

MONDAY

September 6, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY
 TONIGHT 63°-64° TOMORROW 84°-86°

BRIEFLY

Cossacks, Legion plan benefit run

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and American Legion Post 506 will hold a benefit auction and "in-house" poker run for local resident Virginia King, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

The benefit will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, beginning at noon at the Legion Post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Southern fried catfish will be served.

Proceeds from the event will go to help King and her family meet medical and other costs.

For more information concerning the fund-raising event, contact Benny at 432-213-0654.

'The Guys' set on stage Sept. 11

The Howard College Theater Department will be performing "The Guys" by Anne Nelson on Saturday, Sept. 11 to benefit the Big Spring Fire Department.

The play will be in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be bought at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce office, 215 W. Third Street, for \$10.

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Scouts plan city-wide rally in Big Spring

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America will continue a 75-year tradition Monday, Sept. 13, as it prepares to hold its annual Cub Scout Roundup — with a new twist.

"Every fall we do a roundup for all of the new Cub Scouts and the boys that want to come to Cub Scouts," said David O'Neill, district executive for the West Texas service area. "We're facing sort of a new challenge this year because outside organizations are

What: Cub Scout roundup.

Where: Big Spring High School auditorium.

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13.

no longer allowed to go into the schools. We used to go talk to the kids and get them excited — show them some pictures of what we do. We can't do that anymore, so we had to come up with a new plan.

"We're going to do a big city-wide rally instead of doing them on three separate

nights at different schools like we did in the past. We're just going to do one mega-rally for everyone in town. That way we only have to promote one date and one time."

O'Neill said scouting has very deep ties in the Howard County area, and that tradition will mean a lot of events for scouts in the coming year.

"We've been doing these roundups every fall for the past 75 years," said O'Neill. "It's an annual event, and scouting has been in Howard County for 94 years. This year is the

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HERALD photos/Kendra Wiss
 Jess Aguillar, David Leonard, Bill Corbin and Larry Oster show their support for keeping the VA hospital in Big Spring by leading a motorcade Saturday. Below, this group of veterans and concerned citizens gathered after the motorcade to voice their appreciation for the hospital.



Paul Reed, Midland

"We fulfilled our commitment to this country, now it needs to fulfill its commitment to us."

Veterans show support for VAMC here

By **KENDRA WISS**
 Staff Writer

In response to reports of the Veteran's Administration considering closing or moving the Veteran's Administration Medical Center (VAMC) here, supporters gathered Saturday to show their support for the facility.

The group formed a motorcade at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial that traveled through town and ended at the parking lot of the Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene.



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss
 Mike and Josie Sanchez ride in Saturday's motorcade.

Concerned citizens voiced their support of the VAMC at the gathering that followed the motorcade.

"We've got to have this hospital available for all veterans, especially now for vets of the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan," said event organizer Jess Aguillar of Andrews.

Among those in attendance were Jenny Welch, representative for U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Chandra Eggemeyer, representing U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm.

"Charlie wants you to know that he is behind you," said Eggemeyer. "Veterans from Abilene and San Angelo already travel

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Frances blows through, takes aim at Panhandle

By **ALLEN G. BREED**
 Associated Press Writer

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Weakened but persistent, Tropical Storm Frances took aim at the Florida Panhandle on today after leaving behind flooding and torn rooftops throughout a wide swath of central and southern Florida. More than 5 million people lost power and at least two people were killed.

More than 13 inches of rain fell along Florida's central east coast, flooding some areas 4 feet deep, before Frances entered the Gulf of Mexico late Sunday. In its wake, the storm left boats mangled, trees and power lines toppled and gas tanks running on empty because of tapped out service stations.

"If you have to be out, think about the fact that you may well not have gas," said Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings, who urged residents to avoid unnecessary driving while officials worked to get fuel

from reopened ports to emergency workers and gas stations.

Initial reports of destruction did not appear to approach the estimated \$7.4 billion in insured damage wreaked by Hurricane Charley in southwest Florida three weeks ago. Frances' path overlapped with some of the area hit by Charley, which killed 27 people. One risk-assessment company estimated insured losses could range from \$2 billion to \$5 billion.

At dawn today in Daytona Beach, the extent of damage became more apparent. Roofs were torn off the Peabody Auditorium, where the London Symphony Orchestra appears annually, and several smaller motels. Parking lots were flooded. And the sign across the coastal highway proclaiming Daytona "The World's Most Famous Beach" was destroyed. Most of the city remained with-

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Business Before Hours set at Holiday Inn here

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Inn Express are bending the rules just slightly, as they prepare to hold Business "Before" Hours on Friday.

Set to begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. at the Big Spring Holiday Inn Express, 1109 N. Aylford, Business Before Hours is a variation of the Chamber's Business After Hours program, which is designed to give Chamber members the chance to network.

Liz Adamson, executive assistant for the Chamber, said the owners of the Holiday Inn Express requested the event be held in the morning hours to give them the opportunity to show off what they hope will

What: Business Before Hours.

Where: Holiday Inn Express, 1109 N. Aylford.

When: 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday.



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become a "famous" dish. "They requested that we hold the Business After Hours in the morning, so we just changed the name to Business Before Hours," explained Adamson. "They wanted to be able to serve breakfast — specifically their omelets. It's something they're apparently working on becoming famous for."

Adamson said Business Before Hours is an excellent chance for chamber members to network within the group and for the public to learn about the new business.

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Obituaries

Emma 'Daisy' Lamar Lee

Emma "Daisy" Lamar Lee, 95, of Luling, La., formerly of Big Spring, died at 1:37 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at West Jefferson Hospital in Marrero, La. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Herbert McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1909, in Westbrook. She was the daughter of Zeoma Boatler Reed and Sidney Preston Reed. She had worked in grocery stores for a number of years and had also owned a grocery store. She married T.J. Lamar on Feb. 8, 1925. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 1969. She married Hollis Lee on Feb. 4, 1972, and he preceded her in death on June 29, 2000.

She is survived by one granddaughter, Richelle Jones and her husband, Jordan, of Luling, La.; three great-grandchildren, Lauren, Renee and Taylor Jones, all of Luling, La.; three stepsons, Dean Lee of Farmington, N.M., and Ronnie Lee and his wife, Angela, and Jim Lee and his wife, Donna, all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by one son, Tommy Lamar, on July 23, 1981, and one step-son, Starr Lee, Jan. 25, 1992.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Hattie Gladys Hudgins

Hattie Gladys Hudgins, 78, of Carbon, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday Sept. 4, 2004, at her residence.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at the Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland. Her body will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring on Wednesday for viewing. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 21, 1926, in Lamesa to Jack and Ruth (Graham) Camp. She married Alvin Cecil Hudgins in 1969 in Big Spring. She worked as a waitress, beauty shop operator and finally as a homemaker in Big Spring, Carbon and Grand Prairie. She was a 30-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin Hudgins, of Carbon; sons Thomas C. Hudgins of Mineola and Cecil Don Hudgins of Coahoma; daughters Cecilia Hudgins of Florida, Sonjia Youst of Akron, Ohio, and Ruth Michelle Grumble of Carbon; brothers, Eual Camp of Tecumseh, Okla., and Leon Crapps of Omaha, Neb.; sisters Rosalie Anderson of Minita, Ala., Alta Coleman of Cotter Ark., and June Gray of Midway, Ark.; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Dale Hudgins; her parents; a stepfather, Leon Crapps Sr.; brothers Silas Camp, Jay Camp and John Camp; and sisters Willene Campbell, Vera Catherine, Belle Crapps and Ateleene.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

William R. 'Bill' Jewett

William R. "Bill" Jewett, 66, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Helen Lee

Helen Lee, 91, died Monday morning, Sept. 6, 2004, at her residence. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Today...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.
Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable after midnight.
Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Light and variable
Winds in the morning becoming northeast near 10 mph in the afternoon.
Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows near 60.
Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.
Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows near 60.
Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.
Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.
Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.
Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.
Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs near 90.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday:

- **EDDIE FLORES**, 29, of 507 Aylford, was arrested Saturday on local warrants.
- **CORNUDUS JACKSON**, 45, of 2526 Langley, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- **ANA PEREZ**, 37, of 602 Circle, was arrested Saturday on local warrants.
- **GENE HERNANDEZ**, 28, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on local warrants and a charge of public intoxication.
- **ALICE GUZMAN**, 31, of 707 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **DAVID RIVERA JR.**, 19, of 4223 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while license suspended and criminal mischief.
- **CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ**, 22, of 1709 Highway 176, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **JOSE CANTU**, 22, of 808 Abrams Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of no drivers license and driving without headlights on when reported.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of W. Seventh Street.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 1700 block of Wasson Road.
 - in the 300 block of E. 13th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1400 block of Princeton.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Fifth Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 186 mile marker of eastbound Interstate Highway 20.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-22-27-44. Bonus Ball: 3. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$36 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-11-27-30-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 5-6-1

Take note

THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is seeking vendors to reserve booths for the "Crossroads Cuisine and Business Expo Featuring the Taste of Home Cooking," set for Oct. 21. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 to reserve a booth or to purchase a ticket to the event.

KID'S CLUB FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS begins Sept. 14 from 3:30-5:15 p.m. Space is limited. Call Pat Rhoton at 267-2291; Tammi Jones at 267-8223; or Pam Steel at 267-6394.

KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY THIRD GRADE GRANDPARENTS APPRECIATION DAY is set for 9:30 a.m. Friday in the fellowship hall of College Baptist Church.

KENTWOOD PARENTS/TEACHERS ORGANIZATION meets at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14. Door prizes and new principal Karen Saunders will speak.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY THIRD GRADE GRANDPARENTS APPRECIATION at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the Fireplace Room of Howard College.

A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY
• Labor Day holiday.

- TUESDAY
- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
 - Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
 - First Tuesday Women's Ministry Craft Night at East Fourth Street Baptist Church meets from 5-9 p.m. Open to all women. Call 267-2291.
 - Special information meeting concerning bees infesting Martin County and surrounding areas is set for 7 p.m. in the Stanton High School auditorium. The public is invited to this free event.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
 - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
 - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
 - Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

- WEDNESDAY
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
 - Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
 - American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
 - Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
 - Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main St.
 - Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

- FRIDAY
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

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out power.
The National Center said showed signs of moving into a before a strike Panhandle. Negotiations began Panhandle counties fears that it would spur flooding.
Around 8 a.m. Frances remained calm, with winds near 65 mph center about east-southeast Apalachicola. It was drifting but was expected to

RALLY

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out power.

The National Hurricane Center said Frances showed signs of redeveloping into a hurricane before striking the Panhandle. New evacuations began in four Panhandle counties amid fears that the storm would spur flooding.

Around 8 a.m. today, Frances remained a tropical storm, with maximum winds near 65 mph and its center about 110 miles east-southeast of Apalachicola. The storm was drifting northward but was expected to

resume a general track to the northwest, forecasters said. It could regain hurricane strength over the Gulf of Mexico before renewing its plodding assault on the Florida Panhandle.

"We really are hopeful that the winds won't be too severe — or the rain," said Scott Paterna, who raced to board up his bait and tackle shop near St. Marks, about 20 miles south of Tallahassee.

Bands of rain and high winds covered much of the state's center Sunday, spoiling Labor Day weekend for the length of the state's 430-mile east coast from the Keys to Jacksonville and along

the Georgia coast. After passing through the Panhandle, Frances will move into Georgia and Alabama. Its effects were felt as far north as New Jersey, with riptides and rough surf complicating weekend plans.

The storm was blamed for at least two deaths in Florida — both in the Gainesville area. A 28-year-old man was killed when his car struck a tree and a woman in her 60s was killed in her living room when an oak tree crashed onto her mobile home Sunday. There were two earlier deaths in the Bahamas, where thousands were forced from their homes.

Gov. Jeb Bush surveyed damage Sunday in the West Palm Beach area with state and federal emergency officials. He said it was too early to assess the extent of the devastation. Many counties expected to begin the damage assessment this morning.

President Bush spoke with his brother on Sunday afternoon and assured Floridians that federal resources were in place to help respond to the disaster, a White House spokesman said.

Frances tattered numerous mobile homes and made a mess of marinas, throwing dozens of pleasure boats against the

shore or on top of each other. The small town of Dundee in Polk County needed a generator to provide water to its 2,600 residents.

In Daytona Beach, the Halifax River overflowed its banks in a residential neighborhood and county officials were concerned about flooding in communities along the St. Johns River.

After two hurricanes and a tornado during her first two months in Daytona Beach, 62-year-old Janet LeClair, a recent arrival from Boston, wondered if her mobile home would make it.

"It's a single-wide and I think it's going to be blown to Kansas and my car with it," LeClair said.

Some 8,000 members of the National Guard were assigned to recovery efforts. Eleven suspected looters were arrested in Palm Beach, Orange and Indian River counties.

Once a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 145 mph, Frances slowed and weakened to a Category 2 storm as it neared Florida. Winds receded to a peak of 105 mph before it made landfall at Sewall's Point, north of Palm Beach. One gust was clocked at 115 mph.

By late Sunday, Frances had been downgraded to a tropical storm.

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75th anniversary of Cub Scouting, so we've got a lot going on this year. The scouts have only been in existence for 95 years nationally, so there's a long tradition of scouting right here in Big Spring and Howard County.

"The rally is going to be Monday at the Big Spring High School Auditorium," he added. "All of the boys in town that are in first through fifth grade, or even in sixth through eighth grade, are invited to come out with a parent or adult.

"We're going to tell them all about scouting. There's going to be a big slide show presentation and there will be booths set up in the hallway with pictures of some of the activities — the pushmobiles, pinewood derbies and things like that. That way they can get some idea of what's involved in scouting here in Howard County."

O'Neill said scouting offers many things traditional sports and other organizations don't, and for parents that are looking to see their children grow physically and mentally, there's no substitute.

"Parents want a lot out

of scouting and the boys just want one thing — fun," said O'Neill. "The boys want to have a good time, and of course the parents want them to have fun. But while the boys are going out and learning about the arts and crafts, earning their science badges and going to meetings, we're instilling values in them that will be with them throughout their lives."

"The three essential purposes of the Boy Scouts is to create better citizens, build physical and mental fitness and build ethical decision making in the young men that are part of the program. Through all of the

activities that we do, the boys are learning those values."

While the cost of Little League type sports continues to rise, O'Neill said the cost of scouting is minimal — it can be as much or as little as the scout and his parents want it to be.

"Scouting is actually the best value in town as far as any youth organization is concerned," said O'Neill.

"I've seen signs for soccer, baseball and football, and I've seen the price tags associated with those organizations and think scouting offers as much as those sports, and more, for a smaller cost," he

continued.

"Just to be registered in scouting for a year is \$11.20. That's all it takes to join and start going to the meetings and be involved in the program. We cover the rest of the costs through a fund-raiser each year, so the parents can decide whether they want to pay the child's way for let them earn it. The girls sell cookies while the boys sell popcorn, and they basically pay their way through the program each year by taking part in the fund-raiser."

For more information on the roundup, contact O'Neill at 263-3407.

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too far. We are going to continue to educate the administration on the need that exists in this area.

"We drive far greater distances for health care in rural West Texas and driving even farther is not an option for many of our vets," she added.

"Thank you for showing your support today. As you know, Randy stands with you in your support of keeping our medical center here in Big Spring," said Welch.

Paul Reed from Midland shouted from the crowd.

"We fulfilled our commitment to this country, now it needs to fulfill its commitment to us."

The Big Spring VAMC serves about 62,300 veterans and provides health care services to 17,000 each year. Big Spring's service area encompasses roughly 74,000 square miles.

In recent weeks, Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi visited the Big Spring VA Medical Center and held a forum for area veterans at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At that time, he said no definite plans had been made to close or move the facility.

Principi did confirm that a study into the viability of the local VA Hospital is now being conducted, and toward the end of 2004 those findings will be completed.

William Paffen of Big Spring summed up the mood of Saturday's event. "We hope the support we've showed today will

tell the administration that we need to keep the Big Spring VA hospital where it should be, in Big Spring!"

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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"We encourage everyone to bring their business cards and get to know one another," said Adamson. "They will get to have breakfast and talk with one another. It's an excellent opportunity for local people to network."

Adamson said the early time frame will also give people a chance to attend who otherwise wouldn't be able to.

"A lot of people, especially those working at the Big Spring Mall, have to work well into the evening," said Adamson. "They don't get the chance to attend Business After Hours, which is traditionally held in the evening. This will be an excellent opportunity for them to get out and not only check out the Holiday Inn Express, but meet other people and do some networking."

For more information call 263-7641.

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OUR VIEWS

Today we all celebrate our U.S. workers

Today, we celebrate one of the most basic components of a successful society — the worker.

Great decisions are made by politicians, generals command during wars and scientists explore the mysteries of the universe. But without the "common" working man and woman to drive the gears of society, all the equations and theories wouldn't amount to much.

In recognition of the workforce that fuels this country, the U.S. Congress has set aside the first Monday in September for the observance of Labor Day.

So, what exactly should we be observing today? George Sand once said, "Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure." While some would doubtless take issue with Sand's assessment, there is more than a little truth to it.

For many, what we are defined to a great extent by what we do for a living. A great majority of U.S. workers take great pride in their occupations and strive to do the best job possible.

Given those facts, therefore, a day of celebration of our work makes a great deal of sense.

Very few good things come about as the result of random chance or good fortune, but from simple, hard work.

A cure for polio? Jonas Salk worked years on the problem before finding a cure.

Likewise, the Empire State Building and other great structures in this country just didn't appear out of the blue one day, but were the result of years of labor.

The examples could go on and on ...

But it is not great accomplishments we recognize today, but the simple realization that much that makes this nation great has been made possible by the work of our people.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we come to you through pre-prayer and the study of your word.

Amen

GOP frets over Kelley book

Republican insiders have been huddling in small groups at the Republican Convention this week and talking about what worries them most. It is not John Kerry. It is not the unemployment numbers. It is not Iraq.

It is Kitty Kelley. Kelley has a new book coming out in a few weeks titled "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty," and it is rumored to be explosive.

One source tells me there are "at least five bombshells" contained in it, and another source says there is allegedly new material on President Bush's service in the Air National Guard.

Democrats have long been worried about a Republican "October Surprise," such as the capture of Osama bin Laden. But now some Republicans are worried that Kelley's book will be the equivalent of an October surprise and harmful to President Bush's re-election hopes.

Why are GOP operatives taking such a book seriously? After all, some critics have dismissed Kelley's previous books as the equivalent of tabloid journalism. But in November 2000, the Bush campaign's internal polling showed that revelations about Bush's 1976 arrest for driving

under the influence of alcohol damaged him badly with religious conservatives, and some analysts believe it cost him a popular vote victory.

So this time, Bush operatives don't want any more big surprises, revelations, rumors or gossip to make a media splash just weeks before the election.

Which is why they are so nervous. According to The Associated Press, the Kelley opus — it is supposed to be around 700 pages long — is being billed as "the book the Bushes don't want you to read." It has a first printing of 600,000 and "a virtual guarantee to annoy, if not embarrass, Bush supporters."

In the past, Kelley has written books about Nancy Reagan, Frank Sinatra and the British royal family, among others, and her books have often contained explosive material. Kelley's facts are sometimes challenged, but her books tend to make a big splash nonetheless.

Kelley's 1991 book on Nancy Reagan, for example, which contained scandalous accusations, was the subject of a front-page story in The New York Times by Maureen Dowd.

"Ms. Kelley has developed a reputation as a giant killer for her sensational books about the rich and famous," Dowd wrote. "She wrote that Jacqueline Kennedy had shock treatments; that President John F. Kennedy's retarded sister, Rosemary, had a lobotomy, and that Frank Sinatra's mother was a New

Jersey abortionist."

Dowd went on: "Ms. Kelley asserts that Mrs. Reagan will go down in history as the cold and glittering icon for a morally vacuous era. The author says the former first lady reinvented herself with a tissue of fabrications about her background, age and family, just as her free-spirited mother did before her; that she had her nose fixed and her eyes lifted; that both the Reagans had extramarital affairs; and that Mrs. Reagan had a long-term affair with Frank Sinatra."

The article quoted Sheila Tate, Nancy Reagan's former press secretary, as saying that "no friend of Nancy Reagan's is going to read that scummy book."

Perhaps, but plenty of other people did read it, and many more read about it. And this, remember, was in an era before 24-hour cable TV and media with an insatiable appetite for news, gossip, rumor, innuendo or whatever they can get.

It may turn out, of course, that Kelley's new book contains nothing damaging to President Bush.

But with their convention going so well, Republicans have to find something to worry about this week.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

People with mental illness need a place to socialize, meet and make friends, learn things to help reduce the illness and have fun.

Due to a lack of funds, the best place in town has closed down. We need to get funding or people that are mentally ill may get worse, be put in Respite or the state hospital just because they escape into their illness instead of learning and coping with their illness.

We need a place to have fun and socialize. Games, parties, lessons and structured programs are needed for the clients of West Texas Centers for MHMR.

In short, we need the Corral open half a day five days per week with shopping trips out of town and garage sales in the summer.

If we cannot get paid staff, then let's see if we can get volunteers to run and supervise clients. We need the Corral open so fewer clients slip into being hermits. We also need transportation to the Corral and home.

WILLIAM E. MOREN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to the past four years under the Bush Administration, I am urging all residents of Big Spring, Democrats and Republicans alike, to vote on Nov. 2.

No matter what your political views, we as American citizens can't afford to spend another four years under this disastrous and irresponsible administration. Statistics show George W. Bush will go down as the worst president elected in American history.

I, as well as others, fear for the safety of our wonderful country. Since the tragic events of Sept. 11,

2001, I feel we are more vulnerable to terrorist attacks than ever before.

As we are at war, our children are going hungry, more Americans are living in poverty and our sons and daughters are dying for the Bush administration's "miscalculations."

How many more lies can we take? How many more lives are we willing to lose? I, for one will stand up for what I believe in and "save America and vote Bush out."

CHRISTOPHER LIMON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Cap Rock Energy counsel Ronnie Lyon strongly disagreed without the charge by a former member that the conversion of the rural electric cooperative to an investor-owned corporation involved "unbelievable self-dealing."

But Securities and Exchange Commission records support the claim that Cap Rock's managers and directors have profited handsomely from the conversion and at the expense of hundreds of former co-op members who remain adamantly opposed to what they have done to the co-op.

For the record, Cap Rock Energy executives, directors and two former directors in 2003 gave themselves performance bonuses in the form of 352,559 shares of Cap Rock stock. During 2003, the stock price exceeded \$30 per share, meaning Cap Rock top executives and directors gave themselves about \$10.6 million.

In addition, to top six Cap Rock executives' salaries, cash bonuses and benefits in 2003 were valued at slightly more than \$1 million, which when added to their stock bonuses, gave them a total of about \$7.8 million.

Contrast their 2003 earning with those of 2001, when Cap Rock only had three executive officers. They earned a total of about \$691,000. In 2001, the total compensation for executive and directors was probably less than \$850,000, compared to about \$11.5 million.

I guess Lyon would like us to believe in the tooth fairy and the fairy godmother.

Now, let me address the change in the one-member, one-vote concept that guided Cap Rock, the co-op, for more than 60 years before its conversion.

On July, 17, 2004, the SEC reported that 13 Cap Rock executives and directors own more than 300,000 of approximately 1.56 million shares outstanding.

The trust the directors control had approximately 340,000 share. The corporation is also the beneficial owner of another 344,171 share. By my math, that gives the executives and directors control of more than 1 million shares, or 60 percent of all outstanding shares.

Now, compare that to Cap Rock executives' pre-conversion voting power of a maximum of 11 votes.

This drastic change in the governance of the co-op turned corporation continues to concern me because it suggests Cap Rock management now is accountable to no one. That doesn't bode well for those customer of Cap Rock who still may not switch to a utility that charges lower rates.

If you are tired of Cap Rock's excessive electric rates, I invite you to contact your state or national representative. You may also complain to the Public Utilities Commission P.O. Box 133126, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Refer to docket No. 28813.

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Shedding some light on backyard buildings

By BEVERLY FORTUNE

Knight Ridder Newspapers
LEXINGTON, Ky.

Nancy Mullins wanted a potting shed in her backyard where she could corral all her gardening tools, flower pots, tomato cages and hoses in one spot and not have to trek up the hill to the garage every time she needed something.

What she ended up with was a shed both utilitarian and picturesque.

The simple shed, 6 feet by 12 feet, built of weathered barn lumber that her husband, Roland, had stockpiled, has a Dutch door, cedar shake shingles and window openings without glass. Inside there are shelves and hooks for hanging rakes and shovels. The building is wired for electricity.

The shed was built with a dirt floor, and Mullins later laid a brick floor, added window boxes and planted English ivy around the outside. Seven years later, the ivy has hidden the walls and roof, making the shed look like an extension of the elm tree growing behind it.

"It's just what I wanted, a really, really rustic-looking shed," she said, one that's very functional. "If I'm out working and want a trowel, I don't have to go clear back to the garage."

Once you start peering into people's back yards, you see all kinds of sheds - a variety of sizes and shapes, elaborate and simple structures, rustic

and architecturally inspired.

You can spend a little or a lot of money.

Mullins figured hers cost "not more than \$500," but we found one that was more than \$5,000.

Whether you build it yourself or purchase a pre-fab, potting sheds come in handy.

After Mullins' shed was finished - it was built by Jimmy Mason, who works part-time on the Mullins' farm - she cleaned out the garage, hauling out a mishmash of garden stuff.

The desire for a garden shed was contagious.

Her next-door neighbors, Jack and Shelley Lewis, used half of their basement as a junk room, but Jack wanted a pool table down there.

"We had to have a shed to clean out the basement," Shelley Lewis said.

"When we thought about the cost and effort to build one and we didn't know how to do it, it was more than we could fathom," she said, chuckling. "It was pretty tempting with free delivery and set-up."

The Lewises bought their 12-by-16-foot, ready-built shed for \$2,400. It has double doors, two small lofts inside and a double-thick plywood floor.

DO-IT-YOURSELFERS

At their weekend home on the banks of the Kentucky River, Martha



Frank and Martha Jenkins, who live near Boonesboro, Ken., needed two summers to build this garden shed.

and Frank Jenkins have a potting shed that started out as a place for Martha Jenkins to put her tools, but it ended up so charming that "mostly she uses it just for sitting in," Frank Jenkins said.

There's a breeze usually coming from the river, plus the shed has an electric ceiling fan. On hot, humid nights, Martha Jenkins occasionally sleeps out there.

This potting shed is a little more elaborate than the other two. Designed by Frank Jenkins, a retired surgeon, the 16-by-24-foot structure has a dry stone laid foundation, a

poured concrete floor and a standing seam metal roof.

Costs were held to about \$700 because the Jenkinsons, with her brother, Philip Choate, did all the work. But Frank Jenkins still tells you, "This is a \$35,000 potting shed."

That's because he cut a tendon in his finger while putting on flashing and couldn't operate for three months. But he's also an accomplished carpenter. While in medical school at the University of Arkansas, he worked as a carpenter's helper for \$1 an hour.

Rock was collected from a nearby creek, and Martha Jenkins picked up all the windows from along curbs in Lexington. The double doors were \$50 each.

The board-and-batten siding is rough-sawed oak, bought for 50 cents a board foot from a sawmill.

"We had to use a hand-held pneumatic nailer because the wood is so hard it bends nails if you

shed is one designed by Lexington architect Rob Dever for Anne and Joe Binford. The Binfords searched through garden books for ideas.

Dever was inspired by a building that once stood next to the grave site of the great thoroughbred Domino on the backside of a Lexington farm. As he remembers, "It had deep eaves, an angled front. I never knew what the building was, but I thought maybe Domino was in there when people came to visit."

The 9-by-10-foot shed, built by a carpenter, has a concrete slab floor and board-and-batten siding.

"At nights with the lights on it looks like a little temple," Anne Binford said. "And it's an architectural feature that anchors the garden."

Still, it's completely functional, full of things like bikes and a lawn mower.

The cost was about \$5,500, but the Binfords say it was worth every penny. "Oh, my gosh, we love it," she said.

Joe Binford added that every time he sees it, "It makes you feel good."

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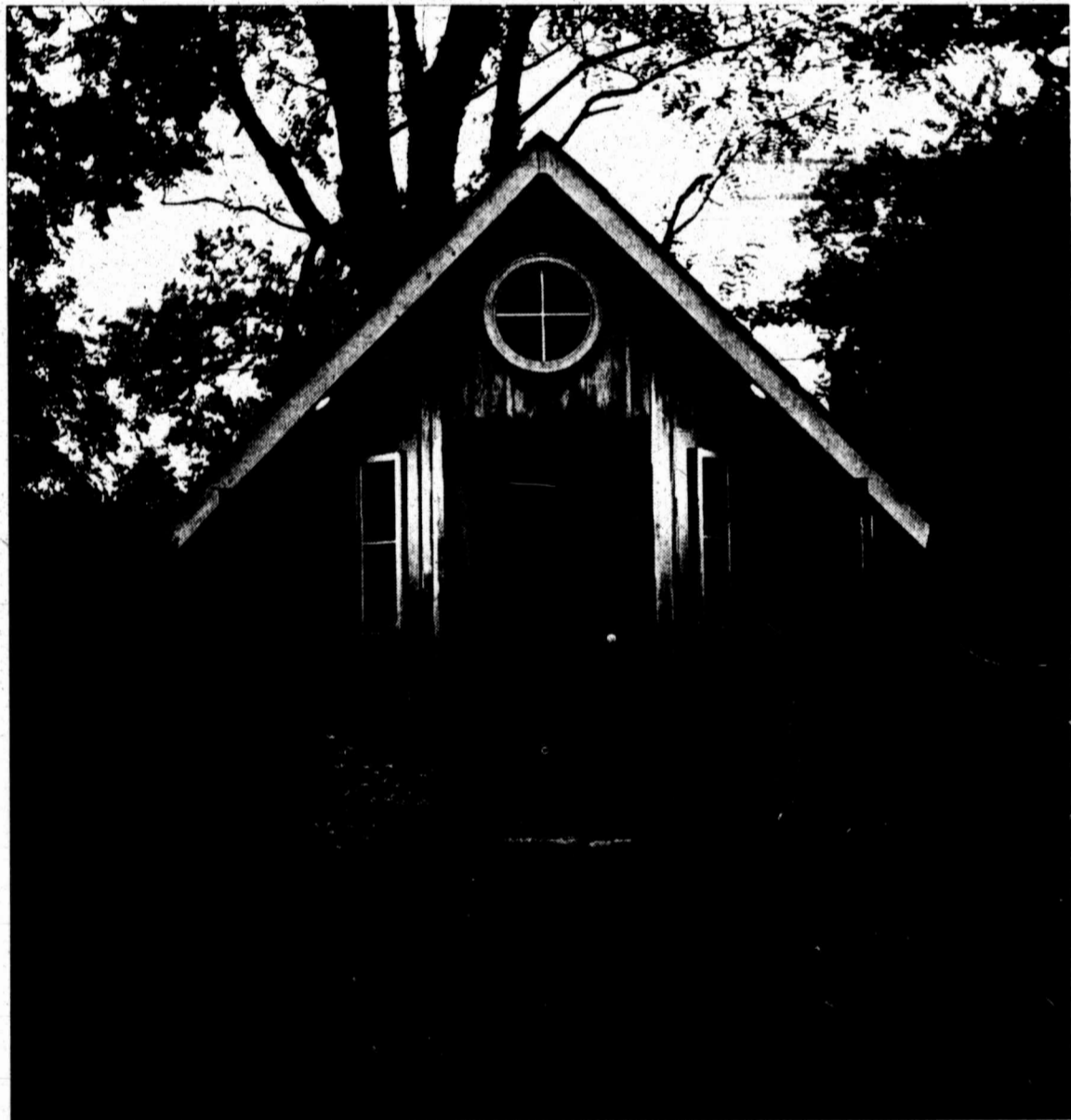
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A growing ailment: No insurance

By KAREN GARLOCH

Knight Ridder Newspapers
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

After losing two jobs since 1999, Jim Samarco now works 20 hours a week for one of his former employers, but has no health insurance.

It's been hard for the 60-year-old Huntersville, N.C., man, who has suffered severe clinical depression and also needs prescription drugs to control high blood pressure, high cholesterol and acid reflux disease.

He said he doesn't earn enough to pay for medicines or buy insurance for himself and his wife, Debbie, 48, who also works part time. They have found help through a free clinic, but would rather not have to take handouts.

"It's been a very humiliating, humbling experience," Jim Samarco said.

The Samarcos are among 45 million people nationwide who have no health insurance.

That number increased by about 1.4 million people in 2003, according to Census Bureau statistics. That means 15.6 percent of Americans lacked health insurance last year, up from 15.2 percent the year before.

The problem also got worse in the Carolinas.

In North Carolina, the number of uninsured rose to 1.42 million, or about 17.3 percent of the population. That's up from 1.37 million in 2002, the Census Bureau reported. In South Carolina, about 584,000 were uninsured last year, or about 14.4 percent of the population. That's up from 500,000 the year before.

Many of the uninsured work for small companies that don't provide the benefits offered by large corporations. They don't make enough to afford several hundred dollars a month in insurance premiums, but aren't poor enough to qualify for Medicaid or other public programs.

As U.S. politicians debate how to finance health care, couples such as the Samarcos either put off needed services or find help through a patchwork of programs that provide free or low-cost care.

"I really don't know what the answer would be, how they could give people health care without raising taxes," Jim Samarco said.

Jim Samarco worked for 16 years for a uniform rental company and was a route manager when he

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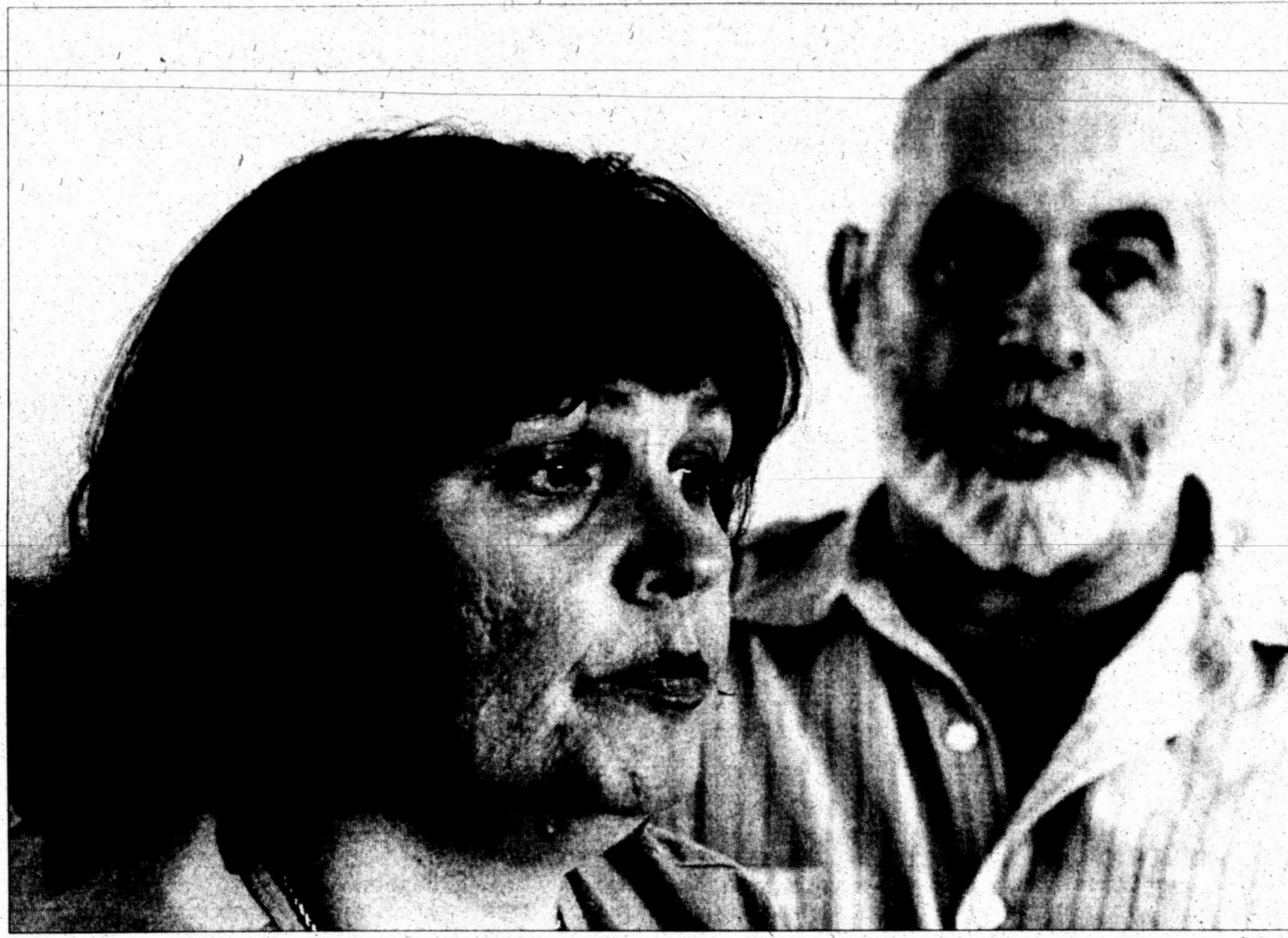
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The event is open to all senior citizens.

Canterbury South is located at 1700 S. Lancaster. For more information, call Prissy Stanley, occupancy specialist/building manager, at 263-1238.



Debbie and Jim Samarco of Cornelius, N.C., are two of the 44 million Americans who don't have health insurance. Jim has lost two jobs since 1999 and is now working part-time without benefits. Debbie doesn't have benefits with her job either.

got dismissed in May 1999. He believes it was part of a downsizing effort by a new manager.

"When that happened, I lost everything," Jim Samarco said. "Retirement. Health care. It was such a shock. I just went into a deep depression. I just went to bed that night and never got out of bed for a few months."

Debbie Samarco found it hard to understand her husband's mental illness. She left for a while to stay with relatives in Florida. "I told him I wasn't coming back until he got up and got a job."

Through a family doctor, Jim Samarco got some free, sample medicines, and in September 2000, he got a full-time job with a food service company. But he was laid off two years later, and his depression worsened.

When he applied unsuccessfully for Medicaid, the government health program for the poor, Jim Samarco heard about a

free clinic, Charlotte Community Health Clinic. He said by the time he sought help there in August 2002, he was feeling suicidal. His blood pressure had skyrocketed to 210 over 160, compared with the normal of 120 over 80.

"They basically saved my life," he said.

"Without the medicine, he wouldn't be here today," added his wife. "He would have committed suicide."

He met the clinic's financial eligibility requirements: 200 percent of the federal poverty level or less. That is \$18,620 for one person or \$24,980 for a couple.

Volunteer doctors and nurses helped Jim Samarco with medicines and monitoring. His was a complicated case because of the possible interactions of nine different medicines, said director Nancy Hudson. If he had been charged for his 25 visits over two years, Hudson said the

bill would have been more than \$2,000.

Jim Samarco gets most of his medicines free from the nonprofit agency MedAssist. Last year, that agency provided him with \$4,154 worth of drugs, not including his three antidepressants. For depression, he gets help from the mental health center in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

Another problem remains untreated.

Doctors at the clinic have diagnosed basal cell carcinoma, a type of skin cancer, on his nose, but haven't yet found a specialist to take the referral.

Debbie Samarco has also been treated at the clinic for periodic bouts of shingles and gets annual gynecological exams.

The Samarcos are a good example of the patients served by the free clinic, one of a dozen or so programs offering

free or low-cost medical care in Mecklenburg, N.C.

"What we're seeing is a real increase in the number of working poor," Hudson said.

Amid their problems, the Samarcos find joy at the home of their daughter, Joanna Harris, whose 18-month-old son, Izic, jumps and plays at their feet.

Harris and her husband don't have private health insurance either, but Joanna Harris, 21, qualified for Medicaid when she was pregnant with Izic, and she's enrolled again now that she's pregnant with their second child.

Medicaid will cover only her prenatal check-ups and the delivery, she said.

The Samarcos' younger son, Josiah, 22, lives at home and also qualifies for Medicaid. He is disabled after three surgeries for a brain tumor when he was 18. He has lost vision in one eye and experiences frequent vertigo. One medicine costs \$10,000 a year, Debbie Samarco said.

She wishes she had a suggestion for how to cure the nation's health care problems.

"It seems too overwhelming," she said.

To Jim Samarco, the answer would be a full-time job.

"It's very demeaning, especially for a man, to not be able to provide for his family, especially when you did it all your life."

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Howard College to assist in telethon

The Howard College Athletic Department will be helping out with the Jerry Lewis Telethon at the Big Spring Mall today.

A member from every sport — men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and rodeo — as well as cheerleaders and trainers will be answering phones and taking pledges.

C.G.A. announces monthly tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has set up a golf tournament for Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is the ninth annual Father Delaney tournament, which is in conjunction with Knights of Columbus.

It will be a four person scramble (pick your own team) and teams must be registered by 9:45 a.m. Sunday for the 10 a.m. shotgun start.

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Williams, Roddick advance at Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams served notice that her shaky knee is holding up just fine, sweeping past Patty Schnyder 6-4, 6-2 Sunday to reach the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open.

Once again dressed in basic black, the two-time Open champion had little trouble in winning her fourth straight match at Flushing Meadows. Williams won this one with her serving, finishing with 12 aces to just one double fault.

Williams was forced to pull out of last month's Olympics because of pain in her left knee. She had surgery on it in August 2003, and missed 8 1/2 months while recovering.

In fact, she said, a few doctors told her to skip this tournament.

"My knee is doing pretty good right now. I haven't had any worries," she said. "I'm really proud of my legs. I'm just excited to be here because I wasn't supposed to come."

Andy Roddick advanced with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Guillermo Canas.

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Texas' Benson leads Longhorns in UNT crushing

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — With the yards and points piling up in record fashion, it would be easy for Texas to read too much into a 65-0 season-opening win over North Texas.

But with Arkansas looming next, it's a safe bet coach Mack Brown will bring the No. 7 Longhorns back down to earth before traveling to Fayetteville next weekend to meet the Razorbacks in the historically bitter rivalry.

"We are a work in progress. We've got to be realistic," Brown said. "We're going to really coach them hard. They will have to overcome adversity next week to still come out with a win."

The coach speaks from experience.

Texas rolled 66-7 over New Mexico State in the 2003 season opener, then got thumped by Arkansas 38-28 at home in a loss that immediately derailed the Horns' national championship hopes.

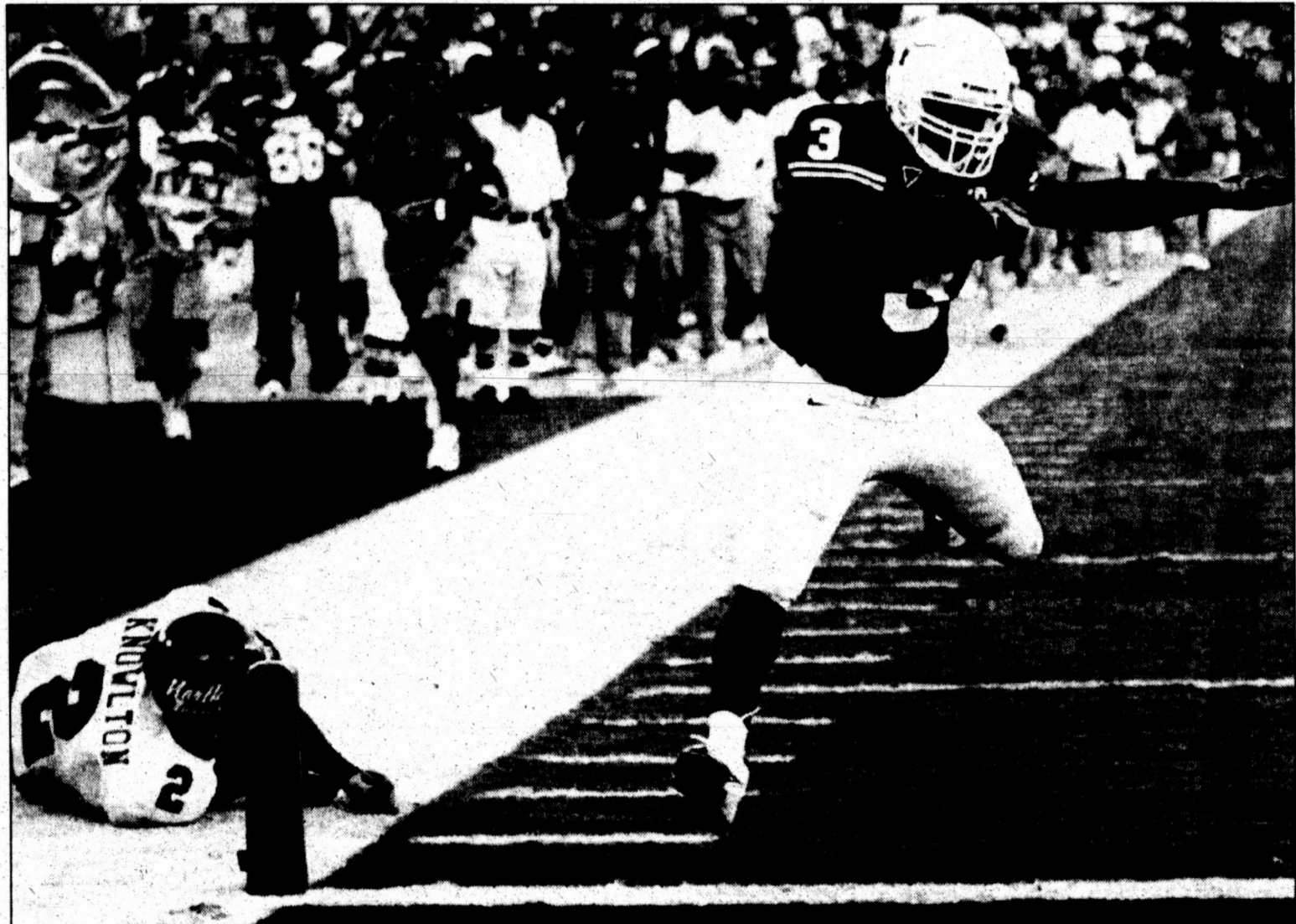
Still, no need to spoil the party so soon.

The drubbing of North Texas was so complete that Brown dipped deep into his bench early, letting freshmen and walk-ons take over by the fourth quarter.

The numbers were impressive:

—The 673 total yards was the third most in school history.

—Texas rushed for 513 yards as Cedric Benson and Selvin Young both topped 100 yards and each scored two touchdowns.



Texas running back Selvin Young reaches the end zone as North Texas' defender Markeith Knowlton lies on the ground in the second quarter of their game in Austin Saturday. The Longhorns won the game, 65-0

Benson finished with 181 yards on 15 carries, an average of 12.1 yards.

—Eleven of Texas' first 13 drives resulted in points. It would have been worse, but Brown decided the Horns wouldn't try to score late in the game. "You don't want it to get to the point it's embarrassing for the other team," Brown said.

—On defense, Texas held UNT to four first downs and 38 yards rushing in new co-coordinator Greg Robinson's debut. The Mean Green's Patrick

Cobbs, who ran for 1,680 yards last season, was held to minus-1 yard on eight carries.

—The 65-point margin was the largest since an 81-16 win over TCU in 1974.

"This was a great way for us to set the tone for the rest of the season," Bensons said.

"We were really impressed with ourselves," said Texas center Jason Glynn. "This was a real ego boost for the whole o-line. We weren't sure how we would come

together and this will be good for us."

Just to make sure those egos don't get too inflated, Texas coaches will likely make the Longhorns watch the game film from last season's loss to Arkansas.

In that game, Texas frequently got blown off the ball as the Razorbacks piled up 265 yards rushing.

Arkansas stuffed Benson and the Texas running attack, holding the Longhorns to 62 yards on the ground.

The Razorbacks similarly dismantled New Mexico State 63-13 Saturday night. That game no doubt will get Texas' attention as well.

North Texas was expected to be a much tougher opponent. The Mean Green (0-1) won the last three Sun Belt Conference titles.

"We got about everything out of an opening win that we could get," Brown said. "We have to realize we'll have to beat better teams than North Texas."

Nebraska discovers forward pass, Sooners look like old

By DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Now that Nebraska has discovered the forward pass, will Texas Tech and good football manners ever have a passing acquaintance?

And what about Texas, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State? Are they really this good?

On the other side of the good/bad coin, are Baylor, Texas A&M and Kansas State no better than this?

The beauty of opening day in any sport is the sheer unpredictability of it all.

Doubts that have lingered since the year before are finally addressed.

This year in the Big 12, however, opening weekend also raised some new questions.

The only losers were Baylor and Texas A&M. The Aggies apparently did not get the memo about scheduling nonconference softies and took a 41-21 pounding from No. 20 Utah Thursday.

Predictions that Baylor would once again take up residence in the conference basement were not tarnished when UAB belted the Bears 56-14, reaching its highest point total since joining Division I-A in 1996.

The sore-winner-of-the-day award goes to Tech.

It wasn't that Sonny Cumbie threw for 470 yards and four touchdowns in a 27-13 victory that bugged SMU coach Phil Bennett.

It was the way the Red Raiders kept chucking passes toward the end

zone in the final minute that triggered an ugly exchange of punches and words.

"I remember my first year, in Nebraska, they slaughtered us, like 1,000-3. (Actually 56-3) They tried to score every time they touched the ball," said an unapologetic Tech coach Mike Leach.

Even less gracious was Cumbie.

"It's a different philosophy. If you don't like it, stop it."

As players were separated and everyone headed toward their locker room, Bennett took one parting and possibly prophetic shot at Leach.

"You will get your 1/8tail 3/8 kicked when you get into the Big 12," he said.

But is anything in college football in greater danger than Nebraska's team passing records?

New quarterback Joe Dailey kicked off the Bill Callahan-West Coast offense era by throwing for 218 yards and four touchdowns in a 56-17 rout of Division I-AA Western Illinois.

Not so impressive? Consider that it was 140 yards and four touchdowns more than Jamal Lord threw for in last year's opener when the Huskers were still stuck in their traditional option mode.

On the downside were Dailey's four interceptions.

Apparently, so does Kansas State. The then-No. 12 Wildcats led Division I-AA Western Kentucky only 20-13 with 15 minutes left. They

finally prevailed 27-13, with Darren Sproles running for 221 yards.

But this game did not portend well for the defending Big 12 champions.

"I was thinking, 'We've got it. We're going to come back,' said Western Kentucky linebacker Charles Thompson. "I thought we had them."

Kansas State's performance resulted in a drop to No. 13 in the latest Associated Press poll.

Encouraging starts were enjoyed by No. 2 Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Kansas and especially, Colorado.

No program endured a more miserable offseason than the Buffaloes.

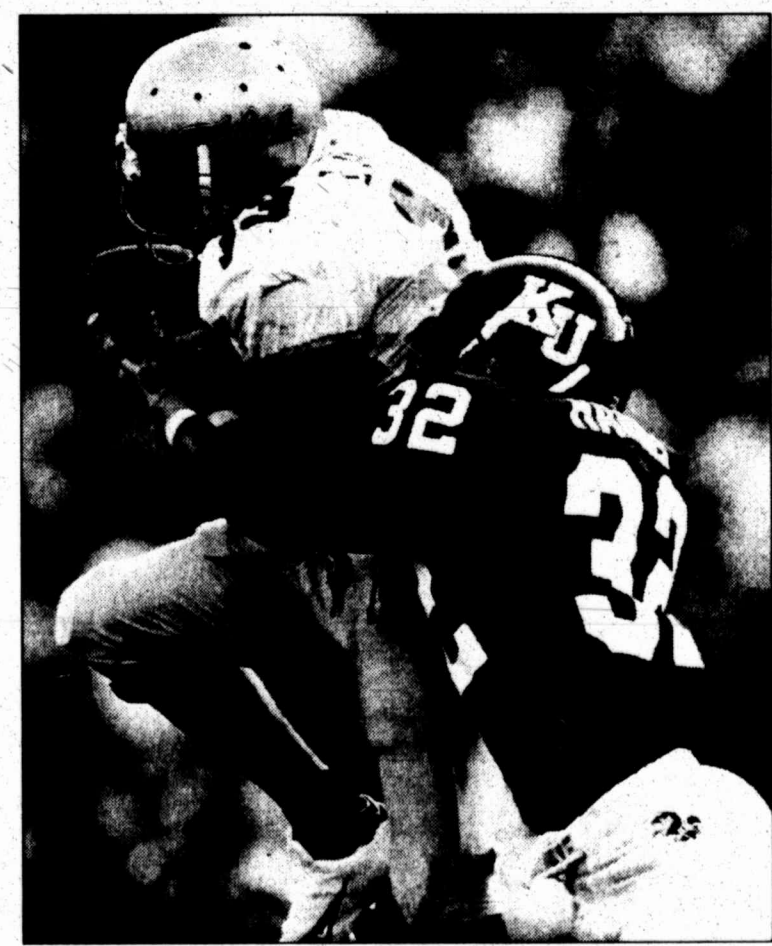
As school and state officials investigated sex and recruiting scandals, coach Gary Barnett was not even allowed to take part in spring drills.

But the Buffaloes held on at the end for a 27-24 victory over archrival Colorado State.

Unlike at SMU where punches were thrown at the buzzer, hugs and tears enveloped the Buffs.

Also happy: — No. 2 Oklahoma. Jason White threw for 238 yards and three touchdowns in a 40-24 victory over Bowling Green that snapped a two-game losing skid.

— Texas. The No. 7 Longhorns served notice this could be their year to contend for a national championship with a 65-0 victory over North Texas, piling up 673 yards of total offense and holding the Mean Green to only 38 yards rushing.



Tulsa wide receiver Jermaine Landrum makes a jumping catch in front of KU's Rodney Harris during the second quarter of their game in Lawrence, Kansas, Saturday.

Dallas' Carson suspended for opener against Vikings

IRVING — Dallas defensive tackle Leonardo Carson has been suspended one game without pay by the NFL for violating the league's personal conduct policy, the Cowboys said Sunday.

Carson, a likely starter, won't play in next Sunday's season opener at Minnesota.

"We were aware of it, that he was not going to be available," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "That was involved and factored into our decisions about how we were addressing that area of our team."

Carson pleaded guilty in June to lesser charges of trespassing and unlawful imprisonment in Mobile,

Ala., and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. He had been charged in August 2003 with kidnapping and burglary in the case involving a break-in at the home of his ex-girlfriend's sister.

Carson served eight days in jail in June before his release.

The Alabama circuit judge granted the release, which allowed Carson to resume offseason workouts with the Cowboys.

He has the authority to send Carson back to jail for the remaining 22 days. Carson's attorney, John Brutkiewicz, told The Dallas Morning News in July that wouldn't happen until after the season, if at all.

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Veterans continue to dominate, while youth fall quickly at Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer
NEW YORK — Maria Sharapova and her father often trade glances between points. In the stands, Dad pounds his fist on his chest, and she mimics the signal.

It represents a simple message — "Play with heart!" — but the Wimbledon champion didn't use the gesture during a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 upset loss to Mary Pierce in the U.S. Open's third round Saturday.

Instead, right over her heart and just below her sponsor's logo, Sharapova's silver dress carried a plain black ribbon. She wore it in memory of the more than 340 people, nearly half children, killed in a hostage-taking at a school in her native Russia.

"I lost today, but I still have to move on. It's not the end of the world," said Sharapova, who double-faulted 14 times and dropped the final five games. "There are a lot more important things in the world going on right now."

Given her almost perfect English, her all-grown-up strokes, and her poise on and off the court, it's easy to forget that Sharapova is just 17 and was born in Siberia.

If she hadn't flashed the tennis ability that prompted a move to Florida a decade ago, Sharapova might very well be just another teen readjusting to high school life this week, half a world away.

"The first of September is when so many kids go to school, the first day back. They go in with flowers and the whole family," she said.

"Unfortunately, the terrorists decided to do something bad with those families and kids. It just shows that my loss is a little thing."

As far as tennis goes, though, her exit was the day's most significant development, more surprising than No. 3 Carlos Moya's 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-5 collapse against 100th-ranked Oliver Rochus of Belgium, at 5-foot-5 the shortest ATP Tour regular.

Often mistaken by security guards for a ball boy or a junior player, Rochus entered the tournament with a 76-101 career mark and an 0-4 Open record. That last fact prompted Moya to ask incredulously, "He never won?"

Now Rochus is one victory shy of .500 in New York.

The Belgian knocked off No. 27 Mario Ancic, a Wimbledon semifinalist, in the first round, and can reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal by beating No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty.

"That's why you don't underestimate anybody," said Andre Agassi, a 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 winner over No. 25 Jiri Novak.

Moya won the 1998 French Open, but he's been a quarterfinalist at just three of his past 20 majors, and he was largely his own undoing Saturday. He made 61 unforced errors, and double-faulted on match point.

When they met at the net, Rochus looked straight at the 6-foot-3 Moya's chest. Moya patted Rochus' shoulder, as if offering kudos to a kid brother.

"It happens in tennis sometimes: You don't know why you play

good," Rochus said. Everyone knows that No. 1s Roger Federer and Justine Henin-Hardenne are as good as it gets these days. Henin-Hardenne beat Lisa Raymond 6-4, 6-3, while Federer's 6-0, 6-4, 7-6 (7) victory over No. 31 Fabrice Santoro put him in the round of 16 for the fourth straight year.

"The way he's playing now," Santoro cautioned, "he doesn't have to be scared of anyone."

But Federer's never been past the Open's fourth round. If he does reach the quarterfinals, his opponent could be Agassi, an eight-time major champion.

Agassi's right sneaker's sole tore away against Novak, so he reached into his bag for a plastic tube of glue and reattached it. That was the biggest blip in another easy victory.

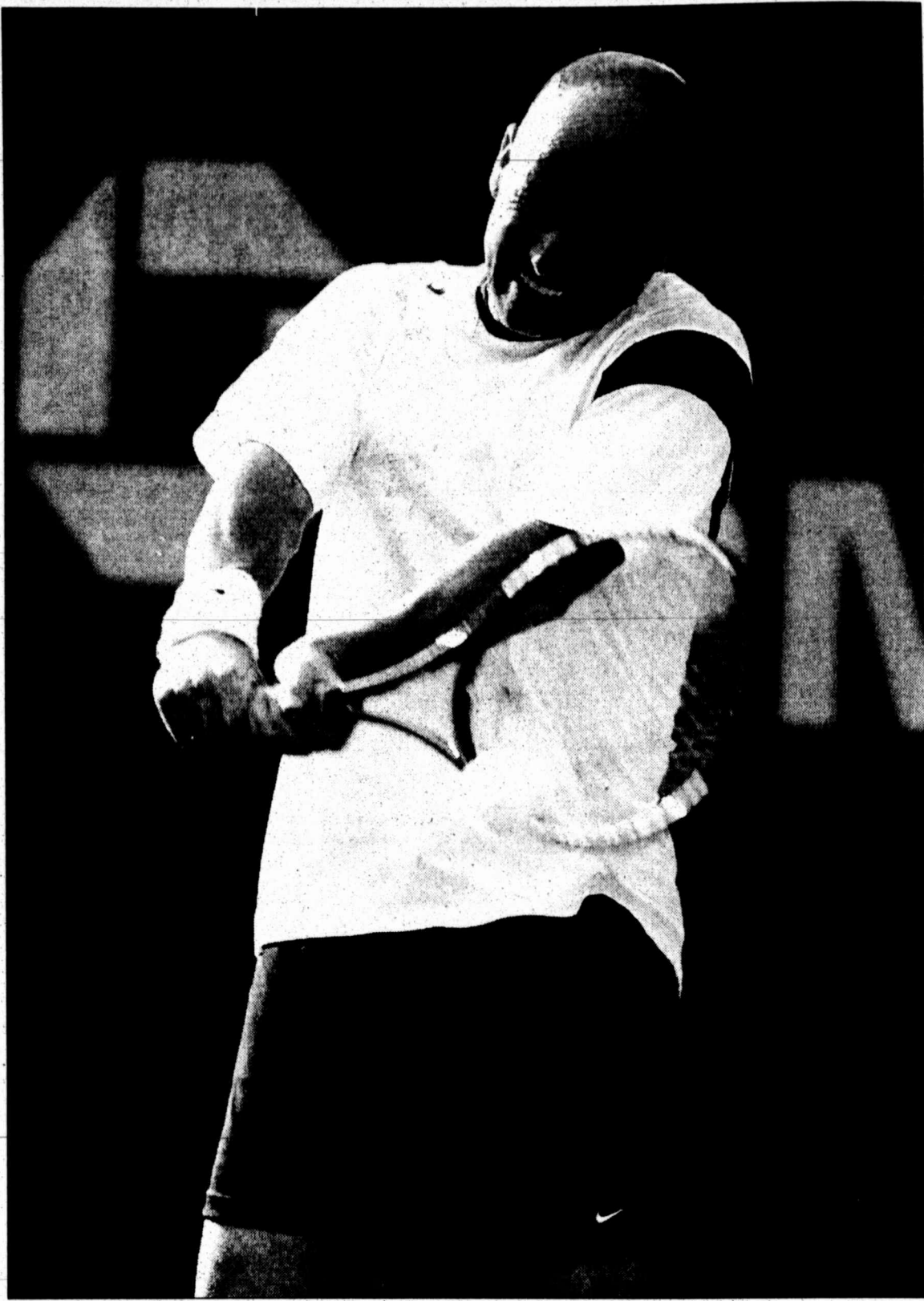
"You never know when you need your best tennis," Agassi said. "That's why it's always best to save it for when you do."

Pierce, a dozen years older than Sharapova, was superb after trailing 3-1 in the third set.

The 1995 Australian Open and 2000 French Open champion displayed the powerful groundstrokes she rebuilt after missing months at a time with back and shoulder injuries.

When Sharapova slapped a return into the net on match point, Pierce went to her changeover chair, knelt and prayed.

"I just appreciate it so much more," said Pierce, who faces No. 9 Svetlana Kuznetsova, next. "I believe in myself, and it's nice to have that confirmation actually happen in reality."



KRT photo/Nicolas Khayat, Abaca Press
Andre Agassi defeated Jiri Novak in their third round match at the 2004 US Open in Flushing, New York, Saturday. Agassi is seeded sixth in the tournament and is currently 34-years-old.

Sharapova dropped to 5-4 since winning Wimbledon, and two of those victories were three-setters at the Open.

Is it possible off-court commitments are taking a toll?

"It's not like she lost the match today because she had a photo shoot three weeks ago," coach Robert Lansdorp said. "She has

to practice a little harder. We have to give her a little bit of time. She'll be fine."

Half an hour after her loss, Sharapova sat in a lounge, picking at a sandwich and chatting on a cell phone.

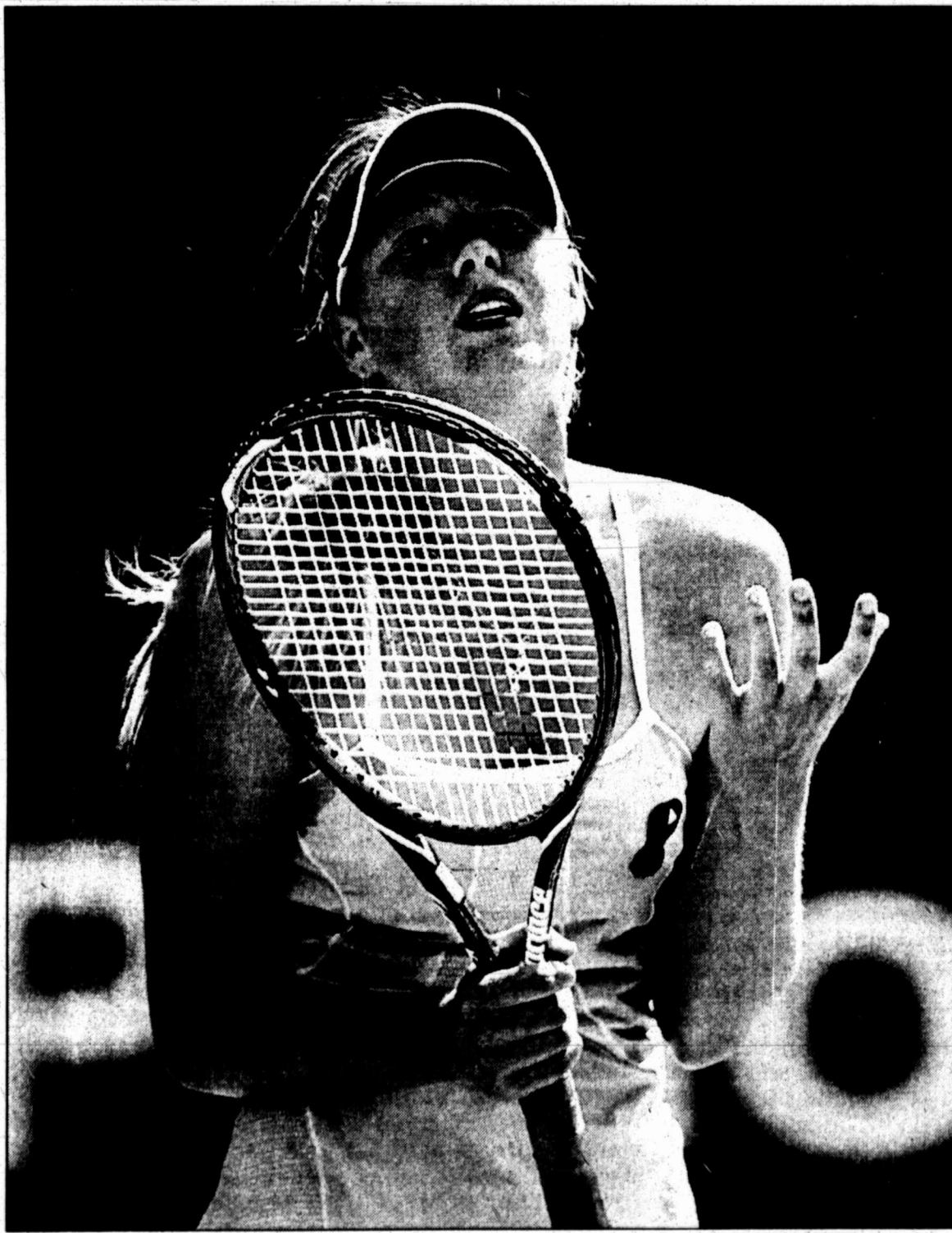
She certainly didn't seem too flustered. A few feet away, her father sat with Lansdorp, studying

the stats and quietly dissecting what happened.

During the match, Dad drew a warning from the chair umpire for coaching.

"My dad was shouting something, but I wasn't really looking," Sharapova said. "I was like: 'Whatever.'"

Now that sounds like just another teen, huh?



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Maria Sharapova reacts after missing a point during her match with Mary Pierce Saturday, at the US Open in Flushing, New York.

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COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

Public Notice
Effective September 1, 2004

The Howard County Indigent Health Care program is based on the rules and procedures mandated by the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

An Application Form can be obtained from the County Indigent Health Care Office located at:

Howard County Courthouse
300 Main Street, Room 310
Big Spring, Tx
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Howard County follows the rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. To meet the criteria for the County Indigent Health Care Program, the following is required by verification:

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Income

Howard County will only accept and pay the Standard Payment rates as determined by the Texas Department of Health. Howard County will pay all inpatient hospital bills by interim percentage rate.

Irene Dominguez, Director
County Indigent Health Care
#4317 September 6, 2004

Tomorrow's Horoscope

absolute best. Recognize a bad habit, and you can change it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You show world who you really are — and the world is impressed. A centered attitude is key to getting all you can out of the day. Family dynamics could hugely affect your mood. Give children lots to do today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes, it is too easy to forget that everyone is human, with weaknesses and needs. Team building is your way to success. So spend plenty of time getting to know the people you're dealing with and letting them know you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're ambitious and driven to win. In your mind, many elements must come together to make this day a success. But in reality, your own self-assured style is the biggest factor determining the outcome of this day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Blending work with fun is only possible when you truly love your work. If your work is currently bringing you nothing but dread, this is the perfect

day to solve problems and face the enemy within, so to speak.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Communication is flowing, and discussions are helpful to all involved. A sacrifice you make for a child has immediate results that are quite amazing. If you change your own actions, others follow your example.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Self-discipline means keeping your mind on personal goals, even when sweet temptation calls this afternoon. Face a difficult situation head on. More support comes from a Cancer or Capricorn than from anyone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If someone makes you feel bad, that person is probably bad for you. Being around people who believe in you and encourage you affects your attitude, which expands your talent, which determines your productivity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may feel you need to compete, but all you really need to do is be who you are. When you have a healthy sense of your own identity, you will begin to change the

ways you create your own fulfillment and accomplishment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some people see things as they are. You're busy dreaming things that never were but possibly (or impossibly) could be. Keep that imagination fueled. Allow for input from everyone, even people you don't agree with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Obligations and responsibilities that seem like a big deal really are not so bad. You may have 30 things to do, but chances are, each will only take a few minutes. Stop thinking and jump in.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

Venus transits into Leo, giving this Labor Day fabulous quality. In fact, if it's not fabulous, it's not happening! Parties with flair are well attended, and parties without flair gather some as they go. There's an anything-can-happen feeling in the air. The Gemini moon augments the playful vibe, and not a soul will feel like going to work in the morning.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As a warrior of the zodiac, one of your missions is to protect. Be the eyes and ears for folks who aren't paying attention. If you get the sense something just isn't right, act on it! Your fancy footwork preserves someone's feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'd love to see the perfection of the world, but your current improvement plan is forcing you to look at the flaws. Your honesty will be your chief tool to becoming the

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband returned after a year's deployment with the Army. We were so happy to have him back. However, in a casual conversation, he told me that he and his buddies had gone to a stripper bar while in the States. It was amateur night, and he knew one of the girls performing. He tried to "help her relax" by stroking several parts of her body while she gyrated. He was thrown out of the bar for fondling the dancer. He thinks this story is hilarious.

I, of course, was less amused and have asked him to leave our home of 17 years until I can think things out. He swears he only touched her. I think he crossed a line and wonder if things would have progressed had he not been tossed out.

Am I being too harsh? He swears this is the first time he has ever done anything like this and he has never been unfaithful to me, but I don't trust him. He touched another woman intimately, and if I let him get away with it, I suspect he not only will do it again, he might do more.

We have two daughters who are devastated that Daddy has moved out, and they think I'm crazy for showing him the door. Please help. — Skeptical Wife

Dear Wife: Although we usually are inclined to cut our servicemen a little slack, this is not one of those cases. Your husband has no business stroking a semi-naked woman (other than you). The bad news is, he sees nothing wrong with his behavior. The good news is, he told you about it.

Please don't throw away 17 years without first seeing a marriage counselor, who can help you work through the trust issues and explain to your husband why his actions were a betrayal. We recommend taking advantage of the counseling services offered through the military.

Dear Annie: Every August, my wife and I go on a vacation with her relatives. We rent a house, and the cost is divided equally between the four couples. That's the problem. I think it should be divided by the total number of people.

Unlike the other family members, we do not have children, so why should



KATHY MITCHELL
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we pay the same rate? Worse, my wife and I are expected to baby-sit if we are home when the parents go shopping. We also are forced to take these vacations in the summer, when prices are at their peak, because that's when the kids are out of school.

Should we bring this up with the other family members before next summer or suffer in silence? — Tired of Being Overcharged

Dear Tired: Might as well bring it up, because you sound as if you are not willing to suffer in silence much longer. Family vacations can be wonderful, but yours sounds like a recipe for trouble. Discuss it with your wife, and then ask the relatives about a more equitable payment plan. Otherwise, consider vacationing alone, before you become so resentful that you throw in the beach towel altogether.

Dear Annie: You recently told a reader that salon owners are not tipped. I have my own hair salon with one employee. Every dime I bring in pays the bills and all of my overhead before I even think to pay myself. But my employee gets paid regardless. If people don't wish to tip the owner, then the customer should be willing to pay more for the salon owner's expert services. — Pennsylvania Salon Owner

Dear Owner: Absolutely. There is nothing wrong with the owner charging a higher rate for his or her services. Go right ahead.

Annie's Snippet for Labor Day (Credit Samuel Gompers, founder of the American Federation of Labor): "All other holidays are . . . connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day . . . is devoted

to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation."

Dear Annie: My father-in-law, "Steve," and his wife, "Sally," live several states away and visit us once or twice a year. They are both wonderful people, but Sally is a chain smoker. When Steve first brought Sally to our home, we were incredulous that she lit up inside without first asking if it was OK. (She carries her own ashtray with her.) In fact, she likes to light up at the dinner table, ruining the meal for the rest of us, so we have to eat quickly when she's here.

Other than the cigarettes, Sally is a lovely person, and our kids adore her. She and Steve never stay more than a few days, and we air out the house after they leave. However, we recently built a new home and would rather not have Sally smoke like a chimney during the entire visit.

I am fairly certain that if we ask her not to smoke in the house, neither Steve nor Sally will visit anymore, which would sadden all of us. Having them stay at a hotel is irrelevant because Sally still smokes when she comes to the house. We've also noticed Steve has been having some respiratory illnesses, and although we told him the smoke is probably making it worse, nothing changed.

Do you think we should say something or just continue as we have been? I hate that our decision could affect how much time our children get to spend with their grandfather. — Smoker's D-I-L

Dear D-I-L: Sally is quite addicted. Try approaching her with love. Tell her you think she is a wonderful person and your children adore her. Explain that you know how important smoking is to her and you have no intention of asking her to give it up, but you are trying to maintain a better environment in your new home and it would be healthier for the children if she could smoke outside. We hope she'll have enough respect for you that she will make the effort.

Dear Annie: I am 14 years old and think I should get a bra. The problem is, I don't know how to tell my mother. The first time I had my period, it took me five

hours before I worked up the nerve to tell her.

I've given Mom hints that I need some "support," but she doesn't get it. Should I just save up some money and purchase one myself? — Too Embarrassed to Ask

Dear Too Embarrassed: Do you have a sister or a close friend who can help you out? Your mom sounds oblivious, so you need to be more direct with her. Say, "Mom, can you help me pick out a bra?" If you cannot do this, or if Mom ignores you, it's OK to select one on your own.

You can find tips for measuring yourself on the Internet, or you can ask a salesperson, a friend or another relative to help. If that's too embarrassing, try on a few brassieres until one feels right. It should fit comfortably around your chest and smoothly around the cups.

Dear Annie: My wife recently was diagnosed with lymphoma and is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments. We have dear family and friends who have put together a schedule of meals to bring to our house over the next four months, which has been a godsend. In fact, I would strongly suggest this gesture to family and friends of cancer patients who want to know what they can do to help.

My question is this: What would be a proper "thank you" in return for this kindness? — A Friend in Need

Dear Friend in Need: You are fortunate to have such caring people around you. Send each person an individual note, telling them how much their efforts have meant to you. We hope your wife gets better soon, and when she does, you might consider having a little get-together to celebrate her recovery with those who helped make it happen.

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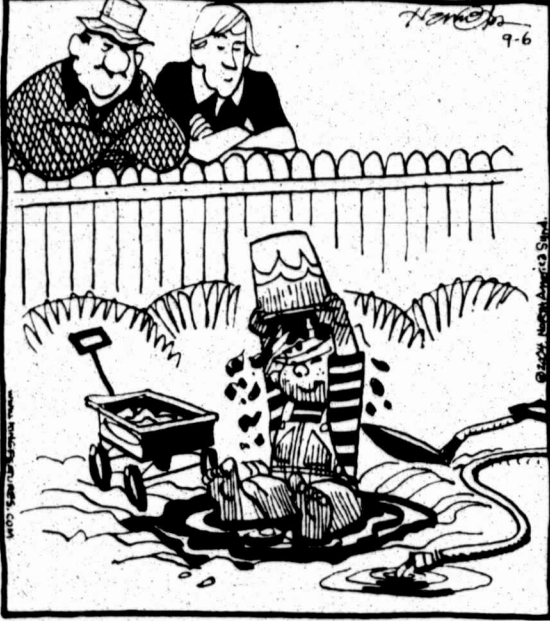
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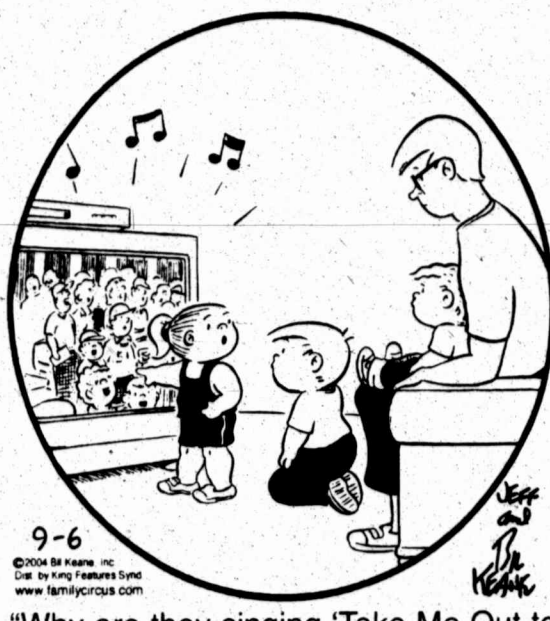
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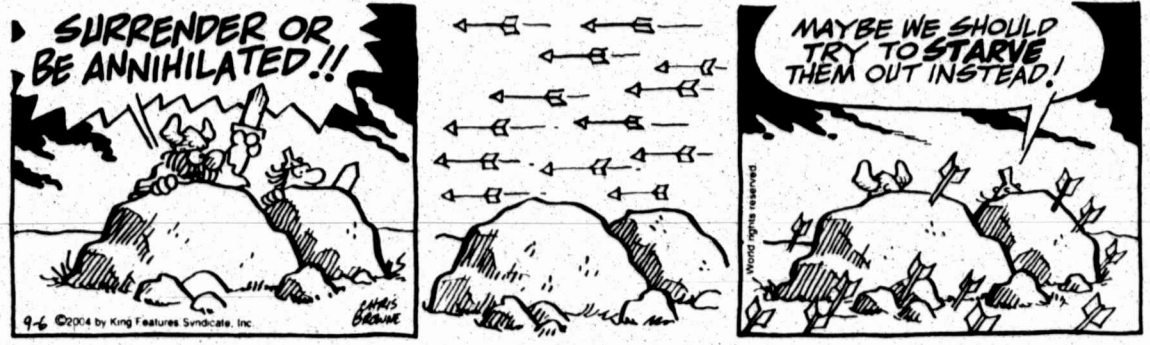
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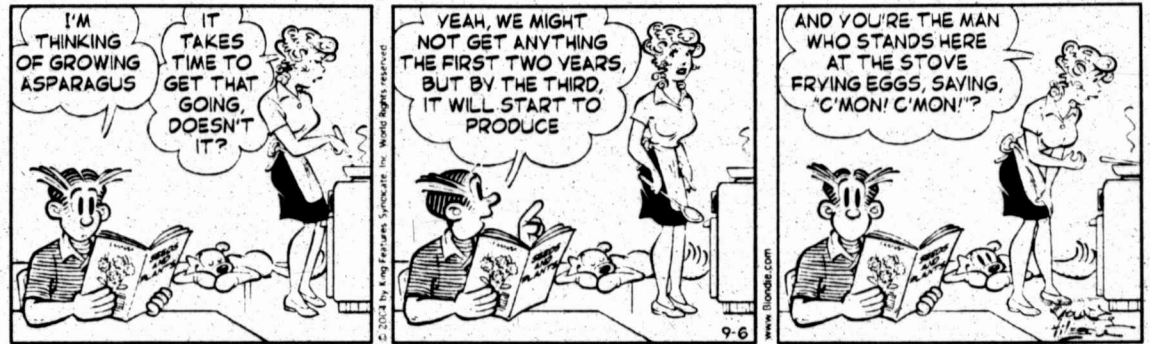


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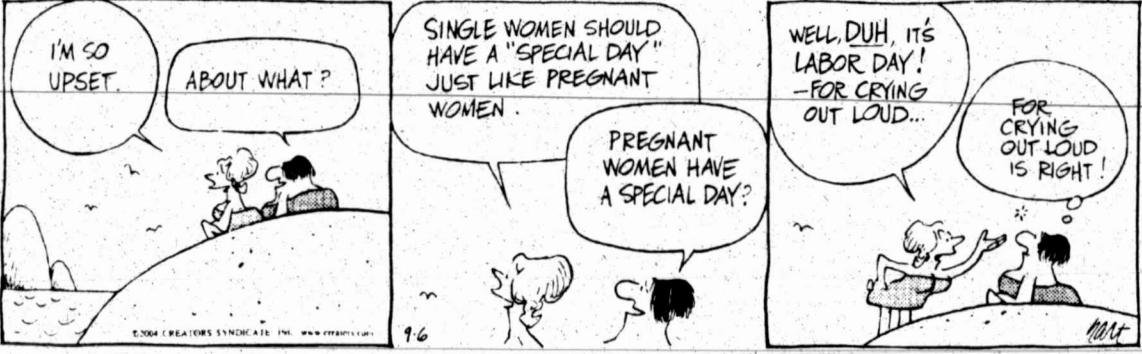
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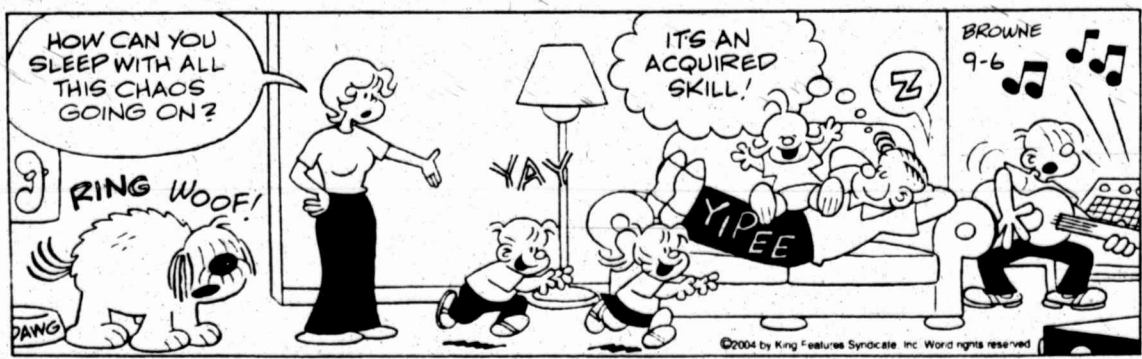
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 6, the 250th day of 2004. There are 116 days left in the year. Today is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

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 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 age 6 in German-occupied areas were ordered to wear yellow Stars of David.

In 1948, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands was coronated.

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 1978, James Wickwire of Seattle and Louis Reichardt of San Francisco became the first Americans to reach the summit of Pakistan's K-2, the world's second-highest mountain.

In 1997, Britain bade farewell to Princess Diana with a funeral service at Westminster Abbey.

Weeping masses gathered in Calcutta, India, to pay homage to Mother Teresa,

who had died the day before at age 87.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian JoAnne Worley is 67. Country singer David Allen Coe is 65. Country singer Mel McDaniel is 62. Actress Swoosie Kurtz is 60. Comedian-actress Jane Curtin is 57. Rhythm and blues musician Claydes Smith (Kool & The Gang) is 56. Country singer-songwriter Buddy Miller is 52. Country musician Joe Smyth (Sawyer Brown) is 47. Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 46. Actor-comedian Michael Winslow is 44. Rock musician Perry Bamonte (The Cure) is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Racetrack postings | 1 Oil cartel | 9 Billfold |
| 5 '80s-'90s NBC drama | 2 Audition tapes | 10 Super Bowl scores, for short |
| 10 Small-size bed | 3 Wander aimlessly | 11 D.C. hotel |
| 14 Brazil neighbor | 4 Rise, as a submarine | 12 Shah's land |
| 15 Scarlett's surname | 5 Wanting company | 13 Bookish one |
| 16 Take risks | 6 At the drop of | 21 Freudian subject |
| 17 Mideast ruler | 7 Volcanic output | 22 Escape from |
| 18 Part of USNA | 8 Many Riyadh residents | 26 Mess up |
| 19 Luminous heavenly body | | 28 Deceitful one |
| 20 Living-room piece | | 29 Play a guitar lightly |
| 23 Finish parties | | 31 Oklahoma city |
| 24 Bachelor parties | | 32 Vocal quality |
| 25 Cut off | | 33 Actor Cooper |
| 27 Becomes less hot | | 34 Vicinity |
| 30 Archer's sighting | | 35 Opaque vase material |
| 33 Carnival offering | | 37 Commotion |
| 36 Catcher's glove | | 40 Most high schoolers |
| 38 Liquid Plumr competitor | | |
| 39 Onassis' nickname | | |
| 40 Garden bloom | | |
| 42 Soft metal | | |
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| 46 Give up rights to | | |
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