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September 17, 2003

### WEATHER

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### **UW tickets on sale**

Tickets for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County luncheon rally are now on

The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the First United Methodist Church Garret Hall, 400 Scurry. Guest speaker is Don Maynard, a former New York Jets wide receiver, NFL Hall of Famer and Colorado City high school graduate.

Tickets are \$10 a piece and can be purchased at the United Way office, 808 Scurry St., or at the Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St.

### **ANNUAL BOOK SALE SET**

The Friends of the Library annual book sale will be held Friday through Sunday at the Howard County Library, 500. S. Main.

Hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Materials will be priced depending on four categories - new hardbacks, \$3; other hardbacks, videos and CDs, \$1; paperbacks, 50 cents, and children's books, 10 cents.

In addition, a "grab bag" of romance novels is priced at \$1.

### Foster parents needed

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

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For more information becoming foster/adoptive family, please contact Children's Protective Services office at 263 9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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# Citizen says cut law enforcement to balance budget

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Can Howard County sacrifice law enforcement in the name of economics?

That was the question posed by one resident during Tuesday afternoon's public hearing on the proposed Howard County 5-cent tax hike. Dave Ring, pastor at First United Methodist Church, proposed the slimming down of the Howard County Sheriff's Office payroll as an economic answer to the proposed increase, which is 5 cents per \$100 valuation over the effective tax rate.

"Our county's primary law enforcement entity is the Howard County Sheriff's Office, and unincorporated Howard County has a population of 8,400, about a third of the city,"

"I'm suggesting that you reject the tax increase and force the sheriff's office to reassess its budget..."

Dave Ring, local pastor

said Ring. "Both law enforcement agencies have approximately the same manpower strength, and that seems a little odd. The present manpower strength of both departments was established many decades ago, and the population has decreased in both entities.

The law enforcement strength has maintained itself."

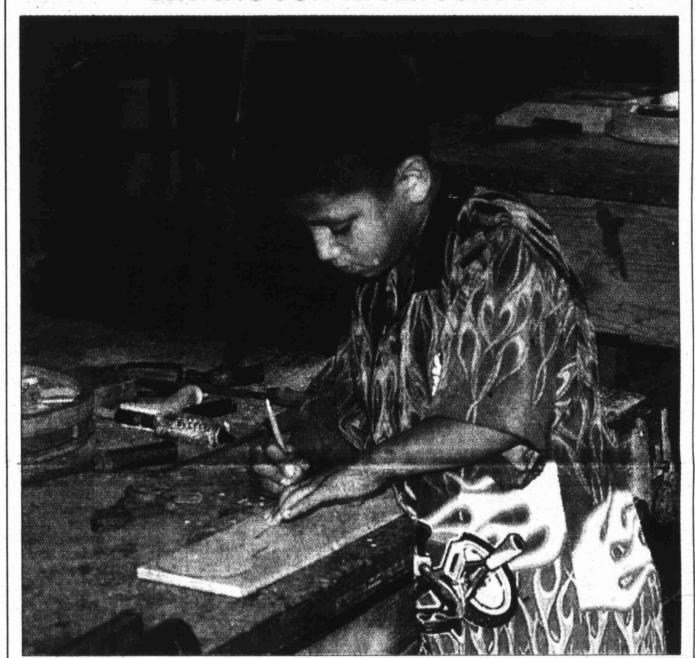
Ring said he compared the number of citizens per officer for both the police department and sheriff's office, coming up with a per capita ratio.

'Then do the same for Ector County and Odessa City, and for Midland County and Midland city's departments, you're going to find mathematically that we're supporting two times the number of law enforcement officers that either of the other two cities of size in the Permian Basin support.

"I'm suggesting that you reject the tax increase and force the sheriff's office to

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## HAVING FUN AFTER SCHOOL



Adam Guzman, a fourth grade student at Moss Elementary, works on making a wooden guitar at the Big Spring Boys Club. Guzman is one of many area youths that take advantage of the Boys Club's after-school activities.

# **POW-MIA**

# Observance set Friday evening at local memorial

By BILL MCCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee is seeing to it that those who should never be forgotten won't be.

POW-MIA Recognition Day is Friday and the committee will be hosting a brief ceremony at 8 p.m. at the Big

Vietnam Spring Memorial.

"We will be honoring the men and women who were POWS and were fortunate enough to return and the MIAs who have not yet returned," said Don Boling, Texas State

POW-MIA committee chair for the Texas Veterans

Vietnam Association. honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., as well as those victims of United Airlines Flight 93 that sacrificed themselves in thwarting the

"We've been doing that for the past couple of years and we want

efforts of hijackers that day.

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# Coahoma sixth grader sings her way to the top during Expo

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A budding 11-year-old Coahoma singer proved to be unstoppable at the Permian Basin Fair and Expo last weekend. Biança Manchas, a

Elementary Coahoma sixth-grader, blew away the audience with her rendition of country singer Martina McBride's "Broken Wing," winning the fair's talent show con-

Although the young singer has given a number of public performances, this is her first

cash prize contest win, said her mother, Gloria Jimenez.

Manchas' musical repertoire ranges from county/western to R&B and pop genera and she lists Whitney Houston and Celion Dion among her role models.

"I think they sing about great news, not just all bad," Manchas said.

"And she likes to hit the high notes," her mother added.

The fourth child out of six, Manchast began singing in front of others at age 3, often drawing an

"She would do it in front of everybody," Jimenez said. "They (her daughters) sing for everyone who comes over."

Jimenez said her daugh-

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Eleven-year-old Bianca Manchas poses with the overall Permian Basin Fair and Expo talent contest trophy. The young singer won the contest last week with her rendition of country singer Martina McBride's "Broken Wing."



# Youngster struck by vehicle near school zone

Tuesday's accident has law enforcement personnel urging mototists to be cautious

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A 10-year-old boy sustained only minor injuries Tuesday afternoon, after being struck by a car near Washington Elementary on Birdwell Lane.

According to Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Roger Sweatt, the child, who's name was not available at press time, stepped off the curb

and into oncoming traffic. "It appears the young man had left school, and he stepped off the curb into the street, and into the

"Kids, when they get out of school especially, don't look everywhere because they're excited to get out and ready to get home, and they're liable to walk out in front of a car while they're not paying attention."

path of a vehicle that was headed north on Birdwell," said Sweatt. The driver of the vehicle just didn't have enough time to stop. He was braking when the collision occurred, but he wasn't able

to come to a complete stop. "It caused some injuries to the child, and damage to the vehicle.

It doesn't appear the child sustained any life-threatening injuries. He was taken to the hospital to get looked over, and his parents were notified so they could take a look at him up there and make sure he was all right."

Sweatt said speed was not a contributing factor to the acci-

dent.

"It appears the traffic was such that he couldn't really swerve much, so he just did the best he could," said Sweatt. "The accident didn't take place within the school zone, so he wasn't under the 20 mile-per-hour speed limit, and he didn't appear to be going to fast. Speed was not a factor in the accident."

While the boy was fortunate not to have been injured more seriously. Sweatt said drivers need to be vigilant of their speed

# **Obituaries**

Guadalupe D. Martinez

Guadalupe D. Martinez, 72, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

# Support groups

**THURSDAY** 

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

☐ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

☐ The Alzheimer's Association, Star Chapter-West Texas Region, Caregiver's Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home (chapel), 1809 N. Hwy 87. The support group is open to anyone providing long-term caregiving (regardless of the specific diagnosis) and is provided free of charge. For more information contact Janet Cross, Program coordinator, at 800-682-1174.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** 

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

### MONDAY

☐ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospite at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

# Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. .

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon. Thursday night... Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the mid 80s.

# Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-12-19-20-36.

Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday

night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-10-32. Bonus Ball: 9. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$200,000.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-8-9

All announcements to the Sunday Life! section are free of charge. Call the Herald office for more details, 263-7331

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# Police blotter

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

· SHANNA AUTRY, 42, of Tyler, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication, two local warrants and two capias warrants.

· RUBEN CISNEROS, 27, of 1113 Lloyd Street, was arrested Thursday on a charges of failure to Identify and consumption of alcohol after 2 a.m.

· BOBBY DIAZ, 21, of 1111 Ridgeroad, was arrested Thursday on a charges of minor in consumption, consumption of alcohol after 2 a.m. and two capias warrants.

 AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT was reported Friday in the south-central portion of Big Spring. According to police reports, a five year old female reported that an adult known to her had touched her in an inappropriate manner within the last several weeks. The investigation is under the direction of Det.

· BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Harding. Drugs/narcotics valued at \$98.81 were reported stolen.

 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky

· BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of E. Third Street.

# Sheriff's report

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

· ROSALINDA FLORES, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a charge of

· RODNEY WAYNE TUBBS, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a charge of theft.

· JIM CANTU, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the Big Spring Police Department on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

· DAVID WEST, JR., 39, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

 SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 4100 block of N. County Road 25.

· RECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the area of the 189 mile-marker of the Interstate Highway 20 South Service Road.

# Take note

☐ The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home is holding an open house at the home's Alzheimer's-care wing Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p,m. Staff members will be conducting tours of the facili-

Live entertainment will be provided by musician Clint Brown. There will also be door prizes, the grand opening of the home's gift shop and various wings at the home will receive new names. The public is invited to attend.

☐ The Texas Cooperative Extension in Howard County is offering a food manager certification training course. This two-day program will be offered on Nov. 12-13 at the Howard County Library. Classes will start at 8 a.m. on each day. You must register before Oct. 21. The cost is \$79 and includes training, materials, and the safe food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

☐ A FUND HAS BEEN set up to help defray medical costs for Heidrun Meiser who underwent cancer surgery. The account is at American State Bank, P.O. Box 271, Big Spring 79720. The bank's physical address is 1411 Gregg.

☐ A FUND HAS BEEN established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

☐ A CANCER FUND HAS been set up at First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, in Big Spring for long-time Forsan resident Clarence Williams.

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

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# **Bulletin board**

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Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Bus trip to CARES Commission hearing in El Paso, leaves at 1 p.m. from the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot, 1001 Birdwell Lane. For more information or to make a reservation and take advantage of motel group rates, call or visit the Chamber of Commerce at (432) 264-7641 or 215 W. Third St.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m. Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster St.

**FRIDAY** 

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

**SATURDAY** 

Memory Walk, 8:30 a.m., Comanche Trail Park, Old Settler's Pavilion.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church fund-raiser, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Homemade enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, drink, dessert. Plates \$5 for adults, \$4 children. Eat in or carry out. Also available: gorditas and chalupas, \$2.50, tamales for \$5 a dozen. Order tamales by calling 268-1506.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry, noon until?, \$7 a plate, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m, 263-2084.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m., for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First Street.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

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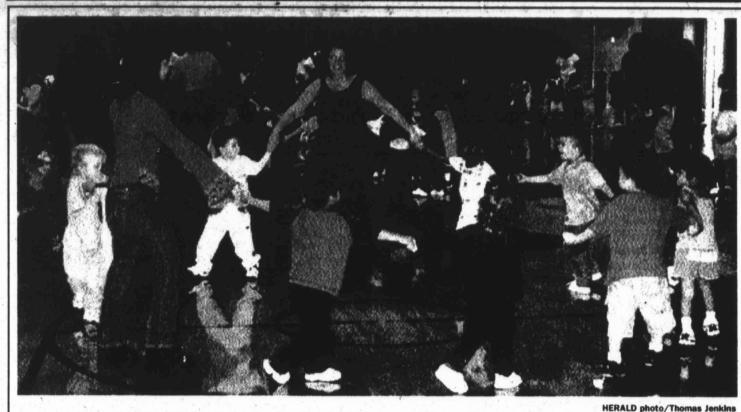
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Jackie Smith's 3-4 year old class at Lakeview Headstart helps celebrate Diez-y-Seis during a program Tuesday morning

# STATE BRIEFS

AUSTIN (AP) — Congressional redistricting has emerged from the House, but the contentious measure remains far from the homestretch.

in the school's auditorium. Children danced the "La Raspa" as part of the celebration.

After a 76-43 vote early Wednesday morning, the measure was adopted in the Texas House. The bill next goes across the rotunda to the Senate, where it will likely be rejected in favor of their own map.

For the third time this summer, the House approved the map sponsored by Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, that would likely give Texas Republicans an edge over Democrats in Congress.

"This is political gerrymandering at new heights at an unprecedented level," said Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio.

King maintained that his map was fair and did not dilute minority districts.

The GOP is battling for domination of the 32-member Texas delegation in Congress. Democrats hold a 17-15 advantage, but Republicans — urged on by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land say existing congressional boundaries don't allow for election of members of Congress who reflect the state's increasingly GOP voting patterns.

A federal court drew Texas' congressional districts after state lawmakers failed to do so in 2001, leaving open the possibility that the districts could be redrawn by the Legislature.

King's map would give Texas Republicans as many as 21 seats in Congress.

AUSTIN (AP) — A senior Senate Republican suggested Tuesday that hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines assessed against the 11 Democrats who broke quorum should be forgiven so that the body could focus on the business of another special session on congressional redistricting.

"The important thing is to do away with (the fines) and get back to work," said Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, who chairs the Senate Administration Committee and ranks third among Senate Republicans in seniority.

Harris' panel endorsed stripping future quorum busters of their Senate seniority rights, which include premium office and parking spaces and senior status in who acts as governor for a day, a mostly ceremonial position.that issue will be discussed.

AUSTIN (AP) — The president of the League of Women Voters of Dallas said Tuesday that state environmental regulators need to ensure that rules for a planned low-level radioactive waste site in West Texas provide for the protection of public health, safety and of the environment.

Susybelle Gosslee made her comments at a hearing at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The Texas Legislature approved a bill last spring

that allows for the creation of two privately-run waste disposal facilities licensed by the state. One would handle waste under a compact between Texas, Vermont and Maine, although Maine has since dropped out of the compact.

A separate but adjacent facility would take U.S. Department of Energy waste.

## SINGER

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ter has received some interest from professionals in the music field. She plans to continue to

encourage her daughter as long as she shows an interest in music.

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## **CAUTION**

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not only in school zones, but in the areas around them.

We recommend you slow down before the school zone starts," said Sweatt. "You see people doing it all the time. They will go 30 or maybe a couple of miles-per-hour over until they hit the school zone, and that's when they start slowing down. The speed limit doesn't say the speed limit starts here, but we'll give you a break and you can slow down later on.

"If the speed limit is 20 miles-per-hour, then it's 20 miles-per-hour where the sign is and where the flashing light is. The best practice is to slow down considerably before you get to the marked school zone."

If the idea of possibly striking a child with your

vehicle isn't enough to get you to slow down, Sweatt said the hefty fines should do the trick.

"Once you get into a school zone, they increase quite a bit because of the seriousness of someone speeding through a school zone," said Sweatt. "Kids, when they get out of school especially, don't look everywhere because they're excited to get out and ready to get home, and they're liable to walk out in front of a car while they're not paying atten-

"Very few times a day do they think about the fact it takes a car a lot longer to stop than it takes them, so that's part of the reason the fines and court costs are so much more.'

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

## **POW-MIA**

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to continue doing that," Boling said. "We're going to continue to honor those that gave their lives as a result of the cowardly, murderous actions of a bunch of terrorists.

The public is invited to participate. There will be a short observance, reading of the POW-MIA prayer and a candle lighting ceremony. People are invited to bring their own

candles.

"We hope that by doing this at 8 p.m., instead of 7 p.m. as we have in the past, that the candle lighting ceremony will have a better effect," explained Boling, who is vice president of the Big Spring VMC and president of the Vietnam Veterans Association local chapter.

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## COUNTY

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reassess its budget, or alternatively, let you go ahead and take everything the sheriff has asked you to do, including a new jail, and force a tax election, and thereby allow the citizens of Howard County the chance to express for themselves how much or how little law enforcement they are willing to

pay for." Ring said he believed the crime rate had fallen in Howard County, making the cuts to the sheriff's office even more plausible.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker disagreed, saying a reduction in manpower for his office would be counter productive, especially when considering the number of position cut-backs that have already been made.

"If crime rates are lower now, then it would be my view that it's because more criminals are in jail," said Walker. "We've also increased our visibility with patrols, and that has had a dramatic effect on the crime rate as well. To come forward now and say we need to cut our manpower because the crime rate is lower just doesn't make sense.

"The Howard County

an excellent job of protecting the community, have been doubled up. meaning many officers are doing two people's jobs without the benefit of extra pay. Our civil and warrant departments

need to be able to concentrate on those issues. We also have a deputy in Coahoma that teaches D.A.R.E. classes in

the schools, WALKER and still has patrol duties. Until we have the manpower to get those departments running the way they should. we won't be able to do those duties the way they should be done for the cit-

izens of Howard County." Walker said Ring's appraisal of the Howard County Sheriff's Offices' current manpower is inaccurate when done at a per capita rate using 8,400 as the population, considering the sheriff's depart-

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and I'm extremely proud ing into account that the we no longer have coming or stayed the same for of them. Many positions Howard County Sheriff's within the department Office provides law enforcement for both the county and every city and municipality within its borders," said Walker. "The majority of the civil papers and warrants we serve as part of our duties are right here, within the

city limits.

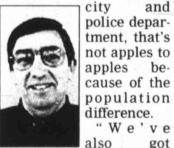
"I strongly question Mr. Ring's per capita assessment of the Sheriff's Department. I think if he'll factor in the entire area we serve, which is the entire county, including Big Spring, then he'll see we're not overstaffed. In fact, when you look at the numbers in that manner, we're actually undermanned."

The Howard County Sheriff's Office employs 38 people, including 13 commissioned law officers, including Walker, 16 jailers and jail staff and nine administrative and support staff.

County Howard Commissioner Jerry Kilgore expressed concern over the idea of cutting law enforcement in

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"He's obviously not tak-million dollars of income down, and dropped down ed to us that we have no control over that have hit us this year," said Kilgore. "Even comparing what we've got here to Midland or Odessa, that and



cause of the population difference. "We've also got about 35,000 popu-

lation in the entire county, and we've got over 10 percent that are criminals that have either been convicted and are in jail, or out on probation, which is an awful high num-

Kilgore said this year's tax increase was a long time in coming, taking into consideration the continuously increasing cost of operations to the county. "In 1995, about eight

years ago, the tax rate was higher than it is at

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this present point," said "I can quote you over a Kilgore. "We've kept it it bit us this year. It's going up this year, but right now it's lower than at the highest point eight years ago."

The proposed 5-cent increase, which is a 7.642cent increase over last year's rate of 47.358 cents, still leaves commissioners with an estimated \$900,000 budget shortfall for the coming year. Howard County commissioners will vote on the tax rate during their Sept. 29 meeting.

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# OUR VIEWS

# Let's be sure and keep this fire a blazing

fire has been started and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department is asking your help in keeping it burning. Volunteer firefighters have begun a mail-out fund-raising campaign with the goal of purchasing a new fire truck. That's where the public comes in.

Firefighters need \$23,000 to match a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for a new pumper-tanker truck. The \$23,000 seems daunting, but not when compared to the actual cost of the truck, which is \$223,000. The vehicle is designed to be able to carry and pump large volumes of water — a vital resource for combating fires out in the county.

While the primary purpose of the truck is obviously to help firefighters battle fires, there is a secondary benefit. Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said the truck will actually cause the cost of fire insurance to be lowered, saving homeowners \$1,000 to \$1,500 over a 10-year period.

At the moment, firefighters have targeted county residents who live outside the Big Spring city limits — those residents who would benefit most from the new truck. However, it seems to us that the vehicle would benefit everyone. After all we're all in Howard County and all neighbors, at

So if you haven't received a mail-out but would still be interested in helping out, be assured your gift would be well appreciated. Checks can be made out to "Truck Fund" and mailed to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 2877, Big Spring, 79721.

Our volunteer fire department is among the best at putting out fires. In this case, let's help them keep one going. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us enjoy the world that you have created for us, Lord, and to remember to enjoy it with

# The first woman in Wrangler Jeans

had a great visit with Berva Dawn Taylor in Doole, Texas, the other day. Her husband Dan was sitting on the tailgate of his pickup when I drove up to their place. Their

young grandkids were buzzing around on gocarts.

Dan and Berva Dawn are rodeo royalty. They've both done just about everything there is to do in the sport. Dan works Berva Dawn grew up being called Bummy,



was always bumming around with

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older. "I didn't know I had a name until I went to the first grade," says Berva Dawn. "I was going to get a belt with my name on it and I thought it would be Bummy. But my mother told me I had a pretty

her brothers and sisters, who were

name." Berva Dawn is an Indian name meaning a beautiful flower unfolding in the morning light. "My mother had an Indian woman working on the place when I was born and she helped name

She grew up on a ranch in Idaho.

"It was about 90 thousand acres. Every once in while our horses would get out and head for the Tetons. We had a real job getting them back. We had plenty of wells. Water was just seventeen feet deep and came out freezing cold because it came from ice caves underground. We used to skip school and go to those ice caves and have a picnic."

Berva Dawn became an excellent horse rider. She rode her horse Dobber bareback with no bridle. She'd climb on that horse and ride full speed to her friend's house two miles away.

Her father J. C. (Doc) Sorensen had the Flying U Rodeo Company and produced rodeos all over the western United States. In Salt lake City, Berva Dawn rode in her first grand entry when she was four years old.

In 1949, Berva Dawn was chosen as a Sponsor Girl for the Madison

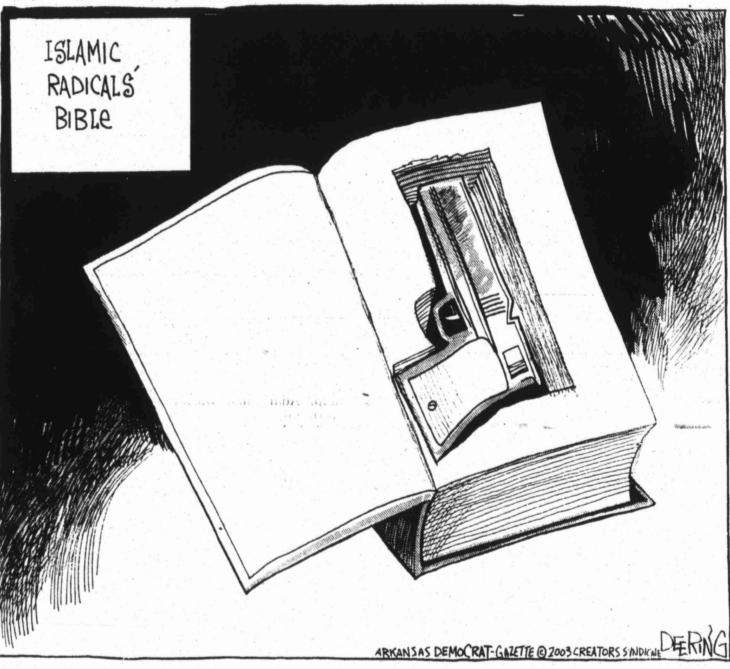
Square Garden rodeo in New York City. The team consisted of girls from western states and notables like Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. They appeared at events and were interviewed on radio and television to promote rodeo.

One of Berva Dawn's job as a sponsor girl was to ride a thoroughbred horse in a race at Rockingham Park in New Jersey. She rode a jockey saddle and wore silks. Her riding skills impressed everyone in the stands.

Another job she had was to model at style shows. She dragged a mink coat down the runway of Saks Fifth Avenue.

Berva Dawn spent a lot of time at the ice skating rink at the garden. She became an excellent skater and grew to love the sport of hockey.

A master tailor named Rodeo Ben made clothing for many rodeo stars. When Wrangler decided to make a line of jeans for women, the company chose Rodeo Ben to make them. He took Berva Dawn's measurements and created the first pair for her. She appeared in ads all over the country.



# Democrats' hope could be sinking with Joseph

ohn Kerry, the junior senator from Massachusetts who would be president, wants us to know that he's a war hero and George W. Bush isn't. This

week, Kerry formally announced his bid for the Democratic nomination using the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown as his backdrop. Kerry surrounded himself with some of the men he served with in Vietnam, where he earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. He then used the occa-



sion to launch an all-out assault on the integrity of the present Commander-in-Chief.

"George Bush's vision does not live up to the America I enlisted in the Navy to defend," Kerry told the crowd of supporters gathered at Patriot's Point, S.C. The line was meant to remind us that Bush served in the National Guard, while Kerry was busy dodging bullets on a gunboat in Vietnam. Kerry then went on to accuse the president of lying to the American people and of misleading the U.S. Congress about the war in Iraq.

The Democrats have a problem Americans aren't sure whether to trust them when it comes to defending the United States, and with good reason. Since the Vietnam War, the Democratic Party has become the Peace-at-Any-Cost Party. After September 11, 2001, this position became polit-

ically untenable, so some Democrats have tried to recast themselves as willing to defend the United States against its enemies. As a bona fide war hero. Kerry looked poised to assume the role as leader of the new, more hawkish Democratic pack - the party's only hope to challenge a successful wartime president,

Bush led the country through the horrific days after September 11 with remarkable strength and resolve. He drove the Taliban and much of al-Qaeda from Afghanistan. He organized a

worldwide effort to cut off funds to terrorist organizations and capture terrorist leaders. And he won the war in Iraq — even if he has not yet totally secured the peace there.

The only way the Democrats can beat this record is by convincing the American people that: a) it didn't happen; b) if it did happen, Bush had nothing to do with it; or c) it shouldn't have happened in the first place. The last argument seems to be Kerry's preferred explanation for the success of the war in Iraq.

Kerry is one of only 29 Democratic senators to vote for the latest war in Iraq - though he voted with the majority of his party against the 1991 Iraq war. "I voted to threaten the use of force to make Saddam Hussein comply with the resolutions of the United Nations," Kerry told the crowd in front of the USS Yorktown. It was an odd way of putting it - as if he voted only to threaten force, never intending to use. What's more, he claims he only voted that way because Bush deceived him. In

effect. Kerry says he was duped.

The last time a presidential candidate claimed to have been duped on something this important was in 1967, when Michigan Republican Gov. George Romney said he had been "brainwashed" by the military into supporting the war in Vietnam. The blunder took him out of contention for the presidential nomination. Perhaps it will do the same thing for John Kerry.

John Kerry can't have it both ways. If he wants to run as the genuine war hero, he can't run away from his own vote to support the war. If he wants to stand up for the soldiers who have defended this country, he can't claim the victories they secured in Afghanistan and Iraq are meaningless. And if he's going to accuse the Commander-in-Chief of lying, he better not lie to make his own

Kerry's campaign has been faltering badly in recent months. After a promising start, he's now behind in the polls and in fundraising. Not even a good aircraft carrier photo-op is likely to keep his campaign afloat. And if Kerry goes down, so does the hope that the Democrats will finally erase their image as the party of protestors, not warriors.

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Then you can spend the rest of the day reading your treasures. The last day for accepting books will be Thursday.

David Lipsky, writer for Rolling Stone, was made an irresistible offer by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Stay at the Academy as long as you like, go where you wish to, and speak to whomever you want to. Lipsky will discover why some of America's most promising young people sacrifice so much to become an officer in the United States Army.

"Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point" (355.0071 LIP D) by David Lipsky, you will find

out why. Ann Coulter, leading conservative pundit, has written her second grief to renewal with

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> sacrificing security. Read how she feels that liberals should leave the defense of the nation to the conservatives.

"Walking Forward Back" Looking (974.7104 LAB J) by John Labiola was the only person who took photographs inside the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. There are some haunting photographs and the text is appropriate to the occasion. The town of Middletown, Jersey lost more people in the World Trade Center collapse than any other outside New York City. Gail Sheehy, well known author, has written "Middletown, America: One Town's Passage from Trauma to Hope" (974.7104 SHE G). In it, she spent the better part of two years, walking the journey from community.

Following the surencased in guilt for surviving, when so many did not. This is an inspiring book to

Is it "woe is me" or "woe is I"? America's beloved grammarian, Patricia T. O'Connor has revisited her indispensable guide to the English language in "Woe is I: the Grammarphobe's Guide to Better English in Plain English" (428.2

Am I the only person who does not know who Tyrone Willingham is? Evidently, he is the coach at Notre Dame, who ignited the team after only winning five games in 2001.

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As one of the only four black coaches in Division 1-A football.

lege football. The title of the book is "Return vivor's who escaped to Glory" (796.3363 only to find them GRAN A) and the author is Alan Grant and while I am not a reader of football books, this one is going home with me.

> Howard Garrett (a.k.a Dirt Doctor) is a well known Texas gardener. In his new book, "Dear Dirt Doctor: Questions Answered the Natural Way" (635.0484 GAR H),

Howard answers those ever-present questions: how do I go organic in my garden; is synthetic fertilizer better than natural; and how do I control pests in my garden? This is a good, simple, down to earth book on gardening in Texas.

Only have a little money to invest? "Mad Cash: A First Timer's Guide to Investing \$30 to \$3,000" by Emmanuel he has staked his claim Modu will guide you in

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> Other great non-fiction books on our ney shelves for your pleasure: "Last of the Old-Time-(364.1092 TAN K) by Karen Holliday Tanner; "I'm Not Slowing Down" (616.716 RIC A) by Ann Richards; "A Texas Ranger" (917.6404 JEN N) by N.A. Jennings; and "The Only Grant Writing Book You'll Ever Need" (658.15 KAR

We have also received some new fiction: "Mary Magdalene" by Margaret George: "Deafening" by Frances Itani; and "The Distance from Normandy" by Jonathan Hull, a story of a grandfather, troubled grandson and

E) by Ellen Karsh.

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on writing a simple will. Written by attor-Denis Clifford, they have simple, easily understood forms or Outlaws". instructions on how to write a will, either for you or someone else. The titles are "Nolo's Simple Will Book" (346.7305 CLI D) and "Quick and Legal Will Book" (346.7305 CLI D). Remember, though, if you have children or extensive holdings. your best bet is to consult a competent

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The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The Library is located at 500 Main St.

The phone number is 264-2260.

The website The library has many www.howard. county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog is on line; the email address hmccright@hot-18

# Vision problems can make school difficult

By REBECCA COOK

Associated Press Writer SEATTLE (AP) — Adam Schunke used to think he was just dumb.

Schoolwork that came easily to his friends was a monumental struggle for him. He loved making up creative stories in his head, but he hated reading and writing.

His mother, Wilma Schunke, didn't know what to do with the 15year-old.

Three years of intensive tutoring didn't seem to help. Adam just wasn't getting it, and she started to feel that she was the one failing.

Schunke didn't get her hopes up when a friend recommended an optometrist who specialized in something called vision development.

had worn since the age of 5. Adam's eyesight was 20-20. Surely his eyes couldn't be the problem, Schunke thought. But she was desperate

With glasses, which he

enough to try anything. so she made an appoint-The optometrist led

Adam through a series of simple tests designed to

tell whether his eyes were tracking and working together properly. She held up a finger and asked Adam to follow it with his eyes.

As her finger passed in front of Adam's nose. Wilma Schunke saw her son's eyes quiver, something she had never seen before.

Clearly, something was wrong with his vision. She started to cry.

"Why couldn't someone have done this before?" she wondered. "It was such a relief. A mother's heart hurts when your kid does not do well.'

Adam was diagnosed as having problems with eye movement (ocular motility) and eye teaming (binocularity). vision therapy exercises like physical therapy, for and regular optometrist visits

changed his life. He doubled his reading level, increased his confidence in school and dreams of becoming a zoologist or marine biolo-

"I feel smarter," said Adam, now 16 and in 10th grade. "I don't feel so down on myself anyThe spirit of Bureau is in people like



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If you choose to transfer care to a local practitioner. Dr. Manuel Carrasco is available at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Dr. James Huston will also be available late summer upon his return from military reserve duty. Dr. Steve Ahmed and Dr. Jose Chavez are available to continue the care of pediatric patients at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Kim Shafer, RN, FNP-C will be available to see patients in Dr. Ahmed's office. These practitioners plan to continue practicing in Big Spring,

For medical record requests or to transfer care to one of the above physicians, please call 432-267-6361.





Baseball's hallowed roots

Baseballs' premier event, the World Series, turns 100 this year. Take a look at the roots of the sport that has become known as America's Pastime. Plus, earthquake cake and planting apple trees.

Celebrating Hometown Life



Lifetime friends Mildred Sanford and Pearl Shifflett recently shared a pizza lunch and a visit. The women have been friends since the third grade.

# Pen pals of 68 years reunite

Lifelong pen pals met They share a Christian for a visit over a pizza lunch Sept. 6.

Pearl Shifflett made a trip to Katy to visit her their mothers. childhood pen Mildred Sanford.

The visit marked the first meeting of the two even though they had corresponded since third grade. At that time Mrs. Sanford lived in Atlanta, Texas, and Mrs. Shifflett lived in Levelland.

They had joined a Pen Pal Club because they shared the same last name of Burkett.

Shifflett admits it was her friend who put the most effort into keeping the correspondence going through letters and Christmas cards. They have a lot in common.

lived in their homes for women in sharing a pizza many years, and they like much of the same foods. happy visit.

By DEAN FOSDICK

The Associated Press

NEW MARKET, Va.

spread of mosquito-

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Sanford has two sons, Othel Jr. of Katy, and Gary Wayne Sugarland, and daughters, Barbara Ann Freeman of Katy, Sandra Jean Jackson of Austin. She also has 13 grandchil dren and 11 great grandchildren.

Shifflett has four daugh ters, Frances Trotter of Colorado City, Sammie Jo Armstrong of Monahans. Dorothy Gayle Tidweil and Pamela Kay Hadorn of Big Spring, 10 grandchildren and 18 great grand children.

Shifflett's daughter. For instance, they have Mrs. Hadorn joined the lunch and an enjoyable,

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# Chronic pain sufferers to get help from lawmakers

By RANDALL CHASE Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, Del. (AP) -Until a gust of wind slammed a door shut on one of her toes, Idamarie Duffy lived an active lifestyle, enjoying everything from tennis and golf to horseback riding and swimming.

Duffy didn't give a thought to the seemingly minor injury she suffered in 1984 or consider that she would spend eight years in a wheelchair and depend on a nurse's aide to feed, bathe and dress her. But the injury resulted in chronic pain.

After years of medical treatment and physical therapy, Duffy, 62, is no longer in a wheelchair, but she must wear a brace on her lower leg and use a cane to steady herself. The only swimming she does is in a therapeutic pool at home.

"I never in my life thought it would cause anything like this," Duffy said of the injury.

Duffy is on the board of directors of the national Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association, based in Milford, Conn. The association claims that more than 6 million Americans may have RSDS; a neurological disease also known as complex regional pain syndrome. It usually develops in response

Health experts say early diagnosis, within a few months of onset of the disease, is critical in treating it. Otherwise, a person can face years of pain so severe even the touch of a bedsheet can be

"It's certainly not a high incidence, but if not dealt with properly, it's a major problem," said state Sen. Steven Amick, the bill's

At Duffy's prompting, the Delaware General Assembly this year passed a bill establishing a program to raise awareabout Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome, a little-known disease she shares with hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of other Americans.

to a traumatic injury or medical procedure.

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sponsor. The bill is based der. The bill also would on legislation New York authorize the creation of lawmakers passed last six regional research cen-

Chronic pain also has been on the minds of lawmakers in other states and in Congress, which has declared this the "Decade of Pain Research." Last year, the Maryland

General Assembly passed legislation establishing a state advisory council on pain management. The Arkansas legislature passed a bill this year that gives doctors greater leeway to prescribe drugs for chronic pain without fear of losing their licens-Physicians Mississippi who treat

chronic pain patients are pushing for a similar measure. Doctors in several states

have lost their licenses or been slapped with criminal charges related to the misuse or over-prescription of painkillers such as OxyContin.

"Physicians in general are reticent about treating people with chronic pain," said Dr. James Gill of Christiana Care Health Services in Wilmington. "People are constantly watching over you."

In Washington, Rep. Michael Rogers Michigan, introduced a bill called the National Pain Care Policy Act, which would establish a national research center for pain and palliative care, which is meant to prevent or relieve symptoms of a disease or disor-

"We don't, even today, have medical professionals trained in pain care management," Rogers, who plans to hold a hearing on his bill this fall. "When you think of all of the different ailments that involve severe and intense pain, that's kind of a frightening prospect.

According Baltimore-based American Foundation, some 50 million Americans endure serious, chronic pain lasting six months or more every year. In 1998, the National Institutes of Health described pain as a "significant national health problem" costing the country more than \$100 billion each year in health care, compensation and litigation.

In addition to establishing the research centers and developing a protocol for research and education, Rogers' bill would authorize a White House conference on pain care and require the federal government to develop a national awareness and outreach campaign to educate consumers, patients and caregivers.

Paul Silverman, chief of disease prevention and control for the state Division of Public Health, said Delaware's RSDS education effort will be part of an existing project to increase awareness

about lesser-known illnesses such as hemachromatosis, fibromyalgia, lupus, Lyme disease and chronic fatigue syndrome.

The RSDS education effort will include dissemination of guidelines for doctors through the Medical Society Delaware, and submission of those guidelines for publication in a national medical journal. Resource guides also will be made available for distribution to patients.

Along with the education program, Duffy and others are hoping to establish a support group for RSDS sufferers. While there are about 400 RSDS support groups nationwide, there is none in Delaware. "The closest one we

now have is Connecticut, and that's not right around the corner," said Geraldine McLaughlin, Wilmington, a 72-year-old retired nurse and RSDS sufferer who hopes to establish a support group this fall.

More information is available on the internet, http://www.rsds.org; http://www.painfoundation.org;http://www.endpain.org, or on the site http://www.theacpa.org

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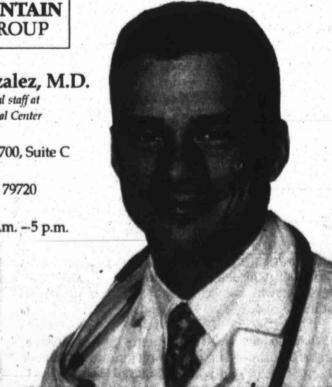
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

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### Baseball boosters to meet Sept. 25 at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club will meet Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC.

For more information call 263-8527.

### **BSHS** cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a minicheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per child. Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

### Quarterback Club to meet Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting Monday beginning at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Burton, Dolphins roll past Knights, 4-0

Evan Burton scored two goals and Stefan Martinez and Justin Villareal added one goal apiece Tuesday to lead the Dolphins to a 4-0 win over the Knights in Big Spring Youth Soccer Association play.

### Shock upend Sparks for WNBA title

**AUBURN** HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Ruth Riley scored a careerhigh 27 points and the Detroit Shock beat the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Sparks 83-78 in the decisive Game 3 of the WNBA Finals.

The Shock won a league-best 25 games this season, one year after losing a leagueworst 23 with the franchise in danger of being moved or folding. Riley was selected the

MVP of the finals. The game drew a WNBA-record crowd of

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# Big Spring thinclads claim Lubbock crown

By TOMMY WELLS

**Sports Editor** 

The Big Spring Steers nailed down their second straight cross country title this past weekend by rolling to first place at the Lubbock Invitational.

The Steers, coming off an open week, scored just 33 points in the five-team meet. Hereford placed second with 75 while the Steers' top two rivals for the District 4-4A crown, Frenship and Lake View, finished third and fourth.

Daniel Garza continued to set the pace for Big Spring this season. The junior finished second in the individual standings, completing the 5-kilometer course in 15 minutes, 56 seconds.

In all, the Steers landed four runners in the Top 10, including Andy Arguello, Jacob Marquez and Andy Cuellar. Arguello finished fifth overall with a time of

Marquez and Cuellar netted sixth and ninth, at 16:50 17:02, and respectively.

Daniel Leos and Michael Rodriguez also turned in solid runs. Leos finished 11th overall with a time of 17:05. Rodriguez was 18th at 17:29.

Martin De Los Santos, **Chris Martinez** Wesley Porras placed 23rd, 25th and 30th, respec-

ings.

Spring girls' team notched a Top 10 finish, as well, finishing ninth in their classification. The Lady Steers, featuring a roster of five freshmen and juniors, totaled points.

The Hereford L a d y Whitefaces won the girls' crown, scoring points. Sundown, Lake View and

tively, in the boys final stand- Frenship rounded out the top

Junior Tasha Rios led Big Spring. She finished 53rd in the 110-person field with a time of

Freshman Porscha Knowlton and Patricia Franco — who joins Rios as the Lady Steers' only non-newcomer - took 62nd and 65th, respectively. Knowlton completed the race at 15:04, while Franco checked in at 15:08.

Kendra Dutchover, Lorissa Rodriguez, Maria De Los Santos and Jordan Brown also turned in strong efforts.

The Big-Spring cross country teams will return to action this weekend at the annual Everett Blackburn Invitational. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. at Birdwell Park.

The Steers won last year's meet, which also featured teams from Sands, Stanton, Coahoma, Westbrook and several other area programs.

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By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

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The Lady Steers' show-

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San Francisco Glants' slugger Barry Bonds is hitting .382 with three home runs, five runs batted in and 23 walks since his father, Bobby, passed away on Aug. 23. He hit his 655th career home run Monday, leaving him five shy of Willie Mays for third on the all-time list behind Hank Aaron and George Herman "Babe" Ruth.

# Barry Bonds as focused as ever after father's death

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds' teammates are leaving him alone — and that's the way the San Francisco Giants' star slugger usually prefers it.

Especially now.

Bonds is grieving the death of his father, Bobby, while trying to concentrate on winning the NL West title and keeping his 39-yearold body healthy for another October playoff run.

He's also dealing with the pressure to pass his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place on the career home-runs list.

"I'm feeling better," said Bonds, who spent a night in a Phoenix hospital two weeks ago to be treated for exhaustion and an acceler-

ated heartbeat. "I'm just tired. Talking wastes energy." The five-time National League MVP hit his 655th homer Monday night against the San Diego Padres, leaving him five shy of

tying Mays. Bonds' hero, Hank

Aaron, holds the record with 755 tendency for us to forget he lost home runs, followed by Babe Ruth

Despite all the distractions. Bonds seems as focused as ever, blocking out his grief when the uniform goes on.

"What other choices do I have?" he said. "I'll do that in the offsea-

Bonds has hit .382 with three homers, five RBIs and 23 walks since returning to the team after the Aug. 23 death of his father.

Giants manager Felipe Alou checks with Bonds each day to find out how he feels, then determines whether to write him into the lineup. Lately, Bonds has asked to be in there, even for a day game following a night game when he typically would rest.

Bonds wants the division crown to be locked up as soon as possible. Going into Tuesday night's games, San Francisco's magic number to win the NL West was

"He's doing OK," Alou said. "Every once in a while there's the

his dad the other day. This game is brutal, always looking forward to the win. He's doing better under the circumstances. It doesn't go

Giants pitcher Kirk Rueter is one of many people in the Giants' clubhouse who can relate. He lost his mother in 1994 to skin cancer, then his father died in 1996 of

colon cancer. Bobby Bonds, a three-time All-Star and the MVP of the 1973 game, was 57 when he died. He had been ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor, but still got out to Pacific Bell Park to see his son play just days before he died.

"I'm sure he has his own way," Rueter said. "Everybody has his own way of grieving. We only see him a short time. It affected him, obviously. It does any time you lose a parent. It's a tough deal. I still think I'm pretty young now to not have parents."

Pitcher Jason Schmidt dealt See BONDS, Page 2B

### Levelland. **Hughes among** top winners at breakaway event

Wes Hughes walked away with the top honors at the recent Big Spring Breakaway Roping event. By winning, Hughes earned a breast collar and a felt hat.

Team roping buckle winners at the event were Ron Brooks, D.V. Brook and Bill Stockton.

Robert Crenshaw and Byron Pope garnered several ropes for their performances.

## Junior high spikers sweep Colorado City The Big Spring Junior a three-game duel. ing 21 points. Jennifer Chesworth and Lauren

High School seventh and Turquoise White had five eighth grade volleyball teams swept all four Tuesday night Green added four. against the Colorado City Lady Wolves.

In seventh grade B action, Crystal Torres scored nine points and

points in the matchup. Dominique Teammate

The BSJHS seventh grade A team won their game by a 25-14, 20-25, 15-12 margin.

Shelbi Stewart led the help the Lady Steers win Lady Steers' attack, scor- team, powered by Jordan respectively.

while more Downes chipped in five. 11.

to a 25-11, 25-21 win.

Beauchamp added six Bryant, won their Briane matchup 25-14, 20-25, 25-

Holly Bancroft scored 13 Chesworth served three points and Callie Partee aces while scoring 10 added five more to lead points to seal their final the eighth grade B team game. Danielle Jeter and Amanda Caskey added The eighth grade A eight and three kills,

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Florida (Willis 13-6) at Philadelphia (Millwood 14-11), 6:05 p.m. Montreal (Vazquez 12-11) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 15-9), 6:10 p.m. Milwaukee (Kinney 10-11) at St. Louis (W.Williams 15-9), 7:10 p.m.

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Columbus at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Buffalo vs. Ottawa at Blinghamton, N.Y., 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
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Philadelphia vs. Washington at London, Ontario Atlanta vs. Carolina at Estero, Fla., 6:30 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

# Hidalgo slams 3 homers to key Astros' rout of Rockies

DENVER (AP) Richard Hidalgo made it Jeriome for Robertson to break the Houston Astros' rookie victory record.

Hidalgo hit three home runs and drove in five runs, and Robertson (15-7) pitched seven strong innings as the Astros routed the Colorado Rockies 14-4 Tuesday night.

"Early in the game my pitches weren't doing what they normally do, Robertson said. "My sinker wasn't sinking. I kind of tightened up a little bit.

"But then our offense came through."

The Astros, who have

York Mets 3-2.

three and struck out two. He had been tied with Roy Oswalt, who won 14 as an Astros' rookie in 2001.

Hidalgo's three homers matched a Houston record, and his five RBIs equaled a career high. He struck out in the ninth in

his bid to become the 15th player to homer four times in a regular-season

won 10 of their last 12, remained 1 1/2 games ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL Central. Chicago beat the New

Robertson allowed two runs, six hits and walked

"I don't try to hit home runs," he insisted. Among active players.

Hidalgo ranks first in career hitting during the month of September at .380 (123-for-324).

"I can't explain that," Hidalgo said. "I saw the ball pretty good tonight. I just tried to see the ball and hit it. Three homers - I'm happy about that, and I'm happy we won the game."

# Teixeira's RBI single helps

ARLINGTON (AP) -Gil Meche allowed four home runs in 2 1-3 innings, the second-shortest start of his career, as the Texas Rangers beat the Mariners 10-5.

With 11 games left, Seattle is 2 1/2 games behind Boston in the AL

wild-card race and 4 1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West.

Texas' Alex Rodriguez hit his major league-leading 44th homer. Rookie Laynce Nix homered twice as did Hank Blalock, who hit a threerun homer.

## **BONDS**

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with the death of his mother from a brain tumor earlier this season. Bonds is still as compet-

itive as ever on the field. On Sunday, minutes after drawing a pinch-hit walk, he started hollering at home plate umpire Jim Reynolds from the dugout when teammate Rich Aurilia was called out on strikes. Bonds was ejected, then he hopped over the dugout rail and got in Reynolds' face, pointing at the umpire but not making contact with him.

It was a rare display by a man who usually shows little emotion toward

umpires and tends to be a loner in the clubhouse, sitting in the corner of the room in his black leather chair, watching

"He's starting to talk, the way he was in spring training. He even talked to the umpire last night," Alou said, laughing. "He's all business about winning."

Going into Tuesday night's game against the Padres, Bonds had 2,064 walks. When Brandon Villafuerte walked him in the sixth inning of the Giants' 8-7 win Monday, Bonds broke a tie with Ruth for second on the career list. Rickey Henderson leads with 2,190 walks.

Is Bonds capable of hit-

ting 100 more homers to catch Aaron?

"You've got to ask the other managers," Alou said. "He might have 200 in him, but are they going to pitch to him? He's determined to hit a few to the opposite field."

Bonds is so focused it can be tough to tell when something is bothering

"I think it's best if you go through something like that to have people leave you alone - give you your space, give you your time," said first baseman J.T. Snow, who lost his mother to cancer. "It's best to let him do his thing. That's just the way he is. That's why he's so good at what he does.'

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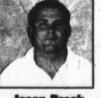
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BY JOHN STEINB Golfweek

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### SHOES

A new generation of golf shoes offers the comfort and support of high-tech trainers

Question: What would you get if a golf shoe and a sneake went on a blind date, fell in love and had lots of baby golf shoes?

Answer: The hybrids that are now available. Footwear makers are fielding a slew of new sneaker-inspired golf shoes that offer the same cushioning systems, technical features and styling as athletic shoes. Lighter, more comfortable and easier to get into than classic styles, these sneakers claim to offer stability and traction comparable to conventional golf shoes. And at \$55 to \$85, they're generally more affordable than their kilty-clad cousins

The sports influence varies from shoe to shoe. Lady Fairway's Athletic Sport borrows its cushioned innersole from court tennis shoes. In a dark alley, Nike's sleek, laceless Air Go could be mistaken for a slip-on cross-trainer. Bite's Golf AC features the same super-breathable mesh material that running shoes are made of ("If you're standing on the tee and there's a good breeze, you can actually feel the wind through the shoe," says Bite president Dale Bathum), and it's as washable as your favorite cotton polo.

All have removable nonmetal spikes, with one exception: Reebok's Spirit Trac DMX. You can even wear Reebok's spikeless model to the gym — which means one fewer pair of shoes to pack for your next golf vacation. Now that's our idea of double duty.

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Which school will have the best combined (men/women) finish at the 2003-04 NCAA Championships?

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UCLA .	73	14%
Duke	48	9%
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Texas	39	8%
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# Sibling Support



The Grzebiens

t is hard enough for one member of a family to have the talent and work ethic to land a Division I college golf scholarship. It's harder yet to have two — or even three — children from the same family accomplish the feat.

Golfweek profiles two sets of siblings who are among the top echelon of college golf. These brothers and sisters come from different situations and different regions of the country, but all have unwavering family support and a strong commitment to the game.

They also have each other.



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Paige about events he won that she had-

"Oh, they'll still rib each other a lit-

tle, but deep down they are each other's biggest fans," Caren Mackenzie says.

They really pull for each other. There's

never been a big rivalry between them

Paige looks forward to returning to

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Life at the Mackenzie house always

For years, Caren Mackenzie served

the Washington squad. "It was just so

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Paige said.

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By JAY A. COFFIN Golfweek

hree sisters born within three years of each other, all playing golf at a major university, may be unprecedented. Yet that will happen this season with

Lauren, Mary Ellen and Anna Grzebien, born in a 32-month span. The youngest sister, Anna, elected not to follow herolder siblings to Northwestern and will be a freshman at Duke this fall.

Anna Grzebien

All three being in college at the same time is not a big deal to the Grzebiens -- they've done virtually everything together since their father, Tom Grzebien, introduced them to golf 13 years ago. He always win high school, but he was wrong

They've played junior golf together. high school golf together — the three have combined to win six of the last seven Rhode Island High School state championships - and college was the next natural step.

The only prerequisite for selecting a college in the Grzebien (pronounced Gr-ZAY-bee-in) household is to choose a strong academic

institution. Marnee Grzebien told her daughters growing up, 'God gave you a brain; you're going to use it. If you don't, you can kiss golf goodbye." The message stuck. Mary Ellen was her high school's valedictorian and Lauren and Anna were in the top three of their respective classes.

Three years ago, Lauren became the first to leave home and headed to Northwestern, a place she felt was the perfect mix of academics and golf. A year later, Mary Ellen was visiting colleges and had Northwestern in her top five but never seriously considered becoming a Wildcat. Then she visited the Evanston, Ill., campus and fell in love with the atmosphere. She and Lauren have since

moved into an apartment together. For Anna, 18, becoming a Blue Devil had little to do with Lauren, a senior, and Mary Ellen, a junior, but

more to do with the better golf weather Durham, N.C., pro-

"They wanted me to go to Northwestern," Anna says. "But they knew it would be best for my golf game if I went somewhere down south."



Anna's decision to attend Duke also speaks to her golf skills, which Lauren, 21, and Mary Ellen, 20, both admit are more fine-tuned than theirs. Anna always wanted to beat her older sisters, thought his daughters would tire of golf. no matter how much bigger or stronger they were at the time. That showed last month when Anna defeated Mary

Ellen, 6 and 5, in the championship match of the Rhode Island Women's Amateur.

"I can definitely say she's better than me after that," Mary Ellen said.

Tom Grzebien, a mid-handicapper, and his wife, Marnee, a nongolfer, instilled in their children early the honor and integrity of the game. There is no gloating among the sisters, who were taught to be modest and congratulate their sisters, win or lose. Those lessons have assured that all three get along off the course as

Their personalities are different. Anna is the fiercest competitor, and her two sisters say she is the most outgoing. Anna and Mary Ellen name Lauren as the most serious about her studies, and Anna and Lauren say Mary Ellen is the shy, quiet type.

Sound confusing? It is. But Lauren put what golf - and her sisters mean to her clearly into perspective.

"I owe everything to golf," Lauren said. "I went to a good school, right now I live in an apartment with Mary Ellen and the three of us are best friends. I have no complaints.

Mary Ellen Grzebien

BY RON BALICKI

rock Mackenzie and his sister, Paige, have plenty of options when they need their golf swings analyzed. They can turn to their mother, Caren, or father,

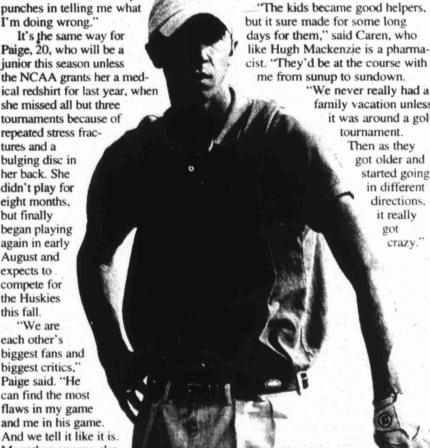
Hugh, who taught them the game. They can go to

Jim Gilbert, the club pro at Yakima (Wash.) Country Club, who worked with them during high school. They can turn to Olympic

Paige Mackenzie Country Club pro Joe

Phiel, who has been their recent teacher. But when Brock and Paige, members of the University of Washington golf teams, want the nitty-gritty about their games, they turn to each other.

"She has an unbelievable eye, so a lot of times I ask her to go to the ringe and help me," said Brock, 22, a firstteam All-American as a junior last season and a U.S. Walker Cup team member. "I don't think anyone knows my swing better than Paige, and she doesn't hold back any punches in telling me what I'm doing wrong.



cist. "They'd be at the course with me from sunup to sundown. "We never really had a family vacation unless

each other's biggest fans and biggest critics," Paige said. "He can find the most flaws in my game and me in his game. And we tell it like it is. More than anyone else, Brock is the one I trust the most to critique me.

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"We are

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Growing up, the

it was around a golf tournament. Then as they got older and started going in different directions, it really crazy." **Brock** Mackenzie

By JOHN STEINBREDER Golfweek

here was a time when golf brought only pleasure to Laura Lassman, a 56-yearold homemaker from New Jersey who played at the Alpine Country Club near New York City and eventually worked her handicap down to nine. But she stopped teeing it up two years ago, after the World Trade Center tragedy that killed thousands, including her 28year-old son, Nicholas.

You see, Nick was a golfer, too, a one-time instructor for David Leadbetter who had decided it was time to "go corporate" after working at clubs and trying his luck on some mini-tours. And since he had taken up the game as a teen, he and his mother spent quality time on the course.

"It's where we really bonded and relished the pure joy of being with each other," Lassman says. "He gave me tips. I caddied for

him in tournaments. But mostly we just played together, in matches and for fun, almost every day of the summer when he was in high school and college. It was such a treat." But all that disappeared after

Sept. 11, 2001, and Laura suddenly shrunk from the game.

"The problem was, every time I saw a fairway or green after he died, every time I looked at a junior walking down a hole and carrying his bag, I saw Nick. It was all so painful that I had to stay away. Completely away.'

Two years later, that pain is still evident as Lassman talks about the only son she and her husband, Ira, had, and the oldest of her two children. (Daughter Ellen is now 28.)

Lassman's son played a little golf at the University of Miami but left there after a year and transferred to the University of Maryland. He played on the team there and also earned a B.A. in

# Playing through

# Mother and son's golf bond torn apart by Sept. 11



Laura Lassman with her son, Nicholas

history. Along the way, Nick developed a desire to make a living at the game.

"He wanted to go to Florida and see how he could do on the mini-tours," Laura says. "But he quickly found he didn't quite measure up to those players who were able to compete and practice all year round.

But then Lassman met Leadbetter, and teaching jobs soon followed, at Quail West Golf & Country Club in Naples, Fla., and Hudson National Golf Club, just up the river from Alpine.

"Nick did that for a couple of years but then he decided that six months in Florida and six months up north was not the life for him," Laura says. "He felt it was time to hit the corporate world and also put down some roots. So he took a job at Cantor Fitzgerald in the Trade Center, and took an apartment in New Jersey.

Less than a year later, he was dead, and so was Laura

Lassman's interest in the game. She stayed in touch with her golf friends. And she continued to devote time as president of Play for T.I.M.E., an organization that raises money for breast cancer research, mostly through local golf tournaments. But she wouldn't tee it up herself.

That changed this spring, however, thanks to soul searching and plenty of therapy.

"Golf was such a special thing for me and Nick, and I came to realize he would be very upset if he knew I had given up the game," she says.

Laura Lassman now plays a couple of days per week. Her handicap has doubled to 18, but she believes she can get it back down to single digits.

"It is getting easier to play," she says. "I am learning to turn a sadness into a joyfulness that my son and I had that time together. I am still connected to sweet Nick through golf."

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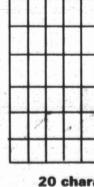
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CANCER (June 22-July 22). New living arrangements could save money, but don't make any move for strictly financial reasons. Settle the issues that still keep you apart from an old friend or an ex; you can work it out tonight.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wealthy friends may be intimidating, so remind yourself that life is not a contest to see who can amass the most material items the fastest. You sparkle with personality tonight if you turn energy in an outward direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Excitement can serve to push things forward, so don't get too worried. Express what is in your heart to strengthen romantic bonds. For financial help, be candid with a Taurus, and you'll get advice that's the real deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and your partner are not on the exact same journey — you're two distinct people! As you grow in spiritual awareness, your union shifts and changes, but that doesn't

mean you should bail when you get out of sync.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attitude can make a difference between a business arrangement that is pleasant and successful and one that's a constant drag. Wins have to do with selling an idea or finally convincing someone close to back you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You might not want to be where you end up today. but stick with it. A little discomfort can be very character building, and you'll gain admirers for your ability to roll with life. Drastic moves are not favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In your mind, a special project seems like a wonderful idea, but you still don't seem to be moving ahead. It's easy to tell that the benefits outweigh the deficits, but your emotional side remains difficult to convince.

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Dear Annie: I am a suicide prevention manager at Fort Benning in Georgia. Our soldiers and families face increasing pressures in this modern era. Fortunately, National Depression Screening Day is there to provide a tool for them to recognize and cope with stress, anxiety and sadness.

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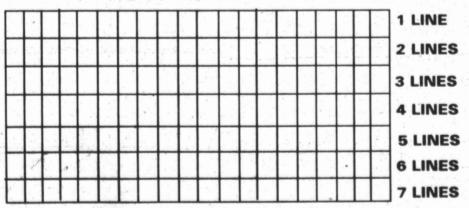
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11	:PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Becker (CC) Spin City		Growing Pains Growing Pains		Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel		Ripley's Be- lieve it or Not!	medical control of the same		:15 Movie: Cost of Living	Crisis -	Junkyard Mega-Wars	My Big Fat Greek	Rev. J. Hanser Joseph Good		St. John's	X-Files (CC)	Even Stevens Sister, Sister
12			Blind Date Blind Date	The same of the sa		Show (CC) Street Smarts	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey		Movie: Soldier (CC)		Highlander (CC)		:25 Movie:	Wright Stuff	Wedding Showgirls: Glitz	Update/Israel Joe McGee	American Justice	Hanging Col- fins of China	X-Files (CC)	Boy World Recess (CC)

### **DENNIS THE MENACE**



"HOW WAS IT? LET'S JUST SAY, FOR ME, IT WAS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Come down here, Grandma. I want to talk to your ear."





BLONDIE

HAGAR







### BC



OH, LOOK, SEE JANE TELL DICK WHERE TO GO:



LOOK, LOOK, SEE DICK and JANE RELUCTANTLY COMPLY WITH ONE ANOTHER'S RESPECTIVE TRUCTIONS.



WIZARD OF ID





**AGNES** 





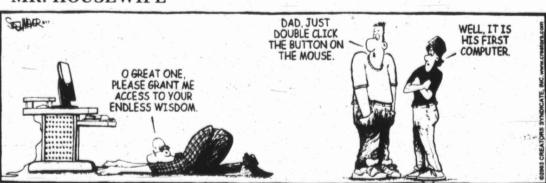


### HI AND LOIS





## MR. HOUSEWIFE



## **SNUFFY SMITH**









# This Date In History

### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 17, the 260th day of 2003. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the constitutional convention in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

In 1920, the American Professional Football Association, a precursor of National Football League, was formed in

Canton, Ohio. In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany launched its assault.

In 1947, James V. Forrestal was sworn in as the first U.S. Secretary of Defense as a new National Military Establishment unified America's armed forces.

In 1948, the United

Nations mediator for Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish extremists. In 1963, "The Fugitive,"

starring David Janssen, premiered on Television. In 1976, NASA publicly

unveiled the space shuttle "Enterprise" at ceremonies in Palmdale, Calif. In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime

Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty. In 1983, Vanessa Williams

of New York became the first black contestant to be crowned "Miss America." (The following July, she also became the first Miss America to resign in the wake of her Penthouse magazine scandal.)

In 1996, former Vice

President Spiro T. Agnew died in Berlin, Md., at age

Five years ago: In Mexico, gunmen apparently sent by a drug lord yanked three families from their beds before dawn and opened fire, killing 19 men, women and children near a popular Baja California resort.

One year ago: After years of denials by his country, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il admitted that North Korean spies had abducted about a dozen Japanese citizens decades earlier, and that at least four of the Japanese were still alive. NBA star Patrick Ewing announced his retirement as a player.



## Newsday Crossword

62 Z

"zebra"

64 South Pacific

**63** Territory

role

65 Singer

Turner

67 SST part

66 Reduced by

68 Compass dir.

69 Handy bag

70 Try to heal

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physics

2 Metamor-

3 It's stored

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cheese

4 Party

phoses poet

5 Contacts, e.g.

6 Slack-jawed

1 Prefix with

### **ACROSS** 1 Hobby kit

- 6 Sailed through 10 Raven's call
- 13 Steer clear of 14 Pitched in \*
- 15 Sensible 16 Giant of myth
- 17 French friends 18 Strong
- desire 19 Lump in some throats
- 21 Winner's medal
- 22 They've split 23 Actor Ving 25 Feared fly
- 29 Use a swizzle stick 30 Word starter for "height"
- 31 Needing sharpening 34 Lean eater of rhyme
- 38 Freeway exits 40 Antique auto 41 Machine
- triggered by another 42 Addis 43 Chuckleheads
- 45 Exodus author 46 Jessica of
- Dark Angel 48 Worst.
- as excuses 50 Pupil protector
- 53 PRNDL pick 55 "That's funny!" 56 Sore loser's

remarks

### FRUIT STAND by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

### 7 Places for tents

- 8 Devil's doing 9 Gobi, e.g.
- 10 Billiards bounce 11 Go fishing
- 12 Garden
- intruders 15 Term of
- endearment 20 Chopped down
- 24 Snake sound 25 O'Hara home
- 26 Strikebreaker 27 Writer
- Bombeck 28 Head honcho
- 29 Pig food 32 Celestial bear

# 33 Grassy field

- 35 Seldom seen 36 Hertz rival
  - 37 Try out 39 Red-tag event
    - 44 Smelter waste
    - 47 Volcanic rock 49 Slap cuffs on 50 Confabs 51 Watering
    - hole 52 Bonn's river
    - 53 B&B boarder 54 Rub out 57 Stackable
    - cookie 58 Cupid alias 59 Cleanser
    - scent 60 Essayist alias
    - 61 Spin-off group

