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The 51st mission Pampan rescues friend, best man in mission he didn't have to go on

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

When Mike Porter of Pampa completed his 50th flying mission during World War II, he was supposed to get to come home.

Instead, his commanding officer asked him if he would fly just one more mission before leaving.

The Germans, Porter was told, were abandoning a prisoner of war camp in Austria in the wake of advancing Russian forces. U.S. servicemen were in the camp and needed to be rescued.

"I was asked to take a flight of seven aircraft and go and get the POWs," Porter said.

Porter, who was stationed in Italy from March to October 1944, flew B-24s for the U.S. Army Air Corps. Each B-24 could hold 37 men in addition to the flight crew.

"We landed and loaded up the POWs, and the Russians were firing at us. My plane was shot several times," he said.

Six of the seven planes were loaded with 37 POWs, and the sev-

enth carried 35, the last of the U.S. prisoners of war which were left at the camp. The total number of POWs rescued by Porter's flight group was 257.

"After we got safely away, and were cruising over the Adriatic Sea, I heard someone yell, 'Porter! Is that you?'" he said.

He looked back over his shoulder, and there was a friend, Vince Ollney, who had been best man at his wedding, among the POWs who had been loaded into his plane.

Ollney, who normally weighed 220 pounds, had lost 92 pounds while in the German prisoner of war camp. When he was given a physical after landing safely in Italy, he weighed 128 pounds and had to have a large growth removed before going home to the U.S., Porter said.

Ollney was flown home, but Porter boarded a ship at Naples and sailed for home after the memorable 51st mission, he said.

Porter served in the Air Corps for two years and nine months, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Setting up Memorial Day flags

Kiwanians Darrel Franklin, left, and Jerry Foote were busy this morning putting out the Stars and Stripes in front of businesses along city streets for Memorial Day. Local Memorial Day observances included ceremonies at Memorial Gardens this morning and a candle light ceremony at 8:45 p.m. tonight at the Freedom Museum USA Memorial Park, 600 N. Hobart.

Hinkle, Richards to lead this year's rodeo parade

Paulette Hinkle and Mary Ann Richards of M&H Leasing and Top of Texas Ice will act as Parade Marshals for the 2005 Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade. Hinkle and Richards are supporters of the rodeo, dance and queen pageant. They have supplied ice for all of the rodeo and Kid Pony Show and related activities for many years.

Rodeo officials invite the public to come and see the 59th annual parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4.

The parade will form in the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot and

wind through the downtown area, returning to the auditorium parking lot.

Parade entries will be accepted at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, until Friday, June 3.

For more information, call 669-0434.



Hinkle



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Mike Porter, left, and Don Emmons, right, examine weapons they carried during their military service. Porter, a World War II veteran, said he was issued an M1 carbine like the one he is touching above. Emmons, a veteran of the Korean conflict, carried an M1 Garand like the one he is touching above. The weapons display is part of an exhibit at White Deer Land Museum, co-sponsored by Freedom Museum U.S.A.

Pitner: Animal Control 'grossly understaffed'

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the city commission this week that based on his experience, Pampa's animal control department needs more people.

"It's grossly understaffed," Pitner said.

He said he had the same number of people in animal control as Pampa does when he was police chief at the City of Fritch, a town of 2,500 people.

"We had one animal warden and two shelter workers," Pitner said. "Here we have two animal wardens and one shelter worker."

He said the City of Snyder has a new animal control facility with two animal wardens and four shelter workers.



Chief Pitner

"They keep the shelter open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday," Pitner said, "and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays."

The Pampa shelter is open only from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"We've looked at alternatives," Pitner said.

He said animal control needs more support at the shelter.

"I don't know that we need more animal wardens on the street as much as we need more support service for them," Pitner said. "Just like the police department or fire department,

you need the support in the office."

Pitner said they need people both on the street and in the office.

"You can't do both," Pitner said.

He praised the animal control unit but said they are understaffed.

"The people we have are excellent," Pitner said.

"I think they do a wonderful job," City Commissioner Faustina Curry said.

"They do everything they can

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Obituaries

Creed Lamb, 74

McLEAN — Services for Creed Lamb, 74, of McLean, were held Sunday, May 29, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Kelly Raymond officiating and Rev. Thacker Haynes and Rev. Jim Reyna assisting. Burial followed in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Canadian.

Mr. Lamb died Thursday, May 26, 2005, in Amarillo.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1930, in Memphis, Texas, to the late Mr. Creed Lamb Sr. and Mrs. Ara Jean Jefferson Lamb. Creed was a graduate of Memphis High School in 1949. He then attended and graduated from Landig Mortuary College in Houston in 1950. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving in the Korean War.

He married Wanda Hoover on March 15, 1952, in Clovis, N.M. They moved to McLean in 1956 from Littlefield. Creed was funeral director and owner of Lamb Funeral Home in McLean for 36 years, during which time he served hundreds of families with care and kindness. He was a cattleman, as well. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 889 in McLean,

Lodge 929 in Shamrock, was also a member of the Eastern Star in Shamrock, and York Rite, Scottish Rite and Khiva Temple of the Shrine in Amarillo. Creed was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Mothershed and Jean Dewlen.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Lamb of McLean; one son, Joe Creed Lamb of Houston; three daughters, Regina Jones of Amarillo, Denise Browning of Amarillo, and Anna Jean Lamb Michalenko of McLean; two sisters, Evelyn Buchanan of Las Cruces, N.M.; Jo Carmen of Amarillo; one brother-in-law, Al Dewlen of Waco; 10 grandchildren, Misty Browning of Denver, Colo.; Katrina Jones of Amarillo; Dusty Browning of Amarillo; Kassie Jones of Amarillo; Courtney Lamb of Rapid City, S.D.; Mariah Lamb of Rapid City, S.D.; Tyler Creed Lamb of McLean; Ryan Creed Lamb of Rapid City, S.D.; Kaleigh Jones of Amarillo; and Ariel Michalenko of McLean.

— Sign our online guest book at hughsfuneralhome.com.

Odell Hassler, 85

SKELLYTOWN — Odell Hassler, 85, died Sunday, May 29, 2005, in Pampa.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Skellytown, with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor, and Danny Trussell, pastor of River of Life Fellowship, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hassler was born Jan. 16, 1920, in Rains County, Texas. She married Benjamin Alexander Hassler on Feb. 24, 1937, in Purcell, Okla. He died Nov. 5, 1992.



HASSLER

She was a resident of Skellytown for over 60 years. She was employed by Marie Foundations for 10 years, and was a member of Pampa Quilt Guild and First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Bertha Taylor; one son, Clarence Joe Hassler; two grandsons, Roger Dale White Jr. and Kevin Shawn Walden.

Survivors include three daughters, Bertha Porter, Carol Rovner and Judy Hassler, all of Skellytown; four sons, Jim Hassler of Amarillo, Tom Hassler and Alex Hassler, both of Skellytown, and John Hassler of Garland; two sisters, Grace Tannahill of Lindsay, Okla., and Dorothy Hicks of Reedley, Calif.; 23 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gideons International, 2200 SW 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

— Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Services tomorrow

HERRING, Hershell Lee 'Perk' — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, May 28

Nine traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 900 block of East Frederic.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets, the 200 block of West Brown, and the 500 block of Montagu.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered on two occasions in the 2300 block of Alcock.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

One business alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

A suspicious vehicle report was received concerning the 600 block of Carr.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 2200 block of North Dwight, the 1600 block of North Zimmers, and the intersection of Lincoln and Wells streets.

A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 700 block of East Browning, and the 500 block of Montagu.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 300 block of East 17th.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of East Francis, the 500 block of North Faulkner, and the 1200 block of South Nelson.

Animal complaints were received from the 400 block of Yeager and the 900 block of Twiford.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1300 block of Garland and the 800 block of South Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of Roberta.

Found property was reported at the intersection of 23rd and Dwight streets.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of East Craven and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby. Telephone harassment was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of Warren.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Craven and the 900 block of South Banks.

Douglas Lee Rankins, 24, 1208 Darby, was arrested at the intersection of Starkweather and Foster streets for theft by check.

Vicki Lynn Ogden, 42,

2133 Mary Ellen, was arrested in the 1300 block of Duncan on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated with child in vehicle, and a probation violation for theft.

Sunday, May 29

Twenty-two traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received concerning the 2600 block of Rosewood and the 800 block of East Foster.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart. A vehicle accident was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Prowlers were reported in the 700 block of North Banks and the 500 block of Montagu.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 400 block of North Sumner, the 500 block of Powell, and the 200 block of East Brown.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill, the 600 block of Bradley, and the 700 block of Sloan.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks and the 800 block of South Somerville.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of North Nelson and the 1000 block of Fisher.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported twice in the 1000 block of South Banks.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood.

A civil matter was reported in the 800 block of North Frost.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill and the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of Coffee.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of North Hobart.

Two business alarms were reported.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at the intersection of Gordon and Finley streets.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

One welfare check was made in the 400 block of Carr.

Harassment was reported in the 1400 block of Bond.

Paula Gaye Johnson, 39, 521 Montagu #2, was arrested in the 500 block of Montagu for no valid driver's license and a probation violation for forgery.

Estevan David Rivera III, 25, 525 N. Sumner, was arrested in the 200 block of West Foster for a bond surrender on a charge of theft of property by check, and a bond forfeiture for theft of property by check.

Shon Kysar, 35, 1029 Charles, was arrested in the

900 block of South Barnes on two counts of issuing a bad check, two capias pro fines for speeding, and a bond surrender for theft of property by check.

Rachell Lynn Daniels, 18, 1302 Francis, was arrested in the 200 block of West Brown for consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, May 29

Tamara Crystal Price, 18, Lefors, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct/language.

Fire

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

Saturday, May 28

10:02 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a lift assist in the 600 block of Hazel.

Monday, May 30

2:33 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire at 313 Perry. The front of the vacant house was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. The front of the house was a complete loss and the rest sustained extensive smoke and water damage. Total loss was estimated at \$3,000.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls today.

Saturday, May 28

9:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Hazel. No patient was transported.

9:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Hazel. A patient(s) was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Lea. A patient(s) was transported to PRMC.

1:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to White Deer to mutual aid. One patient was transported to PRMC.

2:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Holly. One patient was transported to PRMC.

2:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Sumner. One patient was transported to PRMC.

4:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC. One patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Gray County Weather

Memorial Day: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 70. East southeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 57. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming south-southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly

cloudy, with a low around 59. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 84. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 60.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 86.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We, the people, bury our heroes with the promise to remember. The Congress of the United States has created the National Moment of Remembrance to reach Americans with one simple message: Don't forget the true meaning of Memorial Day to honor our fallen. No other holidays would be possible without the sacrifices of those brave men and women who have died for freedom since the founding of our nation. Today let us all unite in remembrance to honor those who have ensured that freedom rings in the home of the brave.

Americans are asked to pause, wherever you are, at 3 p.m. (local time).

Participation may be informal. It can be as simple as ringing a bell to mark the moment. Bells carry significant symbolism -- from "proclaiming liberty throughout the land" to the marking of the passing of a soul. The Moment of Remembrance is a time to remember our fallen and to make a commitment to give something back to our country in their memory. -- CARMELLA LASPADA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE

DEAR CARMELLA: I'm pleased to share your message with my readers, some of whom may not be aware of what the true meaning of this holiday is about. Readers, although most of you will be devoting today to your personal pursuits, Memorial Day really isn't about us. It's for all those families whose loved ones aren't here to enjoy the freedoms they secured for us. At 3 p.m., let's stand as one, and show them the respect they deserve.

And while I'm on the subject of respect, there is now another way of honoring those heroes who are still serving our country. Visit OperationDearAbby.net and show our troops stationed worldwide how much their efforts are appreciated by sending them a message of support. Bless you, one and all!

Here's a reminiscence from a veteran of

World War II:

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to bring to light the unheralded act of some residents of the Czech city of Plzen. On May 7, 1945, the day World War II was declared over, we of the 23rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) arrived in Plzen. A 20-mile buffer zone was established between us and the advancing Russian forces then in Slovakia. After a day of joyous celebration, an envoy was established to meet with the Russian military.

While the envoy was gone, those of us left behind in Plzen got acquainted with the Czech people. Some of them learned that none of us had had showers during the prior 40 days, and we had just completed 14 continuous days and nights of reconnaissance throughout southeast Germany. As a result, we could not risk a timeout for hygiene.

A group of citizens set up a program to open their bathrooms to soldiers on an assembly line rotation. When my turn came at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I was ushered into a residence to an immaculate bathroom with a spotlessly clean tub filled with 8 inches of warm water. I was not rushed but carefully timed, so they could prepare the tub for the next soldier.

Abby, the only expression I could offer them for their kindness was an unwrapped bar of Palmolive soap -- DALE C. BISHOFF, U.S. ARMY (Ret.)

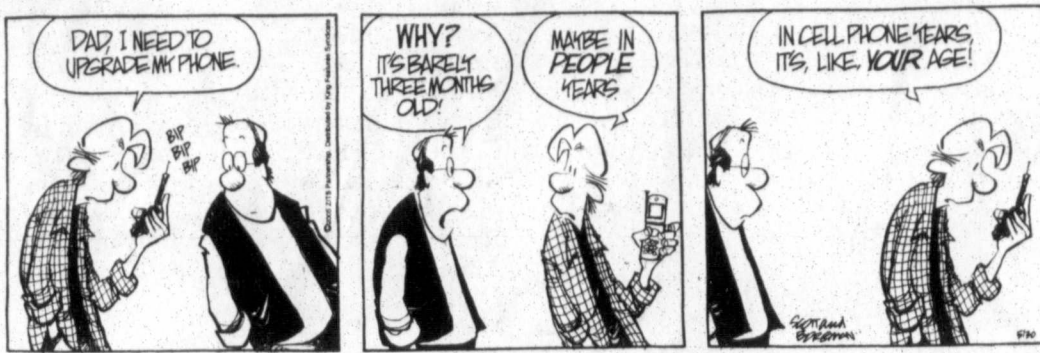
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DEAR ABBY: I received a gift of handmade note cards made by the giver. Would it be improper for me to use one of these note cards to write my thank-you? -- ETIQUETTE-CHALLENGED IN FLORIDA
DEAR ETIQUETTE-CHALLENGED: Not only would it be proper to use one of the cards to thank the giver, it would also be a compliment.

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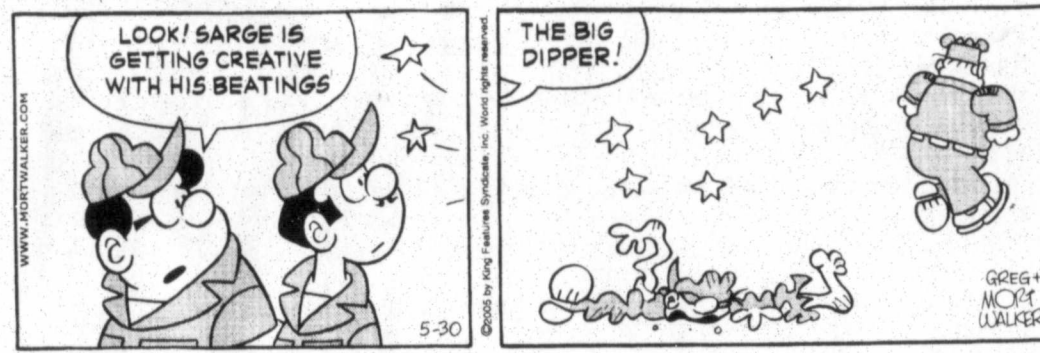
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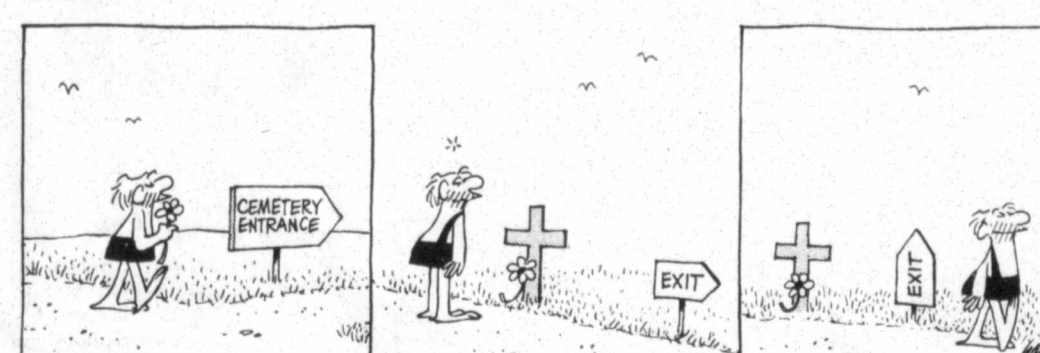
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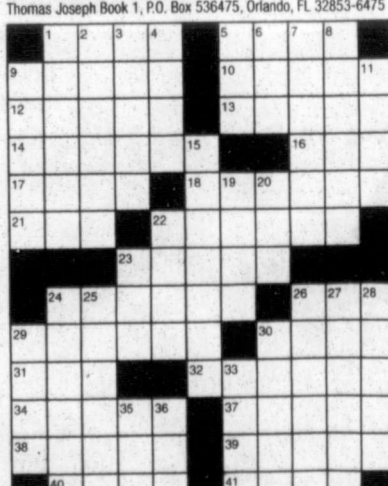
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Viewpoints

Darwin Awards: Great for a Monday smile

"It's that time of year again..."

That's the beginning of the e-mails I seem to get every few weeks concerning the Darwin Awards.

These are the awards given people who remove themselves from the gene pool because they do not deserve to survive.

The only problem is that many of the awards cite the same old stories that I got last year and the year before.

While the winner in the latest e-mail falls into that category, there were some new honorable mentions that I had not seen before.

Most of them seem to come more from the dumb criminal file rather than the

Darwin Awards, but still everybody needs a smile on Monday.

The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent one of its men to have a look for himself. The investigators tried the machine and lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare

to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies.

The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

A man walked into a Louisiana convenience store, put a \$20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register. The clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash got from the drawer...\$15.

The question now is, if someone points a gun at you

and gives you money, has a crime been committed?

This next one I had heard before, but it's too good not to include again.

As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the purse snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive identification. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for.

Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake.

The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

The Darwin Awards are certainly not an argument for any kind of intelligent design.

David Bowser

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 30, the 150th day of 2005. There are 215 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 30, 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

On this date:

In 1539, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto landed in Florida.

In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death when a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing triggered a stampede.

In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the winner.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., by Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1971, the American space probe Mariner Nine blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a journey to Mars.

In 1982, Spain became NATO's 16th member.

In 1994, Mormon Church president Ezra Taft Benson died in Salt Lake City at age 94.

Ten years ago: In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded guarantees of no further NATO air attacks and de facto recognition of a self-styled Serb state.

Five years ago: President Clinton arrived in Portugal as he opened a weeklong visit to Europe. Former Pennsylvania Gov. Robert P. Casey died in Scranton at age 68. Gordon "Tex" Beneke, a singer and sax player with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, died in Costa Mesa, Calif., at age 86.

One year ago: Saudi commandos drove al-Qaida militants from a housing complex in the kingdom's oil hub, ending a shooting and hostage-taking spree that had left 22 dead, most of them foreigners. Gunmen in Pakistan killed senior pro-Taliban Sunni cleric Mufti Nizamuddin Shamzai, sparking riots. Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide left Jamaica for South Africa, saying it would be his "temporary home" until he could return to Haiti. Buddy Rice won the Indianapolis 500 in the rain.

'It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do.'

— Jerome K. Jerome
English author and humorist



Newsweek reveals media elite bias

The Newsweek magazine story falsely reporting desecration of the Koran by American military interrogators in Guantanamo, Cuba, where terror suspects are being held, is the fourth major false report printed or aired by a highly respected arm of the Anglo-American journalistic establishment in the past year.

Each of those inaccurate stories has roiled the political waters and threatened to inflict colossal damage on either President Bush or British Prime Minister Tony Blair and on American and British efforts to defeat terrorists and the regime of

Saddam Hussein.

It is high time that the American people got the point: The organs of establishment journalism are slanted and biased toward the left and disregard the standards of fair and accurate reporting, with impunity, when an election is on the line.

The list of false stories is telling:

• In the spring of 2004, the BBC reported that Blair had ordered his intelligence peo-

ple to "sex up" reports of the Iraqi program to make weapons of mass destruction. For months, Blair was on the defensive because of the report, and the intelligence operative who was the alleged source of the story committed suicide.

It took a parliamentary commission to debunk the story and to force a BBC retraction. The ongoing damage to Blair's credibility likely helped account for his marginal

showing in the most recent U.K. election.

• In September 2004, CBS News' "60 Minutes" television program used forged and phony documents to try to besmirch Bush's record in the Texas National Guard. It was only the careless error of the forger in printing the suffix "th" above the line that led to the truth.

• In the week before the election, The New York Times, the citadel of journalistic accuracy, ran a front-page story alleging that 370 tons of explosives had disappeared from an Iraqi storage

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Dick Morris

Columnist



Someone should wash their mouths out

It's too bad that there isn't a Great Mama in the sky who could take a bar of Octagon soap and wash out the mouths of the politicians in Washington, not to mention those of many of the talk-show tribe. Vituperation and ad hominem attacks have largely replaced debate in the U.S.

It is an extremely dangerous trend. Words might not be able to break bones, but they can destroy moderation. One of the factors that led to war in 1861 was the extreme vitriol of New England abolitionists. By demonizing not only slavery, but all Southerners, they made it impossible for any Southern moderate to survive politi-

cally. It was impossible to be seen as taking the same position on slavery as those people who were proclaiming their desire to see every man, woman and child in the South murdered.

There is a cultural divide in this country. The trouble is not with the divide but with the minority of extremists on each side who insist on demonizing people who disagree with them. Both the pro-life and the pro-abortion people are guilty of this. So are the homosexuals and

those who would prefer homosexuality to remain a private matter rather than a public-policy issue. Both the leftists and the rightists are guilty of demonizing the other.

The only way a free society can function is for issues to be decided by a vote. The Democrats are wrong to block judicial nominees from getting an up or down vote, and the Republicans were wrong when they used to do it. The present so-called compromise was not intended to

resolve the issue; it was intended to preserve the comfort of U.S. senators. It is wrong. Every single nominee should get an up or down vote. The Constitution does not require a supermajority for judicial nominees.

It also does not infringe on the minority's rights when they lose a vote. No one senator has the right to frustrate the will of the majority. If the Democrats were so fond of the filibuster, one wonders why they didn't use it when the issue of going to war with Iraq was being debated.

Democrats like to talk about the Republicans being

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Commanding general visits local Guard unit in Iraq

By MASTER SGT. LEK MATEO
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TALLIL, Iraq (May 23, 2005) — It has been well over five months since the tearful send-off ceremony held at Waco's Baylor University Jan. 1 for the soldiers of the Texas Army National Guard's 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, who are deployed to Iraq for a yearlong mission.

Standing among the family members and dignitaries that historic New Year's Day to see the approximately 3,000 soldiers of the brigade off was Maj. Gen. Michael H. Taylor, 36th Infantry Division commander.

General Taylor of Lufkin, Texas, again stood among his troops during a recent visit in southern and central Iraq to see firsthand the vital security mission they have per-

formed since they deployed.

The division commander said the thing that stood out to him the most during his visit was the consistency of how the soldiers feel about their mission after looking in their eyes and hearing the tone of their voice; he could tell that they were proud of the work they were doing in Iraq.

"These soldiers work long and hard hours and earn everything they get," General Taylor said. "Our country will always be indebted to them for what they do for us and the Iraqi people."

After touring the various camps and remote outposts located along the Euphrates Valley in triple-digit heat, Taylor said it is very clear to him that the soldiers of the 56th BCT are doing a great job and are helping to make a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people — and that makes him proud.

At every dusty stop, General Taylor expressed his sincere thanks to the soldiers and their families in Texas for their dedication and sacrifice and relayed a heartfelt message from back home that the citizens of America, especially Texas, never stop appreciating their service as well as those of the sailors, airmen and Marines serving in Iraq.

"The people back in Texas, especially the World War II veterans of the 36th Infantry Division (T-Patchers), would be unbelievably proud of what these young soldiers are doing," he said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Rodger Brownlee, of Weatherford, Texas, the senior noncommissioned officer of the division, joined General Taylor on the visit said that the trip went very well and that he and the general were glad to be able to see a majority of the units of the 56th BCT even though the trip was short.

Sergeant Major Brownlee said that, from his perspective as the senior NCO, the visit with the enlisted soldiers was meaningful and that he was impressed with their level of professionalism and dedication to the mission.

"I shouldn't be amazed at our soldiers, but I still am when I see that we still produced men and woman in this country who are willing to sacrifice their time and put their life in danger to fight for what we believe in."

Spc. Roy Lopez, of San Antonio, Texas, a soldier of the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry



Army photo by Master Sgt. Lek Mateo, 56th Brigade Public Affairs Office

Maj. Gen. Michael H. Taylor (center), commander of the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Infantry Division, talks with Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 56th Brigade, on current events in Texas.

Regiment, said he was impressed that General Taylor and Sergeant Major Brownlee came to visit them without any time to acclimate to the heat as they had before they deployed to Iraq.

"They came out here probably at one of the hottest days to date — and took their time to visit all the camps so that they could meet with as many soldiers as they can and shake their hands," the specialist said. "That means a lot."

Specialist Lopez added that, for him, the visit shows that the general and the CSM truly care about them and, most importantly, the people back home in Texas.

"It really is good to know that he wants to come out here to Iraq and that makes us feel good," Specialist Lopez said. "The general and CSM visit definitely reminds us here in Iraq that there are a lot of people back home supporting for us and wishing that we all come back home safe."



Army photo by MASTER SGT. LEK MATEO, 56th Brigade Public Affairs Office

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, hand out donated school supplies to children in a local village during a patrol in southern Iraq.

Staffing

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with what they have," Pitner said of the animal control team.

Pitner said there have been complaints, but again that comes back to being short handed, both at the animal shelter and with the police department.

He said dog bites and attacks are given high priority, but beyond that the department handles calls as best they can.

"We've had some calls where the animal wardens weren't able to respond and our officers weren't able to respond immediately," Pitner said.

He said such situations eventual-

ly get handled, but it's difficult.

Pitner said his department has gotten a number of calls concerning dogs, cats, foxes and even a questionable report of a buffalo running loose on the south side of town. He said they deal with them the best they can.

Sandy Burns, animal control supervisor, said that 95 percent of the dogs they pick up are adopted or reclaimed. She said the reclaim fees for lost dogs that have been taken to the shelter are five dollars for a pick-up fee and three dollars a day boarding fee.

City Commissioner Lana Miller says that's lower than most cities.

Pitner is proposing that the animal control fees are increased in the new budget process.

Commissioner Curry worries,

however, that the fees might be increased to the point people won't pick up their animals.

Burns estimates that it costs \$50 a day to hold a dog.

"We have 300 to 500 animals a month," Burns said.

"We're not going to be able to recoup the costs by raising fees," Pitner admitted, "but we can sure help."

Pitner said the animal shelter facility is soon to be an issue.

He said he's looking

at grants to build a new shelter, but

it could put the city under a new set

of regulations.

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ty can be

improved, but

he said he's not

sure that's the

direction to take.

"Those are

things we need

to be looking at

in the future," Pitner said.

Maintenance is becoming a

major issue, he said.

"We definitely need some kennel repair," Pitner said. "The location is really bad."

He said the location next to the railroad tracks has resulted in some vandalism.

"We got broken into last week," Pitner said.

Police arrested some transients that had gotten off a train.

"We impounded their dog," Pitner said. "I guess they would have gotten the dog back for free, but after they got out of jail, they decided to break into the pound and get their dog back."

Pitner said he would like to see the shelter moved to a more customer-friendly location and certainly a safer location for the people who work there.

Bias

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site during the American occupation. The implication was that the carelessness of the Bush administration had put into the hands of the insurgent terrorists the very weapons now being used to kill our troops. But the Pentagon soon established that the weapons either had been removed early in the U.S. occupation or had never been there when our troops arrived. The Times story led John Kerry to change his TV ads and focus his endgame campaign on the allegation.

• And now Newsweek has

published an inflammatory story that has led to massive anti-American demonstrations in Afghanistan — the first since the

war — protesting the seeming defilement of sacred texts. Sixteen people are dead because Newsweek got the story wrong, and the image of the United States is damaged in the Islamic world. And Newsweek refuses to hold anyone to account for this outrageous error, least of

all its own senior management.

Each of those "mistakes" was biased in favor of the left and was committed in the haste of liberal journalists to get some ammunition to discredit Bush and the Iraq war. But when the same reporter who wrote the current story filed the first dis-

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closure of the Monica Lewinsky affair with his editors at Newsweek, the magazine piously refused to run

the story.

In fact, in all the years of the Clinton presidency, I cannot recall a single instance of a similarly inaccurate high-profile story attacking the Democratic president.

Each of the scandal allegations ultimately proved to capture the Clintons in some sort of ethical violation.

The sole exception that comes to mind is the FBI-file story, but, even there, the journalist reports that the files had been available to the White House staff were accurate. But when a Republican president is waging a war of which the left does not approve, a different journalistic standard appears

to apply.

The media need to examine their own bias and correct it, lest still more readers and viewers turn away in the face of their obvious manipulation of public opinion.

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Mouths

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in the grip of far-right extremists, but the fact is that the Democrats are in the grip of far-left extremists. To be pro-life is not an extremist position. To be a strict constructionist of the Constitution is not an extremist position, although regrettably it is a rare position. Both parties need to free themselves from the fringes of their base.

And all people, myself included, need to resolve to act like ladies and gentlemen, confine our arguments to the issues and refrain from name-calling and demonizing our opponents.

If we don't restore civility to public debates, we can be sure they will eventually escalate into violence. The

only way Robert E. Lee ever referred to his enemies was with the phrase "those people." We would all do well to emulate him.

There will never come a day in a country as large and as diverse as ours where there will be unanimity on every issue. That is not even desirable. What is desirable and necessary is to maintain the freedom for all to

express their differences and for all to agree that ultimately, after the vote is taken, we abide by the decision.

It is also necessary at this time for people of good will to publicly condemn those, regardless of who they are, who resort to character assassination and name-calling. I'm personally disappointed in Dr. Howard Dean. His personalized attacks are part of the problem, not the solution. He

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needs the Octagon soap. So

does House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Nothing will so please the

foreign enemies of the

United States than to see us

go from disagreement with

to hatred of each other.

Reckless rhetoric can create

hatred, and once created,

hatred metastasizes.

Political hatred can be just

as dangerous as racial

hatred.

Acting like ladies and

gentlemen is not the same as

acting like wimps. It is

instead acting with the

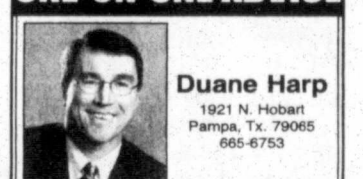
courage and common sense

necessary to preserve our

country.

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Sports Day

Eight score for Glo-Valve in 9-4 win over Cabot; games resume Tuesday

Glo-Valve Service had eight different players in the scoring column en route to a 9-4 victory over Cabot Corporation Friday in Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken action.

Reid Miller scattered four hits and allowed one earned run in four innings to collect the win. He walked three and struck out nine. Tyler Malone relieved in the fifth inning. He permitted one run, one hit and one walk. He struck out five. Chase Ferguson pitched a complete game for Cabot. He surrendered seven hits, eight walks and hit a batter while striking out nine.

Cabot took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Mitch Simon beat out an infield hit and Garrett Sewell doubled to right center field.

Glo-Valve sent 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the second inning. With one out Conor Wilson started the rally beating out an infield single up the middle. Schrade Thompson walked. Rhett Skinner singled home Wilson with Thompson stopping at third.

Glo-Valve executed a double steal which scored Thompson and sent Skinner to third on a throwing error. Malone singled to bring Skinner home. Malone took second on a wild pitch and came in to score on an inside-the-park home run by Miller. Evan Meschke kept the rally going with a walk. He went to second on a wild pitch and scored on a Texas League single by Zach Graves giving.

Glo-Valve a 6-1 lead.

Cabot had some alert base running to score twice in the third inning. Ferguson walked. He advanced to second and third on a passed ball and a wild pitch. Simon walked and stole second. Ferguson barely beat the throw from Glo-Valve's shortstop to complete a double steal.

Simon went to third base on a passed ball and scored when Kyler Patton was safe on an error. Glo-Valve led 6-3.

In Glo-Valve's half of the third, Brennan Dickinson walked with one out. He scampers to second on an errant pick off throw. He went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a double by Malone. Malone stole third and came home on a single by Miller for an 8-3 Glo-Valve lead.

Glo-Valve added a final run in the bottom of the fourth on walks to Graves, Cody Davis, Nick Glover and Skinner with Graves scoring on a passed ball.

In the top of the fifth inning for Cabot, Sewell worked a walk. Patton unloaded a double just past the glove of Glo-Valve's diving right fielder to bring in Sewell and end the scoring.

Glo-Valve's Skinner was the defensive player of the game charging a grounder in right field and throwing the batter out at first in the second inning and snagging a fly ball to save a run in the fifth inning. Cabot's second baseman, Patton, made a stretch-

ing, falling down catch of a soft fly ball hit to short right field for Cabot's outstanding fielding play.

Simon, Sewell, Patton, Colton Sweat and George Patterson had hits for Cabot. For Glo-Valve Miller had a single, a home run and three RBI. Malone made two runs, two hits, including a double, and two RBI. Graves and Skinner had one run, one hit and one RBI each. Wilson had a run and a hit.

Glo-Valve remains undefeated and in first place in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League with a season record of 11-0-1.

In the night cap Friday Cole Engle was the winning pitcher as Celanese Corporation defeated Rotary Club 8-3. Cole relieved Jesse Jimenez in the second inning and pitched scoreless ball for two innings as Celanese turned a 3-2 deficit into a 4-3 lead. Bent Green was credited with a save. He began pitching in the fourth inning and hurled three scoreless innings. Trent Carter and Channa Clendennen pitched for Rotary.

Tuesday Rotary takes on D. E. Chase, Inc. in the 5:45 p.m. game, while Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency hosts Glo-Valve at 7:45 p.m. The regular season will end on June 6 with a City Tournament scheduled to begin that same week.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa-United Way agency.

Dusters can't tame Firecats



The Amarillo Dusters traveled to Florida Saturday for an a2 meeting with defending champions, the

Florida Firecats.

The host team, which had not played on its own home turf in more than a month, defeated the Dusters, 69-63.

The win gave the Firecats the most points ever scored in a game (69) in front of a home crowd of more than 6,000.

The win also improved the defending champ's record to 6-1.

Amarillo fell to 5-3.

Report: High school standout hires agent

HOUSTON (AP) — High school star Gerald Green, who applied for early entry in the NBA draft, has hired an agent, according to a broadcast report.

Green, a 6-foot-8 senior at Houston's Gulf Shores Academy, said he hired Andrew Vye of Atlanta-based Kauffman Sports Management to represent him.

"I believe their commitment to me as a player and to my career will be consistent," Green said in a statement e-mailed to Houston television station KRIV by

family spokeswoman Tracy Walker.

Green said he had informed Oklahoma State of his decision. He had signed with the Cowboys in November to play college ball there.

Green, 19, is ranked the nation's top shooting guard by recruiting Web site Rivals.com.

His draft stock shot up and his commitment to the Cowboys began to waver after he scored 24 points and won the slam-dunk contest at the McDonald's High School All-American game March 30.

Baseball camp starts tomorrow

Coach Dennis Doughty and his staff will host a baseball camp this Tuesday, May 31, through Saturday, June 4. The camp, for players ages five through 12, will be held 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

If you have not already done so, you can still register for the camp beginning at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Camp for players age 13-15 will be held next week. If you have any questions, please call the athletic office at 669-4830, or Coach Clint Allen at 669-7648.

Wheldon wins Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Andretti jinx is over at the Indianapolis 500. Danica's era is just beginning.

Dan Wheldon won it — his fourth victory in five tries this year — ending 35 years of frustration and failure for the Andrettis at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as Danica Patrick's electrifying run fell short with a nearly empty fuel tank.

"I've finally won the Indy 500!" Michael Andretti, Wheldon's team owner, beamed in Victory Lane. "No more curse!"

The Andrettis had been plagued by bad luck at Indy since Michael's father, Mario, won in 1969, and it appeared they might lose out again when Patrick

surged to the lead with 28 laps to go after surviving a stalled engine and a crash that tore off her left front wing and nose cone.

Patrick became the first woman to lead at Indy, getting out front three separate times for a total of 19 laps. Still, the 23-year-old rookie shrugged off the notion that her showing was a victory for women in racing.

"I made a helluva point for anybody," she said. — Either way, Patrick's run was one of the greatest by a rookie in 89 years of racing at Indianapolis.

But Wheldon passed her with just seven of the 200 laps to go and easily held on to become the first Englishman to win here since Graham Hill in 1966.

SHE'S MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY FACE

23-year-old Danica Patrick deserves everything she got, and has yet to get

Danica Patrick. Remember that name. If you watched yesterday's Indianapolis 500, remember what you saw. It was historical for so many reasons.

She reminds me of Jeff Gordon. Not that Gordon is a girl (insert joke here), but she a good looking gal who is extremely good behind the wheel. NASCAR Nextel Cup driver Dale Jarrett once said of Gordon, "It's bad enough he's good looking. But to be that good is really something."

Qualifying
Patrick qualified fourth for the 89th running of the 500. Making her the fastest woman to ever secure a spot in the starting field of 33. Forgotten is that, save for a bobble, she could easily have won the pole.

Stamina
Not just for what she was able to accomplish at the track. But for what she was able to endure away from it. Throughout the month of May — especially after her amazing qualifying run — Patrick embarked on a whirlwind tour of activities. Including one day in New York where she appeared on more than 20 television and radio shows. She was the definite flavor-of-the-month, which should have impacted her race performance. It did not.

Skill
The girl has it. Did you see her save that car late in the race when she and a slower driver got together? She did everything but crash. I was in awe of

not only the save, but how she jumped right back on the gas.

Competitiveness
Here's a 23-year-old girl who just captured the best finish a woman has ever had at the famed speedway, and all she could think of afterward was how close she came to winning. And she did. During her post-race interview, she sounded more like a seasoned professional than the rookie she is. Well, that she was.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



The Race
When she became the first woman to lead a lap at Indy, fans stood and cheered. I cheered. Then I recalled how it wasn't that long ago she would never have been given the chance to race there. Indy, like so many other venues, would not have allowed this woman to compete. This is something some teams are currently working on. Dodge, for example, is currently working with a number of teams to develop minority drivers. One in particular is Erin Crocker, a former World of Outlaws driver now driving for Evernham Motorsports in some select ARCA races. EMS is also working with a young African-American driver

named Tommy Lane. I took great interest in his performance at Hickory Motor Speedway this past Saturday because my son was serving as part of his team.

The Race Part II
When Patrick's crew chief opted to keep her out on the track late in the race, I thought it was a mistake. I thought she should have come in for fuel at least. She would later give up the lead. But following a late caution, took it back like a driver who has been there before. Again, the fans all stood and cheered her on. This was not a girl looking to champion a cause. This was a driver wanting to win a race. She would eventually relinquish the lead and finish fourth. Do you have any idea how many drivers would like to say they finished fourth at the Indianapolis 500? Heck, how many would like to say they finished, period.

Congratulations to you, Danica Patrick. What you accomplished yesterday should have been enough to silence the critics for now. A win in the next race or two will shut them up for a long, long time.

Why Am I So Sore
My thanks to Albert Tambunga and his two kids for talking me into playing basketball with them last Friday afternoon. I am still feeling it today. As they say, it is a good pain. Still, I really must learn to say, "No thank you," and walk away.

Johnson wins third straight Coca-Cola 600

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — His first two wins were immensely popular. This one earned Jimmie Johnson a shower of boos and beer cans.

Johnson became the first driver to win three straight Coca-Cola 600s on Sunday night when he slid past Bobby Labonte in the final turn of the wreck-filled race.

But Johnson quickly found out it wasn't a popular victory when fans threw beer cans at his car during his cool-down lap and booed him when he began his celebration. So likable in his first three seasons, Johnson has slipped the past month after rival drivers accused him of aggressive driving that caused several accidents.

"I saw a few of them throwing beer cans at me," he said. "I don't think they liked (the win), but that's all right. It's been a rough month for us. Tonight was a tough race for us. We didn't have the best car

until the end, when it mattered."

A NASCAR-record 22 cautions slowed the longest race on the schedule, and almost ruined Johnson's shot at the win. He and Hendrick Motorsports teammates Jeff Gordon and Brian Vickers were seemingly the only cars in contention for the victory.

But they all made pit stops under the green flag, and were caught a lap down when a caution came out with 44 laps to go. It opened the race up to a pack of contenders and seemed to eliminate the Hendrick cars.

But Johnson had worked his way back to fourth when the race restarted with five laps to go after the final caution.

Labonte, the leader, did his best to hold off Johnson, who needed just three laps around Lowe's Motor Speedway to pull onto his bumper.

Johnson got there on the final lap and edged ahead coming out of the final turn to grab his second victory of the season. He

became the first driver to win three straight Coca-Cola 600s.

"Three 600s, that's just amazing," said Johnson, the Nextel Cup Series points leader. "It will sink in as the days wear on. Today, regardless of the record book, regardless of what was going on, we just wanted to have a solid race."

"We did that, and went into the record books at the same time."

Labonte, off to a horrid start this season, kicked his car in disgust as he climbed out of it.

"I just did it my way, and I lost," said Labonte, who was trying to end a 47-race winless streak on the 10-year anniversary of his first career victory.

Carl Edwards was third, followed by Jeremy Mayfield and pole-sitter Ryan Newman. Greg Biffle was sixth, Martin Truex Jr. seventh and Dale Jarrett, Ken Schrader and Rusty Wallace rounded out the top 10.

Wolf Creek to host fishing tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Wolf Creek Advisory Board for all ages so no permits will be needed. The tournament ends at 2 p.m. with prizes to be awarded at 3 p.m.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 31, 2005:

You might not want to focus on your public image as much as is necessary. Community and professional commitments could toss your plans into the air. Get used to this. After October, you will see the results of your diligence and patience. You gain in status through a promotion and/or pay raise. This fall, you will have an energy surge, which will help you meet your demands. Be sure to follow good health patterns as well. You will be pushing your body hard. If you are single, someone special could drop into your life at any moment. In fact, you might have a choice of more than one person. How you use this highly magnetic period will be your decision. You could flirt through it or settle into a special relationship. If you are attached, romance blooms again, with both of you experiencing deeper feelings. You will choose to do something special to commemorate this period. PISCES pushes you hard.

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)
★★★★ Having a course of action will help you make a difference in whatever projects you take on. Sometimes you could be overwhelmed by what is dropped on your plate. You'll find a shortcut. Use it. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max, when you can get as much done as possible. Laugh and relax with others, but still focus on the job at hand. You could be overwhelmed by how much others depend on you. Tonight: Make it

an early night.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take charge, and make sure you can handle all the requests that come in from so many directions. Schedule social time for later in the day, when you might be ready to catch up on news. Tonight: Lose the idea of an early bedtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Return calls and get the scoop on some information or gossip that keeps floating through your door. You want facts and only facts. Know when to say enough. Refuse to work on hearsay. Make sure others understand your limits. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others want control, and there is no reason not to give it to them. You and/or they might have to deal with a surprising situation. Let it be someone other than you, if possible. Detach from the immediate uproar. Tonight: Brainstorm with an expert.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Sometimes you cannot change what is going on. Today is a prime example of such a situation. Realize what needs to be done; you might need to take care of some matters on your own. Complain less. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Concentrate on what must be done, and refuse to be distracted. You can only get yourself in trouble by not following your initial plans. Someone does care more than you think — and does his or her share to distract you. Tonight: Now, socialize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your imagination cannot be suppressed, even if you want to. Let yourself go, and use your unique mental abilities. You know there are answers. You will find them. Loosen up and let

ideas flow. Tonight: Count on slowing down.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Pressure builds, and your initial reaction might be to cocoon. What you are learning is that you cannot control everyone all the time, or even some of the time. Relax with a situation, and the unusual will occur. Tonight: What would please you?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take action in the morning. In fact, you might find yourself busy all day trying to return calls, clear your desk and catch up on news. You might be a bit jolted by news or a change in plans. Adjust; flex. Tonight: Stay close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Expenses soar out of control, but it could be bad or good, depending on how lucky you are. Avoid risk-taking, and work with the existing situation. Creativity could open up many new doors, turning a negative into a positive. Tonight: Go with a second wind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are in your element, no matter what you do. When a boomerang heads down your path, you skip right over it. You know where you are coming from and where you are heading. That knowledge makes decisions easy. Tonight: Don't count on being out late.

BORN TODAY
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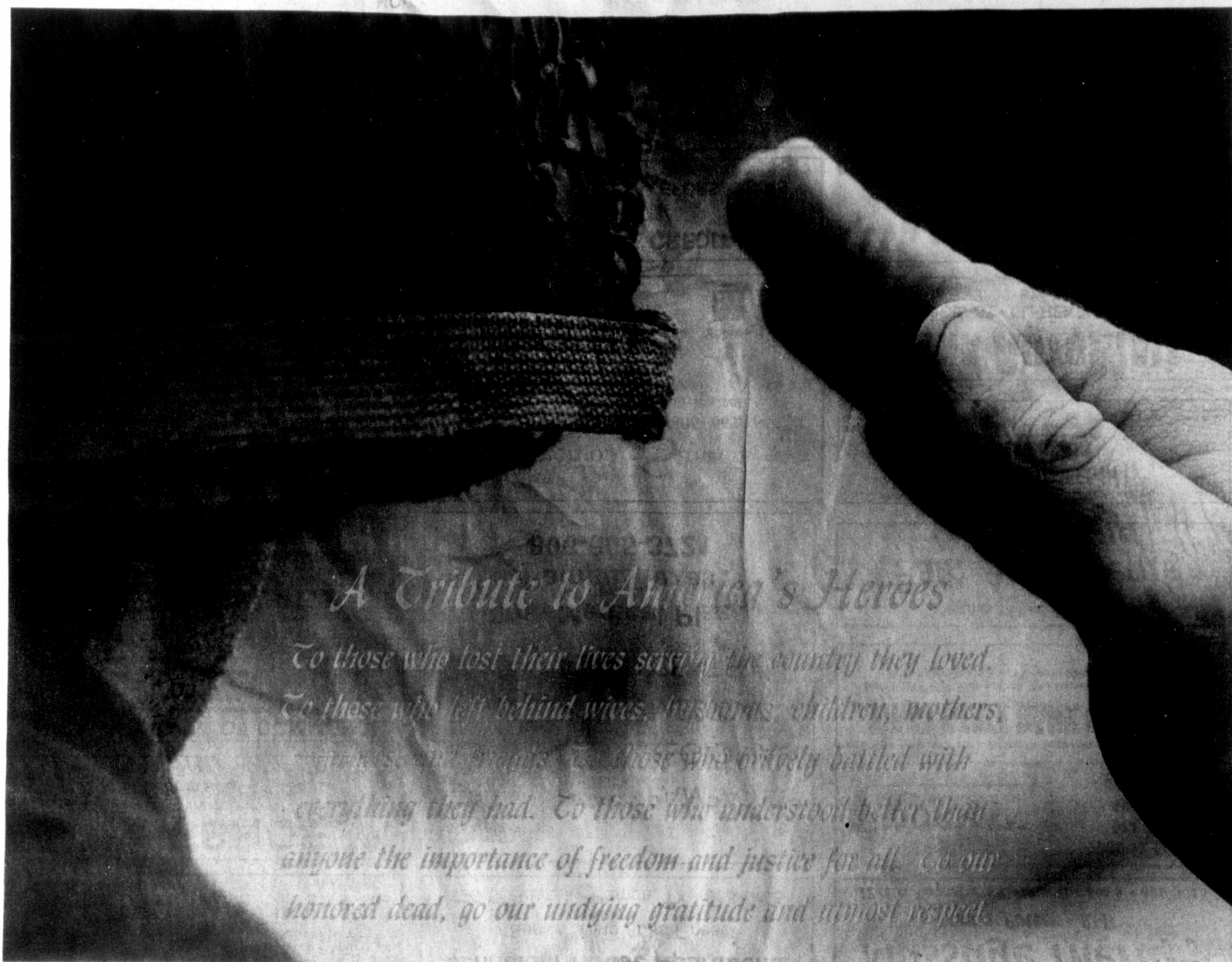
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