

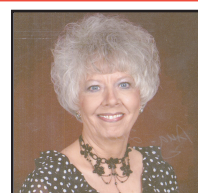
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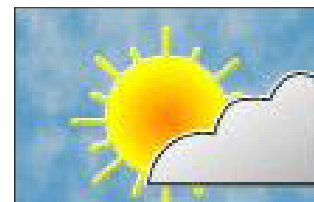
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Tragedy averted

Big Spring man helps rescue two men in danger of drowning at Lake Thomas

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A pair of Lamesa men narrowly avoided tragedy Saturday afternoon at Lake J.B. Thomas, as a Big Spring man helped them to shore after their fiberglass rowboat capsized.

Michael Soria, 21, and his cousin, David Soria, 19, were on the lake when their fiberglass rowboat overturned, according to

25-year-old Roland Anglin, owner of The Wash, who was spending time with family at the lake.

"We actually saw them go into the water, but we just thought they had jumped in to cool off," said Anglin. "They were rowing toward one of those jugs people use for fishing."

"However, a few minutes later we turned down our radio and could hear them



Courtesy Photo/Ellen Talbot

Emergency services personnel prepare to transport a pair of men who were saved from drowning at Lake J.B. Thomas to a hospital in Snyder Saturday afternoon after the two Lamesa men were helped from the water by a Big Spring resident.

calling for help, and there was a woman on the shore who was also screaming for someone to help them.

The younger man (David Soria) apparently didn't know how to swim, and his uncle (Michael Soria)

was doing everything he could to keep his nephew from going under."

The incident occurred in

the White Island area of Lake Thomas.

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Deadly Tolls: Sick truckers causing fatal wrecks

By **HOPE YEN**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of tractor-trailer and bus drivers in the United States carry commercial driver's licenses despite also qualifying for full federal dis-

ability payments, and some of those drivers have suffered seizures, heart attacks or unconscious spells, according to a new U.S. safety study obtained by The Associated Press.

The problems threatening highway travelers

"The problem is major. It's one of the biggest causes of occupational death in the United States today."

persist despite years of government warnings and hundreds of deaths and in-

juries blamed on commercial truck and bus drivers who blacked out, collapsed

or suffered major health problems behind the wheels of vehicles that can weigh 40 tons or more.

The U.S. agency responsible for cracking down on unfit truckers, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, acknowl-

es it hasn't completed any of eight recommendations that U.S. safety regulators have proposed since 2001. One would set minimum standards for officials who determine whether truck

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Council to address energy rate increase request

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A proposed rate increase from Oncor Electric Delivery — and the city of Big Spring's efforts to validate it — will take center stage Tuesday night during the city council meeting.

The council is expected to give final approval to a resolution that would effectively suspend the rate increase — which totals

more than \$270 million — and spur an investigation into the necessity of the rate increase.

"We have until Aug. 8 to suspend that rate increase or it will go into effect," City Finance Director Peggy Walker told the council two weeks ago. "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 nec-

essary 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-

imbursed to the city,"

Mayor Russ McEwen recently expressed his frustration over the proposed rate increase, claiming the majority of similar requests the city receives 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."

The council approved first reading of the measure by a unanimous vote.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council will consider:

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Coahoma individual named to state FFA office

Special to the Herald

Reagan Rupard, Coahoma Future Farmers of America member, was elected as that organization's first vice president for the state of Texas last weekend.

The announcement was made during the State FFA Convention in Lubbock.

Reagan competed in a multi-step process including a test, interview, writing prompt and speech which was given

to more than 10,000 FFA members and guests at the convention this year.

"Reagan is one of only four FFA members from Area II to have reached the runoff election, and one of only two members in the last nearly 40 years to make the traveling team (top two offices in the state)," said Aaron Custer, Coahoma Independent School District agscience teacher and FFA advisor. "This is largely in part because we have the smallest



Rupard

population — even though we cover the most land mass in the state — which gives us the fewest voting delegates."

Area 11 reaches from El Paso to Abilene and Lubbock to Sonora.

"Reagan not only did great with the popular vote, but won the exam part of the process by more than 30 points

for her FFA knowledge and parliamentary procedure knowledge," said Custer.

Rupard will now serve the Texas FFA, traveling more than 300 days of the next year, educating students across the state about the FFA in Texas.

Repard is the first state officer from Coahoma. She was also awarded a \$15,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship for her achievements and involvement in FFA.



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Obituaries

Richie Lee Arnold



Graveside services for Richie Lee Arnold 79, of Tyler will be held Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Cemetery in Big Spring with Phil Tytanic and Barbara Landreth officiating.

He passed away July 19, 2008 in Tyler. He was born Jan. 06, 1929 in Dierks, Ark., to Tom W. and Hattie V. Arnold.

He was a member of the Baptist faith and the American Legion. He loved to fish on Lake Brownwood and hunt on the McDowell Ranch in the Garden City area.

He was a physical therapist for the VA hospital in Big Spring for 30 years following his service in the Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Barbara Landreth of Tyler and Brenda Hicks of Lake Brownwood and Glenda Mae Green of Whitefish, Montana; his grandchildren, Michelle Kincaide of Tyler, Kristi Hood of Jacksonville, Phil Tytanic of Midland, Karen Thompson of North Carolina and Teana Chesney of Brownwood; and one living brother, Cecil Arnold of Big Spring; and four great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at the funeral home Monday, July 21, 2008, from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials in honor of Richie Lee Arnold may be made to Hospice of East Texas 4111 Universal Rd. Tyler 75701.

Services are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Rd. in Tyler.

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Anna Katherine Hoehn

Anna Katherine Hoehn, 84, of Blue Spring, Mo., passed away July 19, 2008. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2008, at First Christian Church of Blue Springs, located at 701 N.W. 15th St. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Lenexa, Kan. Memorial contributions may be made to the ABWA Scholarship Fund, Lake Lotawana Memorial Rose Garden, or First Christina Church of Blue Springs.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Hoehn of the home; daughter, Carolyn Burkhart and husband Ken of Big Spring; son, William Hale and wife Lisa of San Angelo; granddaughters, Kim Hughey and husband Geoff of Big Spring, Megan Louvin and husband Eric of Odessa, and Cristin Hubbell and husband Brad of Fresno, Calif.; grandson, Michael Hale of San Angelo; great-granddaughter, Jessica Hughey; great-grandsons, Ryan and Cameron Hughey, Edward and Alec Snyder, and Ezra Louvin.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Meyers Funeral Chapel in Blue Springs, Mo.

Paid obituary

Jackie Barber

Jackie Barber, 52, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, July 20, 2008, in a Midland hospital. A private family memorial service will be held.

He was born on April 20, 1956, in Big Spring and married Teresa Atkinson in 1977 in Paint Rock.

He was raised in Big Spring and was the son of Jack and Bonnie Barber. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1974 and worked with his father, Jack Barber in Barber Glass and Mirror and Big Spring Auto Glass until they sold the business. He moved to Dallas in 1998 and returned to Big Spring recently. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Barber of Big Spring; two sons, Kaman Barber of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Donovan Barber of Big Spring, a number of aunts and uncles including, Larry Tubb of Big Spring and Janice Ikler of Odessa; his mother-in-law, Verlene Atkinson of Big Spring; and a brother-in-law, Roger Atkinson of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Bonnie Tubb Barber.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Dewey McSwain

Dewey McSwain, 55, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 20, 2008 in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• Evening with Muses will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. This event will feature the local talents of J. Money, T. Grantham, K. Pike and S. Billingsley who will feature their needle work creations. Also during the evening, selected pieces of native American music will be played and various works of American literature from the Colonial Period will be read.

• The Howard County Court under Judge Mark J. Barr has cancelled the jury panel called for Friday.

Helen Marie (Hallman) Whirley

Helen Marie (Hallman) Whirley died at Well's Regional Hospital in Cleburne, Friday, July, 18, 2008, at 10:30 p.m. after a lengthy illness.

Helen was born Jan. 26, 1928, in Colorado City. She met Joe Whirley at Dorn Methodist Church in Mitchell County and married him there Feb. 20, 1947. They moved to Coahoma. She worked as a bookkeeper in Big Spring. Then in 1977, they transferred to Las Cruces, N.M., where Helen began a career as a quilter and a seamstress, creating many original designs. She was a member of the First Nazarene Church in Big Spring and Las Cruces.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Joe H. Whirley of Cleburne, daughters, Janine Manley and husband, Ronald of Austin, and Marlene Bohannon and husband, Danny of Cleburne; four grandchildren, Dawn (Manley) Hicks of El Paso, Rodney Bohannon of Sacramento, Calif., Joe Bohannon of Olympia, Wash., and Sarah Manley of Austin; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 24, 2008, at 10 a.m. at Dorn Methodist Church located on FM 2836 and CR 258 in Colorado City with the Rev. Jackie Brem officiating and burial will follow in the Dorn Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, located at 338 Locust St. in Colorado City.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 44, of 429 Westover Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOSHUA JOEL RIOS, 25, of 2616 Langley, was arrested Sunday on six local warrants.

• JOEY R. MARTINEZ, 34, of 307 McKinnley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal mischief.

Note: An activity report for the weekend was not available at press time due to computer problems, according to BSPD officials.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

• MIRANDA NICOLE HOLDMAN, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of service.

• DALLAS INEZ JORDAN, 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

• DAVANNA NICOLE WILEY, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• DELISHA LAQUETTE FRANCIS, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• SASHA LATOYA HICKMAN, 20, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• RONNY LARON WILLIAMS, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• JOEY LEE KIRKLAND, 36, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of occupational license.

• HARRISON JAMES HOWARD, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• NATHAN ROBINSON, 33, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

• RAMIRO VALENCIA MARQUEZ, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO charges of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less in a drug free zone.






• THOMAS WILLIAM MURPHY, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, bondsman off bond for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated — third or more offense, bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice — giving false information, bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid, bondsman off bond for operating a motorcycle without approved head gear, bondsman off bond for failure to display registration, bondsman off bond for no driver's license and bondsman off bond for no liability insurance.

• ANTHONY THOMAS MCGRUDER, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• JOEY MARTINEZ JR., 34, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• DELISHA LAQUETTE FRANCIS, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

Your Local Weather

Tue 7/22	Wed 7/23	Thu 7/24	Fri 7/25	Sat 7/26
 96/70 Mainly sunny. High 96F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	 95/70 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 91/68 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 91/68 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 93/68 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

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• JOE ANTHONY BUSTAMANTE, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Interstate Highway 20. Two people were transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 300 block of W. Sixth Street.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Lynn. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 9200 block of Kay Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of E. 11th Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 25-35-41-42-30-8. Number matching six of six: None.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 20-12-14-33-30. Number matching five of five: none.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-5-9. Sum It Up: 15

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-7-2. Sum It Up: 16

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World at a Glance

Barack Obama opens Iraq tour with briefings on progress and question on pullout plans

BAGHDAD (AP) — Barack Obama began Monday his first on-the-ground inspection of Iraq since launching his bid for the White House, with U.S. commanders ready to brief him on progress in a war he has long opposed and Iraqi leaders wanting more details of his proposals for troop withdrawals.

His stop in Baghdad is the second major leg of a war zone tour that opened in Afghanistan. The contrasts in tone and message were distinct.

Obama sees the battle against the resurgent Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan as America's most crucial fight and supports expanding troop strength to counter a sharp rise in attacks.

But Obama had stood against the Iraq invasion and now worries that an open-ended U.S. combat mission will sap military resources and focus — at a time when Iraq violence has dropped to its

lowest level in four years.

The Illinois senator — traveling in a congressional delegation with Sens. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Chuck Hagel, R-Neb. — arrived early Monday in a dusty haze kicked by Baghdad's summer winds. The airport is located near the vast Camp Victory, a nerve center for the U.S. military in the palaces and gardens that were once part of Saddam Hussein's presidential compound.

Zimbabwe president, opposition leader to sign deal on power-sharing talks

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — South Africa's foreign affairs spokesman says Zimbabwe's president and opposition leader will sign an agreement to hold power-sharing talks.

The agreement sets out conditions for talks to form a unity government to help resolve Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis.

Ronnie Mamoepa says the signing will take place in Harare on Monday afternoon

in the presence of mediator South African President Thabo Mbeki.

Mamoepa says the signing is "a positive step forward in the ongoing dialogue" to resolve Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis.

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai won most votes in March elections but pulled out of a June runoff against President Mugabe because of escalating state-sponsored violence against his supporters.

Rice says Iran not serious at weekend nuclear talks, warns of new sanctions

SHANNON, Ireland (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice accused Iran on Monday of not being serious at weekend talks about its disputed nuclear program despite the presence of a senior U.S. diplomat, and warned it may soon face new sanctions.

In her first public comments since Saturday's meeting in Switzerland, Rice said Iran had given the run-around

to envoys from the U.S. and five other world powers. She said all six nations were serious about a two-week deadline Iran now has to agree to freeze suspect activities and start negotiations or be hit with new penalties.

At the meeting, Iran had been expected to respond to a package of incentives offered in exchange for halting enrichment of uranium, which can be used to fuel atomic weapons. The Bush administration broke with long-standing policy to send a top diplomat to support the offer.

However, Rice said that instead of a coherent answer, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili delivered a "meandering" monologue full of irrelevant "small talk about culture" that appeared to annoy many of the others present at the table in Geneva.

"We expected to hear an answer from the Iranians but, as has been the case so many times with the Iranians, what came through was not serious," Rice told reporters aboard her plane as she flew to the United Arab Emirates. "It's time for the Iranians to give a serious answer."

COUNCIL

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- Final reading of a resolution authorizing expenditures from the Capital Revolving Fund for water and wastewater treatment plant renovations.
- Acceptance of minutes from meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals and the Howard County Appraisal District Board Directors.

- Approval of late home-stead exemption refunds for the month of June 2008.
- Approval of an agreement for audit services with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP and authorizing mayor or mayor pro tem to execute the agreement.
- Approval of an agreement for assessment and collation of property taxes and authorizing mayor or mayor pro tem to execute the agreement.

- Approval of a subscription renewal agreement with LexisNexis for online legal research and authorizing City Attorney Linda Sjogren to execute the agreement.
 - Approval of the investment report for the quarter ending June 30, 2008.
- The meeting is to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

RESCUE

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Anglin said the two men were exhausted by the time he and a friend boated out to assist them.

"They weren't wearing life jackets, so they had been struggling pretty hard," said Anglin. "We got out there to them and gave them life jackets and helped them to the shore.

They were both exhausted. We weren't thinking of being heroes or anything like that, we just knew they needed help."

According to witnesses, Scurry County EMS, Southwest Medivac, game wardens and Scurry County sheriff's deputies all responded to the scene.

Scurry County Deputy Trey Wilson said the two men were taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Sny-

der for observation. "They had apparently swallowed a lot of water but other than that, appeared okay," said Deputy Wilson.

Both men were treated and released.

The *Snyder Daily News* contributed to this story.

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WRECKS

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ers are medically safe to drive. Another would prevent truckers from "doctor shopping" to find a physician who might overlook a risky health condition. It's unclear whether any of the eight recommendations will be done before President Bush leaves office.

"We have a major public safety problem, and we haven't corrected it," said Gerald Donaldson, senior research director at the Washington-based Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, whose members include consumer, health and safety groups and insurance companies. "You have an agency that is favorably disposed to maintaining the integrity of the industry's economic situation."

Truckers violating federal medical rules have been caught in every state, according to a review by the AP of 7.3 million commercial driver violations compiled by the Transportation Department in 2006, the latest data available. Texas, Maryland, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Alabama, New Jersey, Minnesota and Ohio were states where drivers were sanctioned most frequently for breaking medical rules, such as failing to carry a valid medical certificate. Those 12 states accounted for half of all such violations in the United States.

Consider these cases: —A Florida bus driver who suffers from lung disease and uses three daily inhalers to control breathing told congressional investigators that he "occasionally blacks out and forgets things." He works as a substitute driver de-

spite not having a medical certificate, and his commercial license expires in 2010. The driver, who was not identified but will figure prominently in a congressional hearing this week, has collected Social Security benefits since 1994. He confided to investigators that he "gets winded" walking to his mailbox but has no problem driving a passenger bus.

—A Virginia trucker with a prosthetic leg from a farm accident more than 10 years ago is permitted to drive tanker trucks until at least 2012, even though he doesn't have the proper federal paperwork required for amputees. Virginia revoked the medical license for the official who approved him to drive over charges the official was caught illegally distributing controlled substances.

—George Albright Jr., 61, smashed his 70,000-pound tractor-trailer into congested traffic on Interstate 70 in June 2006, killing four women in a Ford sedan about 30 miles east of Columbia, Mo. Albright's employer agreed earlier this year to pay \$18 million in a settlement. A Missouri jury acquitted Albright this month on four counts of second-degree involuntary manslaughter, after his lawyers argued in court that a diabetic episode "put him in an altered state of consciousness." Albright wasn't injured.

—A gasoline tanker plunged from an overpass and exploded in flames on Interstate 95 near Baltimore in January 2004, killing four people. Witnesses reported the driver slumped over the wheel. Maryland investigators concluded the driver, Jackie M. Frost, had suffered a heart attack or other medical emergency, but his family disputed that.

—The driver of a 15-passenger "Tippy Toes" day-care bus traveling 63 mph on Interstate 240 in Memphis, Tenn., in April 2002 crashed into a bridge, killing the driver and four of the six children aboard. The National Transportation Safety Board said the driver, Wesley B. Hudson, 27, fell asleep, "quite likely due to an undiagnosed sleep disorder." Investigators said children sometimes had to wake up Hudson, whom the NTSB described as obese and a marijuana user.

—A 55-passenger bus rolled off Interstate 610 in New Orleans in May 1999, killing 22 passengers. The NTSB said the bus driver, Frank Bedell, 46, suffered life-threatening kidney and heart conditions but held a valid license and medical certificate. Moments before the crash, a passenger recounted seeing the driver slumped in his seat. Bedell died three months later of an apparent heart-related illness. Investigators said he was treated at least 20 times in the 21 months before the accident for various ailments.

Some truckers said the government should enforce existing rules, not make new ones.

"Do you enjoy your clothing and house? Without the truck driver you would have none of it," said Gary Hull, 52, a trucker for a Louisiana company, as he drove from Edinburg, Texas, to Mansfield, La. "Our economy is based on the truck. People don't understand the ramifications of making it more restrictive for truck drivers to drive."

Hull said most drivers are hard workers who earn a modest salary and cope with rising diesel prices. New regulations could add to costs and force truckers

to evade the rules, he said.

The Transportation Department said 5,300 people died in crashes involving large commercial trucks or buses in 2006, the latest year for which figures are available, and about 126,000 more were injured. A federal safety study last summer found that cases where drivers fell asleep, suffered heart attacks or seizures or otherwise were physically impaired were a leading cause of serious crashes involving large trucks. But those cases included healthy drivers who fell asleep.

"The problem is major. It's one of the biggest causes of occupational death in the United States today," said Dr. Kurt Hegmann, chairman of the FMCSA's medical oversight board, which is urging more doctor visits in many cases for truckers with serious medical conditions. While it may be years before any of the board's proposals take effect, there is nothing preventing doctors from stepping up scrutiny of drivers' medical conditions right away, Hegmann said.

Congress may take action soon. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, led by Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., will conduct oversight hearings Thursday. One proposal would create a clearinghouse for drug test results for commercial truck drivers to make it easier for employers to conduct checks. Oberstar's committee asked the Government Accountability Office to investigate unfit truck drivers.

The 30-page GAO study, obtained by the AP in advance of its release later this week, said 563,000 commercial drivers were determined by the Veterans Affairs Department, Labor Department or So-

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OTHER VIEWS

Sets aside enough funds for 2010 census

The start of the once-a-decade count of the nation's population is still 21 months away, and already there are rumblings about the accuracy of the results. The bottom-line worry is that Congress won't appropriate enough money to get the job done properly.

This is a recurring concern that intensifies over the decade as the census approaches. But this time around the matter is compounded by a technology glitch that has forced a last-minute adjustment that will add considerably — about \$2 billion — to the \$11.5 billion cost of the census. All this comes as Washington politicians are having a tough time making ends meet. ...

The 435 House seats will be apportioned based on what the population figures show. ...

But the numbers are important beyond that. About \$300 billion in federal aid will be doled out each year based on those numbers. ... A miscalculation in the count in 2010 would cause problems for the rest of the decade, possibly costing New Jersey billions. ...

Congress already has approved an extra \$200 million for the effort, and the Bush administration is asking for another \$550 million in the budget that begins Oct. 1. That means another \$1 billion or more must be found the following year.

Coming up with that kind of money won't be easy, but Congress has no choice. Too much depends on an accurate count.

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A SHORT PRAYER

Help us, Lord, to be slow to judge others but quick to praise them.

Amen

Bush's flip-flop on Iran is better late than never

In praise of flip-flopping, part two. Last week, I defended Sen. Barack Obama's seeming flip on his policy for withdrawing troops from Iraq. Although it looks as if he might be flopping back now, I still think he's giving himself some needed wiggle room. At least I hope he is.

But the half gainer off the high board this week, with a huge flip, was performed by none other than President George W. Bush. He has agreed to send a high-ranking official to Europe for talks with a representative of Iran.

You might recall that this is the president who lumped Iran with Iraq and North Korea in the "axis of evil" back in January 2002. We all know what happened to Iraq, and it hasn't been very good from the perspective of the United States' vital interests. One unintended consequence (if not unanticipated by some) of the fall of Saddam Hussein and the ensuing chaos in Iraq is that Iran is now the hegemonic power in the Persian Gulf region.

Bush has done a flip on North Korea already, and that might well be a wise policy. But the decision to send Undersecretary of State William Burns, the No. 3 ranking official in the State Department, to talks with Iran is an even greater

reversal.

It represents the highest-level official contact with Iran since the 1979 hostage crisis, and even more of a reversal for an administration that has vowed not to deal with Tehran at all until it renounced its program to enrich uranium.

The point is not that Iran is suddenly a benign country. Its growing power and potential for nuclear weapons is at least a menace to the region, and may be worse. But the tendency of presidents or presidential candidates to lock themselves into intractable positions — whether a specific timetable to withdraw from Iraq or a vow not to negotiate with Iran unless it meets specific conditions — is just plain foolish. It's not been in U.S. interests for Bush to have maintained such a dogmatic approach to Iran for the past seven and a half years.

It's useless to try to fathom why the switch in policy now. Perhaps it's just the usual later-term concerns about legacy. No doubt there was quite a row within the administration about even this small, one-time-only (maybe) move.

The hard-line position is well articulated by Bush's former ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, in Tuesday's Wall Street Journal. Bolton says Washington should be giving Israel all the support it needs for a military strike against Iran's nuclear program. He warns we are at a historic turning point in a critical part of the world. Bolton and his crowd have always adhered to the axis-of-evil approach.



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The Liberal Establishment's Race Race

One would have hoped that Barack Obama's presumptive capturing of the Democratic presidential nomination would have dampened the mainstream media's obsession with race, but instead, they've figured out a way to obsess even further about it since Obama's putative victory.

You almost can't read election headlines in a major newspaper without some reference to race issues. Earlier this week, Google News featured three back-to-back stories in its "Elections" section highlighting race:

"McCain looks to make gains among black voters," "Race, Foreign-Policy Plant Doubts for Obama" and "Poll Finds Obama Isn't Closing Divide on Race."

The last one is a New York Times article analyzing results from the latest New York Times/CBS News poll. It proves the Times just can't let race go, whether it's because of the liberal guilt of its reporters and editors or because they want to keep the racial pot stirred for purposes of newspaper sales or because they deem racial polarization advantageous to Obama.

The story's lead paragraph reads: "Americans are sharply divided by race heading into the first election in which an African-American will be a major-party presidential nominee, with blacks and whites holding vastly different views of Senator Barack Obama, the state of race relations and how black Americans are treated by society, according to the Ö poll."

Tell me: Do we really need a poll, much less elitist analysts, to tell us that "Americans are sharply divided by race" when it comes to

any presidential election? What is newsworthy here? Is it not true that upward of 90 percent of black voters have been voting Democratic in all presidential elections of recent memory? Quite apart from Obama's race, blacks vote Democratic and the white vote is split.

If liberal journalists had just a little more intellectual honesty and an ounce of intellectual freedom, they could first recognize, then report, that there do not appear to be similar feelings of race alienation among whites as there are among blacks. Yet the Times article, including its title, implies there is complete mutuality.

The Times admits that part of the "polarization" is political but says the poll also "underlined the racial discord." For example, "More than 80 percent of black voters said they had a favorable opinion of Mr. Obama; about 30 percent of white voters said they had a favorable opinion of him."

But how does the 80/30 dichotomy necessarily support the Times' conclusion that it's a result of racial discord? As to the 80 percent of blacks supporting Obama, even some black conservatives are suggesting they are attracted to his candidacy — mystifying as that is — because he would be the first black president (apologies to Bill Clinton). As conservative black Michael Steele said on "Hannity & Colmes" recently, this "is not rocket science." Obama could be "elected the first African-American president of the United States."

But the dubious 30 percent favorable rating among whites, even if accurate, can't automatically be attributed to Obama's race. Obama is an extreme liberal who is running in a center-right nation and has insulted a large part of America's population with his Bittergate remarks and attended a church whose pastor condemned America. While the latter involves a racial component,

As did Bush ... until recently.

The problem with that unbending approach is that it utterly ignores the complex reality of Iran, a nation awash in political cross currents. Iran wants to be modern, it wants to be powerful, its religious leaders want to maintain its orthodoxy, its young people - many of them - want greater self expression. The revolution begun by the Ayatollah Khomeini hit a dead-end years ago, but the battle for control of the country between the fanatics and the modernizers is ongoing. And nobody knows how long the end game will take to play out.

A one-dimensional, militant approach to Iran by the United States has not and will not be productive. Is it possible to convince Tehran to give up its nuclear program? That's uncertain. The overthrow of Hussein in Iraq certainly gave some in Iran incentive for having a deterrent. A more sophisticated approach by Washington, one with carrots and sticks, always made more sense. If that's what Bush is doing now, better late than never — although it's awfully late for him.

And let it be a lesson for the two candidates: flexibility makes sense, and flip-flopping isn't the worst sin a leader can commit.

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it issues from Obama and his former church, not from whites.

The Times also quoted a black Pennsylvania Democratic poll participant implying that whites oppose Obama's candidacy because they want to stay in power: "Basically it's the same old problem, the desire for power. People get so obsessed with power and don't want to share it. There are people who are not used to blacks being on top."

What is bizarre about this is that Obama is not only the nominee but also the odds-on favorite to win the general election in a nation whose voters are overwhelmingly white. If the media must dwell on race, why can't they celebrate Obama's so-far-successful candidacy?

It's sad that these liberals are compelled to view this race through a racial prism instead of understanding that the lion's share of any opposition to Obama is based on his politics, his record and experience, his flip-flops, his statements, his arrogance and his associations, not his race.

If Obama wins, conservatives won't view him as a black president, but as a liberal one. His race is irrelevant to us, unless he and others start making everything about race and forfeit any strides we've made or aspirations we retain on colorblindness.

Race relations could improve immeasurably if the liberal establishment would quit treating minorities as exploitable objects instead of equal human beings.

If the liberal media's approach to Obama's candidacy is any indication, we'll rarely read a race-free story during Obama's term if he is elected. No matter what liberal dogma preaches, that cannot be good for blacks, other minorities or race relations in this country.

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Upgraded equipment gives docs a sharper image

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Radiology Director

A picture is worth a thousand words. That certainly describes diagnostic imaging — a powerful tool physicians use to identify health concerns quickly and accurately. The imaging services at Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) are better than ever, thanks to the recent upgrade to our magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine. “Our hospital spends nearly \$1 million annually on equipment upgrades to keep abreast of the ever-changing technology available” said George Parsley, CEO.

Unlike conventional x-ray examinations and computed tomography (CT) scans, MRI does not depend on radiation. MR imaging uses a powerful magnetic field, radio waves and a computer to produce detailed pictures of organs, soft tissues, bone and virtually all other internal body structures. The images can then be examined on a computer monitor or printed.

Because the MRI machine provides a clear view of internal organs and tissues,

it allows physicians to diagnose injuries and other health conditions much faster. MRI technology is used for diagnosing disease in the brain, spine, chest, abdomen and pelvis, as well as sports injuries in the joints. MRI is also used as a noninvasive diagnostic tool for vascular disease.

In June, 2008, the MRI equipment at SMMC was upgraded to allow for magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) which provides a detailed view of the blood vessels. At a cost of over \$200,000, this technology is extremely useful in detecting stroke and blood vessel diseases.

The patient is usually injected with contrast dye, and then the magnet aligns the water molecules in the body toward it. Radio waves coax the molecules to send back faint signals, allowing a computer to assemble images of the blood vessels.

Mario Castillo, M.D., a board-certified radiologist at SMMC, and his associates, physicians specifically trained to supervise and interpret radiology examinations, will analyze the images and send a signed report to your physician, who will share the results with you.

Other additions to the diagnostic imaging capabilities at SMMC the last few



years include a new Philips Medical Systems Forte Dual Head Nuclear Medicine Camera with increased imaging capabilities and a Philips Medical Systems Brilliance 16 slice CT scanner. This scanner allows technologists to scan patients faster and more efficiently than ever and provides more imaging options. Our lat-

est addition is the Philips Radiographic/Digital Fluoroscopic room. This new equipment makes it possible to watch organs and organ systems while they are functioning. The system is much faster and more efficient than the older analog fluoroscopy equipment.

The SMMC Radiology Department is a full-service department that operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to better accommodate patients and staff physicians.

The friendly and caring staff consists of a total of 15 ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists)/TDHMRT (Texas Department of Health Medical Radiologic Technologist) professionals with a combined experience of more than 100 years.

Among these technologists are an ARRT registered mammographer, an ARRT registered computed tomography technologist, a certified nuclear medicine technologist and an AART registered MRI technologist.

The modern technology available at SMMC's radiology department coupled with the experience and dedication of our trained professionals can help you feel confident about the level of care you receive here, close to home.

Enjoying high summer and low tea

During the summer, weekends are no less hectic than during the rest of the year. On vacation, however, I make sure to reserve some afternoons for lounging on the porch while I enjoy the sun, the bird songs and the breezes.

Sometimes, I invite friends for afternoon tea to share in the summer's serenity. Although hot weather can sometimes make serving iced tea or cold lemonade more appealing than a steaming cup of oolong, I always offer finger sandwiches and fruit tarts to my guests regardless of the heat index.

To clarify, non-Brits habitually confuse afternoon tea with high tea. High tea, served on a dining-room (or high) table, was actually the evening meal in working class homes. It was served somewhere between five and seven p.m. and fare likely included beans on toast or bangers and mash. This was a far cry from afternoon tea (or low tea), which was a ritual that aristocrats originated during Victorian times. Served between three and



five p.m., its name derives from ladies seated on sofas and settees around the low table of a formal drawing room where they sipped on tea from delicate china cups.

The first tea sandwiches, back in Victorian times, were simply bread and butter. Purists still add no more than watercress leaves or paper-thin cucumber slices. Tea sandwiches are always modestly filled and crustless.

These Ribbon Tea Sandwiches, filled with creamy egg salad and tuna, are more substantial, but still deliciously dainty. To achieve the ideal delicacy and proper union of bread and filling, they should be made ahead, wrapped in wax paper and refrigerated so the bread can soften and the filling become almost one with it. Serve with a bowl of just-picked strawberries for a perfect

summer afternoon tea.

Ribbon Tea Sandwiches

- 1 1/2 tsp. Dijon-style mustard
- 8 slices whole-wheat bread
- 8 slices firm sliced white bread
- 1 cucumber, sliced into paper-thin rounds
- 1 (6-ounce) can albacore tuna packed in water
- 4 Tbsp. low fat mayonnaise, divided
- 2 Tbsp. minced chives
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 large eggs, hard cooked, peeled, quartered

In food processor, whirl tuna with 2 1/2 tablespoons of mayonnaise until smooth. Transfer to bowl and clean out food processor. Mix in chives and sea-salt tuna to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Place eggs in food processor and pulse to chop coarsely. Add remaining

1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise and mustard. Pulse until yolks are creamy and egg whites finely chopped. Season egg salad to taste with salt and pepper.

To assemble sandwiches: Remove 4 slices of whole-wheat bread and 4 slices of white bread. Spread 1 1/2 tablespoons of tuna on a whole-wheat slice and lay a piece of white bread on top. Place a layer of sliced cucumber on bread and spread 2 tablespoons of egg salad on the white bread. Lay down another piece of whole-wheat bread and spread on 1 1/2 tablespoons of tuna. Close sandwich with a piece of white bread. Repeat to

form second stacked sandwich. Wrap each stacked sandwich in wax paper.

Next, remove 4 slices of white bread and 4 slices of whole-wheat bread. On a slice of white bread, place a layer of sliced cucumber and spread 2 tablespoons of egg salad. Lay a piece of whole-wheat bread on top. Spread 1 1/2 tablespoons of tuna salad on the whole-wheat bread. Lay down another piece of white bread, place a layer of sliced cucumber on bread and spread on 2 tablespoons of egg salad. Close sandwich with a piece of wheat bread. Repeat to form second stacked sandwich. Wrap each stacked sand-

wich in wax paper.

Refrigerate all stacked sandwiches for 4 to 24 hours. When ready to serve, using a serrated knife, trim off all the crusts. Cut each stacked sandwich into 4 long rectangles. Arrange cut sandwiches on a serving plate, either standing up or laying sideways to show the ribbons of filling. Makes 16 ribbon sandwiches.

Makes 8 servings.

Dana Jacobi is the author of "12 Best Foods Cookbook" and contributor to AICR's "New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life."

NUTRITION WISE

Q: Are imitation seafood products good choices?

A: Imitation crab, shrimp and other seafood are usually made from Alaskan pollock, a whitefish. The skinless, boneless fish is ground up, mixed with binders, salt and other flavors, cooked and then shaped. This imitation shellfish is an excellent source of low-fat protein

and is lower in cholesterol than true shellfish. A disadvantage is that it can contain nearly 700 milligrams of sodium in a modest three-ounce portion. That's almost a third of the sodium limit recommended for a whole day and almost half of the limit recommended for people with sodium-sensitive high blood pressure.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on June 27, 2008, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2007, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$275 million over the current Oncor rates or a 10.9% increase over adjusted test year revenues. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the

proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an August 8, 2008 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 35717, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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Taming the Shark

Harrington sweeps past Norman wins second straight British Open

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

SOUTHPORT, England — Padraig Harrington enjoys few moments more than the walk down 18th fairway of a century-old links course, especially with a four-shot lead in the British Open and the engraver putting the final touches on the oldest trophy in golf.

He stopped Sunday to share the moment with Greg Norman, who knows

this path all too well.

Celebration for one, sympathy for the other.

"I did say to him coming down 18 that I was sorry it wasn't his story that was going to be told," Harrington said. "I did feel that, but I wanted to win myself. In this game, you have to take your chances when you get them."

Harrington seized his opportunity by smashing

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AP photo/Jon Super

Padraig Harrington of Ireland poses with the trophy after winning his second consecutive British Open Golf championship, at the Royal Birkdale golf course in Southport, England, Sunday.

Rangers' battery delivers 1-0 win



AP photo/Jim Mone

Texas Rangers pitcher Vicente Padilla throws against the Minnesota Twins in the fifth inning of an AL baseball game Sunday, in Minneapolis. Padilla picked up his 11th win as the Rangers shut out the Twins 1-0.

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Taylor Teagarden made his first major league hit count.

The rookie broke up Scott Baker's perfect-game bid with a sixth-inning home run and caught Vicente Padilla's gem Sunday as the Texas Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 1-0.

"The only thing he didn't do was clean the stadium after the game," Texas closer C.J. Wilson said.

The Rangers denied the Twins their fourth series sweep over the past month, handing them just their eighth defeat in 31 games. Baker (6-3) took a hard-luck loss, his first in six starts.

Baker retired the first 17 Rangers who came to bat and by the time Teagarden stepped to the plate in the sixth, the crowd of 36,029 had begun to catch on. Baker received ovations before all three of his two-out, two-strike pitches to the rookie.

But with the count full, Teagarden, in just his second major league game, stroked a fastball that kept carrying and barely cleared the center-field wall and Carlos Gomez's glove.

"Baker was throwing so well at that point, I figured he was going to come with his best fastball, and he did," Teagarden said. "I just tried to put an easy swing on it and make contact."

Baker said after the game that he shouldn't have thrown a fastball.

"After thinking about it, I should've chose to treat the situation as a 0-0 game more so than a no-hitter or whatever you want to call it," he said. "You can't allow one swing like that to change the

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Dancing in Washington

Dolphins trade Taylor to Redskins for two picks

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The trade Jason Taylor and the Miami Dolphins sought for months came together quickly once the Washington Redskins suddenly found themselves needing a defensive end.

With that, the Taylor soap opera in Miami was over.

On Sunday, the Redskins gave the Dolphins a second-round pick in 2009 and a sixth-round choice in 2010 for Taylor, who is leaving the only NFL team he's known. The deal came about nine hours after starting defensive end Phillip Daniels was carted away from the practice field at Redskins Park with a season-ending left knee injury on Day 1 of training camp.

Taylor, a six-time Pro Bowl defensive end, fell out of favor in the new Bill Parcells regime in Miami after spending his offseason on TV's "Dancing With the Stars" rather than working out with

teammates.

Taylor was expected to report to the Redskins on Monday, when he'll meet team owner Dan Snyder and undergo a physical.

"We're fortunate there was a guy that caliber on the market when somebody got hurt," executive vice president Vinny Cerrato said. "Normally, in most years, there's not a guy of that caliber on the market."

The 33-year-old Taylor played 11 seasons in Miami, and he started every game each of the past eight years. He was the 2006 NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

"I love Miami (and) will always cherish my 11 years with the Dolphins," Taylor said in a statement. "Having said that, I'm looking forward to meeting with Mr. Snyder and getting to know my new coaches and teammates. I'm just proud to be representing our nation's capi-

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Sports in brief

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School 2008 football season tickets go on sale July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only people 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.

City of Big Spring Tennis Camp starts July 28

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen and Big Spring Junior High coach Jason Fisher are hosting a second City of Big Spring Tennis Camp Monday, July 28, through Thursday, July 31, at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Cost is \$100 and includes a lunch each day.

The camp is for all ages and ability levels and is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Big Spring Boxing Club taking sign-ups, donations and volunteers

The Big Spring Boxing Club has opened its doors and continues to take sign-ups for any male or female from ages 9-26.

Those interested can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park, which is on Father Delaney St. on the north side of town. There is no cost for the training.

Also needed is anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or as a sparring partner.

Some equipment donations are also needed. Anyone with questions or wanting to volunteer or donate can call Lee at 816-7995 or Willie at 935-0273.

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.

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Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

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

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For more information, visit www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups start Aug. 2

Crossroads Youth Football Association begins sign-ups for both football and cheerleading for the 2008 season Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Subsequent sign-up dates will be held Aug. 9, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall. Late sign-ups for football only is Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no late sign-ups for cheerleading.

For more information, visit www.freewebs.com/cyfa. For questions regarding football, call John Sotelo at 816-3060, and for cheerleading, contact Trish Hobby at 393-5647.

Cubs, Dempster shut down struggling Astros, 9-0

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Ryan Dempster finally won on the road for the Chicago Cubs.

Dempster struck out seven in eight shutout innings to earn his first road victory in two years and the Cubs snapped a three-game losing streak with a 9-0 win over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

Mike Fontenot hit a solo homer

and a two-run double and Derrek Lee had three RBIs to help Chicago shake out a mini-offensive slump that bridged the All-Star break.

Dempster (11-4) allowed six hits, all singles, and got his first road win since June 2, 2006, at St. Louis. He's 10-1 in 12 starts at Wrigley Field this season, but was 0-3 with a 4.03 ERA in eight starts away from home before Sunday.

"Such a relief," Dempster said with a smile. "All the questions can stop now."

The Astros had their four-game winning streak snapped.

The Cubs scored only four runs in their previous three games and batted .210 over that span. They had only one hit in their last 15 at-bats with runners in scoring position before getting two runs in the first inning against Houston starter Brandon

Backe (6-10).

Kosuke Fukudome, in a 10-for-62 slump coming into the game, doubled to left with one out and scored on Lee's double to right-center. Jim Edmonds scored Lee with a single to center.

Ryan Theriot, who went 3-for-5 and extended his hitting streak to 13 games, said Houston's pitching deserved some of the credit for the Cubs' offensive

woes in their first two games after the break.

"We ran into some tough pitching," Theriot said. "I don't really want to put all the blame on the offense. I don't buy into that too much. You've got to give the other guys credit. But it's good to score some runs and get a victory."

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a pair of fairway metals into the par 5s that carried him to a 32 on the back nine of blustery Royal Birkdale and made him Europe's first player in more than a century to win the British Open two years in a row.

"Obviously, winning a major puts you in a special club," Harrington said after closing with a 1-under 69 to win by four shots over Ian Poulter. "Winning two of them puts you in a new club altogether."

Norman got a chance no one saw coming.

Still on his honeymoon with tennis great Chris Evert, at 53 only a part-time golfer with no expectations, the Shark found himself with a two-shot lead going into the final round and still one shot ahead with nine holes to play.

It ended like so many other majors for Norman — a quick succession of bogeys, the clutch shots belonging to someone else. He made eight bogeys in gusts that reached 40 mph, closed with a 77 and tied for third.

"Where does it rank in those? Probably not as high as some of the other ones," Norman said of the six other times he lost a 54-hole lead in a major. "Quite honestly, I'm sure I surprised a lot of people."

So did Harrington.

The 36-year-old Irishman injured his right wrist eight days ago, and it was so sore that he could only practice for nine holes on Tuesday and for three swings on the eve of his title defense.

He gave himself a 75 percent chance of starting, 50 percent of finishing.

Turns out that wrist was strong enough to hit all the right shots. Better yet, it was strong enough to lift the claret jug.

"It was a great distraction for me," Harrington said. "It took a lot of pressure off me. It took a lot of stress off me. The fact that I didn't play three practice rounds like normal for a major was a big bonus. I was very fresh going into the weekend, and this 36 holes was a real battle."

Harrington first had to take the lead from Norman, which he did on the par-3 12th when Norman missed a 10-foot par putt. Then came a late charge from Poulter, who made a 15-foot birdie on the 16th and saved par with a 15-footer on the final hole for a 69 that looked like it might be good enough to win.

But the Irishman responded with clutch shots of his own. He hit a 3-wood into the wind to 40 feet on the par-5 15th and got down in two putts for birdie, giving him a two-shot lead. Standing in the 17th fairway, still aware that Norman could make eagle and stay in the game, Harrington

hit a 5-wood that bounded onto the green and up the ridge, stopping 4 feet away for eagle.

That gave him a four-shot lead, and he knew it was over when his tee shot found the 18th fairway.

What a change from last year, when Harrington made double bogey on the 18th hole, got into a playoff only when Sergio Garcia couldn't save par, and couldn't celebrate at Carnoustie until a testy 3-footer for par on the last hole of overtime.

"I enjoyed the claret jug so much I didn't want to give it back," Harrington said.

He finished at 3-over 283, becoming the first European since James Braid in 1905-06 to win the Open in successive years.

It was his first victory since the British Open last year, and it could not have come at a better time. Harrington moved to the top of Europe's Ryder Cup standings, and the victory moved him to No. 3 in the world ranking behind Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson.

"I'm quite enjoying this," Harrington said, cradling the claret jug. "I don't think I'll get down off the stage."

Norman played a familiar role as the tragic figure.

He lost his two-shot lead after the third hole and wound up in a tie for third with Henrik Stenson, who shot 71. The 77 was one shot better than the last time Norman

led a major, closing with a 78 in the 1996 Masters.

"I walk away from here disappointed, but with my head held high, because I hung in there," Norman said.

Poulter thought he could bring England its first British Open since Nick Faldo in 1992, playing bogey-free over his final 15 holes. He went to the practice range in case of a playoff, but put his clubs away when he saw that Harrington made eagle on the 17th hole.

"I can only do what I can do," Poulter said. "And I done my best."

Norman tried to keep alive his hopes with a 35-foot par putt on the 14th, and a shot from a pot bunker that made him spin backward, turning to see the ball land 4 feet away at the 15th for his only birdie of the day. Harrington, however, didn't back down.

"Padraig played brilliantly today, even though he tried to let it get away in the middle of the round," Norman said. "He came back and performed brilliantly, and he finished like a true champion."

The leaderboard featured a familiar name, missing an "s."

Chris Wood, a 20-year-old amateur from England, closed in on the lead until three straight bogeys on the back nine. He finished with a 72 and tied for fifth at 10-over 290 with Jim Furyk (71).

"It's been the best week of my life," Wood said.

Norman felt much the same, except for the final day.

What an amazing week for the Shark — spending his honeymoon in Skibo Castle, showing up at Royal Birkdale to tune up for the Senior British Open and Senior U.S. Open, then feeling those old competitive juices.

Fans perched themselves atop every sand dune to see if Norman could pull off a victory that would have ranked among the most stunning in golf, from Jack Nicklaus winning the Masters at age 46 to Ben Hogan returning from a life-threatening car crash to win the U.S. Open.

But instead of a fairy-tale ending, he delivered a rerun of opportunities lost in the majors.

Norman hit into a pot bunker on the first hole and made bogey. He missed the green left on the second hole and made bogey. His tee shot buried in the right rough on the third hole for another bogey. And he had to make an 8-foot putt to save bogey on the sixth.

Just like that, a two-shot lead over Harrington turned into a two-shot deficit.

Harrington gave him one last chance with three straight bogeys to close out the front nine. That was the last bogey he made.

"This year is more satisfying," Harrington said.

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tal as a Redskin."

Taylor had 11 sacks during the 2007 season, giving him 117 for his career. He wants to pursue an acting career, but his agent, Gary Wichard, said it's possible Taylor will play beyond the coming season.

"He's excited about going to Washington — he wanted an opportunity to compete in the playoffs in 2008," Wichard said. "At the same time, this is the end of his years with the Dolphins, so it's kind of bitter-sweet."

Parcells, the Dolphins' execu-

tive vice president of football operations, fumed this offseason as Taylor focused on non-football interests rather than working out in South Florida.

Taylor finished second to Kristi Yamaguchi in this year's "Dancing With the Stars" competition in Los Angeles, and as he became a TV celebrity, his feud with Parcells escalated. At one point Taylor said he was unhappy he had spoken "probably less than a minute each" with Parcells and new general manager Jeff Ireland — something the player perceived as a sort of silent treatment.

In mid-May, Dolphins coach Tony Sparano made a cryptic announcement that Taylor wasn't expected to take part in

any team activities through training camp. That signaled the Dolphins were intent on making a trade — especially because in April, they had drafted two potential replacements for Taylor: Clemson's Phillip Merling in the second round, and Hampton's Kendall Langford in the third round.

The Dolphins released statements from Ireland and owner Wayne Huizenga thanking Taylor for his contributions. There was no comment from Parcells.

"Ever since he joined the team as a rookie, he has been outstanding on the field and a leader in our community," Huizenga said. "Whether it was his intensity between the lines or his

commitment to his charitable works, he made a lasting impact here."

If the trade had not been made, Wichard said, Taylor planned to report to the Dolphins before their camp starts Saturday. There had been speculation Taylor might hold out.

Last season, he was chosen NFL Man of the Year and was the lone Pro Bowl player for a Dolphins team that went 1-15. His departure is the latest move in a major roster shakeup.

Zach Thomas, the other anchor of the Dolphins' defense over the past decade, was released in February and signed with the Dallas Cowboys — meaning he and Taylor, who are brothers-in-law, go from being teammates to

being members of NFC East rivals.

In Miami, Taylor played primarily at right end, but Cerrato said Washington will move him to the left side, where Daniels was the starter. Andre Carter plays right defensive end for the Redskins.

Daniels tore a left knee ligament on the initial play of 7-on-7 offense vs. defense drills. He stayed down on the turf for several minutes before being taken away on a cart, a towel draped over his head.

He's expected to have surgery Friday.

AP Sports Writer Steven Wine in Miami contributed to this report.

RANGERS

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whole plane of the game."

But catcher Joe Mauer defended the pitch.

"If Scott can do that the rest of the year, we're going to be pretty tough," Mauer said. "He threw the ball well. That's a guy you want to go after, and he put a good swing on it. I wish we could've got him some runs."

Baker took a perfect game into the ninth inning last August against Kansas City, but gave up a walk and a hit before finishing the shutout. He finished Sunday with eight strikeouts, one short of a career high. He completed a season-high eight innings, giving up two hits and a walk.

Padilla (11-5), activated from the disabled list before the game, gave up three hits in seven innings. He threw just 80 pitches and said he could've gone further but decided not to chance it.

Padilla had pitched well before landing on the DL with neck stiffness — he was 8-1 with a 3.23 ERA between April 27 and June 23 — and appeared to be back in form. Rangers

manager Ron Washington said he was impressed with Padilla's low pitch count and use of all his pitches, including three off-speed deliveries clocked on the stadium radar between 50 and 54 mph.

Padilla was the final member of the Rangers' original five-man rotation to spend time on the disabled list, and they lead the majors in runs allowed. But for Washington, Padilla's start was a good sign.

"What he did today is what he's capable of," Washington said. "It was encouraging for the team because we've been struggling to get some things going. He gave us all a shot in the arm."

Wilson pitched the ninth for his 23rd save, and 15th straight. Mauer walked with two outs in the inning and advanced to third on a wild pitch that Teagarden

had trouble finding, but Justin Morneau grounded out to end the game.

And while Teagarden might have overshadowed Padilla, it could be a while before he gets the chance to shine again.

The Rangers need to make some pitching staff moves — including activating Eric Hurley, who is expected to start Monday. Catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia is expected to return from illness soon, and Teagarden is a candidate to be sent back down.

"I don't know what the rotation is with the catchers, or what the situation is, but I'm just going to keep playing hard," Teagarden said. "Whatever decision they want to make is fine."

Notes: Twins INF Nick Punto was available for defense after experiencing improvement in his

sprained knuckle and should be available to avoid the DL. He could be ready Monday. RF Michael Cuddyer, however, has made little progress with a similar injury and is still out indefinitely. He'll have a CT scan to check the bone and see if there's anything else wrong.

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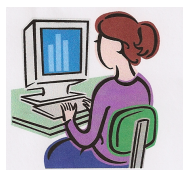

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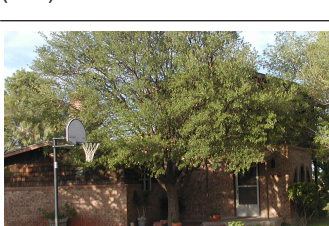
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a fascination with the tragedies that affect those at a distance. Recognizing sadness in the world makes you realize how lucky you are and shakes you out of self-imposed suffering.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Oscar Wilde said that if you're going to tell people the truth, you had better make them laugh or they will kill you. He was on to something. Stay mum on a certain subject until you know the best way to put things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You created a situation and it's up to you to call it a problem or a blessing. To an increasing degree it will be whatever you call it. Make things simple by deciding one way to go and sticking with it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a day to correct your emotional posture. If you have been leaning

Tomorrow's Horoscope

toward something you want, stop leaning. Stand up straight inside yourself and gather your forces. Figure out where to go next, then march. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A recent acquisition will give you an inordinate amount of satisfaction. It's nothing but pleasure to lavish your love and attention on this new "toy." Whatever price you paid, it was well worth it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your imagination is strong. It would be a shame to not indulge in escapist fantasies where you can join magic worlds and interact with dazzling beings who accept you immediately as one of them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have power over something you believe you are helpless to control. A change in you makes everything change. Instead of thinking this over, believe it and act as if it were true. You'll amaze yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You understand what others don't. That doesn't mean that it's your job to teach them, although if you're asked to do so, you probably will. In general, you're more compassionate to the plight of your fellow humans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a wild world and that's just the way you like it. You want the routine to be overturned, the card dealer to unexpectedly leave in the middle of your game and your own mind to keep surprising

you. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been waiting for a few repairs to happen and now they will — not a moment too soon. Stay on top of it to make sure that you're getting what was promised to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Thank your stars that you're busy and haven't the time to investigate enticing and potentially treacherous paths. It's the idle people who easily fall prey to trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People test you before they let you get closer. Your initiation into a private group is not formal, but it's real. You pass, just by being yourself and taking the same actions you would take for anyone.

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: Cancer children are often shy and perceptive, which is why Hatty Jones appears charmingly old-fashioned against the modern backdrop of buzz. As Madeline in the movie version of the children's book, like bringing a bygone doll from a kid's classic to life, Hatty easily captured the kind thoughtfulness and manner of a girl of a different era. As a Cancer, she's just being herself.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Annie: My 19-year-old daughter, "Jessye," just finished her freshman year at college. Two weeks before, she called to say she had run out of food money, so I sent her \$100. I later found out she had flown to Florida before final exams. She stayed two days with a male friend at the beach. I went off the deep end, took back the \$100 and let her know I was very upset.

Jessye claims it's her life and she is free to do whatever she wants. She also says this guy is just a friend; there was no sex. I say a trip to shack up with a guy is just plain wrong, regardless of whether there's sex or not. I told her the values

she was raised with would not allow this. End of discussion. After this incident, the first thing I did was tell her she is not welcome to live at home since she is no longer a member of our household.

She can visit (and she is now), but she cannot stay. Further, since she chooses to have no respect for my values and opinions, I will not support her lifestyle at college.

She will be on her own, and I told her to "have a nice life." Am I being too harsh? Must I support Jessye's college career even though I don't support her choices? — Help Needed in Upstate New York

Dear New York: Jessye is an adult, and you no longer control how she chooses to live her life. However, you certainly are under no obligation to pay for her choices. Is your stand harsh? Yes, and you run the risk of alienating Jessye, giving you even less influence on her future decisions.

Examine what you hope to achieve. Many parents draw a line in the sand, hoping to convince their adult child to conform, but it rarely works. Instead, it tends to increase the distance. Disapproval is understandable, but

punitive actions can hurt you both. Be careful.

Dear Annie: Is it OK to let a 4-year-old boy go into a men's restroom by himself because he likes to use the urinal? His mom stood outside the

door the whole time, but I still think it's wrong. There are many sex offenders out there, and when I baby-sit for him, I take him to the ladies' restroom with me. Am I overreacting? — Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth: No. It is an unfortunate risk these days to allow a young child to use a public restroom alone. Women's restrooms have stalls that ensure privacy and a 4-year-old boy should not disturb anyone. The urinal can wait. (Something to look forward to.)

Dear Annie: I am a mother, wife and nurse. Two years ago, I had a major surgery that required me to take pain medication for several weeks. Before long, I couldn't think of anything except ways to get more. I was addicted.

I tried to stop, but the pain of withdrawal was just too much. I hid my addiction from everyone until the shame and guilt became so bad I

considered suicide. I finally told my husband, and the next day checked into a detox center. Upon my release, I went straight to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting. At that meeting I realized there are many people just like me. I felt hope that there is a better way to live and faith that I can make it through a day without using drugs. I have now been clean for 90 days.

There are still some very rough days, but it is nice to be able to "feel" again. Please tell your readers, if they or someone they love is addicted to drugs, go to an NA meeting. You will find the help you need. — Florida

Dear Florida: NA is a wonderful organization, and we hope readers in similar situations will contact them at P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409 (na.org).

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'll be in the basement helpin' Dad fix the leaky pipe."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

... but my friend will have to do her own laundry."

HAGAR

WE ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES AT THE CRACK OF DAWN!

WHAT DOES THE CRACK OF DAWN SOUND LIKE?

BLONDIE

Enough's enough, boss! I'm demanding a raise right now!!

And you know what I'm doing right now, Bumstead?! I'm kicking you in the pants!!!

I'D NEVER TELL HIM, BUT A KICK IN THE PANTS JUST DOESN'T WORK WHEN IT'S 'TEXTED'!

BC

HEY, WILEY, HAVEN'T SEEN ANY POEMS LATELY.

YEAH... WRITER'S BLOCK.

WELL, I AIN'T COMPLAININ' THERE ONCE WAS A JERK NAMED CURLS...

WIZARD OF ID

YOUR KNIGHTS ARE LINED UP, READY TO TAKE THEIR LOYALTY OATH TO YOU

WHERE ARE MY ARCHERS?

AGNES

ARE YOU TRYING TO LOOK AT ME WITH DISDAIN? IF YOU ARE, IT NEEDS WORK.

IT COMES ACROSS AS VERY AMATEURISH. POINT YOUR NOSE UP A BIT MORE, AND LET YOUR LIP CURL UP SO GENTLY INTO JUST A HINT OF A SNEER... THERE YOU GO! THAT'S MUCH BETTER!

I ONLY WANT TO INSPIRE GREATNESS.

HI AND LOIS

I HATE THESE MULTIPLEX THEATERS

WHY?

THE OTHER COAST

HOW'S YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN GOING, SIMON?

GONE. FINISHED.

BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE GROWING A PRIZE PUMPKIN THIS YEAR.

SNUFFY SMITH

YOU BEEN DREAMIN' 'BOUT ME?

NOPE-- BEEN HAVIN' NIGHTMARES!!

HMPF !! WAIT, MARY BETH, IT AIN'T LIKE THAT !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

LOOK AT THAT SUNSET!

SO? YOU'VE SEEN ONE SUNSET AND YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL

This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2008. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 21, 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

On this date:
In 1831, Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1930, President Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration.

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1954, the Geneva Conference concluded with accords dividing Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1955, during a summit in Geneva, President Eisenhower

presented his "open skies" proposal under which the U.S. and the Soviet Union would trade information on each other's military facilities and allow aerial reconnaissance.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a suborbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

One year ago: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the final volume of the wizard series by J.K. Rowling, went on sale.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 86. Movie director Norman Jewison is 82. Actor Paul Burke is 82. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 70. Actress Patricia Elliott is 66. Actor David Downing is 65. Actor Edward Herrmann is 65. Actor Leigh Lawson is 63. Actor Wendell Burton is 61. Actor Art Hindle is 60. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 60. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 60. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 57. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 55.

Comedian Jon Lovitz is 51. Actor Lance Guest is 48. Actor Matt Mulhern is 48. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 45. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is 42. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 39. Country singer Paul Brandt is 36. Actress Ali Landry is 35. Actor Josh Hartnett is 30. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 30. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 30. Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 30. Singer Blake Lewis ("American Idol") is 27. Actress Vanessa Lengies is 23. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 19.

Thought for Today: "This is the final test of a gentleman: His respect for those who can be of no possible service to him." —William Lyon Phelps, American educator (1865-1943).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reads, as a bar code
 - 6 Use a phone
 - 10 Scotland
 - 14 Dole out
 - 15 Region
 - 16 "See no..."
 - 17 Needing repair
 - 19 Cutlet meat
 - 20 Conceit
 - 21 Marsh plant
 - 22 For all to see
 - 24 Small bites
 - 25 Fly like an eagle
 - 26 Footwear
 - 28 Part of a paragraph
 - 32 Petty quarrels
 - 33 Chimps and orangutans
 - 34 Close by
 - 35 Genie's offering
 - 36 Cowboy actor Rogers
 - 37 Computer input
 - 38 Prefix meaning "against"
 - 39 Diva's solo
 - 40 Quotes, as a reference source
 - 41 Singing star loved by high-schoolers
 - 43 Charity supporter
 - 44 Get taller
 - 45 Ladder crosspiece
 - 46 Family member
 - 49 Cut calories

- 50 Chatter endlessly
 - 53 Toast topping
 - 54 Door sign that denies admittance
 - 57 Jai
 - 58 Long periods of time
 - 59 Speak formally
 - 60 Hushed "Hey!"
 - 61 Lavish affection (on)
 - 62 and Clark expedition
- DOWN**
- 1 Sensible
 - 2 Plumbing problem
 - 3 Choir voice
 - 4 "Immediately!"
 - 5 Fairy tales, e.g.
 - 6 Bakery buys
 - 7 Desertlike
 - 8 Spy novelist Deighton
 - 9 Seaside ponds
 - 10 Eternal
 - 11 Baking appliance
 - 12 Pill container
 - 13 Wartime comrade
 - 18 Salespeople, for short
 - 23 Butter portion
 - 24 "That's easy!"
 - 25 Informal farewell
 - 26 Backbone
 - 27 Undue speed
 - 28 Go bad
 - 29 "Cool!"
 - 30 Supply party food for
 - 31 Historical times
 - 32 Attack, as a fly
 - 33 Cupid's weapon
 - 39 Decorated
 - 40 Hold in check
 - 42 Anger
 - 43 Song for two
 - 45 Washer cycle
 - 46 Wash-up need
 - 47 Misfortunes
 - 48 Salty bodies of water
 - 49 Fender-bender result
 - 50 Chew, squirrel-style
 - 51 First part of a play
 - 52 Stinging insects
 - 55 Tic-tac-toe winner
 - 56 "you kidding?"

NEGATIVITY

by Gail Grabowski

Edited by Stanley Newman

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ASTROS

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The Astros held a fan event on the field before the game and neither team took batting practice. Cubs manager Lou Piniella joked that his team may not take BP at all whenever they return to Houston.

"We'll make the bus 5:15 or 5:30, come out here and stretch and play," Piniella said.

Dempster allowed only singles by Carlos Lee and Lance Berkman in the first four innings.

Backe threw three perfect innings after the shaky first, but Fontenot homered down the right-field line with one out in the fifth to put the Cubs up 3-0. The second baseman has eight homers this season, six in his last 19 games.

Dempster only faced real trouble once, when the Astros loaded the bases with no outs in the fifth.

Miguel Tejada and Geoff Blum opened the inning with back-to-back singles.

Hunter Pence hit a high bouncer to Theriot and the shortstop threw late to second, loading the bases for J.R. Towles, a .144 hitter. Dempster struck him out on three pitches.

Dempster then struck out Backe looking on a 3-2 pitch and Backe yelled at home-plate umpire Bill Miller as he stomped back to the dugout.

The fiery Backe was still steamed about the call after the game.

"To be honest, I saw the replay and it was just as bad as I thought it was," he said. "There's no telling what would've happened if he'd have called ball four. It would've been 3-1 with the top of the lineup coming up. Maybe we would've gone up 5-3. That was a big, big blow for us."

Kaz Matsui popped out to end the inning.

"We needed to score some runs in the worst way right there," said Houston manager Cecil Cooper.

After Theriot added an RBI single in the seventh for the Cubs, Cooper

brought in Wesley Wright to relieve.

Dempster hit 100 pitches in the eighth, but still looked strong, striking out Matsui and Darin Erstad. He retired Berkman on a flyout to right.

Fontenot tacked on a two-run double in the ninth off Houston reliever Chris Sampson. The Astros bullpen had not allowed a run in 13 1-3 innings and Sampson had not given up a run in his last six appearances.

Fontenot scored on Theriot's broken-bat single to make it 7-0. Lee added a two-run single later in the inning off Chad Paronto, giving the Cubs their highest run total since a 9-2 win over San Francisco on June 30.

Notes: Berkman is 4-for-27 (.148) against the Cubs this season. ... Mark DeRosa made a diving catch on Matsui's sinking liner in the first inning. ... The Cubs have recorded a double in 18 consecutive games for the second time this season.

Favre declines to address rift

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre stuck to the script, declining to address his public rift with the Green Bay Packers in an appearance at Lambeau Field on Saturday.

In town to present former teammate Frank Winters for induction into the Packers' Hall of Fame at a banquet Saturday night, Favre briefly spoke with reporters about his former center's career before abruptly stepping off the stage and ducking out a side door.

But before he left, Favre paused to praise the place where he used to play — and now is trying to make a play to get away from.

"That's the thing about Green Bay," said Favre, who spoke for about three minutes. "It's a special place. There's a lot of tradition. You think of the Packers, you think of all these great names, and to be a part of that — and I know Frank feels honored — is a special thing. I'm thankful that he asked me to be here."

With that, Favre introduced Winters and walked off the stage.

Favre also put the smoldering controversy aside when he received a team MVP award during Saturday night's event, calling himself "an old, gray-haired quarterback showing I can still do it."

Favre went out of his way to thank for-

mer teammates, something he chided himself for forgetting to do during the taping of the ESPY awards in Los Angeles last week.

"It's all about the team," Favre said. "I hope I have never lost sight of that."

Favre also put the matter aside as he introduced Winters. Packers general manager Ted Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy both were present for the ceremony.

The only passing mention to the latest chapter in the Favre retirement saga came from event master of ceremonies Larry McCarren, a former Packers player and current broadcaster.

"There are bigger problems in the world than the one the Packer nation is wrestling with now," McCarren said early on as he urged attendees to put the issue aside for the night.

On Saturday afternoon, Winters said he was glad Favre kept his commitment to present him to the Packers' Hall of Fame.

"There's a lot of people probably, around the NFL and the United States probably thinking Brett wouldn't show up today," said Winters, who asked Favre to present him several months ago. "But I knew deep down inside he would, and he told me he would be here, and it's a great honor."

sudoku

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q J 9 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 10 6 4
♣ 9 6 5
WEST
♠ A 6 4
♥ 9 8 7
♦ A Q 9 7 5
♣ A 8
EAST
♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 2
♦ K 3 2
♣ K 7 3
SOUTH
♠ K 7
♥ A Q 10 5 3
♦ 8
♣ Q J 10 4 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ Dble
Pass 1♠ 2♣ Pass
Pass Dble

Opening lead — ace of clubs.
Partscore contracts are not usually as dramatic as games or slams, but they provide at least as many opportunities for skillful play. Here is an exceptionally well-defended hand played in an intercity match many years ago between Los Angeles and New York.

The L.A. South opened one heart, West (Howard Schenken) doubled, and East (George Rapee) responded one spade. Rapee's hand was much stronger than his spade response suggested, but he judged it not quite good enough for a jump-response.

After South bid two clubs, West and North passed. Rapee now felt he had to do something to show his values, so he doubled, and everyone passed. Schenken decided to lead a trump in order to protect any heart strength his partner might have. After playing the ace and viewing dummy, he continued with the eight of clubs, on which dummy played low, and so did Rapee!

Had Rapee won the eight and returned a trump, South would have made the contract. Dummy's nine would have provided an entry for a successful heart finesse, and declarer would have lost only one spade, one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

As it was, South won the club eight with the ten and led the king of spades. Schenken very properly ducked, but won the next spade with the ace and returned a low diamond. Rapee won with the king, cashed the trump king and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed and played the A-3 of hearts. Rapee took the jack and returned his last diamond.

Declarer ruffed and played another heart. Rapee won with the king — the sixth trick for the defense — but had to concede the last two tricks to dummy's Q-J of spades.

East-West didn't score much — 100 points — but they earned every point they got. At the other table, where the defense was less inspired, South made three clubs.

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