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School supplies urgently needed at Salvation Army

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Donations for the annual Salvation Army back-to-school supply drive have begun to trickle in, but it's quickly becoming apparent this year's need is going to outweigh the supply.

"We're getting between eight and 10 calls a day from people needing these school supplies," said Paula Lafler, social worker for the local Salvation Army.

"As far as donations are concerned, I've only seen one box so far, so things are going really slow right now."

The annual back-to-school supply drive helps make sure area children have the materials — notebook paper, pencils and pens — they need to start the school year.

Lafler said the local Salvation Army has received a shipment of approximately 300 backpacks and is now looking to round out the rest of the supplies.

"We need pencils, pens, notebook paper, folders... basically everything except backpacks," said Lafler.

Capt. Russ Keeney said the program has been such a success over the years because of community support, and there are two ways for area residents to help.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," said Keeney.

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

The program will be administered in much the same way as last year, according to Keeney, at the Salvation Army office

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What's needed?

Pencils, pens, notebook paper, folders, scissors, rulers, erasers, etc.
Or, monetary donations.

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NATO in command

International alliance takes over for U.S. in southern Afghanistan

□ For the first time, a non-U.S. general will command American forces in combat.

By FISNIK ABRASHI

Associated Press Writer

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — NATO took command of southern Afghanistan from the United States today and the new commander of the push to pacify the insurgency-wracked region vowed that he would not fail millions of Afghans seeking peace and stability.

An American soldier holding the flag of the U.S.-led coalition walked out of a tent shading U.S., European and Afghan officials from the baking sun, and was replaced by a soldier with the banner of the new, NATO-led

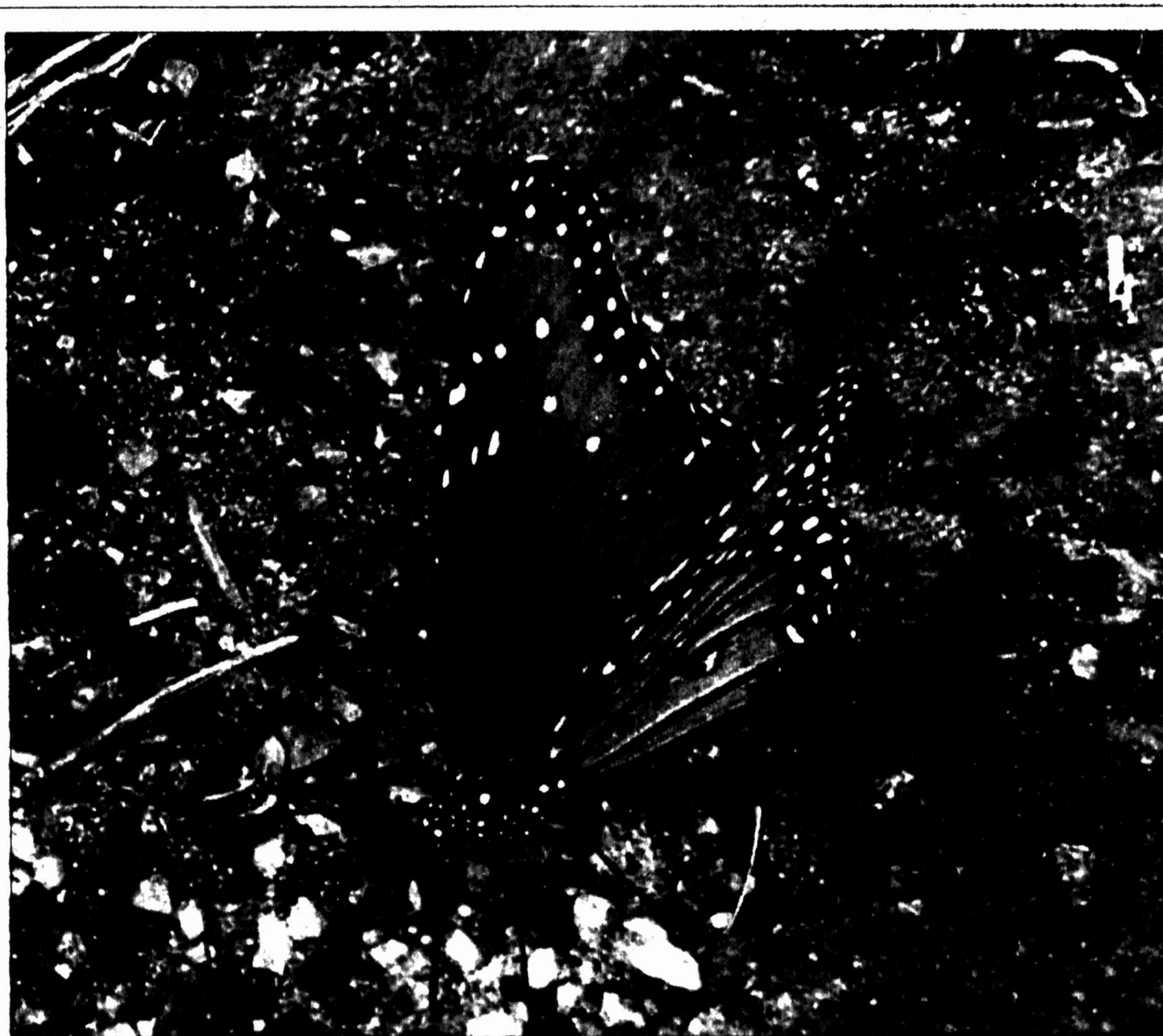
force.

U.S. Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry transferred command to British Lt. Gen. David Richards, telling the audience at the dusty airfield outside the main southern city of Kandahar that, "The United States will not leave Afghanistan until the Afghan people tell us the job is done."

The NATO alliance's southern deployment includes some U.S. troops, effectively making Lt. Gen. Richards the first non-U.S. general to command American forces in combat operations, officials said.

"I hope and believe the huge significance of this renewed international commitment will not be lost on the majority who

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
This butterfly takes a break near the municipal pool in Comanche Trail Park Saturday afternoon. According to pool employees, thousands of the insects descended on and around the pool area over the weekend. The butterflies — most of which were Horned Butterflies — may have been on a migratory route that led them to the Big Spring area, according to Warren Multer, entomologist with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. Multer said high winds can change the butterflies' migratory patterns.

Hang gliders to sail into Big Spring skies again

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For at least one week, Big Spring will be the epicenter of hang gliding competition as the city once again prepares to host the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Sponsored and coordinated by the U.S. Hang Gliding Association, the competition is slated Aug. 6 through Aug. 12, and according to championship organizer and director David Glover, is breaking all the norms by coming back to Big

Spring several years in a row.

"It's very unique to have the Hang Gliding Nationals ever go back to the same location," said Glover. "much less go back to the same location the very next year. It was because the pilots had such a great time and felt that this is such a good venue for testing the skills of the best pilots in the nation to find out who is really national champion."

Glover said this year's competition will feature some new "tricks," including the Prairie Pup

"We also have lots of foreign pilots coming to the meet this year. There's a lot of excitement about the flying and hospitality in Big Spring."

—David Glover,
meet director



Precision Pflour Plop, where ultralight pilots will bomb the airfield — and a precise target — with bags of flour.

"Some of this will be from the ultralights, which is a new addition (to the competition)," said Glover. "The tug (ultralight) pilots are really

looking forward to it. It should be a lot of fun to watch."

The event will also feature a new competition for the hang glider pilots, according to Bobby McDonald, chairman of the local event committee.

"It's going to be called spot landing, which they

will be doing Saturday. Spot landing is where hang gliders — from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. — will be launched and those who wish to participate will try to hit a target. They can't let their wings touch the target, and it has to be measured. I'm told it's a very difficult thing to do. There's a cash prize for the winner and the public will be able to view it."

Glover said the pilots will also be testing new technology that would allow people on the ground to track the pilots competing in the champi-

onship — which Glover likens to a "yacht race in the sky" — by using cell phones.

Glover said the pilots will also be eyeing at least one new world record flight, which they hope to top during the championship.

"There's a new world record for one of the types hang gliding, which is 483 miles from Zapata to Lovington, N.M.," said Glover. "We also have lots of foreign pilots coming to the meet this year. There's a lot of excitement."

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FESTIVAL SET AUG. 12

The Hangar 25 Air Museum will hold its first Big Spring Hang Gliding and Flight Festival Saturday, Aug. 12, on the Hangar apron, located in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The festival will include limited plane rides from the U.S. Flight Academy, game booths, classic cars and plenty of vendors. Several contest events are also planned, including a pet and owner look alike contest, peanut spitting contest, singers and dancers, horseshoes, washer pitching and much more. The festival will also feature a garage sale, with booth space available for \$25. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday. For more information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

GIBSON'S REMARKS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite an apology by Mel Gibson, Hollywood insiders and the star's fans sought more details about his reported anti-Semitic tirade during an arrest for drunken driving and whether sheriff's deputies gave him preferential treatment.

Gibson's publicist would not elaborate beyond an apology Gibson issued Saturday in which the star admitted he uttered "despicable" things to deputies.

A leaked arrest report quoted Gibson as saying "The Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world," and asking an arresting officer, James Mee, "Are you a Jew?"

RICKETTS OPEN HOUSE

Dr. Robert Ricketts, Ph.D., Democratic candidate for the District 19 congressional seat, will meet with area voters from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at 300 Washington Blvd. in a special meet-the-candidate open house.

Ricketts will face District 19 incumbent Randy Neugebauer and Libertarian Fred Jones in the November general election.

Ricketts is the former director of accounting programs and holds an endowed chair in taxation at Texas Tech University, where he has taught since 1988. He is a CPA, certified in the state of Texas in 1984 and has bachelor's, masters' and Ph.D. degrees in accounting.

Obituaries

Clayton Swinney



Clayton Swinney, 91, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 29, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Monday, July 31, 2006, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born May 15, 1915, in Cherokee County and married Maurine Word and she preceded him in death in 1979. Mr. Swinney married Kittie Bell Anderson and she also preceded him in death in 1989.

Mr. Swinney came to Big Spring in 1946 from Houston. He had worked for Republic Oil Field Supply for five years and then for Cosden for 27 years, retiring in 1979. He had served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he was involved in the choir for many years and had served as a deacon. Mr. Swinney was also a member of the Staked Plains Lodge 598 A.F. & A.M. and was a member of the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Lois and Ross Word of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Luther McDaniel of Kerrville; seven grandchildren, Janice Zink and husband Steven of Chicago, Ill., Vanessa Word-Oliver and husband Ron of Salt Lake City, Utah, Dana Fossett, Lisa Gaennie, Derek McDaniel, Jennifer McDaniel and Brett McNeal; four cousins, Carlee Swinney, Ernestine Rogers, Bobbie Mills and Sue Darnell; numerous great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a special caregiver and close, loving friend, Johnnie Lou Avery of Big Spring.

He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Betty McNeal; and one cousin, Eddie Mills.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clayton Swinney fund at First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Perry L. White



Perry L. White Sr., 68, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 28, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born July 20, 1938 in Big Spring and married Charlene Bandy on April 10, 1957, in Midland.

Perry was a lifelong resident of Big Spring, where he owned and operated a dairy farm for most of his life, before retiring in 1985. He also did cowboy work and enjoyed trading horses.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene White of Big Spring; one daughter, Darlene Sheldon of Big Spring; five sons, Perry White, Jim Bob White, Jerry White, Larry White and Dalton White, all of Big Spring; and his mother, Pauline White of Big Spring; one sister, Carolyn Cox of Midland; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wilfred White; two daughters, Paula Joyce White and Dusta Jean White; and one son, Charles Lee White.

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William (Bill) Toerck

William (Bill) Toerck, 93, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 31, 2006, in a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Margaret Atwell

Margaret Atwell, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Serena Roman

Serena Roman, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Kitty Andrews



Kitty Andrews, 81, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Crispin and Ann Pope, both of Big Spring; a granddaughter; and one brother, Lester Ables of Magnolia, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Ables.

The family suggest memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring or to The Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring.

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Wendell C. Barber II



Wendell C. Barber II, 39, of Forsan, died Friday, July 28, 2006. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at the Forsan Baptist Church with Derrick Looney, officiating.

He was born April 1, 1967, in Orange County, Calif., and married Kim Gross on June 6, 1987, in Alamogordo, N. M.

Wendell had been a Boy Scout and achieved his Eagle Scout award and continued to be active in Scouting. He was currently serving as a city councilman in Forsan. He worked for the Colorado River Municipal Water District for the past six years and was a member of Forsan Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Kim Barber of Forsan; two sons, Taylor Barber and Zachary Barber; and one daughter, Amanda Barber, all of Forsan; his parents, Wendell and Sherrie Barber of Anderson, Mo.; and two sisters, Lisa Barber of Atlanta, Ga., and Rane Stone of Anderson, Mo.

The family suggests memorials to Boy Scouts of America, Buffalo Trail Council, 610 Scurry St., Big Spring.

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

Glenn Dowe

Glenn Dowe, 83, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of S. Gregg Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Basswood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Dower. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 8900 block of East Highway 350. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2600 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar Road. One person was transported to the VAMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-27-35-38-39-48. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$13 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-14-18-23. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **MICHAEL ROBLEDO**, 37, of 1507 Lark, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **GUADALUPE MORENO**, 38, of 807 Creighton, was arrested Saturday on a capias warrant and two local warrants.
- **CHRIS PENA**, 24, of v6409 E. FM 846, was arrested Saturday on two Howard County warrants.
- **JOSE NAVA**, 27, of 813 Creighton, was arrested Saturday on a local citation.
- **THOMAS RIOS**, 24, of 1023 Bluebird, was arrested Saturday on a local citation.
- **GABRIEL RAMIREZ**, 21, of 4114 Parkway, was arrested Saturday on three local citations.
- **TONY MARQUEZ JR.**, 20, of 1105 E. 15th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **CRYSTAL LOPEZ**, 19, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a local citation.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT** was reported:
 - in the 3400 block of Airport Road.
 - in the 800 block of San Antonio.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Sixth Street.
 - in the 800 block of Willia.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 4200 block of Birch.
 - in the 200 block of Third Street.
- **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 1100 block of Wood.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of 14th Street.
 - in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
 - in the 1400 block of Sycamore.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Creighton.
 - in the 500 block of 12th Street.
 - in the 1200 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JESSE CASTRUITO DELEON JR.**, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a violation of probation.
- **DENNIS WILLIAMS**, 57, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and assault by threat.
- **JOSE ANTONIO ORNELAS**, 22, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **DERRICK DAMOND WILBERT**, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (motion to revoke probation).
- **HERMAN TORRES**, 33, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a Hidalgo County warrant for theft.
- **LANCE BIDDLE**, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- **DEVON LEE BUTLER**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **TIMOTHY LOUIS SANCHEZ**, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and disregarding a stop sign.
- **ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **THOMAS LAWRENCE HODGES**, 53, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MICHAEL ROBLEDO**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CHRIS TREVINO PENA**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and criminal mischief - impairing public communications.
- **TONY MORENO MARQUEZ JR.**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **MAGDALENE LOPEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation.
- **RANDALL SCOTT JEAN**, 45, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a Fort Worth police warrant for burglary of a habitation - assault.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 100 block of Dower.

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Harris County to tighten access to ERs

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County's public hospitals will start diverting nonurgent patients away from emergency rooms this week in an effort to reduce emergency room overcrowding, officials said.

Under the RightCare program beginning Tuesday, Ben Taub and LBJ hospitals will screen adult patients and refer those who don't need urgent care to community health clinics.

The two hospitals serve the county's needy and have operated with open-door policies. But officials say it costs more to treat people in emergency rooms than in clinics and can saturate a service meant for patients with critical needs.

"We've been enabling primary care treatment in emergency rooms, but not liking it," said Bryan McLeod, spokesman for the Harris County Hospital District. "So what do we do to change things? This is one of those options."

Patients who are referred to community clinics but demand treatment at the emergency room will have to pay a \$150 deposit before being treated or an \$80 deposit to be seen in urgent care centers at the hospitals.

The district is adding urgent care staff at LBJ and expanding the urgent care center's hours. Ben Taub plans to build a new urgent care center soon.

The diversion program will not apply to children 17 and younger, but the district will urge parents to take children with non-emergency symptoms to clinics.

Overcrowding at the hospitals' emergency rooms has resulted in waits as long as 12 hours for patients with nonurgent symptoms.

James Hearn, assistant administrator at LBJ, said more than half of the 166,000 people who went to LBJ and Ben Taub emergency rooms last year could have been treated elsewhere.

"Accessing the emergency room for the sniffles is not appropriate. We will be teaching people to navigate our system and use our clinics," said Hearn, who is leading the diversion effort.

In another measure of the pressure on emergency rooms, the county's hospitals have increasingly resorted to "drive-by status," which requires ambulances to divert emergency patients to other facilities when the emergency room is packed.

Ben Taub's emergency room spent 42 percent of 2005 on drive-by status, while LBJ was on it 55 percent of the year.

Hearn said the diversion policy is expected to reduce emergency room visits by 20 percent.

Assistants for the RightCare program will help patients to locate convenient community clinics. While it can take eight weeks to get an appointment at a clinic, district spokesman John Martinez said the clinics will try to schedule patients with minor illnesses within a week or two.

Passenger train jumps rails in Beaumont

BEAUMONT (AP) — An Amtrak train carrying more than 100 passengers derailed about five minutes after leaving the Beaumont station on Sunday. There were no injuries.

The train was traveling from California to New Orleans when the accident occurred at 3:15 p.m.

Passengers told Beaumont TV station KFDM that they could feel a bump when the train derailed at about 20 miles-per-hour. The train stayed upright when it left the tracks.

The passengers helped remove their luggage from the cargo carts and then waited for buses to take them to their final destination.

Wildfires burn across state

AUSTIN (AP) — More than a dozen wildfires scorched almost 10,000 parched acres across the state Sunday, pushing the Texas Forest Service to its limits and forcing the evacuation of at least 12 homes, a fire official said.

"We have had fire departments calling and asking for help but we were out of resources and we couldn't send more help," said Traci Weaver, a forest service spokeswoman. "It has just been crazy today."

Fires broke out in north, central and western areas of the state, including in Comanche, Palo Pinto, Clay, Menard, Kendall, Throckmorton, and Young counties. A total of about 9,993 acres burned, Weaver said.

At least six blazes that began Friday and Saturday in Hamilton, San Saba, Irion, Clay and Palo Pinto counties continued burning Sunday, consuming 4,426 acres during the weekend, she said.

A firefighter in Comanche County was treated for heat exhaustion, and an empty house was destroyed north of Santo in Palo Pinto County, Weaver said.

A roadside wildfire claimed about 2,000 acres northwest of Comanche, forcing 12 homes to evacuate. The fire was partly contained by Sunday night, but the

evacuated residents had not yet returned, Weaver said.

The fire in Menard County also continued to burn Sunday night after igniting when a controlled burn went out of control, burning about 2,260 acres, Weaver said. Five houses were threatened, she said.

Weaver said the number of wildfires has increased with the dryness this past month, but Sunday was the busiest day in recent months.

"It is just that vegetation is critically dry right now, and a lot of times, activity picks up on the weekend because people are out and about, doing things," she said.

Fires this weekend were caused by a welding torch, tractor equipment, a downed power line, lightning and other sources of heat, Weaver said.

Salon owner charged with taping customers

HUMBLE (AP) — A salon owner has been charged with videotaping unsuspecting nude customers in his salon's tanning booth, police said.

Douglas Dinh, 48, was charged Friday with improper videotaping at his Top Nails salon. Humble police said they found two video cameras and footage of customers while police were investigating a sexual assault allegation.

Dinh admitted to taping the customers, police said. Detective Eric Squier said one camera had been installed in the ceiling and another "pin-sized" camera was taped to the bottom of a chair and connected to a wireless remote.

Police confiscated several tapes and DVDs, and Dinh's computer and hard drive. They found footage of at least seven unidentified women, officials said.

Police find 13 pounds of heroin on 68-year-old

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 68-year-old Austin man was arrested after police say they found as much as \$2 million worth of black-tar heroin when they searched him.

Narcisco Rodriguez-Jaimes, arrested at a downtown bus stop Saturday, has been charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance over 400 grams, an arrest report stated. He was being held at the Bexar County Jail on \$150,000 bond.

A San Antonio officer approached Rodriguez-Jaimes early Saturday afternoon at the bus station. When police asked to see his identification, he started acting "very nervous," according to the report.

NATO

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yearn for peace, stability and increased prosperity we came here to deliver," Richards said. "These millions of people should be reassured that they will not be let down."

The ceremony took place against a backdrop of continued violence. A bomb blast intended for a provincial governor killed eight people at a mosque service. And officials said that more than 30 Taliban had been killed in clashes Sunday, most in southern provinces where NATO has taken command.

About 8,000 mostly British, Canadian and Dutch troops have deployed in southern Afghanistan as NATO's

International Security Assistance Force expands its presence from the more stable north and west of the country.

The mission is considered the most dangerous and challenging in the Western alliance's 57-year history. It coincides with the deadliest upsurge in fighting in Afghanistan since late 2001 that has killed hundreds of people — mostly militants — since May.

"Those few thousand who oppose the vast majority of Afghan people and their democratically elected government should note this historic day and should understand they will not be allowed to succeed," Richards said.

Taliban-led rebels have stepped up attacks this

year, sparking the bloodiest fighting in over four years and threatening Afghanistan's slow reconstruction and democratic reform after a quarter-century of war.

The insurgents have escalated roadside bombings and suicide attacks, mounting brazen attacks on several small towns and district police stations — a tactic rarely seen in the previous four years.

NATO hopes to bring a new strategy to dealing with the Taliban rebellion: establishing bases rather than chasing militants. It is also wants to win the support of locals by creating secure zones where development can take place.

But questions remain whether it can quell the

violence enough to let aid workers get to work in a lawless and impoverished region, where about a quarter of Afghanistan's huge opium crop is grown.

Another challenge for NATO will be to stem what Afghan and some Western officials say is cross-border infiltration of militants from neighboring Pakistan.

Eikenberry said the United States remained committed to Afghanistan.

"The war on terrorism began here in Afghanistan and it continues today. We must never forget that," he said.

He told the ceremony, attended by Afghan officials, and officers and diplomats of nations who have contributed to the

NATO force, that the international community, too, must remain "fully committed."

"The war on terrorism began here in Afghanistan and it continues today. We must never forget that," the American general said. "The United States will not leave Afghanistan until the Afghan people tell us the job is done."

The U.S.-led coalition now is focusing its attention on eastern Afghanistan, where al-Qaida and Taliban also are active.

The U.S.-led coalition first deployed in Afghanistan nearly five years ago to unseat the hard-line Taliban regime for harboring Osama bin Laden.

Afghan Defense

Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak said the increase in NATO forces would not mean a cut in the support from the United States, which he thanked for its contribution in bringing "peace and security to a war-torn nation."

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ment about the flying and hospitality in Big Spring.

Glover said Big Spring boasts some of the best hang gliding conditions anywhere, one of the many reasons pilots from all over the world will be making the trip.

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conditions here means we can fly everyday," said Glover. "We're not wind-ed or weathered out. The sun hits the ground and the ground heats up, so thermal layers of air go up. The base of the clouds are really high, which means we can fly up really high into the air and the thermals are strong, so you don't have to fly around too much before you hit a thermal that pushes you up.

"Our desire is to see how long we can stay up and then fly around a course as quickly as we can. It just has the right combination of meteorology and geography to allow us to fly for a long time and fly fast. The men and women who come here just love the flying. It's excellent."

The real "icing on the cake" will be in 2007, according to Glover, when Big Spring will play

home to the World Championship.

"The world championship has only been held in the U.S. once in the last 30 years, so it's a real honor to have it coming to Big Spring in 2007," said Glover. "We're expecting approximately 125 pilots or more to come from all over the world to compete."

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"We're going to do it this year the same way we did it last year," he said. "Registration is Aug. 10 and 11, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m. for lunch.

"We need people that are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child. We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also bring proof of income and expenses, and a picture ID for the person applying for the program."

Keeney said qualified parents and guardians won't have to wait weeks

to pick up their supplies, thanks to an expedited application process.

"If they qualify, they will be able to take the supplies home with them that same day," said Keeney. "That's instead of having them come back two weeks later. It helps cut down on the time it

takes them and us to do this. It worked really well last year."

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OUR VIEWS

Recycling efforts will benefit local wildlife sanctuary

There's another good cause just waiting to hear from those of us who have old cell phones we no longer use. Oh, yes, they're also interested in any used inkjet cartridges we might have lying around the house?

That's right, before you throw those seemingly useless items away, remember that All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue needs your help. And those are a couple of things you can do donate to help them

The organization is holding a fundraiser to help offset the costs of veterinary bills, feed for the animals and daily operation.

The 160-acre sanctuary located in Coahoma provides rescue, rehabilitation, and release of orphaned, injured and displaced wildlife. It is operated in conjunction with the wildlife rescue.

Melanie Gambrell, the organization's president, stresses that it relies on donations for its efforts.

All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is a non-profit organization and serves the West Texas area, not only with its rescue and sanctuary efforts but also offering advice and assistance with human and wildlife encounters.

The facility is operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Many of the animals have special needs, disabilities and behavioral problems and require extra care and attention.

By collecting donated cell phones and used inkjet cartridges the organization will receive funds from recyclers or refurbishers and help supplement the monetary donations it receives.

Donated cell phones and inkjet cartridges can be taken to Highland Animal Hospital, Dana Baker's Video, Christine's Cafe in Coahoma, Pretty Pets Bed and Bath, KBYG, Texas RV Park of Big Spring, Dahmer's Antiques or Yesterday's News and Antiques.

Those wishing to make a donation, become a foster family or provide a place for displaced wildlife can contact Melanie or Randy Gambrell at 267-7387. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Gambrells at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511.

So, we encourage those who have recyclable items that can be donated to do so. And if you can spare a few dollars for the animals, that's great, too.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we expound on Your word, Lord.

Amen

A global body parts bazaar

Is China harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners — who are killed in the process? David Kilgour, a former Canadian member of parliament, and Canadian human-rights attorney David Matas admit that they cannot prove or disprove allegations that China has killed thousands of Falun Gong practitioners in order to harvest their organs, but they fear and believe it is happening. So they wrote in a report (<http://investigation.redirectme.net>) released this month for the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of the Falun Gong in China.

China denies the allegations. An embassy spokesman reminded me that U.S. officials toured a site in Shenyang allegedly used for these operations, but a U.S. State Department official said they found "no evidence that the site is being used for any function other than as a normal public hospital." The official U.S. position on the controversy is that the administration is "concerned" about Chinese persecution of Falun Gong, as well as allegations of organ harvesting.

On the other hand, last year a Chinese health official admitted that the organs of executed prisoners were sold to foreigners. A new law now prohibits taking organs without written permission — even as China has launched a new fleet of execution vans that are turning lethal injection into a movable feat.

There is no question that China is persecuting Falun Gong members. In 2004, the U.S. State Department reported that, "tens of thousands of practitioners remained incarcerated in prisons, extrajudicial re-education-through-labor camps and psychiatric facilities. Several hundred Falun Gong adherents reportedly have died in detention due to torture, abuse

and neglect since the crackdown on Falun Gong began in 1999."

Falun Gong is a meditative practice — sometimes dubbed "Chinese yoga" — which, practitioner Steve Ispas of Los Altos, Calif., tells me promotes "truthfulness, compassion and tolerance."

Nonetheless, the People's Republic of China refers to Falun Gong as an "anti-humanity, anti-society and anti-science cult" and claims that practitioners refuse needed medical treatment — which apparently makes it acceptable for the government to jail, even torture, believers.

You don't have to take the word of Falun Gong members to believe that the Chinese government is killing adherents for their body parts.

China has seen a steep rise in transplants over the past six years — from 18,500 in the six-year period 1994 to 1999 — to 60,000 in 2000 to 2005. (That figure was extrapolated from the China Medical Organ Transplant Association.) With no sign of a rise in brain-dead donors and family members donating organs, the report found, "the source of 41,500 transplants for the six-year period 2000 to 2005 is unexplained."

Websites for Chinese medical facilities demonstrate that it is quick and easy to get a human organ in China. One site boasted, "It may take only one week to find out the suitable (kidney) donor." Maximum wait time: one month. One clinic advertised an average waiting time for a liver of two weeks, another clinic cited an average wait of one week for a liver. That's fast service for an operation that requires a fresh, healthy and compatible corpse.

The median waiting time in Canada for an organ was 32.5 months in 2003.

The report also relied on testimony from witnesses, including a woman who claims her ex-husband harvested corneas from some 2,000 Falun Gong members. The report also cited transcripts of phone calls to Chinese hospitals in

which doctors offered up healthy organs from live Falun Gong donors.

America has a role in China's human-parts boom. As the Chronicle reported in April, a San Mateo, Calif., father of six plunked down \$110,000 and walked away with someone else's liver. He didn't bother to find out if the donor was an executed prisoner, but after the fact, he did bother to go online to inform other affluent Americans how they can buy fresh Chinese organs.

Speaking on the phone from Washington, Kilgour told me that while the buyer of Chinese organs may tell himself that his organ donor was a criminal who was going to be executed anyway, he believes that when foreigners buy a kidney, a Chinese official then "chooses a healthy Falun Gong practitioner who would die in the process of giving you a new kidney."

Kilgour and Matas penned 17 recommendations to thwart what they believe is happening. Countries need to pass laws that require doctors to report patients who obtain trafficked organs. Medical groups should not invite Chinese transplant surgeons to conferences. Meanwhile, if the PRC wants to convince the world that it is not harvesting organs from Falun Gong members, it needs to allow human-rights organizations to inspect re-education camps and interview prisoners.

According to the report, one transplant doctor volunteered to a caller that he had 10 "beating hearts" available at his hospital. If western democracies do nothing, if they continue allow their citizens to buy Chinese organs from unwilling donors, the developing world threatens to devolve one big organ bazaar — with human life itself as a hot commodity available to the highest bidders.

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The hand that rocks the cradle

Do you have any sympathy for Andrea Yates? Do you believe she deserves a chance to be cured of her illness and live a normal life?

Her former husband, the father of those five beautiful children, held a news conference after the jury returned its verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity, and pronounced himself pleased and relieved by the decision. This way, he said, his ex-wife would have an opportunity to receive treatment and, with it, a chance at a future.

If he can forgive her, or come close, why can't I?

Because the fact is, I can't.

Tom Cruise I'm not. I understand postpartum depression is real. My mailbox is already overflowing with e-mails from women explaining to me how terribly awful it can be, and excoriating me for saying on Fox News that I had no sympathy for Mrs. Yates. I understand.

A lot of things are terribly awful. But they neither excuse nor justify taking innocent human life. I don't care how desperate or depressed Andrea Yates was, how certain she was that Satan was inside her, it doesn't excuse drowning her five small children in the bathtub.

Of course, the insanity defense,

especially as Texas has strictly defined it, requires more than a colossal case of depression. In the wake of the successful insanity defense of President Reagan's shooter, John Hinckley, a number of states as well as the federal government moved to tighten their insanity defenses so as to make it more difficult for well-heeled defendants to create battles of the experts in order to avoid liability.

It is no longer sufficient, as it once was, that the defendant's act is a "product" of mental disease or defect; it is no longer sufficient, as it once was, that the defendant lacked "substantial capacity to conform" her conduct to the requirements of law.

The test in Texas, as in some other states that apply the strictest rules, requires an absolute absence of cognition. What this means is that the defendant must not know that his conduct is wrong. In theory, at least, that is a very tough test to meet.

In theory, the criminal law requires "mens rea," or a guilty mind, for an individual to be convicted of a crime. A person who is crazy, one could argue, is incapable of forming such an intent. But that is not how the law sees it. The law's guilty mind is more of a formality than a description of reality. We hold people to intend the natural consequences of their actions.

There is a difference between intent and motive. Intent means that you meant to do what you

did, not why you did it. Andrea Yates meant to drown her children. "Why" is another question.

Most criminals are crazy in one way or another. So what? The point is, that's no excuse. Many criminals were abused as children, many have crazy ideas, any number suffer from mental illness. At one time, diminished capacity was recognized as a partial excuse in the criminal law; voters overwhelmingly rejected that approach, as they have most "abuse excuses" when given the chance. The narrowing of the insanity defense is part of that trend.

To be sure, many lawyers and scholars believe that the exact niceties of the legal definitions matter far less than how sympathetic the defendant is. There is something ironic about the fact that the easier it is for average people to identify with a defendant, the more likely we are to conclude that she is crazy. What that means in practice, according to my friend Liza, an experienced criminal defense lawyer, is that the only defendants who ever succeed on today's insanity plea are mothers who kill their children, because everybody understands that they really must be crazy, and everyone gets that.

Everyone but me, I guess. I expect better from mothers.

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SUSAN ESTRICH

Living Well



By
**Kori
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**Artificial sweeteners:
how safe are they?**

To sweeten or not to sweeten — for those contemplating limiting their sugar intake, that is the real question.

Sugar is a favorite food. According to a federal study "Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals", the average American consumed about 20 teaspoons of sugar a day during the mid-1990s. About 60 percent of that sugar was from corn sweeteners (often found in sodas and other drinks) and 40 percent from table sugar and other sweeteners such as honey, said the Sugar Association.

Although loved, sugar isn't a good source of nutrients. That's why sugar is one of the first foods to be limited when dietary changes are made, said Texas Cooperative Extension experts.

Still, that sweet flavor is hard to give up. Sugar substitutes and artificial sweeteners can be alternatives to sugar, but that leads to the second question: Are they safe?

"Eating sweeteners is safe as long as you do not eat too much of them," said Dr. Mary Bielamowicz, Extension nutrition specialist.

"There are currently five low-calorie (non-nutritive) sweeteners approved for use in the U.S.," said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist. "Extensive scientific research has demonstrated the safety of these five sugar substitutes."

These sweeteners are:
— Acesulfame-K (often marketed as SweetOne, Sunette, Sweet and Safe, and Ace-K).

— Aspartame (Nutra-Sweet, Equal).

— Neotame.

— Saccharin (Sweet 'N Low, Sugar Twin, Necta Sweet).

— Sucralose (Splenda). Although three other low-calorie sweeteners — alitame, cyclamate and steviol glycosides — are available in other countries, they are not legal

in the U.S. "The only U.S.-approved sugar substitute that requires a label for safety is aspartame," Bielamowicz said. That's because this ingredient contains phenylalanine, an amino acid that is dangerous for individuals with phenylketonuria, or PKU, a rare — and hereditary — metabolic condition, she added.

"People with PKU know they have it since babies are tested for this shortly after birth," Rice said.

For everybody else, consuming sugar substitutes in reasonable amounts shouldn't be a problem, she said.

"Claims of adverse behavioral, neurological, carcinogenic, allergic and other adverse effects have been made against sugar substitutes, particularly aspartame," Bielamowicz said. "These claims are often highly circulated through e-mail and Internet sites, but they have not been supported by scientific research. In fact, numerous studies have been conducted that have found aspartame to be safe, and these claims to be unfounded."

However, some factors might limit a sugar substitute's usefulness in some situations, Rice said. Some sweeteners break down under high heat and cannot be used in cooking. Some are so much sweeter than ordinary sugar that they must be used in small amounts.

And don't forget, the experts advised, before making any dietary changes, seek the guidance of a medical professional and/or nutrition expert.

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

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Playing it safe

Reducing the risk of sports-related injuries

As a new school year begins, many children are gearing up for an exciting season of team sports. However, with the number of adolescents treated for sports injuries growing each year, the importance of proper safety precautions should not be overlooked.

One of the most important steps in preventing injuries is to use the safety equipment designated for a particular sport, such as helmets, quality shoes, mouth guards and face masks. To be effective, this equipment must fit properly and be worn correctly.

Even with precautions, sports-related injuries are not always avoidable. There are two general types of injuries: acute and chronic. Acute injuries occur as a result of a specific instance such as a fall or a collision with another player. These injuries include sprains, lacerations, strains, fractures and bruises. Medical treatment of these injuries should begin immediately. Chronic injuries happen over time and typically occur as a result of repetitive training, such as running or overhand throwing. Stress fractures, tendonitis, or growth plate overload injuries are examples of chronic injuries. If left untreated, chronic injuries will like-

ly worsen so prompt treatment is important.

When considering treatment of a sports-related injury, it is important to distinguish between soreness and pain. Experiencing temporary soreness after team practice is normal, but if the discomfort persists as a



result of chronic pain, it must be addressed. If the pain continues for over a week and worsens, stop playing whatever sport has caused the injury and see a doctor.

Fortunately, rehabilitation programs are available to provide athletes with an opportunity to safely stay in shape and prepare for a healthy return to athletic activity. Rehab programs can be offered by a doctor or physical therapist and include special exercises or therapy that will help relieve pain and heal the injury.

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To play sports safely from start to finish, remember these tips:

• See a doctor. Before beginning any sport, consult a physician for a complete physical exam.

• Drink plenty of water. Children are at a higher risk for dehydration than adults and can become dehydrated even in cool weather or while playing indoor sports.

• Wear safety gear. Use safety gear that is appropriate for the sport of choice and always wear a helmet when participating in contact sports.

• Treat injuries immediately. Young athletes should receive medical attention immediately following an injury. If he or she experiences sports-related pain that continues and intensifies for more than a week, consult a doctor.

• Let injuries heal. Although young athletes may be resistant to the

idea of sitting on the sidelines, leaving an injury untreated can have dangerous long-term consequences that affect growth and bone density.

By taking appropriate safety measures before beginning a sport and by properly treating sports-related injuries, young athletes can enjoy safe and safe sports seasons. If you have further questions regarding safety precautions contact your physician.

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♠ A Q 10
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East South West North
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 2NT Pass 4NT
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Opening lead — four of clubs.

This deal occurred in a match between the United States and New Zealand at the 1983 World Team Championship.

At the first table, Mike Passell and Eddie Wold, North-South for the U.S., quickly arrived at six notrump on the sequence shown. The New Zealand West led the four of clubs, and declarer won East's jack with the ace. Wold then lost the king of spades to East's ace, and East returned the club eight to South's king. Declarer now cashed the ace of hearts and three spade tricks, on which West discarded his two low clubs and the seven of diamonds, producing this position:

North
♥ K Q 8
♦ K 6 4

West
♥ J 10 4
♦ J 9
♣ Q

East
♦ 9
♠ 8 5 3 2
♣ 7

South
♥ 7 6
♠ A Q 10
♣ 3

Wold next cashed the king and ace of diamonds, West following with the 9-J, and then led the heart six, on which West played the four. At this point, Wold recapitulated everything that had occurred so far. He then came to the conclusion that West had started with exactly five clubs, three diamonds and one spade, and, therefore, four hearts. Accordingly, he played the eight of hearts from dummy and so brought the slam home for a score of 990 points.

At the second table, where the contract and all the preliminary plays leading to the diagrammed position were virtually the same, the New Zealand declarer went up with the king of hearts and finished down one. Apparently, either his courage failed him at the crucial moment or he had not kept close track of the highly significant clues along the way.

Tomorrow: East sells declarer a bill of goods.
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Support groups

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- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
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- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.
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Gulf states to reap windfall from new drilling

By BEN EVANS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — An offshore oil and gas drilling bill poised to pass the Senate this week has state officials in the Gulf Coast eagerly anticipating a potential windfall of billions of dollars in new revenues.

Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas would immediately begin sharing 37.5 percent of the federal leasing proceeds that would come from new drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

For the first 10 years, the new revenue-sharing formula would apply only to a narrow area of Gulf waters south of Alabama that would be opened for the first time to drilling under the bill. But starting in 2017, it would apply to all new drilling in the Gulf, generating an expanded windfall for state coffers since almost all of the money has traditionally gone to the U.S. Treasury.

Although firm projections are tricky because revenues would depend heavily on how much oil and gas were produced

and its value on the market, Senate aides say the total state take from the 37.5 percent share could be around \$30 billion over the coming decades, possibly much more. Each of the four states would get at least 10 percent of that, with the remaining revenues divided up based on how close each state is to new rigs.

"That's the sort of money that could give Alabama the best of both worlds, providing funding to increase spending on needed services without raising taxes," said David Lanoue, chairman of political science at the University of Alabama. "It's not as though it will immediately solve all the state's problems but ... it's very unlikely that taxes are going to be raised any time in the near future, so if public services are going to be raised to the next level, it may take that kind of influx of new money."

Under the Alabama constitution, the state's proceeds from drilling activities flow into a trust fund, with only the interest available to be spent. That

interest has become a major source of revenue for the state's hard-pressed General Fund budget.

It's too soon to say whether Gov. Bob Riley would seek a constitutional amendment lifting that restriction on the new funding stream if the Senate bill were to pass, said Jeff Emerson, a spokesman for Riley. But Riley already has expressed interest in using the money to improve roads leading away from the coast, citing congested hurricane evacuations, Emerson said.

The Senate bill allows several broad categories for spending, including coastal land conservation, fisheries management and coastal infrastructure, which could include roads and bridges.

Although most environmentalists believe fossil fuels are not the answer to the country's energy crunch, local criticism has been muted by the potential for what they say is badly needed coastal protection funding.

"We have drilling rigs inside Mobile Bay, so what are we going to say?" said Casi Callaway, executive director of the

environmental group Mobile Baykeeper, noting that the proposed new drilling included in the Senate bill is about 100 miles offshore.

But "oil and gas runs out," she warned, and the state needs more money to protect its coast. Past coastal protection funding has been used to buy thousands of acres of land for conservation, build a park and nature center, and study water quality, she said.

"We absolutely must prepare for the future," Callaway said.

Senate leaders originally hoped to move the bill without conceding new money to the states. In fact, the revenue shift is so large that it attracted attention from President Bush, who opposes the provision over the hole it could leave in future federal budgets.

But Gulf senators who have long sought a larger share of the proceeds from production in federal waters off their shores banded together and threatened to block the bill if the revenues weren't included.

Shootings tarnishing city's image as it tries to recover from Katrina

By MARY FOSTER

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Dorothy Washington's friends in Philadelphia thought she was crazy to come to New Orleans.

"My mother warned me not to come here," said Washington, 26. "She said it was too dangerous. Maybe she was right."

That attitude is what worries city leaders and those in the tourism industry — a mainstay of New Orleans' economy.

There have been 78 homicides here this year, down from the 134 in the first six months of last year when Hurricane Katrina forced thousands of residents to move out. But the number is growing steadily. There were 17 in the first three months of the year and 21 in July alone.

In June, five teenagers were gunned down while sitting in a sport utility vehicle, sparking the return of state police and National Guard troops to

help keep the peace in the city. This weekend, six people were shot to death in 24 hours.

"It dampens the progress we are making since the hurricane," said City Councilwoman Shelley Midura. "This is not what most people in New Orleans encounter. Most people in New Orleans do not experience any type of violence. But this is the image that is being formed of the city and it will hurt us if it continues."

The spate of violence began Friday night when three brothers and a friend were killed several blocks away from the French Quarter in the Tremé neighborhood. They were sitting on a porch when two men walked by, turned around and fired, police Superintendent Warren Riley said.

Two other people were gunned down in separate incidents hours later in other neighborhoods, one

close to busy St. Charles Avenue, between a daiquiri shop and a restaurant.

No arrests had been made in the latest killings as of Sunday night.

The violence, which police say is usually drug related, has not involved tourists.

"It's hard to tell if it's hurting business, because the summer is always slow, but I haven't heard talk about it from our customers," said Archie Casbarian, owner of Arnaud's restaurant in

the French Quarter. "And I just got back from Florida and wasn't asked about it there. But it's certainly not something we want in our city."

Police and City Council members expressed frustration at their inability to stop the bloodshed.

"It bothers me tremendously because there are so many things that are great about New Orleans," Midura said. "But this is what people will be reading about." Murder and other crimes plummeted in the

first months after Katrina hit New Orleans on Aug. 29 and flooded 80 percent of the city, forcing an exodus. The population is estimated to be about half of the pre-storm total of about 455,000.

On June 20, Gov.

Kathleen Blanco sent 300 National Guardsmen and 60 state police troopers to assist the city. State police are patrolling the French Quarter and the Guard is covering the still thinly populated areas of the city.

Earlier curfew takes effect for juveniles in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — City officials are lengthening a nighttime curfew as they try to overcome a spike in crime that's been marked by a rise in juvenile arrests.

Beginning today, most juveniles could be taken into police custody if they are found on the streets of the nation's capital between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The curfew used to begin at midnight.

"Too often, young people are becoming involved in violent crimes," said Mayor Anthony A. Williams. "This earlier curfew hour is necessary in order to protect them from becoming victims of crime or from becoming involved in crimes at night."

During the last week of June, 44 juveniles were arrested for serious crimes in the city. That number nearly doubled to 82 during the week ending July 22.

The earlier curfew was included in a package of initiatives passed by the D.C. Council on July 21. The city's legislative leaders amended Williams' curfew proposal to require five days advanced notice to members of the city's Advisory Neighborhood Commissions before enforcement.

The legislation also required posting of curfew details, including any mandated exceptions, on Web sites operated by the city and the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

The curfew, which

applies to those 16 years old and younger, replaces an extended weekday summer curfew of midnight that has been in place for several years. Williams said the earlier curfew will be in place through Aug. 30, but he has the authority to extend it.

"While a curfew is no panacea, it's an important way to help our police keep the streets safe," said Williams.

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IN BRIEF

Wyatt posts ace at Comanche Trail

Riley Wyatt chalked up the sixth hole-in-one of his golfing career Sunday at the first hole on the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Wyatt used a 5 iron to chalk up the ace at No. 1.

The shot was witnessed by James Norman, Don Cook, Dutch Barr, Tommy Biollalba and Ben Garcia Sr.

New volleyball coach sets parent-player meeting

New Big Spring volleyball coach Amanda Whitaker has announced a parent-player meeting with anyone planning on being involved with the high school volleyball program this upcoming season.

The meeting, which is for high school students only, will take place Tuesday at the Athletic Training Center at 7 p.m.

For more information, call coach Whitaker at 325-864-1467.

Big Spring ISD sets dates for buying football tickets

Fans of the Big Spring Steers football team who have had season tickets in the past can begin purchasing tickets for the upcoming season at the Big Spring High School ATC.

Previous ticket holders have until Aug. 10 to purchase tickets. The general public may purchase tickets on Aug. 14.

Tickets can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information call Cook at 264-3662.

Junior high football equipment hand out

Junior high football coach John Richard Sparks has announced that football players in seventh and eighth grade will be issued equipment Aug. 9-10.

The eighth graders will get theirs the first day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the seventh grade will go the second day at the same time.

For more information, call 264-4135.

Lubbock golfer fires consecutive aces

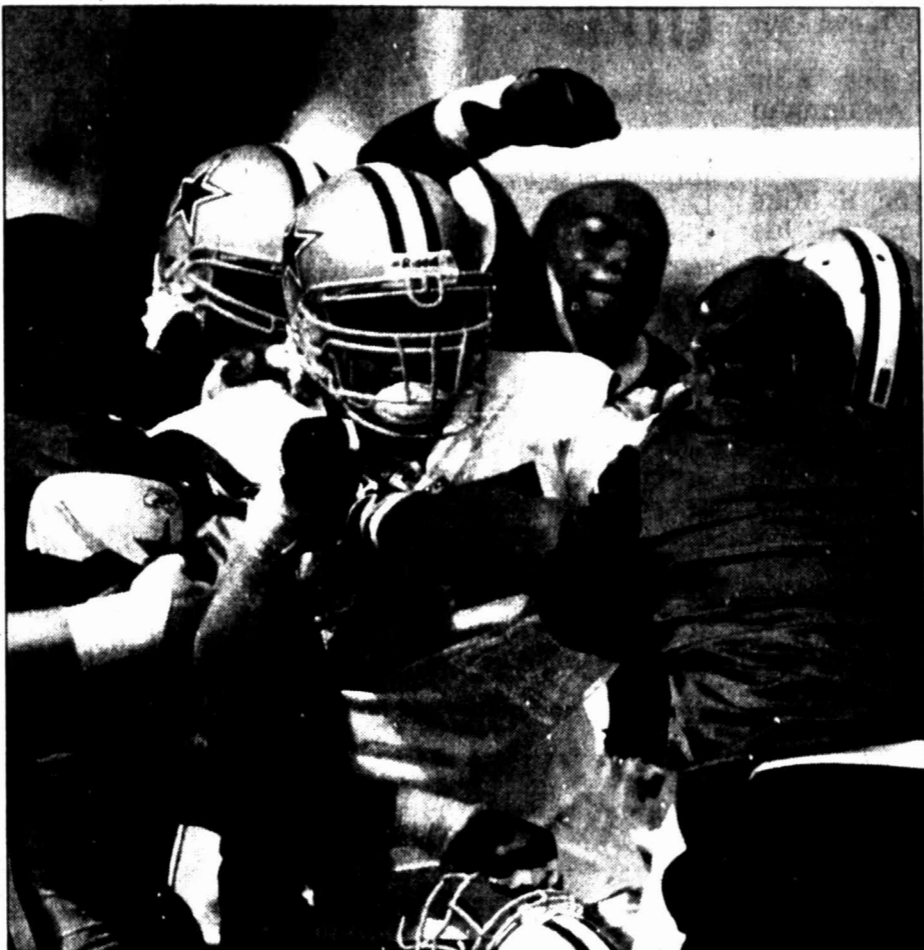
LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock insurance agent playing in a weekend tournament followed up his first hole-in-one with another one a day later.

On the same hole. Using the same club.

Leake, 53, aced the sixth hole on Saturday with a 5-iron from 174 yards out. He aced the same hole with the same club from 178 yards out in Sunday's final round.

Leake has a 14 handicap and was seeded in one of the lowest flights.

Parcells dealing with Ellis' Owens-like drama



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Tempers flared between Dallas Cowboys' Marc Colombo, center, and Kevin Burnett, in helmet at far right, during the Cowboys' training camp in Oxnard, Calif., Sunday.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Before the Dallas Cowboys opened training camp, a veteran player already was squawking about his new role, especially since he didn't get his long-term contract reworked to help make him feel better about it.

Terrell Owens? Hardly. The angry man is Greg Ellis, who until recently had always built on the good-guy reputation that was a big reason why the Cowboys drafted him instead of Randy Moss back in 1998.

The notion that Ellis would cause more headaches than Owens — or, at least, before Owens — is shocking. To Ellis, so is the change coach Bill Parcells is demanding.

After playing his entire career at defensive end, Ellis is being put into a hybrid role that essentially makes him a backup linebacker, keeping him on the sideline far more often than he's accustomed.

The problem is that at 270 pounds, Ellis isn't big enough to play end in Parcells' 3-4 scheme. Replacement Chris Canty weighs 300 pound and left-side starter

Marcus Spears is 298. Backups Jason Hatcher and Kenyon Coleman are both 295.

But Ellis remains one of the team's best quarterback chasers, having led the team in sacks all but once the last seven seasons. That's why Parcells still has a spot for him as a pass-rushing linebacker, a position he's carved out for players in New York and New England, most notably Willie McGinest on the Patriots.

"There are players, these in-between DE and LB types is the best way to describe it, they can have a good role in the 3-4 defense," Parcells said.

Ellis was wary of how he'd fit in the 3-4 last year, but started the first 13 games.

Then Canty took over. Now this.

Sure, there's a chance things will work out. There's also a chance the experiment fails and Dallas winds up cutting him, likely after this season. Plenty of teams would want to sign him, but for less money, probably far less since coming off a poor season he'd have little leverage.

So Ellis' solution was asking

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Rangers pound Royals

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Michael Young had another big game as the designated hitter, and the Texas Rangers stayed out of last place in the AL West with a much-needed offensive outburst.

Young had four hits with a home run and Mark DeRosa — playing shortstop instead of Young — added four hits with four RBIs in the Rangers' 15-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday night to snap a season-worst six-game losing streak.

"It's totally coincidental as far as I'm concerned," Young said after going 4-for-6 with two RBIs. "I'd like to think I'd do it if I was playing shortstop today, too."

DeRosa had a two-run double and a two-run single in his third start this season at shortstop, all games when Young, a three-time All-Star, was the DH.

"DHing is fine and dandy every once in a while, but it's not something I want to make a habit of doing," said Young, a starter in every Rangers game this year. "But every once in a while, it's nice to get off your feet and get some rest."

Young is 12-for-16 in those starts at DH — and 22-for-42 in his career as a DH.

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MCT photo/Jeffrey Washington/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Ranger Michael Young, right, rounds the base and touches hands with third base coach Steve Smith after hitting a home run in Sunday's game against the Kansas City Royals, at Amerquest Field in Arlington.

Pavin has first Tour victory in 10 years

By COLIN FLY

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Corey Pavin thought his latest win felt a lot like his first.

The 46-year-old Pavin won his first PGA Tour title in 10 years Sunday, closing with a 3-under 67 for a two-stroke victory over Madison native Jerry Kelly in the U.S. Bank Championship.

Pavin, whose last win came in the 1996 Colonial, has 15 tour victories — including the first of his career in '84 and the '95 U.S. Open.

"I can't quite put it up there with the U.S. Open, but it's very close to my first win in Houston," he said. "Not to demean any of my other wins, but to win your first tournament on tour and to have such a long stretch and to win again is very similar."

Pavin, a winner in three different decades, held a two-stroke lead until an eagle on No. 8 gave him breathing room against Kelly, a Madison native and the fan favorite.

From there, Pavin stayed consistent around the green, thanks to the return of caddie Eric Schwarz after a six-

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Is sports' doping vial half-full or half-empty?

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

Tour de France winner Floyd Landis and Olympic and world 100-meter champion Justin Gatlin both got pulled over recently for racing under the influence of performance-enhancers.

The news may be even worse than it sounds.

Because instead of boasting about how well the system works, the authorities are too busy casting a nervous eye on the horizon. They have no idea how many more "speeders" are about to crest the hill, only that the number is likely to be more than they are prepared to handle.

The head of the international cycling federation acknowledged

Sunday that he was considering calling in real cops to help police the doping in his sport.

"Of course it is sad it has come to this," UCI president Pat McQuaid said, "but it is the way it has to be."

The head of the U.S. Olympic Committee wondered aloud whether the army would be manpower enough.

"The cold reality is this: We are not yet winning the battle, and if we are ultimately to succeed, we must become smarter, more efficient and more effective in our efforts," USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth said. "The status quo will not work."

If those gloomy assessments reflect the current state of doping in cycling and track and field, just imagine what's going on in the games that pay top

dollar.

Not only do bike racers and runners take home a fraction of what big league sluggers or big-time running backs make, but both sports test athletes more often for more substances than just about any other — in- and out-of-competition — and have those samples analyzed in state-of-the-art labs by the best scientists money can buy.

Yet nobody in charge can say with certainty whether the vial is half-empty or half-full.

The fact that two of the highest-profile performers in their respective rackets got busted proves that nobody is above the law. There is no arguing with that. But since Landis and Gatlin also happen to be among the most respected and least suspected members of their pro-

fessions, it begs the question: How many others are on the juice?

The credibility of every sport depends on the answer, but almost nobody accepts the notion that the number caught reflects an accurate count. Especially when names like Landis' and Gatlin's turn up on the blotter. Because the thinking goes that if athletes with that much ability and drive, not to mention an unassailable work ethic, can be lured into risking everything to put themselves over the top, then more than a few of the guys just trying to cash checks from week to week are doing the same.

In baseball, for example, we've seen pitchers, hard-throwers

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for more upfront money, sort of as a good-faith gesture. The team declined and the grumbling began. It peaked Thursday when he got off the flight to training camp and told reporters, "I still don't want to be here."

Parcells didn't care that Ellis wanted to be released or traded.

"We don't have any plans to do anything with him," Parcells said Friday at his camp-opening news conference. "He's going to have to play here or he could retire if he wanted to. Those are his two choices right now."

Ellis has clammed up since then. After practice on Saturday, he said he'd talk on Sunday. Then he left the field Sunday hiding between a pack of

teammates; he relayed through a team official that he wanted to wait a few more days.

What matters more is what Ellis is telling Parcells and other coaches. And, so far, all seems well. He and Parcells even smiled during a one-on-one chat during a water break Saturday.

"I have a pretty good relationship with Greg," Parcells said Sunday when asked about their conversation. "I think both of us separate the business side of this game from the playing side of this game. Actually, we were just talking about some technical things and not anything else."

The technical part matters a lot now. How Ellis adjusts to all the nuances of his new job will determine how much he plays. After all, he can't strictly be used as a pass rusher.

"I don't know what

we're going to do," Parcells acknowledged. "We're going to let him do some of the drills. It's not like I'm dealing with a rookie and he doesn't know how to play the other position. I'm just trying to see how he looks doing some of these other things and we'll see how he does with it."

Asked whether Ellis will have a meaningful role, Parcells said, "Oh yes."

Extra points: K Mike Vanderjagt missed his first attempt, about a 30-yarder, but nailed his other three. His first two makes were so down-the-middle that they conked the scaffolding of the videographer's tower. ... Fans began lining up more than six hours before Sunday's practice started. Attendance was estimated at 4,800; the team has drawn 14,900 to their first three workouts.

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month absence. "This is the best he's hit it in quite a long time," said Schwarz, who carried Pavin's bag in the '95 U.S. Open. "He showed me he still has the heart and the skill to win."

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and soft-tossers alike, infielders, outfielders, Latinos, blacks, Caucasians and nobodies test positive for steroids alongside used-to-be-first-ballot Hall of Famers.

Someone wrote poignantly that the moment of truth for too many marginal ballplayers comes with the onset of age or the realization that they've maximized their talent; then it's cheat or go home. That doesn't make their sins easier to forgive, but

because they're role players, they are easier to forget.

When stars such as Landis and Gatlin get caught, it diminishes the games, too, but in a much more insidious way. Increasingly, the performances we once regarded as magical — the way Landis rebounded back from a crushing defeat only a day earlier, or the way Gatlin roared past a half-dozen other sprinters and hit the tape in world-record time — are proving to be byproducts of science. Ruin the biggest moments in the biggest games that way

Trahan (69) followed at 15 under and Woody Austin (65), Joey Sindelar (67) and Billy Andrade (68) were 14 under.

Kelly delighted the crowd with his antics and talk of the tournament being a "major" for him.

and there's no longer any sorting surprise from suspicion.

We keep talking about a return to some unspecified "good old days" as though there actually were days when big-time athletes weren't juiced.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Competitors looking for an edge, fair or otherwise, have been around since the beginning of sport. We're catching more of them than ever before, but it's never felt less satisfying. All it seems to prove is that a little knowledge is too often a dangerous thing.

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"Mike put on a show again. Nothing he does surprises anybody anymore," Texas manager Buck Showalter said.

The Rangers (52-53) had 19 hits and matched a season high for runs to avoid their first winless homestand of at least six games in club history.

After losing last Sunday in Chicago against the White Sox, Texas was swept in a three-game set by the New York Yankees and lost the first two against the Royals (37-67), who have the worst record in the major leagues.

"It seems like everybody in here has been trying to put it on themselves, so it was nice to get a lead early, then relax and have some fun," said DeRosa, 4-for-34 his previous nine games to drop his average from .322 to .308. "We definitely needed that."

Texas is third in the AL West, but only three games behind division-leading Oakland — and a half-game ahead of Seattle, which also won Sunday.

Carlos Lee had two more hits and his first RBI in his first victory with the Rangers since coming over from Milwaukee in a six-player trade Friday. The left fielder is 7-for-13 in three games for Texas.

Gerald Laird and Ian Kinsler had three hits each.

John Koronka (7-6) allowed two runs while throwing 110 pitches over five innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Mark Redman (7-6), the subject of trade speculation before Monday's non-waiver deadline, gave up six runs and nine hits and lasted only three innings. The Royals' left-hander was 7-1 in his previous 10 starts.

"I've got to take it as a

bad day at work. It was one of those nights they caught fire," Redman said. "I'm not going to dwell on it. It was not any one particular pitch. They hit them all."

DeRosa's two-run double in the second put the Rangers up 2-0. Young led off the third with his ninth homer and Laird had an RBI double before Kinsler's two-run homer that barely cleared the 14-foot wall in left for a 6-0 lead.

"There were a couple of pitches where I went down to block them in the dirt, and they still hit them," catcher John Buck said.

Brandon Duckworth replaced Redman to start the fourth, and needed 45 pitches over 11 batters to finally get out of the inning after the Rangers had scored six more times.

Young had a one-out single and scored on Lee's double. Kinsler drew a bases-loaded walk and DeRosa had a two-run single after intentional walks to Mark Teixeira and Hank Blalock that sandwiched a groundout. Gary Matthews Jr. had an RBI single that made it 12-2.

After Blalock's sacrifice fly in the fifth, Duckworth left with elbow soreness. Royals manager Buddy Bell said Duckworth was probably headed to the disabled list.

Emil Brown led off the Kansas City fourth with his seventh homer — a shot to center field that Matthews unsuccessfully made a leaping stab at while blowing a bubble with his gum.

Adam Eaton was scheduled to make his second start Sunday for the Rangers, but the right-hander was pushed back to Tuesday at Minnesota because of a stomach virus. Eaton said he felt better after getting medication, then sleeping most of Saturday.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:15 P.M., August 10, 2006, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.370050 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.064038 / \$100 (Proposed rate to bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	14.57%	increase
Debt Service	(1.62%)	(decrease)
Total Expenditures	13.98%	increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value * of all property	\$ 796,546,054	\$ 1,088,966,197
Total appraised value * of new property **	\$ 1,774,793	\$ 5,319,526
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$ 638,712,558	\$ 781,202,705
Total taxable value *** of new property **	\$ 1,774,793	\$ 5,319,529

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness * \$ 9,614,998.

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.076300 *	\$ 1.576300	\$ 2,804	\$ 3,142
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.330050	\$ 0.064038 *	\$ 1.394088	\$ 3,022	\$ 3,422
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.370050	\$ 0.064038 *	\$ 1.434088	\$ 3,099	\$ 4,127

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 31,442	\$ 33,929
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 10,154	\$ 12,143
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.57630	\$ 1.434088
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 160.06	\$ 174.14
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 14.08

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.434088. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.434088.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,536,859
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 157,887



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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Big Spring
Zoning Board of
Adjustments and Appeals
The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:
Eliphe DeJesus Puga, LT 11 BK 3 of Highland Park Division, Located at 1203 Wood St, is requesting a side yard carport variance.
Diane Daywood Shively, LT 20 BK 2 of Colonial Hills Division, Located at 4038 Vicky, is requesting a side yard carport variance.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

These are amorous times. Under the Libra moon and Leo sun (not to mention a sweet dance between Venus and Uranus), love in its various forms — from affinity to affection to passion to peace — demands to be acknowledged. Get in touch with what flows from your heart, and you'll be among the most fortunate, indeed!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars illuminate how you can make more money using your talents. For instance, you can make something out of nothing and call it art. Projects that involve Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn people are the most lucrative of all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you accomplish will speak for itself. Likewise, beware of people who claim to have accomplished things. (If they have to tell you about it, then the accomplishment hasn't spoken for itself.)

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just by being you and acting on your ideas, you'll inspire many types of people — most notably the classic, run-of-the-mill underachiever. So you don't have to try and motivate anyone. Your being is motivation enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The gap between you and your financial freedom seems to widen with every trip to the mall. The remedy may be as simple as adding a new hobby to your life that keeps you from shopping quite so often.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you're acting out of your own need to succeed, and maybe you're merely performing for those around you. Either way, you're pushing yourself to do and be more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Seeing young people play, slide and swing makes you long for the days when you were as carefree. Put your feet (and heart) to the test by letting them prove they haven't lost their ability to skip.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're an integral part of a friendship circle. Without your influence, the circle would break, or at least things wouldn't be nearly the same. Take pride in your social contribution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Intuitively, you're drawn to painless ways to better yourself. For instance, a simple little game you play is developing your mind bit by bit. An Aries on your side helps you win.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Remember what it was like to be infatuated? The object of your affection was so cool for doing just anything — flipping hair or sideways looks. The stars say he or she is similarly awestruck with

yourself. You really don't need a reason.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The teasing of a family member is harmlessly intended. Perhaps, but Freud said there are no jokes. Covert hostility is still hostility. You're entitled to call it as you see it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The sensational news about someone else may, in fact, have no direct consequence on your life. You're happy — gleeful even — anyway. This is because on some level you realize that we're all connected.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you begin to collect the rewards of your work, celebrate each small victory to the hilt. Your motivation will get stronger. Soon, you'll rage against every obstacle to your dream!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My boyfriend, a Libra born Oct. 19, 1961, is extravagant like no one I've ever known. He wants us to get married, but I tell him we can't until we have some money saved. He says he'll save, but as soon as he gets money in his pocket, he starts spending: clothes, parties and gifts for me are his weaknesses. I'm an Aries. What should I do?"

It's not simply a matter of being extravagant, although Venus-in-Libra people do love pretty things and often have issues about spending. Your boyfriend may also have psychological difficulties with self-esteem.

Mars and Neptune in Scorpio near the sun shows that a need for status in the eyes of friends and peers is being satisfied by way of his spending addiction. The question is, does he think he has a problem? If he doesn't want to change or isn't ready, then you're in a position to accept the way he is, period. You both have moons in freedom-loving Aquarius, so you'll make a good match. Will he agree to let you handle all the money for the family? If so, and you love him, marry him and meet him coming out of work on payday!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Classics never go out of style, which is why Leo artists like Tony Bennett are still at the top of their game. In addition to music, Bennett credits painting (which he does every day) to his personal and artistic success. Creativity is not only a success secret for Leos, it's a fountain of youth, health and vitality. Other Leos would be wise to follow his example and refuse to retire from their creativity.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: How can you tell when someone is flirting with you? I find myself attracted to one of my co-workers. We joke and kid with each other, and sometimes have heated debates over different issues.

I've been married for three years, and I'm a little out of practice. I can't tell if his friendly demeanor and extra-long stares are just him being friendly or a sign of something else. Even before I was married, I could never tell when a guy was flirting with me. My friends would have to alert me when it was happening.

So, what signs should I look for to tell if he's interested in me personally or just fascinated by my conversation? — Dazed and Confused

Dear Dazed: We wonder why you are looking at all. In an office where male and female co-workers converse frequently, flirting often comes with the territory, and it can be completely innocent. A married woman should treat it just as it appears — no more, no less. If your co-worker is looking for something else, you don't want to know about it. Stop playing with fire.

Dear Annie: My 8-year-old daughter takes a dance class. While she is no Paula Abdul, she has fun, and it really helps in terms of physical activity, developing friendships with other children, introduction to an art, etc.

A few weeks ago, the girls performed at their annual recital. It was a nerve-racking day of preparing French braids, stage makeup and costumes. My sister was supposed to baby-sit my 3-year-old son, but she became ill and had to cancel at the last minute. My husband was working, so I had no choice but to take my son with us.

While helping my daughter prepare, I had my son in the dressing room for about 40 minutes. After the performance, we walked back to



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

the dressing room. I was stopped at the door by another mother and told I couldn't take my son inside. I laughed and said we'd already been in there. We walked in to get my daughter's belongings, and as we left, I overheard this same woman complaining about me.

I went over to her and explained that I didn't have a sitter. She said too bad, I still shouldn't take him into the dressing room because the girls were completely naked and her 8-year-old daughter was offended. Annie, my son doesn't even know the difference between boys and girls, and he was certainly not watching them dress. He was more interested in being with his sister and playing with his toys.

I apologized to the woman for offending her daughter, but said, "He's only 3. Tell her to get over it." I couldn't just leave my son in the hallway. What do you say? — The Last Dance in Pennsylvania

Dear Last Dance: A 3-year-old is not sexually interested in girls, and since you had no other place to leave your son, it was fine to bring him into the dressing room. However, an 8-year-old girl can be embarrassed by any number of things, including being naked in front of a toddler, so please cut her some slack.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to your reply to "Worried Mom." I was a "good kid" in high school, but while I maintained excellent grades,

my parents, to this day, don't know many of the things I did and lied about.

I consider myself lucky to have found common sense and a strong faith immediately after graduating. I believe if my parents had been more consistent in their disciplinary efforts rather than having "heartfelt talks," I would have fared better. Too many hugs and not enough action produce disrespect. — Awake in the West

Dear Awake: Heartfelt talks should not take the place of appropriate discipline, but neither should discipline be all there is. A parent who is too lax is just as ineffective as one who is too strict. Thanks for your perspective.

Dear Annie: My 16-year-old daughter's ex-boyfriend, "Rob," has a drug problem. They dated for three months, and she broke up with him because she sensed something was not right. She knew Rob had experimented with drugs and alcohol in the past, but she thought he'd stopped. While they were together, he swore to her that he was no longer using, but she found out he was lying.

For the first month or so after the breakup, they talked periodically. During one of their conversations, Rob told her he was heavily using marijuana and other drugs. She's tried several times to help him, but he just pushes her away. His best friend confided to her that Rob was really off the deep end with his drug use. Both of them have tried to help, but Rob tells them to back off and leave him alone.

We are all worried for this young man, but no one is sure what to do. Rob's dad is aware of his son's drug use. He told me he had suspected Rob was using drugs because his grades were slipping, he was skipping school, fighting more with both parents, etc. My daughter says Rob hates his home

life and his parents, and uses drugs to escape. She still wants to help him, but how can you help someone who is stubborn and won't admit he has a problem?

I've told my daughter she's done all she can and shouldn't blame herself for the way things turn out, but is there anything more we can do? — Not Sure How To Help

Dear Not Sure: You are right that Rob must want to be helped and your daughter is not responsible for what happens, but she apparently needs to feel more proactive. She can contact Nar-Anon, for family and friends of drug users, at 22527 Crenshaw Blvd., 200B, Torrance, CA 90505 (nar-anon.org).

Dear Annie: I've been married for 16 years to "Dennis." Over the years, Dennis has done numerous nice things for his mother, but she doesn't treat him like a son. She has other children, but Dennis is her eldest.

Just this past year, Dennis remodeled her home so she could live better. Yet when Christmas and birthdays come around, there are no cards from her for anyone in our little family. She won't even call to say "happy birthday" to her own grandchildren.

Of course, she treats Dennis' sister and those grandchildren like royalty. No matter how badly they treat her, she prefers them and sends gifts and cards to that side of the family for each and every holiday.

Currently, Dennis and his mother haven't spoken for five months. I refuse to get in the middle, but I'm sure she blames me anyway. Is there anything we can say that will sink into her head? — Stir-Crazy in Florida

Dear Florida: Probably not. Dennis has been trying to buy his mother's love for years, and it hasn't worked. We're glad Dennis has you and the children as a source of support.

MONDAY

Table with 20 columns representing different TV channels (WFAA, KMD, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLT, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KPBT, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, SCIFI) and 24 rows representing different time slots from 6:00 AM to 12:30 AM, listing various programs and their genres.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WE CERTAINLY DON'T NEED A CRIME LAB TO IDENTIFY THESE FINGERPRINTS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"We could float over all the traffic, Daddy, if we filled our tires with helium!"

HAGAR



THEN AGAIN, WE COULD ALWAYS STORM THE WALLS WITH LADDERS INSTEAD...

BLONDIE



BC



HEY YOU'RE DRIPPING WET, COACH! ... FINALLY WON THAT BIG GAME?



MY HAT CAUGHT ON FIRE, AND THE WATER BOY PUT IT OUT.

This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 31, the 212th day of 2006. There are 153 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major general in the American Continental Army. On this date: In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus - the Jesuit order of Catholic priests and brothers - died in Rome. In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly. In 1945, Pierre Laval, premier of the pro-Nazi Vichy government, surrendered to U.S. authorities in Austria; he was turned over to France, which later tried and executed him. In 1948, President Truman helped dedicate New York International Airport (later

John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild Field. In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 transmitted pictures of the moon's surface. In 1972, Democratic vice presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment. In 1981, a 7-week-old Major League Baseball strike ended. In 1991, President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow. Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman is 94. Record executive Ahmet Ertegun is 83. Actor Don Murray is 77. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 75. Actor Geoffrey Lewis is 71. Actress France Nuyen is 67. Actress Susan Flannery is 63. Singer Lobo is 63. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 62. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 62. Singer Gary

Lewis is 61. Rock singer Bob Welch is 60. Tennis player Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 55. Actor Barry Van Dyke is 55. The mayor of Fresno, Calif., actor Alan Autry, is 54. Actor James Read is 53. Actor Michael Biehn is 50. Rock singer-musician Daniel Ash (Love and Rockets) is 49. Rock musician Bill Berry is 48. Actor Wesley Snipes is 44. Country singer Chad Brock is 43. Musician Fatboy Slim is 43. Rock musician Jim Corr is 42. Author J.K. Rowling is 41. Actor Dean Cain is 40. Actor Ben Chaplin is 37. Actor Loren Dean is 37. Actress Annie Parisse is 31. Actor Robert Telfer is 29. Country singer Blaire Moudou (3 of Hearts) is 23.

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AGNES



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Newsday Crossword

RAIL JOURNEY by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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HI AND LOIS



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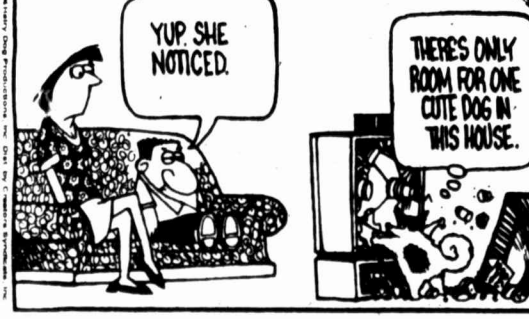


I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE AND IT REQUIRES READING GLASSES.

THE OTHER COAST



OOH, LOOK, LASSIES ON TV. DO YOU THINK SAKURA WILL NOTICE? WOOF! WOOF!

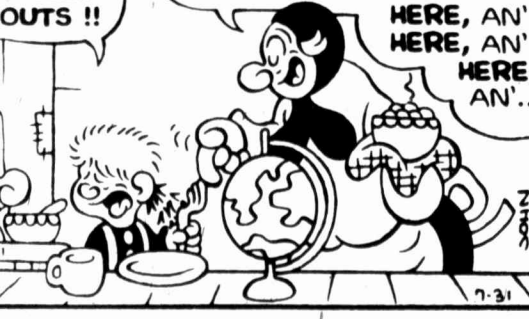


YUP, SHE NOTICED. THERE'S ONLY ROOM FOR ONE CUTE DOG IN THIS HOUSE.

SNUFFY SMITH



UH-OH, LI'L TATER, SHE'S GITTIN' TH GLOBE--THAT MEANS WE'RE HAVIN'...



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BEETLE BAILEY



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