MONDAY

July 24, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



TUESDAY 72°-75° 100°-103°

Night Out meeting set today at 5:30

A second meeting to organize for Howard County Night Out is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today in the Big Spring Chamber Commerce board room.

Some 18 people attended a previous meeting to begin organizing for the Aug. 1 event, which will coincide with the "17th Annual National Night Out."

NNO a unique event that allows neighbors to get to know each other and to get to know their law enforcement representatives so they may all work together to reduce crime and promote a more safe environment.

community-wide observance will be held Aug. 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Railroad Plaza in downtown Big Spring. In addition, several neighborhoods throughout the county have made plans for block parties.

Tonight's meeting is pen to anyone interested in participating.

WHAT'S UP...

D Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.

TUESDAY

☐ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center. call_267-1628.

☐ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office. ☐ Big Spring

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park

☐ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY Gideons

International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Herman's, 7 a.m.

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"Reflecting a Proud Community"

Howard Cottage to open on campus for young children

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Howard Cottage, the child development center at Howard College, plans to open its door Aug. 28 for children ages 18 months to 5

"We are really pleased and excited about the prospect of having a full-time child care center on the Howard College campus," said Becky Moughon, child development center director. "While we will continue our evening child care for students and employees if

be open to the public as space is available, and will be based on play-activity with a play curriculum. The new center provides an ideal training facility for our students majoring in early childhood education."

Moughon said negotiations are under way with Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin to include a satellite Head Start center within the early childhood education program on the Howard College campus.

"This has been in negotiations and we are excited to be able to provide this ser-

needed, this new center will vice for Project Head Start," said. she said.

The name of the facility, Howard Cottage, reflects a home-style theme, which may be seen in the familystyle meals and spacious rooms. Ideally, the center will be staffed with 10 to 12 workers, providing for 60 to 70 children, depending on the need and registration.

'Most of the children will be in full-time care, but we will certainly provide parttime care for the children of Howard College students. In the future, we may also begin accepting school-aged children and infants," she

The first order of business will be to obtain licenses from the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for a child care facility. Also, the center will become a provider for Child Care Management Systems.

Howard Cottage, located in the central part of the campus, was remodeled this summer using grant funds and Wilderness Camp inmate labor. Open, airy classrooms, one for each age group, were created, along with little-people-friendly restrooms and offices for

Moughon said Howard College has provided Kid's Night Out, a state-licensed drop-in facility, since 1993. For the past several years efforts have been under way to open a full-time child development center as well, she said.

"We obtained student surveys to determine the need our Howard College students have for child care,' she added. "Based upon several students surveys, 91 percent of Howard College students with children would access a campus day

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4-H clubs gathering water for Throckmorton

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

In a show of concern, members of the Howard and Glasscock County 4-H clubs are conducting a potable water drive for the residents of Throckmorton.

Armed with an empty livestock trailer donated to the 4-H, the young members set up shop Saturday at the Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to receive donated bottle water from the public. Penny Kothmann, a 4-H leader and the organizer of the drive said the trailer would hold approximately 1,200 gallons.

"We would love to fill this trailer up and have to find one," another Kothmann. "If we were able to send three or four thousand gallons it would certainly be a big help to them.

Throckmorton, a town of 1,036 people, found itself in an emergency situation recently with only a 45 to 60 day supply of water on hand. The city council was able to work out an agreement to obtain water through a pipeline from the city of Graham.

An \$800,000 grant from Texas' Small Towns Environment Program is being used to pay for the pipeline. However, volunteers are having to dig the 21-mile trench.

meantime. the In Throckmorton's plight has been the subject of state and national news reports. "Our 4-H group was on

our way back from our summer camp when we heard a radio station talking about ways to help out the small community of Throckmorton," Kothmann.



Trey Thornton, from left, Blake Coates and Frances Clarke were among Howard and Glasscock County 4-H members who spent several hours Saturday collecting bottled water to send to the residents of drought-stricken Throckmorton.

"I thought to myself that this could be an ideal project for the kids. After all, this could be us someday in a similar situation and we would certainly want someone to help us," Kothman said. Coahoma senior Blake

Coates agreed. the people Throckmorton,"

"I am glad we are able to in said Coates. "They really do need our help right now in a time of this emergency."

Take donations of sealed bottled water to

Kothmann's Klassic Kleaners, 2107 Gregg St., today or Tuesday. Future Grady sophomore

Frances Clarke hopes their efforts will be successful.

"I hope we can provide a lot of water to those who really need it

Throckmorton," Clarke. "That is the reason for the project, to help those not as fortunate as we are. According to Kothmann, the loaded trailer or trailers will take off Throckmorton Wednesday for distribution to residents there.

She said that anyone wanting to donate bottled water can do so by bringing it by Kothmann's Klassic Kleaners, 2107 Gregg St., today or Tuesday.

Main Street

to request funding help from council

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

A request for funding from Main Street Inc. is among the items Big Spring City Council will address in a meeting set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Drew Mouton, president of the Big Spring Main Street board, is expected to address the council concerning a shortage of revenues. A statement of revenue and expenses indicates Main Street has assets of some \$8,806 and expenses of \$27,719 - a shortfall of \$18,913.

Main Street is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the downtown area. The corporation owns a number of properties, including the Petroleum Building, Railroad Plaza, Howard House Hotel, lots at 107-109 Second, 103-105 Second, lots where the Permian Building stood, the Railroad Museum and a lot on Main Street between Dahmer's and the former Dunlap's store.

In other new business, Howard County Appraisal District will be asking to retain excess funds from 2000 and apply them as a reduction in the city's payments for 2001. Approval of resolutions to

Texas Municipal League and late homestead

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O'Dell enjoys fellowship, community orientation of HOG Editor's Note: The follow-

ing article is the 14th in a series of volunteerism in the Crossroads Area.

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

to spare, Kelly O'Dell of the Harley's Owners Group (HOG) still finds time to help the community and loves working with his fellow HOGs.

th little time

"The HOG chap-CROSSROADS ter here is extremely community service orient-

ed club," O'Dell said. "From Howard and Marijo Walker (owners of the Harley Davison Shop) down to the members. They (the Walkers) strongly support community service and it filters down

though the club.' According to O'Dell, membership in the Harley club does not require performing public service.

"You don't have to do what we do," he said. "We are part of the community. We like to participate and give back.

And they do, in fact, the HOGs receive so many requests for help, they have to filter them down to a manageable size, he said.

Just this month, HOG helped provide security during Pops in the Park, went to Goldsmith on a poker run to support a young boy with leukemia and is currently planning a fundraiser for the Northside Community Center.

The club is involved with raising money for muscular dystrophy every year, a project O'Dell most closely associates with because he has some friends who are dealing with the disease.

Fellowship with his fellow Harley members and with the community keeps O'Dell participating in the projects.

O'Dell is impressed with the attitude of giving he sees the residents of Big Spring continuously show.

"For a town this size, it is always amazing the amount of participation from the residents," he said. "There is always

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Harley Owners Group members Kelly O'Dell, left, and Robert Walker visit before the weekly meeting of HOG. O'Dell has been a member of the HOG chapter for three years and enjoys participating in community service.

Utis "Steve" Stephens

Funeral service for Utis Stephens, 82, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at Hosanna Fellowship in Stanton with Leroy Linney, pastor of Hosanna Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Stephens died on Saturday, July 22, in a Stanton hospital.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1917, in Gap and married Estelle Hamilton on June 9, 1940, in Eastland. He was a former resident of Midland for 30 years. He moved to Stanton three years ago. He was a member of Hosanna Fellowship.

Survivors include: his wife, Estelle Stephens of Stanton; two daughters, Norma Edmiston of Stanton and Carolyn Kirk of Midland; two sons. Wesley Stephens of Midland and Steven Stephens of Seattle, Wash.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchil-

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mildred Jannie Copeland

A private family graveside funeral service will be held for Mildred Jannie Copeland, 86, of Stanton.

Mrs. Copeland died on Saturday, July 22, 2000, at her residence.

She was born on May 31, 1914, in Jones County and married Hubbard Dick Copeland in Glenrose. He preceded her in death in 1965. She was raised in Meridian and lived in Midland for 20 years where she was a nurse for Dr. Courtney and Dr. Boone. She moved to Stanton in 1986 to live with her daughter Joyce. Mrs. Copeland loved quilting. She was a member of the Church of

Survivors include: a daughter, Ada Joyce Bergstrom of Stanton; a sister, Emily Sikes of Tahoka; a brother. Joe Davis of Meridian; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

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care center."

Moughon said the survey also revealed a need for child care, with 86 percent agreeing that available, quality child care, conveniently located on campus, their would increase chances of continuing their education.

"Those surveys also revealed that 73 percent of the students who answered the questionnaires knew someone who was not attending college because of the lack of available and affordable child care," she

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The early childhood education program will open Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. and will continue keeping children until 10 Monday through Thursday, if needed.

"We're going to see what the need is for our students and our college community. and then set our hours around the greatest demand our parents,' Moughon said.

"Preliminary applications are currently being accepted," she said.

Priority will be given to Howard College students and employees, and community applications will be filled as space allows. To request an application, call 264-5185.

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exemption refunds are the only other new items of business.

City Manager Gary Fuqua is expected to give a report on the Apache Bend Apartments, which have been targeted for removal.

Also scheduled is an executive session to discuss the following:

 Deliberate the appointment, employment and duties of a municipal judge;

 Evaluation of the assistant city manager, director of finance, director of public works, fire chief, chief of police, planning coordinator at and economic development

attorney regarding pending opportunity to order test or contemplated litigation prep material. regarding the Bauer Addition.

HOG

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something going on and it seems like they accomplish it. I am amazed the community is always so giving.

"This is the first chapter I have been a member where I lived in the same town," he said. "With other chapters, I have lived 80 to

PUBLIC NOTIGE NOTICE OF APPLICATION WELL PERMIT

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP., PO BOX 2497, MIDLAND, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

SAN ANGELO/CLEARFORK B.S. SNYDER

D' Well Number 2880W. The proposed injec tion well is located 6 Miles SE of COAHOMA in the SNYDER Field in HOWARD County Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsu face depth interval from 2550 to 3000 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or any aspect of the application should be sub mitted in writing, within tifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-2864 July 24, 2000

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 11, 2000, the City Council of the City of Coahoma, Texas, passed an Ordinance concerning substandard structures. The caption of the Ordinance is as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COA HOMA PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF COAHOMA; PROCE DURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF SUB STANDARD STRUCTURES REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: PRO-IDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO **DETERMINE WHETHER A STRUCTURE** COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS SET OUT IN THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE OWNER AND LIENHOLD-ER; IMPOSING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; PRO-VIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DRDINANCE: AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION AND

The Ordinance provides for penalties of \$100.00 per day for violation of the Ordinance and for a lien upon the property to secure expenses of the City for administrative costs and expenses incurred in repairs to or demoli tion or removal of any structure in violation of the Ordinance and the cleaning of the lot where the structure was located. The nce further provides for fines up to \$100.00 per day to be assessed against pering or inte lation of the Ordinance

100 miles away, so I could only participate on the weekend.

He has lived in Big Spring and been a member of this HOG chapter for three years.

O'Dell also gives credit to the Cossacks, another local motorcycle club for their work in the community. "The Cossacks do a lot of

good," he said. "They've always supported what we've done.

Being employed in the oil field, O'Dell doesn't have much time to spare. He is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, yet he still finds time to fit in volunteer work with the HOGs.

Even short on time, O'Dell encourages people to spend an hour or two in service when they can.

"Giving back to the community feels good," he said.

BRIEFS

NEXT THE ACT ASSESSMENT will be administered on Sept. 23. Registration for the college admissions and placement exam must be postmarked no later than Aug. 18. Late registration must be postmarked no later than Sept. 1. but an extra feel will be charged. The test fee is \$23.

Students may register for the ACT by getting information from their high school counselors or online ACT's websitewww.act.org. The website includes helpful informa-· Consultation with an tion, sample tests and the

> THE HOWARD COUN-TY LITERACY Program is seeking adults for its literacy classes. Tutors will assist the students in learning how to read.

> The program is confidential, taught from a curriculum specially designed for adults.

> Flexible class times are available

To refer a student, call Loraine Redman, Howard Country librarian, at 264-

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH has resumed regular hours for immunizations. Shots will be Tuesdays, given on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a letter from the school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING Education and Workforce Training at Howard College plans to offer a variety of fun and educational classes for the Fall such as Line Dancing, Quilting, Philosophy for Fun and maybe even Yoga. To suggest other ideas for classes, call Continuing Education at 264-5131.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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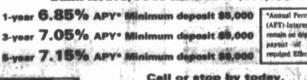
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·Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meet-

·Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Topic: Lancaster, Prescription for Caregivers, first Monday of each month. For more information call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271 or Nancy at RSVP at 264-2397.

 Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo building, Call 264-0674 for more informa-

·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220

·There is a change of the meeting times Support Encourager's Group (for widows and widowers) for the month of July, only. The first meeting will be July 10, at 6 p.m., Furr's Cafeteria. For more information, call 398-5522

TUESDAY

·Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury. South, Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

·"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900

*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting at 8 p.m. closed meet-

·Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: FRIDAY

SMMC. 8:24 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to Midland. 9:44 a.m. - SMMC,

6:38 a.m. — 3500 block Old Colorado City Highway,

medical call, patient trans-

ported to Scenic Mountain

7:13 a.m. - 3200 block

Parkway, medical call,

patient transported to

Medical Center.

patient transferred to residence. 11:34 a.m. — SMMC. patient transferred to

Midland. 6:02 p.m. - 1100 block Wilson Road, medical call, patient refused service.

6:15 p.m. 1000 block N.E.

Ninth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:53 a.m. - 1500 block Runnels, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

MARKETS

December cotton 63.20, up 184 points; August crude 28.38, down 18 points; cash hogs \$1 lower at 46 even; slaughter steers steady at 67 even; August lean hog futures 65.75, down 22 points; August live cattle futures 66.72, down 82 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

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Silver POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the

following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today: THEFT was reported in

the 400 block of Birdwell Lane, 1200 block of 11th Place, 2000 block of Gregg, 300 block of Gregg, 1100 block of N. Lamesa, 18th and Gregg, 1800 block of Gregg, 2300 block of Wasson.

 ASSAULT was reported in the 1800 Mittel.

 LOUD PART/NOISE was reported in the 1400 block of Cherokee, 1500 block of Vines, 800 block of

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600 Creighton, block McEwen, 600 block of N. San Antonio, 1400 block of E. Sixth, 500 block of State.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th, 1600 block of State, 1400 block of Dixie, 1000 N. Main, 2500 block of Gunter.

 ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 400 block of Westover, W. 23rd and Scurry, 1200 block of Gregg, 1700 block of Gregg. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

was reported in the 2900 block of W. Hwy 80, 1000 block of N. Main. JUVENILE PROBLEM

was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite. • JOE OLIVIO, 28, 500 Lancaster, was arrested for

public intoxication. **ASSAULT** THREATS were reported in the 2900 block of W. Hwy

• RAY CALDERON, 18, 1602 Wren, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. · JOHNNY TONN, 45,

8415 N. Service Road, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. · JAMES CUNNING-HAM, 51, 3907 Gail Hwy.,

was arrested for no driver's • CLASS C THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

 DRAG RACING/RECK-LESS DRIVER was reported at Sixth and Birdwell. ACCIDENT/MAJOR

was reported at Sgt. Peredez and N. Aylesford. • THREATS were reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. • THOMAS RIOS, 18,

1811 Nolan, was arrested for public intoxication.

• BURGLARY OF A **HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Mesa.

· JUDY GARDNER, 48, 1905 Wasson No. 5, was arrested for public intoxica-• HUMBERTO BAEZA,

arrested for public intoxica-· FIREWORKS was reported in the 1500 block

39, 1002 N. Main No. 36, was

of Kentucky Way. BURGLARY OF A **BUILDING** was reported in

the 1500 block Dayton. • LUPE NIETO, 32, 1514 Sycamore, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Records

Sunday's high 95 Sunday's low 68 Average high 94 Average low 70 Record high 104 in 1974 Record low 64 in 1942 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.02 Month's normal 1.63 Year to date 11.45 Normal for the year 10.95 Sunrise Tuesday 6:56 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 8:48 p.m. **Statistics not available

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Contractors who defrauded government free to get new business

WASHINGTON (AP) -When Saybolt Inc. pleaded guilty in 1998 to falsifying lab tests for the Environmental Protection Agency, government officials didn't mince words. The company "betrayed the public's trust and cheated us all," they declared.

The judge who fined the company \$4.9 million suggested it might deserve to be banned from future federal business.

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"You run the risk of being investigated, prosecuted and, perhaps worse, debarred from engaging in that business," U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf said.

But today, Houston-based Saybolt remains eligible for contracts and continues to get some federal business because the government and its new managers a second chance and not ban them.

A computer analysis by The Associated Press found that hundreds of other contractors with a history of fraud and other offenses also avoided government bans. Some had multiple run-ins with the government and still turned around and got new busi-

They range from a Texas contractor convicted of selling faulty windshields to the Coast Guard to an environmental cleanup corporation found guilty of bribery.

"There is a continuing pattern of fraud and abuse in some of our largest contractors. The American people have every right to be

chose to give the company outraged at this," said Sen. Denson said. "We were for-Tom Harkin, D-lowa, who has tried to highlight the problem for a decade.

Vice President Al Gore wants to expand the federal debarment program to exclude businesses with troublesome labor or worker safety records. Harkin said the program is hardly able to ban even those convicted or sue for fraud.

Saybolt, which also admitted paying a \$50,000 bribe to Panama's government, says it was given another chance because it implemented state-of-the-art technology to ensure that its tests were not rigged.

"The government does set a high standard when they don't debar a company, and that is rightfully so," company general counsel John

tunate as new management of Saybolt to demonstrate our commitment to those high standards."

The AP identified 1,020 companies that were sued or prosecuted for fraud over the past five years. The businesses were identified using court records, news stories, government documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and inspector general reports.

A check of the 1,020 companies against a master list of contractors barred from federal business found that 737 remained eligible for future contracts.

Stewart & Stevenson Services of Houston was indicted in 1995 on charges of conspiracy, fraud and involving a contract to provide generator equipment to the Air Force. The government suspended the company, which reached a plea bargain and paid \$7 million in criminal penalties and restitution.

Stewart & Stevenson got its suspension lifted by signing an "administrative agreement" and promising to change its business practices.

It recently ran into trouble with the government again. After receiving a \$1.4 billion contract to build 5,000 Army trucks and 1,000 trailers, the company produced trucks with faulty drive shafts that caused one vehicle to flip and another to land on its side. The Army said the trucks could not be

making false statements driven above 30 mph until the problem was fixed. The company wants the Army to cover the \$40 million repair

Perkins Aircraft Services of Fort Worth, Texas, pleaded guilty in late 1997 to falsely representing that it repaired 14 windshields for Coast Guard rescue jets when the windshields were not airworthy. The company can still receive con-

Company owner Jim Perkins blamed the problem on a fired employee and said the issue of debarment "didn't matter much to us because we don't pursue any military contracts." The company occasionally works as a subcontractor on the government's civilian

Wealthy activists go straight to the people

BOSTON (AP) - When lawmakers rejected his proposals for a tax cut, Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci vowed to take his crusade straight to the voters. He collected \$100,000 from donors, paid a company to come through with the signatures, and got his issue on the November ballot.

Citizens ballot initiatives, once a bastion of populist outrage, are quickly becoming a favored shortcut for billionaires, corporations, well-heeled activists and even politicians Cellucci looking to leapfrog reluctant legislatures.

There's good reason for their interest: About 40 percent of ballot initiatives become law — a far better average than going the legislative route, where only a tiny percentage of bills are enacted.

The process, which can mean gathering tens of thousands of voter signatures, isn't cheap. But during the last four election cycles, about 85 percent of initiative petitions have used paid help.

"Without us, there would be virtually no citizen ballot

initiatives," said Rick lion to gather signatures real grassroots effort." Arnold, CEO of National Voter Outreach in Carson City, Nev.

The company gathered voters' signatures for Cellucci's tax cut initiative, as well as for some 20 other issues elsewhere, ranging from gambling to Englishonly mandates.

Using deep pockets to circumvent legislative oversight disturbs Washington Post reporter David Broder, whose book "Democracy Derailed: Initiative Campaigns and the Power of Money," critiques the initiative process.

"If they get their question on the ballot, they have close to a 50-50 chance of it becoming law and it becomes law exactly the way they want it," Broder said. "It's an efficient use of their money."

Broder cites the success of Microsoft Corp. co-founder Paul Allen.

In 1997, Allen pledged to buy the Seattle Seahawks football team if voters authorized \$425 million to build a football stadium and exhibition hall.

He spent a record \$6.5 mil-

and buy ads. After voters approved the initiative, Allen even agreed to pay the \$4 million that the special election cost.

Allen could afford it: His estimated net worth at the time was \$14.1 billion.

This year, up to 80 questions could find their way to voters in the 24 states that allow citizen initiatives. Although the number is not likely to surpass the 102 questions in 1996, the scope of the ballot initiatives has broadened beyond the familiar duo of taxes and schools.

Voters in Oregon and Washington may limit the use of traps and poisons; voters in Colorado will weigh a ban on cockfighting. And activists in Massachusetts hope their state will be the first where voters halt greyhound rac-

Organizer Carey Theil of Boston-based GREY2K, a nonprofit group sponsoring the greyhound racing question, says his group has collected about 150,000 names without professional help.

"We're really proud of that," he said. "This is a

The racing industry plans

to spend \$3 million fighting him. Billionaire philanthropist

George Soros, who has already bankrolled successful efforts to legalize medical marijuana, is financing initiatives in California and Massachusetts that would require alternative treatment programs for drug offenders.

Dane Waters, president of Initiative Referendum Institute, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit group that promotes the initiative process, says critics of pouring money into the process are missing the point.

Regardless of spending, the decision rests with voters, he said.

"If I had \$20 million, I couldn't come into California or Massachusetts and buy a 'yes' vote," he said. "With the initiative process, everything is done in the open.'

In fact, supporters of ballot initiatives often face few of the fund-raising hurdles that rein in contributors to political candidates.

Thousands lose power during weekend storms

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thunderstorms swept through Central and Southeast Texas over the weekend toppled trees and power lines, interrupting electrical power to almost a quarter-million people and triggering lightning strikes in which one man was injured and a petroleum terminal was set ablaze.

Several funnel clouds were also reported during Sunday's storms, which broke a 33-day dry spell in Austin and brought the first significant rainfall in the Houston area for more than a month.

Utility poles and trees were knocked down by powerful wind gusts in Houston, which had two inches of rain in three

The downed power lines and lightning strikes left more than 220,000 electricity customers without power throughout Houston.

"It's scattered all over the place — just about any

part of the city where trees and tree limbs got into lines or debris blew into lines," Graham Painter. spokesman for Reliant Energy HL&P, said.

"We've got linemen working on it," he said, but added that the large number of outages meant that power to many residences wouldn't be restored until Monday or later.

Lightning struck a crude oil terminal in Sealy, starting a fire that resulted in evacuation of about 40 people. After the terminal on Teppco Crude Oil Co. property was hit about 5:30 p.m., law officers evacuated several homes and a hotel in the Austin County town as a precaution.

Funnel clouds were spotted in Jackson, Chambers and Austin counties, said Dave Schwertz, a National Weather Service forecaster. No damage was report-

Other power outages in the region were reported by Pedernales Electric Cooperative.

Murder suspect releases two hostages

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A murder suspect remained holed up with three hostages in a suburban home today as a standoff with sheriff's deputies entered a third day.

Two hostages, an 8-yearold boy and a girl under 1, were released Sunday unharmed. The suspect, Jamie Dean Petron, 41, had asked police to see the children reunited with their parents on live television after releasing them. Local news stations aired the footage shortly after their release.

A woman in her 40s, a 16year-old girl and a 9-monthold girl remained inside the home, police said.

"He's reminded us very adamantly that he has hostages and he won't hesitate to harm them," Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Solomons said.

Petron said he would release the other hostages after the tape of a statement he made was aired, police said, but he continued to hold them Sunday night.

On the tape, Petron said he didn't mean to hurt any-

"All I can say is deep in my heart I am really apologetic. Don't think I'm the devil, I'm not the devil," he said.

standoff began The Saturday, when authorities said Petron burst into the home in the Meadow Woods subdivision, south of Orlando, and took the family hostage.

Petron continued negotiating with police after a SWAT officer shot at him Sunday but missed. He has said someone in the house



is injured, though police could not confirm whether it was true.

"I'm sure he wants the right thing done," Petron's attorney, Spencer Bryant Siege. "Probably the biggest thing preventing him from coming out is the fear of the unknown.'

On Saturday, Petron shot at a 28-year-old man as he escaped the home, grazing the man's head, authorities

Petron is suspected of killing Jorge Trillos, 22, during a convenience store robbery Friday in Pompano Beach.

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OUR VIEWS

50 years of caring for our veterans

ig Spring Veterans Association Medical Center has passed a number of milestones lately, but none more significant perhaps than one which will be celebrated Tuesday. At 3 p.m., the public is invited to the outpatient lobby to help celebrate the health care center's 50th anniversary.

Through the years, our VA Medical Center has performed impressively. From the landmark day on July 17, 1950, when the center admitted its first patient, the care and healing of our nation's veterans has been first and foremost. We're proud to say that the quality of care has only improved as decades have passed.

The West Texas VA Health Care System provides care to approximately 16,000 veterans each year. That includes more than 300 outpatient visits a day - 200 of those here in Big

In addition to providing that exceptional care for our most deserving citizens, we'd be remiss if we didn't point out the economic impact the VA Medical Center has had on Big Spring. The number of veterans and their families who have shopped and dined in our community is tremendous, and the jobs created by the facility make it one of the county's top employers.

In congratulating the VA Medical Center, its health care workers and administrators, we'll also pass along a salute to another group of citizens. They were the community leaders who in 1944 decided to pursue the idea of Big Spring being a site for a health care center. It was a decision that has reaped rewards many times

Finally, we salute our veterans, those men and women whose resolve and love of country have kept and continue to keep our nation free.

We encourage everyone to take the time Tuesday to help celebrate the VA Medical Center's 50 years of providing a very necessary and worthwhile service to our community.

OTHER VIEWS

You've got to hand it to Harry Potter. He really is a wizard. This is an age when some children seem hopelessly addicted to television, movies, the Internet, compact discs, videotapes and computer games. Yet young Harry has got hordes of youngsters clamoring to read a

Yes, as unlikely as it might seem, youngsters are lining up at stores to get their hands on a very thick book. ...

That doesn't happen every day, and thousands of teachers and parents surely must wish they could have the same effect on children that Harry apparently does. Some parents disapprove of the Harry Potter books, and do not want their children to read them. That is their decision to make.

Many other parents feel differently, however, and see these books as opportunities for their children to gain an appreciation for reading.

If initial enthusiasm is any indicator, a great many youngsters will devote part of the summer of 2000 to reading a book instead of vegetating in front of a TV or playing some mindless computer game over and

over again. That's not a bad thing. For some youngsters, it could be the beginning of a lifetime reading habit.

THE ADVOCATE, BATON ROUGE, LA.

Off to Kennebunkport for the summer of California's Coronado

w that summer has established itself, my wife and I will be heading for Kennebunkport on the Maine coast, which we have been visiting for

at least the past decade. The Maine coast has its own austere charm. The **Gulf Stream** heads east off Cape Cod, so the sea to the north of the

Cape is very

cold. The

TEFFREY HART

entire coast is rocky, resisting the irresistible waves that pound against it. You do not get the glorious white, sandy beaches of Long Island, N.Y., and of the shores southward, nor the great sand stretches of Southern California. Such beaches, being made of sand, are constantly shifting, the coastline actually moving to accommodate the disposition of the sea. A New Englander once said to me that New England is built on granite, California on mud. I had the impression he meant that as a moral statement, and so I did not hymn the pleasures

Beach and Newport Beach. Curiously, two of my favorite hotels are located at opposite corners of the continental United States:

The Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport and Hotel Del Coronado in Coronado Beach. They are about as far apart as it is possible to get and still be in the United States.

Both the Colony and the Del Coronado are very large, white, wooden Victorian structures, products of the Nineties. In their very spaciousness they testify to a more leisurely kind of life. Both hotels are, so to speak, complete worlds in that with their shops, bars, dining rooms, swimming pools and assorted services you do not have to leave the hotel for anything you might want.

The fact that you can live entirely within these hotels is important, because both Kennebunkport and Coronado Beach have become unpleasantly crowded.

Downtown Kennebunkport presents a hodgepodge of assorted shops, some inviting but most are on the tacky side, as well as a number of restaurants. Downtown Coronado Beach has given

way to automobile traffic moving at alarming rates of speed. But who cares? Once inside either of the two grand hotels it's as if you pulled up a drawbridge between yourself and the hordes outside.

A very good impression of the Del Coronado can be gained from the movie 'Somewhere in Time," starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour - a good movie indeed, which travels back in time to the year 1912 at the grand hotel.

At the beginning of the 20th century, none other than John Philip Sousa conducted the hotel band. Peacocks then strolled on the lawns, and wealthy horse owners brought their thoroughbreds to race them during the summer at Santa Anita.

Curiously, the sea off Coronado Beach is full of tiny pieces of gold-colored mica, and if you swim under the moon, the effect of these particles is dazzling.

A short drive up the Pacific Coast Highway is another great hotel: the Surf and Sand in Laguna Beach, Calif. One feature is that most of the hotel is built into the face of a cliff that overlooks the ocean. There is a hotel similarly

designed at Estoril on the Portuguese Algarve. The effect is one of special intimacy with the sea, Pacific or Mediterranean as the case may be. At the Surf and Sand, the restaurant and cocktail lounge are on the top floor and are glassenclosed, providing a splendid panoramic view of the Pacific at sunset.

When Richard Nixon was president, and often down the beach at San Clemente. the bar at the Surf and Sand was a cheerful meeting place for reporters covering him. I remember some spirited conversations with the late Richard Strout, a feisty old liberal who then wrote the "TRB" column for The New Republic.

Strout thought that Nixon was absolutely awful, yet so major-league awful that he actually enjoyed him. I did not share this opinion, but I enjoyed Strout's glee over the latest awfulness.

What Samuel Johnson famously said of taverns also applies to a good hotel. It is there for your pleasure and preferable even to visiting friends, where you will not necessarily get exactly what you desire. You are dependent of your host's decisions. So, off to Kennebunkport and the icy North Atlantic.



Vietnam through the back door

t isn't exactly the Marshall Plan that reinvigorated Europe after World War II, but then that was a matter

of the victor helping the vanquished. Perhaps, where Vietnam is concerned, it is a matter of winning economically that which we lost mili-



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tarily. On July 13, 2000 Vy Khoan, Vietnam's

trade minister, and Charlene Barshefsky, the United States' trade representative, signed a trade agreement. After four years of difficult negotiations, the deal will allow Vietnam the same access to the U.S. market that most other nations enjoy. Moreover, the approximate 40 percent tariffs the United States currently imposes on Vietnamese goods will drop to less than 3 percent.

President Clinton called the deal "another historic step in the process of normalization, reconciliation and healing between our two nations.

Clinton is trying to push the deal through Congress

before the end of his presidency, and the greatest obstacle to that goal is time. Barshefsky stated, however, that she thought there should be no great opposition in either the Senate or the House. Few would oppose any measures that gained the United States access to a market of more than 77 million peo-

Experts are already predicting that the deal would mean a big boost in Vietnam's economy According to the World Bank, exports would increase by \$800 million annually. Also, hundreds of thousands of jobs will be created.

However, Thomas Siebert, the general director of American Standard Vietnam, predicts that the deal will "benefit Vietnam much more than it's going to benefit the States." This is particularly true in the near future, when the average Vietnamese cannot afford to buy Americanmade products. Foreign businesses looking to break into the Vietnamese market might face reluctance, and even resistance, from bureaucracies and local companies.

Because Vietnam's government is still communist, the trade agreement would come under congressional

review every year after it

takes effect. Many labor unions oppose this deal because they fear that the low-wage country will take manufacturing jobs from the United States. The AFL-CIO has said that it would oppose the ratification of the trade pact, claiming that the pact poses a threat to labor standards and human rights. **AFL-CIO President John** Sweeney said that the agreement "is missing what we've been championing - core labor standards, human rights and environmental protection. We'll be lobbying against

The White House also faces opposition from key Democrats who cite environmental standards and labor issues as the main obstacles to the agreement's ratification. Furthermore, textile manufacturers and other groups intend to lobby the administration to change the agreement to protect U.S. industries from low-priced imports.

it, that's for sure.

But Senator John McCain, R-Ariz., is one of the trade agreement's most vocal sponsors in Congress. He stated that he thought the deal would help both countries step further away from the shadow of the war.

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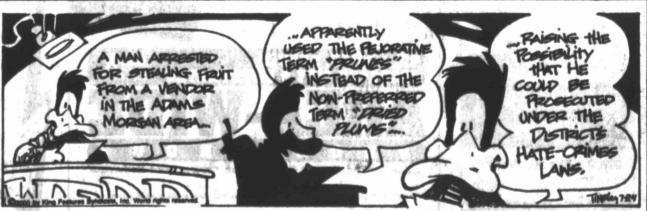
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work create many opportunities. Bosses acknowledge you for a job well done. You gain professionally. Get involved in your community. Network and broaden your circle of friends. New faces often seem illusive vet exciting. Learn that you don't immediately have to know everything about everyone. If you are single, date someone before you decide that he is the love of

DEAR ABBY: I am the

youngest of five siblings.

There is a large age gap

between my older siblings

and me, and quite frankly,

despite the fact that I am

now a 38-year-old physi-

cian, they seem not to take

My problem is that my

it's OK to ______contact me at any time dur-

ing the day. I have tried to

explain that I need to focus

on my patients during

office hours, but they con-

tinue to call, write and send

packages to me at the

I have instructed my staff

not to interrupt me and to

inform any family member

who calls that I prefer to be

called at home, unless there

is a life-threatening emer-

gency. My father and oldest

brother have actually been

rude to my staff and have

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive: 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April

*** Question how you might change a friendship that costs in many ways. Ask

never cared much for my

beloved wife of eight years,

whom they have wrongly

accused of not passing on

What steps would you

take to remedy this behav-

ior? My family members

read your column, so your

response would be greatly

appreciated. - TROUBLED

DEAR TROUBLED: I

don't blame you for feeling

annoyed. Despite your con-

siderable achievements.

your parents and siblings

still regard you as the baby

of the family who should be

available to them at the

drop of a scalpel. That you

have a medical practice to

maintain is less important

to them than immediate

gratification. Since your

requests to receive personal

calls at home are ignored,

instructing your staff to

protect you is about the

P.S. Perhaps if you

returned their calls prompt-

ly, your wife would not be

blamed so often for failing

DEAR ABBY: My family

needs your help to solve a

serious problem that is

causing hard feelings. My

wife's cousin, who is from a

middle-class family, is

being married this summer.

He and the bride are plan-

ning a large wedding, and

we were told the invitations

the guests own formal

attire, and family members

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will state "formal atthre."

to relay phone messages,

best you can do.

Surgeon keeps office hours for patients

messages.

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come up with unusual solutions when you're under the gun. A child or new friend distracts you. Take a break and visit with a friend or two. Tonight: Round up your bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May

**** Put your best foot forward. You might not get the response you seek from others, but don't think that yourself exactly what you your efforts go unnoticed.

and inconsiderate. It cre-

ates an expense we should

not have to bear to attend

I also need to know if we

will be expected to pur-

chase a gift for the couple if

we go to the expense of buy-

ing formal attire. It seems

to us that our presence in

expensive formal attire

should be present enough.

What should the family do

about attending the wed-

ding with this restriction

on the attire of the guests?

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CONFUSED IN OVER-

DEAR CONFUSED: The

cost of attire is not a substi-

tute for a wedding gift. If

you rent or buy formal

wear and attend, you

should stretch your budget

far enough to get the couple

at least a token gift.

However, if attending a for-

mal wedding will create a

financial hardship, send the

couple your very best wish-

es on this happy occasion,

along with your regrets for

DEAR ABBY: The item in

your column, "You know

you're getting older when

This really happened to me:

when your doctor is the

same age as your grandchil-

dren. What a wake-up call

that was! - BRIAR MC

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" prompts this letter.

You know you're old

skipping the ceremony.

the wedding.

Bosses push, but they have not a clue what their demands entail. Family members mean well, but they also tear you away from work. Tonight: Finally, do your own thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Don't put more energy into changing a situation or another's lack of response than you need to. Others make many demands. Recognize limits — yours and others'. Pull back and think before you make a decision. Don't stand on ceremony. Give someone a chance. Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July

**** Concentrate on your long-term goals. Brainstorm, especially with a partner who can be vague. Clarify. New ideas come out. Schedule meetings, make calls and seek others' backing. Give your budget a break. Don't keep raiding your funds. Where your Tonight: friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Direct your strong personality and energy. Emphasize work and responsibilities. Questions from others seem vague and not helpful. Understand the intent behind the words. Explore and help another find the real issue. **Someone responds.** Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Expand your mind and seek out other sources of information. Your sources range from experts to the Web and go as far as your imagination can carry you. Don't limit your mind. Examine preconceived rules. Take time to mull over ideas. Tonight: Keep exploring.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Listen to another's strong point of view, be it about money or relationships. Agreement might not be necessary, but a vote of appreciation helps affirm this person. A meeting goes haywire as a personal relationship plays into what's happening, Tonight: Be

with your best friend. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

Juggle different demands with your customary efficiency and clarity. A boss's expectations cannot be ignored any longer. You must perform to your best. Vagueness surrounds family and plans. Be smart and don't say no to another. Include this person in your thinking. Tonight: Go along with plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Concentrate on work, even though distractions plentiful. Unconsciously, you might screen another's words, hearing only what you choose. As a result, confusion reigns. Stop and listen. Your resourcefulness blossoms anyway, as you are so much in your head. Tonight: Clear your desk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Whoop it up.

ity to see the big picture allows better decision making. Verbalizing a concept now proves to be challenging and perhaps not even possible. Allow your mind to roam. A partner becomes testy. Tonight: Relax in

your favorite chair. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

**** You might be clear, but others aren't. You might have to sit back and think carefully about another's statements. What sounds like gibberish isn't. You just need a decoder. Keep asking questions and listen carefully. Illuminate work with your ideas. Tonight: Buy flowers on the way

home. **BORN TODAY**

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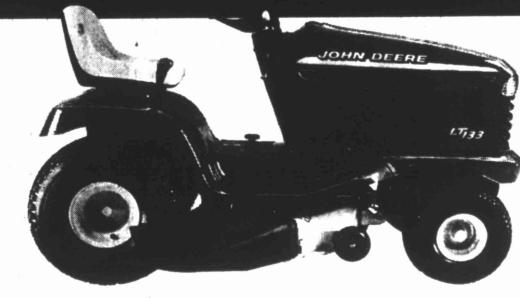
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Crossroads Six-Man All-Stars contribute

The three Crossroads six-man area All-Stars contributed to their teams' causes Saturday during Six-Man Coaches All-Star weekend.

Colby Floyd of Sands threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Sanderson's Alex Escamilla as the West defeated the East for the first time in a while at 22-6 at Lowrey Field.

Sands' Brianne Fryar put in 14 points and Grady's Caroline Madison put in six to help the West rout the South 82-25.

Borden County's Julie Mayes was named Most Valuable Player for the West. She scored 23 points on 9-for-12 shooting in the contest.

Howard County fall baseball meeting set

All persons in Howard County interested in learning more about a fall baseball program for children aged 8-14 are asked to attend a meeting Tuesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. at the National League Ball Field on Driver Road (Country Club Road).

It will include the following leagues, Coahoma, Big Spring American, Big Spring International, Big Spring National and Teen

Anyone needing more information may contact Paul Gibbs at (915) 263-

Coahoma Basketball Camp scheduled

The Coahoma Basketball Camp is set to run from Wednesday through Friday.

The camp is open to both boys and girls entering from third through ninth grade. The camp will run from 9a.m.-noon and again from 1-4 p.m. each day.

The morning session is for those entering third through sixth grade and the afternoon session is for those entering seventh through ninth grade.

Cost of the game is \$30 and registration takes place on the first day. For more information, please call Terry Hopkins at 268

Little League football signups scheduled

Signups for boys and girls for Little League football or cheerleading will begin Aug. 1 at the Big Spring Mall.

Among the football offerings are flag football for first and second graders and tackle football for third through sixth graders. Helmet and shoulder pads are provided for the latter endeavor. Signups will take place until Aug. 12 with no signups taking place after that. Birth certificates and last year's report card must be shown at registration.

The signups will take place Monday through Friday from 6-8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Ragball Tournament set for August

An International Little League ragball tournament is set for Stanton August 4 and 5.

Signups are Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. and the first game is set for 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per player.

For more information, please call either Denise at (915) 756-2841, Raymond at (915) 263-3811 or Delbert at (915) 263-2631.

ON THE AIR

Television WNBA

6:30 p.m, New York Liberty at Washington Mystics, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Rangers finally get one over Mariners,

SEATTLE (AP) - The Seattle Mariners expect to get All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez back this week. They could have used his potent bat against Rick Helling in the finale of Texas' first series at Safeco Field.

The last-place Rangers beat the AL West-leading Mariners 3-2 on Rafael Palmeiro's RBI single off Arthur Rhodes in the eighth inning Sunday.

After the game, manager Lou Piniella's office door was shut for 21 minutes for a meeting with general manager Pat Gillick and trainer Rick Griffin. The subject was when to bring back Rodriguez, on the disabled list with a sprained right knee.

"He is going to catch a lot of ground balls (Monday) and we think that possibly Tuesday he will be ready to go," Piniella said.

The Mariners open an important two-game series Monday night against second-place Oakland.

Sunday's loss was only Seattle's 14th at home this season and eight of the defeats have been by one run. If the Mariners, 17 games over .500, have a problem, it's their offense.

Rodriguez, sidelined since a second-base collision with the Los Angeles Dodgers Alex Cora July 7, is hitting

.345 with 84 runs scored, 24 homers and 78 RBIs in 84

Seattle has gone 8-5 with Rodriguez on the DL..

Palmeiro got his 1,300th career RBI with a sacrifice fly in a 13-5 loss to Seattle Saturday. In the seventh inning Sunday, he ended an 0-for-18 slump with a double that took a lot of pressure off his shoulders.

"Don't let them kid you," said Palmeiro, who hadn't

had a hit since doubling in the fourth inning Tuesday night in Anaheim. "No matter how much success you've had in the past, it bothers you and it bothers you a lot. It bothers everybody. You've just got to deal with it and move on.'

The Rangers gave up 25 runs in the first two games of their first series at Safeco Field when their two starters went only 5 1-3

Wallace wins '500' race

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) -Rusty Wallace felt the bumps and didn't have to look in the rearview mirror to know it was Jeff Burton knocking on the door.

But Wallace never let him in. Instead, he encouraged the banging that pushed him closer to teammate Jeremy Mayfield.

"That was good." Wallace said after his unexpected victory Sunday in the Pennsylvania 500. "I kept having my hand up going, 'Come on, come on,' and he kept popping me in the rear. And with each push, they

drew closer to Mayfield, and were in position to win when the leader blew a tire on the last lap at Pocono International Raceway. At nearly 200 mph,

there's a fine line between hitting another car on the straightway and touching him in the turns. Burton never crossed it.

"He raced me hard and he raced me clean," Wallace said. In the end, Wallace

wound up two car-lengths in front of Burton in the battle of Fords.

Mayfield, who won last month at Pocono, wound up 10th. But he wasn't discouraged.
In this, perhaps his

breakout season, he was looking to join Tony Stewart as a three-time winner on the Winston Cup circuit. But it is a confident driver who will go to Indianapolis for the Brickyard 400 on Aug. 5.

"This will be the car we take, so it should be a good one," he said of his Ford.

"The last time I was here we had a spectacular finish on the last lap, too, so I guess the track owed me one.

The victory was the fourth on the 2)-mile trian-

Tiger Woods had

barely completed his romp

through golf's most hal-

lowed ground. He hardly

had a chance for a loving

glance at his name on the

Already he was looking

forward. And so was the

Woods was so dominating

in a British Open played

beneath the gray skyline of

the old town of St. Andrews,

the only question that

What can he possibly do

"He's always had his own

goals," Woods' father, Earl,

rest of the world of golf.

silver claret jug.

comes to mind:



Rusty Wallace is shown toweling off after a 1994 NASCAR victory at Martinsville, Virginia. On Sunday, he won the Pennsylvania "500", held at Long Pong, Pennsylvania.

gular track for Wallace, tying him with Darrell Waltrip, Bill Elliott and the late Tim Richmond for the most on the mountaintop.

The win brought relief to Wallace, whose only previ-Bristol, Tenn.

"Now, I won't have to hear people saying, 'When are you going to win again, Rusty?" Wallace said.

Burton said he and Wallace let Mayfield get away at first by racing each other hard, occasionally side by side. But Burton said he had a faster car and had little choice. He knew he couldn't win from the third spot.

"If I had been leading the race on the last lap then I would have won, not Rusty," he said.

Is the single-season Grand Slam next for Tiger Woods?

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland said. "I would say the next at Augusta, and then I've

That, of course, has never

one is winning all four of

been done before. And it

won't be done this year,

although it's tantalizing to

wonder what might have

been had Woods made a few

more putts at Augusta

career Grand Slam at age

24, joining a select group

that includes Gene Sarazen,

Ben Hogan, Gary Player

Perhaps the single-season

"I had a wonderful chance

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and Jack Nicklaus.

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them in one year — soon."

Wallace knew he couldn't let Burton get in front of him, but realized they had to run nose to tail to draft closer to Mayfield.

"I was running too hard in the tunnel turn and ous victory this year came finally had to tell myself to four months earlier in calm down," Wallace said.

Then Burton began his move. Several times he got alongside Wallace as the three Fords battled it out over the final laps.

"He really did a good job pinching me off," Burton said.

Wallace and the other leaders benefited from a bad decision by Dale Jarrett's crew to take four tires during a late-race pit stop under caution. The rest took two, and Jarrett lost track position, falling from the lead to far back in the pack.

won the last two," Woods

said. "I've one more, and

hopefully my game will be

If it is, it might be time to

start engraving Woods'

name on the Wannamaker

trophy right now. It's hard

to imagine Woods could

play any better than he did

at Pebble Beach, where he

won by 15 shots, or at St.

Andrews, where he won by

Hard for anyone but

"No, no, no," Woods

responded when asked if his

game was as good as it

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Woods that is.

KBTS announces Game of Week' slate Dawson, 7:15 p.m.

Herald staff report

Local radio station KBTS, FM 94.3, has released its Game of the Week broadcast list for this season. The time of the pre-game show will be listed with the game. The contests are as follows:

Sept. 1: Greenwood at Stanton, 7:45 p.m. Sept. 8: Garden City at Forsan, 7:45 p.m.

Sept. 15: Grape Creek at Coahoma, 7:15 p.m. 22: Grady

Sept. 29: Stanton at Midland Christian, 7:45 p.m.

Oct. Sands Hermleigh, 7:15 p.m. Oct. 13: Coahoma at Forsan, 7:15 p.m.

Oct. 20: Stanton at Colorado City, 7:15 p.m. Oct. 27: Amarillo San Jacinto at Midland Trinity, 7:15 p.m.

Nov. 3: Coahoma at Seagraves, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10: Seagraves at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.

Larkin stays with Cincy, will Schilling do same?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barry Larkin made his decision - he's staying put for this season, and the foreseeable future. Curt Schilling might get to make his choice soon.

Schilling showed why he's at the top of several trade lists, pitching a three-hitter as the Philadelphia Phillies won at Pittsburgh 4-1.

In other National League games, Atlanta edged New Colorado beat San Diego 6-4 in 10 innings, Chicago downed Milwaukee 5-4 and Montreal defeated Florida 7-

In the American League, it was Boston 1, Chicago 0; Toronto 4, Baltimore 1; Detroit 12, Kansas City 9; Cleveland 8, Minnesota 3 and Oakland 5, Anaheim 0.

Larkin received a 30-second standing ovation in Cincinnati after turning down a trade that would have sent him to the New York Mets, then helped the Reds beat Arizona 5-3 Sunday.

Hours later, the All-Star shortstop agreed to a threeyear contract extension for \$27 million to remain with his hometown Reds.

Larkin, 36, had power over any deal because he's a 10-and-5 player - 10 years in the majors, the last five with the same team. Schilling, 33, has a no-trade clause in his contract that he can choose to waive.

The deadline for making deals without waivers is July 31.

Schilling (6-6) won in the Phillies' final game at Three Rivers Stadium, which will be razed after this season.

Philadelphia finished 87-148 in the ballpark where it faced the Pirates in several late showdowns in the Schilling struck out six

and walked two. He fanned

John Vander Wal with the bases loaded to end the sixth inning, starting a streak in which he retired the final 10 batters.

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Tom Prince hit two home runs for the Phillies. That matched his previous total at Three Rivers in a major league career that included parts of seven years with Pittsburgh.

Braves 1, Mets 0

Andy Ashby, acquired in or 1 to Los Angeles beat a trade during the All-Star San Francisco 5-0, Houston break to bolster Atlanta's hammered St. Louis 15-7, rotation, picked up his second complete-game victory for the Braves, limiting New York to four hits.

Ashby (6-7) won his fourth straight start, the last two since being acquired from Philadelphia. He struck out seven and walked two in his eighth career shutout.

The Braves scored in the sixth. Brian Jordan led off with a single and came all the way around when Wally Joyner followed with a double into the right-field corner against Bobby Jones (4-

Atlanta won two of three in the weekend series to open a six-game lead over New York in the NL West. The Mets are 2-18 at Turner Field since September 1997.

Reds 5, Diamondbacks 3 The 34,822 fans at Cinergy

Field let Larkin know how they felt, showering the team captain with an ovation that caused him to back out of the batter's box in the first inning.

Larkin went 1-for-4 and scored from first on a double by Ken Griffey Jr. He also ranged behind second base to rob Matt Williams of an RBI hit.

Elmer Dessens, moved from the bullpen to improve the trade-depleted rotation, won his third straight start. Cincinnati has won 10 of 15.

Astros 15, Cardinals 7 Bill Spiers homered twice and drove in a career-high

Lance Armstrong: An American in Paris triumphs again

PARIS (AP) - Lance Armstrong raised a glass of champagne even before he crossed the finish line, celebrating a second straight Tour de France win that was even sweeter this time around.

Then, on the victory podium, Armstrong hoisted his infant son above his head. Tears welled in the eyes of the 28-year-old Texan, who just three years ago was fighting for his life against cancer that had spread to

his lungs and brain. "It was a hard .Tour de

France and, like last year, I'm glad it's finished and I can see more of these guys," he said Sunday as he stood with his wife Kristin and 9month-old son Luke, who was dressed in yellow just like his dad.

Because of his insurmountable lead in the final stage of the Tour de France. riders joked and clowned with Armstrong as they coasted past the famous sites of Paris and throngs of spectators.

Shortly after the cyclists took off from the Eiffel

Tower, Armstrong donned a long-haired wig. As he passed the Louvre Museum, he grabbed a pocket camera and took snapshots of the flag-waving Americans shooting pictures of him.

He even was passed a glass of local bubbly and made a toast as he pedaled, even though he'd earlier declared he wasn't "a champagne kind of guy.'

"This one's even more special than last year, partly because of this little guy," Armstrong said afterward, cradling the son who was

born three months after his first Tour victory.

Armstrong won praise from his closest challengers, particularly Germany's top rider Jan Ullrich, who had questioned whether Armstrong really was the best rider in 1999, when Ullrich didn't compete.

"Armstrong is a worthy champion. He was the strongest man, and he met our every attack. He earned his victory," said Ullrich, who won the Tour in 1997 but has finished second every year since.

Entertainers Williams and Sean Penn were just a few of the thousands of Americans who lined the Champs-Elysees where the 2,250-mile race concluded with a dozen sharp-turned circuits in Arc front of the Triomphe.

The Americans on the Champs were easy to spot: Many wore United States flags like capes, beach towels or bandanas, and others had Armstrong's name painted up and down their arms.

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Johnson and Greene both pull up in 200 final in showdown

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In the most anticipated showdown in track and field in three years, Michael Johnson and Maurice Greene both pulled up lame in the final of the 200 meters at the U.S.

Olympic trials Sunday.
The hugely hyped meeting was held twice because both were in the same semifinal heat, then came back less than two hours later in the

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He started much slower than usual, begun slowing then struggled another 20 to 30 meters before crumpling

He was removed from the track on a cart.

Greene began limping with about 100 meters left, grabbed for the back of his left leg, started to slow furer and stopped shortly

He then walked toward the finish line, and had his left hamstring wrapped in

The injuries to Johnson and Greene means neither will run the 200 at the

Sydney Olympics.
Johnson, however, has

Greene will be in the 100 and 400 relay, also if he is

The race, the final event at the trials, proved anticlimactic after a huge buildup, which included as much trash-talking as has ever en seen in a track and

field event. The winner of the final was 1999 NCAA champion John Capel of Florida in qualified for the 400 and will 19.85 seconds, with Floyd

Heard second in 19.88 and Coby Miller third in 19.96.

"I didn't know what had happened until I looked up at the screen and saw Michael lying on the ground," Capel said. "I hope he's all right for the Olympics.

"That's a terrible way to

"I was coming up on the curve. I was running pretty good and my leg just grabbed," Greene said "I'm disappointed I couldn't put

You have to listen to your body and I couldn't finish."

"I should be ready to go in

about two to three weeks." The shocking developments involving Johnson and Greene, the world's two best sprinters, overshadowed some dazzling and unprecedented perfor

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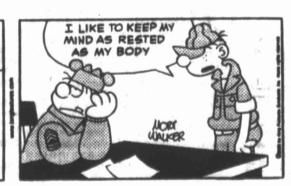
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Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon splashed down safely in the Pacific.

On this date: In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in

Caracas, Venezuela. In 1862, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1866, Tennessee

became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign poli-

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against five black men accused of raping two white women in the Scottsboro Case.

In 1959, during a visit to the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in the Kitchen Debate with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

In 1974, the Supreme (1842-1914?)

Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1975, an Apollo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first-ever docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union.

In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, opening fire and killing two police officers before being shot and captured.

Thought for Today: "History, n. An account, mostly false, of events, mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers, mostly knaves, and soldiers, mostly fools." -From "The Cynic's Word Book" by Ambrose Bierce

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