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Youngsters find 'brain freeze' hazard of contest



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins Walker Bark, 8, a student at Elbow Elementary, succumbs to the pains of "brain freeze" during Saturday mornings ice

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

took 13-year-old Matthew Rodriguez less than 60 seconds to put away a cup of ice cream and several ice cream sandwiches, earning him the speed eating crown during Saturday morning's contest at the Farmer's Market.

Rodriguez, who was just one of more than a dozen area youth who turned out at Heart of the City Park for the competition, said

the secret to his Rodriguez success was sim-

"You just have to eat," said Rodriguez, who attends school at Big Spring Junior High. "You don't chew and you get as much as you can in your mouth and just start swallowing. I started getting some brain freeze at the end, but it wasn't that bad. It was a lot of fun."

"Oh man, that hurt!" yelled 8-year-old Walker Bark in the closing seconds of the contest. "I got brain freeze!"

"It wasn't that bad," said 10-year-old Tara Massingill, student at Coahoma Elementary.

In addition to ice cream guzzling bragging rights, Rodriquez received tickets to Six Flags for winning the

competition. The contest was sponsored and coordinated by the West Texas Producers and Farmers Market, and is a part of several Saturdaybased events planned for the current season.

Themes include home canning demonstrations Aug. 19; Labor Day celebration, Sept. 9; Deiz y Seis celebration in conjunction with LULAC, Sept. 16; Safety Saturday, Oct. 7; and Halloween candy and closing events, Oct. 28.

The theme for Saturday Aug. 5 will be a watermelon eating contest.

Contact Staff Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Sales tax

cream eating contest at the Farmer's Market in downtown Big Spring.

Rebates for area cities continue to be strong

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Sales tax rebates continued to remain strong in July, with almost every Crossroads area community witnessing doubledigit improvement compared to a year ago, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

That includes Big Spring, which received a 21.65 percent increase over the previous July.

Big Spring received \$383,065.34 this month compared to \$314,873.88 for July of 2005. For the year, the Howard County seat has collected \$2,869,558.05 — up 18.7 percent compared to a year ago.

Coahoma continued to experience strong increases. The community took in \$6,027.07 this month compared to **\$4,155.15** for July of 2005 - a 45.05 percent increase. For the year, Coahoma has received \$44,406.92, up 34.23 percent when compared to the first seven months of

Forsan's sales tax rebates were up 20.76 percent for July. Forsan took in \$7,710.45 this month, compared to \$5,618 in July of 2005. For the year thus far, Forsan has received \$49,385, a figure

ahead of last year's pace by 19.32 percent.

Abilene brought home \$2,552,041.47 this month, up 16.26 percent compared to the \$2,194,943.17 that came in for July Abilene has received \$18,337,117.97 this year, up 9.85 percent.

Andrews, which increased its sales tax from 1 percent to 1.75 percent in November, continued to post huge increases — 158.68 percent this time - comparing July 2006 rebates of \$180,171.61 to July 2005 rebates of \$69,649.26. For the year, Andrews has received \$1,385,173.22, up 143.77 percent.

Brownfield took in \$74,709.19 this month, a 30.15 percent increase when compared to the \$57,399.21 taken in for July 2005. Through the first seven months of 2006, Brownfield has received \$585,901.07, up

21.35 percent. Colorado City had an increase of 14.66 percent, comparing sales tax rebates received this month — \$35,218.71 — to rebates received in July of last year - \$30,715.24. For the year, the Mitchell County seat has received \$275,086.79, up 8.44 per-

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FESTIVAL FAVORITES



Make no mistake, Mary Cervantes has made her fair share of gorditas over the years, as the local woman helps prepare the tasty breads for the annual St. Thomas Catholic Church Festival.

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SHUTTLE BACK SAFELY

Space shuttle Discovery and its crew of six returned to Earth through overcast skies Monday, ending a successful mission that put NASA back in the space station construction business.

Discovery landed at Kennedy Space Center at 9:14 a.m. in only the second shuttle flight since the 2003 Columbia disaster.

Welcome back Discovery and congratulations on a great mission." Mission Control told shuttle commander Steven Lindsey after Discovery rolled to a stop.

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SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

The Howard County A&M Club will hold its annual scholarship auction and reunion Saturday, July 22, at the Big Spring Country Club. Everyone is invit-

Items will be on display beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the auction set for 6:30 p.m. Up for bid include vacation trips, celebrity autographed items and much

Funds raised through the auction allow the club to provide scholarships to Texas A&M University for area high school graduates.

For more information, call 263-4204.

ESSAY CONTEST HELD

Children, can you explain why freedom of speech is important?

Hangar 25 Air Museum is sponsoring an essay contest for children age 5-14. All you have to do is write a 250- to 500word essay on the topic, "Why freedom of speech is important to me and to the country."

The winner will receive a backpack and a \$50 gift certificate toward school supplies in time for the 2006-2007 school year.

The deadline to enter is Aug. 4. For more information, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999.

Obituaries

Mildred Faye Warren

Mildred Faye Warren, 91, of Coahoma died on Saturday, July 15, 2006, in a Snyder nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church officiating. Interment will at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on July 1, 1915, in Jefferson County, Okla., and married George Warren on Sept. 21, 1935, in Howard County. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1988.

Faye came to Howard County in 1934 from Oklahoma. She worked at several grocery stores in Coahoma for more than 30 years.

She attended and was active at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and J.D. Goswick of Snyder; two daughtersin-law, Lora Warren of Big Spring and Judy Warren of Mission; two brothers, Alvie Lee Harrison of Big Spring and Wayne Harrison of Orange; one sister, Garnet Johnson of Comanche; six grandchildren, Lelan and Rhonda Warren of Dallas, Jay Goswick of Abilene, Michelle Warren of Conroe, Chad and Kim Warren of Austin, Brad Warren of College Station and Ric and Lacey Warren of Somerville; a granddaughterin-law, Dianna Warren of Fredericksburg; a greatgranddaughter, Emily Warren of Fredericksburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Doug Warren and Doyle Warren; a grandson, Gene Warren; four brothers, Lavorn Harrison, J. W. Harrison, Clifton Harrison and Clinton Harrison; and three sisters, Elsie Blanks, Pauline Stout and Emma Jean

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

Paid obituary

J.W. Holt

J.W. Holt, 71, of Stanton died on Friday, July 14, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Chaplain Joe Torres of Home Hospice officiating. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born on May 1, 1935, in Coleman. He married Frances Tilley and she preceded him in death in Sept. 21, 1998. He then married Louise Luxton in 2000.

Mr. Holt worked in various occupations, mostly in construction, and owned and operated his own construction business with his brother. He also had owned a trucking company.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Holt of Stanton; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Becki Holt of Stanton; a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Thomas Hodges of Big Spring; a brother, G.W. Holt of California: three grandsons: two great-grandchildren: two step-sons, Billy Luxton and Tony Luxton; four step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, George and Alice Goolsby Holt; three brothers, Jack, Pee Wee and George; and one sister. Edith Simmons.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. condolences can made www.npwelch.com

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-12-21-22-42. Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$9

million

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-19-10-17-25. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$28,109. Winning tickets sold in: Pasadena. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 2-6-7

Take Note

- AMERICAN LEGION POST 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. Food will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$7 each; carry outs are welcome.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m.

- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 23, of 406 S. Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary of a
- ROBERT DIAZ JR., 23, of 701 S. Bell, was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary of a building. • RAUL MARTINEZ, 49, of 806 S. Lancaster, was
- arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication. • PEDRO CHAVARRIA, 36, of 1210 Marijo, was
- arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication. • MICHEAL GARZA, 18, of 501 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of burglary of a habita-
- tion and public intoxication. • ADRIAN PERRY, 39, of 701 Bell, was arrested Saturday on charges of Class C assault/family violence and failure to identify.
- MALERIE AGUILAR, 19, of 1405 Park, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-**PORTATION** was reported in the 300 block of Third
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 2100 block of
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE was reported in the 2100 block of Gregg
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
- in the 500 block of 17th Street.
- in the 800 block of Nolan.

1200 block of Pennsylvania.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:
- in the 2500 block of Gregg Street. - in the 2500 block of Albrook.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2100 block of Gregg Street.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 2500 block of Central.
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Pine. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRASH FIRE was reported at the city landfill. Fire was extinguished.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of East Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North
- Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was trans-
- ported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Wasson Road and Highway 35. One person was trans-
- ported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of East
- Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Highs around 101. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

South winds around 10 mph. Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs around 100.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St. Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church
- Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games. • Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- · Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

- JOHNNY LARA JR., 17, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid. TERRY WAYNE KING, 34, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GABRIEL PAUL PEREDEZ, 19, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- ROBERT DIAZ JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- ADRIAN JEROME PERRY, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of family violence.
- DAVID LYNN WHITE, 45, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- DONALD LEE RICH, 68, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • KAREEM POWER, 33, was arrested Saturday by
- the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and indecent exposure - urinating in public. • CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of
- burglary of a building. • CHAD DEAX, 32, was arrested Saturday by the
- HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid. · RAUL MARTINEZ, 49, was arrested Sunday by
- the HCSO on a charge of impeding traffic. · LARRY RAY BOUNDS, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a warrant for indecency with a child.
- MELITON VIERA, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check, motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended (two counts), a local capias warrant and a charge of driving while license suspended.
- LANCE BROCKMAN, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free
- RAYMON DIAZ, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on an attorney general warrant to revoke community supervision. • MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 44, was transferred
- to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- ERINEO SANCHEZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- MARTY W. HUCKABEE, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for theft.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Forensic psychiatrist to testify in Yates' trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A forensic psychiatrist was to testify for a third day in Andrea Yates' second murder

Dr. Park Dietz, testifying for the prosecution during its rebuttal phase, was to take the stand again Monday. He evaluated Yates more than four months after she drowned her five children in the bathtub in 2001, and he has told jurors that she knew killing them was

Prosecutors were also expected Monday to call Dr. Michael Welner, a forensic psychiatrist who evaluated Yates in May.

After prosecutors rest their case, defense attorneys will call their rebuttal witnesses. Closing arguments were expected later this week.

Yates, 42, charged in only three of the children's deaths, has again pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. She will be sentenced to life in prison if convicted.

State delays crackdown on uninsured drivers

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has delayed a new program to verify that motorists have auto insurance while it figures out the best way to manage the data of 15 million drivers.

Officials said the program, which the Legislature approved last year, is on hold until next year while they figure out how to step up enforcement without accidentally ticketing motorists because of bad infor-

"In several states, a lot of people were incorrectly identified as having no insurance. We want to avoid that," said Carol Cates of the Texas Department of Insurance.

An estimated one in five drivers on the road is uninsured. The insurance industry estimates that Texas drivers pay about \$900 million a year to protect themselves against uninsured drivers.

Under the program, law enforcement officials, vehicle inspection stations and others would be able to instantly verify whether a motorist has insurance.

Fallen Texas soldier mourned

MISSION (AP) — More than 200 people said goodbye on Sunday to fallen soldier Staff Sgt. Omar D. Flores. Flores and two others who served with the Army's 54th Engineer Battalion died July 8 when an improvised explosive device blew up near their armored vehicle during combat in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

Since then, the news prompted hundreds throughout the Rio Grande Valley to gather at his home and support his widow Lizbeth and their two children, The (McAllen) Monitor reported in its Monday editions.

On Sunday, the funeral services drew family members, friends, fellow service members and veterans to Our Lady Guadalupe Church in downtown Mission.

Reymundo Pea, the bishop of the Brownsville Diocese, led the funeral Mass in Spanish. Afterward, Flores was buried with full military honors.

American giving business-class a makeover

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines is revamping the business-class sections on its long-haul jets, adding lie-flat seats and individual entertainment centers to better compete with carriers that already offer similar creature comforts.

The makeover is complete on one plane used mostly on trans-Atlantic flights, and American plans to retrofit business cabins in its Boeing 767-300 and Boeing 777 aircraft over the next year or so.

"We started thinking about this in 2000," says Jim Hadden, American's manager of cabin design. "We knew we were behind."

American's plans to upgrade its international business cabins were delayed by 9/11 and a near-bankruptcy in 2003. The airline, a unit of AMR Corp., plans to announce the new program at an industry event this

Commission sues woman for documents

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is suing a Waco woman who allegedly possesses 48 historical documents from the state's revolutionary period and its time as a sovereign country.

The commission hopes the suit against Mary Ann Davis and the Robert E. Davis Family Trust will retrieve the documents, which include the resignation letter of revolutionary hero and Texas Congress member Jose Antonio Navarro and certification that William Travis was in the Texas Army until his death at the Alamo.

The state archives commission realized the documents were missing more than a year ago, when they were put up for auction. But it's unclear how they disappeared.

State archivist Chris LaPlante believes the documents were stolen in the early 1970s, before tighter security was implemented. Today, people visiting the state library in Austin to study documents must leave their belongings in a locker and provide their name, address and identification. A special room has been designated for the inspection of documents, and visitors must inform staff members of any items that are carried out. But regulations before the 1970s were much more lax.

The defendants don't dispute having the documents and don't explain how they obtained them. But their attorneys contend the documents aren't state records because they were created before Texas became part of areas, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

the United States. Therefore, the state of Texas is not legally allowed to seize them.

However, LaPlante said the archives commission can legally collect documents of historical significance that are not official state records.

"These are state records and as such they belong to the people of Texas," he said.

He said the documents were originally transferred to the archives from the secretary of state's office. Eleven of them date back to the Texas revolutionary period in the 1830s and 37 relate to claims paid by the Republic of Texas and the State of Texas, according to the suit.

The items include a receipt signed by Travis in 1836 for supplies at the Alamo and a letter signed by James Gaines less than a month later describing "concerns that the western frontiers of Texas are not being properly secured and that rumors are causing citizens to panic.'

More receipts and financial documents, including one that details the public debt of the Republic of Texas, date from the 1840s and 1850s.

LaPlante said he didn't know how much the documents would be worth.

"We don't attempt to put any financial or dollar amount on them," he said.

Copper theft attempt blamed for death

DALLAS (AP) — A man who was electrocuted while on a telephone pole allegedly was trying to steal copper from it, police said.

The man, whose name was not immediately released, died Sunday afternoon, when he cut a live wire from the pole in a vacant lot, said Sr. Cpl. Jamie Matthews. The case is being investigated as an accidental electrocution, she said.

Police have blamed a rise in copper prices for increased theft of the metal.

2 dead, 4 injured in early morning shooting

DALLAS (AP) — An argument between rival gangs left two dead and four injured after a shooting outside a downtown Dallas nightclub early Sunday, police

Police said bullets ripped through a crowd outside El Angel nightclub, even as the department has increased its early morning, weekend presence in downtown

Two shootings occurred after the argument, police said. The first shooting occurred behind the club and the second in front of the club.

Police had already added officers to the area after a June shooting that left 11 people injured outside a downtown tavern.

The additional police force included gang units, members of the tactical division, and officers from operation disruption, a unit dedicated to high-crime

FEMA official promises monetary changes for hurricane evacuees

By DOUG SIMPSON

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS displaced by People future hurricanes will probably not get the \$2,000 federal handout that went to Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees last year, a top official in the Federal **Emergency Management** Agency said Sunday.

The elimination of that post-hurricane financial aid is one of many changes in the agency's tactics this year, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Harvey Johnson, who was named

April, said in an interview.

He tion of the \$2,000 payment or what might replace it.

The details of the changes — including streamlined ways of handling evacuations, transportation, shelters and debris removal — will be explained in a letter this week from Michael Chertoff, head of the Department of Homeland Security, to the governors of the 12 coastal states lowed its slow response to

"We're not where we want to be ... but we're miles ahead of where we were." Johnson said.

Katrina.

Hurricane season began June 1 and runs through November, with August and September usually the months of peak activity.

Johnson participated in a panel discussion on hurricane preparedness

FEMA deputy director in hurricanes, Johnson said. Sunday at the annual ments in readiness by system He said his agency has meeting of the Southern both her government and Pentagon approval to use improved since the Governors Association, by FBMA will make hur-military trucks. wouldn't give storms of 2005 and the held in downtown New ricane response more specifics on the elimina- flood of criticism that fol- Orleans, one section of effective after Katrina. hurricane-ravaged city that is recovering Katrina. well from Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco is chairwoman of the group.

Blanco, a critic of FEMA's response to Katrina, said "it's hard to say" how much progress FEMA has made because it has yet to respond to a hurricane since its policies were overhauled. She said she hoped improve-

"We're hoping our effectiveness, combined with their effectiveness, will really serve our people well," she said.

Johnson said his agency has improved plans for coordinating transportation — getting people out of storm-threatened areas

 and having shelters ready. Much red tape and paperwork has been eliminated, he said, citing in particular a streamlined

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Fort Stockton received \$139,031.31 this month, up 20.76 percent compared to the \$115,125.40 received in July 2005. For the year, Fort Stockton has taken in \$991,866.07, up 17.62 percent.

Kermit, in Winkler County, took in \$51,806.19 this month, up 137.81 percent when compared to the \$21,783.91 it received a year ago. For 2006, Kermit has received \$282,008.20, an increase of 43.78 percent.

collected Lamesa \$71,184.82 this month, up 12.92 percent compared to the \$63,036.82 the Dawson County seat experienced in July 2005. This year, Lamesa has received \$577,633.77, up 12.26 percent.

Lubbock collected \$3,129,323.59 in sales tax rebates this month, a 6.26 percent increase when to the compared \$2,944,864.86 gathered in July 2005. For the year. Lubbock has received \$25,630,765.54, up 9.96 per-

cent. Midland took \$2,320,868.71, a 32.83 percent increase when compared to the \$1,747,213.01 received in July 2005. For the year, Midland has received \$17,163,924.81, up 24.12 percent.

Monahans received \$115,005.26 this month, up 53.81 percent compared to the \$74,766.98 in rebates collected for July 2003. For the year, the Ward County seat has received \$719,443.47, up 25.51 percent.

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Odessa accumulated \$1,626,076.45 this month, an increase of 30.23 percompared \$1,248,566.57 gathered for Julý last year. For 2006, Odessa has pulled in \$11,165,540.42, up 17.03 percent.

Pecos received \$85,225.52 in rebates, up 26.39 percent compared to the \$67,427.16 received a year ago. Over the past seven months, the city has taken in \$570,052.06, up 15.73 percent.

Rebates received by San

Angelo totaled \$1,403,155.33, an increase of 20.46 percent compared \$1,164,740.65 the received in July 2005. For the year, San Angelo has received \$10,066,767.23, up 14.49 percent.

Snyder took \$147,907.27 this month, up 16.56 percent compared to the \$126,892.18 taken in for July 2005. For 2006, the Scurry County seat has received \$1,120,073.62, up 20.41 percent.

Stanton brought in \$17,218.74, a decrease of 37.8 percent when compared to the \$27,683.26 taken in last year. For 2006, the home of the Old Sorehead Trade Days has received \$173,391.76, up 11.51 percent.

Sterling City took in \$8,594.00 this time

around, up 6.59 percent when compared to the \$8,062.63 accumulated in July of 2005. For 2006, Sterling City has amassed \$60,908.77, up 7.86 percent.

Sweetwater received \$191,314.12 this month, up 15.78 percent compared to the \$165,226.05 taken in for July 2005. This year, the Nolan County seat has received \$1,456,326.35, up 16.11 percent.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's do our best to help A&M Club with its auction

ood causes always seem to bring out the best Howard Countians. Just name the cause — United Way, Relay for Life, the Heart Walk — whenever a need is seen, our community always steps up and answers the call.

Another of those good causes arrives Saturday night when the Howard County A&M Club holds its seventh annual Aggie Scholarship Auction at the Big Spring Country Club to raise money for scholarships it bestows on deserving local stu-

Festivities will start at 5:30 p.m. when the items go on display, with the auction beginning at 6:30. A&M Club members stress the auction is not just for local Aggies, but for anyone who wants to attend. To that end, organizers always have items that will appeal to the general sports fan and music fans, as well as those die-hard Aggies.

Auction items include a trip for two to the Masters practice rounds in April 2007; a Florida trip that includes a week in a condominium owned by local Aggie do-gooders Mike and Jeanne Niklasch at Treasure Island; an Earl Campbell autographed jersey; and a guitar signed by music legends Ted Nugent, Billy Gibbons and others.

The A&M Club has awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 school year to Ashton Evans, Billy Roper, Brennan Bailey, Corey Green, Crystal Wingert, Haley Caldwell, Jarrod Price, Jessica New, K.K. Kellar, Ragan Phillips, Ross Rhoton, Ryan Moses, Trevor Bibb and Trey Thornton.

In fact, since 2000, the club has donated more than \$175,000 to Texas A&M, endowing six scholarships that will live in perpetuity.

Judging from the club's past auctions, two things seem certain. First, anyone who attends Saturday's auction will enjoy themselves.

More importantly, however, simply attending and having that good time will allow you have a part in making sure deserving students receive a college education they might otherwise not be able to afford.

It's a win-win situation and we encourage all our readers to make the most of it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May Your understanding, Lord, break through and create a new level of life for us.

The real national language

s far as I can see, when President Bush talks about a "rational middle ground" on the immigration front, what he really means is that Congress should pass more immigration laws that no American president will bother to enforce.

So, when Bush talks about getting tougher on the border, while easing the path to citizenship for some of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the country. I don't believe a word of his tough talk. Where Bush sees some 12 million illegal immigrants yearning for

legal status, I see the millions more who will interpret a feckless new law as an invitation to come to the United States, and U.S. immigration law be damned.

Only one thing will make me believe and support a compromise that grants citizenship to illegal residents: If Bush orders the feds to raid a high-profile employer every week for the rest of the year and then prosecutes some of the suits who wittingly hire illegal workers.

Forget the photo-op at the border.

Give me a photo-op that will help depolarize the magnet of American jobs.

After all, it's not exactly a state secret which industries and employers hire illegal workers. The utter failure to prosecute these employers would be baffling, except that it is so clear that neither Bush nor senators of either party want to enforce the law.

On "Face the Nation" back in May, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., proclaimed that California was the biggest state when it

comes to hiring undocumented workers, with many undocumented workers in landscaping, construction, the service sector and agriculture. She argued.

"Employer sanctions don't work. Every time an employer is raided and arrested, there is a public outcry, because basically people have sympathy with those who are here and work hard, long hours and want to live the American dream.'

Public outcry? I have sympathy with those who come here and work illegally - but not for the executives who hire them contrary to immigration law.

The closest thing to an outcry I can remember occurred in 2003, when House Democratic leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi accused the Bushies of "terrorizing" workers after Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials raided a number of Wal-Mart stores for hiring and contracting undocumented

Pelosi certainly wasn't in step with the 59 percent of California voters who in 1994 supported Proposition 187 to withhold services from illegal immigrants.

Some conservatives argue that illegal immigration is good for the economy. Tamar Jacoby of the Manhattan Institute recently told me that if government action forced industries such as meatpacking to pay higher wages, own ers would respond by moving their operations to another coun-

To which Chicago attorney Howard Foster, who has initiated class-action lawsuits against those who hire illegal aliens, responded that those companies "in effect" already have moved elsewhere.

But instead of moving their plants abroad, employers import workers — and their poverty from Third World countries to the United States.

At least Bush has stopped refer-

ring to "the jobs Americans will not take." Now he speaks of "the jobs Americans are not doing." It seems the Bushies are fed up with being reminded that Americans will take those jobs — if they pay better wages.

Language is important. It's so important that the Senate voted 63-34 to proclaim English as America's "national language." Yes, English is so important that Washington struggles to mangle the meaning of every word in the debate — and to pass a "national language" provision that, like everything else in the Senate immigration package, is designed to appear tough but is utterly feckless.

Sens. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., and John McCain, R-Ariz., complain bitterly that it is unfair to refer to what they call "earned citizenship" as "amnesty," when amnesty is the proper term for a law that would grant citizenship to illegal residents. Senators tout "guest worker" provisions, even if the provisions will be so underenforced that most of America's "guests" will never leave.

I buy that Bush believes in his heart he is doing the right thing on immigration. But he doesn't show enough faith in his agenda to sell it truthfully. And he doesn't show enough faith in the law to enforce it vigorously — especially on white-collar criminals.

Ditto the Senate. Surely, members of Washington's reputed deliberative body know the English provision is a scam.

When it comes to the immigration debate in Washington, double talk is America's national language.

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Hillary's got a Democrat problem

here has been much speculation lately over whether Hillary Clinton is a shooin, after all, for the Democratic presidential nomination, let alone the general election. I happen to think the doubts are warranted, not so much because of Hillary's weaknesses, but those of the Democratic Party.

I used to be among those who thought the nomination was Hillary's for the taking but that she would have serious difficulties winning the general election. After observing her relentless commitgrudgingly softened

DAVID LIMBAUGH

ment to transforming her image, however, I about Hillary's general election

prospects. Sometime later, I changed my opinion again to wondering whether she even had a lock on the nomination. Lately, those

doubts have been validated by certain events and the anxiety of Hillary and her handlers. The New York Post's Deborah Orin noted that Hillary recently

hired a liberal blogger and pandered to antiwar Democrats by promising to abandon Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) should he lose the primary and file as an Independent. More significantly, Democratic strategist James Carville and pollster Mark Penn co-wrote a Washington Post op-ed assuring Hillary's electability "if she does run."

What has made this woman of steel so nervous all of a sudden? We've all witnessed the antiwar left's rage at Hillary over her "betrayal" on Iraq. We've seen her dissed by Cindy Sheehan and Hollywood elites. She probably thought she could safely write off those snubs as coming from the

But a June poll in lowa doubtlessly did get her attention. She came in second place, trailing John Edwards by four percent. This jolt has her scrambling between professing her hawkish bona-fides on the one hand (in the Washington Post), and denying them on the other in the blogosphere and her Lieberman pronouncement.

While Hillary is certainly a unique customer, most of her current dilemma is symptomatic of problems of the Democratic Party at large. Her perceived need constantly to vacillate between prowar and antiwar positions is definitely her problem, all right, but it is also the problem of the entire party, no matter whom it chooses to nominate in 2008.

You'll recall that in 2004, Democrats chose their candidate, John Kerry, by default, because compared to the more dynamic and energizing Howard Dean, he was more "electable." Kerry was hardly anyone's first choice, and he wasn't really "electable." He was just less unelectable than the volatile, unstable Dean, whose volatility and instability better serve at the party chairmanship level, where they can fuel his firebreathing diatribes against Republicans.

The rifts in the Democratic Party between its extremist base and those sympathetic to the extremism but realistic enough to understand they can't admit it during national campaigns, simply works against its production of ideal presidential contenders. This is why Democrats aren't much closer to having a consensus candidate for 2008. While they have a consensus, in fact, they don't have a working consensus.

They may be more united than ever on most issues, having steadily gravitated toward the left in recent years. But fronting a candidate truly representing their unabashed liberalism would be suicidal, because the nation's majority is more conservative than liberal, by more than a trifle. This is the root of the Democrats' problem, not their failure to package or articulate their message as various party strategists and linguists have suggested.

Not long ago, Democrats were all excited about Berkeley linguist George Lakoff, who told Democrats their problem was a matter of semantic framing: They needed to better present their policy positions, from "values" to the war on terror. Now another such egghead is recommending the same magical semantic bullet.

In his new book, "Talking Right: **How Conservatives Turned** Liberalism Into a Tax-Raising, Latte-Drinking, Sushi-Eating, Volvo-Driving, New York Times-Reading, Body-Piercing, Hollywood-Loving, Left-Wing Freak Show," linguist Geoffrey Nunberg advises Democrats to recapture control of the language from Republicans — with words like "fairness" and "decency" and prevent Republicans from continuing to brand them in negative

Unless Democrats can find another spinmeister in Bill Clinton's league who can, through a combination of charisma and glibness, convince a plurality or narrow majority that his party stands for something it does not, or unless world events serendipitously work against Republicans, Democrats will still have an uphill battle in 2008.

Whatever attributes Hillary Clinton may bring to the presidential candidates' table, she is no Bill Clinton in the charisma department. Nor is any other Democrat, as far as we know. Which is why, in the end, I suspect we always find Democrats rooting for a negative turn of events during the Republicans' watch. It's their best chance of recapturing control.

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Touchdown: Discovery back on Earth after 13 days in orbit

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -Space shuttle Discovery and its crew of six returned to Earth through overcast skies Monday, ending a successful mission that put NASA back in the space station construction busi-

Discovery landed at Kennedy Space Center at 9:14 a.m. in only the second shuttle flight since the 2003 Columbia disas-

"Welcome back Discovery and congratulations on a great mission," Mission Control told shuttle commander Steven Lindsey after Discovery rolled to a stop.

"It was a great mission, a really great mission, and enjoyed the entry and the landing," Lindsey replied.

The shuttle came in from the south, swooping over the Pacific, Yucatan Peninsula, Gulf of Mexico and across Florida to cap a 5.3 million-mile ter, when a chunk of falling mile-long landing strip. journey that began on the Fourth of July.

A last-minute buildup of clouds prompted NASA to switch the shuttle's direction for landing. By the time Discovery approached, it was so cloudy, Lindsey couldn't spot the runway until about a minute before landing.

At touchdown, hoots and whistles came from the few hundred astronauts' relatives and space center workers at the runway.

NASA officials had been certain going into Monday's landing that Discovery's heat shield was intact and capable of protecting the spaceship during the fiery re-entry.

Repeated inspections of the ship's thermal skin in orbit had given everyone confidence. Unlike on Discovery's flight a year ago, the external fuel tank shed little foam during liftoff. That flight was the shuttle's first after the Columbia disas-

foam insulation doomed the shuttle.

Officials acknowledged reentry was, along with the launch, the most dangerous phase of the mission and nothing could be taken for granted until Discovery was safely back from its 13-day trip to the international space station. Toward that end, Discovery's astronauts and flight controllers kept close watch on a slightly leaking power unit.

NASA did not know whether harmless nitrogen gas or flammable hydrazine was dripping from the auxiliary power unit, one of three needed to drive Discovery's hydraulic landing systems. The leak was small and didn't grow during descent,

and the unit operated properly. Discovery sported a new, tougher type of landing gear tire for improving safety. In another shuttle first, an onboard GPS receiver helped guide Discovery down to the 3-

It was the first shuttle landing at Kennedy in nearly four years. Columbia never made it back in February 2003 - it shattered over Texas - and Discovery had to take a weather detour to California last sum-

Some at NASA, including the chief engineer and NASA's top safety officer, wanted to put off the latest mission until further repairs could be made to a particularly vulnerable area of the fuel tank. But NASA Administrator Michael Griffin opted to press ahead with what turned out to be the space agency's first Independence Day launch.

The shuttle carried up seven astronauts, but departed the space station on Saturday with six — Lindsey, co-pilot Mark Kelly, Michael Fossum, Piers Sellers, Lisa Nowak and Stephanie Wilson, German astronaut Thomas Reiter was left behind for a half-year stay,

joining two other men there and boosting the station's crew size to three.

The Discovery crew conducted three spacewalks, one of them to test shuttle patching techniques, and used a 100-foot inspection crane to check the shuttle's entire thermal armor for any damage from launch or orbital debris. The rocketship turned out to be the cleanest seen in orbit from a thermal perspective, officials said.

The astronauts also demonstrated that the boom could function as a work platform for spacewalkers and delivered several thousand pounds of supplies to the space station, still in need of restocking because of the 2 1/2-year grounding of the shuttle fleet after Columbia's demise.

By fixing a broken rail car on the outside of the space station, the astronauts paved the way for space station construction to resume in earnest with the

Storms could hinder tough battle against California wildfires

By JEREMIAH MARQUEZ **Associated Press Writer**

YUCCA VALLEY, Calif. — Firefighters were bracing for the possibility of thunderstorms and lightning Monday that could spark new blazes and flood canyon areas scorched by wildfires that have devoured 58 homes and blackened 120 square miles.

"We'll get substantial rain. Whether it will be helpful or harmful will be determined by how you look at it," said Robert Balfour, National Weather Service senior forecaster

assigned to the fires. The two major fires in the California desert have merged, which fire officials described as a

positive development. There is a 40 percent chance of rain in the area on Monday, and a 60 percent of heavy rain, with the possibility of flash flooding later in the week, Balfour said.

One area of the fire. spanning about 97 square miles, was 60 percent contained, fire officials said. Much of the fire-Sunday fighting occurred at an adjacent complex of fires, which grew to more than 32 square miles Sunday and was 20 percent contained.

Firefighters have had a hard time reaching remote, rugged pockets in both fires, which merged on Friday.

They were forced to rely on helicopters to drop in suppression teams instead of using bulldozers and other heavy equipment.

Once on the ground, firefighters faced rocky terrain and sheer cliffs.

"It's steeper than a cow's face," said Tony Duprey, an air tactical group supervisor who has flown helicopter reconnaissance.

Since being ignited by lightning a week ago in this area about 100 miles east of Los Angeles, the larger fire has destroyed 58 houses and mobile homes, dozens of outbuildings and scores of

vehicles. Fire officials estimated damage from the fire at more than \$8.4 million and firefighting costs at \$10.3 million.

At least 11 people, including firefighters, have been injured.

On Saturday, a search team found the body of a man who had been missing since the fire burned through historic Pioneertown on Tuesday.

The cause of the man's death remained under investigation but sheriff's officials said it appeared to be fire-relat-

Fires were raging in several other states as

Israeli planes pummel Lebanese targets amid diplomatic efforts for cease-fire

By HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes pummeled Lebanese infrastructure Monday, killing at least 17 people. Hezbollah-patron Iran said a cease-fire and a prisoner swap were possible and the international community signaled willingness to send peacekeepers to back a diplomatic solution.

The militant Islamic group, meanwhile, fired rockets that flew farther into Israel than ever before, while Israel said it had briefly sent ground forces into southern Lebanon for the first time in its six-day-old offensive in escalating violence.

Western leaders stepped up efforts on the diplomatic front, with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan calling for the deployment of international forces to southern Lebanon. President Bush bluntly expressed his frustration with the actions of Hezbollah, suggesting Syria could use its influence with the guerrillas.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Moscow would consider contributing troops, and the European Union announced it was weighing a peacekeeping force as well.

Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said a cease-fire and a prison-

acceptable and fair" deal to resolve the conflict.

"In fact, there can be a cease-fire followed by a prisoner swap," he said after talks with Syrian Vice President Farouk al-Sharaa.

On Sunday, Lebanese officials said Israel had sent the terms of a possible cease-fire through Italian mediators. The terms were the release of two captured Israeli soldiers, and a Hezbollah pullback to roughly 20 miles from the Israeli-Lebanese border.

Iran and Syria are the principal sponsors of Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group that provoked the current fighting when its guerrillas crossed into northern Israel last Wednesday and captured two Israeli soldiers.

Katvusha rockets landed in the town of Atlit, about 35 miles south of the border and some five miles south of the port city of Haifa. Nobody was hurt in that attack, which came a day after Hezbollah rockets killed eight people in Haifa, making that Hezbollah's deadliest assault

Israel. Hezbollah guerrillas also fired three rounds of rockets at Haifa on Monday. with destroying a three-story building and wounding at least two people.

A Lebanese TV station showed video of an object

er swap would be "an falling to the ground in carried out a cross-border the Jamjour district near the Hezbollah stronghold of southern Beirut, but the Israeli army said reports that it was an Israeli aircraft were false.

Israeli planes and artillery guns killed 17 people and wounded at least 53 others in overnight attacks against Lebanon, Lebanese security officials said as the death toll from the conflict rose to more than 200 - 196 in Lebanon, according to the officials, and 24 in Israel.

Israel said its planes and artillery struck 60 targets in Lebanon overnight as its military responded to the barrage of 20 rockets on Haifa, the been hit before the current round of fighting began July 12.

Government spokesman Asaf Shariv said Israeli ground troops entered southern Lebanon to attack Hezbollah bases on the border, but rapidly returned to Israel after conducting their military operations.

Israel also kept up pressure in the Gaza Strip as it searched for a captured soldier, bombing the empty Palestinian Foreign Ministry building for the second time in less than a week in what it said was a warning to the ruling Hamas party.

Israel launched the offensive on June 25 after Hamas-linked militants

attack on a military outpost, killing two soldiers and capturing one other. Lebanon's guerrillas joined the fray last week, attacking a military patrol in northern Israel, killing eight soldiers and capturing two others.

Israeli officials accused Syria and Iran of providing Lebanese guerrillas sophisticated weapons, saying the missiles that hit Haifa had greater range and heavier warheads than those Hezbollah had fired before.

Speaking on the margin of the Group of Eight summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, Blair said the country's third-largest fighting would not stop city, and one that had not until the conditions for a cease-fire were created.

"The only way is if we have a deployment of international forces that can stop bombardment coming into Israel," he

said. Annan appealed to Israel to spare civilian lives and infrastructure. The G-8 nations, who had struggled to reach a consensus on the escalating warfare between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas Lebanon, expressed concern on the "rising civilian casualties" and urged both sides to stop the violence.

with Blair before the G-8 leaders began their final lunch.

Bush expressed his frus-

tration in a discussion

NAACP again invites President Bush to annual conference

AP National Writer

By ERIN TEXEIRA

WASHINGTON

These days, civil rights leaders are struggling to be heard. chairman NAACP

Julian Bond has been trying, to no avail, to get the attention of one leader in particular: President Bush. Bond opened the

NAACP's annual convention Sunday by criticizing the war in Iraq and pushing for voting protections, but he also had a message for Bush.

"This year the convention has come to the president and we hope and pray he is coming to us," Bond said at the Washington Convention Center, about a mile from the White House.

Bond has invited Bush to six conventions.

Bush has avoided the gatherings since taking office in 2001, making him the first sitting president in decades not to have spoken to the group.

schedule Wednesday lists an event with the notation "TBA," or to be announced.

Bond said Bush's presence would show that he hears the concerns of black Americans. "We have values, we vote our values, and we demand to be valued in return," he More than 2,000 people

gathered for Bond's hourlong keynote speech, which kicked off the 97th

Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. On Monday, NAACP

convention

president Bruce S. Gordon is scheduled to address members and the group will release report cards grading industries on how well they serve minority communities. Since 1997, the NAACP has ranked banks, phone companies, hotels and

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other companies. Sunday, Bond urged

lawmakers to raise the minimum wage, condemned attacks on school integration and said the war in Iraq "has weakened rather than strengthened America's defenses, including our levees.' He added, "Our troops

may be fighting to secure democracy abroad, but we can't secure our democracy at home.' Democrat Eleanor

nonvoting delegate to the

District of Columbia's larities still hit minorities hardest.



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Staci Taylor rings a bell at the first aid booth on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus during the annual Cactus and Crude MS 150 Bike Tour. The tour benefits the Muscular Scienosis Society Cyclists.

By Kori **Myers**



A little knowledge makes stain removal easier

ooner or later we all have to face it a favorite item of clothing gets a stain. Does this mean it's unwearable and must be tossed or turned into rags?

Not necessarily, said Dr. Brown, Texas Cooperative Extension consumer sciences specialist. Sometimes, with a little effort, stains can be the garment or back of either color-safe bleach or removed cleanly and favorite clothing can be worn with pride again.

First, determine what the stain is, since different stains are removed by different methods.

For example:

 Oily stains (cooking oils, mayonnaise, chocolate, motor oil, cosmetics and candle wax): Work liquid detergent or prewash stain remover into the stained area; rinse hands and repeat. After that's done, wash the garment in the washing machine at the highest recommended water temperature with one cup of detergent.

— Mud and dirt: Air dry the garment, then brush or vacuum excess soil off. Work a paste of detergent granules and warm water into the stained area; repeat if necessary. As an alternative, pre-soak with detergent granules mixed with water for at least 30 minutes and repeat, adding color-safe bleach to the solution.

— Adhesive tape, chewing gum, rubber cement: Harden the sticky residue with ice; crack or scrape off the excess. Apply pretreatment, then rinse and wash.

 Protein and/or plant stains (egg, ketchup, mustard, mildew, grass, blood, baby formula, chocolate, etc.): Work liquid detergent into stained area; rinse hands to prevent them from working stain back into fabric and repeat. Machine wash with one cup of detergent; add one cup of non-chlorine bleach with enzyme presoak. If the stain is stubborn, soak the item for a day or two, stirring

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occasionally, machine wash again and air dry.

Take dry-clean-only clothing to the dry clean-

Whatever the stain, though, treat it quickly, Brown said. "Time and heat exposure make removing stains harder. Use a blotting motion. Work from the inside of the stain to force the stain out rather than into the fabric. Avoid using a rubbing motion. Launder the whole item after treating.'

If pretreatment is necessary to remove the stain, make one using granulated detergent mixed with water, or use liquid detergent or a pretreatment product.

"Pretreat stains quickly and repeat the application if the stain remains," Brown said. "Sometimes you need to treat stains many times. Never dry a stained garment in the dryer or (the stain) may become impossible to remove."

After pretreating, washing the garment in the appropriate cleanser is important.

"Soaps are cleansers that come in granules, which are used for lightly soiled and delicate items, or bars, which are good for pretreating heavy soils and stains before laundering," Brown said. "Avoid harsh rubbing with the bar."

Detergents, which are available in heavy duty, light duty or combination forms, aren't as mild as soaps but do "clean a wide variety of soils," she said. "Granular detergents are used on all washable fabrics. Liquids work on oily soils. Combination detergents contain detergents and fabric softener.

Then there's bleaches, which are "strong cleaning agents," Brown explained. "Follow the instructions on the containers." And use chlorine bleach only on colorfast fabrics.

Other laundry products which can be helpful in removing stains and keeping clothing in good condition are:

Detergent boosters. which strengthen detergent's cleaning power;

 Enzyme presoaks, which help remove stains; and

Fabric softeners, which help make clothing soft and reduce drying time.

But some basic laundry habits can help eliminate stains in the first place, Brown said, such as:

Emptying pockets and closing zippers, hooks and buttons before putting into the washing machine;

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Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well."

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Treatments for urinary incontinence offer new hope to sufferers

n estimated 13 million Americans suffer - often in silence - with the embarrassing symptoms of uriincontinence. nary Characterized by a sudden, uncontrollable urge to urinate or the accidental release

urine during routine activities, many cases go unrecognized and untreated because people are too embarrassed seek help. But a variety of treat-



ments and growing awareness of the condition are giving sufferers new hope.

There are several times of urinary incontinence. Among the most common is stress incontinence, which causes leakage during exercise or minor physical stresses such as laughing, coughing or simply standing after sitting. It tends to affect women most often, especially after childbirth, weight gain or other conditions that stretch the pelvic muscles causing them to weaken.

Urge incontinence, often called overactive bladder, occurs when a person feels an urgent need to urinate frequently and often cannot make it to the bathroom before the bladder partially empties. Conversely, other sufferers never feel the urge to urinate, so the bladder never empties causing urine to leak continuously throughout the day.

Most cases of incontinence can be improved or cured using one of more of a variety of treatment options. While some are as simple as scheduling regular trips to the bathroom regardless of urge, others involve medication, surgery or special SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER

Kegel exercises, which involve repeatedly tightening and relaxing the pelvic floor muscles, may be used to strengthen the muscles around the bladder opening to preserve or regain bladder control. For other women, a removable device placed inside the vagina can help decrease stress incontinence.

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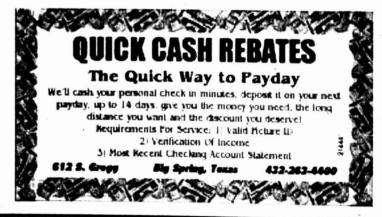
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Additionally, several new medications are widely available to treat both urge and stress incontinence. Some medications inhibit the production of a chemical in the nervous system that causes the bladder to contract, causing sudden urges and leaks, while others cause the bladder muscle to relax while muscles at the bladder neck contract. These medications, which have been shown to cause side effects such as dry mouth, blurred vision and constipation in some patients, are often used in combination with behavioral methods such as bladder retraining or exercises.

In more severe cases, a urologist may perform surgery to reduce an obstruction causing incontinence, repair a bladder or simply lift the bladder back into its normal position. Surgeries range from simple outpatient procedures to more invasive inpatient procedures.

Although incontinence is usually manageable, it can be a symptom of a larger problem. If you have any other questions or would like more information on urinary incontinence, visiting a urologist or gynecologist can help ease the discomfort of urinary incontinence and rule out a more serious condition.

Sources: Urology Channel, www.arologychannel.com Web MD, www.WebMD.com







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Stars expect to

sign Lindros today

DALLAS (AP) -

Eric Lindros is set to

change teams again.

The oft-injured center

planned to sign a one-

year deal with the Dallas Stars, a team

official told The

Sunday on condition

of anonymity because

the contract wasn't finished yet.

"It's in the final

stages of being final-

ized," the official a i d .

was expected to be made Monday.

Lindros had 11 goals

and 11 assists last

season with the

Toronto Maple Leafs,

his hometown team,

but was limited to 33

games after injuring

his wrist against the Dallas Stars. Injuries have been

the story for Lindros,

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Cowboys' Davis shot, should recover quickly

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer DALLAS Dallas Cowboys safety Keith Davis was shot twice while driving on a Dallas highway early Sunday and was hospitalized in stable condition after undergoing surgery to remove bullet fragments.

Curtis Stephens, said injuries were minor and that Davis expected to be released late Sunday or Monday.

"He's going to fully recover and he's in good spirits, Stephens said. "Everything is being done

on a precautionary basis. Two physicians both gave him a thumbs up. ... If camp opened tomorrow, he'd like to think he'd be there tomorrow."

Players are expected to report for camp a week Thursday from Oxnard, Calif.

The 27-year-old Davis is among the Cowboys' top special teams players and the incumbent starting safety opposite Roy Williams.

Earlier this summer, Dallas gave him a roughly \$3 million, two-year contract that includes about **\$2** million in bonus and salary this season; the

deal came after New effect of that." Orleans signed Davis to an offer sheet.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the team did not have any comment on the incident.

This is the second time in three years that Davis has been shot. He was an innocent bystander last time, and this time Stephens said the player was driving home from a family vacation.

"The thing that's really pertinent here is that Keith was not involved in any type of criminal activity or anything like that," Stephens said. "This is not the residual

In June 2003, Davis was shot in the hip and elbow while picking up a friend at a topless club. Coach Bill Parcells released Davis about a month later, on the first day of the coach's first training camp with the Cowboys. Davis did not play football that season, but rejoined the club in 2004 and became a full-time starter last season.

In Sunday's shooting, Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Jamie Matthews said a dark blue two-door car pulled up next to Davis' vehicle around 5 a.m. and opened fire.

"He was able to pull over, and his front passenger then moved into the driver's seat and then drove him to a nearby hospital," Matthews said.

Matthews said police investigating motives and suspects.

"We're looking to see if it was a possible carjacking," she said.

A native of Italy, Texas, Davis was undrafted coming out of Sam Houston State.

He made the Cowboys as a rookie free agent in 2002. He started 15 games last season and made 68 tackles, fourth-best on the

Deja Vu

Orioles shut down

Rangers offense in

two straight games

By DAVID GINSBURG

BALTIMORE – The

Texas Rangers gave

Rodrigo Lopez a justifi-

able nod for his fine per-

formance, then wondered

aloud why they had so

much trouble hitting

against a pitcher who

started the game with 10

Miguel Tejada and Nick

Melvin Mora had three

hits, and Lopez led a

strong pitching perfor-

mance that carried the

Baltimore Orioles past

the suddenly punchless

Lopez and three reliev-

ers limited the Rangers to

five singles. Texas has

gone 23 straight innings

without scoring an

earned run and went con-

secutive games without

an extra-base hit for the

first time since August

"We just didn't swing

the bats well today,'

Rangers manager Buck

Showalter said. "You

have to give Lopez credit.

We got down early and really didn't grind him

Tejada's two-run homer

in the first inning gave

the Orioles all the offense

they needed to salvage a

split of the four-game

series. The Rangers won

15-1 on Thursday, then

beat the Orioles 2-1 on

Friday before losing 8-1

"You always have to

give credit where credit

is due. They pitched

well," said Texas All-Star

shortstop Michael Young,

who went 2-for-16 in the

series. "We just didn't get

it done. We have to find

The loss dropped the

Rangers into second place

in the AL West, one game

behind Oakland, which

Losing to Baltimore ace

understandable,

Erik Bedard on Saturday

since Bedard has won six straight starts. But Lopez

had given up 17 runs in

his last three starts and had permitted fewer than

six hits in only two of his

previous 19 appearances.

gave up five hits and a

walk in 5 2-3 innings,

allowing only two run-

"He's struggled. Today

he didn't. That's frustrat-

ing," Showalter sáid.
"You'd like to give (him)

credit. Still, you'd like to

see us build more into the

game offensively. ... We

tried to play cach up

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On Sunday, Lopez (6-10)

beat Boston 8-1 Sunday.

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on Saturday.

Rangers 4-0 Sunday.

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losses and a 6.77 ERA.

Markakis

AP Sports Writer

Houston Astros' Mike Lamb (26) tries to steal second base in the third inning as Florida Marlins' Dan Uggla tags frim out Saturday at Dolphin Stadium in Miami, Fla. The Astros defeated the Marlins, 12-0, Saturday, but Florida beat

Homers propel Marlins past Astros

MIAMI (AP) — Hanley Ramirez and Wes Helms each homered and drove in three runs to help the Florida Marlins beat the Houston Astros 9-3

Sunday. Jeremy Hermida and Mike Jacobs also homered for the Marlins, who salvaged a split of the

four-game series. Scott Olsen allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings to get his first win since June 16 against Toronto.

Hermida hit the first pitch from reliever Wandy Rodriguez in the wall to put the Marlins

ahead 5-3. Jacobs homered in the seventh and doubled in a run in the eighth, and

two runs in the seventh for Florida.

Taylor Buchholz (6-7) yielded four runs and three hits in five innings for Houston, finishing with seven strikeouts and five walks. Buchholz was 3-0 in his previous four starts.

The Marlins made three great plays in the outfield to help hold the Astros in check. Center fielder Alfredo Amezaga made a diving, back handed catch on Aubrey Huff's flyball with a runner on first to end the seventh. In the eighth, xixth over the right-field Hermida made a diving catch on Preston Wilson's line drive to right.

Left fielder Cody Ross made a one-handed catch Helms also doubled in against the wall in the



MCT photo/David Santiago, El Nuevo Herald Houston Astros second baseman Craig Biggio, left, signs an autograph for fan Cole Berger before their game against the Florida Marlins Saturday.

Luke Scott. Helms led off the fifth

inning with a home run on the first pitch from Buchholz.

Ramirez hit a three-

ninth on a flyball by run drive with one out over to give the Marlins a 4-3 lead.

Lance Berkman hit a two-run double and scored a run Houston.

Senden holds off Hayes, wins Deere Classic

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer SILVIS, Ill. -

Senden birdied the 17th hole and saved par on 18 to hold off J.P. Hayerand. win the John Deere Classic, earning his first PGA Tour victory and qualifying for the British Open.

Making his 139th start, Senden shot 3-under 68 to finish at 19-under 265 to 65) by one

victory and second win at the Deere Classic, Hayes put himself in position for an eagle and the lead on the 17th hole but settled for a birdie instead. He drove his tee shot 335 yards and hit a 5-iron within about 6 feet of the hole. His eagle putt rolled to the right of the cup. After a tap-in, he was momentarily tied for the lead.

But Senden took the lead when he birdied the

Seeking his third Tour 17th, tapping in from under 2 feet.

Hayes' second shot on 18 landed in a bunker to the right of the green, but his next one rolled just over 4 feet past the pin. He knocked in the short put within a stroke.

Things got interesting when Senden's second shot on 18 landed in the same bunker. His chip shot landed 5 inches from the hole for an easy tap-in for par and the victory.

Alex Cejka (67) and Heath Slocum (68) tied for third at 16 under.

The attention most of the week centered on teen sensation Michelle Wie and her attempt to become the first woman to save par and remain in 61 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour, but she was 8 over and withdrew because of heat exhaustion after nine holes Friday. A day later, Senden stepped into the

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Mosley takes down Vargas in rematch

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — Even with two good eyes, Fernando Vargas never saw Shane Mosley's perfect left hook.

Mosley stopped Vargas in the sixth round of their rematch 154-pound Saturday night, flattening Vargas with a walloping left hand for his second victory in the rivalry in five months.

A grotesque swelling that closed Vargas' left eye caused the fighters' first match to be stopped in the 10th round in February. But Sugar Shane had a plan that Vargas simply couldn't see in the rematch — and it ended with a punch that caught Vargas completely by surprise.

"When I was in the ring, I remembered watching Oscar (De La Hoya) fight Vargas, and he threw that perfect left hook," Mosley said, referring to the Golden Boy's 11th-round TKO of Vargas two years ago. "I was bouncing around, and I saw the opportunity, and I threw the perfect left hook again.'

The charismatic fourtime world champion is back on form after four losses from 2002-04, and he might get a matchup with Floyd Mayweather Jr. or Antonio Margarito next year if Mosley drops to 147 pounds.

Mosley more was aggressive and sharp from the opening bell, patiently landing the right hand that hurt Vargas repeatedly in their first fight. Vargas seemed frustrated and disorganized, never winning a clear-cut round.

above vargas right eye in the fifth round, but neither fighter had done much in the sixth until Vargas failed to block that crushing left hand from Mosley, buckling Vargas' knees and sending him to the canvas.

"I thought I was doing well up until the left hook," said Vargas, who never even saw the punch until he watched the replay.

Mosley climbed the ropes while Vargas twice struggled to get up. The fight resumed for 10 seconds, but Vargas couldn't defend himself from Mosley's final blows before referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight with 22 seconds left in the

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Vargas appeared weaker from the start, perhaps suffering from his sudden weight loss to get ready for the fight.

But Mosley had a masterful plan in his first fight since reuniting with his father, Jack, who had trained him since his youth. They split after Sugar Shane's second straight loss to Winky Wright in November 2004. but reunited for this fight with no hard feelings and an excellent result.

Vargas was infuriated when the first fight was stopped, claiming he could have kept fighting despite the baseball-sized swelling that closed his eye. Vargas also blamed his corner for not keeping his eye open — and he blamed the injury on Mosley's head-butts, even other though few observers agreed.

Mosley damaged Vargas in the first fight with dozens of quick right hands, not his head. The rematch was quickly set, thanks to the first fight's entertaining matchup and impressive sales.

Though both fighters Southern from California, the MGM Grand Garden crowd was solidly behind Vargas, the Oxnard native with a Mexican-American fan base that loves his mercurial style. After Vargas was cheered, Mosley received a chorus of boos when he entered the ring in a red sequined jacket.

Vargas made \$3.4 million, and Mosley was guaranteed at least \$3 mil-

Before the fight, both boxers said their rivalry was unlikely to be a trilogy. Vargas plans to move Mosley opened a cut up to 160 pounds, while Mosley almost certainly will go down to 147.

Both fighters drank water in their corners and that was a big deal in some boxing circles. Mosley's promoters got a temporary injunction Friday night preventing Vargas from drinking Gatorade during the fight, something that became legal earlier in the week.

On the undercard. Houston's Juan Diaz retained his WBA lightweight title with a ninthround TKO of Randy Suico. Daniel Ponce De Leon then defended his-WBO junior featherweight belt with a stunning first-round knockout of Thailand's Looknongyangtoy.



Baltimore Orioles' Miguel Tejada, left, comes in to score ahead of the throw to Texas Rangers' catcher Gerald Laird in the fourth inning Saturday in Baltimore, Md. The Orioles won, 8-1, Saturday and shut out Texas, 4-0, Sunday.

RANGERS

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with one swing."

Lopez hoped his performance would serve as the first step in a solid second

"Whatever happened in the past, I try to leave behind," he said. "Over the break, I tried relaxing. Forget about everything. I came back here like any other day and tried to do what I love to do, pitch and help my team win."

After Lopez left, Kurt Birkins retired all four batters he faced and Todd Williams worked a perfect eighth before Chris Ray got three straight

Gary Matthews Jr. had

two hits for the Rangers, whose only run since the fourth inning of Friday night's came courtesy of a Baltimore error.

"One thing we might have to do is take a step back. Just relax a little bit more, have a little more fun up there," Young said. "I think that way we'll develop a little more of a rhythm, be more consistent."

Tejada's 18th home run, a drive to left off John Wasdin (2-2), came after Mora singled with two outs in the first.

The Rangers mounted their initial threat in the fourth, using a walk and a single by Hank Blalock to put runners on first and second with two outs before Lopez retired Ian Kinsler on a grounder to

Baltimore went up 4-0 in the fifth. Markakis led off with his third homer, his first since April 14, a drive to right that came immediately after the rookie pulled Wasdin's first pitch a few feet outside the foul pole.

The first pitch was a changeup, the second a fastball. "I was sitting on a fast-

ball, he put one in the middle and I put a good swing on it," Markakis said.

Brian Roberts followed with a single. He stopped short while running to second on a botched hitand-run, but the throw from catcher Rod Barajas skipped into center field. That allowed Roberts to take the base, and Mora hit an RBI single to end Wasdin's afternoon.

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spotlight.

He shot 64 Saturday to go 16 under and take a three-stroke lead on Heath Slocum Patrick Sheehan. It was first time the the Australian led after three rounds since joining the tour five years ago. His best previous finish was a tie for fifth at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in January.

Senden started the final round the same way he opened the previous two: with birdies on the first and second holes.

He was 19 under after a 6-foot putt for birdie on the par-3 seventh, before a bogey on the par-4 ninth — his first since Friday. He parred his next seven holes, and a two-man game developed with Hayes.

Hayes, who finished a tournament-record 22 under to win here four years ago, was two strokes off the lead at 16 under after a birdie on No. 11 — his fifth. He was 17 under after a birdie on

Slocum bogeyed No. 2, after his second shot settled on the edge of a pond. He changed clubs and nearly fell into the water at one point, before digging the ball out. Sheehan birdied the first hole but eagled the third, before birdies on the fifth and seventh put him at 15 under.

Jason Gore (68) eagled the 10th, 14th and 17th holes to go to 15 under. But he hit a bunker on 18, sent his next shot across the green into the water and doublebogeyed the hole to finish 13 under.

Younger Busch wins in New Hampshire

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) overtime Sunday at New Hampshire International Speedway for his first NASCAR Nextel Cup victory of the year.

Busch passed Elliott Sadler for the lead 61 laps from the end and appeared to have the third victory of his career all wrapped up before a crash involving Hendrick Motorsports teammate Brian Vickers and rookie Clint Bowyer brought out a caution flag on lap 298, just three laps from the

scheduled end of the Kyle Busch had to go to Lenox Industrial Tools. 300.

With a number of drivers concerned about running out of the fuel, including Sadler, the race was extended even longer when Robby Gordon ran into the back of Michael Waltrip on lap 303.

The last restart finally came on lap 307.

By that time, both rookie Denny Hamlin and Carl Edwards had moved past Sadler, but Vickers easily pulled away from the challengers.

Edwards dove past Hamlin for second place on the final lap and Hamlin then appeared to run out of gas, fading all the way to sixth as Greg Biffle, Mark Martin and Kevin Harvick all drove past on the final straightaway.

Busch, the younger brother of 2003 Cup champion Kurt Busch, restarted seventh when the the way.

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green flag waved on lap 215 and worked his way steadily to the front. Sadler inherited the lead, with Busch right behind him, when they stayed on track while the drivers in front of them pitted.

The restart came on lap 238 and it took Busch just three laps to get around Sadler. He led the rest of



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hands. They had agreed to play weak two-bids, so Molson opened two hearts, indicating a strong suit but less than the normal complement of high cards for an opening one-heart bid. Naturally, Cohen started thinking not only in terms of game, but possibly slam. His two-notrump bid was artifi-

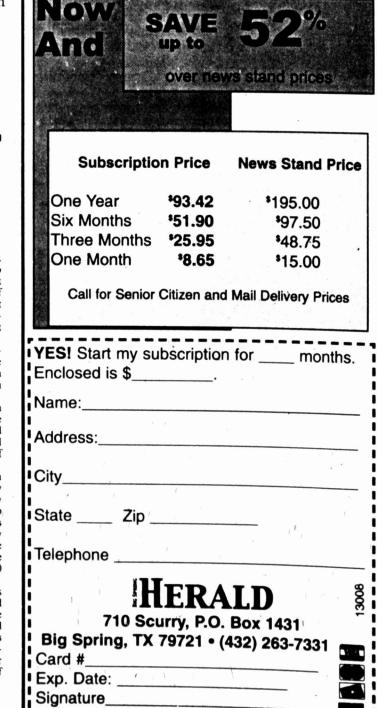
cial, asking South to further describe his hand. Three diamonds showed a maximum weak two-bid with an honor card in diamonds. Four notrump by North was a

special form of Blackwood, and the response of five hearts guaranteed two key cards (which in the actual case North knew to be the A-K of hearts).

Five notrump was a grand-slam try asking South whether he had any further values to reveal. Six clubs by South disclosed his singleton club which, on top of the A-K of hearts and king of diamonds previously identified, made it easy to bid the grand slam. There was nothing to the play, and North-South scored 2,210

Note that the grand slam was undertaken with only 28 high-card points, considerably less than the usual requirement, but fully justified given North's knowledge of South's hand. At the second table, the North-South pair stopped at six hearts after a far less illuminating sequence of

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No. P-13441 IN THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE THOMAS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF **HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LUCILLE THOMAS, Deceased, were issued on June 29, 2006, in Cause No. P-13441, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: BETTIE JO PRATER

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered ire required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS 21). Y ou've as much moti-If the lunar transit was vatio n as a rock now and feel-good summer would be very happy to movie, the Aries moon learn the underrated skill: How to never have work. This isn't becai ise you're lazy, it's because you're tired. Take a break, and don't

> puni sh yourself. CA NCER (June 22-July 22). A fulfilling personal life v vill bring much-needed balance. You could even forget your worries altog ether. Tonight: Say the v vords that cause others to open up.

LE O (July 23-Aug. 22). Ever y moment of your day doesn't have to be scher luled. Liberate your spiri t with a plan to do abso lutely nothing. By the vay, a box or bag is still in need of unpacking. When you put stuff away, you're claiming your space.

VII RGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The heat is on at work, and luckily, so are you. Write your best idea: s down and follow thro ugh. Your joie de vivre returns, and don't think it goes unnoticed, either. Singles attract all kind s of interest.

LII 3RA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You recognize how different personalities complemen tone another. This is a sk ill you can bank on now. You'll be putting toget her a dream team of sorts. Water signs are best for what you need: Pisces, Cancer or Scorpio.

SC ORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A formerly rocky rom antic relationship is experiencing gorgeous weat her tonight. With a little: creativity, you can turn this smooth ride into a bonding experience. Gan les are particularly

SA GITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your personal

history could use a rewrite. Putting a new spin on the past might help you get a better grip on the present. And you're not lying to yourself, either — it's all in how you frame it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today is about money and how you can make it differently than you've ever made it before. Input from partners is truly brilliant. A new idea may be a moneymaker or money saver — either one is good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). All you have to do is everything you promised! Promising less makes tomorrow easier. Next time, if you can't find it in your heart to say "no," then at least say "maybe" instead of "I'll do it!"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Work alone — others will only compromise your vision. Effective management money opens doors. Energy is high once you detach yourself from problems that are not yours to solve.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My baby is most likely going to be a Scorpio. I'm a single mom, so this relationship will be the primary one in my life, at least for now. What is a Scorpio baby like?"

Every individual has a unique manifestation of their sun sign as well as an entire chart influencing individuality and personality. I've noticed that Scorpio often gets a bad rap, so it's wonderful for you to learn the true genius of this magical sign. The Scorpio baby sees things in the world that you have not seen until you look at the world through her eyes. (I'm getting that your baby is a girl.) Scorpio children are thoughtful, patient and persistent, possessing strong wills and penetrating minds. Scorpios make excellent surgeons, detectives and researchers. Your child may have a natural affinity and aptitude for science and medicine. Mentally very active, Scorpios posses a quick wit, if you're shrewd enough to catch the joke. Independence (probably to the point of rebellion) is a strong value for this charismatic sign, but sharp mental skills will undoubtedly keep your child out of harm's way. Enjoy this unique child, who will keep life interesting and joyful.

CELEBRITY FILES: David Hasselhoff single-handedly turned a skimpy red swimsuit into a 20th-century pop-culture icon through his long-running show "Baywatch." As a Cancer water sign, this dunk into the ocean was the regeneration of an impressively diverse career. He'll soon be a judge on Simon Cowell's next highly anticipated foray into network TV - "America's Got Talent." I predict a smash hit!

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

De ar Annie: For the past two years, my husband and I have been renovating a house in a transitior al neighborhood. Not so nicely put, it's an inn er-city ghetto. We love our little house and are trying to have a positive impact on the neighborhood, but small things keep happening to make me feel very discouraged about living here.

My tulips are picked from the stem, and my ma rigolds have blatantly been dug up from my flo werbeds. People throw trash in our yard, and an ything that is not na iled down on our porch is stolen. We even had our Chiristmas lights taken. So meone breaks into my car on a regular basis and leaves all the doors open so my battery is sure tc. be $d\epsilon$ ad in the morning when I leave for work.

When we first moved here, we threw a neighborhood barbecue and no one came. One of my neighbors ventured over to tell me that people thought we were "uppity." We know we are the only college graduates on our block, but what is so uppity about mowing your lawn? Why take your resentment out on iny flowers?

We are at the point where we are ready to turn our backs on all the work we have done on our home and move, but: I truly do not want to lea ve. How can I make thirigs better? Michigan Rehabber

Dear Michigan: Peo ple tend to be very resent ful of those who gentrify their neighborhood. It means change. Property values go up, and they might have to move.

They see you as the first wave of opportunists w/ho think they know better. If



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you truly want to stay, you will have to tough it out. Meanwhile, try to make friends with one neighbor - just one. Invite someone over for pie and coffee. Ring a bell and ask to borrow a cup of sugar. And invest in a good set of jumper cables.

Dear Annie: My daughter gave my wife three scratch-off lottery tickets for Mother's Day. One was a \$10,000 winner. My wife promptly gave my daughter \$2,000 of her winnings.

My daughter went home and told her husband. She then called my wife and insisted she should have gotten half the winnings. My wife explained to her that it was a gift, but my daughter hung up the phone.

Now we probably will never see our grandsons again. I told my wife that I wish she never would have won that money. What is your opinion? — A Reader

Dear Reader: Yes, your daughter is wrong. The tickets were a gift, and the winnings belong to your wife. It was generous, as well as appropriate, for her to give \$2,000 to your greedy and daughter. ungrateful However, that doesn't solve your problem. If your daughter insists on DICATE, INC.

holding the grandchildren for an additional \$3,000 ransom, we say grit your teeth and pay it. Your wife is still up \$5,000, and there will be peace in the family.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Worried Dad," who bought his son a car and insurance, but the son didn't keep up his grades.

When my oldest son got his license, these things became an issue. When my daughter got her license, we bought her a car, paid for gas, insurance, etc. This time we made her sign a written "Driving Contract," which laid out our expectations, grades (she is expected to carry a B average), curfews, boundaries of driving, amount of gas we would pay for, consequences of accidents, and so on. My daughter also added her expectations to the contract, i.e., that we wouldn't use her car without her permission, etc. We all signed it.

I highly recommend this for every parent of a teenage driver. We had no trouble whatsoever. Dad Who Has Been There

Dear Dad: Spelling it out in writing can clarify matters for everyone. Good for you, Dad.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. © 2006 CREATORS SYN-

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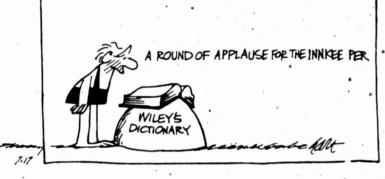






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Today is Monday, July 17, the 198th day of 2006. There are 167 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:

Ten years ago, on July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Paris-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, N.Y., shortly after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people abound ple aboard. On this date:

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States. In , 1898, during the spanish-American War, Spanish-American Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S.

In 1917, the British royal family adopted the name "Windsor."

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif. In 1945, President Truman,

Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at 'Potsdam, Germany, in the final Allied summit of World War II. In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif. In 1975, an Apollo space-

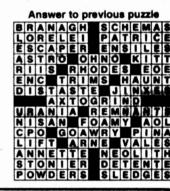
ship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower linkup of its kind. In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walk-ways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency

Hotel collapsed during a

"tea dance." In 1986, White House chief of staff Donald Regan drew criticism for suggesting in an interview that American women would not be prepared to "give up all their

jewelry" if the U.S. were to impose economic sanctions

against South Africa. Today's Birthdays: TV personality Art Linkletter is 94. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 89. The former president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 86. Jazz singer Jimmy Scott is 81. Actor Donald Sutherland is 71. Actress singer Diahann Carroll is 71. Rock singer Spencer Davis is 64. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler (Black Sabbath) is 57.



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