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Joyce Crooker, an outgoing member of the Moore Development Board of Directors, accepts a plaque commemorating her service with the local agency from Richard Steel, board president. Crooker served on the board to fill the unexpired term left by Charles Myers, marking her second time to serve on the board after completing a stint in the mid-1990s. Crooker will be replaced with local resident Frank Parker, who was named to the board Tuesday by the Big Spring City Council.

Moore directors approve \$15,000 for student vocational program

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A new curriculum at Big Spring High School got a \$15,000 shot in the arm Wednesday, as the board of directors for Moore Development approved funding for a new vocational training program.

The curriculum — which was designed by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and includes classes in construction technology, metal trades and electrical trades — is on the cutting edge of voca-

tional training, according to Moore Development Director Kent Sharp.

"These text books aren't on the state's approved list, so the state won't pay for them," said Sharp, holding up one of the books from the program.

"It probably will be in two or three years, but it's not now. Most high schools haven't adopted it, and this would most likely make Big Spring one of the few schools in the state to implement it."

The program was examined by Raul Marquez and the board's Workforce Development

Committee, and according to Marquez, represents a step in the right direction for the local high school.

"This is for some of the kids that don't want to pursue a college education," said Marquez. "And according to our census in town, we need a lot of vocational trade people, such as plumbers, electricians, welders and carpenters."

"When they first came to us, they were asking for between \$35,000 and \$37,000 to implement the pro-

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BSISD to pay tuition, fees for college courses

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District has decided to put its money where its mouth is when it comes to encouraging students to attend college.

Using state funds earmarked for college-preparatory efforts, BSISD officials announced that the district will pay tuition, fee and book charges for high school students who decide to take concurrent courses at Howard College.

"We're trying to establish a knowledge base that will pave the way for these students to have success."



Ritchey

Concurrent courses are selected college classes that students take while still enrolled in high school.

"Students have the opportunity to not only take (college) classes, but at no cost to the student or parent," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said. "It's a great opportunity," High School Principal Mike Ritchey said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to pick up some college courses at no cost. These days, that's a great advantage for students and parents."

Ritchey said that, as of today, 100 BSISD students had signed up for the concurrent courses.

"What we'd like to see is an expansion of those numbers," Ritchey said. "That would mean that

more of our students are ready for the introductory level of college instruction."

As part of its school reform package, the state legislature recently designated funds for school districts to use in dropout prevention and college preparation programs. BSISD decided to use a portion of those funds to pay for the concurrent classes.

"The goal is to strengthen our concurrent program by increasing the number of students earning college credit while

enrolled at Big Spring High School," Downes said.

For the past few years, the district has made a big push to strengthen its college preparatory program at BSHE and Downes said that effort is bearing fruit.

"We've already seen increased enrollment in our advanced academic courses," he said. "The high school has a very large offering of AP (advanced placement) and pre-AP courses."

"We've seen increased enrollment in these courses, and we believe the Howard College program will only enhance our current efforts," Downes added.

Ritchey said college readiness efforts won't be

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Up for the challenge

Madonna Terrazas proud of year-long duty in war zone

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Serving a year in a war zone can definitely be called challenging. Then again, a challenge is what Madonna Terrazas joined the Army for.

Long-time Big Spring resident Terrazas recently returned from a 12-month stint in the Kuwait-Iraq theater. During that time, she endured extreme heat, dust,

occasional boredom and the uncertainty that goes with serving in a war zone.

And she wouldn't hesitate to do it again, she said.

Installing communication cables in 137-degree heat may not be everyone's cup of tea, but Terrazas doesn't seem to mind going against the flow.

A Big Spring High School graduate (Class of 1990), Terrazas joined the Army National Guard right before

the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Well, it was something I always wanted to do," she said. "There was a lot going on in the news about that time, and it just seemed the right thing to do."

"The Army just seemed like one of the toughest (services) to me," she added. "I just liked the challenge of it all."

Terrazas completed basic training in Oklahoma and

advanced training in South Carolina before settling in with her National Guard

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Courtesy photo

Madonna Terrazas, right, is shown with her father, Tony Chavez. Terrazas, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, recently returned from a year-long active duty tour in the Kuwait-Iraq theater.



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PEP RALLY SET TONIGHT

The annual community wide pep rally will be held at 8 p.m. tonight at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater. Athletes from all Big Spring High School fall sports, including football, volleyball, swimming, cross country and tennis, as well as the band and cheerleaders, will participate in the event.

The Big Spring Steers' football season begins Sept. 1 at home when they host Odessa High School.

Tim Holt, the athletic director/head football coach at Big Spring ISD, will address the crowd.

The pep rally is free to the public. For more information, call at 264-3641.

UW DINE OUT DAY

Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg, is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way.

Also, make plans now to attend the United Way luncheon Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets, \$10 each are available at the chamber of commerce, the United Way office at 808 Scurry or the First Bank of West Texas.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County serves 15 local agencies.

LARGE ITEM PICKUP

The city of Big Spring will once again offer its large item pickup program Friday in an effort to help area residents get rid of items they might not otherwise be able to transport to the municipal landfill. This clean up will cover District 4, represented by Councilwoman Gloria McDonald.

All items — which may include things like sofas, appliances like refrigerators and stoves — must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible. Chemicals, car batteries and tires, cannot be picked up.

For more information, call 264-2504.

Obituaries

Gladys Joy Loudamy

Gladys Joy Loudamy, 80, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 10, 1925, in Howard County to Melvin A. Loudamy and Gladys Irene Loudamy.

Joy graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942. She had worked at Howard County Abstract, Big Spring State Hospital and Carter's Furniture, retiring in 1995. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include one sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Terry Carter of Big Spring; one brother, Roy Loudamy of Mena, Ark.; one sister-in-law, JoAnn Loudamy of Big Spring; two nieces and their husbands, Lisa and David Hobbs of Big Spring, Dacia and Steve Roen of North Richland Hills; three great nephews, Derek Wash and wife Taryn of Big Spring, Brodie Wash and wife Kaci of San Antonio, and Clinton Hobbs of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Loy Loudamy, one sister-in-law, Myrna C. Loudamy and three nephews, Steve Loudamy, Lonnie Loudamy and Keith Loudamy. The family will be at No. 5 Highland Cove.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.np Welch.com

Paid obituary

Celia Girby

Celia Girby, 61, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating.

Celia was born Nov. 3, 1944, in Uvalde to Victor and Maria Luna. She married Pete Girby in 1968 in Uvalde. He preceded her in death Sept. 7, 2005. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1988 and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Girby of Big Spring and Betty Girby of Rockford, Ill., two sons, Steve Girby and Roy Girby, both of Big Spring, two sisters, Soyla Ramos of Garden City, Kan., and Delfa Luna of Uvalde, one brother, Julio Luna of Uvalde. She was also survived by four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Tony Girby, one sister, Maria Luna and one brother, Victor Luna.

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

Arnold Tonn

Arnold Tonn, 75, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Take Note

- H-E-B GROCERY WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. The bloodmobile will be in the H-E-B parking lot. Sign up online in advance if you wish at www.unitedbloodservices.org
- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.
- HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- ROBERT ALDRIDGE JR., 22, of Hernandez Road, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 200 block of W. Marcy.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2700 block of Cactus.

Sheriff's report

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

- GARY LYNN WILLIS, 45, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous drug.
- ROBERT C. KIDDER, 49, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- LAUREN RACINE SMITH, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.
- DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- JONATHAN ANDREW ARRENDONDO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and a Taylor County warrant for driving while license invalid.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the area of Val Verde Road; and the 5000 block of Midway Road.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2700 block of N. Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-12-15-31-37-53. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$24 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-16-22-27-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$28,848. Winning tickets sold in: Denison. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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

Support Groups

- FRIDAY
 - AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY
 - Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 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 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- MONDAY
 - Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- TUESDAY
 - The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.
- WEDNESDAY
 - RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.
- THURSDAY
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Big Spring High School community wide pep rally, 8 p.m., Comanche Trail Park amphitheater. Meet the coaches and athletes.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Ackerly Lunch Bunch, 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth. Lunch will be served at noon for \$6.25 per person.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Hawk take Off community and student rally for Howard College, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Prizes, games, contests, meet the coaches and athletes.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. South winds around 10 mph.
Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds around 10 mph.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.
Sunday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. The chance of rain is 20 Percent.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.
Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.
Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. The chance of rain is 20 Percent.
Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Around Town

- HERITAGE MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.
- POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

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In brief

U.N. could be next stop in impasse over Iranian nuclear program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is working with European allies and other governments over a possible U.N. response to what the Bush administration characterizes as Iran's inadequate answer to demands that it cease uranium enrichment.

Iran maintains it has offered "positive and clear signals" to resolve the dispute over its nuclear program, but could face U.N. sanctions unless it reverses course and agrees to a verifiable halt to enrichment activities that can be a precursor to the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy says Iran must suspend uranium enrichment if it wants to return to negotiations, but Russia's foreign ministry said it would continue to seek a negotiated solution and China appealed for patience and more dialogue.

The State Department acknowledged that Iran considered its proposal to be a serious one and promised to "review it."

But the U.S. statement issued Wednesday went on to say that Iran's response to a joint offer of U.S. and European trade and other benefits if the enrichment program was halted "falls short of the conditions set by the Security Council" — full and verifiable suspension of all uranium-enrichment activity.

"We are consulting closely, including with other members of the Security Council, on next steps," it said.

The United Nations has set a deadline of next Thursday for a formal reply by Tehran.

EU officials tallying troop offers before key meeting on Mideast peacekeeping force

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — EU diplomats meeting before foreign minister talks later this week have attempted to draw up a list of troop contingents that member nations could contribute to a strengthened U.N. force in Lebanon.

But most EU nations remain wary of making firm commitments until the mandate for the new force is clarified, fearing that their peacekeepers could be dragged into a conflict with the Hezbollah militants based in south Lebanon or with Israel if the current cease-fire between them collapses.

Temu Tanner, ambassador of Finland — which holds the EU's rotating presidency — said there were no breakthroughs at Wednesday's preparatory discussions of ambassadors and their deputies at EU headquarters in Brussels. But firm decisions on assembling the force may come as soon as Friday, when EU ministers meet with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in Brussels.

"We didn't expect any definitive indications of troop contributions today, but the feeling is now that on Friday the ministers will have a fruitful discussion," Tanner said.

He said the Italians, who have pledged the largest contingent for the force, made a strong appeal for more EU troops on the ground.

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni was meeting Thursday in Rome with her Italian counterpart Massimo D'Alema and Premier Romano Prodi for expected talks about the shaping of the peacekeeping mission, which Italy seems on the verge of leading.

A U.N. diplomat said that France is also considering increasing its commitment, and a high-level meeting is planned Thursday with President Jacques Chirac, the foreign and defense ministers and key military officials to look at several options to add more troops. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity.

France disappointed some by offering only 200 troops to double its contribution to the existing U.N. force in Lebanon.

California officials told Colorado authorities of Karr's interest in JonBenet Ramsey in 2001

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California detectives learned of John Mark Karr's apparent fascination with the JonBenet Ramsey murder while investigating him in 2001, but said Wednesday he did not appear to have any special knowledge of the case.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department said in a statement that it notified Colorado officials five years ago about Karr. It is the earliest known time that Karr was brought to the attention of authorities investigating the 1996 slaying of the girl in her Boulder County, Colo., home.

"We never uncovered any 'confession' statements, overt murder evidence, or other indications that John Karr possessed secret knowledge that only the murderer of JonBenet Ramsey would know," the statement said.

The Boulder County district attorney's office did not immediately return a call for comment.

Karr remained jailed in Los Angeles on Wednesday awaiting transport to Colorado, which has issued a murder warrant for his arrest. He told reporters in Thailand last week that he was with JonBenet when she died and that it was an accident.

Pluto kicked out of planet club

Astronomers demote much-maligned body to 'dwarf planet' status

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Leading astronomers declared Thursday that Pluto is no longer a planet under historic new guidelines that downsize the solar system from nine planets to eight.

After a tumultuous week of clashing over the essence of the cosmos, the International Astronomical Union stripped Pluto of the planetary status it has held since its discovery in 1930. The new definition of what is — and isn't — a planet fills a centuries-old black hole for scientists who have labored since Copernicus without one.

Although astronomers applauded after the vote, Jocelyn Bell Burnell — a specialist in neutron stars from Northern Ireland who oversaw the proceedings — urged those who might be "quite disappointed" to look on the bright side.

"It could be argued that we are creating an umbrella called 'planet' under which the dwarf planets exist," she said, drawing laughter by waving a stuffed Pluto of Walt Disney fame beneath a real umbrella.

The decision by the prestigious international group spells out the basic tests that celestial objects will have to meet before they can be considered for admission to the

elite cosmic club.

For now, membership will be restricted to the eight "classical" planets in the solar system: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

Much-maligned Pluto doesn't make the grade under the new rules for a planet: "a celestial body that is in orbit around the sun, has sufficient mass for its self-gravity to overcome rigid body forces so that it assumes a ... nearly round shape, and has cleared the neighborhood around its orbit."

Pluto is automatically disqualified because its oblong orbit overlaps with Neptune's.

Instead, it will be reclassified in a new category of "dwarf planets," similar to what long have been termed "minor planets." The definition also lays out a third class of lesser objects that orbit the sun — "small solar system bodies," a term that will apply to numerous asteroids, comets and other natural satellites.

It was unclear how Pluto's demotion might affect the mission of NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, which earlier this year began a 9 1/2-year journey to the oddball object to unearth more of its

secrets.

The decision at a conference of 2,500 astronomers from 75 countries was a dramatic shift from just a week ago, when the group's leaders floated a proposal that would have reaffirmed Pluto's planetary status and made planets of its largest moon and two other objects.

That plan proved highly unpopular, splitting astronomers into factions and triggering days of sometimes combative debate.

Now, two of the objects that at one point were cruising toward possible full-fledged planethood will join Pluto as dwarfs: the asteroid Ceres, which was a planet in the 1800s before it got demoted, and 2003 UB313, an icy object slightly larger than Pluto whose discoverer, Michael Brown of the California Institute of Technology, has nicknamed "Xena."

Charon, the largest of Pluto's three moons, is no longer under consideration for any special designation.

Brown was pleased by the decision. He had argued that Pluto and similar bodies didn't deserve planet status, saying that would "take the magic out of the solar system."

"UB313 is the largest dwarf planet. That's kind of cool," he said.

FDA allows some nonprescription sales of morning-after pill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women may buy the morning-after pill without a prescription — but only with proof they're 18 or older, federal health officials ruled Thursday, capping a contentious 3-year effort to ease access to the contraceptive.

Girls 17 and younger still will need a doctor's note to buy the pills, called Plan B, the Food and Drug Administration told manufacturer Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc.

The compromise decision is a partial victory for women's advocacy and medical groups that say eliminating sales restrictions could cut in half the nation's 3 million annual unplanned pregnancies.

The pills are a concentrated dose of the same drug found in many regu-

lar birth-control pills. When a woman takes the pills within 72 hours of unprotected sex, they can lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. If she already is pregnant, the pills have no effect.

Barr has said it hopes to begin nonprescription sales of Plan B by the end of the year. The pills will be sold only from behind the counter at pharmacies — so the pharmacist can check photo identification — but not at convenience stores or gas stations.

There isn't enough scientific evidence that young teens can safely use Plan B without a doctor's supervision, Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, the FDA's acting commissioner, said in a memo obtained by The Associated Press.

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Dodge consults students in quest for young buyers

By KORTNEY STRINGER
Detroit Free Press

A couple of months ago, Frederica Phipus knew almost nothing about Dodge except that it made the truck her dad drives.

But after about a month of getting up to speed on the DaimlerChrysler AG Chrysler Group brand, the 19-year-old Cincinnati resident decided to spend a few weeks in Michigan working 16-hour days — unpaid — to make sure her peers know all about Dodge, too.

Phipus, a Tennessee State University junior, is one of 21 college students from all over the country picked to create business and marketing plans to help Dodge strengthen its appeal to so-called millennials. Millennials are the estimated 100 million people born roughly after 1980 who are likely to become new car buyers in the next five years.

"We're looking at needs. It's not about age, but about needs," said Phipus.

The three-week initiative, paid for by Dodge, is an extension of Vanderbilt University's Accelerator Summer Program, which offers college students the opportunity to solve real-world business problems while working with companies.

About 67 students spent the first month or so of the program working with about 40 companies across the country — including Dodge. They do things like promote concerts, help firms understand their target markets and work on marketing events.

During the second phase, about one-third of the students were chosen to conduct research to help Dodge attract young people to the brand. Since mid-July, the students have worked 12- to 16-hour days meeting with Dodge executives and the company's ad agency, BBDO Detroit.

They've toured car-testing facilities and gone to places like downtown restaurants or local concerts to survey and observe young people. They created a business plan in a war room at Oakland University filled with laptops and bright yellow, orange and pink Post-it notes.

Lindsay Matthews, a junior majoring in engineering at Vanderbilt, said that because of the program, she's thinking about switching her career plans to becoming a product manager.

"It's great. We've been exposed to things that we aren't in school, like deadlines and teamwork," the 20-year-old Boston resident said.

The students didn't get a salary or stipend, class credit or grades. "They're working the hardest they've ever worked in their life, but they're having the most fun," said Mike Sicard, a Vanderbilt business professor who runs the program. "They're getting the experience, not the cash."

Dodge's program illustrates the growing desire by large U.S. companies

that sell everything from makeup to mortgages to attract millennials. Marketing to this group is particularly complex for advertisers because it's larger, more ethnically diverse and technologically savvy and less receptive to traditional 30-second TV spots than previous generations. Automakers, in particular, are paying close attention to millennials.

"From our perspective, our job is not only to sell cars today but also to look into the future and do everything we can to see who the customers are so we can be successful into the future," said Jim Yetter, senior manager of Dodge marketing. "These students are working as a consultant team with us to define what we can do to make Dodge relevant to them."

Dodge, most recognized for its

in-your-face American brand. To appeal to the youth market this year, it replaced its Neon compact, which appealed to many young car buyers, with the Caliber. The Caliber is a compact with more bells and whistles such as fold-down speakers and a so-called chill zone in the glove compartment for keeping beverages cold.

According to a recent survey of more than 30,000 people age 16 to 24 by auto research firm CNW Marketing Research, a modest 13.5 percent said they want to someday own a Dodge car, while 11 percent said they would like to buy a Dodge truck. In comparison, 21.5 percent said they'd like to buy a Lexus car, 28 percent fancy driving a Mini Cooper in the future, and 24 percent would like to own a Chevy truck.

Dodge, which acknowledges the brand doesn't rank high among millennials, said its goal with the Accelerator program is to hear directly from the horse's mouth — millennials themselves — about what appeals to them. Dodge wouldn't share specific information about what the millennials said, but said



MCT photo/Eric Seals/Detroit Free Press
David Doughty of Oklahoma City directs Andrew Walters of Sharon, Conn., as he shoots video for part of the groups' presentation for Dodge executives in Rochester, Mich.

there were major take-aways.

Among them: Millennials don't like to be preached to. They don't feel productive unless they are multitasking, and they value most the opinions and referrals of their network of friends. That tends to be significant because of networking Web sites they frequent such as MySpace.com.

"We need to start connecting with this group now because their buying power is enormous, and it will be humongous in a few years," said Tom Loveless, Dodge's director of marketing. "What we learned was different from what the consultants have been telling us. In fact, we're better off not doing anything than attempting to do the

wrong thing, which would turn millennials away from us."

One auto expert said whatever Dodge learned from the group could be an effective, competitive weapon, but only if it actually uses the information.

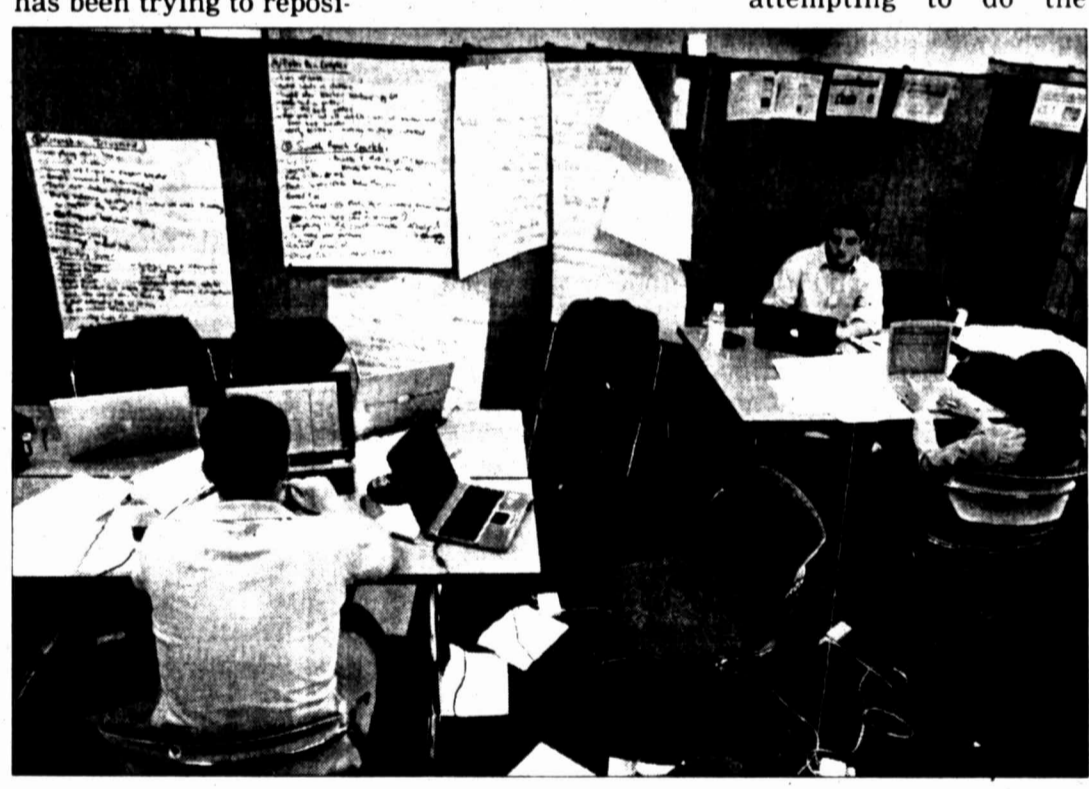
"It's not a case of them telling Dodge what would work with their age group; it's a case of

whether Dodge listens," said Art Spinella, president of CNW Research. "Do they have the potential to gain some insights? Absolutely, yes. It's essential they capture the aspiration of this group because sales five years out will depend on this."

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Notes cover a wall in a room at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., where students brainstorm ideas for Dodge. Since mid-July, the students have worked 12- to 16-hour days. They've met with Dodge executives and with the company's ad agency, BBDO Detroit.



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Students in the Vanderbilt Summer Business Initiative "Accelerator Program" work on their business and marketing plans at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.

Contract Bridge

The Serendipity Factor

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
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♥ Q 6 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ K Q J 10 6

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♦ 6 5
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ 5 4 3 2

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SOUTH
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The bidding:
East South West North
1♦ 2♣ Pass 3NT
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Opening lead — two of clubs.
Pinocle is a crazy, mixed-up game — at least to anyone not familiar with it. Not only does the deck contain 48 cards instead of 52, but there are no cards lower than a nine. What's more, there are two queens of spades, two aces of hearts, and, in fact, every card has a twin — an identical twin, no less.
And, to add to the confusion, the cards rank in order from the ace down to the nine, just as in bridge, with one exception — the ten is higher than the king!

Now, my friend John, an inveterate pinocle player who never had a kind word to say about bridge — though he understood the game — was at the club one day, and there weren't enough players for a pinocle game. So he consented to play bridge just for kicks.

On the very first deal, he picked up the South hand and got to six spades. John is a pretty good card-player and saw right away that he couldn't make 12 tricks even though he got a club lead and ruffed East's ace. There simply was no sure entry to dummy to cash the clubs.

But John thought that if he ran all his trumps, the defenders might blunder and let him make the contract. So he cashed the ace of spades, continued with the ten and was about to play the king when East rudely interrupted and said, "It's my lead." You see, John had forgotten he was playing bridge, not pinocle, and that the ten was not second in rank to the ace.

But his inadvertent mistake proved to be just what the doctor ordered. After winning the ten with the jack, East was forced to return a club or lead from one of his kings, so John wound up making the slam.

Nowadays, John doesn't play much pinocle anymore. You just can't tear him away from the bridge table!

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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IN BRIEF

Steers scrimmage set for Lubbock

The Big Spring Steers' preseason scrimmage will be held Friday in Lubbock vs. Pampa.

The scrimmage, which will feature the respective schools' ninth grade, junior varsity and varsity squads, will be held at the Lubbock Monterey High School practice field.

Freshmen and junior varsity will scrimmage at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7 p.m.

There is no admission to the scrimmage, but officials urge people planning on attending to bring their own chairs, as there are no bleacher facilities at the Monterey practice field.

The Steers open the regular season at home against Odessa High School Sept. 1.

Coahoma Booster Club sets event

The Coahoma Booster Club will hold its annual Meet the Bulldogs Night for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

Youth volleyball sign-ups under way

Registration for Youth Volleyball League play has started at the YMCA.

Families with children in Grades 3-6 are eligible to play.

The registration fee is \$45 per player and the deadline to register is Saturday.

Players will be divided into two age groups — third- and fourth-graders in one division and fifth- and sixth-graders in the other.

Teams will be formed Aug. 31 at a coaches meeting and clinic and league play begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 267-8234.

Quarterback Club meetings slated

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to attend.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Fort Worth Bowl gets new name

The Fort Worth Bowl has a new name and a new sponsor.

Bowl president Tom Starr announced Wednesday the game will now be known as the Armed Forces Bowl to "honor our nation's men and women in uniform, which gives us tremendous pride."

Ball Hall on the new campus.

The bowl game, its fourth year, was played on TCU's campus, didn't have the same level of success as previous years.

Devil Rays keep giving Rangers a problem

By The Associated Press

Struggling Jorge Cantu put the Texas Rangers into a deeper hole.

Cantu hit his first homer since July 29 and drove in three runs to help the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Rangers 7-3 Wednesday night.

Cantu had sat out the previous two days and was hitting just .146 since July 24 before going 3-for-4 against Texas.

"He gets the next two days off," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon joked. "He responded really well. I think he feels pretty good about himself right now."

Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who have

lost the first three games of a four-game series with the Devil Rays. Texas is 7 1/2 games behind the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics, who beat Toronto 6-0.

"It's not unfathomable," Teixeira said. "It's a big league team. They want to win just as much as we do, and they've played better than us the last three days. They can go out and beat anybody, so we just have to play better."

Cantu hit a two-run drive in fifth and a run-scoring double one inning later that gave Tampa Bay a 4-3 lead.

"I needed to clear my head," Cantu said. "I feel really relaxed. Very, very relaxed for the first time in a long time."

Cantu's double went over center fielder Jerry Hairston, who got turned around on the play. Hairston made the start to give Gary Matthews Jr. some rest.

"I let the team down," Hairston said. "My job is to keep the train rolling. Tonight, I'm embarrassed. It's unacceptable."

Carl Crawford added a two-run shot in Tampa Bay's three-run seventh. It was his career-high 16th homer of the season.

In other AL games, it was: Cleveland 15, Kansas City 13; Chicago 7, Detroit 5; Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1; Oakland 6, Toronto 0; New York 9, Seattle 2; and Boston 5, Los Angeles 4.

In National League action, it was: Philadelphia 2, Chicago 1; Houston 7, Cincinnati 3; San

Diego 7, Los Angeles 2; New York 10, St. Louis 8; Milwaukee 7, Colorado 1; San Francisco 7, Arizona 6; Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 4; and Florida 9, Washington 7.

Shawn Camp (6-1) threw 1 1/3 scoreless innings to get the win. The Devil Rays are 13-25 since the All-Star break.

Rocco Baldelli doubled in a run in the first and Cantu snapped an 0-for-19 skid with his 10th homer of the season against Kevin Millwood (12-9) in the fifth, putting the Devil Rays ahead 3-0.

Millwood gave up six runs and eight hits over 6 1/3 innings.

"It's been real frustrating seeing as how we haven't done anything well," Millwood said. "You can't pick out one facet of the game that we've done well."

Henson done with Cowboys

Romo still No. 2 behind Bledsoe on depth chart

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Drew Henson won't be on the Dallas Cowboys roster this season, and the former third baseman once considered the team's quarterback of the future might be on the trading block.

"I just didn't see enough," coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday.

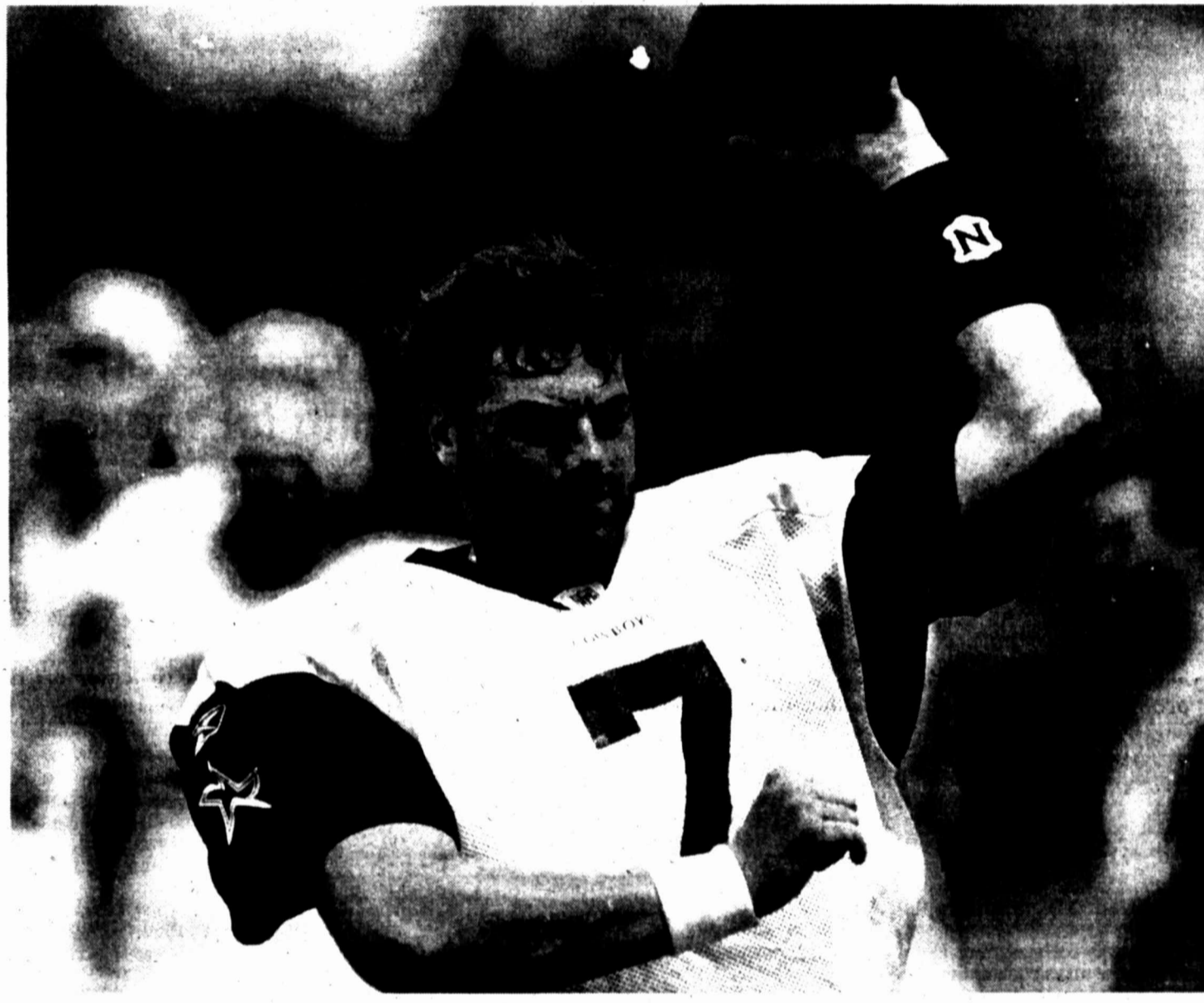
Henson's locker had already been cleaned out when reporters were allowed into the locker room before practice. For now, rookie free agent Matt Baker is the No. 3 quarterback behind Drew Bledsoe and Tony Romo.

"I'm really not at liberty to discuss the situation because I'm not privy to that information," Parcells said. "He's not going to be on our roster. That's all you need to know."

Parcells also reiterated that Bledsoe is the starting quarterback and that he is just trying to get a true evaluation of Romo, who has never thrown a pass in a regular season game, with extended play during the preseason.

Romo took every snap in the preseason opener, then played in the second half Monday night against New Orleans after Bledsoe was 12-of-16 passing for 156 yards and two touchdowns before halftime in his first preseason action. Romo is 25-of-33 for 373 yards with two TDs.

"I think if the day ever comes when I am going to be committed to Romo, the first person I would let know would be Bledsoe. I am going to owe him that," said Parcells, who drafted Bledsoe with the first



Drew Henson warms up during a Dallas Cowboys' practice in Oxnard, Calif., on Aug. 3. The Cowboys announced Wednesday that Henson would not be on the team's roster this season.

overall pick with New England in 1993. "We're not at that day right now."

"But I am happy with Romo's progress. I'm sure most of you can see why I was hoping this would kind of go, so we would have some hope for the future."

Henson had spent three seasons playing baseball in the New York Yankees' organization when the Cowboys acquired him from the Houston Texans in March 2003. The Texans, already with David Carr at quarterback, had the rights to Henson after drafting him in 2002.

Three years ago the

Cowboys gave Henson an eight-year deal with a guaranteed \$3.5 million — the most ever for a sixth-round pick — and sent a third-round draft pick to the Texans. The final four years of Henson's contract were voidable.

About \$3 million of Henson's contract will count against the Cowboys' salary cap.

"I don't keep players that I don't think can play for us," Parcells said. "We tried very diligently with this guy. I really don't want to comment. This is a little bit of a limbo situation. There are a couple of moving parts."

Baker has taken most of

the snaps with the third-team offense since being added to the Cowboys roster Aug. 7.

Henson's only start for the Cowboys came on Thanksgiving Day 2004 for an injured Vinny Testaverde, who then replaced Henson at halftime. Henson was the Cowboys' third quarterback all last season.

While calling Henson's performance during camp "average," Parcells insisted that the quarterback's roster spot wasn't in danger. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones still considered Henson "an excellent prospect," but admitted last week that he thought

the quarterback would be further along in his development.

"It's accurate to say that I had higher expectations," Jones said then. "It wouldn't surprise me if we didn't wake up here and he was starting for a team in the NFL. ... Not right now, but in the future."

In Henson's first Dallas camp two years ago, he was shaking off the rust after being out of football since starting for Michigan as a junior in the 2001 Rose Bowl. Last year, he was competing with Romo for the No. 2 job. Now, he appears headed to another team.

Owens reaggravates hamstring injury

By The Associated Press

Terrell Owens' first game action with the Dallas Cowboys will have to wait yet another week — at least.

The star wide receiver, who has yet to play in the preseason, said he reaggravated his left hamstring injury by returning to practice too soon last week.

"At this point, yeah, I will be close to 100 percent before I get back on the field," Owens said Wednesday. "I'm not going to jeopardize my health just because of speculation or anything like that."

Like he did for most practices during training camp in Oxnard, Calif., Owens rode a stationary bicycle when the Cowboys held their first workout at home.

Owens characterized his injury as a "severe pull" and said he

almost certainly will miss his third Cowboys preseason game. The Cowboys play at home Saturday against San Francisco.

"It's frustrating, but it's not where I need it to be to play and perform like I need to," Owens said. "So at this point, I'm going to be smart about it."

Asked if he could play if the regular season were starting, Owens said, "I doubt it, not the way I need to play."

After missing 14 consecutive training camp practices and the preseason opener in Seattle because of the hamstring problem that has bothered him all month, Owens returned for five practices last week. He then missed the final full workout in California and didn't play Monday night against New Orleans in Shreveport, La., after the hamstring tightened up on

him.

Owens had returned to practice after Cowboys owner Jerry Jones suggested that the receiver needed to learn how to practice at less than 100 percent. His first practice back came only hours after coach Bill Parcells reiterated that Owens needed to be on the field.

"I felt like I was never pressured to get back on the field. I just tried to compromise with some people, just try to be around the team and get back out there," Owens said. "It just flared up again."

Titans

Vince Young gave the Titans — and himself — a scare when the back of his throwing hand slammed against a helmet during practice.

Young was examined on the

field, then walked off for X-rays and did not return to practice. Coach Jeff Fisher said he wasn't too concerned, because the preliminary examination on the field indicated only a bruise.

Bears

Running back Thomas Jones will start Friday against the Arizona Cardinals after missing the first two preseason games with a pulled hamstring.

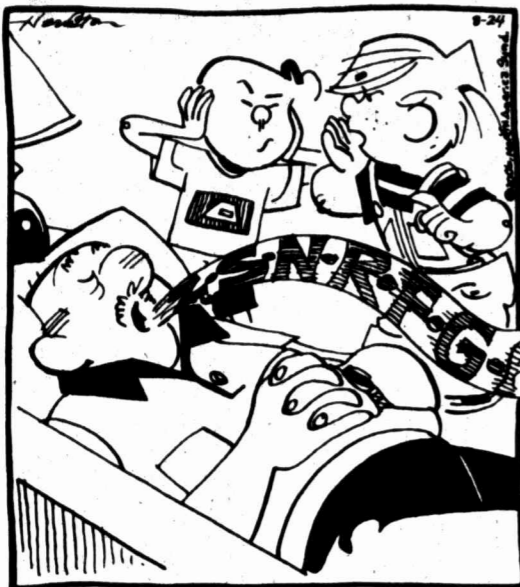
Jones, who rushed for a career-high 1,335 yards last season, was dropped from the top of the depth chart after missing voluntary off-season workouts.

He was expected to compete with Cedric Benson for the starting job, but injuries to both players put that on hold. Benson, who sprained his left shoulder Aug. 5, is not expected to play this week.

THURSDAY

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2006. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm.

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, an event that symbolized the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

In 1572, the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics

began in Paris. In 1814, British forces invaded Washington, setting fire to the Capitol and the White House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making her the first woman to fly solo nonstop from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock

star John Lennon.

Today's Birthdays: Former education secretary Shirley Hufstедler is 81. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 72. Composer-musician Mason Williams is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 64. Rock musician Ken Hensley (Uriah Heep) is 61. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 57. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 49. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 48. Baseball star Cal Ripken Jr. is 46. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 44. Rock singer John Bush is 43. Actress Marlee Matlin is 41. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 36.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals addressed to John Grant, General Manager, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, PO Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, until 3:00 PM, Wednesday, 14 September, 2006.

For the purchase of the following item(s):

Employee Uniform Rental Service

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79721, telephone 432-267-6341. Inquires regarding specifications are to be directed to Ralph Truskowski, P.E., Operations Manager, telephone 432-267-6341, fax: 432-268-1196, e-mail: ret@cmwd.org.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder(s) by issuing a Purchase Order within thirty (30) days after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after date on which bids are opened.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
John W. Grant, General Manager
#5053 Aug 17, 24, & 31, 2006.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 0005-05-097 for REPLACEMENT MBGF in HOWARD County will be opened on September 08, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 0005-06-107 for PLANNING, FLEX BASE REPAIR, UNDERSEAL & ACP in HOWARD County will be opened on September 07, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 0005-06-108 for PLANNING, FLEX BASE REPAIR, UNDERSEAL & ACP in HOWARD County will be opened on September 08, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 20970

State Office
Constr./ Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

#5047 August 17 & 24, 2006

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Virgo solar and lunar energy tickles us with the idea of perfection. Perfection is a relative matter, as the thing that most pleases one person may not match the standards of the next person. The easiest way to enjoy yourself now could be to lower your standards, expect nothing and be delighted by whatever comes your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The person with the very best manners is the one who overlooks the bad manners of others. You're happiest when you embody tolerance and allow others to march to their own beat without feeling you must control it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The value of chemistry, even on a platonic level, is priceless. Make the effort to keep in touch with someone with whom you have snappy repartee and sparkling conversation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Holding yourself in high esteem isn't vain. Without self-respect, it's impossible to respect others. The stars cheer you on when you treat yourself like one of the great loves of your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The good news is the

Tomorrow's Horoscope

stars make it so easy for you to turn your character flaws into character assets. The bad news is you must first admit your flaws — at least to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your tendency to over-think things could be a problem. Confidence is a matter of trusting yourself enough to commit to your impulses. Try not to censor yourself quite so much.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get along with so many different kinds of people now. Your earthy approach to ethereal or intellectual matters creates a common reality. This is a skill that often goes overlooked, so be sure to pat yourself on the back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The planets align to bring a spotlight to your world — and you're compelled to stand in it because you have something to publicly get off your chest. For once, you don't even care whether what you have to say is P.C.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're the master of figuring out what motivates others, but even you could be stymied by an utterly charming newcomer. When it matters, seek advice from someone without a vested interest in your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Past heartache is your best fuel for making beautiful art. When you activate this creative part of your life, your love life thrives. Also, an audience

is your key to doing fabulous work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're admired, you're scrutinized and you're considered the one to compete with. These are all signs that you're on top. Hopefully, you don't mind that all eyes are on you. Act wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your work persona and your real self are slightly at odds because you're not sure how accepting certain people will be of you. That's why it's more important than ever that you're able to express yourself freely at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's wonderful that you have friends who've known you forever, until one of them reminds you of something you'd rather forget. Oh, well — chalk it up to double insurance that you won't make the same mistake again.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I think I'm falling in love with one of my good friends, but I'm not sure if this is right. She was born Jan. 2, 1972, and I was born Aug. 5, 1984."

No way! Really? I was born on Aug. 5, too! That's why I have to give it to you frankly now, Leo to Leo: Falling in love isn't a thinking matter. What you're really thinking about is whether she loves you, too. If you have to think, it's because she doesn't. No matter. Love, in its purest form, is a selfless act. As a fellow Aug. 5 person, prone to

obsession and grandiose notions (but with your mad talent, that just comes with the territory), I'd encourage you to go deeper and deeper into this love. So deep that you realize what you really love is the "you" that comes to the surface whenever this person is near. When you fall in love with yourself, new prospects start lining up. The first few won't be of interest to you, but a few weeks into your love affair with yourself, you'll actually meet someone who interests you! Believe it! Best wishes!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Self-deprecation comes naturally to Virgos and is an essential trait for a successful showbiz career. So, when "Achy Breaky Heart" country crooner Billy Ray Cyrus sings, "I miss my mullet," we know he's in for the long haul. The famously sidestepping Cyrus has found his newest success alongside his adorable and equally musical daughter, Miley, on the hit Disney series "Hannah Montana."

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My first wife died when my children were small. I remarried "Eleanor" when my kids were teenagers, and they came to love her.

Eleanor has four children older than mine who were out of the house and on their own when we married. Three of her children are wonderful. I feel blessed by their attention. My problem is "Tina." In spite of the fact that I met my wife long after her divorce and we've been married for almost 20 years, Tina is always on my back.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I try to be patient with Tina, but she makes snide remarks about everything I do. For example, if I drop something, she says, "Isn't he clumsy? Ha, Ha!" On one occasion, she served hors d'oeuvres to the person I was talking to, with her back to me, and then walked away with the tray.

I don't mind the rude behavior half as much as her attitude. She seems to think I'm too stupid to get it. She becomes especially rude in a group, particularly if my wife is out of sight, telling me my attire is inappropriate or my hands are dirty, or my shoes are scuffed, whatever. I keep turning the other cheek, but that has only made her more tenacious.

I will not step between my wife and her child, so I tolerate this. My problem is the grandchildren. All the others are a bun-

dle of joy, but Tina's children, 12 and 8, think I am just some man who hangs around Grandma. When they shy away, it brings me to tears. I am rarely allowed to speak to them, and they actually think my name is "Stranger." No joke. What can I do? — Grandpa Stranger

Dear Grandpa: We don't understand why Eleanor allows her daughter to treat you so abysmally, and we guarantee nothing will change until your wife demands that Tina show more respect. If you don't want to mention the general rudeness, you certainly ought to tell Eleanor that you would like the grandchildren to call you something other than "Stranger." It's way past time.

Dear Annie: My husband and I sleep in the nude. When our first child was old enough to notice, we modified our habits. We always keep a robe next to the bed so we can quickly slip into it. We keep our bedroom door closed. This has worked well. While our children know we sleep in the nude, they don't see us naked.

Our question is, what we should tell our children if they ask us if they can sleep in the buff? This hasn't happened yet, but we expect it. We can't see any harm if they are old enough to keep warm in their blankets and understand the rules of privacy that we adhere

to. On the other hand, sleeping in the nude is something we did not do until we were adults. What is your opinion? — Connecticut

Dear Conn.: As long as your children understand the need to cover up when they are not under the blankets, there's no reason they cannot sleep in the altogether. You can stop worrying.

Dear Annie: I agree completely with the position of "Frustrated Doctor," who objected to office staff addressing her and other women doctors by their first names, while addressing male doctors as "Dr." In a professional setting, all doctors should be addressed by their titles. However, I wonder if these doctors return the courtesy.

Most doctors address their staff by their first names. And doctors are among the worst offenders when it comes to first-naming their patients. I am in my 60s and have had doctors half my age call me by my first name without so much as a by-your-leave. Many medical procedures are unavoidably intrusive and embarrassing. If the doctor addresses adult patients properly by title, it can help them retain a sense of dignity in an awkward situation. — Call Me Mrs.

Dear Call Me Mrs.: A lot of readers agree with you. Anyone who does not want a doctor using his or her first name should make it clear to the physician immediately.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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