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Taste of Home tickets on sale at chamber

Tickets for the Taste of Home Cooking School are available.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, KBST and the city of Big Spring, the show will be held on Sept. 11 at the Municipal Auditorium.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m. Only 1,200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$7 each and available at the chamber.

For more information, call 263-7641.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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

AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin' Iron Inn.

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

SATURDAY

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

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.

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

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

MONDAY

District committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited.

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Radio controlled aircraft to fill sky above Comanche Lake

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Comanche Trail Lake will be abuzz Saturday and Sunday as the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association holds its Eighth Annual Don McKinney Float Fly.



McKINNEY

"We have people come as

far away as Austin and San Antonio," said Don McKinney. "We will have people from Lamesa, Odessa and the surrounding areas come out and fly with us."

McKinney said they expect from 30 to 40 pilots flying their planes over the lake, some performing acrobatic maneuvers.

Comanche Trail Lake is an excellent location for pilots to practice landing on water, McKinney said. Located in a bowl shape, the wind does not disturb the

FLOAT FLY

What: Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's Eighth Annual Don McKinney Float Fly
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
Where: Comanche Trail Park Lake.
Admission: Free

water as much and pilots do not have to wade in mud on the shore line to get their

planes.

In fact, the nearest float fly is held in San Antonio, he added.

Concessions will be sold throughout the day and RV parking is nearby.

Several trophies will be given throughout the day, including ones for the pilot who comes the farthest, the oldest pilot, the best military plane, the best private plane and the best pilot, an honor voted on by all the pilots participating.

Admission is free to the

public and members are willing to answer questions about the hobby.

"It's a unique hobby," he said. "It requires a lot of skills, building skills, mechanical skills. For the young people, it's good for them."

"It's a lot of fun and it is not all that expensive," he said. "You can buy used equipment for about \$350. It's a good family sport. At any club, everyone is wel-

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Memory Walk plans shape up

19 groups planning to participate in October

Herald Staff Report

Close to 30 people attended the kick off breakfast for the 2001 Memory Walk, held at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez

Texas State Veterans Home this morning, with 19 teams now confirmed to participate in the event.

"We are really thrilled about the turnout," said Nancy Jones of the 2001

Memory Walk. "Last year we had 17 teams participate and as of this morning we had 19 teams show up and still a few more coming in," she added.

Jones said that it is still not too late to sign up a team.

"Anyone interested may give me a call and I will bring the information to them or come by the RSVP offices and I have the information here," she said.

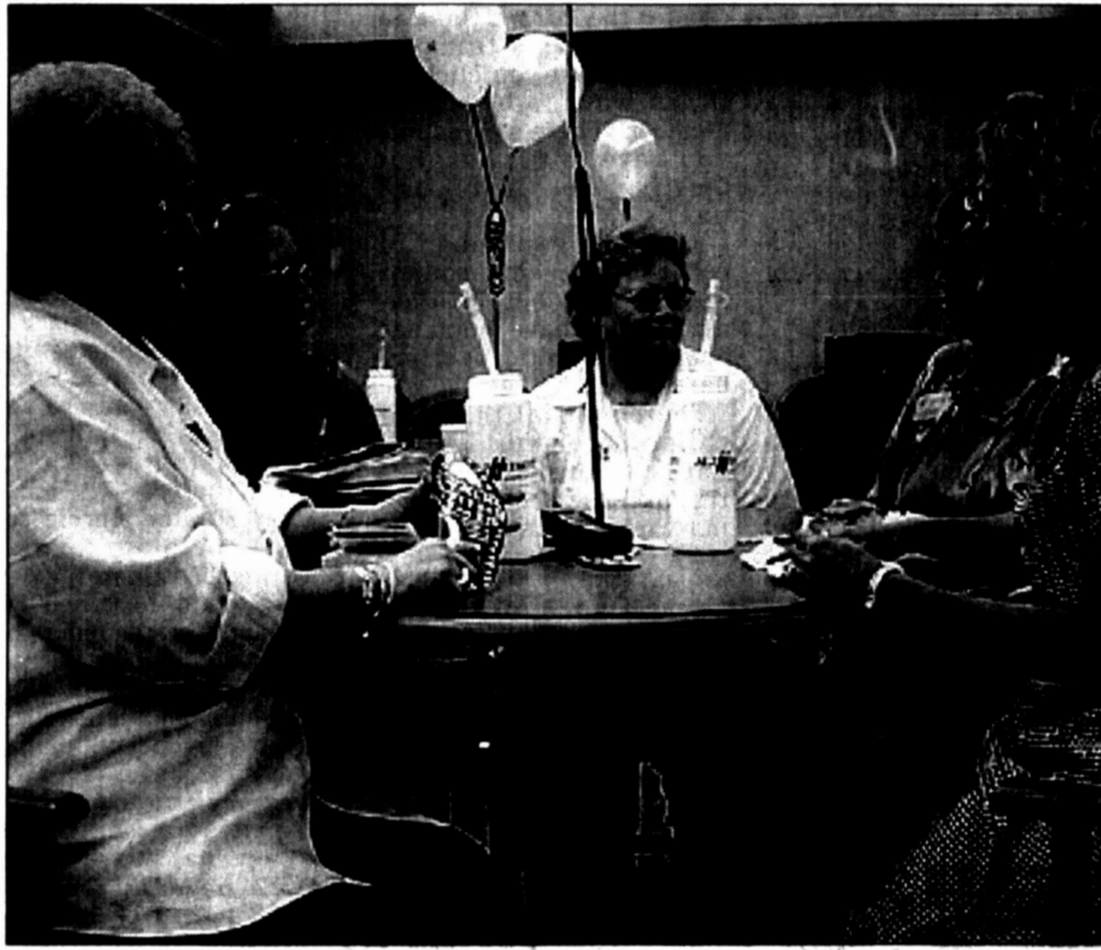
The RSVP office is located at 501 Runnels in the



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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Memory Walk 2001 team captains pictured counterclockwise from left Sherry Hodnett and Debbie Read, both of Home Hospice Halos, Nancy Jones of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Janice Wagner, of Scenic Mountain Medical Center Walkers and Caren Carruth of Comanche Trail Blazers enjoy breakfast at the kickoff rally held at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home this morning. Nineteen teams are committed to walk in the event that benefits local Alzheimer's programs. For more information contact Danelle Castillo at 263-8373 or Nancy Jones at 264-2397.

Polly Mays Annex. The 2001 Memory Walk is set for Oct. 13 at Comanche Trail Park and includes carnival booths and a lowrider demonstration among the entertainment planned.

The walk is expected to start about 8 a.m. and last until 9:30 a.m.

An awards presentation will follow.

Prizes are given to team members that raise at least \$50 per team member, the

team that raises the most money and the team that has the most walkers.

National sponsors for the walk are Sprint and GE Long Term Care Insurance. Local partner sponsors are Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Home Hospice Halos, the Big Spring Herald and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

Last year's walk raised about \$9,747, said Danelle

Castillo of the 2001 Memory Walk.

"The more money we raise, the better chance we have to get education out about Alzheimer's and dementia to the community," Castillo said.

According to Castillo, close to 14,000 people in the Permian Basin alone are affected by Alzheimer's directly or indirectly.

For more information, contact Castillo at 263-8373 or Nancy Jones at 264-2397.

Kickoff rally Friday for Heart Walk 2001

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The American Heart Association is looking for volunteers to take a heart

healthy walk and raise money to combat the number one killer in the world at Heart Walk 2001.

Those interested in becoming a

team captain or walker for the event are invited to come to the kickoff rally and luncheon held at and sponsored by La Posada Restaurant. The rally is set for noon on Friday.

Joan Brehm, district director the AHA, will give a presentation to the team leaders and encouragement to all the walkers," said Carmen Brooks, AHA chairperson for the Heart Walk.

This year's walk is set for Oct. 6 at Comanche Trail Park and the AHA has set a goal to raise \$16,000.



BROOKS

The walk is a time of fun and fellowship, Brooks said.

"We have a lot of participation," she said. "Our survivors of heart disease wear red caps. We have various ages of survivors anywhere from age 2 to up to adults"

The event starts at 9 a.m. with a few warmup exercises for the group of walkers. The walk will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Survivors of heart diseases ranging from the very young to the elderly kick off the walk, followed closely by the walking teams. The walk is expected to last about an hour.

Before the walk begins, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, a heart disease survivor, is expected to speak to the audience.

For McEwen this is a personal subject.

"I have an artificial heart valve," McEwen said. "I had a congenital heart defect and had to have a valve replaced in 1997. I have been very well aware of heart related diseases all my life. The American

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Trial

District court jury determines De Los Santos not guilty in indecency case

HERALD Staff Report

Taking just 15 minutes to reach a verdict Wednesday morning, a jury found Juan Maldonado De Los Santos not guilty of indecency with a child.

De Los Santos, who was charged with inappropriately touching an 8-year-old girl for sexual pleasure, was represented by court-appointed counsel Rick Navarette of Midland. Navarette could not be reached for comment before press time today.

The case was tried before 118th District Judge Robert Moore.

Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr said that he and Navarette finished presenting evidence in the case Tuesday evening. Moore read the charges and the jury deliberated Wednesday morning.

Orr said that this type of offense is difficult to prove.

"Indecency with a child is a crime which most often goes unwitnessed except by the perpetrator and the victim," he said. "The victim is very young and frequently has a limited ability to communicate. By the nature of this offense, it very often leaves no traces."

He added that juries are often unwilling to convict in such cases.

"I think there is a natural reluctance on the part of

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Nancy Raney of the Heritage Museum, left, accepts the States of the Union quilt to be displayed at the museum from Jane Simmons who won the quilt at the Howard County Fair. Simmons' husband Roy looks on. The quilt will be on indefinite loan to the museum from the couple. Both Jane and Roy believe since the quilt was created by Howard County residents it belongs where residents can see it.

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OBITUARIES

Imogene Price Rickabaugh

Imogene Price Rickabaugh, 90, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dee Carter of Odessa officiating. She was born on Nov. 18, 1910, in Denton. She married Larson Lloyd in 1926 in Midland and later married Rick Rickabaugh in 1966 in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death. Imogene was involved in many civic endeavors including the American Heart Association, Girl Scouts of America and local groups including the Hyperion Club, Garden Club and Bridge Club. Being musically inclined, she played the piano, organ and accordion and played in piano concerts in earlier years. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. "We love you and will miss you, Imo Honey!"



She was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Patricia Lloyd and Ray Adams of Dallas; her granddaughter Pamela A. Siviglia and husband Joseph A. of Orlando, Fla.; her grandsons Andrew L. Adams and wife Suzanne of Dallas and L. Ray Adams Jr. of Dallas; her great-grandchildren Jordan Siviglia, Spencer Siviglia, Joshua Siviglia, Elizabeth Adams, Meredith Adams and Andrew Adams Jr.; three nieces Bettye Hatcher of Midland, Diane McEwen of Austin, Kay Carter of Medina; and seven nephews Greg Jones of Albuquerque, N.M., Scott McEwen of Brussels, Belgium, Charles Carter of Gatesville, Deekent Carter of Midland, Larry Carter of Northside, Calif., Robert Carter of Glendale, Ariz., and Mayor Russ McEwen of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwech.com. Paid obituary.

Gordon Maitland Marchant

Graveside funeral service for Gordon Maitland Marchant, 80, of Kerrville, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at Garden of Memories. Mr. Marchant died Tuesday, Sept. 4, in a Kerrville hospital. He was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Wilton, Conn. and had been a Kerrville resident for over 20 years. He was a retired welder from Fina Oil & Chemical Co. He served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant in World War II and was a member of the Baptist church. He married Delma O'Brian on April 15, 1947, in Lubbock. She preceded him in death. Survivors include one daughter Dale Frances Chrane of Austin; two sons Gordon Marchant Jr. of Fort Worth and Michael Marchant of Irving; four sisters Louise Herbert and Agnes Hartman both of Florida, Alice Covington of Missouri and Miriam Carroll of New Jersey; four brothers Lewis Marchant, John Marchant and Roger Marchant all of Florida and Ambrose Marchant of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Rosetta Louise Smith, 42, died Friday. Services are 2:00 PM Thursday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
www.npwech.com
Imogene Price Rickabaugh, 90, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 1:00 PM, Friday, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

HEART

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Heart Association is something very close to my heart." Following the walk, participants will be served refreshments. According to Brooks, money raised from the event goes toward research to cure heart disease as well as to help educate the public about heart disease and the measures to take to have a healthy heart. "Heart disease is the number one killer in the world," Brooks said. For more information

about Heart Walk 2001, contact Brooks at 263-3600.

Authorities nationwide watch gang Web sites for signs of crime

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gang members are using the Internet to discuss crimes in private chat rooms and offer gangbanger wannabes a chance to enlist by posting membership applications online. Police nationwide are taking notice.

In the last few years, the number of gang-related Web sites has grown to tens of thousands, with about 20 percent to 30 percent run by actual gang members, said Detective Chuck Zeglin of the Los Angeles Police Department's career criminal apprehension section. "We recently found one site for a Crip gang back East that was trying to recruit," Zeglin said. "One site for the P-town Gang in Kentucky has a thing on their site that you click on if you want to be a gang member. There's a resume you have to fill out. But mostly we just find threats."

A growing number of police departments monitor the Web sites, but the information they have found has not led to significant criminal charges.

The potential threat of children communicating with gang members through the Web is a primary motivation for authorities to monitor the sites, officials say.

Victor Bond, founder of the Texas Gang Investigation Association and a detective in the gang unit of the Harris County Sheriff's Department, said the Web sites promote violence.

"Young people can access them, see their colors and be motivated to join," he said.

Experts say the Internet has failed thus far to help gangs boost enrollment figures or extend their reach. The National Youth Gang Center estimates there are 720,000 gang members in the country.

Leifel Jackson founded a gang in Little Rock, Ark., and just spent eight years in prison for drug trafficking. He is convinced the sites help gangs get their message out.

"Youth can go on (the Web) and see how that gang is talking about how good it is, about how some guy is a Crip for life, and they are going to want to join," said Jackson, who now works to keep kids out of gangs. "These gangs are showing off."

Police in Miami and Long Beach are starting programs in which officers routinely check Web sites to gather intelligence information about meeting places, times and upcoming events. Most of the sites offer a chat room or message board where members glorify their gang or challenge rivals. One Crip site in the Midwest features a graphic in which blood drips down the screen. Others show a range of gang tattoos. Authorities in Chicago are among those working

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jurors to believe that this sort of thing goes on here," he said. Orr said he couldn't release details about the evidence involved in the case because there are two other similar cases pending involving the same 8-year-old girl. This is probably the last 118th District Court jury trial which will be heard at the Howard County Courthouse, Orr said, noting that the court should be moved into their new building across Scurry Street by Monday. "It's probably the last jury case that will be tried over here," he said. "There might be some motions and procedures."

LOCAL AUTHOR THOMAS POSEY

will have a book signing Saturday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Wal-Mart. He is the author of *Nightfalls in Texas* which is his first novel.

THE BIG SPRING BAND Boosters are selling yard signs for high school band students. Signs are \$9 and any parent wishing to purchase a sign for their child may do so by contacting Roxie McDaniel at 267-7646. Orders must be received by no later than Sept. 14.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

with federal and local authorities to access chat rooms where gang members are talking.

"It's not like telephone lines that we can tap if we have something on them. The Internet is a whole other thing," said Eugene Williams, the Chicago Police Department's commander of narcotic and gang investigations.

In Germany, neo-Nazi skinheads have found the Internet is a prime place to communicate anonymously and outside the reach of government authorities, who have struggled to control the skinheads' illegal activities.

Nazi propaganda is banned in Germany, and the skinheads' political parties are outlawed, but the hate groups are thriving. The groups have access to illegal information and largely have avoided prosecution due to the difficulty in tracing the information.

Police in this country have shown little hesitation about using information they glean from chat rooms. And the tactic has yet to produce a court challenge or regulations like those that govern telephone taps.

"We do have access to some secure sites," Williams said. "Some, anyone can get into. So right now, we just want to see which ones we can gain access to and see what's really in there."

Albert Hunter, a professor of sociology at Northwestern University in Chicago, said the gang sites may be protected under the constitutional right to freedom of speech. But that could be a problem if the sites are promoting criminal activity.

"My real concern is if these sites are being used for criminal purposes, if they are planning conspiracies," Hunter said. "Otherwise, the Internet is a freedom of assembly."

Jose Lopez, a gang consultant and retired Chicano/Latino studies professor at California State University at Long Beach, said it's sad that gang members are using their computer skills to promote their gang instead of getting jobs.

"My problem is they are gaining computer skills that could empower them and make a life for themselves," Lopez said. "Instead they are using it to flash their signs."

BRIEFS

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 2,0,4
LOTTO: 1,9,10,14,15,18

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS CHOIR Booster meeting will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Choir Room.

Topics to be discussed will be the bi-annual choir trip, fund raising activities and high school uniforms. For more information call Connie Edgemon at 267-8029.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM

located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM

which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

MARKETS

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Archer-Daniels	13.79 -01
Atmos Energy	21.53 -28
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Chevron Corp	91.51 -11
Citigroup	44.65 -93
Compaq	10.38 -03
Cornell	15.6 nc
Dell	22.38 nc
Du Pont	40.7 -46
Exxon Mobil	41.25 +03
Halliburton	29.24 +23
IFCO Systems	.94 +07
IBM	99.01 -1.68
Intel Corp	27.08 -39
NUV	9.57 +05
Patterson Ener	13.9 +1
Pepsico Inc	47.47 -33
Phillips Petro	59.8 +61
SBC Comms	41.81 -43
Sears Roebuck	42.06 -89
Texaco Inc	69.88 -07
Texas Instrument	30.05 -79
TXU	47.6 +25
Total Fina	72.4 +51
Unocal Corp	36.42 +47
Wal-Mart	48.27 -88
Wal-Mart/Mexico	23.6-24.1
AMCAP	15.85 -13
Europacific	27.29 -2
Prime Rate	6.5%
Gold	270.4 -272.4
Silver	4.13 -4.19

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today: •LANA RICHARDSON,

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

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41, of 1305 State St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

•THOMAS FAY, 61, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•GEORGE SHAMBLIN, 64, of 105 E. Seventh Ave. in Hutchinson, Kan., was arrested for eight local warrants, resisting arrest and driving while intoxicated.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of Douglas.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 600 block of West Interstate 20, the 3100 block of East 11th Place and the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

SHERIFF

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

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3500 block of East Interstate 20.

•A BLOWN OIL WELL was reported on County Road 29 north of County Road 36.

•A DOG ATTACK was reported in the 300 block of Spring Creek Road. A pit bull reportedly mauled a pet dog and bit a woman.

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's Big Spring Herald sheriff's report, it was incorrectly reported that Rita Wilkerson, 38, of 1410 Tucson Road was arrested on warrants for theft of service \$500 to \$1,500 and theft by check \$20 to \$500.

According to the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the amount of the theft of service charge was also \$20 to \$500.

FIRE/EMS

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

4:00 a.m. — 2500 block of Hunter, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:24 a.m. — 1300 block of Nolan, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:41 p.m. — 1100 block of Douglas, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:41 p.m. — 1100 block of Douglas, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:41 p.m. — 1100 block of Douglas, trauma call, service refused.

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Fox challenges U.S. to strike immigration pact by year's end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican President Vicente Fox, the first state visitor of the Bush presidency, challenged the United States on Wednesday to strike an agreement on immigration by year's end. President Bush said "there is no more important relationship" than with Mexico but did not embrace Fox's ambitious deadline.

The public challenge stunned U.S. officials who have been trying to lower expectations for a deal on the complex and politically risky issue that could legalize millions of undocumented Mexicans. Even some Mexican officials said they had no notice that Fox would push for quick action.

The two-day state visit, an

important political event to both Bush and Fox, began when a military band struck up a Sousa march and the two presidents strolled shoulder to shoulder onto the White House back lawn. Military honor guards stood stone-faced as their battle ribbons, jostled atop flag poles by a cool wind, whipped at their faces.

Bush, hoping to court Hispanic voters for his 2004 re-election bid, said Wednesday's formal welcoming ceremony, one-on-one Oval Office session, rare joint Cabinet meeting and state dinner — along with his and Fox's joint trip Thursday to Ohio — amounted to a "recognition that the United States has no more important relationship in the world."

With all the pageantry a president can muster, Bush welcomed Fox to what he called the "Casa Blanca" and said, "We understand that our two nations must work together in a spirit of respect and common purpose to seize opportunities and tackle challenges on the issues that affect the lives of our citizens, including migration, the environment, drugs, crime, corruption and education."

That included just a glancing reference to the issue that dominates U.S.-Mexican relations: What should be done with the 3 million or so illegal Mexican immigrants who want legal status in America, and millions more in Mexico who want to cross the 2,000-mile border? The president

wants an undetermined number of illegal immigrants to become legal.

A joint statement being released today as Bush and Fox tour a Hispanic community center in Toledo, Ohio, commits the pair to forging a "realistic approach to migration" that respects "the human dignity of all migrants, regardless of their (legal) status."

With a dozen anti-immigration protesters outside the White House gates, Bush and first lady Laura Bush threw Fox an intimate state dinner with an extraordinary finale of fireworks on the South Lawn.

Raising a glass of 7-Up, the teetotaling Bush toasted Fox "friend to friend, partner to partner,

neighbor to neighbor." Fox returned the compliment, calling Bush "Jorge" and someone he trusts to take action on the immigration problem.

Bush's trip to Mexico in February raised hopes in both countries that an agreement would come quickly, but the leaders have sounded more cautious in recent weeks as congressional conservatives raised objections.

On the eve of their meetings, Bush said the complexity of the issue bars a quick deal and acknowledged that he has "a lot more selling to do" in Congress. Fox said Sunday it would take four to six years to complete a comprehensive U.S.-Mexican immigration overhaul.

Special joint school finance committee named

AUSTIN (AP) — A special joint Senate-House committee named Wednesday will give lawmakers an early start on revamping the state's complex public school finance system, a task expected to dominate the next legislative session.

The appointments come four months after District Judge F. Scott McCown dismissed a lawsuit challenging the finance law dubbed Robin Hood, saying a fix must come from the Statehouse. A separate civil lawsuit filed in Dallas is set for trial June 17, 2002.

The committee's "members will evaluate what's good about the current system and what problems it presents, focusing on equality and fairness for both taxpayers and school districts," said House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

The panel, which also includes members of the public, will study the 8-year-old law requiring wealthier school districts to give money to poorer ones.

The committee will offer recommendations for improving the law to the 78th Legislature, which meets in 2003.

Texas does not have an income tax or a state property tax. By law, school

districts can collect no more than \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation to run and maintain their schools. Schools in Texas are primarily funded with local property taxes.

By 2003, 40 percent of the 1,183 districts will have reached the cap, said Sen. Teel Bivins, co-chairman of the committee.

Wealthy districts that have reached the cap claim they are being forced to cut programs.

"In recent years we've relied too heavily on local property taxes to fund public schools," said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

"The dynamics of state funding and local property taxes are changing. We must ask ourselves if there is a better way to pay for our schools," said Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

House chairman Rep. Paul Sadler said the committee will have public hearings and study the system "from top to bottom," paying special attention to formulas used to determine funding.

"Obviously, the cap is an issue. Obviously, the revenue stream in the future is an issue in light of the economic situation in Texas," said

Sadler, D-Henderson.

He said the study "is an appropriate thing for us to be doing. It's obviously in my opinion, the most important interim work going on."

Bivins asked members to "adjust their calendars to allow for an aggressive work schedule."

"Education is the most important function of state government and financing it is our biggest challenge," Bivins said.

Other members of the committee are: Sens. Steve Ogden, R-College Station; Florence Shapiro, R-Plano; Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso; Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio; and Royce West, D-Dallas.

Reps. Harold Dutton, D-Houston; Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington; Scott Hochberg, D-Houston; Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville; and Todd Smith, R-Bedford, are the House members.

Public members are former state Sen. Kent Caperton of Austin; former State Board of Education member Will Davis of Austin; Equity Center co-founder Craig Foster; former State Board of Insurance chairman Lyndon Olsen; former Rep. Mark Stiles of Dallas; and Houston lawyer David Thompson.

Police search for gunman who kills three, wounds two at suburban residence

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Police were searching today for a gunman who walked into a suburban Los Angeles home and opened fire, killing a woman and two young children and wounding two others.

All the victims of Wednesday night's shooting were believed to be related, police Lt. Rex Jones said.

The suspect, who police identified as Reynaldo Herrera Rodriguez, was thought to be an acquaintance of one of the victims.

"Somebody showed up, entered the home with a weapon and started shooting," Jones said.

Jones said investigators have determined a motive

for the attack but he declined to say what it was.

Rigoberto Calderon, 16, was shot in the right thigh and a 19-year-old woman, whose name was not released, was hit in the abdomen.

Both were hospitalized in stable condition. Rafael Calderon Jr., 18, jumped from a second-story window and was treated for a broken wrist.

The names of the other three victims were not immediately released.

Simi Valley, about 35 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, was ranked by the FBI this year as the nation's most-crime-free city of 100,000 or more residents.

Groups upset over school science textbooks, little-known deadline

AUSTIN (AP) — Dozens of people want to testify before the State Board of Education about the adoption of new science textbooks.

But because of a little-noticed Aug. 7 deadline, whether their opinions will be heard today remains to be seen.

Only one person made the deadline. Some 86 others have requested to be allowed to testify despite missing the deadline.

"People got caught unaware," said David Bradley, who is among the

board members who plan to ask for a vote to allow the deadline to be waived.

It is not unusual for there to be criticism of the content of textbooks, particularly science books. In past years, complaints ranged from typographical or factual errors to differences of philosophy.

This year, some are objecting to what they say are inaccurate facts and omissions of scientific information.

The conservative think tank Texas Public Policy Foundation wants to pre-

sent a study to the board the group says highlights errors in middle-school science books, such as vastly different amounts of destroyed rain forest acres in books by three different publishers.

Another conservative group, Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy, said many of the middle-school science texts are biased in the presentation of issues such as global warming, endangered species and land management.

The group claims one eighth-grade textbook "uses data to frighten students

about global warming and to motivate them into action."

"Unfortunately, portions of the textbooks under review don't teach sound science. In fact, they promote an environmental or political agenda," said Peggy Venable, director of

the group.

The education board, which could order publishers to revise texts, has required people who want to speak about textbook adoption to register before the meeting since 1999, said Debbie Graves-Ratcliffe, spokeswoman for the Texas

Education Agency.

The notice was posted on the agency's Web site, she said.

Because last year's adoption of English texts was unusually quiet, this year's deadline may have slipped by unnoticed, Graves-Ratcliffe said.

Perry, Bush reportedly meet about Gramm

HOUSTON (AP) — President Bush has reportedly met with Gov. Rick Perry on a possible deal to set up a Texas Republican as successor to Sen. Phil Gramm, who says he won't seek a fourth term.

Four sources close to Bush and Perry told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions that the private discussion included possible inducements to get Gramm to resign now so Perry could appoint U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla in an effort to avoid a bloody Republican nominating contest for Gramm's seat.

The three-term senator said Tuesday he will not

seek another term, meaning that his service in Washington ends in January 2003.

But the sources told the newspaper that Gramm did not want to quit his seat without some assurance that a good job was awaiting him. He also reportedly wanted a say in naming his successor. Texas A&M University, where Gramm spent 13 years teaching economics, is looking for a replacement for its president, who is leaving in June. A search committee is not scheduled to finish examining candidates until next year.

Gramm's wife, Wendy Lee

Gramm, is on the A&M board of regents. His announcement set off a scramble among possible successors. But if Gramm resigned now, Perry would appoint an interim replacement and call a special election that would be open to all candidates without a party primary.

Republican leaders are worried a divisive GOP primary fight could improve the chances for a Democrat to win the Texas seat and tip the balance of power in the Senate farther away from the Republican majority that Bush needs to pursue his agenda. Democrats control the Senate 50-49.

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OUR VIEWS

Good things are cooking on Tuesday

Drugged down by too much to do? You get home tired from work but still must rush the children to after-school activities and get clothes ready for the next day. Somehow, you're expected to get out the pots and pans and cook supper, too.

Well, help is on its way. The Taste of Home Cooking School is coming to the Big Spring Auditorium on Tuesday with some quick but nourishing recipes and other helpful hints to make life in the kitchen easier and more fun. Well, tolerable, at least.

Home economist Margaret McCutcheon will present the two-hour show again this year. Last year's event, held in October, attracted about 800 people.

This time, the sponsors — Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, KBST and the city of Big Spring — are hoping that by moving it to a Tuesday in September, more people will have an opportunity to attend.

Cost is inexpensive at \$7, per person. Even then, each person attending will receive the 2001 Taste of Home Cooking School Recipe Collection and a gift bag of items, including recipes and coupons for discounts on food and other items. In addition, a variety of door prizes will be given away.

Two big screen televisions allow everyone sitting in the audience a close-up view of the dishes McCutcheon is preparing.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

If you are one of those who wearily greets cooking as just another chore, if you love to cook or if you'd like some tips on how to do it better, get your tickets at the chamber. And make a date on Tuesday to attend the Taste of Home Cooking School.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Would you sit quietly by and watch while someone took your wallet? In effect, that is what is happening with the city council's vote to approve the proposed 2001-2002 budget. Your wallet will pay for the airport manager position they want to hire. At a minimum, it will cost you a mere \$60,000 a year.

Of course, that does not take into account the salaries for support staff this individual would doubtless need before the first year was up.

Do you buy a new car or build a new house to be more like your neighbors? That is why your elected council wants you to pay more taxes and a higher trash pick-up rate.

If you allow this budget to be approved, you are handing your wallet and all its contents to the council to waste as they wish. Personally, I have other plans for my limited resources. I want the council to know I strongly oppose approval of this budget.

CHARLES M. DOUGLAS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
Big Spring has new

school board members Kent Sharp, Phil Furqueron plus Mike Dawson that are being told by a group of people how to vote and run the school district.

They do not want computers for the schools, so how are the students going to prepare for the future? Students need to be better educated in computers so they can get better jobs.

Kent Sharp went to Killeen and offered people there \$500 to move to Big Spring and take jobs that he said people here are not educated enough to do.

Instead of helping people by offering computer classes or training to the people here, he goes out of town to offer jobs.

Someone needs to look at his job, how much he makes for what he does. Think about that.

Is there some dress code for the city council? One council member was wearing some kind of shorts at a recent meeting.

If he represents Big Spring that way, we are in trouble.

ALICIA FLORES
BIG SPRING

Joys of the second-tier vacation

DENVER, Colo. — Just after I wound down from the mountaintop grave of W.F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, I witnessed a truck and travel trailer burn to a crisp on the interstate.

Three lanes of cars heading west sat helplessly and watched as one ambitious traveler's plans went up in smoke. Nobody was hurt, thank goodness.

But I had to wonder just which is more dangerous: hunting buffalo in days of yore, or hunting a good vacation spot in August? Buffalo Bill had to contend with the elements and righteously angry Indians, while today we must deal with the horrors of traffic, inevitable road rage and packed-to-capacity RV parks.

We also have to try to ignore, or enjoy, tacky things — like the plastic throwing discs made to resemble buffalo chips in

the souvenir shop at Bill's grave site. Traveling cross-country by automobile is a real trip. I had almost forgotten the unexpected attractions that tickle you at every turn.

In Arkansas, most of the interstate is under construction. Other than a pit stop or two, I kept on trucking, scared to lose my place in line. But by Oklahoma, I was getting my "see" legs, ready to brake at the least provocation.

In Texas, near the interstate and a town called Groom, I saw the "Largest Cross in the Western Hemisphere," a 190-foot steel tubular monster that they light up at night. I've never really understood about big flags and big crosses, as if size proves something about your patriotism or faith. I think it proves something else.

But I stopped, anyhow, simply because an official-looking, brown-and-white sign with an arrow declared with authority: "CROSS." Hard to ignore.

That sight put me in the mood for the old Route 66 stretch of New Mexico, the buried Cadillacs of Albuquerque, and especial-

ly the Tucumcari strip of mom-and-pop motels outlined in neon.

I pretended I was tooling through Tucumcari in a yellow Cadillac convertible, my ponytail beneath a kerchief and my eyes shaded by pink rhinestone sunglasses.

I could have spent the rest of my vacation right there, living in the past.

But I didn't. I pressed on to Taos, one of my favorite towns on earth. After checking into an faux-adobe motel, I hurried to the 1,000-year-old mud huts of Taos Pueblo and paid my \$10 admission.

The 50 or so people who still actually live in that village don't have electricity or running water — unless you count the creek water running right through the middle of the pueblo.

A young Pueblo guide reminded us that if we wanted to take pictures, it would cost an additional \$10. A loaf of bread made in the outdoor ovens cost \$5. A soft drink cost \$1. I would have liked to stay longer, but the pueblo was closing for the day, and I was busting the vacation budget.

Back in Taos, I stopped

by Hotel La Fonda on the plaza because I'd heard D.H. Lawrence left his erotic paintings on display there. The paintings were in Albuquerque being refurbished, the clerk said.

She said they had a biblical quality. Guess she never read "Lady Chatterly's Lover."

After you leave Taos and its superb adobe architecture, every other house for a while looks overwrought and wrong. Even the mountain log cabins.

But leave I must, heading north for a date with an Alaskan ferry. Of the 50 states, Alaska is one I've never seen, and I'm sure it has its share of quirky attractions.

I passed a semi hauling fire hydrants — another novel sight you cannot anticipate — and landed in Provo, Utah, for the night.

I've decided I like the unexpected, footnote attractions almost better than natural wonders or major monuments.

Hard to beat buried Cadillacs and buffalo hunters. Something about such Texas League, second-tier tourist stops reflects the thing that truly is a worthy American virtue: imagination.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Not the time to cut job training

The nation's economy is in a slump. Companies are announcing an increasing number of layoffs.

Jobs are getting harder and harder to find. In a growing number of cases, workers have found that the digital economy has left them behind. They need new skills.

Now is no time to cut the amount of money the federal government allocates for state and local job training programs aimed at dislocated and disadvantaged workers.

But, that's what the Bush administration is proposing for 2002.

The president's budget would cut those programs by \$541 million or by 9.5 percent from 2001 levels of \$6.5 billion.

Workforce development officials across the country are calling on the president to include a request for at least the same amount of money now allocated.

Realistically, given the present state of the economy, an increase would not be unreasonable.

Even without the nation

facing economic troubles, the reality of today's workplace means that some workers and potential workers are in danger of losing jobs or never finding them in the first place.

One problem is the serious skills mismatch that prevents potential employers from expanding their businesses and keeps potential employees from filling open positions.

Skilled workers are in high demand and short supply, and cutting funds that will help folks train for better positions in jobs that require honed skills will only make matters worse.

Another problem has come about as a result of federal-mandated changes in the way employment programs work, mandates that came from the 1998 Workforce Investment Act.

Throughout the country, including here in Wichita Falls, there's been a scramble to make fundamental and sweeping changes in

the way the employment and training programs function, and making those changes has been a hassle.

Some agencies changed quickly, others have not. Nevertheless, the administration seems to take the position that all state and local agencies made the transition in the same way at the same time and thus there are funds that will be left over to use in 2002.

That's apparently not the case at all.

Further, employment experts say that as the workforce development programs spread into communities that have not had much chance to participate, pent-up demand for help will be unleashed, increasing the need for more — not less — money.

Now, as uncertain as the economy is both nationally and internationally, it's no time to make significant cuts in programs that help people who are hurt through no fault of their own by that uncertainty.

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West Virginia University receives largest private donation in history

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Two farm girls who loved animals, lived simply and grew up to become multimillionaires have left West Virginia University \$18.4 million, mostly to support veterinary medicine.

The gift from the late Gladys Gwendolyn Davis and Vivian Davis Michael, announced Tuesday, is the largest private donation from individuals in the school's history.

The women lived modestly and turned an inheritance into a fortune by investing wisely, while telling no one about the extent of their wealth, said John Patrick Ball, executor of the sisters' estate and a longtime family friend.

"To think that their love of animals ... led them to this decision, is just astounding," said university President David Hardesty. "We thank them from the bottom of our hearts."

The sisters attended the university, but Gladys never finished. She worked for the federal government in clerical jobs for 34 years, while Vivian taught social studies in Monongalia County schools for 41 years.

Gladys was an introvert who preferred to look after the house, the pets and, until 1984, their mother. She never learned to drive, walking to the bank and the beauty parlor instead.

Vivian was an outgoing civic leader. A teacher who looked after the needs of her students, her greatest indulgence was a new Buick Riviera every four years.

Vivian had married briefly in the early '40s, but neither woman had children, so their pets — usually three dogs and two cats — were the focus of their attention.

Living lavishly "was not their culture," said Ball, whose mother was close friends with the sisters. "They had what they wanted, and they enjoyed the life they knew and wanted."

The sisters left \$16.2 million to the university's agricultural school, which has been renamed the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences. The remaining \$2.2 million will be divided among the creative arts and law schools and the library.

West Virginia has no veterinary schools, but the money will fund scholarships for graduate training in other states, professorships, faculty development programs, internships and seminars, school officials said.

They had already given out \$368,900 in scholarships before the donation.

Ball persuaded the sisters to switch from a black-and-white television to a color set, but they never did agree to install air conditioning.

Their only extravagance? Feeding steak and chicken to their animals.

When Estelle Davis died, she left her daughters a small fortune from the sale of her Madsville farm land to a coal company. She had set up an investment portfolio and purchased some rental properties that the daughters built upon.

Vivian handled the money, Ball said. She read *The Wall Street Journal* and made investment decisions based on her research.

In the 1980s, out of concern for young people, she divested of tobacco stocks. When Ball tried to persuade her to buy technology company stocks in the early '90s, she refused. She told him they were "fly-by-night" outfits whose futures were uncertain.

"She was right," he said. Over the years, the money multiplied.

As they grew older, the women quietly began giving money to students. But Gladys, who took over the finances when Vivian died in 1998 at age 82, refused to accept public recognition of their generosity.

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Tetanus vaccine very effective and has few side effects

When a child is given the DPT shot it contains disease preventing vaccines for diphtheria, polio and tetanus.



ANDREA MEDLIN

This weeks column is about the latter. As children I'm sure a lot of us heard horror stories about tetanus i.e., getting lock jaw and starving to death, stepping on rusty nails and getting the disease.

In my research I have found that they were true. However, the vaccine developed for this disease is very effective and rarely causes side effects or allergic reactions.

The disease is potentially fatal and for the patient is a long and suffering ordeal even if they survive it.

The word tetanus come from the Greek word mean-

ing extreme tension.

This disease is a bacillus which attacks the central nervous system and causes the muscles in the body to spasm violently or "lock" hence the name "lock jaw."

According to Mosby's Medical Dictionary every year more than 50,000 people die of tetanus infection world wide.

It is a neurotoxin (damaging to nerves) and is one of the most lethal poisons known.

It is commonly found in the superficial layers of soil and is a normally found in the intestines of cows and horses.

Therefore, barnyards and fields are heavily contaminated.

The germ may enter the body through a puncture wound, abrasion, cut or burn or through the uterus into the bloodstream in an septic abortion or birth or through the stump of the umbilical cord of the newborn.

The disease thrives in

dead tissue which is low in oxygen and is essential for the growth of the disease cells.

The infection occurs in two forms one with a sudden onset, high risk of death and a short time between infection and the onset of symptoms the other has less severe symptoms, lower risk of death and a longer time between infection and the onset of symptoms.

If a person is wounded on their face, neck or head the risk of death is much greater because the cells (bacillus) travels to the brain faster.

Symptoms that may appear are irritability, headache, fever, painful spasms of the muscles resulting in lock jaw, facial grimacing and severe arching of the back, neck and head.

Eventually every muscle of the body is affected which often leads to death.

Prevention of infection includes thorough cleaning

and removal of dead tissue from the wound.

Treatment for people who have the infection includes keeping the airway open, giving antitoxin as soon as possible, sedation, control of the muscle spasms and maintenance of normal spinal fluid. An antibiotic and an anticonvulsant may be given as well.

Keeping the yard clear of debris and ensuring that all family members wear shoes will prevent injury and risk of infection.

A booster shot of tetanus toxoid is usually given to previously immunized people; tetanus immune globulin and a series of three injections of tetanus toxoid are given to those not immunized.

Immunization within the past five years will not require further immunization.

For more information contact the department of health or your family physician.

Next week — hepatitis.

Despite disease, storm damage and insects farmers say most chili pepper crops are doing well

CORRALES, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico's chili growers have begun harvesting their crops and people around the state are standing in line to get their share of the steaming hot peppers.

"You know that it's fall when you can smell the chili," said Nancy Clark as she waited in front of Wagner's Farm in Corrales. She was having a bushel of chilies roasted for her son and his family in Salt Lake City.

This growing season has been good for some farmers but bad for others, according to biologists and agricultural officials. Some farmers lost their crops to storm damage, root rot and the invasive

curly top virus.

"The curly top was bad," said Paul Bosland, professor and director of the Chile Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University.

Bosland said he saw entire fields infested with the beet leafhopper, an insect that feeds on chili plants and spreads the curly top virus. But he said other fields had hardly any sign of the tiny menace.

Growers have had a difficult season in Luna County, where farms have been plagued by poor pollination along with curly top and other diseases, extension agent Phil Hibner said.

Hibner said the county

in southwestern New Mexico will likely produce about 5 tons of chilies per acre this season, down from 6.5 tons per acre last year.

The county also produced about 5 tons per acre in 1999, and that year was nearly a disaster for New Mexico's chili industry. Production and value plummeted more than 40 percent that year because of pests and rough weather.

The 2000 growing season, on the other hand, was one of the best in history, Bosland said.

Agricultural agent John White said the curly top problem stems from last year's wet winter. The moisture allowed cool sea-

son weeds to spring up, giving the leafhopper a place to stay until the chili plants started sprouting in the spring, he said.

Hibner added there's nothing farmers can do once a plant has the curly top virus.

"They're fighting a losing battle," he said.

But the battle seems to be worth it for thousands of New Mexico families that clamor for roasted chilies each fall.

"You can eat it with anything," Albuquerque resident Doug Mitchell said while waiting for the roaster to spit out his peppers. "In fact, you should eat it with everything."

Study explores education as way to reduce antibiotics prescribed to children by up to 20 percent

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — Educating doctors and parents about the risks of using antibiotics for common infections in children can reduce such prescriptions by up to 20 percent, a study published Tuesday found.

Investigators at the Marshfield Clinic conducted the study in five northern Wisconsin counties to address the growing issue of some respiratory infections becoming resistant to antibiotics, such as amoxicillin.

Antibiotics are often prescribed inappropriately for coughs and colds, said Dr. Edward Belongia, the study's primary researcher.

"This study shows that combined physician and public education can effectively reduce overall

antibiotic use," he said.

The findings were reported in the September edition of *Pediatrics*, a medical journal published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Antibiotics were developed after World War II and were viewed as wonder drugs, Belongia said. "We are trying to deal with that legacy now," he said.

The two-year study at the Marshfield Clinic, a large regional medical network, began in 1997, and included about 1,000 children and 151 doctors.

The results showed that doctors reduced the number of liquid antibiotic prescriptions by 11 percent and antibiotic pills by 20 percent following the education efforts.

Jeff Moore, a doctor affil-

iated with one of the clinic's satellites, said many doctors will not be surprised by the study's findings because parents are more knowledgeable about when antibiotics are best used.

"Even five years ago, explaining you don't need an antibiotic for a cold, I met skepticism or resistance," he said.

"Now, I am much more likely to encounter understanding or acceptance of the problem."

Sue Kamenick approach to her young son's illnesses changed after he participated in the study.

"I really question the doctors a lot more and make (them) aware I do not want an antibiotic unless absolutely needed," she said.

REUNION

Thirty-nine descendants of Samuel L. and Augusta Hull gathered for their annual reunion on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Salem Baptist Church.

Samuel Leonard and his father, Samuel Smith Hull, moved from the Colorado City area to the Salem community in 1906 to homestead and farm land in that area.

Samuel L. and Augusta had eleven children, all now deceased but the first cousins continue the tradition each year.

First cousins Helen Worthan, Clydena Garrett and Buford Hull were in attendance.

Travelling the farthest and also the oldest person there was Clydena, descendant of Clyde Hull, who came from Deming, N.M.

Youngest person there was Brandi Gutierrez, daughter of Adolph and Wyvett Gutierrez and granddaughter of Randy and Barbara Hull.

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Golf tournament

The Chicano Golf Association in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus is hosting its annual golf tournament. Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course at 10 a.m. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The format is a four-man scramble and the cost is \$30.

For more information call 264-7116 or call the golf course at 264-2366.

YMCA forming adult sports leagues

The YMCA is now accepting registration for several adult recreation leagues that are being formed for adults, age 18 and older. Volleyball and flag football leagues are planned with co-rec volleyball planned for play on Thursday evenings. Flag football is slated for Sunday afternoons. The registration deadline is Sept. 17. To register or for more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Little League fund-raising tournament

The International Little League organization of Big Spring has rescheduled its annual Co-ed Ragball fund-raising tournament for Friday. Originally scheduled for August, the fund-raising event had to be postponed and has been rescheduled for Friday and Saturday, starting at 6 p.m. with an hour-long sign-up session and play getting under way at 7. The cost is \$10 per person and a \$5 home-run derby will be held on Saturday. Food will be served and plenty of family fun is promised by league organizers. For more information, call 263-1945 or 756-2841.

PREP SLATE

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL
BIG SPRING — Idle.
COAHOMA — vs. Shallowater, 7:30 p.m.
FORSAN — at Garden City, 8 p.m.
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GRADY — Idle.
STANTON — vs. Reagan County 8 p.m.
SANDS — vs. Sanderson, 7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
BIG SPRING — at Lamesa Tournament (Friday-Saturday), TBIA.

SATURDAY

CROSS COUNTRY
BIG SPRING — at Seminole, 10 a.m.

TENNIS
BIG SPRING — vs. Andrews, 11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL
BIG SPRING — at Friendship, 2 p.m.

ON THE AIR

Radio
8:10 p.m. — Texas A&M Aggies at Wyoming Cowboys, KBST, 1490 AM, KBST.

Television
BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at Boston Red Sox, FAM, Ch. 6.
7 p.m. — Minnesota Twins at Texas Rangers, FSX, Ch. 29.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
6:30 p.m. — Indiana at N.C. State, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF
1 p.m. — PGA, Bell Canadian Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TENNIS
6 p.m. — U.S. Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, USA, Ch. 38.

Sampras beats Agassi in Open showdown

Marathon quarterfinal match seemed like a final for old foes

NEW YORK (AP) — Full house. Marquee matchup. U.S. Open.

And Pete Sampras played like a champ in what seemed like a U.S. Open final instead of a quarterfinal match.

Taking another huge step in his remarkable resurgence, Sampras edged longtime rival Andre Agassi 6-7 (7), 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5) in a quarterfinal thriller Wednesday night.

If there were any doubts that Sampras shook his yearlong slump with a victory Monday over Pat Rafter, he erased them with another poised, polished performance. And

Agassi was nearly his equal in their 32nd meeting.

The magnificent match lived up to the sort of hype only New York can generate, with both players at the top of their game for 3 hours and the difference between them thinner than racket string. In the end Sampras' serve was just too good and his composure too cool.

When it ended with an Agassi forehand error on match point, Sampras raised his arms in triumph. The two champions met at the net with smiles, a handshake and warm words to each other.

Sampras entered the Open with the No. 10 seeding, his lowest since winning the first of his record 13 Grand Slam championships in 1990. Now he's two victories from his fifth Open title.

On Friday, Sampras plays a former Open winner — No. 3-seeded Marat Safin — for the third round in a row. It's a rematch of last year's final, which Safin won in a rout, accelerating Sampras' slide into the slump from which he has just now emerged.

The women's final four Friday sports a stellar cast. The two best

players this year, Jennifer Capriati and defending champion Venus Williams, will meet in one semifinal. The other will pair two former champions, No. 10-seeded Serena Williams and No. 1 Martina Hingis.

Venus Williams, seeded fourth, advanced by winning a sloppy match against No. 5 Kim Clijsters 6-3, 6-1. Capriati, seeded second and bidding for her third Grand Slam title this year, beat No. 8 Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-4.

The men's junior division will stage a prime-time quarterfinal showdown Thursday when 21-year-old Australian Lleyton Hewitt plays New York's newest celebrity, 19-year-old American Andy Roddick. Hewitt advanced Wednesday by beating Tommy Haas 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-2.

But Sampras-Agassi will be tough to top. The match drew a sellout crowd of 23,033 at Arthur Ashe Stadium. The president's box overflowed, and even the skyboxes were full. VIPs included Agassi's shy girlfriend, Steffi Graf, who peered from around the corner of a suite. Even a wave couldn't taint the occasion.

There hadn't been a showdown like it in 32 years. Sampras and Agassi have won a combined 20 major titles, the most collective trophies in any Grand Slam men's match since Roy Emerson and Rod Laver — holders of 22 titles — played in the 1969 Open quarterfinals.

Sampras ended a three-match losing streak in the rivalry and extended his edge over Agassi to 18-14, including 3-0 at the Open. But the victory didn't come easily.

Both players dominated on their serve. During one stretch they went 22 games without a break point. In one game Sampras double-faulted three times, endured an unlucky bounce on a net cord and still held.

Squandered chances cost Sampras the first set. The No. 2-seeded Agassi fell behind 1-2, 0-40, but Sampras committed errors on the next three points. Those were his only break-point chances until the fourth set.

They pushed on to the first tiebreaker. Sampras held three set points at 6-3, but Agassi saved them all with a forehand winner, a service winner and a forehand.

Steers start district run

Big Spring starts District 4-4A play Saturday

After a 4-3 finish in District 4-4A last year, Sarah Corse has started her second year as head tennis coach for Big Spring High by watching her players set a blistering 3-1 pace with the team's only loss coming to Odessa Permian's Panthers at the start of the season.

"Hey, we're off to a solid start coming into our district schedule," Corse said

as she directed the team practice from the baseline, hitting practice shots to her players.

Big Spring opens its district schedule at home Saturday, hosting the Andrews Mustangs at 11 a.m. at the tennis center at Comanche Trail Park.

Corse has that teacher-like extra set of eyes in the back of her head. While she

was busy serving volleys and lobs to her rotating set of varsity players, she frequently took time to shout instructions to other players on the upper courts behind her, keeping the 20 or 30 tennis players focused on practice and improving.

Improving seems to be the key word for the Steers this season. With several seniors and underclassmen returning, Corse and her club seem determined to take the district title and make it to regionals. Two factors seem key for Big Spring this season: improvement from returning players like Lauren Chesworth and the addition of freshmen like Veronica Villarreal, the freshman sensation who has taken over at the No. 1 girls' singles spot, adding both wins and confidence for the Lady Steers squad that is led by senior captain April Ward.

Ward, a team captain who has stepped down to No. 2 singles, making room for Villarreal, said she feels confident that Big Spring can compete for the district title, partly because of the solid play of new comers like Villarreal.

"I feel pretty confident, going into the match because I feel like we'll make a strong showing and let people know we've come a long way," Ward said Tuesday afternoon. "I think we have a good chance to compete for the title



Sarah Corse

HERALD photo/Jeff Morris

As senior April Ward watches and waits to be next, Big Spring's Heather Parnell, who plays the No. 3 girls' singles, made a solid two-handed backhand shot during practice this week as the team prepared to host one of its biggest district rivals when Andrews comes to town Saturday, starting the District 4-4A season.

because our guys are really strong and our girls have really improved. All of our returning players have worked really hard over the summer and we've got a couple of freshmen who are already helping our team."

The Steers' other team captain, Alex Edgemon added, "We're very excited about starting the district schedule because we feel like we're going to win the district title this year. Our girls have gotten a lot better and our guys have continued to improve."

Perhaps the most improved players on the Steers' squad, according to coach Corse is sophomore Lauren Chesworth.

"We've got several kids who have improved, but Lauren is definitely our most improved player," Corse explained as she served to Chesworth and her mixed doubles players. "She has improved her whole game, but her mental game has come along the most. This year, she hates to lose. Last year, she might get behind in a match and then get down on herself and not finish the match strongly. But this year, she's fighting through every point, every game, every set. She seems to be determined to win the

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Leaf fails physical due to wrist injury

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Ryan Leaf never saw the welcome the Dallas Cowboys had planned for him. He failed a physical because of a wrist problem and remains one of the NFL's many unemployed veteran quarterbacks.

Leaf's name and the number 16 were written in black on a strip of white tape over a locker in the Cowboys' clubhouse Wednesday. Three pairs of shoes with 16 printed on the heel, a white practice jersey, a helmet and several unused hangars awaited him.

"It was an injury that concerned us enough that we couldn't make a decision to put him on the roster," Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones said. "I know he was disappointed. I don't know that he was surprised. There's no question he was surprised it would impact our decision as much as it did."

Jones said that after an initial evaluation discovered the problem, specialists were brought in to give it a further look. He declined to give any more specifics.

Leaf left the team's headquarters

without talking to reporters, ducking in the front seat of a van to avoid being photographed.

"Ryan was excited with the Cowboys opportunity and he couldn't be more disappointed about how it turned out," said David Dunn, Leaf's agent. "I think right now, we're going to explore all our options. The most important thing is his health and getting his wrist right."

Dunn said he hopes the two sides can strike a deal once Leaf is healthy.

"I think Ryan thinks the world of Jerry and the Cowboys organization. My feeling is Jerry feels the same way about Ryan," Dunn said.

Leaf, the second overall pick in 1998 draft, was waived by San Diego in March and by Tampa Bay on Monday. The status of his once promising career is in limbo.

The Cowboys were interested in Leaf as their third stringer behind rookie starter Quincy Carter and second year backup Anthony Wright. They were initially interested in Leaf in March, having con-

sidered him to replace Troy Aikman. But they couldn't afford him then.

In Tampa Bay, the wrist problem caused Leaf pain but only forced him to miss two practices, said Bucs coach Tony Dungy.

Finances were the reason the Buccaneers waived Leaf on Monday, Dungy said, adding that the team was willing to keep four quarterbacks.

"He did a good job for us," said Dungy, whose team plays Dallas in the season opener Sunday. "I think it's just a matter of getting in the right system and the right situation."

The Chargers made Leaf the second pick in the 1998 draft, behind Peyton Manning, but got only four wins in three seasons — including a season missed because of an injured throwing shoulder. He was waived in March.

Sasa injury forces UW offensive line shake-up
LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming will shuffle its offensive

line for Thursday's game with Texas A&M after an injury shelved a starting guard.

Sophomore left guard Rano Sasa suffered a broken hand in the first series in the Cowboys' 20-14 win over Furman. He played the rest of the game.

"To play the game one-handed was a very courageous performance," UW coach Vic Koenning said. "He pass-protected with one hand many times."

Doctors placed a pin in Sasa's hand and Koenning is hoping he'll return for the Sept. 15 game at Kansas.

"Now we roll the dice with some people and shake them up to see whose name comes up to go in," the coach said.

A key will be whether junior left tackle Adam Goldberg can play. He has mononucleosis and might not be cleared until just before kickoff.

If he can go, senior Bill Bullert will start at right tackle, while juniors Rob Kellerman and Henry Randle will play guard and junior Mike Irvin will be the center.

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Refs have one day to mull new NFL offer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL Referees Union has a day to consider a new offer by the league before replacements are assigned to work the opening week of the regular season.

The NFL increased its offer to the locked-out officials Wednesday but rejected a call by the union for arbitration in a meeting that lasted just a half-hour.

Then union negotiator Tom Condon flew home to Kansas City. He was due to discuss the offer in a conference call late Wednesday night with the union's four-member executive committee — Ed Hochuli, Bill Carollo, Jeff Bergman and Ben Montgomery.

The NFL offer includes a 60 percent increase in salaries this year, compared with the 40-percent jump in the NFL's last offer. But the rest of the package remains the same, with officials' salaries doubled by 2003.

Even the new offer is far below what the union has demanded.

League spokesman Greg Aiello said the league had to know the union's response by Thursday in order to make plans for the weekend.

"We hope the membership will consider it and respond favorably," Aiello said.

Hochuli, the association's president, told Fox Sports that he believed the board would reject the offer and the replacement officials would work this weekend.

Messages left for Hochuli by The Associated Press had not been returned.

Last week, the league locked out its officials, who have been without a contract since March. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the NFL didn't want to start the season without a contract, which would allow officials to walk off the field at any time.

Last week's final exhibitions were worked with replacements, most from college.

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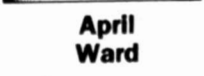
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But how did she get better and why?

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Chesworth, Edgemon, Ward and their teammates start their district run Saturday when Andrews visits Big Spring for a full slate of varsity, junior varsity and freshman action, starting at 11 a.m.



April Ward



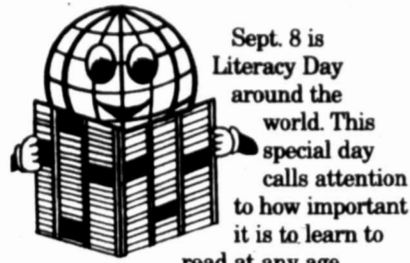
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By BETTY DEBNAM

How to Read for What You Need!

Go for the Info



Sept. 8 is Literacy Day around the world. This special day calls attention to how important it is to learn to read at any age.

The word "literacy" means the skills of reading, writing, speaking and thinking.

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Keep this chart. Put a check in the box the first time you practice one of these skills. Try them all.

Before you read:

- Think about:
 - what you already know about a topic.
 - what your purpose is for reading.
 - questions you want answered.
- Skim the book with a quick "book look." Look at:
 - pictures
 - captions
 - chapter titles
 - headings and sub-headings
 - index
 - glossary

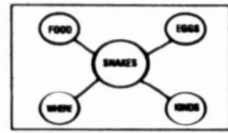


While you read:

- Create pictures in your mind.
- Stop and question yourself about the main ideas.
- To figure out a word, think: Does it sound right, look right or make sense ...
- Put a "sticky" note or bookmark to remind you where you found important facts.
- Reread and make certain you understand.

After reading:

- Draw a picture about what you have learned.
- Tell someone in your own words what you have learned.
- Go back and check your facts. (Sticky notes and bookmarks help.)
- Organize the information into a graphic.
- Read other sources for more information.



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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Edgerrin James

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Edgerrin James can really run. He is a star running back for the Indianapolis Colts. He joined the team in 1999. In his first season he ran for more than 1,000 yards in a season. His efforts helped the team win the division title.

Last year he did even better. He ran for 1,709 yards and scored 18 touchdowns.

He was also a star player in college and holds several school records.

Edgerrin was born in Immokalee, Fla. He has a foundation that helps underprivileged children and families. He is single and lives in Indianapolis.

Go letter to letter and color.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe Back-to-School Cookies

You'll need:

- 3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups oats
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (6-ounce) package chocolate chips

What to do:

1. In a large bowl, combine butter or margarine and brown sugar until smooth and creamy.
2. Stir in egg, milk and vanilla. Mix well.
3. In a medium bowl, combine oats, flour, baking soda and salt. Mix well.
4. Stir dry mixture into mixture in large bowl. Mix well.
5. Stir in chips. Mix well.
6. Drop by tablespoonfuls several inches apart on a greased baking sheet.
7. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 9 to 11 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess what the theme or category is?

Tom: What does a slice of toast wear to bed?
Teresa: Jammies!

Richard: What is the difference between the sun and a loaf of bread?
Betty: One rises in the yeast, and the other sets in the west!

Winton: Why did the baker hurl an insult at the bread?
Joy: To get a rise out of it!

Reading for Info TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of reading are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: NEWSPAPER, ENCYCLOPEDIA, SCIENCE, DICTIONARY, BIOGRAPHY, DIRECTIONS, MAP, SIGNS, BOOK, WEB SITE, ADS, POSTER, LETTER, GUIDE.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are reading in class. See if you can find: • football • key • ruler • knife • man in the moon • letter L • umbrella • muffin • sock • letter A • carrot • number 8 • cat • letter D • pencil • leaf

How to Be a Word Detective

LOOK THROUGH YOUR NEWS-PAPER FOR EXAMPLES OF THESE TYPES OF WORDS AND WORD PARTS.

When you are reading for information, or any reason, you might need some help+ful hints. Look care-fully at a word you might not know. Then look to see if you might know a part of it. Some+times we add just a few letters to a word to change the mean+ing. Here are a few poems to help you remember these important little word "chunks" that make a big difference.

Prefixes are always winning. Because you find them at the beginning.

RE + BUILD = REBUILD

Remember this when you word-attack. Suffixes always come at the back.

WORK + ER = WORKER

Prefixes are letters with meaning: "re" means again

- "un" means not: un + lucky = unlucky
- "pre" means before: pre + view = preview
- "tele" means from afar: tele + phone = telephone

Prefixes are always winning.

- sing + er = singer
- snow + y = snowy
- hope + less = hopeless
- hope + ful = hopeful
- kind + ness = kindness

Compound words are usually made up of two. Different words are joined so that only one will do!

FARM + ING = FARMING

COW + BOY = COWBOY

home + work = homework
play + ground = playground
foot + ball = football
sun + light = sunlight
over + board = overboard

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite. Such as up and down, or flabby and fit.

LOVE-HATE

LOVE-ADORE

LOVE ADORE

angry-mad **seek-hunt**
fast-quick **money-funds**

Next week's Mini Page is all about how to settle differences.

Homophones are words that sound just alike, but have different spellings, such as "right" and "write."

NIGHT - KNIGHT

pair-pale **sole-sell**
rain-rain **deer-deer**

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Write down any thoughts or ideas as soon as you can. Good information is in your dreams, as well. A friend appreciates being used as a sounding board. Use your lunch break to get some important errands done. If you can, take a walk at the same time. Tonight: Follow a roommate's lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Just because someone might be vague with instructions doesn't mean you should discard his request. Instead, express your good will, ask questions and verify that this person wants. Make phone calls as well as returning calls. The workday ends with a smile. Tonight: Join a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might not totally grasp what another is sharing. Could you be blocking the information on some level while not wanting to deal with the ramifications? Use your fine-tuned skills to enhance your investments rather than spending your cash, which happens easily. Tonight: Do something very special for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An associate or someone you deal with regularly means well, but presently doesn't grasp the whole situation. Be kind

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and listen, but don't run with any of this person's suggestions. A meeting proves to be most influential. Network and brainstorm. Tonight: Out with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Another's mixed message forces you to decipher this person's real meaning. Trust that the vagueness isn't intentional, but rather it is the result of this person's confusion. Assume your natural role as a leader. Be a role model for someone as you clear out work. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) At a distance. Confirm plans. Clearing out your work could take talent, as something new seems to appear every time you think you're done. Getting together with others in the afternoon is a good way to start the weekend. Tonight: Escape the here and now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Continue the process of dealing with a child or key project. You can be sure you are missing an important detail. Recognize what is happening behind the scenes. A partner sees a situation differently. Together you can create the whole picture. Tonight: With your favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Build on existing ties. Network and make an extra effort toward associates. Ultimately, you find this time well spent. You might not be seeing a personal matter clearly. Put it behind you during the day. Later on, more will be revealed. Tonight: Socialize to your heart's content.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't worry about what you "think" you are hearing; you are hearing it. Don't allow your mind to work overtime when trying to complete a project. Concentrate on one thing at a time. Schedule a long-overdue checkup. Tonight: Mosey on out the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Double-check facts and figures. A careless mistake could prove to be most costly. Don't create a problem for yourself. Once you are sure of yourself,

allow your imagination to take over. You discover that anything is possible if you jump past a self-imposed restriction. Tonight: Begin the weekend in style.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Without the slightest intention, you drive someone crazy, as you are so difficult to pin down. Understand this person's frustration. If possible, work on a more grounded level. Realize that what might be an asset to you is a limitation to another. Check on an investment from both perspectives. Tonight: Rest up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't sabotage yourself by reading too much into a statement. Check in with key friends and associates before calling it a day. Your friendly ways help others open up. A new associate might be thinking about more than business! Tonight: Flirt all you want!

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Prayer ritual has family and guests uncomfortable

Dear Ann Landers: My lovely daughter is married to a nice man. They have three children. Her husband, "John," is deeply religious. He has a ritual prayer session that he expects everyone to take part in, including guests and grandparents. If guests seem reluctant, John demands that they participate. He says those who don't join in are not showing respect for him and his home.

My husband and I feel very uncomfortable with this. We participated the first time John asked us to, but we don't want to do it again. I told John that he has every right to conduct this little ceremony while we are present, but he should leave us out of it. He became very angry and said we will not be welcome in his home, unless we agree to participate.

Our grandchildren are important to us, Ann, and so is our daughter. We want to be part of their lives. Is it necessary for us to go along with our son-in-law's religious ritual? -- Feeling Pressured in Idaho

Dear Pressured: No one has the right to demand that others participate in religious rituals. If you are barred from your son-in-law's home because of your refusal to do this, invite the others to YOUR home, but by no means should you bend to your son-in-law's outrageous demands. P.S. Trying to reason with a religious fanatic is useless. Don't waste your time and energy.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been friends with "Suzanne" for 25 years. She and her husband live in another state, and I visit them a few times a year and stay in their home. (I'm divorced, with grown children.)

I recently became acquainted with a man who lives in the same city as Suzanne. We met on the Internet and had spoken on the phone several times. I arranged to meet him for dinner the next time I was in town. Suzanne seemed delighted that I had a date. That evening, she had another couple over for dinner while I waited to be picked up. In front of all of us, Suzanne said, "Now, young lady, make sure you are home at a decent hour. Don't even think about staying out all night, or you will find your stuff on the front porch."

I assumed Suzanne was kidding and laughed it off. When I returned a few hours later, I asked her about the comment. She said, "I meant it. This is MY house, and while you are staying here, you will do as I say." I informed Suzanne that I was an adult and perfectly capable of handling my own love life. I told her if she put my stuff on the front porch, that would be the end of our friendship. She replied, "If that's the way you want it, fine with me."

Ann, I am not a slut. I do not sleep around. I have never given Suzanne any reason to make such an

insulting statement, especially in front of complete strangers. I'm so angry I can't see straight. I resent being treated like a child and have no intention of staying at her house again. Am I overreacting? -- Adult in the Midwest

Dear Midwest Adult: Suzanne was wrong to question your morals in front of company and threaten to put your clothes on the front porch.

Can it be that Suzanne was envious because you had a date? It sounds as if the green-eyed monster may have taken over and clouded her judgment. Please give her the benefit of the doubt, and don't let one thoughtless remark ruin a 25-year friendship.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married to "Luke" for seven years. This is a second marriage for both of us, and we each have teenage children from our previous marriages. Everything seemed to be going well, until recently.

I just discovered that my mother-in-law gave my husband a gift of \$10,000, which he put into a separate account and didn't tell me about. I found out by accident when I saw a bank statement. Luke makes very good money and handles our family finances. I also make decent money and deposit my paychecks into our joint checking account. We have a joint savings account as well, but Luke has several other accounts that he says he needs for his business. I do not have access to these business accounts.

We do not live lavishly. The amount of money we earn together should make our lifestyle quite comfortable, but somehow we are always strapped for cash. I suspect Luke is using my paycheck to cover our household bills and is putting his paycheck into an account to which I have no access. In other words, I think he is hiding money from me. What should I do about this? -- No Name, No City

Dear No Name, No City: Show Luke this column, and tell him the person who wrote this letter struck a chord with you because you seem to have the identical problem. Be low-key, not accusatory or confrontational. Ask him if he can help you feel more comfortable about the situation.

If Luke avoids the issue or you discover that he is indeed hiding money, I suggest you see a marriage counselor immediately, and ask Luke to go with you. You should also contact a lawyer to find out how to protect yourself financially and what steps to take in case Luke is making plans for a life that does not include you.

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"SOMEHOW, I KNEW IT WAS FROM YOU, DENNIS."

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"Daddy, what can I build with this brick?"

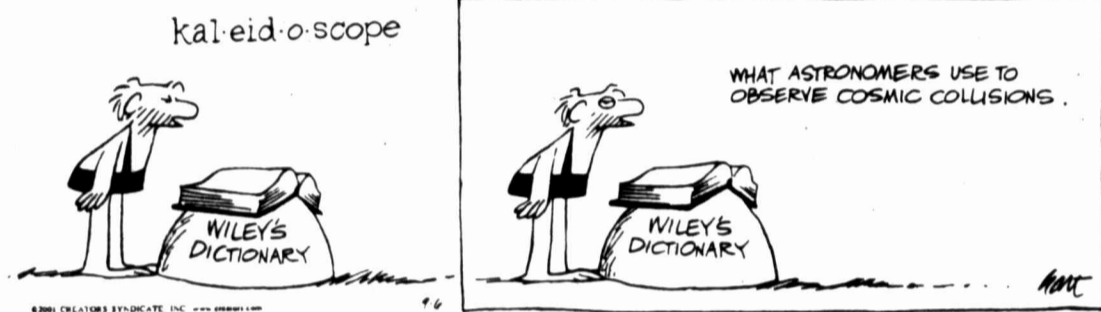
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2001. There are 116 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. McKinley, a Republican, died eight days later; he was succeeded by Vice President Theodore Roosevelt. On this date: In 1837, the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational. In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent word that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier. In 1939, South Africa declared war on Germany. In 1941, Jews over the age

of 6 in German-occupied areas were ordered to wear yellow Stars of David. In 1948, the coronation of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands was held. In 1952, Canadian television broadcasting began in Montreal. In 1966, South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd was stabbed to death by a deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town. In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three jetliners which were later blown up on the ground in Jordan after the passengers and crews were evacuated. In 1975, Czechoslovak tennis star Martina Navratilova, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum. In 1997, Britain bade farewell to Princess Diana with a funeral service at Westminster Abbey. Ten years ago: In the Soviet Union, the State Council, a new executive body composed of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and republic leaders, recognized the independence of the

Baltic states. Five years ago: The death toll from Hurricane Fran rose to 17 in Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas. Today's Birthdays: Comedian JoAnne Worley is 64. Country singer David Allen Coe is 62. Country singer Mel McDaniel is 59. Actress Swoozie Kurtz is 57. Comedian-actress Jane Curtin is 54. Rhythm-and-blues musician Claydes Smith (Kool & The Gang) is 53. Country musician Joe Smyth (Sawyer Brown) is 44. Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 43. Actor-comedian Michael Winslow is 41. Rock musician Perry Bamonte (The Cure) is 41. Actor Steven Eckholdt is 40.

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