Braves have done it seven times this year, putting them roughly on the same pace.

"We had plenty of opportunities to win the game and we didn't get it done," said Pittsburgh manager Jim Leyland, who shouted at his players so loudly that it could

be heard outside the clubhouse. "I don't want to hear anything about battling back ... the only time you battle is when you battle and win."

Javy Lopez hit two solo homers as the Braves won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Pinch-hitter Eddie Perez walked in the 13th, and Miceli threw into center field on Tony Graffanino's bunt. Pinch-runner Mark Lemke was thrown out at third on Mike Mordecai's unsuccessful sacrifice attempt, but Grissom followed with the fifth homer off Miceli in 17 1-3 innings this season.

"If we don't mess up the bunt, they probably walk Grissom and pitch to (Jermaine) Dye," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "That's how crazy baseball is. We mess up a bunt play ... and instead of them walking Grissom, he hits

a three-run homer. Sometimes those things work in your favor."

In other games, Los Angeles downed Montreal 4-3, Florida beat St. Louis 8-2 in a game shortened to seven innings by rain, Houston defeated Chicago 7-2, Philadelphia routed San Francisco 10-1 and New York beat San Diego 1-0. Cincinnati's game at Colorado was rained out.

At Three Rivers Stadium, Terrell Wade (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for his first major league victory. Mike Bielecki pitched the 13th for only his second major league save and his first since 1990.

"You win collectively and lose collectively, and, right now, we're doing a heck of a job at losing collectively," Pittsburgh's Jay Bell said.

Dodgers 4, Expos 3

Mike Blowers hit a three-run double off Mel Rojas (3-3) as

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BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	27	19	.587	—
Baltimore	27	20	.574	1/2
Toronto	21	28	.429	7 1/2
Boston	19	28	.404	8 1/2
Detroit	12	38	.240	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	33	14	.702	—
Chicago	29	18	.617	4
Minnesota	22	25	.468	11 1/2
Kansas City	22	26	.451	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	30	19	.612	—

Seattle	26	22	.542	3 1/2
California	23	25	.479	6 1/2
Oakland	22	26	.456	7 1/2

Saturday's Games

Minnesota 6, Toronto 4, 10 innings
Cleveland 7, Detroit 6
Oakland 6, Baltimore 3
Chicago 9, Milwaukee 7
Texas 2, Kansas City 1
Boston 10, California 3
New York 5, Seattle 4

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 9, Toronto 3
Cleveland 5, Detroit 0
Baltimore 6, Oakland 1
Chicago 12, Milwaukee 1
Texas 6, Kansas City 4
California 12, Boston 2
Seattle 4, New York 3

Monday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 2-5) at Oakland
(Wojciechowski 5-0), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Fernandez 5-2) at

Toronto (Janzen 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 0-0) at Kansas
City (Belcher 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (McDowell 5-2) at Texas
(Pavlik 6-1), 8:35 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 6-3) at
California (Abbott 1-7), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Chicago (Baldwin 3-1) at Toronto
(Viola 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Mahomes 1-2) at
Milwaukee (Sparks 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Harshbarger 4-3) at Texas
(Oliver 3-2), 8:35 p.m.
New York (Rogers 3-0) at
California (Grimsley 2-4), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 3-4) at Oakland
(Wasdin 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ericson 2-4) at Seattle
(Milacki 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	32	17	.653	—
Montreal	29	21	.580	3 1/2
Philadelphia	24	24	.500	7 1/2
Florida	25	26	.490	9
New York	20	28	.417	11 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	25	26	.490	—
St. Louis	22	27	.449	2
Cincinnati	19	25	.432	2 1/2
Chicago	21	29	.420	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	19	30	.388	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	31	19	.620	—
Los Angeles	27	24	.529	4 1/2
San Francisco	25	23	.521	5
Colorado	23	23	.500	6

Saturday's Games

San Diego 7, New York 2
San Francisco 3, Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 5, Florida 0
Los Angeles 5, Montreal 3
Houston 5, Chicago 2
Colorado 7, Cincinnati 5

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles 4, Montreal 3
Florida 8, St. Louis 2, 7 innings,
rain
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 3, 13 innings
New York 1, San Diego 0
Houston 7, Chicago 2
Cincinnati 1, Colorado, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 10, San Francisco 1

Monday's Games

Houston (Kile 5-3) at Pittsburgh
(Smith 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (Ritz 4-4) at St. Louis
(Stottmyre 4-2), 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Glasvein 5-3) at Chicago

Telemaco 2-0), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Smiley 4-4) at Florida
(Latter 6-4), 4:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 7-3) at
Montreal (Fassero 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati (Burb 0-5) at Florida
(Brown 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 3-3) at
Pittsburgh (Ruebel 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tewksbury 5-1) at
Montreal (P. Martinez 5-1), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 5-2) at
Philadelphia (Grace 6-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Latter 2-4) at New
York (Clark 3-5), 7:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 10-1) at Chicago
(Bullinger 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

Colorado (Al Benes 4-3) at St.

Louis (Freeman 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

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Monday, May 20

Seattle 91, Utah 87

Tuesday, May 21

Chicago 93, Orlando 88

Friday, May 24

Utah 96, Seattle 76

Saturday, May 25

Chicago 86, Orlando 67, Chicago

leads series 3-0

Sunday, May 26

Seattle 88, Utah 86, Seattle leads

series 3-1

Monday, May 27

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Thursday, May 30

Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m., if neces-

sary (NBC)

Friday, May 31

Chicago at Orlando, 9 p.m., if nec-

essary (NBC)

Saturday, June 1

Utah at Seattle, TBD, if necessary

(NBC)

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here."

In their place, 17 rookies started at Indy, the most since 1930. But after pole-sitter Tony Stewart left with a blown engine, it was a race of veterans.

The 28-year-old Lazier, who walks with a cane because of a broken back sustained at Phoenix in March, took the lead with seven laps to go and beat Davy Jones by .695 of a second, the third-closest finish ever. Third was Richie Hearn, one of four rookies among the nine drivers still running at the end.

U.S. 500

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — It was history. But was it worth it? The people who forced the inaugural U.S. 500 on the racing world say only the fans can decide.

Jimmy Vasser, who won Sunday's rebel race at Michigan International Speedway, thinks it was absolutely the right thing to do. And why not? His victory was worth over \$1 million.

Yet, deep in his heart, Vasser knows this victory might make him little more than the answer to some future trivia question. And it saddens him a little that he didn't get a chance to win the storied Indy 500 on this memorable day, though he tried not to show it.

"It's great!" Vasser said, standing in the MIS winner's circle. "Who needs milk?"

Milk, of course, is the traditional drink served up in Victory Lane at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. But the powerful cars of Championship Auto Racing Teams don't run at Indy any more.

Tony George, owner of the Indy speedway, decided all but eight of the 33 places in the sport's most famous race would be set aside this year for cars from his rival Indy Racing League. CART owners viewed that as a lockout and put together this competing race in the verdant Irish Hills of southern Michigan.

"For the good of the sport, of course, we'd consider going back to Indy," CART president Andrew Craig said. "But I don't think that's likely to happen."

Yet there were some who would urge Craig to rethink his tough stance.

"The fanfare is not here," said Don Ley, who drove 650 miles from Minneapolis. "We sat around the campfire and talked about old Indys."

For five months, since it was clear there would be no truce, the CART folks had been tout-ing this race as "The real cars, the real stars, the real race ... the real 500."

Yet what they almost had was the real egg on their faces.

Down at Indy, they were calling this upstart venture the backup race. It wound up being a race of backup cars, too.

The start of this race had to

be delayed 61 minutes after Vasser, sitting on the pole, collided with Adrian Fernandez on the final pace lap to start a chain reaction crash involving 12 of the 27 cars.

Vasser, the PPG Cup leader, then went on to win his fourth race in six starts this season, driving a backup Reynard-Honda to victory by 10.995 seconds over Brazilian Mauricio Gugelmin, who was followed by countrymen Roberto Moreno and Andre Ribeiro.

Vasser, following the pace car driven by actor Paul Newman, came together with Fernandez in Turn 4 as the cars revved up for the green flag and the start of the race. Vasser and Fernandez swerved into Bryan Herta, the other driver on the front row.

How embarrassing, especially after all the rhetoric.

"I wouldn't say embarrassing," Craig said in his clipped British accent. "Certainly disappointing. Sometimes things don't go as planned. I don't think we're happy that it happened. But some things are out of your control."

"I think what's important is that we got the show back on the road and gave the fans their money's worth."

Indeed, once the race finally got under way, the real stars in the real cars put on a good show. The high-banked 2-mile oval at MIS lends itself the kind of side-by-side racing that pleases fans. That's why NASCAR races are popular here.

Lose

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Talk IS cheap. And half-truths from guys with axes to grind are what you get in squabbles like these. The keener, calmer voices get stilled right about the time the last compromise falls through. And so when someone asked Lazier whether an asterisk should appear alongside his name in the log of great drivers who have won the Indy 500, Hemelgarn jumped in.

"Anybody that would say this wasn't a good race, and a very competitive race would be an ass," he said.

More on that in a minute. But first, to show more respect for his driver than Hemelgarn did by butting in, here is what Lazier said about the asterisk being attached to his win:

"Obviously, I hope not, because I know I gave it everything I had, my heart and soul. And I think everybody else out there did the same."

Lazier is a wonderful story. His father, Bob, ran the 1981 Indy 500, finishing 19th, and never made it back. The son passed the driver's test here in 1990, but got bumped from the starting grid on the final day of qualifying. He was knocked out after one lap the year after that. He didn't make it to the end in his two other starts, 1992 and 1995.

Then Lazier's luck turned — for the worse. Two months ago at Phoenix, racing in an IRL event, he hit the wall going 200 mph. He broke his back, fracturing vertebrae in 16 different

places. When Lazier saw the X-rays, he remembered his spine looking "like a hard-boiled egg that had been dropped."

But driving meant so much that Lazier not only rehabbed the back in time, but drove the race in almost continual pain.

"It took a very long time to recover and we were borderline. And it was probably high risk to come and do this race as it was. But," he added, "it just makes it extra sweet."

Tony George, while not gloating the way Hemelgarn was, was not above cashing in on a good angle, either.

"He's a very good representative of the kind of opportunity we're trying to create," he said. "My only disappointment from the whole month is that there are so many guys walking around with the same capabilities and desire. ... I'm just a little disappointed that we can't make more opportunities for those guys."

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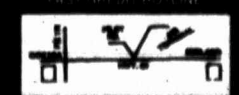
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Big Spring, Texas 79720

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Houses for Sale 513

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Texas National Guard Army Base at Camp Mabury, 2200 West 36th Street, Building 64, Austin, Texas 78703, until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 28, 1996 for the Roof Replacement of the following Texas National Guard Facilities:
Big Spring - 1801 W. 16th, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 263-6001
Cuero - 1100 East Broadway, Cuero, TX 77954 (512) 276-6330
Huntsville - 6575 Sam Houston, Huntsville, TX 77340, (409) 286-7011
Begun - 1032 S. Guadalupe, Begun, TX 78155, (210) 776-3232
The work will include removal of existing roof and replacement with a cool air elastomeric membrane roofing system to be installed by the contractor as well as the manufacturer.
Pre-Bid Conferences will be held as follows at the project sites:
Big Spring - Tuesday, 11 June 1996 at 1:00 P.M.
Cuero - Wednesday, 12 June 1996 at 10:00 A.M.
Huntsville - Thursday, 13 June 1996 at 1:00 P.M.
Begun - Wednesday, 12 June 1996, at 1:00 P.M.
Plans, Specifications, and Bidding Documents will be available to qualified Contractors at the respective Pre-Bid Conferences and/or on Friday, May 31st from the Owner by calling (512) 406-4911. A deposit is not required. The Texas National Guard Army Base encourages qualified/desired HUB contractors to bid on these projects, in accordance with HB 2626 73rd Legislature.
0687 May 26 & 27, June 2 & 3, 1996

Life! Section Sunday Deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon. Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department. Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28:

Unusual options come your way this year. Creativity expands your horizons. Finances are on the plus side in a partnership or business arrangement. Remain optimistic. If you are an artist, you (and others) find your creations unusually good. You are likely to table a special offer or opportunity through your talents. If you are single, romantic possibilities are many, though you might wonder which one you want. If attached, the two of you arrange for a new addition or a second honeymoon. LIBRA cherishes you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Finally, you get the chance to land on your feet. Your sense of the ridiculous helps you deal with others who may be out of whack. Listen, but make your own professional decisions. There is much to discuss. Maintain control. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Happily, you complete a task left over from yesterday. You derive a sense of well-being from the accomplishment. Be nurturing to a relative who seeks your opinion. Spread the word, and share what you feel is important. Tonight: Get plenty of exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A partner may balk at your idea. Never fear, he will agree with you in the long run. Distribute ideas, and treat others to your mind's natural inventiveness. Fun surrounds your interactions even if they are work-oriented. Tonight: Go for an early midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to comprehend what makes someone tick. Focus on family and long-term desires. News from a distance permits you to go in a new direction. Let go of dated ideas and patterns. Hold up a mirror, and take an honest look at yourself. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You make headway with a child or loved one. Before you start a conversation, be certain about what is really going on. A discussion opens up a door and allows you to consider another's feelings. Be more fun-loving. Tonight: Hang with a congenial bunch of cohorts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Expenses may be more outrageous than you think. Be can-

did with yourself about the implications of your behavior. Set limits. Extremes mark your emotional and financial lives, more so than usual. Temper your actions. Tonight: Take time out to think.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You feel better than you have for a while. Inner bounce is high. You make a difference wherever you are, whatever you do. Pick and choose your occasions with care. You gain a lot on a day like this. Make a long-distance call. Tonight: Whatever puts a grin on your face.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Communications are active. Think through a resolution. Your ability to assimilate information helps you make the right decision. Play it low-key. When you get special news that involves a partnership, stay mum. Changes are in the air. Tonight: Make it an early night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are on a winning track. Don't do anything halfway. Friendship and long-term goals mix pleasantly. Let another offer his proposition. Accept no less than the best. Awareness reaches a new level. Tonight: Enjoy the weekday party.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your positive attitude opens many a door. A change you have recently made gets results. Make time for a check-up to stay in the best health possible. A boss could be demanding, but you like what you hear. Tonight: Have dinner delivered to the office.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Prepare to take off at the drop of a hat. You hear news that is somewhat startling. Reflect on a recent situation with a loved one. Tune in to the higher needs of a child. Instincts are right on, once you quiet your thinking. Tonight: Buy new music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A door swings open financially. A friend may be overly optimistic. Be mindful of his version of positive thinking. You might be stunned by what you hear. Your natural listening ability allows a fiscal opportunity. Tonight: Answer when Lady Luck calls.

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Memorial to unknown soldier honors sacrifice made for all

DEAR ABBY: You seem to have answers to just about everything, so I'm wondering if you can help me on this:

When was the Unknown Soldier buried in Washington, D.C.? Also, in which branch of the military was he? In which war did he fight? How was he identified? Was the soldier a male or a female?

Thanks for any information you can give me. — LILLIE NORRIS, HUGO, OKLA.

DEAR LILLIE NORRIS: When World War I ended, officials from the Allied countries — Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy and the United States — found that the bodies of many soldiers killed in battle could not be identified. The governments decided to honor the memory of those soldiers in some special way. Each government chose a symbolic unknown soldier (probably male since females were not sent into battle at that time), buried the remains near their national capitol, and built a monument in honor of that soldier.

Belgium placed its unknown soldier in a tomb at the base of Colonnade of the Congress in Brussels.

France buried its unknown soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe in the center of Paris, and keeps a perpetual flame burning over the grave.

Great Britain buried its unknown soldier in Westminster Abbey.

Italy's unknown soldier lies in front of the monument to

Victor Emmanuel in Rome.

The unknown soldier of the United States was one of four unidentified war dead taken from American cemeteries in France. An American soldier, Sgt. Edward Younger, selected the soldier from these four. The remains were brought to the U.S. Capitol to lie in state.

On Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1921, the soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The tomb, completed in 1931, has a white marble sarcophagus over the grave and bears the inscription, "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

Congress later directed that an unknown soldier from each of three wars — World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War — be buried near or beside the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The World War II and Korean War unknown soldiers were buried in marble crypts at the head of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day in 1958. The unknown soldier from the Vietnam War was buried between them.

A memorial amphitheater, built by the Grand Army of the Republic to honor members of the armed forces killed in battle, stands near the tomb. Memorial Day services are held there each year.

An honor guard from the Honor Guard Co. of the 1st Battle Group, 3rd Infantry, Fort Myer, Va., keeps a sentry on duty at the tomb at all times. The sentry is changed every hour during the day and about every two hours at night.

Today we honor all those who have given their lives in the line of duty — on land, at sea and in the air.

God speed the day when we can settle our differences with words instead of bombs and gunfire. Only then we can claim to be truly civilized.

AL

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Harold Baines and Robin Ventura hit consecutive homers and Chad Kreuter hit Chicago's fourth homer during a seven-run eighth inning.

The White Sox set a club record and became the 16th team in AL history to hit four home runs in one inning. The league mark of five is held by the 1966 Minnesota Twins.

Kevin Tapani (5-3) scattered seven hits in his first complete game since July 28, 1995.

The White Sox batted around in the fifth off Ben McDonald (4-2).

Orioles 6, Athletics 1

At Baltimore, Gregg Zaun doubled home two runs in a four-run second inning and Kent Mercker got his first victory since April 24.

Roberto Alomar and Luis Polonia also had two RBIs for the Orioles, who took two of three from the A's and have won five straight series.

Mark McGwire had the lone RBI for Oakland, which has lost nine of 12.

Mercker (3-3) allowed one run, one hit and four walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Oakland starter Bobby

NL

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Los Angeles overcame a 1-0 deficit in the ninth inning at Olympic Stadium. The Dodgers completed a three-game sweep and have won nine of 12.

Tom Candiotti (3-4) allowed two hits in eight innings but trailed following Sherman Obando's seventh-inning homer.

After Blowers' double, Roger Cedeno added an RBI ground-out for a 4-1 lead. Moises Alou hit a two-run single in the bottom half off Todd Worrell, who got his 14th save.

Marlins 8, Cardinals 2
Jeff Conine homered twice and Gary Sheffield hit his 16th homer at Joe Robbie Stadium, stopping the Cardinals' five-game winning streak.

Conine, 5-for-39 in his previous 11 games, went 3-for-3 with three RBIs. He hit a two-run homer in the second and a solo shot in the fifth for an 8-0 lead against Donovan Osborne (3-3).

Chouinard, a former Orioles farmhand, gave up five runs and eight hits in five-plus innings in his major-league debut.

Twins 9, Blue Jays 3

At Toronto, pinch-hitter Ron Coomer's two-run homer ignited Minnesota's six-run ninth inning.

Tied 3-3, Roberto Kelly walked against Brian Bohanon (0-1), and Coomer followed with his fourth homer. One out later, Chuck Knoblauch doubled and scored on Paul Molitor's two-out double. Greg Myers' fourth hit, a run-scoring single, made it 7-3. Dave Hollins and Kelly added RBI singles.

Dan Naulty (3-0), who gave up Joe Carter's game-tying RBI single in the eighth, got one out for the win.

Rangers 6, Royals 4

At Kansas City, Mo., Ken Hill won his sixth game as Texas rallied against Kansas City's bullpen.

Warren Newson hit a two-run single in the seventh to back Hill (6-3), who gave up nine hits and struck out six over 7 1/3 innings. Mike Henneman pitched the ninth for his 14th

save.

Kansas City starter Doug Linton (1-2) struck out a career-high six, but was lifted after 5 1/3 innings with a 3-2 lead.

Angels 12, Red Sox 2
At Anaheim, Calif., Rex Hudler went 5-for-5 and set a career-high with his ninth homer of the season. Hudler, who hit eight homers in 1994, connected in the seventh to put the Angels up 10-1.

Tim Salmon and Tim Wallach drove in three runs each and Chili Davis hit a two-run homer in support of Shawn Boskie (6-1), who struck out a career-high 10 in seven innings.

Mariners 4, Yankees 3
At Seattle, Edgar Martinez and Alex Rodriguez hit home runs off Dwight Gooden, making his first start against Seattle since his May 14 no-hitter.

Martinez hit a three-run homer off Gooden (3-4) in the first, his 11th, and Rodriguez, who went 4-for-4, hit his ninth leading off the third.

Paul Menhart (2-2), called up Sunday from Triple-A Tacoma, pitched 6 2/3 strong innings before a crowd of 42,410. He allowed six hits and walked three.

David Weathers (2-0) allowed seven hits and one earned run in 6 1/3 innings. The game was called with no outs in the top of the eighth after a rain delay of 1:17.

Astros 7, Cubs 2

Jeff Bagwell drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and go-ahead double. Shane Reynolds (7-3) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings as Houston completed its first three-game home sweep of Chicago in seven seasons.

With Chicago leading 2-1 in the sixth, Bagwell hit a two-run double, Orlando Miller chased Frank Castillo (1-7) with a two-run double, James Mouton hit a run-scoring single off Doug Jones and Ricky Gutierrez followed with an RBI double.

Reynolds struck out 10 giving him 22 in his last two starts. Castillo has lost five straight starts.

Phillies 10, Giants 1

Terry Mulholland (5-3)

allowed one run and six hits in 7 2/3 innings, and Todd Zeile hit a ninth-inning grand slam for visiting Philadelphia.

Mulholland doubled and had an RBI single as part of a 14-hit attack. Ricky Bottalico finished with perfect relief for his 14th save.

Oswaldo Fernandez (3-3), winless in six starts, gave up four runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Mets 1, Padres 0

Bobby Jones (5-1) scattered five hits in eight innings at Shea Stadium to win his fifth straight decision, and Bernard Gilkey homered in the first off Sean Bergman (2-5).

John Franco finished for his ninth save in 12 chances, helping the Mets win for just the fifth time in 14 games. He ended the game by striking out Jody Reed with the bases loaded. San Diego had won four straight.

Stricker becomes 5th first-time winner on PGA tour at Kemper

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — Brad Faxon found plenty of reasons why Steve Stricker was due to win a golf tournament.

"He's a power player," Faxon said. "He kills it. He's a strong guy. And — he's got his wife caddieing for him."

With his wife, Nicki, right there, Stricker became the fifth first-time winner on the PGA Tour this year. His 3-under-par 68 Sunday gave him a 270 total and a three-stroke victory over Faxon, Mark O'Meara, Grant Waite and Scott Hoch at the Kemper Open.

"At times I felt we were running down the fairway," Stricker said of his steady but nerve-racking back nine. "We just wanted to get this thing done and know the outcome. With four holes to go, I felt like we were rushing. I just had to keep pushing back what I was thinking."

Second to Tim Herron in driving distance on tour with a 283.4-yard average going into the tournament, Stricker has put together a stretch that made it seem inevitable that he would join Herron, Paul Goydos, Scott McCarron and Paul Stankowski as this year's new winners.

The third-year tour player from Edgerton, Wis., finished third at both the Hawaiian Open and the Greater Greensboro Open and has made nine of his last 11 cuts. His previous best tour finish was a tie for second at last year's Northern Telecom Open.

"It was an emotional day," said Stricker, who won \$270,000. "It always creeps in your mind about winning. You've always got to fight it off, it seems like. We handled it pretty well coming down the stretch. It's a great win for us both."

Faxon got a good look at Stricker's game — and the Strickers' husband-wife camaraderie — when they were paired together for the final rounds at the Hawaiian Open.

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"She's a good golfer, and she knows Steve's game," Faxon said. "Just listen to them talk down the stretch. She says the right things. She knows what it's like to be under the gun. She's a good kid."

Seniors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Isao Aoki says staying relaxed with a big lead on the final day of a tournament is a lot tougher than it looks.

"It's very difficult because three or four (strokes) is a safe lead, but it's very difficult to stay relaxed and have a good tempo," Aoki said Sunday through an interpreter after winning the \$1.2 million BellSouth Classic.

He led after each of the first two rounds and quickly found himself with a three-stroke lead after two holes in the final round.

But he lost his putting touch and nearly the tournament before he made a 28-foot birdie putt on the final hole. The birdie capped a 2-under-par 70, kept him out of a three-man playoff and gave him his largest payday ever, \$180,000.

Graham Marsh shot a 67 and Sigel a 68 to finish tied for second at 13-under 203. Bruce Summerhays, who closed with a 65, was third, another stroke back.

Aoki birdied three of his first four holes before running into trouble on the back nine with two bogeys and a double-bogey. "My putting leaving me, that was no good," Aoki said. His problems worsened on No. 16 where he double-bogeyed. "No timing. No timing on No. 16. My head was confused."

Aoki approached the final two holes simply hoping to par out and head to the playoff. He parred No. 17 and simply hoped to put his second shot onto the green at the par-4 18th.

He settled his ball above the hole near the edge of the green and prepared to two-putt his way into the playoff. But first he watched John Jacobs putt just below him on the slope and said that told him what speed he needed.

"I had good putting today just one time. I had good putting on No. 18," Aoki said.

LPGA

FRISCO (AP) — Laura Davies obviously enjoys the Skins Game format. She has an extra \$340,000 to prove it.

Davies made a 12-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole to claim 10 skins and \$300,000, clinching the title in Sunday's final nine holes of the LPGA Skins Game.

For Davies, the key to success in Skins Game competition is to know when to be aggressive. Since total score is not a concern, the philosophy is different from tournament play.

"The Skins Game format really gives you the chance to enjoy 18 holes of golf," said Davies, who won an LPGA Skins Game record \$340,000. "You can take a few risks. It's worth taking yourself out of a few holes to get yourself into a few."

Davies also learned from her mistakes Sunday. She left a 12-foot putt short on No. 12, a miscalculation that cost her \$220,000.

Two holes later when faced with a putt of the same length, Davies, the long-hitting native of Coventry, England, took a more bold approach to convert her 12-foot birdie attempt and take Sunday's biggest prize.

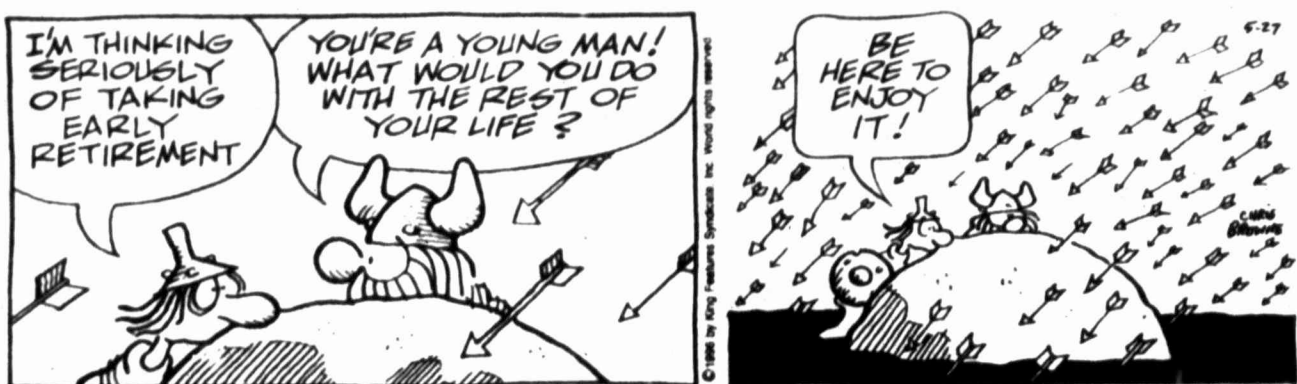
"I was thinking about the money, I have to admit that I was," said Davies after winning the most money on any single hole in Skins Game history, including PGA and Seniors. "I didn't want to leave it short like I did on the other putt. If you miss it, you get nothing. I was shaking for the next hour. That was the most nervous I've ever been."

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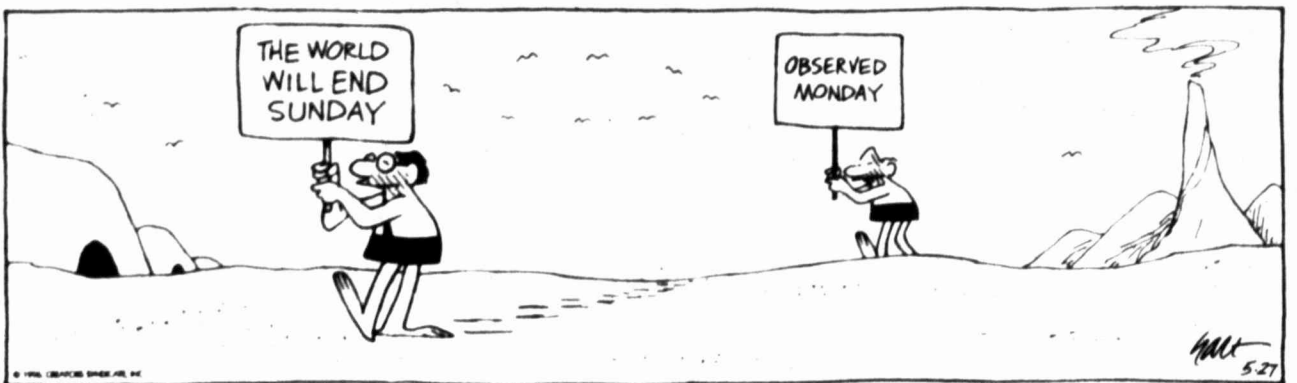
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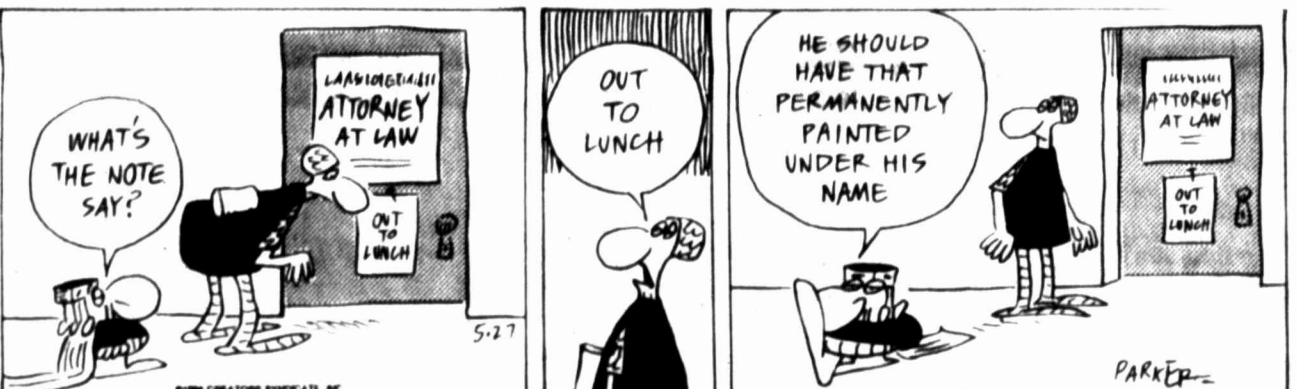
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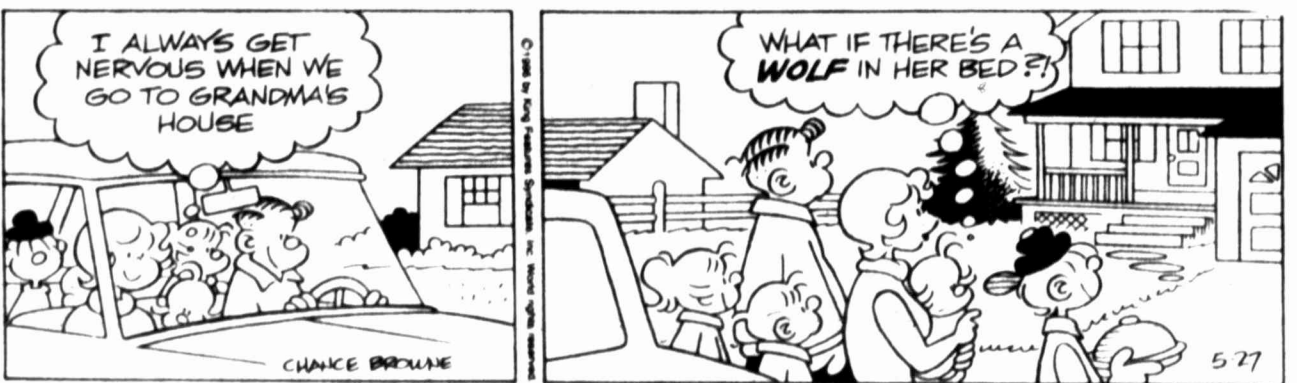
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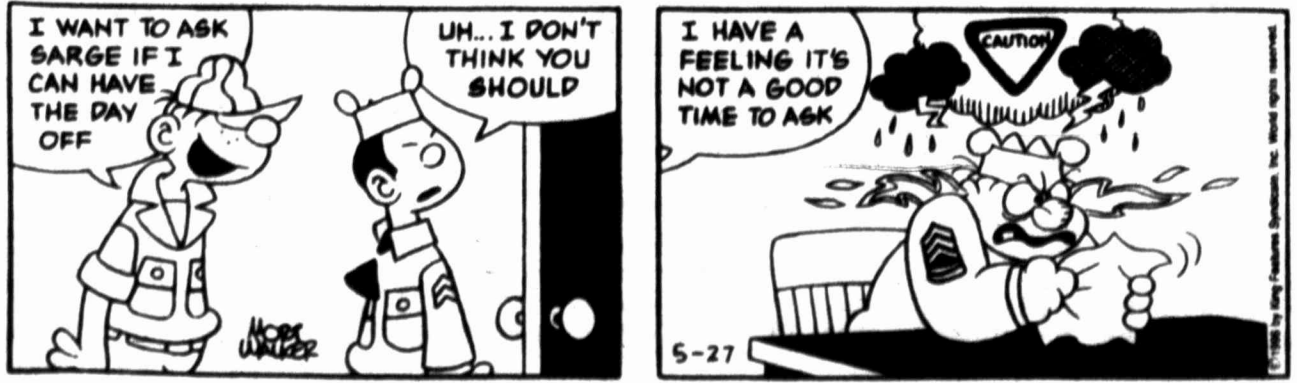
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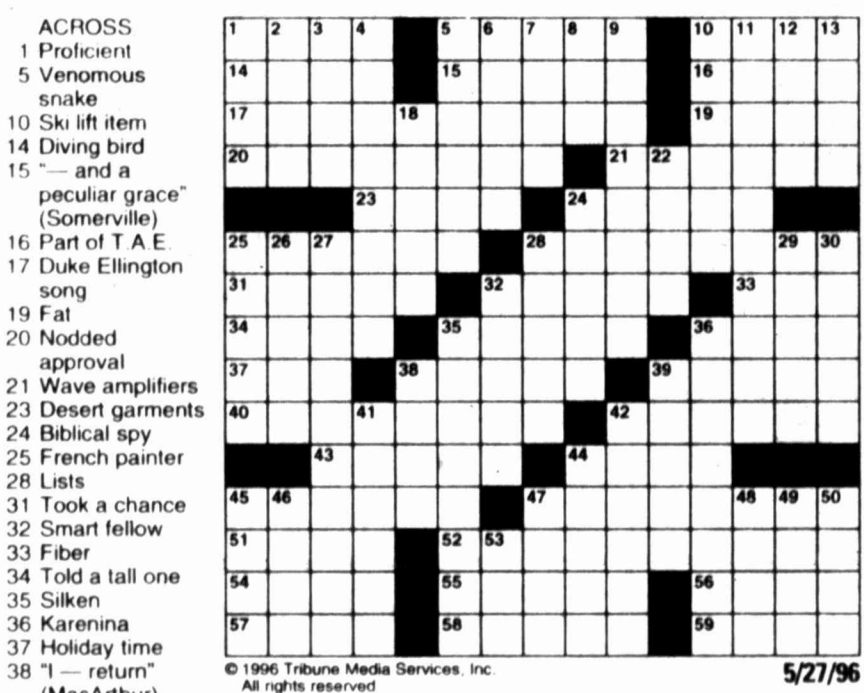
Today's Highlight in History: On May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., was opened to the public. On this date: In 1647, the first recorded American execution of a witch took place in Massachusetts.

In 1818, American reformer Amelia Jenks Bloomer, who popularized the garment that bears her name — bloomers — was born in Homer, N.Y. In 1837, American gunfighter and frontiersman Wild Bill Hickok was born in Troy Grove, Ill. In 1896, 100 years ago, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill.; thousands were left homeless.

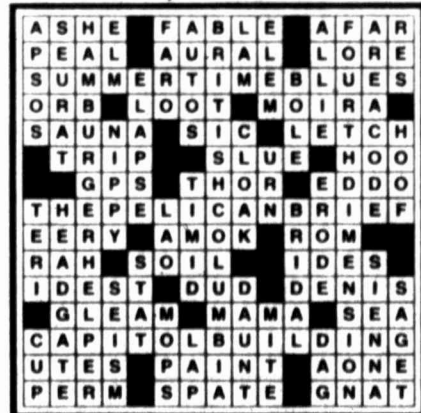
In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was released. In 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act. In 1936, the Cunard liner Queen Mary left England on its maiden voyage. In 1941, amid rising world tensions, President Roosevelt proclaimed an unlimited national emergency. In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank off France, with a loss of 2,300 lives. In 1964, independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, died. In 1985, in a brief ceremony in Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratification on the pact returning Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997.

Today's Birthdays: Novelist Herman Wouk is 81. Former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone is 78. Actor Christopher Lee is 74. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 73.

THE Daily Crossword by Bernice Gordon



Saturday's Puzzle solved:



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