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3rd Praise Fest slated Saturday

A third annual Praise Fest begins about 4 p.m. Saturday in Comanche Trail Park with a food giveaway for 350 needy families in the community.

The Christian music festival is sponsored by Church of the Harvest. Praise Fest will feature the talents of local musicians and actors in a series of presentations that may last until midnight.

Admission is free, and food will be available for those who attend. The food giveaway will take place near the Amphitheatre, where the performances are set to begin at 6 p.m.

The food giveaway will be non-perishable items supplied by Feed The Children.

For more information contact 267-6747.

WHAT'S UP...

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
□ Fashion Show, Sesquicentennial of Capt. Marcy's Discovery of the Spring, 10 a.m., Municipal Auditorium.

□ The Potton House, 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 are encouraged.

□ "A Texas Tribute," Big Spring Symphony's opening performance of the season featuring Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys along with the Lone Star Brass, 8 p.m., Municipal Auditorium.

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

□ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

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Howard County unemployment rate remains lowest in Basin

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

For the eighth straight month, unemployment in Howard County is the lowest in the Permian Basin region according to data released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).



BELEW

The August jobless rate was 5.2 percent — down from 5.9 percent in July and 6.7 percent in June.

"We continue to experience small drops in the unemployment rate for Howard County," explained Virginia Belew, area manager for the TWC. "We have a decrease from both the last month figure and last year's figure for August and we still remain much lower than the Permian Basin average of 8.1 percent."

Belew also said that despite the fact students have returned

to school, Howard County's employed population has increased 296 from the same period a year ago while increases in the civilian labor force continue to be evident.

She said a total of 66 new jobs were listed during the month, mainly in the construction industry and small businesses, including some in the oil field.

Increased oil activity in the East Howard Field, where Santa Fe Energy is said to be preparing to drill as many as 125 trend wells, is also expected to have a positive impact on the work-

force. Two things that will have a negative impact are the closing of Walls Industries and Hirschfeld Steel.

While Walls was expected to close near the first of September, Belew said the plant is still operational although company officials have indicated it will cease operation after this month. Walls employed 95 people.

Today is also the final day of Hirschfeld's operation in Big Spring. The San Angelo-based company is taking its 25 jobs

elsewhere after the city and Moore Development refused to provide it with both a building and a \$750,000 incentive to remain in the community.

Affected workers from both facilities are eligible for dislocated worker training, according to Belew.

Because Walls is moving the jobs to Mexico, displaced workers are eligible for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance — which could include training, a job search

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HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Leonardo Alonzo of Texas Scenic, Inc., hangs new curtain panels on one of the curtains in the newly refurbished Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Alonzo and his San Antonio-based crew began putting up 22 panels weighing 150 pounds each Wednesday and expected to be finished today. The restoration work on the old auditorium is now done with a new stage floor, roof work, painting and cleaning in time for a West Texas Symphony concert Saturday with "A Texas Tribute" featuring Jody Nix and Tumbleweed Smith.

TCA Cable going digital Friday

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Digital audio and visual technology is coming to customers of TCA Cable of Big Spring on Friday, according to manager Barry Threadgill.

Customers will have the option of receiving the latest in digitally compressed audio and picture signals. The new technology starts at 8 a.m. for those who signed up for the service.

"The new signals will have the quality of CD (compact disc) audio signals and in stereo," he noted. "The other advantage is that the signal, which is compressed at the studio, is of the same superior quality it was when it left the studio. There is no degradation of the sound or picture quality."

The service also includes six Pay-Per-View channels and 30

digital music channels.

Customers will have to pay for this, of course, said Threadgill. The newest technology requires a converter box that decompresses the compressed digital signals and converts them to the analog signals used by the TV set.

Customers wanting the enhanced quality will be required to have basic and standard service because the improved quality is on the upper band channels, such as 43, 44 and 45.

The high-tech package will include the basic and standard service, a movie package, the digital access, access to Pay Per View and the converter box for \$45.21. A cheaper package is also available.

Once on the digital service, viewers will have access to a TV programming scroll that

shows what is currently being broadcast, but also allows the viewer to look at what will be on out to four days in advance.

Threadgill pointed out all of this is optional. Customers who wish may keep whatever service they have now at no additional cost.

Threadgill also said that the name of TCA Cable will change Oct. 18 to Cox Communications of Big Spring. Cox purchased TCA Cable TV in May. The Tyler-based TCA and Atlanta-based Cox announced the \$4 billion deal in which Cox assumed \$736 million in debt.

As a result of the purchase, Threadgill said Cox will be providing more technological advances going on cable TV. "Cox can provide additional resources," he noted.

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Moore

Development board elects new officers, tables action on land acquisition for now

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board elected new officers and reviewed goals for 1999-2000 during its annual meeting Wednesday.

Charles Beil was elected president, O.L. Cooper was selected vice president and Max Green was chosen secretary-treasurer.



BEIL

Three city council members and the city manager were attracted to the meeting for a discussion on land acquisition. However, Moore Development members elected to table the topic after hearing a report from Kent Sharp, executive director.

"I have contacted the owner of

property we have been interested in to discuss the option to separate the property into two tracts. The property owner indicated that would be fine, but would not have a price for each tract until about two weeks," Sharp said.

"I think we should take the next couple of weeks to get that information and that will give us some time to see if the other things we are dealing with come to fruition or don't come to fruition," he added.

There was no further discussion, but after the meeting, Beil explained his stance on the land acquisition.

"I think we recognize all prospective new industry cannot or will not use the airport. We need to utilize that area when we can but we also need to acquire additional property for long term development for a location for other industry or

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Trading cards proving popular for Big Spring Police Department

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Trading cards have been around for years and years, dating, in fact to the earliest days of professional baseball.

There's a new twist to the old game these days however, with the advent of police trading cards.

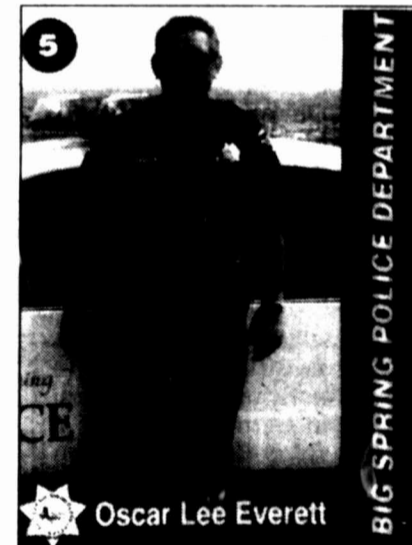
"They're all over the country," explained Big Spring Police Sgt. Lee Everett, one of nine local policemen with their own cards.

"We thought they would only be popular with kids," he said, "but there are a lot of adults who want them as well."

Just like trading cards from baseball, football or for rock or movie stars, the police trading cards give background information on the officer.

Everett's card, No. 5 in the Big Spring series, tells about his job responsibilities, professional training and hobbies. It also provides a bit of personal advice from Everett to kids.

Everett, whose duties include coordinating training, internal affairs and the citizen's police



Oscar Lee Everett

academy, said sponsors are being sought for the trading cards so that more of them can be distributed.

"We get ours through the Midland Police Department, and they have a local printer over there who is really supportive of the police and has given them a good price," he said.

"We've seen prices of up to

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Bloodmobile to greet donors in Big Spring until 8:30 p.m.

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

If the public won't get to the blood bank, try getting the blood bank to the potential donors. That's what United Blood Services is doing today.

Big Spring residents will have an opportunity to give blood at the convenience of a bloodmobile at the Wal-Mart Super Center today from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"If you would like to give blood, please call United Blood Service at 1-800-758-0024 to schedule an appointment," said Ann Phillips, community

relations representative of UBS. "Walk-ins are welcome, however donors with appointments will be seen first. We encourage appointments if you are concerned about donating in a timely manner," she said.

Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 79, weigh at least 110 pounds and provide identification. "We also ask you to know the names of any medication you have taken in the past 30 days," said Phillips.

"Sixty percent of the population in the U.S. is eligible to donate blood. However, only 5 percent actually take time to give," noted Phillips.

Forsan ISD trustees approve tax rate, moment of silence before football games

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Forsan Independent School District trustees Monday approved a 1999-2000 tax rate, and reinstated a moment of silence before football games.

"We had along discussion about this, and we felt since everyone else in the area is doing this that we should be doing this too," said Forsan principal Wayne Rotan.

Forsan trustees decided to discontinue prayer before football games several year ago, when the first ruling from the appeals court came out, Rotan said.

"That happened before my time and before Mr. Yancey's (superintendent) time here," Rotan said.

But after the attention a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled that football games are not solemn enough occasions to warrant prayer, many districts in West Texas opted to observe a moment of silence prior to the start of the game.

"This will allow anyone who wants to pray to pray in their own way, which is really the best way to do this. We do not need a PA (public address) system to lead us in prayer," Rotan said.

The vote by trustees was six to one. Trustee Marty Whetsel voted against having a moment of silence before the games.

Trustees also set the tax rate at \$1.43 per \$100 valuation, the same as last year, Rotan said.

And trustees also discussed enhancing the telephone system for the district, and instructed Jim Yancey to pursue research cost of a more sophisticated system, as well as options of services available.

"We're looking at having a computerized system that says dial one for the superintendent or press two for the principal.

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OBITUARIES

Beth Boadle

Beth Boadle, 71, of Odessa, died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1999, in her residence. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

JOB

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allowance, relocation allowance and other reemployment services.
Other Permian Basin and West Texas unemployment rates included:
Andrews, 9.0 percent; Borden, 2.0; Dawson, 6.4; Ector, 9.4; Glasscock, 2.4; Martin, 6.9; Midland, 6.8; Mitchell, 5.6; Pecos, 7.8; Reagan, 7.1; Reeves, 11.2 and Scurry, 6.8.

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business," he said.
Red tape associated with the Federal Aviation Administration has been cited as a problem at the airport in the past, particularly if the business is not aviation related.
Earlier in the meeting, new member Lee George — named chairman of the industry attraction committee — had voiced a concern about the airport, noting, "We need to make it easier for businesses to do business at the airport. I know it involves government and sometimes it takes government a long time to get things done, but we're not a government, we're a strike force and we need to act quickly."
Randy Tillman was reappointed as chairman of the industry retention committee.

CARDS

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\$150 per thousand cards, but we can get ours for \$50 per thousand, which is a really good deal."
He said officers give the cards to students at the schools where they have been "adopted" as well as to students and other individuals at other points of contact.

Advantages of the cards are that they allow a student to become familiar with an officer, being able to recognize them on sight.

"It makes them a little more comfortable with us and the trading cards are a great way to start a conversation," Everett said.

Everett's card tells that he holds a Master Peace Officer certificate and that he is a certified instructor as well as a certified communications operator.

It also tells that his hobbies include bowling, golf, leather work, computer games and movies.

On his card, Everett tells youngsters to "Always strive to do what is right. Be honest with yourself and others. Try to learn all you can because when you get older you will need to know a lot more than you believe."

Everett said individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring cards for Big Spring Police Department officers can obtain more information by calling him at 264-2550.

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The last data available to the Herald indicated Big Spring Cable had between 8,000 and 8,500 customers.

FORSAN

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And we're considering voice mail for each teacher, perhaps. We're doing this to organize and stream line the number of telephone calls we're receiving," Rotan said.
Also, Dale Humphreys has indicated he wants to serve on the Howard County Appraisal District board when the next appointments occur, he said.

WHAT'S UP

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TUESDAY
Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
VFW Post No. 2013, VFW-Hall, 7 p.m.
Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
Senior Circle Big Spring Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park.
Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING WOMEN'S CLUB'S annual coat drive will be held beginning Friday through Nov. 30.
The club will be collecting coats for needy children and adults. Please bring your extra coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, windbreakers and blankets to Harris Lumber and Hardware (1515 E. FM 700), the Howard County Courthouse (first floor) or Scenic Mountain Medical Center (1601 W. 11th Place).

VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR VOICES For Children, or Court-Appointed Special Advocates, will be Oct. 18-25. The classes will be at Centers for Children and Families, 600 N. Marienfeld St., Suite 253.
Voices for Children uses volunteers to represent in court the needs of children who have been removed from their homes due to allegations of abuse and neglect. It serves the Midland and Big Spring areas.
If at least five volunteers from the Big Spring area are interested, training can be conducted locally. Call 570-1084 for information.

AUDITIONS FOR A PLAY to be performed in celebration of Children's Book Week at Howard County Library are planned Monday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. All ages are encouraged to attend auditions for the one-act play. Call 264-2260 for more information.

THE MARCH OF DIMES will have its Big Spring WalkAmerica on Nov. 6, at Comanche Trail Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Call 570-7940 for more information.

ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS ARE seeking four outstanding business and professional people ages 25-40 to visit the Punjab Province of India Jan. 22-Feb. 25, 2000, through the group study exchange program of The Rotary Foundation.
The program strives to promote international understanding by enabling people from dif-

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ferent countries and cultures to learn from each other. Participants live with host families while they study the nation's economic, social and cultural characteristics through travel and discussions.
For an application, contact Lynn A. Simpson at 263-6949, or e-mail: lsimpson@hc.cc.tx.us. Interviews will be Oct. 23 in Amarillo, and all applicants must attend.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.
Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.
To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.
All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.
The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

REUNIONS

BSHS CLASS OF 1949 will have its 50th class reunion Oct. 14-16.

The following is a list of missing classmates: John Brinkhaeter, Roy Burke, Beverly Campbell, Winona Fincher, Helen Eubanks Harris, Irvin Hurt, Myrl Lou McGuire, Rodman Roberts, Vonia "Scottie" Scott, Jean Seiler, Jo Ann Tanner, and Jean (Waldrop) Womac.
If you have any information of these classmates, please contact Katie Jones Cathey at 263-4611 or Jane Stripling Jones at 263-3078.

THE CLASS OF 1954 is having its 45th class reunion Oct. 15-16. We have been unable to locate the following class members:
Martha Buford, Norma Burns, Rebecca Chadwick, Viola Chandler, James Day, Glenda Drennan, Angel Franco, Wayne Lankford, Donald Malone, David McNeely, Kim Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis Newell, Wanda Rouse, Shirley Spero, Joy Towery, Jack Wactendorf, Don Washburn, and Mike Williamson.
If you can help us with an address or phone number for one of these class members, please call 267-6400.

BSHS CLASS OF 1959 will have a 40th reunion Oct. 15-16. We need the addresses for the following people: Carol Aston, Jerry Baird, Karen Baldwin

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Please Call Toni Hamby at 267-7737 if you have any information about these '59 graduates.

BSHS CLASS OF 1964 will have its 35th reunion Oct. 14-16. The following is a list of missing classmates:
Mary Aguirre, Michael Patrick Alexander, Sheri Jon Andre, Sherry Lynn Aton, Shirley Darlene Baker, Sherry L. Beard, Marvin Eugene Bell, Jeanne Bogard, Marshall Ray Box, Douglas Henry Brandon, Janice Ann Brokaw, Joe Louis Brown, Richard Leslie Brown, Sidney T. Buford, Coye Lee Burton, James Michael Butler, William Caire, James Robert Capps, Marilyn Ann Clark, Robert Malcolm Compton, Susan Gayle Copeland, Diane Corbell, Richard Herbert Dahnke, Sharon Davis, Anita Porras DeLeon, Brenda Lou Diese, Wayne Eugene Dietz, Marvin Thomas Erhardt, John Charles Farquhar, Alberto S. Fierro, Ricardo C. Flores, Thresa Ann Foster, Samuel Kyce Franklin, Jo Beth Gass, Linda Kay Gibson, James Michael Gilbert, Lennox Earl Gilmer, Martha Ann Blickman, James Allen Gooch, Jack M. Griffin Jr., Robert Elwin Griffith, Aubrey Lepold Guinn, Linda Elaine Hall, Jim Richard Hamilton, Sharyl Eleanor Harp, Charles L. Hethcoat III, Regina Marie Hine, Gary D. Holeman, Herbert James Holland Jr., Larry Don Hood, Jimmy Ray Horton, Robert Don Huestis, Arion Dee Lee Hughey, Billy James Hutcheison, Doyle William Irwin, Edward Lee Jackson, Georgia Mae Jackson, Walter Alexander Jeusp, Jeanette Johnson, Jennie Lucile Johnson, Patricia Ann Jones, Paula Jan Jones, Velton Lee Jones, Gail Kennedy, James A. Kernan, Susan Anne King, Karen Ann Landrum, Kenneth Duane Lawton Jr., Billy Joe Leugoud, Diana Joan Little, Linda Manley, William F. Marino, Velma Ann Marlin, Carolyn Marsalis, Judy Marsh, Beatrice Martinez, Sandra Gay Merrell, Lillian Merritt, Darlene Adelle Moser, Joe Munoz, Patsy Jane McElwee, Patricia Ann McGlasson, Susan Ellen McNary, James Elton Nipp, Ascucena Olguin, Jean Oliver, Sherry Lynn Owens, Linda Lee Painter, Lee Roy Paul, Anastacio Perez, Thomas Phillips, Donald Lee Pierce, Jean Randell, Thurman Randle, Marion Ransom, Truett Tom Russell, Diana Rachel Salame, Ector Saunders, E.J. Self, Betty Lucille Sherman, Linda Lou Shuffield, Fred Henry Simmons, Dennis Ray Smith, James Roland Smith, Napoleon Smith, Norman Alan Smith, Timothy Young Smith, Vernon Taylor Smith, Joe Robert Spencer, Eva Marie Statham, Linda Ruth Statham, nSherry Kay Stevens, Susan Stephens,

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 1,7,31,33,48,50
Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Alice Stewart, Lester Terrance Strech, Paul Eugene Sturdevant, Charles Jerry Sweeney, James Tarbet, David Earl Taylor, Andrea Mary Terrell, Joe Rankin Thompson, Connie LaRue Thornton, Mary Lera Thornton, Maria Trevino, Patricia Ann Tubb, Jo Nell Turner, Shirley June Underwood, Mary Frances Wade, Barbara Ann Wadle, Charlie West Jr., Sandra Lee Wheat, Linda Jean Whisenhunt, Russell Robert Wilkinson Jr., Milton Raymond Williamson, Nelson Greer Willis, Patricia Ann Winterhalter, Joyce Evelyn Wrightsil, and Rosalinda Zubiate.
If you have information on any of these classmates, please call 267-9621 or 263-7000 before 10 p.m. or e-mail to bshs.grads1964@n2texas.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.
Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.
Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.
Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)
Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY
Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.
Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday.
• **ROSEMARY PANTOJA**, 18, was arrested on Midland warrants.
• **CHRISTOPHE VANOVER**, 22, was arrested on local warrants.
• **BARBARA QUERNHIEM**, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.
• **JONETTA TATE**, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
• **ROBERT BEATY**, 52, was arrested for public intoxication.
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3200 block of E. FM 700, the 4700 block of S. Main, and the 4200 block of Hamilton.
• **THEFT UNDER \$50** was reported in the 300 block of Owens, the 1700 block of E. Marcy and the 200 block of W. Marcy.
• **THEFT** was reported at 400 E. Fourth.
• **CLASS A ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported at 400 E. Fourth.
• **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported at 400 E. Fourth, at E. Sixth and Benton, in the 3200 block of Ave. C, and at 18th and Gregg.
• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson, the 1020 block of Bluebonnet, and the 1200 block of Mulberry.
• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 800 block of Owens.

SHERIFF

The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Thursday.
• **DAVID NIETO**, 27, was arrested for parole violation, driving with license suspended/invalid, failure to give information on striking a vehicle, motion to revoke probation/driving with license invalid, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony, and burglary of habitation. (HCSO)
• **GARY LEE MILLER**, 31, was arrested for driving while license suspended. (HCSO)

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Lawmakers tackle spending bills, despite veto threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — With fiscal 2000 tolling at midnight, Senate and House committees are tackling different versions of a massive social spending bill — despite veto threats from the White House over education programs.

As lawmakers went to work today, Congress had completed only five of the 13 annual spending bills for the new fiscal year — including one for the District of Columbia government that President Clinton vetoed Wednesday.

Just two of the bills have been signed into law, financing the Treasury Department and military construction projects.

But unlike four years ago,

there's no threat of a federal shutdown. Clinton was expected to sign a temporary measure keeping the government operating for another three weeks while the politicians sort through their differences.

For now, neither side was backing down. The White House wanted higher spending for the environment, housing and other programs, while Republicans were cutting some Clinton initiatives and shifting dollars into their own priorities, such as programs that give states more leeway in apportioning the money.

"We are prepared to veto bills that have the wrong priorities,"

White House chief of staff John Podesta warned during a Wednesday visit to the Capitol. The labor, health and education spending bill is the biggest of all, totaling about \$320 billion.

The House version pared Clinton proposals for hiring teachers, expanding Head Start and some health programs for the poor. And though the Senate bill eased many of the House reductions, the White House was threatening to veto either one — chiefly because they provided less than he wants for hiring thousands of new teachers next year.

Republicans charged that the drive for new teachers was a

political ploy aimed at playing to teachers' unions and others.

"This has been polled," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H. "That's why this has been put forward."

On Wednesday, the Senate voted by a near party-line 53-45 for a GOP plan providing \$1.2 billion that states could use for hiring teachers, buying school equipment or other educational purposes — contingent on passage of a separate bill creating the new programs. Clinton proposed \$1.4 billion, including money to continue paying the first 29,000 teachers hired last year and to hire 8,000 more, but it was rejected by a party-line 54-44.

Texas public schools banned 41 books last year

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public schools banned 41 books last year for reasons ranging from being insensitive to overweight people to demon worship, according to an American Civil Liberties Union report released Wednesday.

Among the more well-known books banned were Judy Blume's "Blubber" and Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach," the report said. The ACLU report considered a book banned if it was either removed from the library or taken out of

the curriculum at a particular school.

Marni Sundberg of the ACLU said banning books at public schools defies the principles of education. "This is about free access to information. You can't educate children by denying them access," she said.

Sam Champion, the principal of Boerne High School, said pulling books out of classrooms for inappropriate material is proper, but pulling a book out of the library is censorship.

Boerne High banned "Snow

Fallen on Cedars," in early September because administrators thought the murder-mystery's graphic violence, racial bigotry and sex inappropriate. After criticism, the school brought the book back to library shelves on Sept. 23, but barred it from the senior curriculum.

"Throughout our history, we have had plenty of books with questionable material. I am not for censorship," Champion said. Of the 41 books banned last school year, 16 were banned for

profanity or inappropriate language; 8 for sexual content (2 for homosexual content); 5 for being too mature for a particular grade level; 5 for religious or pagan content; 4 for a combination of language, violence or sexual content; 1 for insensitivity; 1 for verbal, physical and sexual abuse of students by students; and 1 because a book was over the heads of the students.

Houston, which has the largest school district in the state, banned the most books, five.

Burning cross shocks residents of Spur; under investigation

SPUR (AP) — Moments after hearing several gunshots, followed by cackling laughter and the roaring of an unsmuffed engine, Ronald Johnson crept out on his front porch in the early morning hours to find a horror he never thought he would see again.

In the intersection between several homes in the predominantly black neighborhood lay an 8-foot tall cross, covered in cloth, doused in gasoline and

set on fire.

Whether the cross was left Sunday morning as someone's bad idea of a joke, or something more sinister, folks in this town of 1,200 people say they'll never feel the same about their neighborhood.

"You just can't believe that there is someone going around here, still doing that kind of stuff," said Johnson, 57, who once saw a burning cross at a demonstration of the Ku Klux

Klan in the early 1970s. "This is a small town where everyone knows each other so you don't see any racism. There hasn't been a problem like this since I've lived here."

Dickens County District Attorney Becky McPherson said investigators have three suspects in the case, but no arrests have been made. Texas Rangers investigators do not believe the suspects have links to any organized hate group.

"They are not affiliated with any group that I'm aware of," Ms. McPherson said. "I don't believe there is a specific motive other than one of the suspects was intoxicated. We don't know about the other two."

Most unsettling to the residents is that even if the suspects are charged and found guilty of burning the cross, they could only be charged with a misdemeanor.

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impact today. You have a way of communicating that breaks down others' defenses. Realize exactly what you want; a friend pushes you toward that call. A meeting proves fruitful. You can get what you want. Tonight: A cozy night at home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****Your instincts prove to be right on with money. Take a moderate risk. Enjoy the benefits from your hard work and a touch of luck. You might not choose to share a secret with others right now. Your caring means a lot to another. Tonight: Take time with a special person in your life. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Aim for what you want. Others do everything they can to make your path easier. Your appeal remains high; others adore being near you. Good news comes from another at a distance. Accept an unusual opportunity that comes your way. Tonight: Hook up with friends. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****Maintain a high profile. You please a boss just by being yourself. Togetherness breeds happiness today. Listen to your inner voice about joint financial and emotional affairs.

Don't hesitate anymore. Tonight: In the limelight - accept the responsibility that goes with it. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Be generous and willing to take the first step. Others are more than willing to go the extra mile to help you out. Good news comes to you in a relationship. Think positively. Something you have been mulling over financially needs to be put into action. Tonight: Go out for dinner or to the movies. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Confer with others and schedule meetings. You touch many in a positive way. Others are especially considerate. One-on-one relating brings out more caring between you and another. You get work done, yet still manage to have plenty of time for fun. Good for you! Tonight: Be a duo. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ****Be diplomatic and defer to others. You can trust a loved one or child to do exactly what he says he'll do. Evaluate choices carefully, especially those involving a boss. You make a good impression. Someone in a

position of authority might need to revise his opinion of you - and vice versa. Tonight: Be where the crowds are. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****Maintain a steady pace. Stay on track at work. Sort through news you hear. You might need to revise plans because of information that comes forward. Jump on an opportunity to increase your security and make yourself happier. Express your generosity of spirit. Tonight: First, clear out some errands. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Dance to a new tune today. Touch base with friends. Request time for a quiet chat with a boss. The later in the day you can do this, the better. Finally, you make headway in a professional matter; you are now speaking the same language. You naturally bring out the best in others. Tonight: Spice up your life. BORN TODAY Actress Julie Andrews (1935), actor Randy Quaid (1950), actor Stephen Collins (1947) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>. ©1999 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

New Mexico governor supports legalization of marijuana, heroin

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Gov. Gary Johnson has taken his controversial stance on drugs a step further by announcing that he supports the legalization of substances such as marijuana and heroin.

"I am advocating that I think legalization is a viable alternative to what we are now doing," the Republican said Wednesday. Johnson said he had no plans to propose legislation to make drugs legal in New Mexico, but said he personally supported legalization as a national policy.

The governor, who has acknowledged using marijuana and cocaine in the 1970s, is an avid athlete who doesn't drink alcohol or use drugs. He contends the national war against drugs has failed to stop the flow or use of drugs and consumes too much money that could be better used to stop violent crime.

He is the highest ranking elected official to promote drug legalization. In the upcoming issue of Playboy magazine, Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura recommends the less drastic approach of decriminalization.

"The prohibition of drugs causes crime. You don't have to legalize it, just decriminalize it. Regulate it. Create places where the addict can go get it," he told the magazine.

In the past, Johnson stopped short of advocating legalization and instead focused on decriminalization. But Johnson now says decriminalization would not eliminate the black market economy of drug trafficking. Legalization would allow governments to regulate, tax and control drugs, much like alcohol and tobacco.

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OUR VIEWS

Symphony has fun-filled year planned for all

Big Spring Symphony opens its 1999-2000 season Saturday with something different — A Texas Tribute. It's certainly fitting though, since the season's theme — "Sagebrush Serenades" — is to feature talent from the Lone Star state.

Scheduled performances by a nationally acclaimed choir and a Mexican folkloric ensemble promise to make this an enjoyable season for those with all sorts of musical tastes.

Saturday's performance, set for 8 p.m. in the newly remodeled Municipal Auditorium, will feature local entertainer Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, Tumbleweed Smith and the Lone Star Brass. Crossroads Area residents are familiar with the talents of Nix, who has been inducted into the Western Swing Hall of Fame, and of Smith, who produces "The Sound of Texas" radio program and writes a weekly newspaper column. They promise to induce some laughter as well as a lot of toe-tapping.

In a style fitting with the music, dress will be casual and the atmosphere informal.

The remainder of the season showcases local talent, which Howard County has in abundance, and mixes in some well known performers from across the state.

On Nov. 13, the Texas Boys Choir will perform, followed by Danza Hispana San Antonio on Jan. 29. The season-closing performance on March 11 — "Sing Big Spring!" — will feature the symphony orchestra under the direction of Robert Hunt, along with the Big Spring Symphony Chorus and the All-City Children's Honor Choir. It should be a great ending to an exciting season for the orchestra, which is celebrating 20 years of entertainment this year.

Music lovers can purchase single performance tickets at \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. You'll save some money by purchasing season tickets, which are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$15 for students.

Tickets are available at the Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the symphony office at 808 Scurry and selected businesses.

We encourage you to support the Big Spring Symphony — your symphony — beginning Saturday night with A Texas Tribute.

OTHER VIEWS

A bill was introduced last Thursday that would abolish the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and replace it with a new agency with separate departments, one for enforcement of immigration laws and one to provide services to immigrants.

Under this bill, the new department would be called Immigration Affairs Agency (IAA). It would still be under the Department of Justice. The two branches of the new IAA would be the Bureau of Immigration Service and Adjudication and the Bureau of Enforcement and Border Affairs. The bill would also

give the Border Patrol 1,000 more agents for each year from 2002-2004.

Whether this is the move that is needed to correct endemic problems in the INS, certainly something needs to be done. The INS currently has a backlog of 1.8 million legal immigrants waiting for their citizenship applications to be processed. The average processing time is more than two years. In enforcing new immigration laws passed by Congress, the agency has created a catalog of horror stories of bureaucratic heartlessness and ineptitude.

CORPUS-CHRISTI CALLER TIMES

People are confused about the new millennium

I don't want to be a spoilsport, but Jan. 1, 2000, is not the start of the new millennium. It's the start of the last year of the old millennium. That's a fact, but not a fact that many people seem inclined to pay much attention.



CHARLEY REESE

And it doesn't matter because in reality, there is no millennium, old or new. Time and calendars are human inventions and exist only in our heads and on our desks and walls. So if you want an excuse to celebrate, Dec. 31, 1999, is as good as any.

What we call time is really just counting — how long it takes for Earth to spin, how long it takes the moon to wax and wane, how long it takes for Earth to complete its orbit around the sun. Of course, Earth, the sun and the space in

between are unaware that anyone is counting. Moreover, the count depends on which system, called a calendar, you use. Dec. 31, 1999, is a date on the Christian calendar. The day is a different date on the Jewish and Muslim calendars.

The calendar we use is called the Gregorian, after Pope Gregory XIII, who in 1582 revised the Julian calendar — named after Julius Caesar, who had revised the old Roman calendar in 46 B.C. Because the Julian calendar was too long, it eventually got quite out of sync with astronomical marks like the equinox. The pope solved that problem by ordaining that 10 days should be dropped and that years ending in hundreds should be leap years only if divisible by 400.

As you can see, it's all quite arbitrary and essentially meaningless. The human invention of time and the different ways of measuring it are a convenience, not a natural phenomenon.

It helps humans keep track of themselves and their tasks, but it is quite possible and probably healthier to live without watches or calendars.

For some reason, I've never been keen on celebrating the new year anyway. I don't care much for crowds, and it seems like it is celebrating a pig in a poke since no one can tell what will happen in the coming year. It could be something not worth celebrating. You could even croak, and wouldn't you then feel like a fool for having celebrated your own demise? I would hate to waste a hurrah, though a drink and a kiss from pretty girl are never wasted.

At any rate, lots of folks in our commercial society are planning on making lots of money on lots of people celebrating a turn of the page on a calendar. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Just don't get carried away with the notion that there is any cosmic meaning in turning the page on one of several calendars currently in use by the folks on Earth. There isn't. God, I'm pretty sure, doesn't use a calendar since, being omnipresent, he can easily keep track of himself.

It's kind of funny, given all the hoopla about multiculturalism and hatred of dead white males, that all these liberals

are getting ready to celebrate a date on a Christian and Western calendar. I'm sure Pope Gregory XIII will get a chuckle out of it. And probably Julius Caesar, too, though I doubt he and the pope are in the same place. Caesar's concept of mercy and kindness was to kill people quickly as opposed to killing them slowly and painfully.

A more important event, in my judgment, is National Squirrel Awareness Week. The very first one will be observed Oct. 3 through Oct. 9, thanks to the efforts of The Squirrel Lovers Club (Squirrel-mediaone.net).

This is going to be an annual thing, so you should get out there and be aware of squirrels.

Never mind the millennium. Be aware of squirrels. They are a lot more entertaining than a hangover. Furthermore, you can watch squirrels for free, which is more than you can say for celebrating a new millennium a year before it arrives.

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Speculating about a first lady

Who's the most popular political figure in Texas? The answer is not

Texas Gov. and GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush. Bush, himself, acknowledges what the polls tell us when he says his wife, Laura, is more popular than he is.

And he might have added that the demure, congenial ex-librarian is also better read than virtually anyone in politics today.

But what about her political views? She appears to be walking along the same political path as her popular mother-in-law, former first lady Barbara Bush, who was widely viewed as a supporter of a woman's right to choose abortion.

When questioned, Laura Bush's press secretary, Anne Swanson, would neither confirm nor deny the assertion. However, it should be noted that despite her mother-in-law's views, her father-in-law, ex-President George Bush (who was understood to share the pro-choice position), still appointed the arch-conservative, pro-life Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court.

The views of a potential first lady are important because first ladies have historically brought varying degrees of influence to bear on their presidential husbands, especially so beginning with Eleanor Roosevelt. That period was followed by the near noninvolvement of Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower, the charismatic charm of Jackie Kennedy, the business-smart determination of Lady Bird Johnson, and the gentle advice of Pat Nixon.

Rosalyn Carter, however, harked back to Eleanor Roosevelt and more when she was invited to sit in on Cabinet meetings, ushering in the age of first lady as partner, which her successors Nancy Reagan and Barbara Bush clearly were.

This was virtually codified when President-elect Bill Clinton announced in 1992 that the nation was "getting two for the price of one." And Hillary took him at his word.

So whether or not the exceptionally bright, camera-shy first lady of Texas would have it so, she will, by modern tradition, be — if her husband is elected president — cast into an active political role.

Already, in Texas, she has been drawn into the legislative arena, meeting with lawmakers on issues near and dear such as early childhood development.

On the national level, would a woman who has devoted so much of her life promoting literacy embrace the repeated Republican attempts to abolish the Department of Education? Would a woman as compas-

sionate as Laura Bush turn a blind eye to the plight of homeless people sleeping on grates just a block from the White House?

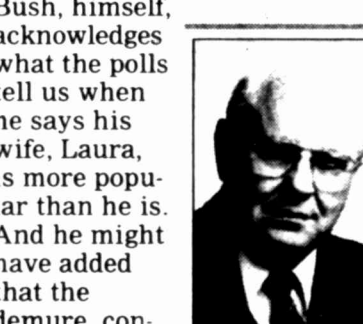
Would a first lady Laura Bush stand by while her husband appointed Supreme Court justices who would overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that ensured a woman's right to choose?

Laura Bush, the most popular political figure in Texas, could, through force of intellect and compassion — and absence of ambition — prove to be one of the most important and popular political figures of our age.

A Laura Bush reading list

Laura Bush provided the following list of the last 10 books she read, a list that reflects her concentration on classical literature and modern Texas authors:

- "Farewell: A Memoir of a Texas Childhood," by Horton Foote
- "Ordinary Paradise," by Laura Furman
- "Ship of Fools," by Katherine Anne Porter
- "The Poisonwood Bible," by Barbara Kingsolver
- "The Time it Never Rained," by Elmer Kelton
- "The Crystal Frontier," by Carlos Fuentes
- "Dreaming of the Bones," by Deborah Crombie
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Big Spring Herald

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Haircut on Saturday can help fight breast cancer

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

If you want to support the fight against breast cancer, a haircut might be a good idea on Saturday.

SmartStyle Family Hair Salon, located inside Wal-Mart, will offer \$10 haircuts from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with proceeds going to the Regis Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. They call this promotion, "Clip for the Cure."

Jody Martinez, manager of the Big Spring salon, said dozens of customers are expected to take advantage of the special.

"Last year was our first year to do it here," he explained, "and we had so many people coming in. It was great. I think it's going to be like that again."

In addition, the salons give 10 percent of the proceeds from Regis-brand hair care products to the same cause from Oct. 1-16. The foundation they support is funding research at the Mayo Clinic.

Martinez said employees

don't mind taking on a heavier-than-normal load of clients during the event.

"They participate because this is such a worthy cause," he said. "We have had customers who have fallen to cancer, so it means something to us."

"So many of our stylists, customers and their loved ones have been affected by breast cancer," said John Briggs, chief operating officer of SmartStyle. "We created this event for two reasons: to raise funds to fight the disease and raise awareness of the importance of early detection."

Kathy Wright, regional manager of Texas SmartStyle Salons, said Clip for the Cure has personal meaning for her.

"I lost my mom two years ago to breast cancer," she said. "It was the first time anyone in our family had it. You know, if the cancer had been detected earlier, my mom might still be with us today."

Regis Corporation has raised more than \$2.5 million for breast cancer research. With

New diagnosis made every three minutes

HERALD Staff Report

Here are some facts about breast cancer from the Texas Department of Health:

• A new breast cancer is diagnosed every three minutes.

• A woman dies from the disease every 12 minutes.

• Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

• African-American women have the highest death rates from breast cancer.

• Most breast cancer occurs in women age 50 and older.

• This year, 11,300 women in Texas will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 2,800 will die because of this disease.

that support three researchers are working through the multidisciplinary Tumor Biology Program at the Mayo Clinic.

On Friday, phone a friend or family member to urge screening mammograms

HERALD Staff Report

Talking on the phone has never been so meaningful.

On Friday, the American Cancer Society urges women to call five of their friends and remind them to have a mammogram. It's "Tell-A-Friend Friday," and the first day of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"We hope to reach more than 11,300 women, the same number of new cases of breast cancer in Texas expected to be detected in 1999, and encourage them to get a mammogram," said Diane Lowell, statewide chairman of this effort for ACS.

Research shows that women are more likely to get a mam-

mogram if urged to do so by a doctor, friend or family member. The benefits of mammography are paying off, as statistics now show the survival rate of breast cancer is near 100 percent when the disease is detected early.

"The only way we can further reduce the death rate from breast cancer is by getting more women to have annual mammograms," Lowell said. "Tell-A-Friend Friday is a way to accomplish that goal."

Businesses can help by allowing employees to make their calls from work Friday as well.

Annual screening mammograms are recommended for women age 40 and over

Children must eventually be turned loose

QUESTION: I have found it very hard to turn loose of my kids and face the empty nest. I know I need to release them, but it is so difficult. Can you help me?

DR. DOBSON
Humorist
Erma Bombeck described this difficult process in terms that were helpful to me. She said the task of raising kids is rather like trying to fly a kite on a day when the wind doesn't blow. Mom and Dad run down the road pulling the cute little device at the end of a string. It bounces along the ground and shows no inclination of getting off the ground.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

Eventually, and with much effort, they manage to lift it 15 feet in the air, but great danger suddenly looms. The kite dives toward electrical lines and twirls near trees. It is a scary moment. Will they ever get it safely on its way? Then, unexpectedly, a gust of wind catches the kite and it sails upward. Mom and Dad feed out line as rapidly as they can.

The kite begins pulling the string, making it difficult to hold on. Inevitably, they reach the end of their line. What should they do now? The kite is demanding more freedom. It wants to go higher. Dad stands on his tiptoes and raises his hand to accommodate the tug. It is now grasped tenuously between his index finger and thumb, held upward toward the sky. Then the moment of release comes. The string slips through his fingers, and the kite soars majestically into God's beautiful sky.

Mom and Dad stand gazing at their precious "baby" who is now gleaming in the sun, a mere pinpoint of color on the horizon. They are proud of what they've done — but sad to realize that their job is finished. It was a labor of love. But where did the years go?

That is where you are today — standing on tiptoes and stretching toward the sky with the end of the string clutched between your fingers. It's time to let go. And when you do, you'll find that a new relationship will be born. Your parenting job is almost over. In its place will come a friendship that will have its own rewards.

Remember: The kite is going to break free, one way or the other. It's best that you release it when the time is right!

QUESTION: If beauty is the most important attribute in determining personal worth in this culture, what is in second place?

DR. DOBSON: It is intelligence as expressed in scholastic aptitude. When the birth of a first-born child is imminent, his parents pray that he will be normal — that is, "average." But from that moment on, average will not be good enough.

Their child must excel. He must succeed. He must triumph. He must be the first of his age to walk or talk or ride a tricycle. He must earn a stunning report card and amaze his

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Pamela Anderson Lee can't help being 'V.I.P.'

NEW YORK (AP) — Pamela Anderson Lee is in a snit.

She just got back from her appearance on "Live With Regis & Kathie Lee" to promote her action-comedy series "V.I.P.," and her day isn't going so great.

First, her wake-up call didn't wake her up. She was late to the show.

Then, on the air, when she was supposed to introduce the clip from "V.I.P.," she wasn't sure which one had been sent along by Columbia TriStar, her series' studio.

Now, back in her suite at the Plaza Hotel, she's having a little tantrum.

"I was embarrassed," she announces to her bodyguard, her publicist and her rock-star husband, Tommy Lee.

"It was a clip from last year!" she goes on, her baby-doll voice at a petulant pitch. "It has nothing to do with how the show is now."

"You can't trust anyone," her husband says matter-of-factly, then, slumped shirtless on the couch, he turns his attention back to the wide-screen TV.

"I think Columbia wants us to fail," Lee sulks.

She is the former "Tool Time" girl on "Home Improvement" and busiest life-guard on "Baywatch." Now Lee has begun her second season as the leading lady and an executive producer of "V.I.P." This has brought her to Manhattan for a publicity blitz.

Of course, publicity is something Lee has no trouble getting. For instance, with no apparent difficulty, she seized the world's attention with her recent decision to remove her breast implants.

For a star whose bosom is not so much an asset as her *raison d'etre*, tampering with it seemed akin to Howard Stern taking a vow of silence.

What Lee hasn't made so clear is whether new, marginally smaller implants are now part of her act. Removal or replacement? "I'm not going to talk about my boobs anymore," she replies.

Either way, her figure retains its implausible grandeur as

Lee, in snug jeans and a tight, midriff-baring tank top, speaks instead about "V.I.P."

"I've been involved in every single aspect of building it from an idea," she declares. "I've been much more involved than they ever anticipated that I would. But you have to stick to your guns."

On "V.I.P.," Lee portrays Vallery Irons, a small-town girl with a taste for good times and flashy getups who, upon her arrival in Los Angeles, becomes the unlikely boss at a bodyguard agency.

Vallery Irons Protection, that is, "V.I.P.," employs gorgeous, two-fisted women (played by co-stars including Molly Culver and Natalie Raitano) and hunky guys (Shaun Baker and Dustin Nguyen). Vallery serves as her firm's dizzy, gosh-what-a-figure figurehead.

Appearing on more than 200 stations (check local listings), the campy "V.I.P." is a sizable hit. And Lee, 32, has been vaulted to the next level of her thoracic stardom.

There's a knock on the hotel door. Natalie Raitano and Dustin Nguyen present themselves and, after Nguyen and Tommy Lee compare their new tattoos, the dutiful husband excuses himself.

"I'm having a great time," says Nguyen, who is new this season as Johnny Loh, a stuntman who ran afoul of the Hong Kong Mafia. "Pam's so easygoing. I think of her as a friend."

"I was an extra on '21 Jump Street,'" recalls Lee, thinking back to the 1980s Fox series on which Nguyen starred. "I said, 'Omygod! There's Dustin Nguyen!' I freaked out. Then I heard he was going to be on this show, and I said, 'Omygod!' I was so nervous being with him because he like knows what I was: I was an extra. I couldn't remember my lines!"

"Whatever," says Nguyen, ready to blush. Raitano, who as Nikki Franco is the firm's explosives specialist, says she and Lee clicked immediately.

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Mattel finds no clean fun in Web site

NEW YORK (AP) — The wholesome image of the Barbie doll is under attack from the Web site barbies-playpen.com, which promises a free live chat "with our sexy girls," Mattel alleges in a lawsuit filed Tuesday.

The federal lawsuit targets Internet Dimensions Inc., a Las Vegas, company sponsoring the interactive adult entertainment site.

There was no phone listing in Las Vegas for the company. A message left with lawyers for Mattel was not returned.

The Internet location promi-

nently features the words "Barbie's" and "Barbie's Play Pen," infringing on the trademarks of a toy that generates more than \$1.6 billion in annual sales worldwide, according to the lawsuit.

Mattel said the words and images in the site may confuse readers into thinking that the toy company is somehow condoning or sponsoring the site.

The lawsuit sought to block the company from using the Barbie trademarks. It also sought any profits from the site as well as damages to the

Mattel business and the cost of the lawsuit.

The site features a woman in a tie, stockings and a black top hat beneath the words, "Barbie's Playpen," promising "Hot sexual party games, free live sex feeds and 1,000 plus video feeds," according to the lawsuit. It also advertises a free live chat "with our sexy girls."

Mattel said in its lawsuit that the Web site is toying with an image it had carefully crafted since the company's co-founder, Ruth Handler, created the Barbie doll in 1959.

Contestants hold truck with dreams of driving it away

LONGVIEW (AP) — It's just before 7 a.m. on a chilly September morning and the 24 people vying for a \$15,000 pickup truck are sizing up the competition.

A mother faces down the twentysomething owner of a snow cone store. A father-and-daughter duo eye a teacher who was inspired by a dream to enter the off-beat competition sponsored by a vehicle dealership.

The Hands on a Hardbody contest is about to begin.

The participants clustered at dawn last week to begin a standing marathon that will last until mistakes, chilly winds and exhaustion peel all participants from the steely skin of the truck but one.

The rules are simple: One hand must be laid flat on the truck at all times. The contestant who holds out longest drives the truck home.

Day One is by far the easiest. Soon feet will swell, boredom will sink in and tempers will shorten. Still later, as the sleepless hours and days roll by, the hallucinations begin.

"You go slowly insane," said Vinny Perkins, the 1992 winner. "Tempers flare, you start talking trash, playing mind games with each other."

Most years, a winner is declared after 90-some grueling hours. Around the gleaming truck, the line between comedy and tragedy is smudged.

"There are so many aspects to this contest people don't think about," organizer Jan Maynard said. "It is a real human drama."

Filmmaker S.R. Bindler thought so. Bindler shot a documentary of the contest in 1995. Released last summer, "Hands on a Hardbody" traces the hilarity and heartbreak of the days-long event.

Last year, one tired woman in a waking hallucination dreamed she was on her way to a dance

club. She wandered away from the truck and was immediately disqualified.

"I've had them thinking they see snakes, bending over to pick up tools that aren't there because they dream they're working on a truck," longtime judge Barbara Baggs said.

Each participant is bent on winning the Nissan Frontier, but everyone has a different theory on how to win, and who the toughest competitors will be.

"But there are surprises every year," Ms. Baggs said. "You can't tell by looking at them."

The diet tends to be spartan and packed with protein: Tuna straight from the can, thick gobs of peanut butter, bananas. No caffeine, lots of water.

Every hour, contestants can take six minutes away from the truck. They dash either to the bathroom inside the dealership or to makeshift rest stations set up nearby.

Warren Hearne, a state police officer, has been hitting the gym at dawn to ready himself. Last year, Hearne lost when — after 56 hours on the truck — he accidentally used both hands to pull off his headphones.

This year, his personal trainer looked on while Hearne squirmed, twisted around and leaned away from the truck to chat with spectators.

Each contestant has a collection of comforts — things like lawn chairs, stocked coolers, blankets, notes from their families.

Most of the would-be truck owners already have cars; some say they'll give the vehicle away if they win.

Others say they want to win because, well, they want to win.

"It's really just the prestige," Rick Stolz said. He hesitated, glanced around. "Um, if you can call it that."

Slice of Life!

INTERNET NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon.com is making its biggest move yet to become an online shopping superstore as it starts allowing anyone — from major manufacturers to creative housewives — to sell merchandise through its Web site.

Starting today, more than 500,000 new items, including vacation packages, buffalo steaks and maternity clothes, will be available on Amazon.com through its new zSHOPS program.

"Amazon has said all along that their goal was to provide people with access to every product that they could possibly want," said Ken Cassar, an analyst at internet research firm Jupiter Communications. "This is getting them closer to that goal."

Founded just four years ago, Seattle-based Amazon.com has grown from being exclusively an online bookseller into an Internet shopping hub offering music, videos, auctions, toys and consumer electronics.

More than 12 million shoppers have bought something on its site, up from 10.7 million just three months ago.

With zSHOPS, sellers pay \$9.99 a month for Web space to sell up to 3,000 unique items. If a seller only has one thing to offer, it costs just 10 cents to list each item for two weeks.

When an item is purchased, Amazon.com also receives a fee, set according to the price. There is a 5 percent fee for anything under \$25, a 2.5 percent fee for anything \$25 to \$999, and a 1.25 percent fee for anything above \$1,000.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR VOICES For Children, or Court-Appointed Special Advocates, will be Oct. 18-25. The classes will be at Centers for Children and Families, 600 N. Marienfeld St., Suite 253.

Voices for Children uses volunteers to represent in court the needs of children who have been removed from their homes due to allegations of abuse and neglect. It serves the Midland and Big Spring areas.

If at least five volunteers from the Big Spring area are interested, training can be conducted locally. Call 570-1084 for information.

THE ANNUAL COAT DRIVE conducted by Big Spring Woman's Club has begun. The group will be collecting coats for needy children and adults from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30. Please bring your extra coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, windbreakers and blankets to Harris Lumber and Hardware (1515 E. FM 700), the Howard County Courthouse (first floor) or Scenic Mountain Medical Center (1601 W. 11th Place).

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teachers with his wit and wisdom. He must do well in Little League, and later he must be a track star, or first-chair trombone, or valedictorian. His sister must be a cheerleader, or senior class president, or the soloist, or the best pupil in her advanced-placement class.

Throughout the formative years of childhood, parents give their kids the same message day after day: "We're counting on you to do something fantastic. Now don't disappoint us!" The hopes, dreams and ambitions of an entire family sometimes rest on the shoulders of an immature child. And in this atmosphere of fierce competition, the parent who produces an intellectually gifted child is clearly holding the winning sweepstakes ticket.

Unfortunately, exceptional children are just that — exceptions. Seldom does a 5-year-old memorize the King James Version of the Bible, or play chess blindfolded, or compose symphonies in the Mozart manner. To the contrary, the vast majority of our children are not dazzlingly brilliant, extremely witty, highly coordinated, tremendously talented or universally popular. They are just plain kids with oversized needs to be loved and accepted as they are. Thus, the stage is set for unrealistic pressure on the younger generation and considerable disappointment for their parents.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

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"During the pilot, we were chatting it up so much! Like, she was seven months pregnant and I was talking to Dylan in her stomach and we missed the whole bomb explosion."

"We didn't hear 'Action!'" Lee giggles.

"We had earplugs in and all of a sudden, BOOOOM! They had to do it over again and I felt like so bad."

Lee is asked what it's like to be a worldwide star.

"Overwhelming," she pronounces. "But I just wait for when I can get home and be with my two kids and chill and be with my husband and make cappuccinos. We live a normal life."

"But you gotta worry about some guy across the street with a 600mm lens trying to take a shot of you," says Nguyen. "I don't see how you put up with that. It would be amusing for about two weeks."

Company's benefit plan includes free housekeeping, vacation cash

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Gary Quick thinks he has found a way to keep employees happy at Quick Solutions Inc.: Do their housekeeping and give them company money for vacationing.

Since February, the company's president and chief executive officer has been giving out the perks as a way of hiring and keeping high-tech talent. "I've had lots of people tell me that when they come home and see a clean house, it makes them feel the company loves them and boosts their morale and that of everyone in their family," Quick said.

At most companies, pay raises and other forms of compensation are the main retention tool. A growing number of companies, mainly in the computer industry, are offering "lifestyle perks," from concierge services to new cars.

"In some areas, such as computer consulting, demand is great and even good lower-level people are much sought after, so the perks are (trickling) down," says Helen Axel, a senior fellow at New York City's Conference Board, a non-profit research group.

Officials at Quick Solutions said it's too early to tell whether the new benefits will help retain workers. Only 20 of the company's 285 total employees were eligible for the perks this year.

But Quick is hoping that his strategy will give the small software development company an edge in hiring and keeping good workers. The company has revenues of \$25 million.

Most of its workers are in Columbus, but the company in the last two years has also opened small offices in Chicago and Charlotte, N.C.

Quick gives employees who have worked for the company for three years free housecleaning once a month and a \$1,200 annual voucher for personal travel.

"I'd been using a housecleaning service before this, anyway, so this is saving me a good bit of money," says Jane Barker, who has worked for Quick for more than three years.

While still rare in the corporate world, Quick's efforts are already winning kudos.

"Most companies have figured out that money alone isn't the answer," said Howard J. Klein, an associate professor at Ohio State University.

"The kind of perks that Mr. Quick is offering are likely to become more common because they encourage worker loyalty and reduce employee stress," said Klein.

ODDS-N-ENDS

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — A tent-hating grizzly bear that had been living on borrowed time is off death row and heading for a wildlife shelter in Southern California.

The 180-pound, 3-year-old bear was captured Aug. 22 after squashing, ripping or bouncing on one too many tents — his eighth or ninth, the counts vary — in Yellowstone National Park.

Repeated efforts to catch the grizzly failed until rangers found the right bait: a tent.

The bear, nicknamed Kelty after a brand of tents, was scheduled to be killed because a suitable home could not be found.

But Christopher Servheen of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service kept putting off the execution. The Wildlife Way Station at Sylmar, Calif., eventually agreed to accept the bear.

"This is an unusual case. We probably won't do it again," Servheen said Monday.

DEMING, N.M. (AP) — The Independent Grace Fellowship church has hit the jackpot.

A parishioner left a winning \$2,000 lottery ticket in the collection plate Sunday. He or she already had scratched off the waxy cover on the amount, so the donor knew its value when it was given, lottery officials said Tuesday.

The \$1 ticket surprised church members.

"Heavens, yes," said Grace Fellowship manager George Allen. "Normally, we run on \$20 a week in the collection plate."

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — A \$15 investment in some old Washington State University castoffs has turned into a \$12,000 windfall for a pair of Idaho auctioneers.

Barb and Doug Garrott of Troy, Idaho, bought a pair of old microphones in July during one of WSU's periodic surplus sales.

But they didn't know exactly what they had. They listed the mint-condition Neumann U48

tube mikes on an online auction service Sept. 12, hoping to get \$100.

Barb Garrott said they got an e-mail from a man in Minneapolis who wrote, "Man, oh, man, have you hit the jackpot." The bids soared until the mikes were sold for \$12,100 to an Atlanta-based recording studio.

It turns out the 1960s-era microphones are prized by studios because of the high-quality voice recording that earned them the nickname "The Legend."

"Oh my God. Holy mackerel," WSU surplus sales manager Wayne Gash said when told of the sale. "Boy, we missed on that one."

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Women's Club schedules tournament

The Big Spring Women's Club will host a four-person scramble golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$40 per person and play will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the tournament will help defray the medical expenses of Blake Brorman, a first-grader who suffers from leukemia.

For more information, call Kellie Wash at 263-0987.

Lady Hawks softball plans benefit clinic

Howard College's Lady Hawks softball program will conduct a clinic to benefit the United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring on Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Coach Andy Mace and his Lady Hawks players will provide instruction to young players during three sessions.

Youngsters in elementary school will take part in a 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. session, while junior high players will work between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

High school players will attend a 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. session.

The fee for the clinic is \$5 per player.

Baseball to fire four responsible for umpires

NEW YORK (AP) — As a part of a reorganization designed to rein in umps, baseball plans to fire four employees responsible for evaluating umpires, according to two senior baseball officials.

The four employees, all former umpires, will be let go at the end of the season. They include Paul Runge, the National League's executive director of umpires and a former president of the umpire's union, and three evaluators: Jim Quick and Harry Wendelstedt of the NL and Don Denkinger of the American League.

While the firings weren't announced, they were confirmed by two high-ranking baseball officials who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

Lance Armstrong presses for more research funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, who counts his victory over cancer as the "proudest achievement" of his life, appeared Wednesday on Capitol Hill to urge Congress to increase funding for cancer and other medical research.

"We can have our local charities, our regional charities or even national charities, but we are only raising millions," the cyclist told a congressional committee. "And the key isn't the 'M' word. The key is the 'B' word — billions."

Armstrong pronounced himself "a living example of successful cancer research" funded in part by the federal government.

Tonya Harding making comeback on the ice

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Tonya Harding, aware that seven months of training cannot make up for a five-year absence from competitive skating, is grateful for one more chance to restart her career.

Harding will compete professionally for the first time Oct. 18-19 at the Huntington Civic Arena, more than five years after she was banished from sanctioned amateur competition for her role in the knee-bashing of Kerrigan.

Harding has been training since March.

ON THE AIR

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:05 — Atlanta Braves at New York Mets, TBS and FXS, Ch. 11 and Ch. 29.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Maryland at Georgia Tech, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Mariners deal blow to Rangers' bid for home-field advantage

ARLINGTON (AP) — Time is running out on the Texas Rangers' pursuit of the best record in the American League and home-field advantage in the playoffs.

The Rangers remained one victory shy of a franchise record 95-win season with their 7-3 defeat to the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night. With four games to play, Texas is two games behind Cleveland and 1 behind the New York Yankees in the race for home-field advantage.

Texas saw its five-game winning streak end, but Rangers manager Johnny Oates said there is no sense of disappointment as the regular season winds down, no matter how many games his team wins.

"We've just won five games in a row and guys are setting personal milestones," Oates said.

Aaron Sele struggled through his final playoff tuneup, but Oates expressed confidence in his 18-game winner, who will start the playoff opener against the Yankees or Boston. Sele allowed six runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

Sele (18-9) wasn't able to get loose on a chilly, 60-degree night, and his control was off, walking three and hitting two batters in a four-run first.

"Aaron was doing toe-touches behind the mound, which is uncharacteristic for him," Oates said. "His legs felt tight. I don't know, maybe it was the coolness."

Sele has been the Rangers' most consistent starter the second half of the season. Prior to Wednesday night's outing, Sele had won 11 of his previous 13 decisions.

"The guy has given us seven, eight innings almost every time out," Oates said. "He just couldn't get the ball where he wanted to."

Sele said he still feels confident going into the playoffs despite a shaky outing.

his shortest since going five innings on July 3.

"I can't be disappointed in the way the season has gone," said Sele, who had gone 15 straight starts of six or more innings before Wednesday night. "Tonight was an anomaly with the way the season has gone."

Edgar Martinez and Charles Gipson drove in two runs each for Seattle.

Juan Gonzalez hit his 38th homer and Royce Clayton got his 1,000th career hit for the Rangers.

Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. had two doubles and struck out three times, remaining two homers short of becoming the youngest player to 400 home runs in major league history.

Mariners rookie Gil Meche (8-4) took advantage of a four-run lead in the first inning and won his fourth straight decision, allowing two runs and five hits in five-plus innings. He struck out five and

walked two.

"He closed it out with his eighth win," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "It was a nice season for him. He's pitched very well, very consistent in all his starts. With more starts, this kid is going to be pretty good."

In the first, Gipson had a two-run single and Martinez an RBI single, and another run scored when Jay Buhner was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Gonzalez's solo homer in the fourth and Rusty Greer's RBI triple in the fifth made it 4-2.

Seattle made it 6-2 the sixth as the Mariners knocked out Sele. David Bell had an RBI double off Sele, and Martinez added a sacrifice fly off reliever Mike Venafro.

Seattle went in front 7-2 in the seventh on Dan Wilson's seventh homer, and Ivan Rodriguez's run-scoring double in the seventh made it 7-3.

'Dogs putting 4-0 mark on line

Wood claims Wink is much better team than record shows

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COAHOMA — If, at the start of the 1999 football season, someone had suggested that Coahoma would be on the verge of entering District 3-2A play undefeated, even head coach Robert Wood would admit that would require everything going the Bulldogs' way.

The problem, of course, is that the breaks don't always go your way. And they most certainly haven't for the Bulldogs.

Nonetheless, when they step onto the turf at Bulldog Stadium homecoming playing host to Wink's Wildcats at 8 p.m. Friday, the 'Dogs will be putting a 4-0 mark on the line.

While there's little question the Bulldogs are off to their best start in years and are playing a storied Wink program that seems to have fallen on hard times, Wood says his team can be anything but assured of a homecoming victory.

"Believe me, Wink is deceiving," Wood said after putting the Bulldogs through workout paces Wednesday afternoon, maintaining that the Wildcats are much better than their 0-4 record would suggest. "They're big and strong and have played people pretty well. They've just played some awfully good teams."

Indeed, to date the Wildcats have suffered losses to four Class 2A opponents — highly-regarded Iraan, McCamey, Plains and Van Horn.

Wink has not, however, played poorly in those losses — at least not in Wood's estimation.

"From what we've seen on film, they've played pretty good football ... especially against Iraan," the Bulldog boss noted. "The problem is they've seemed to make some small mistakes that keep coming back to haunt them. But if they put it all together, and there's no reason to think they couldn't do that this week, they could be real trouble for us."

The Bulldogs, on the other hand, are coming off a night in which they turned the ball over five times, but still managed to take a 16-9 win over Hamlin's Pied Pipers.

That was in large part the result of almost as many turnovers created by the Bulldogs, including a crucial pass interception in the closing seconds as Hamlin appeared poised for what could have been a game-tying or winning touchdown.

"At times it seemed like we were both trying to give it away," Wood admitted. "But it was a tremendous football game, as far as the competitiveness of the two teams was concerned. It probably wasn't real pretty, but it was a win and we're glad we've got it."

Some of the Bulldogs' mistakes last week can simply be attributed to the youth and inexperience of a few players in skilled positions. That, Wood says, is to be expected at times.

"We had some young mistakes ... we're



Coahoma quarterback Chase Ward (24) sprints out on an option play during the Bulldogs win over Midland Christian. Ward will lead the 4-0 Bulldogs into Friday's homecoming game with Wink's Wildcats with a perfect 4-0 record.

going to have those at times, because we're still learning," he explained. "That was kind of the case when we fumbled late in the game when we were trying to run out the clock. We had a handoff delivered too low and the back never really got a handle on the ball."

"The important thing, though, is that we found a way to win the game," Wood added. "That's really what we're asking these kids to do ... find a way to win. We're not really killing people, but we don't expect to."

Wood and his staff most certainly don't expect a walk-over against the Wildcats.

"This one is going to be a tough one for us ... we're not good enough yet that we're going to just blow through anyone," he noted. "What we are going to do is keep trying to do the same things we've been doing. We're trying to be pretty basic ... to run, block and tackle ... that's it."

Wood does believe he knows what to expect from the Wildcats.

With massive tackles that tip the scales at 255 and 290 pounds, and 6-foot-4, 220-pound Sam Haring at tight end, Wink figures to try and pound the ball up the field with their ground game.

"With those big people up front, I expect we'll see the lead a lot ... they're going to come right at us," Wood explained. "But they can be dangerous throwing the ball, too. They've got a talented receiver in the (Jared) Green kid. He's been all-district for two years in a row. There's no question he's a threat."

And while many coaches will admit dreading homecoming week on an annual basis, Wood said he's been pleased with the Bulldogs' focus this week.

"This bunch has kept its concentration pretty strong this week and that's not always easy to do with all the distractions that go on during homecoming," he noted. "So far, homecoming hasn't been as big a distraction for this bunch as I've seen it be at other places."

Cardinals expecting Deion's best

IRVING (AP) — Even a wounded Deion Sanders puts fear into Jake Plummer and the Arizona Cardinals.

"At 90, 95 percent, he's better than probably most DBs in the league," Plummer said. "He's still in the top echelon."

Sanders will play his first game this season Sunday when the Dallas Cowboys take on the Cardinals. It remains to be seen whether Sanders can be at his All-Pro best five months after toe surgery and nine months since his last meaningful game.

Sanders is praying that Plummer tries testing him.

"I'm laying before the Lord saying, 'Lord, please let Jake throw this ball to me,' because I've got a new holy ghost dance I'm going to give you guys out there on that field," Sanders said.

Plummer admits he's tempted to throw in Sanders' direction.

"You don't go into game-planning and say we're going to go right after No. 21 and win the ballgame, because it doesn't happen," Plummer said. "Still, you might want to test him to see what he's got. But he knows that's coming."

Arizona coach Vince Tobin said his staff will determine during the game how big of a risk it would be to challenge Sanders.

"We might observe him, watch him and see if he can cover," Tobin said. "I presume he's healthy enough to play, but we've got to make sure."

Sanders sprained his left big toe early in a Nov. 15 game in Arizona. He missed five games, then returned for a Jan. 2 playoff game also against the Cardinals.

Sanders played in the Pro Bowl, then hoped the pain would go away in the offseason. It didn't, so he underwent surgery in April. He began practicing earlier this month and finally feels ready to go.

"Sunday will be my time," said the guy known as Prime Time. "I'm excited about getting back to the field and doing what I'm accustomed to doing."

Although the Cowboys are 2-0 without Sanders, their secondary has allowed an NFL-worst 304 yards passing per game. Kevin Mathis and Charlie Williams have given up 11 plays of 20 yards or more, including touchdowns of 41, 45 and 50 yards.

When Sanders is on the field, there's always a highlight waiting to happen. He's one of the handful of guys around the league you can't take your eyes off because he's capable of doing something exciting.

Red Raiders' Ricky Williams out for season after re-injuring knee

LUBBOCK (AP) — Ricky Williams, the key to the Texas Tech offense, aggravated a knee sprain during practice and is out for the rest of the season.

Tech doctors said Wednesday that surgery would be scheduled later this week. Team personnel wouldn't say whether the sprain of his left knee will end his career.

"It's gut wrenching, no doubt," coach Spike Dykes said. "The worst thing about athletics is injuries, because these kids put their whole life into it, and it can be taken away in an instant. It breaks my heart to see something like that happen to good people."

Williams was to meet with the media at 2:30 p.m. today to discuss the injury.

Williams' absence leaves the Red

Raiders, already floundering after last weekend's 21-14 loss to North Texas, in disarray. It also dims Williams' chances of breaking the Division I-A rushing record set by Texas' Ricky Williams last year.

Williams had played every game at Tech (1-2) the past two seasons, rushing for 1,582 yards and 13 touchdowns last year. The school had set up a Web site to chart his progress this season called "Heisman Chase."

"We couldn't have more hope or optimism about a player and his potential," Dykes said.

Williams had missed the team's last two games after injuring the knee in the opener against Arizona State, and Dykes had listed the running back as a

"maybe" for Saturday's game against No. 5 Texas A&M. During practice Tuesday, Williams aggravated the injury while running in a no-contact exercise.

"He just faltered and went down," said tight end Kyle Allamon, who saw a tape of the practice. "There wasn't any hit or contact ... He just put too much pressure on the knee."

"We are just going to have play harder," offensive lineman Curtis Lowery said. "We can't get too upset about losing one person. He isn't the whole team, he's just a good part of it. If we just go out there and give up, then we might as well not go out there at all."

The decision to put Williams back on the field seems to have been prompted by Williams' own competitive spirit.

James Easterling, one of Williams' backups, said that Williams was itching to get on the field for the last several days.

"Ricky Williams is not a quitter," Easterling said. "He wanted to get back out there as soon as possible and the coaches liked that. But sometimes you just have to sit out until you're completely 100 percent well. With a knee injury, you can't try to come back too soon."

Players didn't want to criticize coaches or players for putting the running back on the field during practice.

"Ricky knows Ricky," Allamon said. "He knows his limits and knows what he can do. It was mainly his decision, and you can't really second guess yourself."

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Mets end skid; Astros beat Reds to move back into tie for Central lead

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

By handing Greg Maddux one of his worst losses, the New York Mets ended their seven-game losing streak and made sure their final series against Pittsburgh will be meaningful this weekend.

By beating Cincinnati 4-1 to gain a two-game split, the Houston Astros put themselves back into a tie for first in the NL Central.

With six playoff spots decided, the Astros, Mets and Reds are in a race for the last two.

"We've had no bigger win all year," Mike Hampton said Wednesday night after striking out eight in the Astros' win over the Reds.

New York could say the same after its 9-2 win over Atlanta. John Olerud's grand slam high-lighted a seven-run fourth inning off Maddux.

"We always thought we were due for an inning like that," Olerud said. "We needed it as soon as possible."

Cincinnati and Houston (both 95-64) are tied with three games left, and the Mets (93-65) are 11/2 games behind them in the wild-card race with four games to go.

In other NL games, St. Louis swept a doubleheader from San Diego, 4-3 and 6-5 in 10 innings; Colorado beat Arizona 4-1; San Francisco defeated Los Angeles 5-1; Pittsburgh split with Milwaukee, winning 7-5 and losing 5-2; Montreal beat Florida 5-3; and Philadelphia blanked Chicago 5-0.

In American League action, Boston split a doubleheader with Chicago, taking a 6-2 win in the first game before losing 4-2.

Elsewhere it was Anaheim 7, Oakland 4; Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 2; Kansas City 5, Cleveland 2; Detroit 6, Minnesota 3; and Seattle 7, Texas 3.

New York at Baltimore was postponed by rain. The game was scheduled to be made up today as part of a day-night doubleheader.

At New York, Al Leiter (12-12) allowed two runs in seven innings and went 2-for-2 against Maddux (19-9), who gave up eight straight hits to begin the fourth. In all, he was tagged for

a career high-tying eight runs. "I wasn't really too upset about how I pitched in that inning," Maddux said. "I was upset about the outcome."

Astros 4, Reds 1

Hampton (21-4) tied Joe Niekro's team record for wins, allowing seven hits in eight innings at Houston, and Billy Wagner finished for his 100th career save. Daryle Ward hit a two-run homer off Steve Parris (11-3).

Houston closes with three games at home against Los Angeles, Cincinnati, which had its six-game winning streak stopped, ends with three games at Milwaukee.

Cardinals 4, Padres 3

Mark McGwire hit a homer in each game at St. Louis, raising his total to 63 and moving past Chicago's Sammy Sosa for the first time since Aug. 18, when he led 48-47.

McGwire has 520 career

homers, one behind Ted Williams and Willie McCovey for 10th place on the career list.

Tony Gwynn was 7-for-8 in the doubleheader, raising his average to .339.

Thomas Howard hit a two-run single off Donne Wall (7-4) for a 4-3 lead in the seventh inning of the opener, making a winner of Darren Oliver (9-9). Lance Painter finished for his first save.

Placido Polanco hit an RBI grounder off Domingo Guzman (0-1) in the 10th inning of the second game. Juan Acevedo (6-8) won.

Rockies 4, Diamondbacks 1

Pedro Astacio (17-11) scattered eight hits in his seventh complete game and tied Kevin Ritz's team record for wins. Dante Bichette homered twice off Armando Reynoso (10-6) at Phoenix.

Arizona (97-61) is 2 games ahead of Cincinnati and Houston in the race for home-field advantage in the first

round of the playoffs.

Giants 5, Dodgers 1

In the final night game at Candlestick Park, Livan Hernandez (8-12) allowed one run and 10 hits in 7 1-3 innings and Bronswell Patrick got two outs for his first career save, retiring Eric Karros on a game-ending flyout with the bases loaded.

Barry Bonds, scheduled for surgery Friday on his right knee, hit his 34th homer as the Giants stopped a five-game losing streak.

Kevin Brown (18-9) lost to the Giants for the first time in nine career starts, allowing four runs and six hits in six innings.

Pirates 7, Brewers 5

Kevin Young hit a three-run homer in the opener at County Stadium and Todd Ritchie (15-9) won for the fifth time in six starts. Mike Williams got three outs for his 23rd save. Steve Woodard (11-8) lost.

Jason Bere (5-0) allowed one earned run and six hits in six innings in the second game. Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his Brewers-record 37th save, one more than Doug Jones' total two years ago. Chris Peters (5-4) was the loser.

Expos 5, Marlins 3

Vladimir Guerrero's eighth-inning single off Braden Looper (2-3) put Montreal ahead 4-3 in its final home game. Steve Kline (7-4) pitched a perfect eighth, and Ugueth Urbina finished for his 40th save.

Phillies 5, Cubs 0

Doug Glanville hit a three-run homer off Micah Bowie (2-7) at Philadelphia. Billy Brewer (1-1) pitched two hitless innings.

Red Sox 6, White Sox 2

For the first time since Babe Ruth pitched for Boston, the Red Sox will be playing in the postseason for a second straight year.

The Red Sox clinched at least a wild-card berth by beating the Chicago White Sox 6-2 in the opener.

Boston, which lost the second game 4-2, will be making its first back-to-back postseason appearances since 1915-16, when the Red Sox won consecutive World Series.

Nomar Garciaparra's 27th homer of the season broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning of the opener.

Garciaparra went 2-for-4 with a walk in the opener, raising his average to .357. He sat out the second game.

Royals 5, Indians 2

Jose Rosado pitched a four-hitter as Kansas City ended Cleveland's four-game winning streak.

Manny Ramirez put the visiting Indians ahead in the first inning with his 161st RBI, one short of the team record by Hal Trosky in 1936. Rosado (10-14) gave up a run and two hits in the first inning.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 29. (Report also available on Web at www.txparks.com.)

CENTRAL: BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 75 to 80 degrees; Black bass are good on topwater and shad colored Bass Assassins with chartreuse dyed tails fished in 2 to 10 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the boat docks in the evening in 10 to 12 feet. White bass are excellent with fish in the 2 to 2.5 pound range on Rat-L-Traps and Chug Bugs (you can still chase the schools most of the day). There are only 2 ramps open: a four lane at the dam and a two lane at the state park. The ramp at Flat Rock Park is closed but the store and the park are still open.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 79 degrees; 1009'; Black bass are fair on 1/4 oz. Terminator spinnerbaits, Texas rigged watermelon Top-Dog lizards and Carolina rigged purple Ring-Ts fished in the upper lake in 2 to 6 feet (limited surface action with fish from 1/5 to 2 pounds being taken chuggers and chrome/blue back Rat-L-Traps). Crappie are fair on minnows fished under lighted docks. White bass are slow to fair on chrome/blue 1/8oz. Spin Traps fished in the mid lake area. Striped bass are slow drift fishing live bait (a few keepers taken trolling). Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live or cut bait. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch or crawfish.

SOUTH: AMSTAD: Water clear; 83 degrees; 36.5' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, jigs and soft plastics fished during the heat of the day. (some topwater action early). Crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished in the river around cover. White bass are fair on slabs and on minnows. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are fair on shrimp, cut baits and nightcrawlers.

WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 81 degrees; Black bass are fair on blue/black and silver/black top waters fished early and late and on blue/silver crankbaits fished during the heat of the day. Alabama Spotted bass are fair on crankbaits fished on long faces near the dam. No reports of small mouth bass. Crappie are fair on minnows fished from the crappie dock and on brushy flats near creek channels. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows, perch, shrimp and stink bait fished in 20 to 25 feet across from the boat ramp. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 82 degrees; 9' low; Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinner baits fished near the Henrietta Bridge. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet near the docks and the Henrietta Bridge. White bass are poor on minnows and white jigs (trying to school). Channel and blue catfish are good on stink bait and night-crawlers. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with gold fish in 15 to 20 feet on the south end of the lake.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 79 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in brush in 6 to 10 feet. White bass are good on carp and perch fished in 2 to 4 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait fished in 4 to 10 feet. No reports on yellow catfish.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are poor on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are poor. Channel catfish are good on shrimp. Red fish are poor on shrimp and shad.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 15' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 15 to 16 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet on the west side of the lake. No report on sand bass. Hybrid striper are fair on spinnerbaits and shad fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on carp and perch fished in 4 to 5 feet. Yellow catfish are good on carp, goldfish and perch fished in 4 to 5 feet.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained on the upper end and clear on the lower end; 78 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are good on topwaters fished around duck weeds. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet around brush piles. White bass are good on small spinners. No reports on hybrid striper. No reports on channel catfish. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass are poor on minnows. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigs and shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish in 38 pounds are good trotlines and rod and reels baited with goldfish. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 82 degrees; Black bass are good on red Bush Hogs, white and chartreuse spinnerbaits and dark worms fished in the gator weed and around docks. No reports on crappie. White bass are good on small chrome and blue Rat-L-Traps fished near Akins point. No reports on redfish. Hybrid striper are poor on shad patterned crankbaits fished under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish, shad and perch.

NOCKAL: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 82 degrees; 12.5' low; Black bass to are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, top waters and minnows fished in 3 to 10 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on stink bait, minnows: cut bait and liver fished in 3 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish to are excellent on shad, goldfish, minnows, liver and cut bait fished in 3 to 12 feet.

OH. VIE: Water clear; 76 degrees; 12.2' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are fair to good on top waters fished in 3 to 5 feet on points. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the hydrilla in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs at night under lights fished along river in 20 to 25 feet. Yellow catfish are poor in baited holes on stink bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 81 degrees; 6.20' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are fair on fluke and buzzbaits early and on Power worms fished in 5 to 20 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet and on small top waters fished early with schooling striper. Striped bass are poor on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are fair on cut shad fished in 20 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits (Colorado blade) and Pop R's fished on flats near structure. White bass are excellent on small crankbaits and minnows fished on the flats in front of Wildcat. No reports on crappie. Striped bass to 21 pounds are good on chartreuse jigs and pearl worms trolling 8 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows fished on sand bars on the north end of the lake. No reports on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 81 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and plastics fished deep. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are poor on jigs and roddrunners fished in the boils near the power plant with schooling action. Yellow catfish to 60 pounds are excellent on trotlines baited with perch, shad, coy and gold fish. Channel catfish are good on punch bait and cheese bait fished in 3 to 5 feet. Blue catfish are excellent on trotlines baited with perch. Plans are being made to dam up California creek and make a pool to pump into Lake Stamford to keep the lake regulated. This work is to be completed by spring of 2000.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 81 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are poor on red shad worms fished in 8 to 10 feet. No report on crappie or white bass. Blue and channel catfish are excellent on shrimp and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 81 degrees; 35 feet low; Black bass are good on large worms and jigs pitched in cover up Middle Concho and Spring Creek. White bass are good on minnows and spinners with some schooling action. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished along channels in brush. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on cut shad and worms.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 83 degrees; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are poor to fair on small minnows fished early and late. White bass are fair on minnows. No reports on walleye. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished in the mouths on the rivers and creeks. No reports on blue or yellow catfish.

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30 YEARS YOUNG

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**Build Your Own Body!
Help Yourself to Health**



To celebrate National Children's Health Day on October 4, The Mini Page talked with Dr. Myron Winick, a well-known children's doctor. Here is some of what he told us.

Medical questions

How old are you? Did you know that you will probably live to be in your 70s, or even older?

Do you eat healthy foods? Are you active? These are important questions, for now and for later!

Preventing diseases

For many years doctors have known it is very important for kids to get immunizations. Now we all know that is a way to avoid polio and other dreaded diseases.

Smart starts

Today, most doctors say there are also ways to prevent other diseases, especially those of the heart and bones, and that it is best to get an early, smart start.

Doctors are telling kids and their families that laying down a good foundation for a young body can build a strong older one.

Dr. Myron Winick is chairman, Pediatric Task Force, American Health Foundation. Pediatrics is the study of children's health.

Eat right

Many Americans have a problem with obesity. They are overweight. Being overweight can lead to serious heart disease and other problems.

Learning to eat right and make wise food choices is a key to a healthy life now and later.

- Watch the fast foods.
- Try for variety.
- Enjoy vegetables and salads.

- Lower the calories.
- Watch the fats.

Heart fact: Your heart beats at the rate of about 100,000 times a day.

HEALTHY HABITS WHILE YOU ARE LITTLE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU GET OLDER.



Sally in 1999 Sally in 2070

Be active

Exercise is very important, too.

You need to learn to spend less time sitting in front of the TV or computer.

You don't have to go to a gym, but kids and their families do need to get out and enjoy active pastimes.

Vessel fact: Exercise increases the blood flow to your 60,000 miles of blood vessels. If placed end to end, your vessels would stretch 2 1/2 times around the Earth!

Build bones

Building strong bones is the key to avoiding osteoporosis (AHS-tee-oh-per-OH-sis), or brittle bones.

This is especially important for girls, since many older women have this problem.

You can get calcium, which builds bones, from drinking milk and eating dairy products. Vitamin D is also good for building bones. Exercise that puts weight on your bones, such as walking, also helps.

Bone fact: Your bones continue to grow until you are about 18 years old.

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What is this boy doing to look after his health?

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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Q: What are the cleanest shows on television?
A: Soap operas!

Q: What 10-letter word starts with g-a-s?
A: Automobile!

(all jokes sent in by Faith (Ordies))

Rookie Cookies Recipe

Powerful Pasta Salad

You'll need:

- 3/4 cup elbow macaroni, uncooked
- 1 6 1/2-ounce can tuna, drained
- 1 cup grapes
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 3 tablespoons lowfat mayonnaise

What to do:

1. Cook macaroni following directions on package. Drain well.
2. Combine macaroni, tuna, grapes and almonds. Mix well.
3. Stir in mayonnaise. Mix well.

Serves 4.

HEALTH TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of health are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: HEART, CHOICES, HEALTHY, CHILDREN, FOODS, DISEASES, BONES, YOUNG, WEIGHT, BREAKFAST, EXERCISE, RUN, FITNESS, WALK, FRUITS, DIET, BODY, STRONG, LUNGS.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are running for fitness. See if you can find:

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- lion's face
- number 2
- safety pin
- question mark
- fish
- word MINI
- peanut
- number 8
- letter L
- bell
- number 3

Healthy Habits and Body Facts

GERM PROTECTION

- Wash your hands before eating and after going to the toilet.

In this way, harmful bacteria cannot be passed on to your mouth, where diseases might easily form and spread throughout your body.

Fact: Each hand has 27 bones and 35 muscles.

- Don't share bites of food or sips of drinks.

Fact: When you grow up, your small and large intestines will measure a total of about 30 feet! Your stomach can hold about one quart.

DENTAL CARE

- Brush your teeth. Floss once a day.

Lack of care can lead to false teeth when you are older.

After you get all of your 32 permanent teeth, no more will ever grow.

Fact: Teeth start forming when you are about 3 months old and stop when you are about 20.

- Rinse your mouth if you can't brush your teeth. Rinsing with cold water can wash away some of the germs until the next brushing.

Fact: Plaque is a harmful, sticky film made up of saliva, food bits and bacteria.

GOOD FEELINGS

- Wake up with a happy smile and try to leave home in the morning with a happy feeling so the rest of your day will be more pleasant.

Fact: You have 16 muscles in your face. It takes more of them to frown than it does to smile.

- Talk over your problems with your parents, a trusted adult or friend.

Often it helps to get another person's point of view so you will understand things better.

Fact: You think with your brain. When you grow up, it will weigh about 3 pounds.

Posture

- Sit and stand straight and tall. Good posture helps straighten your spine and increase your height.

Fact: Your backbone is made up of 33 bumpy bones called vertebrae that are stacked one on top of the other.

Good grooming

Good hygiene is part of good health. Hygiene is what you do to keep yourself clean and healthy. Keeping clean leads to good self-esteem. (This means that you feel good about yourself.)

Comb your hair and keep it clean.

Facts: Hair on your head grows a little less than one-half inch a month.

When you grow up, you will have about 5 million hairs on your body.

Keep your fingernails clean so harmful germs won't get trapped underneath.

Fact: Your fingernails would keep growing if you did not cut them.

Take a bath or shower every day or two.

Facts: Your skin is the largest organ in your body. It is wash-and-wear and can stretch to any size. You grow a new top layer of skin about once a month.

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze to prevent germs from spreading.

Fact: Your sneeze can fly out of your mouth at the rate of 100 miles per hour. A cough can fly out at the rate of 60 mph.

Sleep

- Get enough sleep so you won't wake up tired. Sleep is important to your growth.

Fact: Most people change their position while sleeping at least eight times during the night.

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1211 Pennsylvania: Sat.
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plus size men & boys
clothes, TV, Bearies, tools,
dec. items, & much more.

125 Jonesboro Fri. Sat.
8-6 Sun. after noon, Lots of
odds & ends.

1507 Johnson. Sat.
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2 FAMILY SALE: Fri. -
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exercise, much more.

2503 ALBROOK: Sat.
Saturday & Sunday.
9-5. Toys & more.

2804 NAVAJO: Fri. - Sat.
8-? Washer/dryer, Bike,
clothes, leather jacket,
tires, twin baby items &
clothes.

3 Family GARAGE
SALE: 200 E. 24th. Sat. 8-?
Clothes, flower pots,
kitchen items, lots of
miscellaneous.

3-FAMILIES: 2205
Johnson. Thurs. - Fri. Sat.
9-5. Furn., tools, clothes,
fabric, collectibles, misc.

3805 HAMILTON: Fri.
5-7pm. Sat. 7:30-?
Daybed w/trundle, 10"
table saw, heavy duty
sander, cedar chest,
clothing, many misc.

513 East 16th. Sat.
8-12:00. Treadmill, 14"
black & white TV, lg dog
house, drill press,
canning jars & lots more.

BIG 4 FAMILY
GARAGE SALE: 1606
Sunset Ave. Friday &
Saturday, 7am-? Clothes,
furniture, misc.

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8-12 Sat. only. Wooden
kitchen/table & chairs,
books, household items,
clothes, toys, misc.

Garage Sale: 1012
Sycamore. Fri. & Sat. 8-?
? Carpet, vinyl,
washing machine, 2-X
ladies clothes, mens
clothes, lots of different
household items.

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Cast Iron Bells • Metal Windmill • Pictures
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Leaf, 2 Chairs • Spot Chairs • TV • Metal Bakers
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Morrison. Sat & Sun. 8-?
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GARAGE SALE: 2100
Main. Sat & Sun
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GARAGE SALE: 3311
Cornell. Sat. 8am-? Skis,
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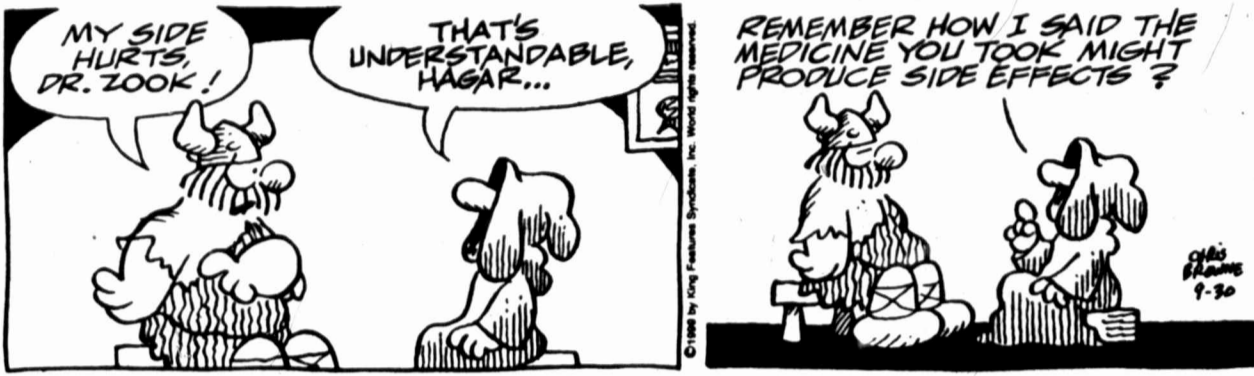
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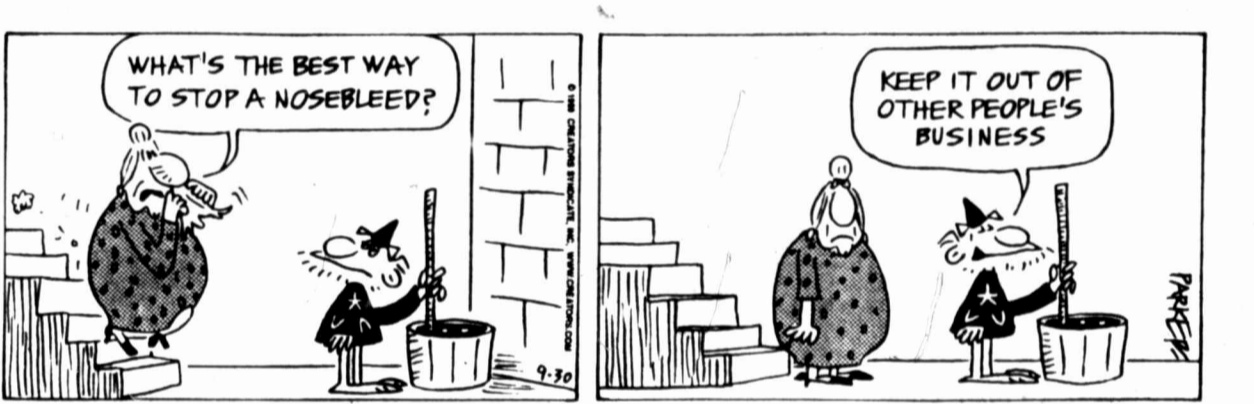
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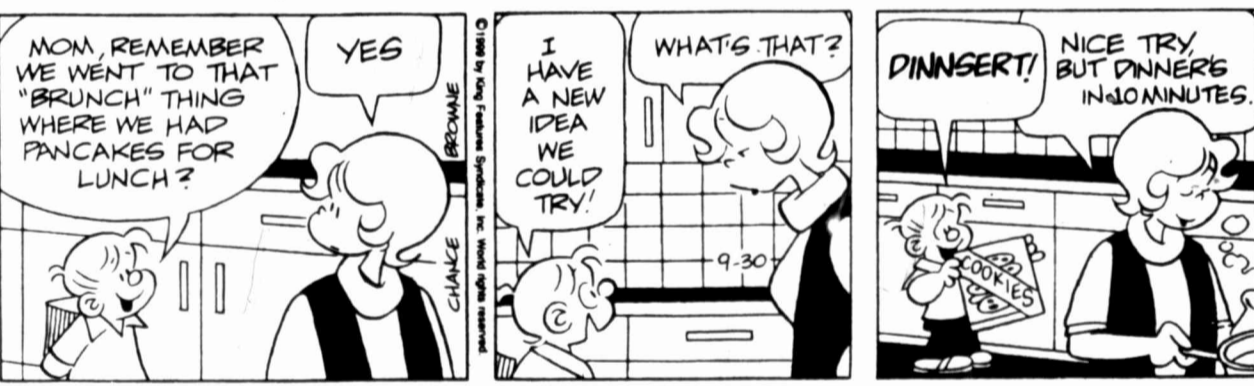
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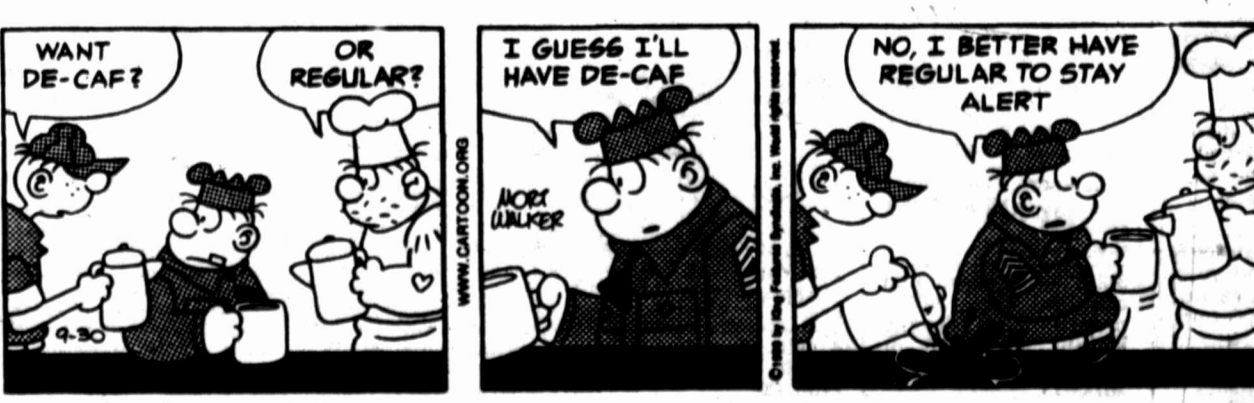
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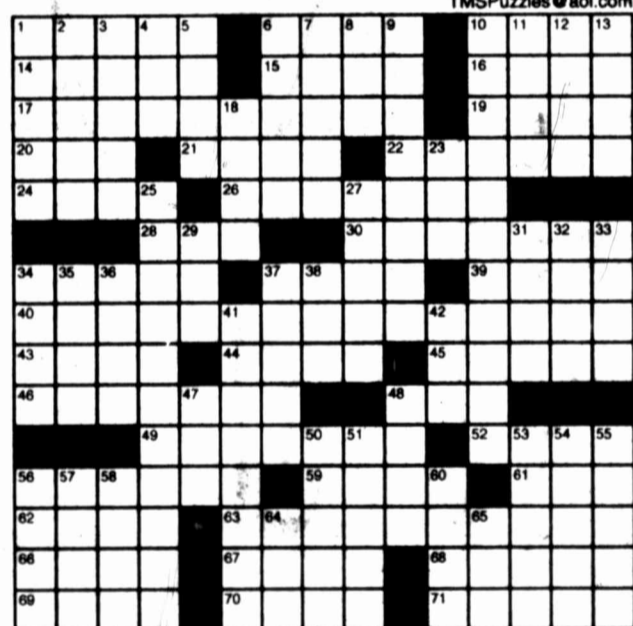
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On this date: In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria. In 1846, William Morton of Boston was the first dentist to use ether as an anesthetic. In 1927, Babe Ruth hit his 60th home run of the season, breaking his own major league record.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By James E. Buehl Fort Washington, MD

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved. A grid with words filled in: SLAB, WELSH, SLIM, AIDA, ATONE, AIDE, SLAG, LUCIA, LEON, SAMELLIOTTG, LIE, RAN, AFT, GRAMMAR, AMA, RERUN, BOOS, SPEC, NAOMIJUDDHIRSCH, IRMA, ASEA, NIECE, ESP, DUELLED, SAD, GOOSETATUMONEAL, ALPS, IRATE, DAME, RITA, EGRET, ERMA, ROSS, ROAST, SLOP.

- DOWN 1 Not as refined 2 Open-eyed 3 Blanched 4 Aggravate 5 Writing table 6 Alternative to steam 7 Sacred song sung a capella 8 John Lennon's Plastic Band 9 Give rise to 10 Ran at a set pace 11 Competent 12 Woodlands ruminant 13 "For Your Only" 18 Lummoxes 23 Lair 25 Circumvented 27 Straightforward 29 Vietnamese New Year 31 Pub preferences 32 Theater section 33 Not so much 34 Regarding 35 Arouse 36 "la Douce" 37 Milk by-products 38 Ad committee 41 Author of "Thirteen at Dinner" 42 Health club 43 Make a choice 48 Amer. Legion members 50 Like some buckets 51 Accoutrements 53 Mimicking 54 Black tea 55 Run on the pitcher 56 "the night before..." 57 Pennsylvania port 58 Created 60 Tale on a grand scale 64 Ruckus 65 Bidly

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