

Pause in day urged to reflect on freedom's cost



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: Memorial Day is again upon us. Many of our citizens will enjoy a day off from work. Some will join family and friends at the beach, a picnic, a ball game or perhaps the mall. Sadly, the true meaning of this holiday, which was designated to remember and honor America's fallen, will be forgotten by many Americans.

a special effort to honor their legacy on this and every Memorial Day.

This year, the White House Commission on Remembrance is asking Americans to pause on Memorial Day at 3 p.m. local time, wherever they may be, and reflect on those who have died for our freedom. To mark this year's observance, I have asked Charles Strouse, the noted composer of "Annie" and "Bye-Bye Birdie," to write a song for the National Moment

of Remembrance. The song is titled "On This Day."

Parents and kids can listen to "On This Day" online and download sheet music to learn the song. The National Association for Music Education (MENC) has posted this information on its Web site: www.menc.org.

Abby, I again ask your help in encouraging your readers to join in this act of national unity in remembering our fallen on Monday, May 26. As John F. Kennedy said, "A nation reveals itself not only by the citizens it produces, but also by the citizens it honors, the citizens it remembers." — CARMELLA LaSPADA, DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE

DEAR CARMELLA: Thank you

for your timely letter — and for the reminder that Memorial Day is only a few days away.

The White House Commission on Remembrance promotes the values of Memorial Day by acts of remembrance throughout the year. Learn more about it by visiting www.remember.gov.

Readers, as the events of the last few months have reminded us all, freedom is not free; in every conflict there is a price paid in human life. I hope that on this Memorial Day, all of you will take a "moment of remembrance" out of your holiday celebration to respect the young people who gave their lives this year in the service of our country, and perhaps join me in offering a prayer for their grieving

families.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11th-grade girl, and I need your advice on what to tell my parents when my report card comes in June. My GPA has dropped big-time since the last one, and they have both been nagging me to study harder.

My mom and dad don't understand what it's like for me at school. Keeping my grades up has become more difficult because I don't have the motivation to immerse myself in the mandatory curriculum. I have no need whatsoever for those boring academic requirements.

The one thing I'm good at is art — drawing and painting — and I can do that on my own. Sometimes I wonder why I need high school at all. I'd love

to have a break from it. How can I clue my parents in to what I'm all about, Abby? — FRUSTRATED TEEN IN VERMONT

DEAR FRUSTRATED TEEN: I suspect your parents are going to know what you are all about once they see your report card. Every student, at one time or another, has had the same feelings. But the smart ones accept the reality that in order to succeed and be independent, they must, at the very least, have a high school (or equivalent) diploma. The time to get it is now. So buckle down in your senior year and lift your grade point average. Art schools require well-rounded students.

SATURDAY EVENING

MAY 24, 2003

	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2	PBS Keeping Up	Red Green	Lawrence Welk Show		Hollywood Musicals of the 1960s		Kansas Arts Today		Austin City Limits	
3	IND (5:00) *** "The Wedding Singer" (1998)		*** "Murder at 1600" (1997, Suspense) (PA) Wesley Snipes, Diane Lane, Daniel Benzali.		(15) *** "Blade" (1998) Wesley Snipes. A vampire hunter does battle with a vicious bloodsucker.		News	Chris Matthews	Powerball Millionaire	Ent. Tonight
4	ABC *** "Anna and the King" (1999, Drama) Jodie Foster, Chow Yun-Fat, Bai Ling. British teacher Anna Leonowens clashes with Siam's king.									
5	HBO (5:00) *** "Spider-Man" (2002) PG-13		*** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg.		*** "Life or Something Like It" (2002) Angelina Jolie. PG-13					(45) Six Feet Under
6	CBS Price Is Right Million Dollar Spectacular		District "Free-Fire Zone"		Agency "First Born"		News	(35) Drew Carey	(05) Drew Carey	(35) Drew Carey
8	NBC *** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford. Indy's hunt for his missing father leads to the Holy Grail.						News	Saturday Night Live	Jennifer Garner; Beck.	
11	TVLND Brady	Hap Days	Sanford	Gilligan	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Flying Nun	Kotter	Soap
12	ESPN NBA Basketball Playoffs: Eastern Conf. Final -- Teams TBA						Sportscenter (Live)		Baseball Tonight (Live)	
13	FOX Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		Equal Justice		Mad TV		Sexwars	Sexwars
15	MAX Set: In-Laws	(35) *** "The Pelican Brief" (1993) Julia Roberts. An inquisitive law student becomes the target of assassins. PG-13					*** "From Hell" (2001, Mystery) Johnny Depp, Heather Graham, Ian Holm. R			
16	TNN (5:00) *** "Rocky V" (1990)		Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Elimination	Elimination
17	DISN Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	*** "The Paper Brigade" (1996, Adventure) Robert Englund, Kyle Howard. PG			
18	LIFE "Echo-Darkness"		*** "Medusa's Child" (1997, Suspense) Christopher				NotH, Gail O'Grady, Lori Loughlin.			
20	USA (4:30) "Out of Sight"		*** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler.				Law & Order		"Flintstones-Rck"	
21	SHOW (5:00) *** "Antitrust" (2001) PG-13		Boxing ShowBox: The New Generation. (TV)				Our Town (ITV) Paul Newman stars in the Thornton Wilder play.			
22	TMC (5:00) "Partners"	(35) *** "Stakeout" (1987, Comedy-Drama) Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez.			(35) *** "The Pest" (1997, Comedy) John Leguizamo.				*** "Rock My World" (2002) Peter O'Toole.	
23	MTV MTV Special				Road Rules	Road Rules	Road Rules	Road Rules	Sorority	Sorority
24	DISC Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice "The Bone Yard"				Extreme Engineering		American Chopper "Black Widow"		Monster Garage "Ambulance/Wheelie Car"	
28	TNT *** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence.				*** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence.				*** "Life" (1999)	
30	FXSP College Baseball Big 12 Tournament Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced.						Beyond the Glory		Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.
32	FAM All American Girl	Girl	Switched!		*** "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987)			Jesse	Jesse	
33	NBC Entertainment Tonight		*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford. Indy's hunt for his missing father leads to the Holy Grail.					News		Saturday Night Live
34	NICK All That	Nick	Amanda	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cosby	Cosby
36	A&E Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan "Someone to Count On"		American Justice		Paparazzi	Star Treatment		Cold Case Files
38	SCIFI "The Running Man"		"Futuresport" (1998) Wesley Snipes. Premiere.				*** "Fortress 2: Re-Entry" (1999)			
39	TLC Maternity Ward "Balancing Act"		Trauma: Life in the ER "Staying Afloat"				Trading Spaces "Maine: Joseph Drive"		Trading Spaces Living room; kitchen. (N)	
40	FX M*A*S*H	*** "Hurlyburly" (1998, Drama) Sean Penn, Kevin Spacey.			*** "Back in Business" (1997) Brian Bosworth.					
45	FMC (01) Altman: On His Own Terms		(01) Hour of Stars		(01) Hour of Stars		(01) Hour of Stars		(01) Hour of Stars	
49	EITV Andrew Dice Clay: THS	Anna	Anna		Saturday Night Live		Wild On...		Howard S.	Howard S.
51	TRAV World's Best		Fun Food Factory		Donut Crazy		World's Best		Fun Food Factory	
53	WB (5:00) *** "Quiz Show" (1994, Drama)		*** "The Winter Guest" (1997, Drama) Phyllida Law, Emma Thompson, Gary Hollywood.				*** "Poltergeist III" (1988) Tom Skerritt.			
54	ESPN2 College Softball	Strong	College Softball: NCAA Tournament -- Teams TBA		Strong		NBA 2Night		NBA	
58	HIST American Eats: History on a Bun		The origins of favorite foods in the United States.		Highway Hangouts: Celebrating America's Roadside Attractions				American Eats: History on a Bun	
59	HLTH Paid Prog.	Workout	Bodies		Health Specials		Doctors Diaries		Workout	Bodies
60	UNIV Sábado Gigante						P. Impacto		Noticiero	Otro Rollo
62	HGTV Decorating	Decorating	Designing	Mission	Designers' Design		Decorating		Designing	Mission
99	WGN MLB Baseball	Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros.			News		Fresh Pr.		*** "Death Wish" (1974, Drama)	

SUNDAY EVENING

MAY 25, 2003

	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2	PBS National Memorial Day Concert (N) (Live)				Masterpiece Theatre "Lucky Jim" (N) (DVS)		USS Wisconsin		Miss Marple "Nemesis" (Part 1 of 2)	
3	IND *** "Eraser" (1996, Adventure) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Caan.				(15) *** "Eraser" (1996) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A government agent protects a witness from gunrunners.		Schwarzenegger. A government agent protects a witness from gunrunners.		"Nowhere to Run"	
4	ABC (5:00) *** "Toy Story" (1995)		Alias "Dead Drop"		Practice "Of Thee I Sing"		News	(35) Seinfeld	(05) Paid Program	Diamond Adventures
5	HBO (4:30) "Enough"		*** "The Hunt for Red October" (1990) Sean Connery. A Soviet nuclear submarine heads toward the coast of Maine.				Sopranos Tony travels to Italy.		*** "My House in Umbria" (2003)	
7	CBS Becker		*** "Message in a Bottle" (1999) Kevin Costner. A woman seeks the author of a letter that washed ashore.				News	(35) News	(05) Outer Limits "The Other Side"	
8	NBC (5:00) 100 Years of Hope and Humor		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Shandeh"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Con-Text"		News	Inside Edition	(05) Ebert & Roeper	(35) Paid Program
11	TVLND Brady	Hap Days	Sanford	Griffith	Leave		I Love Lucy	Flying Nun	Kotter	Soap
12	ESPN MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Seattle Mariners. (Live)						Sportscenter (Live)		Baseball	
13	FOX (3:00) NASCAR Racing Winston Cup Series -- Coca-Cola 600. (Live)						Stargate SG-1 "Summit" (Part 1 of 2)		Outer Limits "The Other Side"	*** "Dangerous Minds" (1995, Drama)
15	MAX (5:00) *** "Collateral Damage" (2002) Arnold Schwarzenegger. R				*** "Night of the Creeps" (1986, Horror) Jason Lively. R				*** "Insomnia" (2002) Al Pacino. A guilt-ridden cop hunts a killer who knows his secret. R	
16	TNN (5:00) *** "Live and Let Die" (1973)				WWE Heat				Elimination	Elimination
17	DISN Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire			"Right on Track" (2003) Beverley Mitchell. The Enders sisters enter the world of drag racing.	
18	LIFE (5:00) *** "Sole Survivor" (2000) Billy Zane, Gloria Reuben.								Any Day Now	What Should You Do?
20	USA (5:30) "The President's Man"		*** "The President's Man: A Line in the Sand"				Law & Order		Law & Order	
21	SHOW (5:30) *** "Zoolander" (2001) Ben Stiller.		*** "Jerry Maguire" (1996) Tom Cruise. iTV. A crisis of conscience costs a sports agent his job. R				*** "Orange County" (2002) Colin Hanks. iTV. R			
22	TMC (5:35) *** "Down to Earth" (2001)		*** "Save the Last Dance" (2001, Drama) Julia Stiles, Sean Patrick Thomas.				*** "The Score" (2001) Robert De Niro. A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist. R			
23	MTV Sorority	Sorority	Sorority	Sorority	Hot Summer Survival Guide				Rd Rules	Movie Hs
24	DISC Future Is Wild Scientists envision a future world in which humans are extinct.				Killer Ants				Murder Reopened: The Alphabet Killer	Cross-Country Killer
28	TNT Pregame	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Western Conf. Final -- Teams TBA					Insde NBA		*** "Money Train" (1995)	
30	FXSP Boxing: Michael Clark vs. Steve Quinonez				Beyond the Glory (N)			NBA	NBA	Rocky Mt. Rocky Mt.
32	FAM Bachelor-Wmn.	Bachelor					Bachelor: After		Church	Feed
33	NBC 100 Years of Hope and Humor Stars pay tribute to Bob Hope.				Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Shandeh"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Con-Text"		News	Chris Matthews
34	NICK Garcia	Cleuesless	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cosby	Cosby
36	A&E Biography "Bob Hope: America's Entertainer" Extensive clips profile comic legend Bob Hope.				The Point "Kidnapped Abroad" (N)		Crossing Jordan "Ties That Bind"		Biography "Bob Hope: America's Entertainer"	
38	SCIFI (5:00) *** "The Ninth Gate" (1999)		*** "The Faculty" (1998) Jordana Brewster.				*** "Darkman II: The Return of Durant"			
39	TLC Unmasked! Exposing-Scams of Deception		Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed				Mostly True Stories: Urban legends.		Mega Machines Mammals in action.	Junkyard Mega-Wars "Speedway Showdown"
40	FX M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Prism Awards (N)		*** "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro.					Lucky
45	FMC (01) *** "Niagara" (1953) Marilyn Monroe.		(01) *** "The Park Is Mine" (1985, Drama)							"The Boston Strangler"
49	EITV Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Anna	Anna	Justine Bateman: THS		Child Stars of 1980s			
51	TRAV World's Best		Secrets of Hershey, Pa.		America's Waterparks		Grand Canyon		Secrets of Hershey, Pa.	America's Waterparks
53	WB (5:00) *** "Quiz Show" (1994, Drama)		*** "The Winter Guest" (1997, Drama) Phyllida Law, Emma Thompson, Gary Hollywood.				Charmed "The Eyes Have It" (N)		Black Sash "Prime Suspect" (N)	News
54	ESPN2 Strong	College Softball: NCAA Tournament -- Teams TBA		Strong	NBA 2Night		RPM 2Night		Motorcycle Racing	NBA 2Night RPM 2Night
58	HIST Operation Reunion War veterans reunite. (N)		Horror of Hussein		Sons of Saddam The dictator's offspring. (N)				Mail Call	Tales of the Gun
59	HLTH Paid Prog.	Workout	Bodies		Health Specials		Doctors Diaries		Workout	Bodies
60	UNIV Los Metiches		Cero		Hora Pico		Casos de la Vida Real		P. Impacto	Noticiero
62	HGTV Before Aft	Building	Garden Giants		ExtrmHms		How Work		Before Aft	Building
99	WGN Andromeda		Adventure Inc.		News		Replay		Rockford Files	In the Heat of the Night

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MONDAY EVENING

MAY 26, 2003

	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2	PBS Antiques Roadshow "San Diego, California"		Ken Burns American Stories "The Congress" (N)		Shangri-La Cafe		News	Being Served	Charlie Rose (N)	
3	IND *** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker.				(45) *** "The Client" (1994) (PA) Susan Sarandon. A boy with a mob secret hires a lawyer to protect him. (DVS)		News	(35) Nightline	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
4	ABC *** "The Horse Whisperer" (1998, Drama) Robert Redford, Sam Neill. A gentle cowboy heals a girl and her horse's wounded souls.						*** "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington. A rookie cop is partnered with a corrupt detective.			
5	HBO (5:30) *** "Summer Catch" (2001) Freddie Prinze Jr. PG-13		*** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin. PG				*** "The Majestic" (2001, Drama) Jim Carrey, Martin Landau, Laurie Holden. PG			
7	CBS King of Queens	Yes, Dear	Everybody-Raymond		Still Standing		CSI: Miami "Forced Entry"		News	(35) Late Show
8	NBC Making of Fear Factor	Fear Factor	"Las Vegas Show"		Psychic Secrets Revealed		News	(35) Tonight Show		(37) Late Night
11	TVLND Brady	Hap Days	Sanford	Gilligan	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Flying Nun	MacGyver	
12	ESPN NBA Basketball Playoffs: Eastern Conf. Final -- Teams TBA						Sportscenter (Live)		Outside	Baseball
13	FOX Simpsons (DVS)	King of the Hill	That '70s Show		Malcolm in the Middle		Fox Report With Shepard Smith			