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July 24, 2002

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**COMMUNITY VIEWS** 

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What do you like best about Big Spring?

"The people here are great," former Big Spring resident Rocky Thomas when asked last week.

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#### BRIEFLY **DOWNTOWN**

With the first Funtastic Fourth Festival finally finished, the Downtown Revitalization Association will meet at noon Thursday at Alberto's Crystal Cafe, 120 E. Second St.

Current members and interested people are invited to attend. The group will discuss upcoming projects including a planned Diez y Seis celebration. For more information call Allan Johnson at 267-6278.

#### BENEFIT DANCE

A benefit dance and barbecue will be held for Terri Fortson, who has been diagnosed with cancer. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 3, at the square dance building on Chaparral Road. Cost is \$15 per person for both the barbecue and dance. The Eagles band will provide music.

Fortson is the son of Ray and Marilyn Fortson. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1977. For more information, call 267-8310 or 264-0538.

A fund has been set up at State National Bank in his name. To make a donation call the bank at 264-2100.

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## **Aguirre resigns**

Assistant superintendent accepts post with Bryan Independent School District

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Esthela Aguirre, assistant superinten-

dent of the Big Spring

Independ e, n t School District, has submitted her letter of resignation and acc-

epted a position with a

**AGUIRRE** Central Texas school

district. Aguirre had served in the district's No. 2 administrative position

for the past 14 months. "She did (turn in her resignation) effective Aug. 16. We have received her letter and I plan to submit it to the board tomorrow night," Superintendent Murray Murphy said in confirming Aguirre's resignation this morning by telephone. "She accepted a job at Bryan ISD and also plans to begin her doctoral program at

University."
In a telephone interview this morning, Aguirre confirmed she has resigned from the position and accepted a position as a language arts and gifted and talented learning facilitator for the Bryan ISD's central office. She will oversee the program in several of the district's schools.

The Bryan school district has an average enrollment of 13,600 and consists of 16 elementary schools, three middle schools and one Class 5A high school.

Murphy said he will recommend the board accept Aguirre's resignation during its regular meeting set for 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th

"She is a very fine professional educator," Murphy said in lamenting the loss of Aguirre's talents. "She has done an excellent job as assistant superinten

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### Litigation issues may dominate ISD meeting

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Talks with lawyers over potential and current litigation issues look to dominate much of the Big Spring Independent School Board meeting Thursday.

Trustees could consider acting on a change in the current trustee election system, but Board President Frank Long doesn't expect a vote on the issue.

"No, not at this time," Long said. "This will be our time to sit down and discuss amongst us. We will have our attorney on hand to answer questions. This is really a time to break the ice on the sub-

During the June 20 board meeting, Big Spring teacher Pat DeAnda requested a dialogue between the

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## Herald to offer discounted rate on paper delivery

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

department

Want to get your Big Spring Herald for less than seven cents a day? The Herald's circulation

has announced one-day-only promotion in which new and current subscribers can get a year of the Herald for



only \$25. "Thursday, we're having a once, neverhappen-again promotion,' said Circulation Manager Carlos Gonzales. "Twentyfive dollars for a whole year. Customers can either come in and pay by check, cash or credit card, or they can call in. They only way they can call in is if they give us their credit card. We can't take debit cards because we don't have the

cards yet." Gonzales said that the promotion, available during the Herald's 8 a.m. to 5

ability to process debit

#### INFORMATION

What: Subscribe to the Herald for one year for just \$25.

When: Thursday only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**How**: Come by the *Herald* office at 710 Scurry or

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Who's eligible: All Howard County residents.

p.m. business hours Thursday, is designed to show appreciation to loyal subscribers and an effort to spark new readership.

"It's something for our readers, a gift to them, I guess you could say," Gonzales said. "And to secure new subscribers. We have a lot of people in Big Spring that don't take the paper because they've got a tight budget or whatever. This, \$25 for a year, that's \$67 off our regular yearly promotion, which is \$93.42. It's \$170 off our newsstand price. So the

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## Church youth group learning life's lessons by helping out others

By BRADEN WEGNER

Staff Writer

Helping out around the community not only benefits others, but is a blessing to those perform-

ing the work that's the lesson some youth from East Side Baptist Church are learning.

"We are trying to train them to productive, Christian citizens and to help out people when they have needs," said Doug Shelly, pastor of the church at 1108 E. Sixth St.

Members of the youth group leader Lilian Bohanan, Duncan Sanchez, Rachel Cole, and Josh

Cole — were putting those words to practice on Monday by painting a home at 608 State St.

The house, owned by Gay McPeak, needed a facelift so the youth group took on the

"There was nobody here to take care of her and the house and she didnt have anyone else to do

it," said Shelly, "So the "When people youth group is taking help you out I care of it." Shelly said that don't think it's while the group

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it's because they are a good person."

Gay McPeak home owner

"Gary and Angie have taught them

(their children Josh and Rachel) well," said Mrs. McPeak, "These kids have helped out a lot.

windows.

other

projects

around the house.

including making

new frames for the

"I think you have to have a deep appreciation for people like this," added McPeak. "When people help



Kale Heines, Lillian Bohanan and Duncan Sanchez, members of the East Side Baptist Church, begin painting on a house at 608 State Monday evening.

you out I don't think it's because they just want to do something good, I think its because they are a good per-

East Side Baptist Youth Group plans to do other projects in the future. While they aren't the biggest group, they might be the hardest working.

"They do a good job," and "They do work well," said m

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Retired Odessa Police Officer Bernis Lincoln and his daughter Motashia Lincoln spend an afternoon fishing at Comanche Trail Lake.

Citizen complains to council about lack of care at cemetery By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer An upset citizen brought allegations of neglect and shoddy maintenance at Mount Olive Memorial Park to the Big Spring City Council during its meeting Tuesday night. Gary Rodriguez of Big

Spring said he is not happy with the perpetual care being provided by the city to the resting places of several of his family members. "The cemetery has been

neglected for the past 15 years. I've been going out there for 15 years and I've just seen a lot of destruction and that's about it," he said. "Perpetual care is not vandalism and that's what it is,

"Perpetual care is not vandalism and that's what it is, vandalism.

...There's about \$10,000 worth of headstones that have been damaged."

Gary Rodriguez local citizen

vandalism. I showed them the pictures. There's about \$10,000 worth of headstones that have been damaged." Rodriguez showed the

council about 25 pictures of

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## A BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

### **Obituaries**

#### Adelaide (Addie) Fox Brown

Adelaide (Addie) Fox Brown died on January 26, 2002 in Portland, Ore. with her children by her side. Born May 19,1925, in Highland Park, Ill., she was preceded in death by her husband, George C. Brown, M. D. and her brother, Francis J. Fox. Addie was employed by Big Spring Independent School District in the late 70s and early 80s as a school nurse and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Parish.

Adelaide Fox Brown was survived by three daughters, Betty Martensen and Margaret Brown of Portland, Ore. and Heidi Brown Horcher of Barrington, Ill.; three sons, Clark Brown of Arlington, Nick Brown of Blum and Anthony Brown of Portland, Ore.; 23 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Funeral services were held in Portland, Ore. at the Catholic Cathedral, and graveside services were held in Big Spring at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Father Plagens presiding.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

#### W.J. Oliver

Funeral service for W.J. (Joe) Oliver, 73, of Del Rio will be 10 a.m. Thursday at G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Friday, July 26, 2002, at the Colorado City Cemetery. The time of the service is pending. Please call the funeral home.

Mr. Oliver died Monday, July 22, in Del Rio. He was born April 17, 1929, in Van Zandt County.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Oliver of Del Rio; two daughters, Sonia Welch of Big Spring and Lana Gray of Havana, Fla.; one son, Wylie Oliver of Colorado City; one step-daughter, Susan Pryor of Pflugerville; two step-sons, Jimmy Farquhar of Denton and Jesse Farquhar of Cedar Park; two sisters, Valrye Nichols of Marshall and Shirley Scott of Houston; two brothers, Bill Oliver of Albuquerque, N.M. and Travis Oliver of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today until 9 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of usual remembrances donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletche Dr., Del Rio 78840. For more information call 830-775-2000.

#### Jesus "Raymond" Ruiz-Esparza



Jesus "Raymond" Ruiz-Esparza, 67, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2002, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

A vigil service will be held today at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Esparza was born on May 4, 1935, in Zacatecas, Mexico and had been a'lifetime resident of Big Spring coming here at the age of 14 from

Mr. Ruiz Esparza was most recently employed at Fiberglass Systems for 7 years and Whites Dairy for 12

He is survived by his companion, Connie Davila of Big Spring; two daughters, Mona Talamantez and Johnny, Ayanna Gomez and Davíd, all of Big Spring; two sons, Andrew Chaverria and Becky of Snyder and Jody Flores and Rosa of Big Spring; two step-daughters, Marie Lopez of Big Spring and Henrietta Salinas and Ruben of Lamesa; three step-sons, Billy Pineda and Betty, Benny Rodriguez and Helen and Robert Puente, all of Big Spring; one brother, Antonio Ruiz-Esparza of Zacatecas, Mexico; 23 grandchildren; two nephews, Jorge Cortez of Rosemead, Calif.; and Jose Luis Esparza of El Paso; and one niece, Magally Villaroma of Tacoma, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Ruiz and one step-daughter, Dora Flores.

Pallbearers are Gilbert Morales, J.J. Morales, Eric Lopez, Timmy Flores, Ricky Alcantar, Ray Mendoza, Benny Rodriguez Jr. and Johnny Talamantez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Paid obituary

#### Jesse F. Hernandez



Vigil service for Jesse F. Hernandez, 78, of Big Spring will be 8:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Hernandez died Tuesday, July 23, at his home following a long illness.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1923, in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States

Air Force and served with the 450th bomber group as a radar specialist in Italy during World War II. He married Clara A. Galindo on Jan. 28, 1943, in San Angelo and had been a long time resident of Big Spring and a member of Immaculate Hart of Mary Catholic Church. He was a member of the VFW Post 2013 and had been past commander and past quartermaster. He was past commander of District 25 VFW, and past national aide to Camp of VFW. He was a member of the American Legion, the Military Order of the Cooties, past president of the Big Spring Council on Aging, and past grand of the Knights of Columbus Council.

He had worked for the Texas and Pacific Railroad and Pinkies Liquor Stores for 25 years in Big Spring and El Paso before going to work for the Big Spring State Hospital where he worked for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Clara of Big Spring; one daughter, Elizabeth Hernandez Baquera of El Paso and two brothers, Mike Hernandez of Big Spring and Humberto Hernandez of Mesa, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

#### **Myrtle Kilgore Keele**



Funeral service for Myrtle Kilgore Keele, 99, of Big Spring, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain with Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial

Mrs. Keele died on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, in a local nursing home.

She was born on August 1, 1902, in Guion, Ark. and married Grady W. Kilgore on

August 8, 1920, in Cleburne. He preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 1960. She then married Arvel Keele on Feb. 1, 1966, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death. Myrtle and Grady ran the Ranch Inn Cafe until Grady's death. She had also worked as a waitress at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant. She was a member of Airport Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Benny R. Kilgore of Garland and Dr. J. Gale Kilgore of Big Spring; two daughters, Marie Hughes of Big Spring and Jo Ann Bauer of South Weymouth, Mass.; a step daughter, Betty Gray of Monahans; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchil-

The family suggests memorials to Airport Baptist Church, 1208 Frazier, Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### Texas lottery

Texas Two Step: 13-14-30-35 Cash Five: 3-17-23-25-34 Pick 3 (night): 0-9-6 Pick 3 (day): 2-5-8

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

• SCOTTY CASSELMAN, 42, of 3911 Dixon was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

· DANNA LYNN MOORE, 30, of 1400 Mount Vernon was arrested on four local warrants.

 AVEL RAMIREZ, 55, address unknown was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ABLE BARRERA, 36, of 1402 N. 11th was arrested on a

Howard County warrant. • BETSY LYNN TOMAR, 21, of 2008 S. Nolan Apt. A was arrested on a charge of making alcohol available to a

· LARRY DALE KING, 19, of 538 Westover Road was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol. ASSAULT THREATENING BODILY INJURY was

reported in the 500 block of East 13th Street CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

· In the 1000 block of East 20th Street. A red 1993 Nissan reportedly sustained \$1,000 damage in the incident. In the 800 block of Anna Street. Items at the location reportedly sustained \$80 damage.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla Street. Home electronic equipment

worth \$170 was reported stolen. · BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Anna Street. Tools worth \$447 were reported stolen from a white 1999 Ford F-150.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 3400 block of Airport Street, the 400 block of Dallas Street, the 3300 block of West Highway 80

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of South Main, the 500 block of East 13th Street, the 2100 block of South Nolan

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 1000 block of North Main

• NEIGHBOR DISPUTE was reported in the 800 block of Anna Street and the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of South Gregg Street, the 2200 block of South Lancaster Street, the 100 block of Northwest Ninth Street, the 900 block of North Lancaster Street, the 3300 block of East

• FIREWORKS was reported in the 2500 block of Central

· THEFT OF A FIREARM and BURGLARY OF A **VEHICLE** were reported in the 2500 block of Anne Drive. Electronic equipment worth \$299 and about \$150 CDs worth about \$1,500 were reported stolen from a black 1996 Ford in

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:

In the 2500 block of Merrily Drive. Someone reportedly entered the black 2000 Pontiac Firebird through an unlocked door and stole a purse worth \$35.

- In the 2400 block of Lynn Drive. Electronic equipment worth \$350 was reported stolen from a blue Ford pickup in the area.

In the 2700 block of Central Drive. A purse worth \$80, speakers worth \$120, a radar detector worth \$100, 100 CDs worth \$1,000 and a black binder worth \$15 were reported stolen from a gold 1997 GMC Z-71. - In the 2500 block of Ann. About \$120 worth of CDs

were reported stolen. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported

- In the 4100 block of Parkway Road. The door jamb

of the residence reportedly sustained \$300 damage and a 19 inch color television worth \$100, a VCR worth \$80, tools worth \$1,550, and a computer worth \$500 were reported stolen.

- In the 1000 block of North Main Street. Someone reportedly forced the front door of the home causing \$300 damage before stealing items worth \$210. THEFT was reported:

- In the 1800 block of East Marcy. Merchandise

worth \$279.85 was reported stolen. - In the 1900 block of Wasson Road. A vehicle worth \$400 was reported stolen. In the 100 block of West Ninth Street. Cash

totalling \$305 was reported stolen from the home. In the 700 block of North Scurry Street. Two bicy-

cles worth \$48 and \$35 were reported stolen. - In the 1000 block of North Main Street. Cash

totalling \$140 was reported stolen. • UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of South Aylesford Street. A white 1991 Geo was reported stolen.

### **Bulletin board**

#### **TODAY**

☐ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. Third.

#### **THURSDAY**

☐ Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

☐ Big Spring Senior Center, located in the Industrial Park, offers art classes at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for those 55 and over.

☐ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.

☐ Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

#### **FRIDAY**

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

☐ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

☐ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

#### SATURDAY

☐ The Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☐ American Legion Post 506 will have a Fish Fry at \$7 per plate on July 20 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carry outs are also available and everyone is welcome. The Post is located at 3203 West Hwy 80. Call 263-2084 for more information.

☐ The Potton House located at 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

☐ There will be a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. Third. Members and guests are welcome.

#### MONDAY

☐ Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at the Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

☐ Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel Street in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

The following is a summary of the EMS and Fire Department:

**TUESDAY** 

guished.

8:37 a.m. - 3200 block of East 11th, medical call, onepatient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:06 a.m. — 900 block of East 16th, trauma call, service refused.

10:27 a.m. - 200 block of Donley, medical call, onepatient transported to SMMC.

10.59 a.m. - 300 block of East Third, trauma call, onepatient transported to SMMC. 4:29 p.m. — 200 block of Little Rd., medical call, one

patient transported to SMMC. 11:32 p.m. — 300 block of South Main, trauma call, ser-

vice refused. 8:02 p.m. — 300 Northeast Eighth, structure fire, extin-

### Records

Tuesday's high 97 Tuesday's low 72 Record high 104 in 1958 Record low 63 in 1919 Average high 95 Average low 69 Precip. Tuesday 0.00

Month to date 2.07 Year to date 7.44 Sunrise Thursday 6:56

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public's assistance

Friends of the Library of Howard County is requesting donations of books in good condition for a book sale in

September. Donations can

be taken to the Howard

County Library Monday

through Friday from 10

Friends of the Library

is a non-profit organiza-

tion which provides sup-

plemental support for the

Howard County Library,

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**MYERS & SMITH** 

**FUNERAL HOME** 

& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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military honors will follow at

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a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Community views**

## Friendly atmosphere is Big Spring attraction

**BRADEN WEGNER** 

Staff Writer

Instead of hearing negative comments about Big Spring, maybe we should take a look at the positive things happening around the community and what Big Spring has to offer.

What do you like best about Big Spring?

"The people here are great," former Big Spring resident Rocky Thomas when asked last week.

The citizens who voiced their opinion on what they liked best about Big Spring all agreed that the people are what makes the community great.

"The people here are friendly and there is not as much crime as compared to San Antonio, where I used

"I enjoy the people, the terrain and the museums and parks that we have here."

Jerry Worthy

to live," said John Galvan. The size of the community is also one of the best things about Big Spring.

"It's not too small, but it's small enough," said Jerica Bryans, who works at Cosden Federal Credit Union. "You get to know a lot of people.'

"I like the small-town course," added Stephen atmosphere and the quietness of the town," replied Kent Rainey

"The people here are pretty friendly," said Raul Lujan, employee at Ace Hardware. "It's not too big, and it's not too small.

Besides the friendly atmosphere, there are other things that the people enjoy. "I like the state park, my

church (Trinity Baptist), and the people," said another Cosden Federal Credit Union employee, Betty Huff. "I love watching the sunset and being outdoors.'

"I enjoy the people, the terrain, and the museums and parks that we have here," said Jerry Worthy.

"The best thing about Big Spring is that we have a community

Binion, who is on the golf team at Coahoma High School.

When asked what he liked best about Big Spring, Jimmy Foresyth replied, "I guess everything, since I have lived here for 58 vears.'

While Big Spring may not be able to offer the luxuries and activities of some larger cities, the friendly atmosphere and people make it unique. The hard-working and friendly people are the foundation of a great community.

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**THOMAS** 



RAINEY

**BINION** 

## 4-Hers will compete in state horse show

**HERALD Staff Report** 

ABILENE - Four Howard County 4-Hers will compete in the State 4-H Horse Show on Thursday after exhibiting their animals at the District 6 4-H Horse Show in Fort Stockton in June.

Ryan Vassar is heading to the state competition after taking first place in the have a sister act at state and

winning grand champion mare honors.

Maegan Fox's entry won the aged mare class and was selected as the reserve grand champion mare to earn a spot at the state

Kristine and Heather Vassar made sure they'd

yearling mare divisionand joined their brother in advancing. Kristine exhibited the top yearling gelding at the district show and later received the reserve grand champion gelding award. Heather finished second in the yearling mare

> A fifth district participant from Howard County, Shellyn Fox, saw her entry place in the aged gelding

class.

The Vassars and Maegan Fox will have an opportunity to earn points and get an invitation to the Southern Region Show which will be held in Memphis, Tenn.

The Howard County youths' showing at district came as no new surprise. In 1997, Ryan Vassar exhibited the grand champion mare at

the state show and topped that off with a world champion win at the IBHA show.

Shellyn Fox won the Southern Region show with the grand champion mare in 1998, while Heather Vassar had the Southern Region grand champion telding. The two families also had two third places at the Southern Region in 1998.

### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH

Trinity Memorial Park.

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### **AGUIRRE**

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dent in personnel and instruction for the past 14months.

"I respect her decision," he continued. "We will miss her both professionally and personally. Big Spring's loss is Bryan ISD's gain."

Big Spring trustees made history in May of 2001 when they approved the appointment of Aguirre as assistant superintendent. She was the first female and first Hispanic to serve in that

Aguirre began her career in education at Marcy Elementary School in 1986 and left the district for a few years to teach in Abilene. She returned in 1993 as a classroom teacher at Bauer Magnet Elementary and in 1996 was promoted to direcof federal programs/administrative

In 1998. Aguirre took over the job of director of curriculum and continued in that role until her promotion to assistant superinten-

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board and a few parents to discuss adopting a new election scheme.

Currently the board is represented by four single-

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member districts seats and three at large. DeAnda told board members a seven single-member district system is preferable because there is no longer a sharp dividing line between white and minority communities within the city.

Trustees will meet with lawyers in closed session to discuss the issue during the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place

Trustees will also enter into executive session with attorney Matt Burns of the Austin-based firm Walsh, Anderson and local attorney Ben Bancroft over the Big Spring Junior High School litigation issue.

"We still have a tentative trial date for Jan. 6," Long said. "The lawyers are going to bring us an update at this time.'

In 2000, the district filed against Terracon Construction Inc. seeking payment for all past and future damages to the junior high building as well as fees connected with the litiga-

Terracon was the company that found the site suitable for construction of the junior high in 1996. Later, it was determined that a canyon once exited on the

The junior high building began to show problems, such as cracks in the cement walls and flooring, shortly after it was open in

Also involved in the lawsuit are engineer Eric Cleveland, Huckabee and Associates, engineer Charles F. Terry Inc. and

Monterey Construction General Contraction.

A second round of mediation hearings have been set for Sept. 24-25 at the board room. Parties met in March for mediation but no agreement was reached.

To lead off the board's lengthy agenda, Don Arroyo will speak to trustees concerning their rejection of the superintendents recommendation to promote former Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Osbelia Rocha to the job of Moss Elementary principal.

"I feel they did not handle it properly," Arroyo said." In the June 20 meeting,

trustees Alan Partee, Mike Dawson, Phil Furqueron and Kent Sharp voted down Rocha's promotion. Phil Furgueron and other trustees have stated the vote was not against Rocha's credentials but was forced because of the administration's refusal to compromise.

Furqueron and Sharp both said they were reacting to employees' concerns over the interview policy and wanted to set up some dialogue between Rocha and Moss employees.

In other business, trustees will hear the 2002 summer school report, an update on the Runnels property and the January 2002 energy

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With a lull in the constant barrage of suicide attacks since the Israeli army marched into Palestinian private talks with leaders territory last month, it and diplomats in and out of would be tempting for the the region, but done almost United States to focus its finite diplomatic resources somewhere else. The Bush administration would be better off resisting tempta-

History shows that when the United States steps back from the Middle East, hardliners on both sides step up.

In a speech last month, President Bush was ready to call for an international conference on Mideast peace in September, but two suicide attacks in two days persuaded him to put the idea on ice. He decided instead to call for the ouster of Palestinian Authority leader Yasser

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clarity

Since then, the administration has held occasional. nothing publicly to advance the peace process.

Israel's armed return to the West Bank has discouraged suicide attacks for now, but that's not a sustainable strategy for peace or security

Meanwhile, life for Palestinians is rapidly getting worse. The World Bank recently found that 70 percent in the West Bank and Gaza are living on less than \$2 a day. Malnutrition and

disease are epidemic. Such desperate conditions will only radicalize the population and further diminish any prospects for peace.

ORLANDO (FLA.) SENTINEL

#### he Rotarians held my childhood. My father the money. Beauty always got free tickets for queens held the rib-

bons And I held my breath,

hoping the niece wouldn't fly into high dudgeon until later. We were at

a Tennessee walkinghorse show, and I didn't know until we were inside the arena that Chelsey had a problem

GRIMSLEY JOHNSON with the breed. She began listing her objections, all to do with the unnatural ways that trainers made the walking horses step so high. By the time they

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"They look like they are wearing platform shoes," she said.

called the first class, I was

wishing we were anywhere

She was right. They looked like children trying to avoid the hot sand of a blistering beach.

Walking-horse shows

were one of the delights of one of the biggest shows in the Southeast, at the Montgomery, Ala., coliseum. Every year I spent several nights watching the merry-go-round of champions. I loved it.

I loved the little morticianlike jackets the riders wore, and the glittering evening gowns of the trophy presenters. I loved dressing up, myself, to go to the show; these were the days before everyone wore bluejeans everywhere.

I loved the live organ music that seemed written for the easy-gaited animals, jaunty yet smooth. I loved the names of the horses, elaborate and full of promise. Most of all, I loved the

storybook horses, the way they glided past, seeming so effortless and graceful. They were nothing like my old sweaty quarter horse, Cocomo, who bumped me without mercy whenever I prodded him to a trot. Even their tails were regal.

I never guessed there could be anything wrong with anything so pretty.

These were the days before animal-rights activists, or at least the days before they had much of a voice. There were no 24-hour news channels or talk shows, and Huntley and Brinkley were too busy covering race riots and wars to devote time to lesser controversies.

Knowing the score: Times have changed

All that has changed. Everyone with a cause has a media megaphone, a local TV station, a Web site. There are protest groups covering every possible injustice, from abortion to zoo-animal abuse. And children know the

score, hearing horrible reports everywhere about everything. They must sometimes wonder how the world got so messed up by unthinking adults. Do they enjoy anything anymore?

I'm not saying there's anything wrong with knowledge or protest. Certainly not. But it has to be confusing when you are 6 or 12. I know it's confusing at 49. The children's book that

brought reading back into style, Harry Potter, was blasted as devilish. The foods that children love

ice cream, pizza, sodas are roundly condemned as deadly.

We now know the problems with all the former childhood pleasures: rodeos, circuses, zoos. Water parks close because of deadly infections.

What's left for a thinking child?

Meanwhile, we had 41 more walking-horse classes to go, and Chelsey sat with a pout that could move to a vocal protest at any moment.

"Why did you want to come to this show?" I asked

"I wanted to see for myself," she said.

I had to plead to a degree of ignorance and tell her I understood that a lot of past practices had been eliminated from walkinghorse training. She already knew that, she said.

We both sat rather quietly through about 10 classes, then agreed it was late and we should leave. I told Chelsey how I had loved similar shows when I was her age. I explained about the pageantry and beauty.

"You just didn't know," she said.

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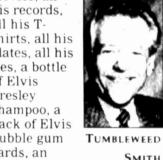
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## He built Little Graceland

🕇 imon Vega has an Elvis Presley Museum in and around his house in Los Fresnos. He has an amazing collection of Elvis

stuff: all his movies, all his records, all his T shirts, all his plates, all his ties, a bottle of Elvis Presley shampoo, a pack of Elvis



bubble gum cards, an Elvis Barbie,

books about Elvis, one of Elvis's report cards, even an Elvis lottery ticket from Indiana. He calls his place Little Graceland, named for Elvis's home in Memphis.

**SMITH** 

Simon was in the Army with Elvis from 1958 to 1960. Photos of Elvis and Simon fill a showcase.

"I knew him real well." says Simon. "We used to talk all the time while we were in Germany. He did everything we did. He didn't ask for favors. They wanted him to go to special services and entertain, but he said no. He wanted to serve with his buddies. He pulled guard, he pulled KP. He liked being with us because we wouldn't ask him for autographs or anything. He said his Army years were the best two years of his life because he felt so free. Simon was an Elvis fan

before meeting Elvis. "I bought some of his

records here and there, and a few of his things. Then after I met him and came back, I started buying more and more. Simon wanted to keep

Elvis's name alive. He couldn't afford to buy all the Elvis paraphernalia he wanted to because he just didn't have the money. He went back to college, got his degree and started teaching. When he got a little ahead financially, he started buying more and more Elvis items and eventually opened his museum. Simon's car license plate reads ELVIS V.

He has a replica of the house where Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. A walkway around his house carries the names of some of Elvis's most popular songs. The museum is a two-story affair built in and above Simon's garage. Nothing is for sale. He bought the lot next door for two annual events held the weekends closest to Elvis's birth and death.

He's expecting a big crowd this year, the 25th anniversary of Elvis' death

in Graceland (Aug. 16, 1977). This year, an Elvis festival will be held Aug. 17 featuring music, food and fun. The day-long celebration is topped off with an appearance by an Elvis impersonator. Simon has bleachers for the fans and they're usually full. Children come dressed like Elvis.

Simon wrote a song about Elvis called "All Hail to Elvis Presley. Once he and Elvis attend-

ed a football game on their post in Frieburg, Germany. The game was between the post at Freiburg and a post around Frankfurt. It was open to civilians. Thousands of German resi-

dents flooded the stadium. "They all came to see Elvis, not the game. So the

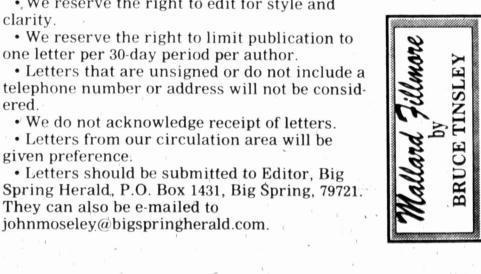
military police escorted

Elvis from the stands. They

thought he might get hurt.' Elvis's Dad Vernon took up residence in Freiburg while Elvis served in Germany. A BMW dealer gave Elvis a new sports car for the daily commute from the post to his Dad's house.

Elvis left the service as a

sergeant. "Elvis seldom went out. A lot of girls hung around the front gate in hopes of getting a glimpse of Elvis. One of those girls was a 13 yearold named-Priscilla. She and Elvis later married."





### Bush stands by plan to allow Social Security funds in stock market

WASHINGTON (AP) - Even amid the deepest market slide in a generation, President Bush is sticking by his proposal to allow younger workers to divert some of their Social Security funds into stocks and other private investments, his spokesman said Wednesday.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer called stocks "a sound long-term way to get a higher rate of return." He spoke as stocks continued to fall sharply, extending a four-session losing streak.

In his 2000 campaign, Bush proposed a plan that would allow younger workers the option of diverting a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into private investments of their own choosing. Bush sent the plan to Congress, but it was widely viewed as a dead issue, given the market's nearly more than twoyear decline.

Fleischer also sought to put some distance between the White House and a reported effort by

### Dow bounces back from early losses

prices turned around sharply in morning trading Wednesday, shaking off an early slump thanks to some positive news about corporate scandals, the issue that has dragged market indicators down to their lowest levels in five years.

The Dow Jones industrials started the day with steep tripledigit losses, but struggled higher in late morning trading following the arrest of the founder of Adelphia Communications Corp., who has been accused of looting the now-bankrupt cable company.

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt to persuade Congress to give him a raise and to elevate his agency to Cabinet status.

Pitt asked lawmakers to make

Investors also welcomed news that negotiators for the House and Senate have reached agreement on legislation to crack down on corporate fraud. President Bush has said he wants the legislation done this week.

Trading continued to be volatile. After falling more than 170 points in early trading, the Dow was up 249.49, or 3.2 percent, at 7,981.53.

The Nasdaq composite index was up 16.36, or 1.3 percent to 1,245.41. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 22.11, or 2.8 percent, to 819.81.

amendment to the corporate accountability bill nearing final congressional approval, according to a report in Wednesday's editions of The New York Times.

"The president is looking for-

Investors have been torn between buying on respectable earnings reports, and selling on Wall Street's inability to break out of a losing cycle that is now more than nine weeks old.

Analysts said that while economic fundamentals are positive, and companies are reporting bet ter-than-expected second-quarter earnings, it is hard for the market to shake a mood blackened by a series of corporate ethics scandals and diminishing investment portfolios. Even the smallest of advances have been unsustain-

legislation they already have before them. That's where the president's focus is," Fleischer said. "That not an amendment that's likely to be added.'

Pitt has become a divisive figure the elevation of his status an ward to Congress working on the because of his past close ties with

the accounting industry as a secu rities lawyer. Several top lawmak ers, including Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz, have called for Pitt's resignation.

When asked whether the presi dent believed that Americans should still invest in stocks, given the market slide, Fleischer said that Bush still considered it "a matter of personal choice.

"The president believes in allow ing people options so at people's discretion they can make the deci sions that work for them. That would include markets," Fleischer

Then, turning to Bush's long neglected proposal to allow Social Security funds to be privately invested, Fleischer said the president dent continues to believe that younger workers should have such an opportunity.

"Right now, under Social Security, they have the option of paying taxes and getting nothing in return," he said,

### COUNCIL

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headstones in various stages of disrepair, most with rusty brown scratches across them.

Rodriguez also asked about the city's perpetual care fund.

"The city takes up 25 percent (of plot sales) that's supposed to go into a perpetual care fund," he said. "For the last 15 years I want to know where that money's been going. I haven't seen any improvements. I have seen a brand new backhoe, and that's about it."

City Manager Gary Fuqua said that a portion of the money from the sale of each burial plot is put into a perpetual care endowment which is used to pay for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery.

"The city is only allowed to spend the interest from that money," he said.

Rodriguez expressed frustration, saying that in the Hispanic culture, deceased relatives are traditionally treated with as much respect as living ones.

"I've been going through a lot of red tape for the past few years. For the future, I foresee more red tape," he said. "I think the mayor doesn't know what the city manager is doing, and the city manager can't control his people."

Rodriguez also claims the city has put up obstacles in his efforts to address the situation.

"I've been out there and they've been watching me with video cameras," he said. "The city does not allow you to take care of your property in the Masonic side of the cemetery where I own property

Mayor Russ McEwen apologized to Rodriguez for the situation and added the city's new budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 will include money for the cemetery.

"He has legitimate concerns and we are addressing those concerns to the tune of \$50.000," McEwen said. "It is in the budget this year to improve and replace the irrigation system out there, and we're going to be doing a better job.

No one intentionally defaced graves at the cemetery, McEwen added.

"Absolutely not," he said. "Obviously the people out there have not been paying attention well enough and, therefore, they've gone and driven across some gravestones and stuff, but there's not any pattern to it. That's

what I'm saying. It's not desecration because to me, desecration is intentionally breaking something. No one's intentionally done it. We need to do a better job out there and we're going to do a better job out there."

In other business, the council:

· Approved the international building, residential, plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas codes as the city's construction codes. The city also approved an updated structural standards code.

 Approved closing West 12th Street between Gregg and Lancaster from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday for Sonic Drive-in's 30th Anniversary celebration.

 Heard a report on the Funtastic Fourth Festival Downtown Revitalization Association representative Vicki Dahmer, who presented appreciation awards to Todd Darden and Kenny Davis for their help with the festival.

· Approved the final readings of resolutions taking over operation of a sewer line near the Big Spring State Hospital from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

· Approved on final reading a resolution to join the Texas Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems Integration Program.

· Approved the final reading of a resolution authorizing payment of the 10 percent sponsor's share of a \$1.17 million grant for runway and taxiway lighting at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport.

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Managing Editor John A. Moseley said the promotion is also designed to introduce changes in the paper's for-

mat.

"One of the things we're trying to do is increase the amount of local copy in the paper, stories about local things to do," he said. "We've made some changes the Herald's readers to in fonts to make the paper easier to read and we expect

just trying to provide more useable information for the reader."

More uniform layout and people, local places, local a new Page 2 "Bulletin Board" feature are also among the paper's ongoing improvements.

"We believe they're going

to continue doing so. We're to be getting a better Big Spring Herald than they've ever gotten before." Moseley

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At least two other public libraries in Iowa Burlington and West Des Moines — carry the book.

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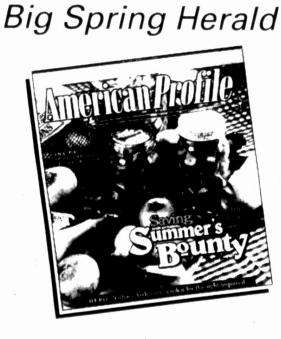
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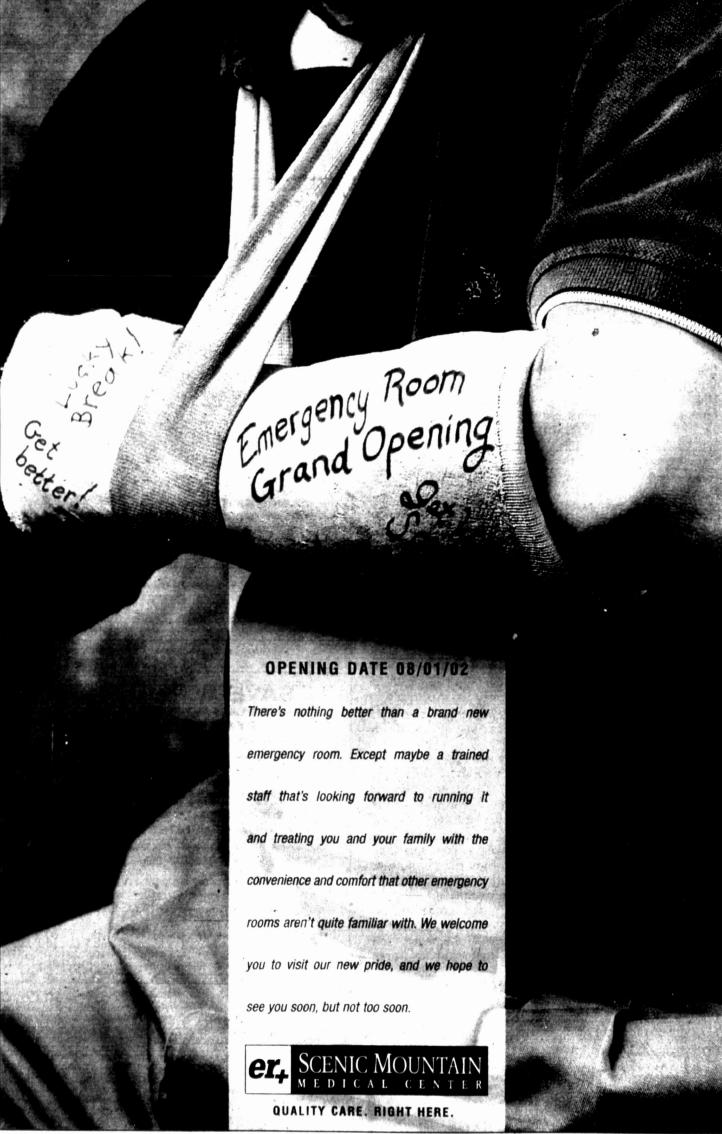
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J.R. Rowling.

The library association named Locker's book one of its 34 nonfiction "Quick they're going to be Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers 2002."

getting informa- Books on the list are meant to get the attention of teenagers who are not avid readers. Freedman that are not posi-avid readers, Freedman said. Hermsen said it's the first time a book has the tive-value based or "My colleagues in the young adult library ser-

it up at a June library board meeting. The board voted 7 to 0 to ban the book, with two abstentions. A second vote July 10 made the decision unanimous.

Messages left with two board members weren't returned Monday. A third, Frank Mousel, said he'd read it but couldn't com-

At least two other public libraries in Iowa — Moines — carry the book.

Maurice J. Freedman, president of the American Library Association, said two books were challenged

Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and Alvin Schwartz's "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark"

According to the associacross the nation included

encouraging sexu- vices association certainly al health," would recommend it for library young adult collec-Sari Locker, teen advice tions. That's the point of it being on that list. That's a columnist, author high recommendation,

he said. Other books on the 2002 Scherrman then brought list include, "The Greatest: Muhammed Ali," "Game Face: What Does a Female Athlete Look Like?," "Hip Hop Divas" and "MTV Uncensored."

> On the Net: Young Adult Library Association: Services http://www.ala.org/yalsa/bo oklists/quickpicks/2002quick-

Harper Collins: http://www.harpercollins.co Burlington and West Des m/catalog/authorxml.asp?authorID5970

Dyersville: http://www.dyersville.org/

Did he finally pop the question? If you said yes let everyone know. Pick up an engagement form at the Herald office or call 263-7331 for details.

### Coahoma Cheerleaders-



The cheerleaders from Coahoma Junior High were among 300 in the 2002 Big Country Cheerleader camp held on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene June 10-

The four-day camp was conducted by Southwest Camps of Cisco with Mr. Steve Coleman as camp director.

The National Cheerleaders Association in Dallas supplied the instructional staff and

The cheerleaders were able to put their talents to work as they learned the new skills, cheers, stunts and chants being taught by the NCA instructors.

Pictured are from left top — Ami Martinez, named All-American Cheerleader, Brooke Dehoyos, Brittnee Nix, All-American nominee, Krista Kerby, Briana Thurman, alternate, Kayla Gutlerrez, Kaleigh Sevey, All-American nominee, and Kayla Hankins.

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ON THE Television BASEBALL

Cardinals at San Glants or other ga ESPN. 6 p.m.— New Y Yankees at Cleve

BS Quarterback Club sets pair of events

The Big Spring Quarterback Club has announced that it will hold a golf tournament on Aug. 10 at the Comanche Trail Golf

Course.
The event is scheduled to be a 4-man scramble. In addition to the golf tournament, the BS Quarterback Club will be

holding a community pep rally on Aug. 28 at the Comanche Amphitheater. The pep rally will recognize all Big Spring fall sports ath-

For more information about the Quarterback Club or its upcoming events contact Clements at 267-1069, or Phillips at 263-5314, or Newton at 267-6998.

PeeWee sign-ups

slated for Aug. 1 Crossroads Little Football League will be having signups beginning Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Big Spring Mall

Players and cheerleaders, grades K-6 are eligible. Grades 3-6 play tackle football with all equipment provided.

Grades K-2 will play flag football. All area school kids in Ackerly, Big Spring, Coahoma, Garden City and Forsan are welcome.

There are 3 divisions beginning with Flag Football. This is a basic program in which the players are taught very basic skills. Division 1 is for third and fourth graders and is organized tackle football stressing the basic football skills. Finally, Division 2 is for fifth and sixth

graders. The division is designed to prepare the kids for junior high football. The ball carrying weight for this division is 120 pounds.

played on Saturdays. The first practice will be Aug. 19 and the first game will be Sept. 7, with

All games will be

the Super Bowl games finishing the season on Saturday, Nov. 9. All children interested will be placed on a team

nearest their home or school. No child will be turned away if eligible according to age or grade.

For more information call Sheri at 263-0754 or Steve Decker at 264-0871.

#### Class D softball tourney scheduled

The 2002 USSSA Men's Class D State Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 10-11 in Midland. Teams interested in participating can call (915) 699-5559 by Aug. 6 Entry fee is \$200 er team.

#### PeeWee football coaches meeting

The Crossroads Little Football League has scheduled a coaches meeting for 7 p.m. Thursday at 2521 Gunter Circle.

All those interested in coaching cheerleaders, football teams and flag football teams should attend.

For more information, call Sheri at 263-0754 or Steve Decker at 264-0871.

#### ON THE AIR

### Television

BASEBALL 6 p.m. - St. Louis Cardinals at San Francisco Giants or other game,

6 p.m.— New York ankees at Cleveland

## In the Alps, things are looking up for Armstrong

LES DEUX-ALPES, France (AP) — Awaiting a punishing stage in the Alps, Lance Armstrong stayed on course for a fourth consecutive title in the Tour de France.

The Texan finished ninth Tuesday in the 15th stage but remained 4 minutes, 21 seconds ahead of Spain's Joseba Beoki, with the three-week race ending in Paris on Sunday.

The 140-mile stage from Vaison-la-Romaine to Les Deux-Alpes was the longest of the competition. Armstrong of Austin, Texas, trailed the winner, Colombia's Santiago Botero, by 6:41.

"Les Deux-Alpes, it's not too hard,

it's not good for attacking," Armstrong said.

The U.S. Postal Service cyclist is expected to try to extend his lead in Wednesday's ride from Les Deux-Alpes to La Plagne, a 111-mile leg marked by difficult climbs and perhaps the most hardest stretch of the Tour.

"It's a lot harder," Armstrong said. "It's not the same as today."

In last year's ride to La Plagne, Armstrong scored a memorable victory. He grimaced in apparent pain during a climb, then sprinted up the last stretch. He later said he bluffed his rivals into thinking he was in off the pace.

5:55:16, breaking from the main pack 103 miles before the finish.

"I kept my rhythm the whole day," Botero said.

This was his second stage win of this Tour. He stunned Armstrong to capture the ninth stage, an individual time trial.

But Botero is inconsistent. He finished 15 minutes off the pace in Sunday's climb up the Ventoux and is seventh in the overall standings.

Belgium's Mario Aerts was second, 1:51 behind Botero, and countryman Axel Merckx was third, 2:30

France's Christophe Moreau, See TOUR, Page 2B

On Tuesday, Botero was timed in fourth in the Tour two years ago, crashed early in the stage and cut his lip. He was 41st overall when he

quit. This was the first stage in the

Alps. It was easier than the opening two mountain stages in the Pyrenees, and easier than the climb to the top of the Mont Ventoux.

Tuesday's racing came on the same day Jan Ullrich drew a sixmonth cycling ban for taking amphetamines. The German contends he took the substance at a nightclub and was not taking performance-enhancing drugs.

## Rogers decides to stay with Rangers

CINCINNATI (AP) - Kenny Rogers needed two full days to decide he didn't want to leave home.

The Cincinnati Reds needed only a few minutes to find someone much more willing to move.

Spurned by their first choice, the Reds quickly turned to their backup plan Tuesday and acquired right-hander Brian Moehler from Detroit as part of a five-player deal.

He's not as accomplished or as dependable as Rogers, but he might turn out to be a better fit.

"The big thing is he's motivated, and he might end up working out better for us," manager Bob Boone said. "It's been said for years that, sometimes, the best trades are the ones you don't

The Reds thought they had one for Rogers, who is in the final year of a three-year deal that includes a notrade clause. They had tentatively agreed to send three minor leaguers to the Rangers for the left-hander.

One hurdle remained: Rogers had to say yes. The Reds figured he would like the chance to move from the lastplace Rangers to a team trying to regain first place in the NL Central.

His long-awaited answer surprised

"When he signed his contract with the Rangers, he gave a commitment to his wife that he would get a no-trade clause and guarantee he'd be in Texas throughout the contract," Bowden said. "He thought it was important that he lived up to that with his family. The Reds certainly respect that."

"This is a family issue," Rogers said before Texas played at Seattle on Tuesday night. "It made it tougher to make a decision. I didn't want to do anything they weren't prepared for."

Bowden quickly went to Plan B and agreed to send infielder David Espinosa — Cincinnati's top draft pick in 2000 — to Detroit along with two other minor leaguers for Moehler and minor league infielder Matt Boone, the manager's son.

Moehler is coming off major shoulder surgery that wiped out almost all of his 2001 season and limited him to three starts for the Tigers this month. He's a free agent after the season, but the Tigers agreed to include cash to cover his \$2.4 million salary - a major concern for the Reds.

He's not on Rogers' level, but at least he was enthused about playing for a contender.

"To be perfectly honest, I really started having second thoughts as it dragged out," said Bob Boone, whose contract was extended through the 2003 season Tuesday. "You don't want somebody where you have to break his arm to get here.'

Several players also had started to wonder whether Rogers would be a good fit.

"We don't want a guy who doesn't want to be here," outfielder Adam Dunn said.

Shortstop Barry Larkin vetoed a trade to the Mets in 2000, choosing to



Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers is congratulated by teammates after pitching a no-hitter during his first stint with the team. Rogers opted not to accept a trade to the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday, keeping a promise he made to his wife when he signed with the Rangers

than move to a contender for a few months. He didn't fault Rogers.

"On the other hand, Moehler's got a to be part of something that's more positive," Larkin said. "It's understandable on both sides.

Shortly after the trade, Moehler packed and headed down Interstate 75 for Cincinnati, where he was sched-

uled to start Wednesday. "I'm sad to be leaving. I'm also very excited," Moehler said. "I kind of knew it. The last few days, I felt it was my last start here.

Detroit is last in the AL Central and hasn't had a winning season since

"It's been tough the last three or four going to be going in then."

stay with his hometown team rather years," Moehler said. "As I became a leader on the team, I felt we let the team down and let the city down.

"There was a point a couple of years chance to move from a last-place team ago when we were four games out in the wild-card race. I know that's a lot to make up, but it meant a lot just to see the Tigers in the paper every day in the hunt. Every start meant some-

> He'll be playing for a team trying for first place instead of one trying to start over.

"We're trying to rebuild and get a lot of quality players in the system," Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "Brian is going to be a free agent at the end of the year. We're not sure what direction we're

## Bullpen gives up 4-1 loss to Seattle SEATTLE (AP) — Ismael

Valdes is pitching well. He could use a few more runs from the Texas Rangers.

Valdes cruised through seven innings against the first-place Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night, but it wasn't enough. The bullpen allowed three unearned runs in the eighth inning, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Rangers 4-1.

"We have just not put it together offensively for him when he has pitched," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "He has done a great job and been very consistent. Sometimes quality starts is an overrated statistic, but not in this case."

The last time Valdes gave up only one run in a start was April 28 against Cleveland, when he allowed one over six innings. In his last four starts, he is 0-1 with a 3.00 ERA.

Valdes left the game after seven innings because of tendinitis in his left knee, With score 1-1 and one out in the eighth, Seattle's Jeff Cirillo hit a high pop in front of the Mariners' dugout. But the ball bounced out of Ivan Rodriguez's mitt and, given another chance, Cirillo singled off Jay Powell (2-2).

"If you get an extra pitch or an extra swing, something good will usually happen to you," Cirillo said.

Cirillo moved up on a groundout by Ichiro Suzuki and then Mike Cameron followed with an infield single. Juan Alvarez relieved to face the left-handed John Olerud, who doubled over center fielder Ruben Rivera. Bret Boone then singled home Olerud to cap the three-run inning.

Arthur Rhodes pitched a scoreless eighth. Kazuhiro Sasaki worked the ninth for his 25th save in 29 chances.

Valdes has struggled against Seattle during his career. His seven losses life-

See RANGERS, Page 2B

#### Ausmus doubles power Astros to 7-4 win over seems to come off of the bat better. Munro has started since being

HOUSTON (AP) — Here's a find for Brad Ausmus - a bat loaded with hits

When the Houston Astros were in Chicago on Sunday, Ausmus borrowed two bats from former teammate Moises Alou. The bat was way too heavy, but he figured he had nothing to lose.

"I have felt better at the plate since then," Ausmus said. "So I have him to thank." On Tuesday night, Ausmus drove

in four runs with two doubles to power the Astros to a 7-4 victory that sent the Milwaukee Brewers to their ninth straight loss.

After an 0-for-11 slump, Ausmus is 5-for-11, with a home run, two doubles and four RBI since using Alou's

"I hadn't been swinging the bat well. To be honest, Moises swings such a heavy bat its almost ludicrous for me to try to swing it,' Ausmus said. "But I had been swinging so poorly I figured why

not try something ludicrous. "Because of the size of it, the ball I just feel better and I am trying to called up from Triple-A on June 27. be a little more aggressive.

longest since the Brewers lost 11 straight July 14-24 2001.

"I'm pretty tired of talking about losing, but it's not like we were winning a bunch and just started losing," Milwaukee manager Jerry Royster said. "We've been scratching for wins from day one.'

Jeffrey Hammonds agreed. "It's a battle everyday. We're looking for something to break, an error or a big hit, and we are not getting

it," Hammonds lamented. "We just don't have enough talent to get it done against good teams," Eric Young added. "We are struggling big time right now. I wish I had the answer.'

Pete Munro pitched seven strong innings for Houston.

Munro (2-0) held the Brewers to two runs and two hits in seven innings. He struck out a career-high seven and walked two.

The Astros are 4-0 in the games

"He got into a groove. He just The losing streak is Milwaukee's moves the ball around and not a lot of his pitches are straight," Ausmus said. "He changes speeds well and despite the fact that he's not a power pitcher he still comes right at the hitters.

Jamey Wright (2-10) stumbled to 0-9 with a 7.75 ERA in 13 career starts against Houston.

Wright gave up six runs in only three innings, and fell to 0-4 with a 10.50 ERA against the Astros this

"I just never got in sync," Wright said. "I had decent stuff in the bullpen and when I got out there, but I was trying to over throw. I was trying to make perfect pitches rather than letting them make contact. I don't have any excuses.

The Brewers finished with four hits, including two-run homers by Matt Stairs and Robert Machado.

Octavio Dotel pitched a scoreless

ninth for his fourth save. Wright's wild pitch allowed Craig

Biggio to score in the first inning. Daryle Ward's single drove in another run for a 2-0 lead.

In the third inning, the Astros loaded the bases and Wright walked Geoff Blum to force home a run. Ausmus then hit a three-run double to make it 6-0.

After Jose Vizcaino tripled to lead off the fourth, Biggio's infield single drove him in for a 7-0 lead.

Meanwhile, Munro was cruising. After Wright got the Brewers' first hit in the third inning, Munro retired 12 straight hitters before Richie Sexson walked in the seventh. Stairs followed with his eighth homer of the season.

Machado homered in the eighth

off Ricky Stone. Notes:

Astros pitchers have not had a complete game this season. The Rockies are the only other team in the majors without one. ... Houston is 43-1 when leading after eight innings. ... Brewers INF Tyler Houston was a late scratch from the starting lineup.

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Thursday's Games
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TRANSACTIONS

Washington at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Major League Basebáll
MLB—Announced arbitrator Shyam Das ruled
the Montreal Expos were free to assign LHP
Graeme Lloyd's contract to the Florida Marlins,
notwithstanding the limited no-trade clause in
Lloyd's contract. Voided the New York Yankees
waiver claim on RHP Seth Etherton and returned
him to the Cincinnati Reds.
American League

American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Bob
Wickman on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled
RHP Chad Paronto from Buffalo of the
International League.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with OF
Brent Clevien and OF Bo Flowers.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Activated RHP Bob

Wells from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Kevin Frederick to Edmonton of the PCL.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled RHP Jeff

Tam from Sacramento of the PCL. Optioned RHP

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Acquired RHP Brian
Moehler and INF Matt Boone from Detroit for INF

David Espinosa and two players to be named.

Exercised the option on the contract of Bob
Boone, manager, for next season. Placed RHP
Seth Etherton on the 60-day disabled list
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Designated RHP

Craig House for assignment.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Traded INF Tyler

Houston and a player to be named to Los Angeles for RHP Ben Diggins and LHP Shane

Nance. Purchased the contract of OF Izzy

Alcantara from Indianapolis of the International

eague.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Robert

DENVER NUGGETS—Signed F-C Nene Hilario. SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Re-signed F Bruce

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Agreed to terms with

BUFFALO BILLS-Signed CB Kevin Thomas WR Rodney Wright, and WR Defrico Fletcher.
Waived LB John Duckett.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with

DE Julius Peppers on a seven-year contract.

Agreed to terms with QB Randy Fasani on a four

CHICAGO BEARS-Agreed to terms with John

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived DE Derrick

Ham.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed QB Joey Harrington

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to a six-year contract and LB Kalimba Edwards.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Agreed to terms with
WR Javon Walker on a six-year contract. Signed
OL Mike Houghton. Released TE Rufus French.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Agreed to terms with FB

MINNESOTA VIKINGS-Signed DB Willie

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms

Offord.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed WR Deion

with RB Terry Allen on a one-year contract.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed TE Doug Jolley

and S Keyon Nash.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed FB Verron
Flavies and DE Breet Keffel.
ST. LOUIS PAINTS.
Signed LB R.
to a five year contract.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with WR Eric Parker. Released DT Anthony Fletcher.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS-Agreed to terms

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed G Michael

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS-Signed C Brett

McLean:
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Re-signed F Dan

Hinote, F Brad Larsen and D Bryan Muir. Signed G Peter Budaj, F Charlie Stephens, LW Sergei Kliazmine, D Agris Saviels and D D J Smith, NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Re-signed LW Jay

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Re-signed D Adrian Aucoin to a two-year contract
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed F Jason Dawe.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Re signed LW Ivan
Ciernik, LW Mark Murphy and RW Trent Whitfield.
Signed D Chris Hait

Garnett, D Paul Flach and D Dallas Faking

with DB Mike Rumph on a five-year contract

Signed S Ronnie Heard, FB Terry Jackson and G

Shoop, offensive coordinator, on a three-year

Aaron Harang to Sacramento

FOOTBALL

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Milwaukee	34	67	.337	23	
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Indiana	9	13	409	6

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run while striking out three

and walking one. He threw

only 81 pitches before he

"I went as far as I could,"

said Valdes, whose injury

will not keep him from

"He did a great job for

us," Narron said. "I was dis-

appointed he couldn't go out

for the eighth inning, but I

Texas took a 1-0 lead in

making his next start.

understand why.

Gonzalez.

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eight batters before Suzuki Continued from Page 1B connected in the fourth for his fifth home run of the time to the Mariners are

> season. "I don't know what to say about that pitch (to Suzuki)," Valdes said. "He

hit it out of here.' Moyer left the game after seven innings. He allowed

four hits, struck out six and walked three. Notes: The Rangers are 2-11 since the All-Star break and have not won two

straight since taking four in a row July 2-5. ... Seattle is 9-1 against Texas this season. ... Suzuki had his major league-leading 45th multihit game. His 142 hits also lead the majors. ...

the first off Jamie Moyer. Before Tuesday's win, the With two outs, Alex Rodriguez doubled and Mariners had lost the first game of each of their first scored on a single by Juan six homestands this season. In those games, Seattle was outscored 35-8 and was shut out three times.

Suzuki led off the Mariners' first with a single. Valdes retired the next

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Ullrich won the Tour in

behind

1997 and was runner-up four

twice

Armstrong. He is not com-

peting in this year's race

"I don't think Jan was

doing anything that was

meant to be performance

enhancing," Armstrong told

German public TV station

ARD. "He's just a young

guy. He was at a disco and

because of injury.

did a stupid thing."

Ullrich failed an unannounced, out-of-competition test June 12. At the time, he was recovering from surgery for a knee injury that sidelined him most of

the season. The German cycling union imposed the minimum penalty of a six-month

standoff with police. ban and \$1,400 fine. Two months later, he "If you want to take him scuffled with security workout of racing for being a liters at a Detroit hotel while tle bit immature, that's he was trying to break up a OK," Armstrong said. "He'll fight between two women be back.'

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## Garciaparra's birthday bash ends on a down note, loss to Devil Rays

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Garciaparra's birthday bash finished in frustration for the Boston Red Sox.

Garciaparra became the first player in major league history to hit three homers in one game on his birthday, driving in eight runs as Boston beat Tampa Bay 22-4 in the opener of Tuesday's day-night doubleheader.

But the Red Sox missed a big chance to move up in the AL East when the Devil Rays rallied for five runs in the ninth inning to get a split at Fenway Park 5-4.

"You don't see days like this coming," Garciaparra said after the first game. "You never say, 'I feel good. I'm going to hit three.'

Garciaparra hit a pair of two-run homers in Boston's 10-run third inning and added a grand slam in the fourth. He walked and flied out the next two times he came to the plate.

Having connected twice Sunday at Yankee Stadium, Garciaparra became the 26th'player to hit five home runs in two games.

Despite New York's 9-3 loss to Cleveland, the Red Sox could not take full advantage. They wound up the day 3 1/2 games behind division-leading

In other American League games, Seattle beat Texas 4-Oakland downed Anaheim 2-1, Chicago held off Minnesota 8-7 and Detroit beat Kansas City 10-1. Toronto and Baltimore were rained out at Camden

In National League garnes, it was: St. Louis 4, San Francisco 0; Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 2; Atlanta 5, Florida 3; New York 4, Montreal 3; Houston 7, Spellman

for hearing

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP)

Former Dallas Cowboys

defensive lineman Alonzo

Spellman, who has a histo-

ry of psychological and

legal problems, failed to

appear in court Tuesday to

answer charges of drunken

driving and destroying

Spellman was arrested

July 16 after Dearborn

police received a report of a

home invasion and reckless

driving. He was released on

\$600 bond pending arraign-

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Last Friday morning,

Spellman wandered in traf-

fic in Farmington Hills,

dragging luggage and say-

ing he wanted to go to Las

Vegas. He got a ride to the

Greyhound station in down-

town Detroit and boarded a

Judge Virginia Sobotka

issued a bench warrant for

If police find him in

Michigan, Spellman must

post an additional \$2,500

bond to be given another

Spellman, 31, now lives in

The 6-foot-4, 293-pound

defensive end spent the 1999

and 2000 seasons with the

Dallas Cowboys and played

in the Detroit Lions' first

five games last year before

The Chicago Bears draft-

ed Spellman out of Ohio

State in 1992. He missed the

1998 season because of bipo-

lar disorder, NFL officials

In March 1998, Spellman

was treated in the psychi-

atric unit of a Chicago hos-

pital after an eight-hour

Police used pepper spray to subdue Spellman, who

accompanying him.

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Colorado 5; and Los Angeles 8, San Diego 6.

Garciaparra joined Ellis Burks (1990) and Bill Regan (1928) as the only Red Sox players to homer twice in one inning.

"On birthdays, I'm usually pretty low key," said Garciaparra, 29. "It was just good timing."

It was Boston's highestscoring game in the regular season at home since routing Detroit 23-3 on June 18, 1953. The Red Sox beat Cleveland 23-7 at Fenway in the 1999 playoffs.

But in the second game, Ugueth Urbina could not hold a 4-0 lead in the ninth. Jared Sandberg's three-run homer capped the Devil Rays' comeback.

Garciaparra singled with two outs in the bottom of the ninth but Manny Ramirez, who homered twice in the opener, struck out with two runners on to end it.

"The beating we've taken over the past is hard to withstand," Tampa Bay manager Hal McRae said. "I needed something positive, guys needed something pos-

#### Indians 9, Yankees 3

Yankees All-Star catcher Jorge Posada was knocked flat and went to the hospital after being hit in the head by Milton Bradley's backswing at Jacobs Field. Posada was cut on the left ear and needed stitches in New York's loss.

With runners at second and third in the fifth, Posada was coming out of his crouch when Bradley's bat slipped out of his hands. Pitcher Andy Pettitte fielded the tapper and, unaware Posada was hurt, made a Milwaukee 4; Philadelphia backhand toss home. Posada

ball rolled to the backstop and two runs scored.

Chris Widger replaced Posada. In the seventh, Bradley hit Widger with his backswing, but the catcher was not hurt.

#### Athletics 2, Angels 1

Barry Zito earned his ALleading 14th victory as Oakland won at Anaheim. Zito has won four straight starts and 13 of his last 14 Miguel Tejada hit a two-

and made a diving catch at shortstop with the bases loaded. Tejada also dropped pinch-hitter Adam Kennedy's popup leading off the ninth, but Billy Koch retired Darin Erstad and Tim Salmon with a runner

on second to end it. White Sox 8,

Twins 7

Frank Thomas hit a home run estimated at 495 feet, the longest shot since the new Comiskey Park opened in 1991, and Chicago stopped Minnesota's sixgame winning streak.

Thomas' two-run shot over the left-field bleachers went five feet farther than a drive by Oakland's Eric Chavez in April 2001.

All-Star center fielder Torii Hunter returned to the Twins' lineup after a threegame suspension for throwing a ball at Cleveland pitcher Danys Baez. Hunter went 0-for-5 with three strikeouts, and grounded out with a runner on third base to end it.

#### Tigers 10, Royals 1

Mark Redman put an end to the Tigers' six-game losing streak, pitching them

Comerica Fark.

Redman gave up four hits in eight nnings and also retired 16 straight batters.

Wendell Magee drove in four runs as Detroit set season highs for runs and hits (19). Raul Ibanez singled home the Royals' run, giving him 17 RBIs in 10 games.

Before the game, the Tigers traded pitcher Brian Moehler to Cincinnati in a five-player deal.

#### Cardinals 4, run homer off Kevin Appier Glants 0

Without Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent in the middle of the lineup, San Francisco was no match for Matt Morris.

The St. Louis ace pitched eight sharp innings, shutting down the injury-depleted Giants.

Jim Edmonds had a homer and two RBIs, and Γino Martinez hit a two-run double off Jason Schmidt (5-5) before leaving with back spasms. The Cardinals won their third straight and maintained a 4 1/2-game lead over Cincinnati in the NL Central.

The Giants, playing without Bonds, Kent and Reggie Sanders — their Nos. 3-4-5 hitters — lost for the third time in four games. San Francisco dropped into third place in the NL West a half-game behind the Dodgers and three back of first-place Arizona.

#### Reds 7, Pirates 2

Austin Kearns drove in four runs and Reggie Taylor had his first career pinchhit homer as Cincinnati finished its day of wheeling and dealing by beating Pittsburgh at Cinergy Field.

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## Quinn making his move as Texans backup QB

HOUSTON (AP) - Kent Graham signed with the Houston Texans because he thought he'd have a chance to be the starting quarterback until top draft pick David Carr was ready.

Two days into training camp, Graham finds himself third on the depth chart, trailing Carr and journeyman Mike Quinn.

Quinn wiggled his way into the backup role somewhere between minicamp and training camp.

Whether the switch was a case of Graham squandering an opportunity or Quinn seizing one, Quinn — a seldom-used reserve in four years out of Sam Houston State - isn't slowing down to figure it out.

"The odds were against me coming out of college," Quinn said. "A lot of people thought I was just a training camp arm. I just kept taking my reps and never took the approach that I couldn't make it.'

Quinn's most noteworthy accomplishment in one season with the Steelers, two with the Cowboys and one with the Dolphins was his appearance in three Hall of

Fame games. "Yeah, but I'm still look-

ing for a victory," he said. Barring further training camp developments, Quinn will make his fourth trip to Canton Aug. 5 when the Texans play their first game, against the New York Giants.

"I've been around some good teams," Quinn said. "This is my chance. I couldn't ask for anything more. I see a great opportunity here. I look forward to being around awhile and being able to learn.'

Coach Dom Capers established the quarterback hierarchy Monday, the first day of training camp, with Carr stepping in for the first

"David is No. 1, Quinn is two and Graham is third," Capers said. "Mike Quinn came in and showed the dedication we're looking for. He knows the system and he's a hard worker. I like that."

Quinn was an undrafted rookie in 1997 when he signed with the Steelers. He made the roster with a strong preseason, earning the admiration of then-

### Ravens owner recovering from mild stroke

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Baltimore and see," Steele said. Ravens owner Art Modell remained hospitalized Tuesday for a mild stroke, but plans to attend the opening Friday of his 42nd training camp as an owner.

Modell was resting at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Tuesday and was expected to be released Wednesday, team spokesman Chad Steele said.

"He definitely wants to be at camp 3/8 — I don't know if Mrs. Modell wants him to be there — we're just going to have to wait

Modell, 76, was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital on Sunday, marking the second time in three months that the Ravens' owner has been hospitalized for an illness. In April, he suffered a mild heart attack at his California vacation home.

Modell said he is feeling better and ready for head coach Brian Billick to open camp. "Tell Brian I'll be ready for gassers by the weekend," Modell said in a statement released by the team.

offensive coordinator Chan

Gailey. When Gailey became the Cowboys' coach the next season, Quinn followed. He lasted two seasons, then both wound up in Miami in

The Dolphins waived Quinn prior to the 2001 sea-

Through it all, Quinn's NFL totals are two completions on three attempts, covering 20 yards. He's still looking for his first career

touchdown pass. Still, he expects to be a part of the new Texans.

"They've been very fair with me here," Quinn said of team officials. "This is a good place to come in and be around for a while. I'll be able to learn here. There's a lot of talent here. Sooner or later, we're going to come together.'

Graham expects to be a part of the Texans' first year, although he acknowledged being surprised when right," Graham said.

the Texans brought in Charlie Batch for a tryout last month.

"I've got to go out and perform and show I can do the job," Graham said. "I have the opportunity with five preseason games to prove myself. In the past, that has taken care of it.

Graham still sees his role as tutoring Carr.

"I've had some great mentors in my career, so hopefully I know how to do it

# Harrington signs with the Lions

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) Quarterback Joey Harrington made good on his promise, signing with the Detroit Lions in time to take part in training camp

Harrington, the No. 3 overall pick in this year's draft, told the team he would not hold out. The former Oregon standout signed in the morning, in time for practice for quarterbacks, rookies and selected veterans.

Team president Matt Millen declined to provide contract details, but Harrington said it's for six years.

The deal is worth about \$36.5 million, a football source said on the condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, Kalimba Edwards, a defensive end taken with the 35th overall pick, had not signed. But Millen said he hoped Edwards would be signed in time to take part in an afternoon practice session.

The Lions signed thirdpick round Andre Goodman, a cornerback from South Carolina, on July 16.

Coach Marty Mornhinweg said that while Harrington is the quarterback of the future, he won't necessarily enter the season as the team's starter.

Mike McMahon, last year's fifth-round pick, took the majority of the snaps in the team's minicamp in April. He led the Lions to their first win after an 0-12 start in a year in which the team finished 2-14.

The Lions haven't had a quarterback play in the Pro Bowl since Greg Landry in

### ROUNDUP

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Earlier in the day, the Reds got snubbed by Texas left-hander Kenny Rogers, traded for right-hander Brian Moehler from Detroit and extended manager Bob Boone's contract for another

Jimmy Haynes (11-6) beat Kip Wells (10-7) in a matchup of two surprising starters.

#### Braves 5, Marlins 3

Tom Glavine drove in a run with a suicide squeeze and beat Florida for the second consecutive start as visiting Atlanta ended the Marlins' four-game winning streak.

Glavine (13-5) got his 237th victory, moving past Whitey Ford for 50th place on the career list. John Smoltz earned his major leagueleading 37th save, converting his club-record 23rd chance in a row. The Braves won for the seventh time in eight games.

#### Mets 4,

Mike Piazza and Mo Vaughn each hit two-run homers, and Jeff D'Amico (5-8) took a shutout into the eighth inning to win for the first time in nearly two months as New York beat

Bartolo Colon (3-1) and streak. slumping Montreal at Shea Stadium.

The Expos lost their fifth straight game and watched All-Star right fielder Vladimir Guerrero leave with a bruised left knee after crashing into the fence.

The Mets have won eight of 10 to move four games over .500 and back into wildcard contention.

#### Phillies 7, Cubs 4

Scott Rolen hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the seventh inning at Wrigley Field as Philadelphia stopped a five-game losing

Bobby Abreu added a tworun homer for the Phillies. Jose Mesa, who wasted a ninth-inning lead Monday, got his 26th save in 33 chances.

#### Diamondbacks 8, Rockles 5

Quinton McCracken hit a two-run double and Tony Womack followed with a two-run homer as Arizona rallied in the eighth inning at Bank One Ballpark.

The Diamondbacks took a 4-1 lead into the eighth before both teams scored four times. Arizona closer Byung-Hyun Kim (4-1) blew his fourth save in 30 chances but still wound up with the win.

#### Dodgers 8, Padres 6

Dave Roberts scored the go-ahead run on third baseman Phil Nevin's second error of the game and visiting Los Angeles won for just the third time since the All-Star break.

Paul Lo Duca hit a threerun homer, Adrian Beltre added a solo shot and Eric Karros drove in three runs for the Dodgers, who also acquired infielder Tyler Houston from Milwaukee for two minor league pitchers. Eric Gagne got his 35th save in 37 chances.

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reads you cold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* You solve a problem quickly and efficiently. You might suddenly see a situation clearly. Use your keen insight and directness to gain. Share ideas with others during a meeting. Your abilities become more than obvious to the majority. Tonight: Where the abilities peak. Curb frustracrowds are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Deal with bosses and superiors in general. Your vision could be a lot different if you listen to on a problem. You might ing help for others, not that you're easily influenced. More information proves to be important and adds another problem. A meeting proves

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Deal with others on a one-on-one level. You gain because of your directness. You're more than willing to spend some money on others or a key purchase. Though you feel generous, make certain your checkbook agrees. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Defer to others. Think in terms of positive changes with associates. You might not always be as clear as others would like. Spell out what you think or feel, and others will respond. Let someone else decide what the next move is. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Focus on work. Willingly close the door if done. Others mean well, but right now you need time to concentrate and sift through your thoughts. Your efficiency and mental tion, and take on a challenge. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* A friend zeroes in feel as if you have little choice. Get together with others and feel through a 'ing, frustrate dimension that you weren't to be unusually important.

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words prove to be far stronger than intended. Be good-natured and respond. Put your nose to the grindstone. Remain positive in your abilities to get ahead. Emphasize what's possible. Tonight: Count on putting

in overtime. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Do all needed research, and you will have reason to smile. What might have been muddled previously becomes crystal clear. Don't stop, just lasso in what you want. A boss might be most impressed by your accomplishments. Tonight: Get feedback about plans this coming weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Another gives you what he or she thinks are the most important facts, as they frame his or her case. Think twice before you decide to go along with this person. Information will tend to vary depending on your you're going get anything source. Take your time and

survey others' opinions.

Tonight: Make nice. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Someone gives you long-overdue feedback. You seem more rested now that you have the facts you need. Others await your actions. Remain in command of your ship right now. Friends respond to a change in plans. Go with the flow. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Assume a low profile, except with matters involving your performance and health. A boss wants your feedback. Share more of what might be going on with yourself. By standing back in a key relationship, you force this person to declare his or her feelings. Tonight: Rest up. Think weekend.

#### **BORN TODAY**

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Dear Landers: For parents of children who stutter, findtheir child can be bewildering and even heartbreaking.



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Dear Jane Fraser: With pleasure. The non-profit Stuttering Foundation of America has helped thousands of families for the past 55 years. Those who contact the foundation will receive tips on ways to help their child, a list of public libraries that stock books and videos on the subject, and a resource list of certi-

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ogists.

Dear Ann Landers: My parents will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary next year. They have always wanted to take a cruise with the family. My brother and sister think this is a wonderful idea, which makes sense because they can afford it. I cannot.

My parents have offered to help pay for our tickets, but my husband refuses to permit it. He says if we cannot afford it, we shouldn't go. Meanwhile, everyone else will be celebrating with my parents, and I will be stuck at home. My parents would feel terrible if we did not participate in this important event, but I am getting a lot of pressure from my husband to stay home. What should I do? San Diego Daughter

Dear Daughter: It would be a shame to miss out on your parents' 50th anniver-

sary celebration because of money. Ask your husband if he would be willing to consider your parents' assistance a "loan." Then, inform your folks that you are taking them up on their generous offer, on the condition that they let you repay them, with interest, when you can manage it. And see that you keep your word to the last penny. Have a nice trip.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from a woman who said her boyfriend never kissed her. She thought there might be something wrong with him.

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Dear Lucky: Thanks for providing an alternative explanation. If men would realize how understanding most women are about this sort of thing, they would 'fess up earlier and save themselves a lot of aggrava-

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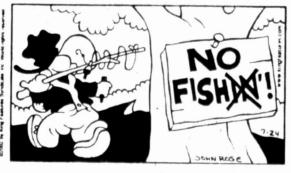


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History: On July 24, 1969, the

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 Simon revolutionary Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, the eighth presi dent of the United States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1866 Tennessee 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.

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

In 1952, President Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike. In 1959, during a visit to

the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in a "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

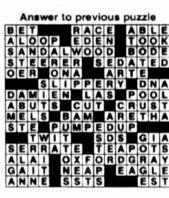
In 1974, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor. In 1975, an Apollo space-

craft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first-ever docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Members of

In 1929, President Hoover POW-MIA families disrupted a speech by President George H.W. Bush in Arlington, Va., prompting Bush to snap, "Would you please shut up and sit down?"

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Peter Yates is 73. Actress Jacqueline Brookes is 72. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 67. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 66. Actor Mark Goddard is 66. Actor Dan Hedaya is 62. Actor Chris Sarandon is 60. Actor Robert Hays is 55. Republican National Committee Chairman Marc Racicot is 54. Actor Michael Richards is 53. Actress Lynda Carter is 51. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 50.



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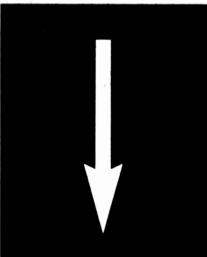
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