TUESDAY

July 25, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



WEDNESDAY **TONIGHT** 72°-75° 98°-100°

Herald asking businesses for Web addresses

The Big Spring Herald is now in the process of compiling a list of all local businesses that have Internet Web sites.

Local businesses are asked to contact us and provide us with their Web site address.

Please call circulation manager Jeremy Westerfield at 263-7331, ext. 240, or you may email that information to jhwester@crcom.net.

WHAT'S UP...

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., Lagies Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Texas Workforce Center, 6 p.m., free seminar on career opportunities with StarTek ☐ Masonic Lodge No.

598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

☐ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 Bring a lunch.

☐ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. noon, Howard College

Cactus Room. AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY ☐ The Heritage

Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Big Spring responds to blood drives, more scheduled

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring residents were out giving the gift of life as United Blood Services (UBS) received 6 inits of blood from var. 3 drives last week.

According to UBS community relations representative Johnna Pevey, 109 residents attempted to donate blood during the blood dri-

The biggest blood donations were Rip Griffin's with 46 units and West

Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation with 27 units.

Even with last week's large turn out, Pevey said more blood is needed.

"We are 800 units of blood short this year," she said. 'This is a very serious situation. It takes 300 units of blood a week to serve our 12 area hospitals. All the units come from willing donors." Blood has a shelf life of

five to 42 days. Traveling on those summer vacations also leads to a higher risk of those travelers needing blood transfusions, she said.

Pevey cautioned against waiting until a friend or relative is in need of donated blood. By the time blood is collected and tested, it might be too late.

"Some people say they will donate when a friend needs it," she said. "It takes two days to test blood and by then it may be too late.'

For those residents who missed last week's blood drive, both the Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Mall will hold a drive to donate blood.

The Big Spring Mall will hold a drive on Saturday inside the mall, north of Satifta Fe Sandwiches from noon until 5 p.m.

According to mall manage er Kathy Lusk, donors will receive a T-shirt and a \$5 mall gift certificate.

Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to help speed the process for the donor. Call Lusk at 267-3853 to make an appointment

Walk in donors will not be turned away, Lusk said, but

their donation time may take a little longer to process.

On Aug. 10, the Big Spring Herald will hold a blood drive from 1 until 4 p.m. Those interested should call blood drive coordinator Lyndel Moody at 263-7331 ext. 238 to make an appoint-

"Our goal is to have at least 17 units collected," Moody said. "The residents of Big Spring continuously show how caring a commu-

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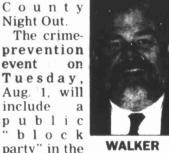
Howard County Night Out plans finalized

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Nearly two dozen local residents gathered Monday to finalize plans for the first Howard

Night Out. The crimeprevention event on Tuesday, Aug. 1, will include public



party" in the Railroad Plaza downtown. Sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, it is being organized with help from the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Department.

On that same evening, at least seven neighborhoods in Big Spring and Howard County are expected to host parties of their own, and some are planning to attend the city-wide event togeth-

"We want you to just go out there and have fun," said John H. Walker, Herald publisher, "and remember that's what it's all about.'

Twenty-three attended Monday's meeting, up from 18 who were present at the original planning session on July 18.

Law enforcement officials said the Night Out program will have many benefits for those who participate.

"Nobody knows your neighborhood like you do,'

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen Deina Harvell, left, a resident of the North Moss Lake Road area, listens to Big Spring Police Sgt. Lee Everett speak Monday at a meeting to organize the first Howard County

said Cpl. Terry Gray of the "ed people are looking out. Gray at 264-2595, or Walker enforcement officers, we rely on citizens. Without that input, crimes are harder to solve and may be more common.

She said organizations like Night Out and Neighborhood Watch programs help send a message to criminals. "It really does help," Gray

said. "At least the interest-

Big Spring Police for each other. ... It does at 263-7331. As law seem to make that neigh Organizers are hoping to borhood a little bit safer

In the Railroad Plaza, plans are forming for musical entertainment, food and drink booths and balloons for the kids from 7-10 p.m. Booth space will be available for a \$25 fee, with all proceeds kept by the organization or individual.

For more information about booth space, call See NIGHT OUT, Page 2

build momentum this year for a larger event in 2001 affiliated with the National Night Out organization. The Big Spring Police Department and the *Herald* are seeking interested people to serve as block captains to organize next year's Night Out, with plan

Moore group puts funding request off until budget is complete

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

A request for funds from Moore Development for Big Spring is on hold until organizers of the

Heart of the City determine whether additional monies will be needed.

Leigh Corson, city planning coordinator,

addressed the board on Monday to ask for its help in completing landscaping of the park, located along Scurry, between Second and Third streets.

She told the board that eight antique-like light poles will be needed at an estimated cost of \$1,200

"We think they will be more than that, but we're not sure of the exact cost yet," said Corson, who added that funds for three poles have been either received or pledged.

She was quick to note that Moore Development has already helped with the project by donating \$50,000 to help tear down the Permian Building. She noted that some \$23,000 was left over from that project to put toward the city park. Other

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Martin County man indicted on sexual assault charges

Night Out. Police Cpl. Terry Gray looks on at right.

HERALD Staff Report

A Martin County grand jury returned indictments on 10 people, including one man accused of two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Juan Carlos Valles, 35, was indicted on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl. He allegedly raped and

District court

scene for two

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

this week.

trials this week

Juries were selected

Monday for two trials to be

held in 118th District Court

The trial of Hermenejildo

Orosco III, 34, of 1011 N.

Bell began this morning

before Judge Robert H.

Moore III. Orosco is charged with a third offense

of driving while intoxicat-

ed. He was indicted on Jan.

27. He is represented by

local attorney Don Richard. District Attorney Hardy

Wilkerson will be the prose-

The second trial, the State

of Texas vs. Verlin Wayne

Harrington, who is charged

with sexual assault of a

child, is due to start

Harrington, 25, of 5700

Cedar Road, was indicted

Wednesday at 9 a.m.

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cuting attorney

sodomized the girl, whom authorities said was known to him. His crime is considered a

first degree felony If convicted, Valles could

face five to 99 years or life in prison with a \$10,000 fine. Others indicted by the Martin County grand jury included:

· John Donald Forseyth Jr., 51, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Aaron Henderson Jr., 43, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

· Joe John Hinojosa, 38, on a charge of driving while intoxicated

· Santana Merriweather, 25, on charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Tawanna Jamarr Williams, 24, on charges of possession of controlled sub-

Napolean stance and possession of marijuana

• William Lee Perry, 19, on a charge of tampering with a governmental record. Alfredo Lopez Morales,

34, on a charge of driving while intoxicated. John David Rhodes, 39. on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 William Douglas Welch. 44. on a charge of driving while intoxicated



Licensed Vocational Nurse Chrissy Lopez administers a shot to 8vear-old Lauren Schwartz in preparation for the beginning of the new school year in a couple of weeks. The West Texas Department of Human Services gives immunizations on Tuesdays. Wednesdays and Thursdays at a cost of \$5 each. Parents should bring the child's shot record or a note from the school. Lauren's mom, Tara Schwartz, comforts

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nity this town is. We hope the public will come out and support the local blood drives for such an important

Donors must be 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health carry proof of identification and know the names of any medication taken in the past 30 days.

The bloodmobile will be at Wal-Mart on Aug. 28.

PARK

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funds include \$25,000 from the Industrial Foundation, \$5,000 from the Big Spring **Area Chamber of Commerce** Convention Visitor's Bureau, and \$4,500 in private donations.

Another \$2,500 has been pledged but is still outstanding.

Corson estimated the basic cost of park construction would be about \$56,000.

"We're asking you to consider a donation for the other light poles. We're asking for donations of \$1,000 per pole and the (park) group will pick up the remainder of the cost," she

However, Charles Beil, Moore Development president, questioned whether additional funds would be needed.

"I'm certainly in favor of the project but it looks like you've got about \$60,000 with the number of donations in hand and what has been pledged," said Beil. "It seems like to me, you have what you need already. I'm just inquiring is that going to cover the budget, even with the extras?'

City building inspector Kenny Davis noted that not all costs have been figured in. For instance, he noted, tree grates amount to about \$1,800 apiece

"We have scaled this project back, but we do want it to be something our citizens wilkbe proud of," he said. Davis asked if the group could come back and address Moore Development again if costs run too high.

You are always welcome to request funds. I can't say what we will do right now. But I can say it is important for us to see city beautification," said Beil. "We all want to see it done right. I'd ask you to budget these items and then see what it looks like. If you run short. come call on us and we will revisit it."

The park is expected to be a focal point for downtown activities. It will contain a pavilion to host various events as well as information about the city for visitors. It will also be home to a community Christmas tree, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald employees.

Grand opening for the Heart of the City Park will be in October, coinciding with the Friends of the Settles Spook House

In other business Monday, the board tabled a request for assistance from A&M Composites until more

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information is obtained. The board approved previous minutes, June financials and the investment report.

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on one count of sexual assault on a child on April 6. Harrington will be represented by defense attorney Novert A. Morales of Midland.

Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr will be prosecuting in that case.

NIGHT OUT

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ning to start this fall. "One of the things to remember," said Sgt. Lee Everett of the Big Spring Police Department, "is that it is more than one night a year. I don't know who belongs in your neighborhood and who doesn't. The people that know your neighborhood are the ones who live in it.

"But what good is that if you have never talked to

BRIEFS

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 given on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-a-m. until-41:80 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring your child's ... Canterbury are sponsoring shot record or a Netter from a new grief support group. the school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

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.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSE-UM is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday hou are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday hours 1:30 until 4 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

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·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

·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-

·Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-

WEDNESDAY •Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neelcy, Midland. Call 263-

·Alcoholics Anonymous. 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 · HOME HOSPICE and

It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

December cotton 62.55, down 71 points: August crude 28.38, up 36 points: cash hogs steady at 46 even; slaughter steers steady at 67 even; August lean hog futures 67.17, up 42 points; August live cattle futures 66.77, up 5 points.

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FIRE/EMS

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

1:16 a.m. 500 block Westover, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:23 a.m. - 1700 block

Lancaster, medical call. patient transported to 10:42 a.m. 900 block

Alyesford, structure fire, fire out on arrival. 11:15 a.m. 8000 block Old C. City Highway, med-

ical call, patient transported to SMMC. 600 block 11:53 a.m. Douglas, medical call,

patient transported to the Veterans' Administration Medical Center. SMMC. 2:00 p.m. -patient transferred to

Lubbock Covenant. 2:17 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, patient transferred to Midland. 3:03 p.m. - 1500 block

VineOstructure fire office was extinguished. 3:34 p.m. - 2100 block Marcy, trauma call, patient

refused service. $8:10 \, \text{p.m.} - 3200 \, \text{block}$ Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through 8 a.m. today:

BENJAMIN LEE RODRIQUEZ, 24, of 1506 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (2nd). (BSPD)

· JOHNNY FRANCO, 17, of 1202 Ridge, was arrested on a charge of carry of prohibited weapon and fleeing police officers. (BSPD)

JOHNNY ALLEN TONN, 45, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court and no

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RECORDS

Record high 104 in 1958

Record low 63 in 1919

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Normal for the year 10.97

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ing police. (BSPD)
• ROY GERONIMO **CALDERON**, 18, of 1602 Wren, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

 PAUL ALEXANDER. 62, of 1800 N. Birdwell, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence. (HCSO) · JENNIFER CORRIE

GAMBLE, 24, of 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of issue bad check and forgery. (HCSO) DAVID ARTHUR WIT-

TREIN, 20, of 116 Hooser, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation. (HCSO) LAWRENCE MAR-

TINEZ, 41, of Ft. Worth, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)

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address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. LUIS GONZALES, 39. no address given, was

arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson, in the 200 block of N. Gregg, in the 1500 block of Mesa and in

the 1700 block of Wasson. · BURGLARY OF A **BUILDING** was reported in the 100 block of W. Ninth and in the 3200 block of

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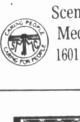
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Bush picks Cheney as running mate; former defense secretary accepts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Texas Gov. George W. Bush asked Dick Cheney to be his running mate in an early morning telephone call today and the former defense secretary accepted, a highly placed Republican official said.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Bush called his -selection at 6:22 a.m. CDT from the governor's mansion in Austin.

Hughes, who would not identify Bush's choice, said

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the running mate accepted ticket, only to be bested by the safe route: Cheney is a source said the call went to Cheney. The new GOP presidential micket planned & news conference for later tpday and a trip to Cheney's home state of Wyoming on Wednesday.

The official announcement promised to be an anticlimatic ending to a topsecret search involving a of prominent Republicans who had hoped to land a spot on Bush's

the offer. However, the GOP - the man who had an inside track from the start.

> Cheney, 59, brings to the ticket a wealth of foreign policy experience and political stature - traits that Bush, a two-term Texas governor, lacks himself. He is a bridge between Bush and his father, former President Bush, who-put Cheney in his Cabinet and promoted him for his son's ticket.

After promising an "electrifying" choice, Bush took

rock-solid conservative who poses little or no political risk. Bolder choices were available, including abortion-rights Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and George

Pataki of New York. Fashioning an impressive resume in two decades of public service, Cheney served as President Ford's chief of staff, six terms in Congress from Wyoming and four years as Pentagon chief, where he successfully

executed the Persian Gulf

Cheney suffered three heart attacks by age 48, but a doctor commissioned by the Bush campaign issued a statement saying his health 'should not interfere with a strenuous political cam-

Bush, 54, plucked the former Pentagon chief from the private sector to head up his selection process.

Though rumored to be a candidate himself, Cheney's position atop Bush's short list didn't become puplic

until Friday. Even before the deal was sealed, Republican officials welcomed the prospect of a Bush-Cheney ticket.

Vice President Al Gore, whose convention begins Aug. 14 in Los Angeles, is considering a number of candidates, including former Senate George Mitchell of Maine, Florida Sen. Bob Graham and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry.

Hostage, suspect killed in standoff

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) -Jamie Dean Petron told authorities negotiating the release of two children that the standoff would be over

in 20 minutes. After 51 hours of waiting outside the suburban home, they had no reason to believe him. One hostage was already dead. Two others, a 16-year-old and a 9month-old, were still inside with the murder suspect.

This time, however, Petron wasn't stalling.

With SWAT team members closing in, Petron killed himself with a shot to the chest Monday, ending a four-day ordeal that began after he allegedly shot to death a convenience store clerk and wounded a sheriff's deputy

The two children were found unharmed huddled inside a walk-in closet.

The crime spree leading o the three-day hostage standoff began Friday, 200 miles to the south in Pompano Beach. Authorities there say Petron killed Jorge Trillos, 22, a store clerk, and wounded store owner Samir Hantash, 48. Hantash was hospitalized Monday in critical condition.

Orange County authorities were watching for Petron because he had a brother living in the area.

Police were on their way to the brother's house Saturday when a deputy spotted retron and his car and tried to arrest him. He allegedly shot the officer in the thigh and fled to a nearby residential neighborhood less than 10 miles from Walt Disney World.

At the Meadow Woods subdivision, Thelma Mills was standing in her garage when Petron drove up and jumped out of the car armed with a semiautomatic .40caliber handgun, authori-

ties said. Mills fled, but Petron



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stormed into the house and 16, shot at her 28-year-old son, Norman West, police said. A bullet grazed West's head but he escaped.

Left inside were 40-yearold Andrea Hall, her 16year-old niece, 8-year-old son, infant daughter and infant grandniece. Hall and Mills were sisters.

Petron spoke with negotiators, but police said they were concerned because of his broken promises and lack of demands. On Sunday, a police sharpshooter fired into the home but missed Petron.

Later that day, Petron released Nicholas Hall, 8, and his 11-month-old sister, Nicole. Petron had said he would free the others after the tape of a statement he made was aired on television. But Hall, Althea Mills,

and Daniquea Akoon remained in the house until Monglay. 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

A SWAT team entered the house at about 8:30 a.m. Monday and saw Hall's body lying on the kitchen floor. She might have been shot Sunday by police sharpshooters who fired into the home, said Orange County Sheriff's Capt. Steve

Jones When police entered the master bedroom, they found Petron dead. Inside the walk-in closet, Althea was holding 9-month old Daniquea Akoon.



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OUR VIEWS

Vaccinations vital for our school kids

s back-to-school time arrives, parents have many things to remember. Not the least of them, however, is to have your child immunized.

All school-age children, and those in day care, are required to be vaccinated against certain diseases that include diptheria, polio and hepatitis. The first set of shots is usually given at 2 months, followed by more at 4 months, 6 months and then between 12 and 15 months.

Before starting school, a child usually needs another shot or two, and may be required to get a few more over the next few years. Most children are given three doses of hepatitis B, several doses of the diptheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccines, five doses of the haemophilius influenzae, four doses of the polio vaccine, two measles, mumps and rubella immunizations and one varicella vaccine (or chicken pox vac-

If you haven't kept up with these shots, stop by the Texas Department of Health in College Park Shopping Center. They give immunizations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. The cost is a very reasonable \$5 each.

Your family doctor can also provide the shots. Bring your child's shot record or a note from the school if you have received one.

But don't wait — there is a crunch time for children's shots that usually hits just before school starts. If you don't want to wait in line, make arrangements to take care of it this week

To offer further help to busy parents, the health department is planning to have a kinder garten shot clinic at Anderson Kindergarten Center during registration.

Nothing is more important that your child's health, and immunizations are part of that picture. Give your child a head start on back-toschool by keeping his or her shot record current.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton has been seeking a way to improve his tarnished image for historians. Congress just handed him one way and another one may be coming. Clinton should sign legislation passed Friday that does away with the estate tax and if Congress passes a marriage penalty tax cut, Clinton should sign that too.

Even though it only affects a small number of estates every year, it is simply wrong for the government to confiscate up to 55 percent of an estate when a business owner dies. It punishes success and tarnishes the image of America as a land of opportunity.

Rising incomes have forced more people to worry about estate taxes. A house, a retirement plan and some insurance can quickly put a person's estate into the tax zone. Many families and business owners are being forced to pay thousands of dollars to lawyers and consultants for arrangements to protect their hard-earned money. Americans work hard to

earn a living and provide a nice home and lifestyle for their families. They and their families should be able to enjoy more of the fruits of that hard labor, rather than give it to the federal government.

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Tobacco ruling sheds light on irrationality he verdict against tobacco companies in Florida simply

proves that in today's world, it is easy to find a bad trial judge and an ignorant

jury No smoker can, with a straight face, claim to not know that cigarette smoking represents a risk to his or her health. Nor can any smoker claim to have been

deceived by



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tobacco companies, which have been printing warnings on their products for more than 30

But warnings about the health hazards of smoking came long before the surgeon general's report in 1964. Reader's Digest published results of studies in the United Kingdom in the late 1930s or early 1940s.

The result was a competition by the tobacco companies to produce cigarettes

contents. It was during this period that the filter cigarette made its appearance. There was also heavy research to develop tobacco plants whose leaves had less nicotine. In other words, tobacco companies tried to keep their customers smoking, but they did so by offering them a product with less nicotine and tars. That puts the lie to the claim that tobacco companies were secretly doctoring their cigarettes to make people addicted.

In other words, tobacco companies did what all companies do - try to design a product people will want. If they wanted less nicotine, that's what they got. That's no different than Coke or Pepsi, which continue to sell sugared water at a price higher than a gallon of gasoline.

This assault on the tobacco companies illustrates four negatives in current America. One, the rule of law is being destroyed before our very eyes by unscrupulous lawyers. dimwit judges and corrupt ed legislators. We as citizens will pay more for this

with lower nicotine and tar , than the tobacco companies will pay for their alleged sins.

Two, greed is rampant, especially on the part of politicians who, having taxed every conceivable object they could think of. are now trying to shake down corporations with specious lawsuits.

Three, the awful irrespon-

sibility of people seems to be growing like a cancer. No tobacco company ever put a gun to anybody's head and ordered him or her to smoke. People smoke by choice. Other people choose not to smoke. Still others who did smoke chose to stop. But those who choose to smoke should be manly enough to take responsibility when the consequences show up. It's their fault, not the fault of the tobacco companies.

Fourth, the hypocrisy of the government in this matter stinks like a pile of garbage. Please note that at all times prior to the tobacco lawsuits, tobacco products have been declared legal and licensed for sale to the people of the 50 states by federal and state governments. Please note

that this condition continues even after the lawsuits Please note that as in the past, greedy governments collect taxes from the sale of tobacco products.

Now it seems inescapably logical to me that if one is going to claim that tobacco is an injurious product sold under false pretenses, then the government that licenses its sale is an accessory before and after the fact. How can you blame tobacco but not the government, which subsidized and authorized its sale and taxed its proceeds?

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This is just another example of how America has become as irrational and arbitrary as the old Soviet Union.

There is no logic to the treatment of the tobacco industry. A smart lawyer colluded with an unscrupulous governor to change the rules and make the suits possible.

And all along, the motive has not been improving health but simply greed Only the lawyers and the politicians benefit from this sad escapade. Everybody else, smokers and nonsmokers alike, lose.



Cleanliness in eye of the beholder

nce upon a time, Donald Wildmon of the American Family

Association - self-appointed censor of our steamy Sonvs and

naughty Zeniths, the man who sees evil in everything from Harry Potter to

Amazon.com tied himself to a Clorox the

mountaintop and declared enemy.

JOHNSON Time pass es, boycotts run together. I have been "following" Wildmon since he began the National Federation for Decency in Tupelo, Miss. (It was

rechristened and main-

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streamed later.) So I cannot remember the specific offending TV show maybe "Lonesome Dove," with its crude, quipping cowboys - that landed sponsor Clorox on Wildmon's black list.

But don't tell women, even religious zealot women, especially Southern women, that Clorox is no longer an option. It won't fly. Clorox has cleaned up more messes than Wildmon ever will. It's whitened and brightened several genera-

So that turned out to be one of Wildmon's quieter

battles, and I never heard the boycott results. I suspect it was a flop.

I thought about Wildmon vs. Clorox when the news broke that we're all too clean for our own good.

In a sincere effort by con-

scientious parents to keep their households sterile and their tykes parboiled, Americans finally have gone too far. We've snapped up so many anti-bacterial products that bacteria is working overtime to become resistant. Or so say scientists. And scientists are worried.

(It's always safe to argue with scientists, don't you think? They'll be reversing themselves next week.)

First of all, I have a radical observation: I don't believe Americans are the cleanest people on earth. I believe that honor would fall to the Dutch.

Living in Holland one summer, I saw Dutch women scrubbing tree trunks, as van Gogh is my witness. And every sunny morning — though admittedly there weren't many of those — Amsterdam apartment windows were full of down comforters taking the air. The city from above must have looked like an old quilt, tufts of cotton batting escaping everywhere

But Americans probably do come in second in the fanatical cleaning department, especially in personal hygiene. We scrub and burn off all the natural oils and then spend our paychecks trying to coax them back.

I once knew a woman whose ears bled because she washed them too much. She took her bleeding ears to the doctor, who said wisely enough — "Quit washing your ears so much.

She should have had my mother, who has the most irritating way of always being right in the long run, if sometimes for the wrong reasons.

Mother kept an immaculate house but might easily have fit with the laid-back Europeans when it came to hygiene. She thought her teen-age daughters were spending far too much time in the tub.

Hair, for instance, was

healthier when shampooed once a week, she believed. If you slept with a wet head, it would make you sick. Many's the night I sneaked a shampoo, twist

ing my long locks around empty frozen orange juice cans to straighten the nat ural but unstylish curls. "Is that hair wet?' she

would ask at bedtime. "It's just the Dippity-Do that makes it look wet," I'd

I still shampoo every day But I've come around to Mother's philosophy about clothes. I will wear a "Dry-Clean Only" garment more than once (OK, more than thrice) and hope nobody notices.

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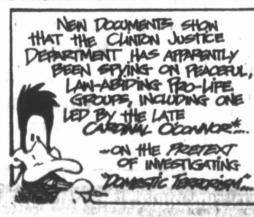
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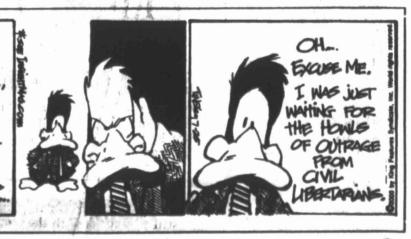
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Coahoma names Hart to replace Lewis

Brad Hart, a December graduate of Angelo State University, was named the new head baseball coach at Coahoma High School.

Hart is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, where he played under longtime coach Albert Lewis.

He replaces Scott Lewis, who resigned and went to Odessa Permian after leading the Bulldogs to consecutive Class 2A state playoff berths.

Altogether, Coahoma has been to the state baseball tournament the last four years.

Howard County fall meeting today

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 today 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 263-1976.

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 camp is \$30 and registration takes place on the first day. For more information, please call Terri Hopkins at 268-

Coahoma football camp scheduled

The Coahoma football camp is set to run from Wednesday through Friday.

The camp is open to kids in Big Spring, Forsan or Coahoma entering from first through sixth grade. The camp will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. all three days.

Cost of the camp is \$25. Signup for the event will take place Wednesday at the practice field.

Anyone needing further information may contact Bobby Lang at either 263-7510 or 425-3350.

Summerall may retire from broadcasting

Pat Summerall will celebrate his 50th year of involvement with the NFL next year, and it might be his last.

Then again, it might not. Summerall announced his retirement as an NFL broadcaster, effective after the 2001 season, at a news conference Monday, but left the door open to the possibility that he'll announce games after that.

Summeralll will have completed 50 years of involvement with the National Football League following next season as a player and 40 in The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Television BASEBALL

6:35 p.m. - Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7:30 p.m. — Anaheim Angels at Texas Rangers. FSN, Ch. 29.

Athletic changes may not be forthcoming at Stanton

Sports Editor

STANTON - There will still be another meeting of the Stanton Independent School District board of trustees in which public comment will be taken concerning possible changes to the athletic program, but if Monday's special meeting is any indication, things

might not change at all. The board looked at a survey designed by SISD superintendent Jim White in wake of a formal complaint alleging that the district's athletic program was in vio-

lation of Title IX, which topic, which includes both provides for equal athletic programs for female athletes. All students, from juniors to eighth graders during the 1999-2000 academic year, were surveyed.

ed toward girls softball. According to the Martin County Messenger, Gigi Phillips made the complaint, representing a group of parents upset that girls softball was not being

This complaint was point-

Monday's meeting was especially called to address that issue, but no public showed up. However, the the survey and an Office of Civil Rights report, will be taken up again at the regular August meeting, which will take place Monday, Aug. 14.

According to the survey, given to 110 girls in those four grades, a total of 21 said they were interested. Of those, SISD athletic director Mark Cotton said that 17 of those were in more than one spring sport and some of those were in two spring sports.

Softball was the fourthmost popular choice among girls in the survey. Track (34) was the most popular, followed by basketball (32) and tennis (23).

White commented that it didn't really look like the interest in softball was there among younger kids either

"I was on the Little League committee," White said. "I planned for Stanton to have four teams. "There were three, count-

ing Grady," SISD board member Rocky Barnes added.

White further added that, girls in a wide range of ages had to be put together to form even that many teams.

The board also approved an OCR report and authorized White to sign it.

Before it's through, the board will have to submit three reports to the OCR, one on Sept. 15, one Feb. 15 and one June 15.

According Messenger, the Sept. 15 report is to detail what changes will be made, the Feb. 15 report is to detail the sport SISD will add or intends to add and the June 15 report is to discuss the program and show how it is acommodating the female student in terms of athletic interest and ability.

Crossroads League helps teams

By JOHN HASSELMEIER Sports Editor

Generally speaking, whenever a Panhandle team plays a team from the Permian Basin, it usually

isn't very pretty. However, that could be changing with the Crossroads Summer Basketball League, which recently ended play with a tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College.

The league preceded present Howard College womens' basketball coach Ron Mayberry by several years, but it has shown some improvement in just the time Mayberry has been the supervisor.

"It was slowly getting to where it was going down because of the expense of coming back to Big Spring," Mayberry said. "There's traveling expense and constantly they'd have teams not show up because of it. It was a problem."

Mayberry said the first thing he did was poll the coaches about what the problem was. He said that efforts were made toward making each problem situation better.

"We succeeded in some ways and failed in other ways," Mayberry said. "Some problems are inevitable. We try to control the, but we can't control them.'

When he got here, there were 12 teams and about 60 participants in two gyms. Now, there are 33 teams and 325 participants in four gyms. Divisions include Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High.

"Whenever you do that, you've got lots more people working and lots more opportunities for problems," Mayberry said. "It's been great, but there's some downers. Basic communication problems are the main things.

Crossroads is pretty serious business. In Ron Mayberry was asked about that when he took the posi-

"The very first thing they



Charlie Hall, head coach of the Big Spring entry in the Varsity Division of the Crossroads Basketball League, is shown getting his team ready to play in a recent tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Hall stated that the league was helping the area close the gap on schools in the Panhandle.

talked about when I took this job was about summer league." Mayberry said. "It's really a good program for Howard College. We're really providing a service for these small schools (such as Borden County, Grady, Greenwood, Forsan, Coahoma, Colorado City,

Stanton, etc...). "It makes us feel real good about what we're doing," Mayberry said. "It makes us feel we're community-oriented. There's a thousand people coming in every week to the community. They're buying gas, they're buying food, they're traveling back-and-forth. It's great for the economy and it's good for Big

Spring." Mayberry has two assistant coaches (Tonya Benton and Joey Wells) who essentially run things

The Big Spring coaches

in the Varsity Division of the League, Charlie Hall (girls) and Kenny Tuttle (boys) have noticed a differ-

ence in their teams. "It's a real good opportunity for the kids to get together, play some basketball and have a lot of fun." Tuttle said. "It's helping a lot of teams. It's done a lot of good for the girls program and the boys program.

'You get to see a lot of different styles of games, Hall said. "That helps.

Tuttle said that the varsi ty coaches have been very much behind the team's efforts

Both Hall and Tuttle believe that the gap between the panhandle and the crossroads area will continue to bridge.

"Our kids have always been able to compete (with panhandle teams)," Hall said. "We just didn't have the skill level of everybody else. We've got the heart, the talent, the speed, we just haven't been gotten it all together vet.

"There's no doubt about it; we'll be able to give the teams up north a good run for their money," Tuttle said. "What's exciting is when the kids get excited. They know they're getting better. They want to be better and they want to win. That's real encouraging for basketball.

"Our kids can press with anybody," Hall said. "They can run with anybody now. Our kids used to just walk out on the floor and play the game and leave. Now they're looking toward the end of the game to see what they can do to win. What they needed was lots of court time. Now they're getting it.

Rangers lose Rodriguez, game, 6-5

ARLINGTON (AP) - A season gone wrong got even worse for the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

First, the Rangers lost star catcher Ivan Rodriguez for the rest of the season because of a broken right thumb. Later, with Texas players already celebrating an apparent win, a balk call was reversed and there was no victory.

Tim Salmon's RBI single in the 12th inning gave the Anaheim Angels a 6-5 win, the Rangers' seventh loss in nine games.

"You lose the best player in the game, that's hard enough," **Rangers** first baseman Rafael Palmeiro said. "Then to lose the game like that, that's a double whammy.

The Rangers blew a threerun lead in the ninth when closer John Wetteland fal-

Rodriguez, the reigning AL MVP, was injured in the first inning when his thumb hit Mo Vaughn's bat on a swinging third strike as he threw to second base on Kevin Stocker's steal attempt. Stocker was called out by home plate umpire Gerry Davis on batter's interference.

Vaughn expressed his sorrow after the game.

"I feel bad, a lot," Vaughn said. "It was strictly by mistake and an accident. I wish it hadn't happened. I heard it. It almost sounded like a bat hitting a ball."

Rodriguez, 28, played earlier this month in his ninth straight All-Star game. He has won eight consecutive Gold Glove awards, an AL record.

"That's what happens when the team isn't going good," Rodriguez said. "What can I do? But I have a strong mind and I'll be ready for spring training."

The Rangers' career hits leader was batting .347 with 27 home runs and 83 RBIs. Rodriguez will surgery Tuesday

"I've said over the last five-plus seasons that there are so many positive adjectives you can use to describe him," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "But more than all the numbers he puts up is the fact that he's so durable. He plays with pain. But this is the first time since I've been here that he's been (seriously) hurt.

Down 5-2, the Angels scored three times in the ninth, handing Wetteland his sixth blown save in 31 chances. Bengie Molina hit an RBI double with two outs and Scott Spiezio followed with a home run to tie the score and send the game into extra innings.

Thomas capitalizing on first training camp at fullback

WICHITA FALLS (AP) -This time last year, Robert Thomas was hoping his gung-ho attitude on special teams and experience playing linebacker in NFL Europe would help him make the Dallas Cowboys.

worked. Thomas secured a job late in camp and became a starter by midseason ... at fullback. Huh?

Thomas was switched from LB to FB in the final days of training camp

because Dallas had a glut of backer over there, but the starter. linebackers and not enough fullbacks. The move had been in the works for a while, except nobody informed him.

"We had talked about it really all the way back to the draft," said coach Dave Campo, who was defensive coordinator last season. "But with him being in NFL Europe as a linebacker, we didn't think it would be prudent to call him and say, 'Look, you're playing line-

you're going to be a fullback for us.' So we gave him a couple of weeks at linebacker, saw what we had at fullback, then made the move.'

Dallas' lack of fullback depth was a big problem when Daryl Johnston suffered what proved to be a career-ending injury in the opener. Thomas wasn't ready to take over, so the Cowboys signed veteran Tim Lester and made him

Thomas, though, progressed quickly and by late October the job was his.

He started the final eight games, including the playoffs and did an admirable job. Slamming his stocky 6foot-1, 252-pound body into the line, Thomas opened enough holes for Emmitt Smith to gain 1,397 yards, his most in four years.

The Cowboys were impressed enough not to seek a replacement.

Orioles lefty makes memorable major league debut

John Parrish made a perfect major league debut. For one inning, at least.

Pitching against the New York Yankees, the Baltimore lefty started Monday night's game by striking out Chuck Knoblauch, Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams

— on only 12 pitches! Parrish was impressive, but still wound up with the

loss as the Yankees beat the Orioles 4-3 at Camden Yards

In other American League games, Seattle stopped Oakland 6-4, Chicago downed Kansas City 7-6, Minnesota beat Boston 4-2 and Tampa Bay defeated Detroit 4-2.

As for the National League, Houston topped Cincinnati, 7-5, in 10 innings, Los Angeles cut down Colorado, 4-1 and San

Francisco shut out San Diego, 3-0.

Roger Clemens won his fifth straight start since coming off the disabled list as the Yankees beat Baltimore. Relievers Mike Stanton and Mariano Rivera closed out the Crioles.

Parrish struck out nine in seven innings, allowing three earned runs and four

Glenallen Hill, traded Mariners 6, Athletics 4

from the Chicago Cubs to New York last Friday, led off the second inning with a home run in his first at-bat for the Yankees.

Parrish, 22, never pitched above Double-A before this year. He set down 11 straight batters at one stretch, mixing a 93 mph fastball with a sweeping

curve

Seattle activated All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez from the 15-day disabled list, but didn't need him to beat Oakland at Safeco Field.

Edgar Martinez hit his 25th home run and Jamie defeated Mover the Athletics for the sixth straight time.

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**** You draw another in, so start talking. Make calls. Clear your desk. Make plans. Your optimism speaks loud and clear. Spread good news and let others know what you think. A travel or educational opportunity knocks on your door. There is only one choice. Tonight: Let vour magnetism speak

CANCER (June 21-July

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share. Think through what

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is being said. Express your immediate reactions Together you enhance each other's financial potential. Trust an adviser who whispers something in your ear. Tonight: Mystery adds to

vour allure. Vanish **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Different personalities take time to mesh, even at meetings. Your interpersonal skills score 100. Feedback and good news confirm your innate skill. You gain through friends and associates right now. Keep listening when a creative associate talks. Tonight: Do only what you want

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Continue going overboard and the boss will reward you with a compliment, raise or promotion. You could get all three! Your high expectations weave into other aspects of your day-to-day life. Be as fastidious with your health and diet. Honor yourself. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your understanding long-term desires. Seek out information. more Brainstorm to find new ways of getting to a goal. A flirtation could be extreme ly distracting but enjoyable An offer that rewards your intellect yet helps you grow comes forward. Tonight: Now for fun!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov

**** Another's serious attitude drags you down. Understand that this person feels overwhelmed and could use positive enforcement rather than criticism. Work with someone, and you'll come up with many moneymaking ideas. You're overdue for a bonus. Tonight: Visit with an older

relative SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Refuse to get caught up in a control game. Allow another to grab a spot in the limelight. Support someone by giving well-

unneeded self-imposed restrictions. Talks trigger flights of fantasy yet nourish your life. Tonight: Surf the Net

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Work together. Teamwork enhances the good feelings at work and increases moneymaking possibilities. Consider your own business. Build on established contacts. Use your abilities, and you'll enhance your finances. Examine your long-term goals. Tonight: Key talks with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

**** Kick up your heels and add more amusement to your work setting. Popularity soars. What looks like a budding relationship can develop into a lot more, if you so choose. Your high imagination, plugged into your work. adds extra zip to a project. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20) **** Concentrate on one task at a time. Your mind frequently wanders. Impose more discipline on yourself. As a result, vou'll grow Your instincts or inner thoughts also confuse vou. but they offer direction. Check out a new home or property. Tonight: Off to the gym

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placed suggestions. Lift No matter what they call it, they are still shacking up

DEAR ABBY: A 70-year old man wrote that he has been seeing a recently widowed woman, and they are considering living together He asked how he should introduce a live-in companion to friends. You gave him a variety of choices. running the gamut from

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best friend. partner and "sweetheart" to

'friend.' A b b y there is NO acceptable term to call are shackedup with. A

someone you person's age does not

If matter. Call 267-9523 after 6:00 they are living together in sin, that is what it is! We need to stop accepting unacceptable behavior

Your best advice for 'Confused" should have been to do the right thing: Marry the lady. TIRED OF ALL THIS MISBEHAV ING, SANTEE, CALIF

DEAR TIRED: I disagree. The gentleman did not ask whether or not he should marry the lady. Times have changed. Seniors who live together choose to do so for a variety of reasons, which are usually well thought

out. Read on: DEAR ABBY: Tell the 70year-old Florida widower not to hesitate in calling the widow his wife. Long before governments issued licenses, a marriage was and still is - essentially an oral contract. A license per se does not keep people married. A license is simply a matter of record

against any litigation. If an elderly couple has spelled out all their health and financial involvements for each other, let them be husband and wife. Our courts still rule fairly whether every detail is spelled out or a marriage license is in sight.

Certainly the license concept is good, as it prohibits underage unions and marriage falsifications. But for

the government to use it as a gun to rob the elderly of pension or handicap benefits is a disservice.

Why California needs to charge a \$60-plus marriage license fee (tax) is another issue. It's an impediment to the poor. Maybe Florida charges as much. Yes she can be his "best friend," etc., but in God's eves and those of their witnesses, that couple can also be husband and wife. PASTOR WIL NUCKOLLS,

FAIR OAKS, CALIF DEAR PASTOR NUCK-OLLS: I admire your compassion and your wisdom. I know there are pastors such as yourself who are willing to perform "commitment ceremonies." I hope the couple in question takes your letter to heart.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband passed away recently We were married for 17 years divorced for 16 and we had three children Both of us had happily remarried years ago.

Since his death, my clos

est friends (and even my

sister) keep asking me, "Are you OK?" "Are you going to be all right?" I find this very annoying. I think their sympathy should be expressed to my children instead of me. Have you any suggestions

as to what I can say to

them? - EX-WIFE IN KEN-TUCKY DEAR EX-WIFE: Your certainly don't want it to appear that you don't care that your ex-husband has died. Simply say: "Yes, I'm fine. I'm sure the children would love to hear from you.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to add this to your "You Know When You're Getting Old" collection:

You know you're getting old when you don't recognize a single celebrity in the "Today's Birthday" column of your newspaper! -JOSEPH H. ZIMMERMAN, WILMINGTON, DEL.

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History

On July 25, 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the

On this date:

In 1593, France's King Henry IV converted from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism.

In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the

Wyoming Territory. In 1909. French aviator Louis Bleriot flew across the English Channel in a

monoplane, traveling from tilization. Calais to Dover in 37 minutes.

In 1944, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded Cole Porter's "Don't Fence Me In" in Lose Angeles for Decca Records.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, 51 people died when the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first test tube baby, was born in Oldham. England; she had been conceived through in-vitro fer-

In 1985, a spokeswoman for Rock Hudson confirmed that the actor, hospitalized in Paris, was suffering from AIDS. (Hudson died the following October.)

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war

Today's Birthdays: Actress Estelle Getty is 77. Actress Barbara Harris is 65. Musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 49. Model-actress Iman is 45. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 43. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 42. Actress Illeana Douglas is 35. Country singer Marty Brown is 35. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 33. Actor Brad Renfro is 18.

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