

Settles asbestos removal gets go-ahead from city

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The environmental abatement of the historic Settles Hotel got a thumbs up from the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night, and while hammers are about to fly in the downtown structure, it looks like ownership of the



Darden building, but per the

on hold.

The council unanimously approved contracts with Abatement Inc. and Honesty Environmental Services totaling \$250,000 to abate the

city of Big Spring and the Settles Hotel Development Company, the Dallas-based company will not yet take ownership of the building.

"After numerous months getting to this point with the Settles Hotel Development Company, we're very excited to bring these

building will remain purchase contract between the two contractors to you tonight," said Darden. "The city staff has reviewed their credentials, checked their references for the proposed abatement, which the city is responsible for."

The primary design consultant will be Honesty Environmental Services; the abatement contractor is Abatement Inc.

"These bids were taken through a RFQ process, which is a request for proposal," Darden said. "You take the most qualified contractor for the project. There are numerous contractors around the state and country, and SHDC did most of the

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Dianna Newton, left, and Ashton Evans display some of the items up for auction when the Howard County A&M Club holds its annual scholarship event Saturday evening at the Big Spring Country Club. Admission is free.

Who'll give me \$1,000? 1,500?

SALVATION ARMY School supplies program gears up

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While most students will be quick to point out the summer vacation is far from over, time is running out for the local Salvation Army and its annual program to provide area children with much needed backto-school supplies.

As fall quickly approaches, many area parents are faced with a dilemma: How to purchase much needed school supplies on an already depleted budget. Luckily, the Big Spring Salvation Army is starting its annual back-to-school supply drive in an effort to make sure area children have the materials — notebook paper, pencils and pens — to start the school year. Paula Lafler, a social worker with the Salvation Army, said the program has been such a success over the years because of community support, and there are two ways for area residents to help. "If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," said Lafler. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt,

Lots to bid on at annual Aggie Auction

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Calling all Aggies (and Longhorns and Red Raiders and Cowboy fans and ...), it's time for the annual Howard County A&M Club Scholarship Auction.

The auction, which money to finance raises scholarships for Howard County students attending Texas A&M University, will be held Saturday evening at the Big Spring Country Club. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the auction will begin What: Howard County A&M Club Scholarship Auction.

Where: Big Spring Country Club.

When: 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

around 7 p.m. Admission is free, organizers said.

Dianna Newton, who has helped organize the event the past several years, said a wide variety of items ranging from vacation trips to sports memorabilia — will be more than \$50,000 at its auction auctioned Saturday.

The item nearest and dearest to club members will be the chance to have one's name put on an endowed scholarship to the university. The minimum bid for the naming rights to the scholarship begins at \$5,000, Newton said.

"We currently have 14 kids scholarships," Newton on said. "Each year, we try to raise enough money to add an endowed scholarship for \$25,000 ... so that we can keep this up for years to come."

Last year, the club raised just See AUCTION, Page 3A

and members are hoping to exceed that total this year. To that end, Newton said they are offering a wide selection of items.

One of the biggest is a week's vacation at the Club Regina in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Other vacations up for auction include trips to Cancun, Mexico, Pagosa Springs, Colo. and a "Kenny Chesney" weekend in Houston, including tickets to watch Chesney. Keith Urban and Leann Rhymes in concert.

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Suspect in double-homicide arrested without incident

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A suspect wanted in connection with the May 4 double-homicide that claimed the life of two Big Spring residents is in custody this week after being arrested over the weekend by U.S. Marshals in Levelland. James Cole, 18, of Lamesa,

was charged with deadly conduct – discharge of a firearm after federal agents arrested

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department. "My understanding is he was ar-

ett. "After we determined Cole had fled the area, we asked several federal agencies to assist in locating him. It just

him, according to happened to be the U.S. Marshals that apprehended him." Cole — known by the alias "Blitz" — was identified by law enforcement officials as a "person of interest" in the case in mid May.

According to Everett, the charge of deadly conduct discharge of a firearm Cole faces is from the incident that claimed the lives of Valerie Garcia, 20, and Michael Cardona, 21, both of Big Spring.

"It's believed at this time Cole participated in the shooting," said Everett. "No one has been charged with murder in this case yet. We're still at a point where we're trying to figure out who did what."

Garcia and Cardona were pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center shortly after a shooting was reported at 905 E. 16th St. at

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Cole rested without incident," said Ever-

Sports

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Stewart leaving **JGR** team

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) – After 10 years and two championships, Tony Stewart appears set to end his relationship with Joe Gibbs Racing to pursue an opportunity to buy his own NASCAR team.

Stewart's contract with JGR runs through 2009, but the team was expected to announce Wednesday that it will release him from his contract at the end of the season. Team owner Joe Gibbs has been trying to sign Stewart to an extension for almost a year, but the popular driver was slow to commit and eventually decided to explore free agency.

Numerous options were presented to Stewart, including buying the fledgling two-car team of Haas-CNC Racing and driving for other organizations. It gave Stewart options Gibbs couldn't match, and likely forced the team to grant him his release despite an initial unwillingness to do SO.

Mike Arning, a spokesman for Stewart, said an announcement concerning Stewart's future would be made Wednesday. ESPN.com reported he would be released from his contract.

"We're just going to look at everything out there," Stewart said in April in announcing he'd test the market.

"A wise person once told me it doesn't cost a dime to listen, so right now we're all ears."

While exploring his options, Stewart was most intrigued in potential ownership opportunities -

A ride in the country



AP Photo/Christophe Ena

Riders pass wheat fields near the village of Pas-de-Jeu during the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Cholet and Chateauroux in central France today.

Texas beats LA in rookie's debut

By SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Nolan Ryan was waiting with a smile and a handshake when Matt Harrison walked off the field a winner in his major league debut for the Texas Rangers.

Harrison pitched seven strong innings when the Rangers needed it most, and Josh Hamilton provided the difference with his major league-leading 87th RBI in a 3-2 victory against the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night.

The 22-year-old left-hander was just a little better than

Saunders (12-5), pitching with his wife three days past the due date for their first child, had to settle for an eightinning complete game after he couldn't hold a 2-1 lead.

"Once the game got started, I was locked in," said Saunders, who figures to be a father within a day or two. "I was more worried about the team on the other side. I haven't pitched well here in the past. I wanted to put up some zeros."

Harrison did that through four innings, facing the minimum of 12 batters. But he ran into trouble in the fifth when Torii Hunter walked and Howie Kendrick doubled with one out. Garret Anderson's two-run single followed. Chris Davis, another Rangers rookie, answered in the bottom of the fifth, tying the score at 2 with his fourth homer in four home starts. It was his fifth of the season. After Ian Kinsler doubled in the sixth to extend his hitting streak to a career-high 20 games, Hamilton put the Rangers ahead with an RBI single. Kinsler scored his major league-best 81st run.



and he's had an offer on the table since April to rejoin Chevrolet by buying Haas-CNC Racing. By owning a team. Stewart believes he could ensure a spot for himself in NASCAR long after his driving days.

But his contract with JGR stood in the way, and team officials had remained adamant that Stewart would drive the No. 20 through the 2009 season.

"We've got Tony signed through '08 and '09, and we want to go full bore and win a bunch of races and championships together," team president J.D. Gibbs said in April.

"Our hope is that if you do that, then long term this will be the spot he chooses to retire. But the reality is we only control these next couple of years, and we went through this his last contract negotiations when he had a lot of options out there."

All-Star lefty Joe Saunders, who was trying to become the Angels' first 13-game winner before the All-Star break since Ryan in 1977. Ryan, the Hall of Famer who is now Rangers president, watched every pitch from a seat near his team's dugout.

Ryan was waiting in the tunnel after Harrison's post-game television interview.

"It's everything I've worked for all my life," said Harrison, who was called up from Triple-A Oklahoma earlier in the day. "I can't really explain how happy I am right now to be here."

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AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas starting pitcher Matt Harrison delivers a pitch during the Rangers' game with Los Angeles Tuesday in Arlington.

Pirates topple **Houston** again

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Almost six hours after it started, the Pittsburgh Pirates found the perfect time to get their first lead against the Houston Astros.

Nate McLouth's two-run single in the eighth capped a three-run rally and Pittsburgh sent the Astros to their seventh loss in eight games with a twice rain-delayed 4-3 win Tuesday night.

McLouth's line drive to right on a 3-2 pitch off Doug Brocail (4-4) scored

Jose Bautista and pinch-runner Luis Rivas. Adam LaRoche, who went 3-for-4, hit his 10th homer earlier that inning, starting the rally with two outs.

"It was a miserable night until the end there when we came out and won it," said McLouth, who also homered Tuesday. "It certainly makes it a lot easier to go home and go to sleep than it would have if we wouldn't have won."

The rain delays totaled 3 hours See ASTROS, page 2B

and 7 minutes — once in the top of the fourth for 2 hours and 39 minutes and again less than an hour later during the bottom of the sixth, when play was halted for 28 minutes.

"It was a long night," Pirates manager John Russell said. "The guys stayed as loose as they could and tried to be as ready as you can. It's a tough night for everyone. But when

Sports in brief

Sponsors needed for Coahoma softball team

The Coahoma 10-under All-Stars is one of several area youth fast-pitch softball teams bound for a tournament in San Angelo starting Friday.

However, the 10-under squad is still looking for sponsors to accompany the girls on the trip.

If interested, contact Jennifer Chandler at 466-3727 or Ian Sloan at 213-5334.

Big Spring Boxing Club set to start training

The Big Spring Boxing Club is ready to open its doors to the public for any male or female from ages 9-26.

Interested people can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park on the northside of town.

Anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or sparring partner is also welcome to attend.

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School will begin selling 2008 season tickets for Steer football July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only persons who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7.

Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC. Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

UIL-required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic

departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

Big Spring native and former Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will hold a volleyball camp from July 28-30 at Big Spring Junior High.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon all three days.

Cost is \$125 per camper.

For more information, visit www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

LOCAL

Obituaries

Jerry F. Waldner



Jerry F. Waldner, 56, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 7, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be held at a later date. Jerry was born July 28, 1951, in Irquois, S.D., to Dora and Fred Waldner. He grew up on a farm and then moved to South Carolina to attend college. He married Bobbie Ann Jones, and to this marriage one son, Justin, was born. Jerry moved to Big Spring in October

2005. He had worked in the steel industry and more recently in security and was also a truck driver.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Bobbie Waldner of Greenville, S.C.; one son, Justin and his wife Brandy of Charleston, S.C.; one brother, 12 sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews, all of South Dakota; and a very special long-time friend, Mary Wylie of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Chris Waldner. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

J.L. Barron



J.L. Barron, 81, of Round Rock, formerly of Forsan, died Monday, July 7, 2008, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 10, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church in Forsan, officiating. Interment will follow at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa.

He was born July 20, 1926, in Lamesa and married Pat Williams on Jan. 15, 1949, in Dawson County.

J.L. moved to Forsan in 1974 from Lamesa. He owned and operated an auto mechanic business for many years. He had served two terms as mayor of Forsan and also served as water superintendent from 1978 until 2005. He served in the United States Army during World War II in the Aleutian Islands. He was a member and had served as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Forsan.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Barron of Round Rock; one daughter, Cheryl Cohorn and husband J.V. of Round Rock; a grandson, Jon Cohorn of Austin; a granddaughter, Cari Cohorn and husband Kevin Pacotti of Richmond, Calif.; a great-granddaughter, Alyssa Cohorn of Austin; and a brother, Bill Barron and a sister, Dorothy Cornett, both of Lamesa.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jay Lynn Barron in 1988.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey HealthCare Foundation, 4201 W. Parmer Lane, Suite 100 Building C, Austin 78727.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

Ruby Smyers Ream McCoy Ruby Smyers Ream McCoy died Wednesday, July 2,

2008, in Fort Worth

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

• DOMINIQUE WILLIAMS, 19, of Nolan County, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• RICHARD M. GOMEZ, 32, of California, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of no driver's license.

• ALFRED RAY LANG, 56, of 4200 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.

• TERRY LOUDERMILL, 50, of 2203 Cecilia, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of tampering with physical evidence.

• JESUS MEDINA JR., 18, of 108 Hooser Road, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant.

• ABEL GUZMAN, 26, of 1504 Vines, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• BRANDON PAUL HERNANDEZ, 24, of 1406 Virginia, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JODY KYLE ROGERS, 49, of 507 Union Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and theft.

• JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA, 21, of 311 E. 11th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• TAMPERING WITH/FABRICATING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE was reported in the 1000 block of First Street

• SEIZED WEAPONS was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of Benton.

 \bullet BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of E. 13 th Street.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

in the 100 block of Circle.

in the 1600 block of Stadium.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:

in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• CYNTHIA DUTCHOVER, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

• JAMES LYNN PARKER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.

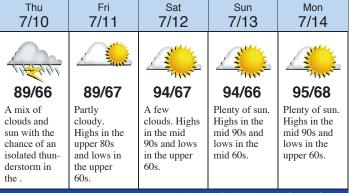


The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N.

Your Local Weather



Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

 Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at

the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave. • The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at

Visitation with the family will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo with graveside services to follow at 10 a.m at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Ruby was born Feb. 12, 1926. She married Richard J. Ream in 1944. Dick Ream died in 1979. They lived in Monahans, Andrews, Big Spring and San Angelo. She married Turney McCoy in 1990 and they moved to Garland. Turney died in 2000. She moved to Abilene in 2000 and then to Fort Worth in 2002.

Ruby was a member of the Eastern Star and Southland Baptist Church while in San Angelo.

Survivors include two children, Richard John (Rick) Ream of Omaha, Neb., and James Lynn (Jim) Ream and wife, Marilyn of Fort Worth; adopted son from foreign exchange program in Big Spring, Kleaus Limbacher of Germany; seven grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials to American Heart Association and Alzheimer's Foundation of America.



Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the area of the City Compost Facility and Perimeter Road.

Take Note

· Big Spring High School will offer the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Exit Level Re-Test July 15-18. Please report to the High School Library at 8 a.m. Please bring a picture I.D. The testing schedule is as follows:

July 15 – ELA (English Language Arts).

July 16 — Math. July 17 — Science. July 18 — Social Studies.

For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently disgnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

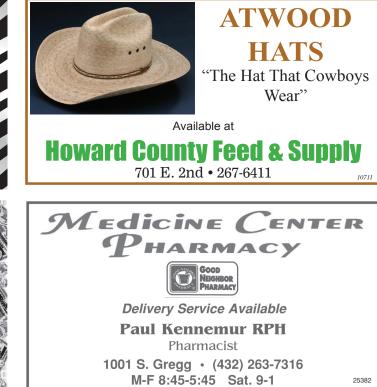
• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-22-26-30-34. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery: 3-4-4. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery: 0-1-2-7. Sum It Up: 10.v



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SPORTS

Perry open to criticism for skipping British Open

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

Kenny Perry never imagined facing so much criticism over where to play golf.

There was a time when he was desperate to play anywhere. He was 26, with two children in diapers and no money for a third attempt at qualifying for the PGA Tour. That's when he made a deal with an angel, Ronnie Ferguson, an elder at the Church of Christ in Franklin, Ky., who offered him \$5,000 for one last shot at Q-school with one string attached.

If he failed, Perry didn't owe Ferguson a dime. But if he made it, Perry would give back 5 percent of his tour earnings to David

Christian school in Nashville, Tenn.

That was 22 years and \$25 million ago.

Over the years, Perry has collected 11 victories on the PGA Tour, including two in the last six weeks at the Memorial and the Buick Open.

The kids who have gone to Lipscomb with help from his scholarship program have become teachers, nurses, youth ministers.

This is worth remembering as Perry gets buried next week for skipping the British Open, sticking to his original plan to play in Milwaukee.

As determined as he was to play golf for a living, Perry was

Lipscomb University, a small equally tenacious about playing entirely on his 2003 performance, in the Ryder Cup at Valhalla, just up the road from his old Kentucky home.

"This is a lifetime opportunity for him," U.S. captain Paul Azinger said Monday.

Azinger is partly responsible for Perry essentially wrapping up a spot on this team so soon. He revamped the qualifying process to put more emphasis on the current year, which was a good thing for Perry. He was 79th on the money list last year, but already this year has two victories and a playoff loss and is No. 4 in the U.S. standings.

Consider what happened the only other time Perry played in the Ryder Cup. He qualified for the 2004 team based almost

when he won three times. Not surprisingly, he played only two matches at Oakland Hills and lost them both.

Clearly, those memories linger.

"I told (wife) Sandy, this might be the worst thing I've ever wished for," Perry said. "I may play poorly and get drilled."

No need to wait for the Ryder Cup to get hammered.

There are plenty of guys who make a Ryder Cup team without winning a major. Perry might be the first to clinch a spot without having played in a major that vear.

He wasn't eligible for the Masters. Then, he chose not to go through 36-hole qualifying for

the U.S. Open the day after he won the Memorial because he was worn out.

Besides, Perry said he has never played well at Torrey Pines and wanted to conserve his strength for PGA Tour events that would give him a better chance at winning, and making the Ryder Cup team.

With only five weeks remaining in the qualifying process, Perry is virtually a lock to make the team. Along the way, his outstanding play earned him a spot at Royal Birkdale through a special money list.

This might be Perry's best chance to win a major, considering his form and Tiger Woods' knee.

But he turned it down.

ASTROS

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you play a game like this, it's always great to come out on top."

Hunter Pence and Carlos Lee hit home runs to account for the offense for Houston. Lance Berkman walked four times and Brad Ausmus reached base four times for the Astros, who lost a 17-inning game Sunday in Atlanta and blew two leads in a defeat to Pittsburgh Monday.

"We've had three pretty long days," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "It's been a little difficult for us."

Grabow (5-2)John

pitched two scoreless innings to earn the victory and Damaso Marte pitched the ninth for his third save.

"It didn't really matter if we didn't do too much tonight," said Pirates starter Ian Snell. "We did enough."

Lee, who extended his hitting streak to 11 games, homered for the second time in as many games with his rocket shot to the deepest part of the park in left-center with Berkman aboard in the fifth. It was his 21st of the season.

Pence's solo shot, his 11th, came with one out in the fourth, with a heavy wind heading straight out of the park and a storm just about to hit. The area was under a severe thun-

derstorm watch.

The following two batters reached against Snell, ending his return to action after a stint on the disabled list prematurely after 3 2-3 innings. While reliever T.J. Beam was warming up, umpire crew chief Wally Bell called the grounds crew in for the first time.

Snell was charged with one run on four hits and three walks with one strikeout in 3 2-3 innings. He had been suffering from medial epicondylitis in his right elbow.

"I thought he threw the ball well," Russell said. "A little rusty, but he was throwing hard, he was attacking the zone. His pitch count got up; they hit a lot of foul balls off

him. But his command was pretty good."

Rain began to fall again shortly after play was resumed for the first time, picking up in intensity in the sixth. McLouth hit a solo shot, his 17th and second in as many games, in

the bottom of the fifth. "That's why we call him Nate the Great," Snell said. "He comes through in clutch situations."

McLouth's homer wasn't as clutch as his eight-pitch at bat in the eighth with the bases loaded in which he fouled off three Brocail fastballs.

"That's a ballgame we should have we won," Brocail said. "The tough thing is, when you blow a lead and blow a save, all the hard work that the guys prior to you went through doesn't amount to anything."

Notes:@ The game ended at 1:10 a.m. ET. Berkman the past three days.

tied a team record for walks in a nine-inning game. Houston's bullpen has pitched 19 2-3 innings



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Harrison made it stand up with two more shutout innings. He gave up five hits with a walk and a strikeout in the longest outing for a Rangers starter in his debut since 2000.

"He's a Carolina boy," Hamilton said. "He grew up about an hour from me. So it felt good to help him by driving in that run. Hopefully I can drive in a

the Hall of Famer who is now Rangers president, watched every pitch from a seat near his team's dugout.an Rivera grounded out with the bases loaded. It was the 22nd save in 24 chances for Wilson.

"Both pitchers went pitch for pitch," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Unfortunately we relieved that Mike is going

couldn't get anything going early."

Notes:@ An MRI confirmed that the right shoulder of Angels C Mike Napoli was just irritated, meaning the injury won't be season-ending. He joined the team Tuesday to continue rehabilitation and therapy. "We're

to return to our lineup," game at groin strain.

manager Mike Scioscia said....The Rangers turned double plays in the first two innings, pushing their league-leading total to 111. ... Rangers C Jarrod Saltalamacchia started for the first time since leaving Saturday's Baltimore with a right

few more for him."

Harrison boosted a Rangers rotation in shambles because of injuries. On Wednesday, Texas is likely to become first team since Milwaukee in 2002 to have major league debuts from consecutive starters when Michael Ballard comes up from Double-A Frisco for Wednesday night's game.

"He threw a great game is what he did," Kinsler said. "He commanded all three of his pitches. He worked down in the zone. He threw in effectively. He did all that in his debut, which is special."

The Angels had a chance to spoil Harrison's debut when they loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth against Rangers closer C.J. Wilson, but JuRyan,



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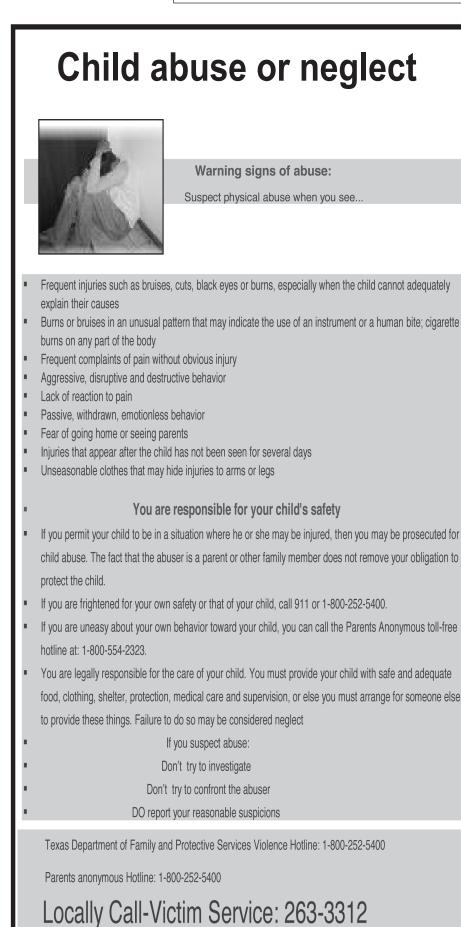
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State Briefs

Bush lauds summiteers for work on protecting environment, advancing trade, helping poor

TOYAKO, Japan (AP) – President Bush on Wednesday hailed the move by G-8 leaders to coalesce behind a global climate-change strategy, claiming "significant progress."

"In order to address climate change, all major economies must be at the table, and that's what took place today," Bush said at the conclusion of the summit of leading industrialized nations — a get-together that he said also worked to advance free trade and combat hunger and disease around the world, particularly in Africa.

The global warming statement represented quite a progression for Bush, who in his first term disputed scientists' assertions about this problem. He backed the G-8 summit declaration that greenhouse gas emissions should be halved by the middle of the century.

"We made clear, and the other nations agreed, that they must also participate in an ambitious goal," Bush said, "with an interim goal, with interim plans to enable the world to successfully address climate change. And

we made significant progress toward a comprehensive said. approach."

Armed men clash with police outside U.S. consulate in Istanbul. 6 killed

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Armed men attacked a police guardpost outside the U.S. consulate in Istanbul on Wednesday, and the ensuing clash killed three officers and three of the assailants, officials said.

At least one of the assailants opened fire at the post near the consulate's main entrance at about 11 a.m., a U.S. embassy spokeswoman said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

There were no reports of casualties among American consulate employees, she said.

"Three policemen were martyred and three attackers were killed," Istanbul Gov. Muammer Guler told reporters at the scene.

Guler said a policeman and a tow-truck driver were also injured.

Authorities were trying to identify the attackers, he

Wildfire northeast of Sacramento burns dozens of homes and forces thousands to flee

BIG SUR, Calif. (AP) - A wind-stoked wildfire northeast of Sacramento burned dozens of homes Tuesday and has forced thousands of fire-weary residents to flee, state officials said.

About 40 homes in the rural Butte County community of Concow were destroyed after erratic winds blew embers across fire containment lines, said Todd Simmons, a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman.

Firefighters went door to door early Tuesday to evacuate 800 to 1,000 residents from Concow and Yankee Hill, about 85 miles north of Sacramento. Residents of 3,200 homes were ordered to evacuate in nearby Paradise, where wildfire destroyed 74 homes last month.

"Right now we're battling the weather and the erratic winds," Simmons said. "Whatever the winds are doing, that's pretty much what the fire's going to do."

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negotiations. We just basically checked their references and the projects they have done of this magnitude, and they have done several projects of this magnitude."

According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the funding — which comes to \$200,000 for Abatement Inc. and \$50,000 for Honesty Environmental Services — will be the responsibility of SHDC and its manager, Big Spring native Brint Ryan.

\$250,000 put into the escrow account to pay the consultant and contractor," said Sjogren. "If the cost is more than that, they (SHDC) will either have to put more into the account or cut the amount of abatement to be done short. This is all part of our purchase agreement (with SHDC), that we do it this way and get the environmental abatement done before we change ownership. However, they (SHDC) are paying for it."

"It will be approximately

McEwen said the council is following SHDC's lead in the matter.

"They are going to reimburse us 100 percent," said McEwen. "We're basically following their (SHDC) lead as to who they want to do the work and they are paying for it."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the city council voted unanimously to approve a suspension of a proposed rate increase from Oncor Electric Delivery.

"We have until Aug. 8 to suspend that rate increase or it will go into effect," said Peggy Walker, city finance director. "This resolution will take care of that. We will hire a legal consultant, a legal representative to review the rate to determine if it's necessary and if it's reasonable. If it's not, we'll go forward with them through negotiations with the steering committee, which we are a member of.

"The overall increase is about \$275 million. We have built into our rate case through the steering committee that all rate case related costs will be absorbed by Oncor. So all costs associated with this suspension will be re-

McEwen expressed his frustration over the proposed rate increase, claiming the majority of similar requests the city re-

ceives are over-inflated.

"It is so frustrating that we can't have people we do business with that we trust and will give us an (honest) rate increase. They ask for this much," said McEwen, stretching his arms out wide, "wanting this much," he added, bringing his hands close together. "It really is frustrating."

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SUPPLIES

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so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us. it's fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the back-toschool supplies."

According to Lafler, the application process and distribution of the school supplies will be handled similar to past efforts.

"The last few years we've

distributions at the same time," said Lafler. "The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office.

"Last year's demand was less than we had expected, but this year — with gasoline and everything else costing so much more we're expecting a much higher demand. We've or-

done the applications and dered the backpacks and will be taken from 9 a.m. we should have them in time for the distribution, so now it's just a matter of getting donations in and taking the applications.."

> Lafler said the annual effort makes a big difference in the lives of children that might not otherwise have school supplies to start the year.

> "It's hard enough to get back into the books," said Lafler. "When you don't have the things you need - notebooks, paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder."

Applications for supplies

until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. July 21 through 25, and again from July 28 through Aug. 1, according to Lafler.

"We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child," said Lafler. "We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also bring proof of income and expenses, and a picture ID for the person applying for the program. We'll let you know right then and there whether you qualify for

the program, and if you do, you'll be able to take the supplies home right then."

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Timothy Michael Drinkard, 36, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jerry Waldner, 56, died Monday. Private family services will be held at a later date.



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AUCTION

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Local banks have donated U.S. Savings Bonds to the auction and Southwest Airlines has donated a pair of round-trip tickets good for anywhere in the continental United States.

Newton said there will be various hand-crafted items auctioned as well, inlcuding a five-piece wood din-

ing set donated by a local of Tom Landry, Roger business. Local artists and welders also are donating items for the auction, she said.

Sports fans also will have plenty to choose from, Newton promised. Among the memorabilia items for auction Saturday include: • A jersey autographed by John David Crow, Texas A&M's only Heisman Award winner.

• A Leroy Nieman print

Staubach and Bob Lilly, autographed by those Cowboys greats.

• A Houston Oilers jersey autographed by Earl Campbell.

• Various other sports items from A&M, University of Texas, Texas Tech University and other colleges.

Despite some of pricier items, Newton swears one doesn't have to be a high

roller to participate.

"You don't have to be a big spender to have fun," she said. "It's free, any donations will be accepted ... so just come out and enjoy it with us."

more For information, contact Newton at 263-4204.

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SUSPECT

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9:38 p.m. Sunday, May 4. According to police reports, Garcia was pregnant at the time of her death.

Also injured in the shooting were an unidentified 3-year-old girl, 19-year-old Phiilp Martinez, 21-yearold Daniel Rios and 21-yearold David Rios.

Cole's arrest is the second stemming from the murder investigation, as police took 24-year-old Lubbock resident Earnesto Trevino into custody May 15, charging him with deadly conduct - discharge of a firearm for his alleged involvement in a May 3 shooting near Cantu Hydraulics, according to police officials. No one was injured in the May 3 shooting.

Everett confirmed Cole is a member of the Latin Kings street gang and maintains the May 4 shooting — along with a slew of other shootings currently being investigated - are all connected to a drug \oplus turf dispute between a Big

Spring family and the Latin Kings. Howard County District

Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said his office will examine the evidence before deciding whether the shooting should be prosecuted as a capital murder.

"It certainly appears to have the merits necessary for capital murder, but until the details of the investigation are turned over to us its hard to say for sure," said Wilkerson shortly after the investigation began. "Anything at this point would purely be speculation."

Anyone with informa-(8477). tion regarding the murder investigation is encouraged to contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at com 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS

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OTHER VIEWS

When Horns blow, we cannot feel safe

exas tradition and the letter of the law protected 62-year-old Joe Horn last week, when a grand jury declined to charge him for killing two burglars.

But the outcome shouldn't make other Texas homeowners feel safer. Instead, the shootings show the many reasons why citizens must not be judge and executioner in the courthouse of their own minds.

Exhibit A, of course, is the pair of pellet-riddled corpses, shot in the back and sprawled on Horn's neighbors' lawns. One can be disgusted by this taking of life without having to summon a bit of sympathy for the burglars.

Death by shooting is an occupational hazard for burglars in Texas. Surely Diego Ortiz and Hernando Riascos Torres, raised in the violent streets of Cali, Colombia, calculated its possibility.

Death, however, is not the punishment Texans or Americans prescribe for burglary. By taking the law in his hands, Horn robbed his own law-abiding community of its right to investigate crimes, prosecute criminals and mete out justice...

Meanwhile, those who applaud Horn's action should ask if they really want to live in a state in which homeowners can summarily execute burglars caught stealing from someone else's house...

Texas law recognizes the right to self-defense and the common law that a person's home is his castle. That, however, recognizes no right for Texans to shoot mere trespassers who pose no threat to life and limb. When it meets in January, the Legislature should quickly clarify whom homeowners can shoot, and under what circumstances.

Make no mistake: Horn created a dangerous

Salute the flag by treating it better

ressed in an Evel Knievelstyle American flag jumpsuit with my face painted red, white and blue, I planned to spend Fourth of July driving around in old Ford pickup truck blaring "Proud to Be an American" from my stereo. Starting at 6 a.m., I hoped to speed around my neighbor-

hood honking my horn and looking for foreigners so I could chant "USA, USA" at them. Once I had established our nation's global dominance through repetitive chanting and occasionally making the number one sign, I planned to head home for an old-fashioned American barbecue



DANIEL B. KLINE

featuring Budwesier in those really large bottles.

Of course, since I'm not a jingoist, don't look particularly good in a jumpsuit with a cape and tire of chanting really fast, I actually did none of these things. Instead, I spent the day at work, barbecuing for my hard-working staff forced to open the store on a holiday and the few customers nice enough to leave their homes to come see us.

Though I chose to not brazenly display my affection for the United States by wearing a costume, many other people did. The worst offenders seemed to congregate at the supermarket where I picked up the groceries for my barbecue.

In the grocery store I saw flag bandannas, flag t-shirts, a truly horrifying set of MC Hammer-style flag pants and an unfortunate flag bikini top that really should have been accompanied by a flag sweater. I'm sure there was flag underwear I couldn't see and more than a few people with flag tattoos thankfully out of my visual range.

Wearing the American flag on a bikini or a t-shirt seems like an odd way to show patriotism. Wearing a flag bikini is sort of like showing your favorite actor how much you love him by following him around 24 hours a day chanting his name. While the sentiment might be wellintended, the gesture itself shows disrespect for the object you are seeking to honor.

In some ways, turning the flag into clothing or a beach towel makes about as much sense as showing your wife you think she's pretty by secretly taking naked photos of her and showing all your friends. That action might honestly reflect your true pride in her appearance, but in most cases picking that particular way to show her will likely end with all of your stuff being thrown on the lawn.

Americans tend to find rather questionable ways of honoring the people, places and things we love. In addition to turning the flag into everything from bed sheets to oven mitts, we seem overly willing to use the tattoo as our method of showing what we like or care about. Admittedly, getting a tattoo requires commitment. Getting one

hurts and removing them requires an enormous amount of money and ability to withstand pain. Unfortunately, while having a loved one or favorite thing's name tattooed on yourself comes fraught with peril.

Forget the obvious idea that relationships may not always last forever. Johnny Depp no longer dates Winona Ryder. Tom Arnold and Roseanne broke up and that just might happen to you. Tattooing a favorite thing on yourself involves even more risk. For example, had I been allowed to tattoo my favorite group on my arm when I was 14, I would now sport America's only Huey Lewis and The News tattoo.

Of course, the American flag never goes out of style, but I hardly think tattoos, bikinis, bandannas and the like actually show respect for what the flag stands for. If you respect the flag as a symbol representative of all that we love about America, than fly it properly, salute it when you walk be and think regularly of the men and women who died for vour freedom.

I suppose that freedom includes the right to wear the "Stars and Stripes" on a pair of spandex pants. I just imagine they would prefer that you didn't.

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confrontation without adequate reason. He did it, in fact, in open defiance of reason. While some mistakes emerge from confusion and a moral vacuum, Horn's erupted during a discussion with a patient, attentive 911 dispatcher who had sent help.

The operator, who grasped the seriousness of the events and struggled to defuse them, kept Horn on the phone long enough to tell him 13 times to stay in the house. In language succinct enough even for a hysteric to hear, the dispatcher explained why. "Ain't no property worth shooting someone over," the operator said. "You're going to get yourself shot.'

But Horn, showing bravado, said, "You want to make a bet? I'll kill them."

Notwithstanding his later claims, Horn did not mention he was afraid for his life. Nor did he say he was gathering information for police. Instead, he said, "I'm not gonna let them get away with it." He cited, down to the very date of its implementation, a new statute letting Texans defend others' property with deadly force.

Horn was right about one thing. Texas' new "Castle Law" did protect him, even if it was not designed for cases such as his. Horn was also insulated by Texas tradition, which favors property owners who can claim they killed in self-defense.

But should we really feel safer because people with Horn's judgment are allowed to act on impulse?

What if Horn accidentally had killed a pair of teenage boys engaged in an illegal graduation prank? What if one of the intruders had been a mentally ill, wounded or economically desperate war veteran, committing his first crime?

Horn's lawyer put it, Horn has come up with an odd justification. It wasn't Horn, really, who did it. "He is absolutely not the person you hear on that 911 tape," friend and attorney Tom Lambright said. Added Horn this week, "For 61 years I was never a vigilante. Why would I be a vigilante over this incident?"

Of course it was Horn on the tape, and of course he was a vigilante that day. Plenty of decent people, their quality of life eroded by rampant crime, feel transformed in such moments, their brains flooding with adrenaline, fear and perhaps too strong a desire to be a hero under new Texas law.

Hearing ceaseless reports about crime on the news, then seeing it occur near your own home, naturally stirs up primal, destructive impulses. But no one is safer when Texas enables people like Joe Horn to act on those impulses.

THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Limiting access to senior citizens

ccess to affordable healthcare continues to be one of the most important issues on the minds of Americans. Meanwhile, Congress continues to look at options to reduce the nation's rising healthcare

costs. As a family physician, there is one piece of proposed legislation that deeply concerns me — as it will result in limiting healthcare choices for our growing aging population.

In 2011, the first baby boomers will turn 65, ushering in the largest group of retired Americans

our nation's healthcare system has ever seen. This generation will be unique — both in their numbers and in their longer life expectancy. For the first time ever, a significant number of retirees will be caring for their retired parents.

The Medicare system was initially created to manage the acute illness of our nation's senior citizens. Healthcare providers were paid for episodic care, with greater earnings the more care and technology delivered to each patient (not always in the patient's best interest). Today, seniors have much different needs - more diseases, and more chronic in nature. Today, the best outcomes are provided with continuity of care, not the fragmented care the system previously promoted. Today, our Medicare system must recognize the value of the primary care physician who can coordinate multiple healthcare providers, discuss options with patients and families, provide preventive healthcare, and be proactive, especially in difficult end-of-life decisions.

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 was a significant step in the right direction. By creating Medicare Advantage plans, health plans were incentivized to identify highrisk patients, intervene early, and improve outcomes in patients with chronic disease. Plans worked in concert with physicians to provide benefits beyond traditional healthcare, while lowering out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries. A system was put in place that allowed physicians to be compensated, not just for doing a surgery, but also for spending time with patients and family to explain why surgery

might not be the right decision. Last week, the House of Representatives put these improvements in jeopardy. This bill, ironically called the "Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act" — will achieve an estimated \$13.8 billion nationally and \$358 million statewide in budget savings over the next five years, but at the expense of seniors enrolled in the Medicare Advantage program — 10 million seniors across the country and more than 500,000 Texans. It is inconceivable that the changes in the Medicare program that are allowing a move to continuous, efficient

and patient centered care will now be used to shoulder the financial gap created by the an outdated and inefficient system of the past.

The Medicare Advantage option provides patients access to the management and disease-specific programs they would not otherwise have, with a focus on prevention and early detection. Eliminating barriers to preventive healthcare has allowed many of my senior patients to avoid the complications of chronic disease, while doing so in a more comprehensive and cost effective manner. If these cuts are implemented, too many of the elderly citizens across our country and across our state will think again before coming in for annual physicals, maintenance visits, health screenings and other preventive care.

I implore Congress and our healthcare leaders to understand that the Medicare Advantage option is a chance for physicians and patients to work with health plans to expand benefits while reducing out-of pocket-expenses. This is not the area that should be cut to meet the budget demands of an old and inefficient Medicare system. Expansion of these options and the promotion of new and innovative ways to deliver healthcare is the answer to the current Medicare budgetary crisis - without compromising the healthcare needs of our senior population.

Clive Fields, M.D., has been a practicing family physician in Houston for 17 years.



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ome new books on CD have arrived. It looks like we may have gotten a good deal on some Tom Clancy **Op-Center series**. We have "Op-Center

No. 1," "Games of State No. 3," "Acts of War No. 4," "Balance of Power No. 5" and "State of Siege No. 6." Guess we

HOLLIS **McCright** missed No. 2 somewhere along the

way. Martha Grimes is a wonderful mystery/suspense writer. I have read "Dakota" in print and now you may also listen to her masterful storytelling. This is a sequel to "Biting the Moon," wherein Andi Oliver, amnesiac and drifter, is found running from her only memory of an incident in Santa Fe. In "Dakota," she moves from one small town job to another, trying to survive. In this book she is hired by a factory pig farm and you really may not want to know what purportedly goes on in a pig factory. It is an exciting book though.

Tony Dungy, coach of the Indianapolis Colts, coached his team to victory in Super Bowl XLI. In "Quiet Strength" (AUCD 277.308 DUN T), he speaks of his strategies for success. These rules, if you will, have enabled him to rise above some pretty remarkable challenges. It is a very good book.

In "The Lost Ark of the Covenant" (AUCD 296.493 PAR T), Tudor Parfitt recounts his efforts to find the Ark. This holy object disappeared from the Temple in Jerusalem when the Babylonians invaded in 586 BCE and has been lost since them. Lest you wonder what

lighten you. From the online http://en.wikipedia. org, comes the following explanation: "Common Era (also known as Christian Era and Current Era; abbreviated CE) is a designation for the period of time beginning with year 1 of the proleptic Gregorian calendar. An earlier date is then designated BCE, described as "Before the Common, Christian, or Current Era." The numbering of years is identical to the numbering in the Anno Domini system — neither system using a year zero. Originating among Christians in Europe at least as early as 1615 (at first in Latin), Common Era notation has been adopted in several non-Christian cultures, by many scholars in religious studies and other academic fields, and by others wishing to be sensitive to non-Christians, since Common Era does not explicitly make use of religious titles for Jesus, such as Christ and Lord, which are used in the AD/ BC notation." Now, don't you feel educated?

BCE means, I will now en-

Some fun fiction for the beach: "One in a Million" by Kimberla Lawson Roby. This is about someone who wins the MegaMillion Lottery; Jane Green's "The Beach House," a story of a family and its secrets and the magical healing of love and acceptance; and finally, a suspense novel, "Waiting to Surface," by Emily Listfield. Sarah drops off her daughter at school, arriving at work where she receives a call telling her that her hus-

band is missing off the Florida beach. There is a new series by Lauraine Snelling titled Red River of the North. It is a neat series about emigrants from Norway who settle down in the Dakotas. The first volume is "Blessing in Disguise" and the second is "A New Day Rising." There are more on the shelves.

From our donation stash comes some "old time remedy" books. "Amazing Antidotes" (610 HOL M) by Marcia Holman has all sort of remedies for asthma, arthritis, insomnia, lupus and many more maladies that strike people. As with anything. you should always check with your doctor before trying any of these. Even if it is "naturally occurring" it quite possibly could interfere with your prescription medicines. Another book. by Jean Karaen Thomas, is "Oddball Ointments. Powerful Potions, Fabulous Folk Remedies" (615.88 THO J). It has some cures for what ails you. From Prevention magazine comes two more: "The Doctors Book of Home Remedies" (610 KIR S) by Sid Kirchheimer and "The Hormone Connection" (613.042 MAL

G) by Gale Malesky. New fiction: Patrick O'Brien's "The Yellow Admiral" tells of Jack Aubrey coping with land, his erratic voting as a Lord and feuds with his neighbor.

Jane Heller's "The Secret Ingredient" is the story of a woman who wants her "old" husband back. The husband who was gentle, loving, caring and not the dull, lazy husband he turned into after six years of marriage. Well, just like mamma used to say, be careful what you wish for. A funny book.

Remember. the Library is closed Saturdays during July and August. Howard County Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 2 p.m. and closes a half-hour before closing. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-countv.lib. tx.us.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Stupid people need more towels

think about strange things sometimes. Things like: If everyone in the Western Hemisphere jumped up, would everyone in the Eastern Hemisphere bounce? That's something to which I'll probably never know the answer. Getting everyone to simply agree on the time would be a logistics nightmare.

There are other thoughts, perhaps, to which one shouldn't know the answer. Things like: How many towels is too many?

When a house has had seven people living in it at one time, it tends to harbor a substantial collection of towels. Most of them look like they should've been relegated to the rag pile long ago. That's because I keep forgetting that towels and bras do not play nice together in the washer and dryer. Bras are particularly aggressive because their



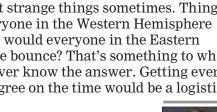
little hooks grab on to the tiniest loose thread and yank until the towel looks like it's made of spaghetti noodles.

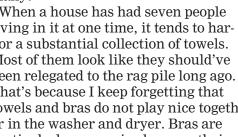
Still, I save them. I fold them all and place them fold-side-out in my linen closet because ... well ... I may need all 126 of them one day.

Well, today was that day. I can tell you now, that no amount of towels is too many for a day like today. Although, I would never have imagined that the use I would have for them had nothing to do with their usual bathroom duties.

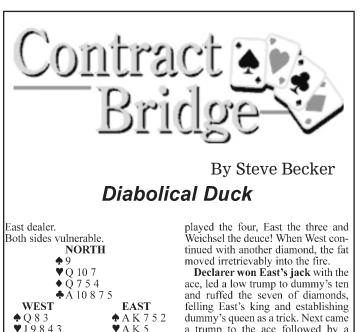
I have a utility sink in my laundry room into which my washer drains when it's on the spin cycle. I had some whites that needed to be soaked in the sink in bleach water because whites never stay white in my house. My mother says I should simply buy darkcolored things so I'll never have to soak them.

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Dpening lead — ten of diamonds.

As an abstract proposition, it eems impossible for South to make our clubs doubled in this deal. He as four obvious losers consisting of spade, two hearts and a diamond. **But Peter Weichsel** did make the ontract when he played the hand in he 1984 national men's pair champinship (won by Weichsel and his

artner, Mike Lawrence). It all came about in strikingly simple fashion after West led the ten of diamonds, on which dummy

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trumps in his hand to ruff two of dummy's hearts, and since there were still three trumps in dummy to ruff the J-10-6 of spades, he wound up making the contract, losing only a diamond, a heart and a spade.

a trump to the ace followed by a

heart discard on the queen of dia-

two

Since Weichsel still had

West could, of course, have defeated four clubs doubled by shifting to a heart or a spade at trick two. To be fair about it. however, the fact is that most defenders with the West hand, not seeing declarer's cards, would have continued with a diamond at trick two after the ten held the first trick

The outcome was indeed more a tribute to declarer's skill than the result of a clear-cut error by the defense. Weichsel had quickly decided at trick one that on the bidding and opening lead, East was sure to have the K-J of diamonds, and he simply hoped that what did happen would happen.

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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Jupiter eyes the sun in Cancer today. Like winning a prize stuffed animal at the circus only to notice it's coming apart at the seams, our perception of winning or losing tugs at our desire for greater emotional and material security. As we witness the precarious, spinning wheel-of-fortune nature of life, remember that prosperity is relative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're like a child whose innocent and truthful answers may cause an unexpected reaction from the wizened experts around you. Maybe they'll laugh a little, but ultimately your insights are most illuminating.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are plenty of ways to feel good that don't cost a thing. Make a list. Then before you grab your wallet and head out the door, do at least three of them. You'll save yourself from spending on what you don't need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being blocked is not necessarily a bad thing. Today's impasse is an indicator that either you're not ready for them, or they're not ready for you. When it's right, you'll easily move forward.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You handle negativity by not handling it. You realize that life is cyclical and much of the unpleasant stuff will work out on its own if you ignore it. Tonight, Libra is a partner in creative projects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're willing to argue a point through to its resolution, believing in the power of words to solve problems. However, it's your living example that will be the best argument for what you believe in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One of your regular and positive habits has been somewhat interrupted by surprise occurrences. Being able to adjust is a talent -- you did the appropriate thing for the time. And now it's time to get right back on track. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your imagination is alight. The neurons in your brain are firing overtime. And though you'd rather take flights of fancy than focus on your work, you have to get to it sooner or later. Focus for the finish this afternoon. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your patience is legendary and you can remain calm with even the most annoying difficultiesÖ to a point. But when that point is reached, anyone with the slightest sense had better run for cover. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your exuberance is captivating. The best part is that you can get excited about things that most people would take for granted. You'll be fixed in the memory of all who see you today. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stars sprinkle extra dollars over you. Either you don't have to pay full price for things or you are paid more than you expected you would be. And the best part is that you needed the financial boost and know just how to use it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You must come to an agreement with someone who wants the same thing you want. Success depends on figuring out what the other person might want even more than the property in question. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you want more or less or just different, all you have to do is ask for it. It's amazing how easy it is to get what you want once you articulate it in specific words.

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The proposed disposal site is located on Hwy 669- 2.25 miles north of Gail, Texas in the Section 19, Block 30, T-5-N, T&P RR Company Survey, Abstract No. A-201, Bor den County, Texas. The proposed disposal site is located on real property owned by Borden County,

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be July 9, 2008 which means protests should be received by July 24, 2008. Protests must be sent to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas. P.O. Box 12987, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6818) #5835 July 3 & 9, 2008

Legals

City of Big Spring **Zoning Board of**

Adjustments and Appeals The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas to consider the following: Brenda Balios, LT 19 BK 1 of Hillcrest Terrace Addition, Located at

501 Circle, is requesting a variance for a side yard fence.

Charles Buzbee, LT 5 BK 3 of Wrights 2nd Addition, Located at 1504 Mesquite, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a patio.

Suzie Hernandez, SE/4 of SC 42 BK 32 1N TR 19 of William B. Currie Addition. Located at 908 N. Goliad is requesting a variance for a front yard carport.

Paul Gregory Johnson, LT 5A BK 3 of Capehart Addition, Located at 2515 Ent is appealing the decision of the Building Official that he is illegally advertising a home occupation(s), illegally operating a retail business and illegally operating a vending machine in a planned development residential zone. #5840 July 9 &13, 2008

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Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, David Counts, addresses area Masons at the July 5 Installation of Officers.

Local Masonic Lodges hold Installations

Special to the Herald

Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, Big Spring Lodge No. 1340 and Coahoma Lodge No. 992 held a joint Installation of Officers July 5.

Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, David Counts, was on hand to install the Lodge officers. Al Alexander, of John Sayles Lodge No. 1408 in Abilene, served as the Installing Marshall. A.H. McIlwain, District Deputy of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas District No. 80 and Allen Walters, District Deputy of the Most Worshipful Kennedy, Chaplain; Jack Grand Lodge of Texas District No. 81, were also present.

Lodge members from San Angelo, Abilene, Midland, Lamesa, Stanton, Odessa and Lubbock were on hand for the installation as well as many local and out of town guests. The Lodge was decorated with patriotic banners and flags and a brisket dinner was served.

Installed were:

Staked Plains No. 598 — Danny Wright, Worshipful Master; Les Montgomery, Senior Warden; Brant Murphy, Junior Warden; Bob Noyes, Treasurer; Rick Scott, Secretary; Bob

Taylor, Senior Deacon; J.R. Dubose, Junior Deacon; John Keller Jr., Senior

Steward; Bo Clawson, Marshall; Robert Smith, Master of Ceremonies; Roger Foster, Tiler. Coahoma No. 992

Danny Martin, Worshipful Master; Bo Clawson, Warden; Senior Rip Arthur, Junior Warden; Nick Nichols, Treasurer; Wayne Davis, Secretary; Rick Scott, Chaplain; Quail Dobbs, Senior Deacon; Bob Kennedy, Tiler.

Spring No. 1340 Big Chris Simpson, Worshipful Master; Danny Wright, Senior Warden; Sammy Hunnicutt, Junior

rather large backside hit the water. Toys were floating in careless abandon around my feet. And the washer was merrily apumping more water into the utility sink that was filled to capacity because I had plugged it up to soak my whites.

I slipped and dripped

threadbare, ripped and stained towels! This was it! I raced to get an armful and threw them down on the floor and ran to get more. By this time, my husband and children had joined the fray. We'd sop up a dozen towels then toss them into the washer for a spin cycle while we

Warden; Carl Condray, Treasurer; Charles Bailey, Secretary; Bob Kennedy, Chaplain; Dick Mitchell, Tiler.



FORT WORTH (AP) - A McGuire said. teenager is suspected of delivering baskets of druglaced treats to about a dozen police departments in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, according to police who charged him Tuesday with LSD possession. At least three officers have gotten sick.

The 18-year-old man was arrested after taking cookies to the Lake Worth police station, said Brett McGuire, the suburb's police chief. Officers there had been tipped off that someone was falsely claiming to deliver treats on behalf of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"Our officers took a good whiff and thought they smelled like marijuana," McGuire said, adding that preliminary tests instead detected traces of LSD.

Christian Phillips was taken into custody and later charged with possession of the powerful hallucinogen, although the charge may be changed,

The suspect denied trying to contaminate the goodies or harm anyone and said one of his friends might have been smoking pot while Phillips was baking, McGuire said. The suspect is not affiliated with MADD, the chief said.

Phillips remained jailed in Lake Worth pending an arraignment.

In Fort Worth, at least three officers got sick after eating some cookies and candy from a basket delivered to that police station Monday night, authorities said.

Lake Worth investigators found that Phillips had a list of about two dozen police departments in north Texas, with 13 checked off, McGuire said. Police in Blue Mound found traces of marijuana in the treats, he said. Blue Mound police tipped off Lake Worth after receiving a call from MADD that no one was delivering cookies on its behalf.



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people wouldn't see the stains, but I would know, wouldn't I?

LAURA

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I think that's silly be-

cause if everything I

had was dark-colored,

they'd still get stained

and then I couldn't soak

them in bleach. Maybe

I was sitting in my living room listening to my daughter butcher a song on the piano when my 6-year old came in yelling about a flood downstairs. There are many things this particular child would fib about in order to get out of trouble, but "there's a flood downstairs" is not in his usual repertoire. It didn't fit neatly into his customary MO of "How do I get out of this one?"

As this data sunk in, my feet began to move faster and faster, down the hall, through the door, down the stairs, then wham! Flat on my posterior. The floor was not only wet, and coincidentally, slippery, but it had become a large wading pool.

Laundry baskets were bobbing in the waves that were caused when my

over to the machine and punched it off just as it was wringing the last bit of water from the clothes in the spin cycle. I unplugged the sink. Then I looked at the carnage for which I had only myself to blame. I am now convinced that there is such a thing as a walking, talking brain-dead person. That person would be me. What was I thinking? How would I get all that water off the floor with no drains?

Now I knew the reason I had saved all those

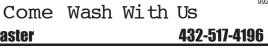
sopped up water with more towels. Never was I so happy to have so many towels.

In fact, the next time there's a sale at Wal-Mart, I'm going to buy a couple dozen more. When there are brain-dead people in the house, there's no such thing as too many towels.

You can reach Laura at lsnyder@lauraonlife.com Or visit her Web site www. *lauraonlife.com for more* columns and info about her books.

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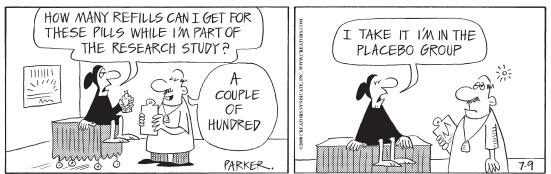
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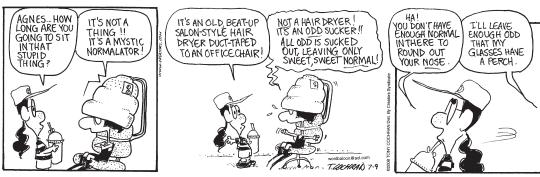
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In 1944, during World War II,

In 1947, the engagement of

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In 1982, a Pan Am Boeing 727

crashed in Kenner, La., killing all

145 people aboard and eight people

Five years ago: President Bush,

continuing his Africa tour, defend-

ed his use of prewar intelligence

on Iraq, saying he was "absolutely

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the discovery that one claim he'd

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Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer

Ed Ames is 81. Actor James

Hampton is 72. Actor Brian

Dennehy is 70. Actor Richard

Roundtree is 66. Author Dean

Koontz is 63. Football Hall-of-

Famer O.J. Simpson is 61. Actor

Chris Cooper is 57. TV personality

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American forces secured Saipan as

the last Japanese defenses fell.

Chester, N.Y., at age 68.

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 9, the 191st day of 2008. There are 175 days left in the year.

in New York.

On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term.

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

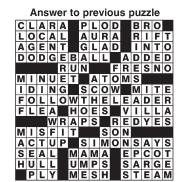
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OKAY, NOW COMING RIGHT UP! YOU'VE MADE ME CURIOUS Marte

Kerr (Simple Minds) is 49. Actressrock singer Courtney Love is 44. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 43. Actor David O'Hara is 43. Rock musician Xavier Muriel (Buckcherry) is 40. Actor Scott Grimes is 37. Actor Enrique Murciano is 35. Rock musician Dan Estrin (Hoobastank) is 32. Actor-director Fred Savage is 32. Country musician Pat Allingham is 30. Actress Megan Parlen is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kiely Williams (3lw) is 22. Actress Georgie Henley ("The Chronicles of Narnia" films) is 13.

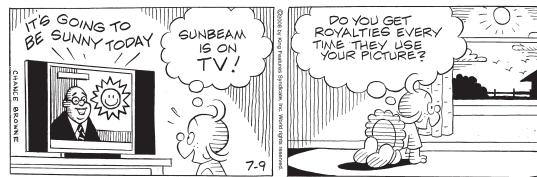
Thought for Today: "There are two kinds of people in one's life people whom one keeps waiting and the people for whom one waits." - S.N. Behrman, American author and dramatist (1893-1973). 2008 The Associated Press.



Today's Highlight in History: On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to

Gen. George Washington's troops

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