

NEWS DIGEST

Fundraiser for Montford is planned for Oct. 5

A fundraiser-reception for State Sen. John T. Montford, D-Lubbock, will be Oct. 5 at the Big Spring Country Club from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Montford is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and was instrumental in Austin efforts to remove Scenic Mountain from the Texas Parks and Wildlife park closure list.

Clyde McMahon Sr., chairman of the John T. Montford Appreciation Committee, stated the public is urged to attend this appreciation night affair.

The fee is \$5 at the door and food will be served. Donations will also be accepted.

Recycling anniversary

Howard County Coalition for the Environment will celebrate its first anniversary of recycling Saturday with well known local citizens, state and local officials.

The celebration will be in the Big Spring Herald parking lot, 710 Scurry St., from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BSSH award program

The annual Employees' Award Program for Big Spring State Hospital employees will be Oct. 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the chapel parking lot. Events include a barbecue and games.

Tickets are \$5.25 for adults and \$3.25 for children. For more information call 267-8216 extension 226 and ask for Glenna.

Fundraiser hosts sought

The Heritage Museum is looking for hosts for their "Let's Solve a Murder Mystery" fundraiser Oct. 24.

The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. at the museum. Guests will dress appropriately for the characters they have been assigned. At 7:15 p.m., guests will adjourn to homes of 18 hosts' home to play their roles and solve the murder. Each host will have eight guest at their home.

The event will end about 10:30 p.m. or when the murderer has been identified.

For more information contact Angie Way at 267-8255.

Texas

● **Sunset Commission makes recommendations:** A state panel recommends cities have a clearer authority to regulate the drinking of alcohol on public property. See page 2A.

Nation

● **It was an accident:** An accidental missile blast from a U.S. aircraft carrier set a Turkish destroyer ablaze during a NATO exercise, killing at least five Turkish sailors and injuring 14 others, the Pentagon said today. See page 3A.

World

● **Victims want their settlement:** Victims of human rights abuses who won a U.S. lawsuit against the late President Ferdinand Marcos criticized the government of President Fidel Ramos today for blocking their claims to the estate of the former ruler. See page 3A.

life!

● **Church loses its pastor:** Today, St. Mary's Episcopal Church is losing two members of its family. The Rev. Robert L. Bonnington and his wife, Jo Anne — a teacher at St. Mary's School — are leaving for Sikeston, Mo. where he will pastor St. Paul Episcopal. See page 1B.

Weather

Tonight, clear. Lows near 50. South wind 5-10 mph.
Saturday, sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. South wind 5-15 mph.
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Perot's back; direction needed

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Ross Perot transformed the presidential campaign from a two-sided shooting match into a three-way battle and immediately set about mounting an unconventional White House bid greeted warily by Bill Clinton and George Bush.

Rejoining a field he once led before fading in the polls of summer, the Texas businessman seemed uncertain just how to proceed with what he promised would be "a serious campaign focusing on the issues."

"That'll unfold day after day," the Texas billionaire told reporters Thurs-

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day, announcing his candidacy just 33 days before Election Day.

"Nothing's organized. It's all happening so fast," confessed his son, Ross Jr.

But the elder Perot said he was ready to mount an advertising blitz, telling reporters as he left his news conference: "Got to go to work, got to earn a living, got to pay for ads."

Perot wasted no time, reserving two half-hour blocks of prime network television time next week, according to a report in today's editions of The

Dallas Morning News.

Perot's wife, Margot, and running mate James Stockdale, a retired Navy vice admiral and Vietnam War hero, said they anticipated going on the campaign trail.

Perot's rivals continued to set their sights on one another as the impact of the Texan's candidacy — and the shape it would take — remained uncertain.

"I think my fight is with George Bush," Clinton told reporters.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Perot "deserves to have an opportunity to run," but added that the campaign would continue to focus on

Clinton "as the front-runner."

Both the Bush and Clinton camps have said Perot would be welcome to participate in presidential debates.

Orson Swindle, chairman of Perot's United We Stand, America organization, hailed news that Bush and Clinton negotiators had reached an agreement in principle late Thursday for three debates.

"I think Mr. Bush and Mr. Perot will square off pretty decently. I think Clinton will be the loser," Swindle said on ABC's "Nightline."

Perot's independent candidacy added an element of intrigue to a race that

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Meno outlines education ideas

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno laid the ground rules for revamping Texas education on Thursday including an extended school year for at-risk students, moving away from top-down district management and increasing teacher pay.



LIONEL MENO

The commissioner outlined his proposals for the legislature, to be presented Oct. 8, and discussed current changes for improving the quality of Texas education during a meeting sponsored by the Academic Excellence Foundation in San Angelo.

Meno said with one-third of Texas youth unsuccessful in meeting achievement standards, Texans must reevaluate the way they view education.

"The old system was based on process (like curriculum guides and district missions). Now we are meeting the standards by making student achievement the bottom line," he said. "We're focusing on giving campuses more power to make those decisions."

Examples of powers that should be in the hands of districts and campuses include grading, attendance and promotion policies, he said.

"Instead of having a multiplicity of plans, we should have one comprehensive district plan and campus plan focused on student achievement," he said. "We have the people, the enthusiasm, the intelligence to build that kind of educational system."

Meno said he would propose to legislators a system which prohibits holding back early elementary students.

Phasing out retention through the third grade, and instead, extending the school year into the summers would prevent students from falling into a lower achievement category, Meno said. Of the 20 percent of youngsters retained before the third grade, 90 percent will not receive high school diplomas, he said.

"Teachers can identify as early as kindergarten whether a child will make it. The 180-day school year will not work," he said. "We should have 30 additional days for those that can't make it."

With additional days and management responsibilities, Meno will propose more pay for teachers.

"We rank thirty-fifth in the nation in salaries for teachers. If we're going to have more certified

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Officers chosen for Moore board

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. elected officers at a meeting this morning.

Steve Fraser was elected as new vice president, Glenn Fillingim as new secretary/treasurer and Owen Ivie re-elected as president at the meeting, the first of the fiscal year.

"I appreciate your confidence and we'll do our best to make the Moore Board effective," Ivie said. "I'm optimistic about the coming year. I feel like we've laid a lot of groundwork."

Fraser takes over the office held by Jeff Morris, who last month said he wanted to step down from the board after serving two years, saying members should be rotated. Fillingim took over for Jim Purcell, who is still on the board.

After officer elections, new committee chairmen were appointed by Ivie.

Charles Dunnam takes over the business retention committee, replacing Morris. Purcell takes over the new business committee, replacing former board member Hooper Sanders, after two years service, asked not to be reappointed to another board term. Fillingim takes over the finance committee, formerly headed by Purcell.

In other business, the board:

● **Heard an update on Wright Fibers Inc. of Decatur, a firm proposing to open a mill here that would employ 100 to 500. An Oct. 4 deadline for \$1.4 million in guaranteed loans from the Texas Agriculture Department may be extended at an agriculture department board meeting Tuesday, Moore Director Ted St. Clair said.**

"Indications are that they will give us an extension," he said.



All secure

Ruben Vela checks to make sure a chain is secure on some of the over 600 shopping carts that were recently brought in to the new H-E-B store Thursday afternoon. The store is scheduled to open Oct. 16.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Doctor's life revolves around loves

Editor's Note: In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Big Spring Herald will run daily articles and features on Hispanics and Hispanic culture.

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

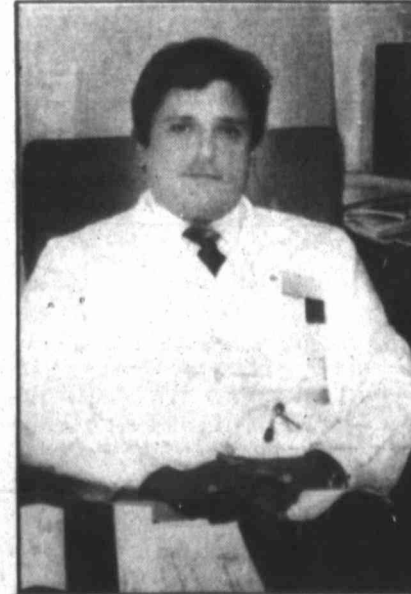
Dr. Carlos Garza has two loves in his life, medicine and his family.

The 40-year-old general surgeon practicing at Malone Hogan Clinic said he knew he wanted to pursue a medical career as early as his sophomore year in high school. Garza recalls as a child when he, his sister and cousins would play "city" he was always the doctor.

During high school in Laredo he received more personal gratification from his advanced biology and physics classes than any other, he said. He received his undergraduate degree at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, where he also attended medical school. The university is the second largest private university in Latin America. After additional training and



Hispanic Heritage Month



CARLOS GARZA

While he was in Guadalajara, Garza met and fell in love with Otila, a medical student from Mexico. They married and today have three sons; Carlos, 15, Thomas Henry, 11, and Raul, 8.

"My second love is my family," he said. "I enjoy being a part of

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Nation/World

Apology extended after accidental missile firing Five Turkish sailors were killed and 14 others were injured in the blast

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — An accidental missile blast from a U.S. aircraft carrier set a Turkish destroyer ablaze during a NATO exercise, killing at least five Turkish sailors and injuring 14 others, the Pentagon said today.

Among those killed was the commanding officer of the Muavenet, Capt. Kudret Gungor, Turkish and U.S. officials said.

The aircraft carrier USS Saratoga launched two Sea Sparrow missiles late Thursday. At least one of the missiles struck the destroyer, Adm. Mike Boorda, commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, said in a statement issued in London.

There was no information about how the firing occurred and no report of U.S. casualties, said the

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Pentagon and the U.S. naval command in Europe.

Boorda said the accident occurred in the Aegean Sea, about 80

miles west of Izmir, Turkey, during the North Atlantic Treaty Organization exercise "Display Determination '92."

Turkish authorities first reported nine killed but later revised the figure to five, a spokesman at the U.S. Navy Headquarters in Europe said early today.

Two seriously injured sailors were taken by helicopter to the USS Iwo Jima, an amphibious attack ship participating in the exercise, while the other injured had been flown to Izmir, according to a Turkish foreign ministry official.

"There is still a great deal of confusion at the scene," Cmdr. Charles Connor said early today. Later, he said the fire had been put out, but that the ship could not move under its own power and would be towed to port.

In Istanbul, Premier Suleyman

Demirel described the missile hit as an accident and said it wasn't clear what caused it.

Acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger called the Turkish ambassador to the United States to express "apologies and agony over this tragic incident" and convey sympathy for victims and families, Connor said.

Pentagon spokeswoman Maj. Katherine Ingram said one missile hit the Muavenet's bridge, an area of the ship that controls navigation, about midnight local time (6 p.m. EDT).

A resulting fire was extinguished in 15 minutes, she said, adding that the ships were about three miles apart when the missiles were accidentally fired.

Boorda said a preliminary investigation was under way and that a formal board of inquiry was ex-

pected to be convened.

Crewmen from the Saratoga were dropped onto the stricken ship by helicopter to help with the rescue. A multinational contingent of ships in the region, including the USS Thomas S. Gates and USS Iwo Jima, also sailed to the vessel's aid.

It was not known how many people were aboard the Muavenet, but the ship's full crew numbers 274.

Both ships were taking part in an annual NATO exercise consisting of vessels from the southern NATO region, the Pentagon said. The exercise usually involves the United States, Turkey, Greece and Italy.

"Let me express on behalf of myself and on behalf of the United States our apologies over this most tragic incident," U.S. Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, NATO's top military commander, said today.

Shalikashvili, in Bielefeld, Germany, to help unveil the alliance's post-Cold War rapid-reaction force, promised "a quick and full investigation" and said a U.S. naval officer was already aboard the Turkish destroyer.

Earlier, officials said the USS Belknap, flagship for Adm. William Lopez, commander of the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet, was headed for the scene.

The Muavenet, a 376-foot, 2,250-ton destroyer, was formerly the American Robert H. Smith-class destroyer USS Gwin, commissioned in 1944. It was transferred to Turkey in 1971 after having been converted for mine-laying.

The 1,063-foot Saratoga is a conventionally powered aircraft carrier commissioned in 1956.

California firefighters pray for rain as the fire spread

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYBURZ, Calif. — Weary firefighters hoped for rain as a wildfire defied their efforts and continued to spread today through rugged ridges and canyons near Lake Tahoe.

An air tanker crashed Thursday, killing both people aboard and starting another fire. The main fire had burned across more than 20,000 acres of national forest and destroyed 26 homes since it broke out Tuesday.

Rain was forecast in some coastal areas, but the prospects of it reaching the fire, 140 miles northeast of San Francisco, were uncertain.

"We need a weather change," said U.S. Forest Service spokesman John Routh. "Some rain would help. Even high humidity. Anything to slow this fire down."

Routh said the pilot and co-pilot

were killed in the crash of a four-engine DC-7 that was flying under contract with the Forest Service. The crash started a fire that burned across 500 acres a few miles from the main fire, he said.

Crews were unable to reach the wreckage because of the fire, Routh said. The pilots weren't identified.

Eight firemen have been injured since the fire started Tuesday at a campground. Officials haven't determined the cause.

Late Thursday, the flames burned near two small settlements. Fire crews stood by to protect buildings in Silver Fork and Kyburz, but officials said it appeared the towns would be spared unless the wind shifted.

A 45-mile stretch of Highway 50, a main link between Lake Tahoe and Sacramento, remained closed. Burning debris littered the highway, which was flanked by blackened forests.



Associated Press photo

Privatization vouchers

Valentina Shagoleva shows her newly received voucher to her son Thursday in St. Petersburg as they line up at a bank counter. The banks began distributing the 10,000 rubles (\$40 U.S.) vouchers to 148 million Russian citizens to buy state-owned enterprises. The turnout has been light.

Philippines victims want access claims

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines — Victims of human rights abuses who won a U.S. lawsuit against the late President Ferdinand Marcos criticized the government of President Fidel Ramos today for blocking their claims to the estate of the former ruler.

"Instead of congratulating and expressing support to the victims, the government lawyers have indulged in setting roadblocks to our efforts to seek restitution for crimes committed against us," said Dan Vizmanos, chairman of Selda, an organization of former political detainees.

Last week, a federal court jury in Hawaii ruled that Marcos' estate was liable for torture, murder and other abuses committed until he was ousted in a civilian-military uprising in February 1986. Marcos died in exile in Hawaii in 1989.

On Tuesday, the president's legal adviser, Luis Sison, and the chief state lawyer, Solicitor General Raul Goco, said assets proven to be part of Marcos' "ill-gotten wealth" would be excluded from the claims because they do not legally form part of his estate.

But Romeo Capulong, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the government still has to prove that the "Marcos billions" were acquired illegally.

"In our case, that issue is irrelevant," he said.

Ramos' predecessor, Corazon Aquino, had filed numerous civil and criminal suits against Marcos' widow, Imelda, alleging that Marcos and his associates stole billions of dollars in state funds during his 20-year rule.

Mrs. Ramos, who has denied any wrongdoing on her part and that of her husband, has not yet been convicted of any charges.

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OPINION

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Voltaire

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The Big Spring Herald, each week, recognizes local persons and groups who have been singled out for special honors or who have helped make a difference in the quality of life in and around our community.

- Big Spring YMCA, which broke ground a week ago on the Horace Garrett Natatorium.
• Clean Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, for developing a fund-raising project to fund repairs and maintenance at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Invest in solution, not band-aid

To the editor: It seems as if some of our city council members are willing to spend \$1 million and buy out property affected by the flooding of Beals Creek, but not spend the same amount money to solve the problem.

ing to spend will be spent, if not in Big Spring then somewhere else. Other cities, states and countries are taking advantage of federal money why not us?

AUBREY AND ANN WEAVER Big Spring

It's time for us to address flooding

To the editor: I keep hearing from some of our uniformed city council members that the Beals Creek project isn't cost-effective.

what does it cost? When is it to start and when will it be finished and how will the flooding problem be addressed?

HOWARD WALKER Big Spring

Beals project is cost-efficient

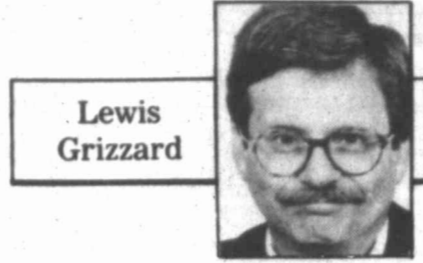
To the editor: It is interesting to watch the proceedings concerning the Beals Creek issue, as positions both pro and con are presented. After looking at the issue, there are some conclusions that can be made:

ment that can be used in our own area. Would it not be better to have that money used here, and not in another city or state — or even in a foreign country?

JOHN P. ANDERSON Big Spring

Echoes of Clinton-Quayle question

How I avoided the draft: 1961, I had to get a physical before beginning play in a baseball tournament. I was 14. My mother took me to the appointment. My reactions were fine. I had no problems with my eyes, and when I said, "AHHHH," the doctor didn't find any reason to take out my tonsils.

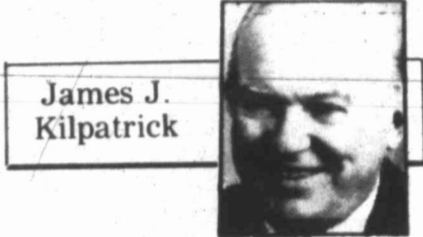


Lewis Grizzard

I do fly, but I hate it. Then, I remembered the heart murmur. That was my out. I went to see the campus doctor and he listened to my heart. Only he didn't say, "heart murmur" like the other doctor had.

I told him about my heart and accepted the job. But I wanted to be absolutely certain nobody was going to send me to a jungle to get killed. I went to see another doctor. He listened to my heart and said, "The military won't take you."

Great news. "But one day you'll have to get the problem repaired," he added. "How long before I have to get that problem repaired?" I asked. "Oh, when you're 35 or so," was his reply.

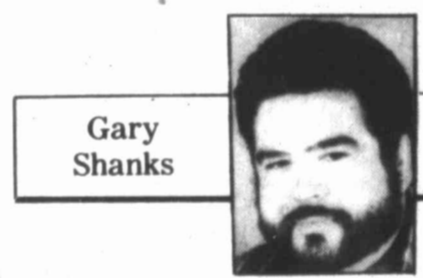


James J. Kilpatrick

Back in March of 1987, The Miami Herald's Sunday magazine carried a cover story captioned, "Who Do You Trust?" A hundred readers, more or less, wrote letters of reproof. They believed, for good reason, that the title should have read, "Whom Do You Trust?"

Willpower wasted on diets

Thousands of years ago, a little known Greek man named Democritus proposed the theory that matter was inherently grainy and that all matter was made up of these grains (the word, atom, is Greek for indivisible).



Gary Shanks

are active at any given time. Furthermore, certain medicines greatly increase the amount of "fat shuffling." If the technology was perfected, the amounts of these fat transportation molecules in the blood could be increased, and then removed through a kind of dialysis.

My hat goes off to this guy. Raised in a world where weather was thought to result from the divine tantrums of various gods, this guy came up with an idea so advanced, it would not be proven until 1803 by British chemist John Dalton.

Gary Shanks is a staff writer for the Big Spring Herald. His column appears each Friday.

This date

- The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Oct. 2, the 276th day of 1992. There are 90 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: Twenty-five years ago, on Oct. 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court — he was the first black to be appointed to the nation's highest court.

- born in New York. In 1915, President Wilson suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed.
In 1939, the Benny Goodman Sextet recorded "Flying Home."
In 1941, German armies began Operation "Typhoon" — an all-out drive against Moscow.

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Thought for Today: "The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows; it is what the man or woman is able to do." — Booker T. Washington, American educator and author (1856-1915).

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Ross Perot, still mainly a myth



Adm. Jim Stockdale speaks after being introduced by Ross Perot as his running mate Thursday in Dallas. Perot, right, re-entered the presidential race after his supporters asked him to run.

Vietnam ties Stockdale, Perot

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The lives of Ross Perot and retired Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale first intersected while Stockdale was being held prisoner in Vietnam. Decades later, Stockdale is running for vice president with Perot at the top of the ticket.

"I have a personal reputation for being independent in outlook and manner, so this role gives me added satisfaction," Stockdale said Thursday as the two independent candidates formally entered the White House contest.

Their bond goes back to Stockdale's eight years of captivity, sometimes in leg irons and sometimes in solitary confinement. Perot, at the behest of Stockdale's wife, Sybil, was working to improve conditions for the Vietnam prisoners of war.

"He's been a close friend of mine ever since," Stockdale told a news conference in March when fellow Annapolis graduate Perot first asked him to stand in as a vice presidential candidate.

Then, Perot needed his services only as an "interim" running mate because some states require that the names of both candidates be listed to gain ballot access.

This time, with Perot formally in the race, Stockdale's back, too — as the real vice presidential candidate, not a standby.

"I'd trust him with my life," Stockdale, 68, said in March. "He's not a sleazeball begging for favors."

Stockdale said Thursday that he made it through his prisoner-of-war experience by heeding a philosopher's words that "a life not put to the test is not worth living." He added, "I thank providence for this life with all its trials and for this opportunity."

Perot described Stockdale this way Thursday: "He is a man of steel. He has been hammered on the forge of brutality."

When Stockdale was being held, his wife persuaded Perot to try to get North Vietnam to conform to Geneva Convention rules of humane treatment of prisoners.

During his imprisonment, Stockdale organized resistance among fellow prisoners and spent four years in solitary confinement. He had led the first bombing attack against North Vietnam in 1964 and was shot down and captured a year later. He became the highest ranking naval prisoner of war.

Stockdale, who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1946, served in the Navy until 1979 and rose to vice admiral. He was awarded the Medal of Honor and 26 combat decorations.

In 1979, Stockdale became president of the Citadel, a military school in South Carolina, but left in 1981 to become a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution of War, Peace and Revolution.

He has written two books, "A Vietnam Experience: Ten Years of

Reflection" and "In Love and War," which was co-written with his wife. The Stockdales have four children and four grandchildren.

Stockdale said in March that he was pro-choice on abortion and was "not opposed" to gun control, positions in line with Perot's. But while Perot opposed the Persian Gulf War, Stockdale said he supported the military action, noting that it had been approved by Congress.

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DALLAS — He's worth about \$3.5 billion. He owns a copy of the Magna Carta. He donated horses to the New York City police. He put together a commando team to rescue Americans trapped in a foreign land. Now he wants to be president.

"I keep having to remind people I am mainly a myth," says Ross Perot, who journeyed from middle class to billionaire tycoon.

On Thursday, Perot's equally extraordinary political path took another twist as he formally entered the presidential race.

He cast himself as a reluctant political warrior, forced to oblige the die-hard volunteers who put him on 50 ballots. Yet he bankrolled their efforts for 2½ months after dropping his undeclared candidacy.

The wiry, wisecracking Perot grew up in Texarkana, which straddles the Texas-Arkansas border 160 miles east of Dallas. The son of a cotton broker and homemaker, Perot calls his parents "heroes."

After graduating from Texarkana Junior College, Perot entered the Naval Academy, serving on a destroyer and aircraft carrier from 1953 to 1957.

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licer and confused by the terms of his service obligation, Perot sought help from Texans in Congress to get out of the Navy. But he couldn't and was reassigned to another ship.

Still, the Navy instilled in Perot a passion for the military that crops up in his everyday action and language.

The same year he left the Navy, Perot married Margot Birmingham, a one-time schoolteacher, now an active participant in Dallas civic organizations. They have five children.

In 1962, at a time when few understood computers, Perot founded Electronic Data Systems Corp. It grew into a giant by landing contracts for big data processing jobs and new system designs — much of it government work.

His contracts with the government left a two-decade trail of congressional investigations into allegations of favored treatment, unfair bidding practices, excessive

charges and costly errors. But his business thrived.

He instilled a military-like, round-the-clock dedication in EDS employees and, for a time, urged a conservative dress code that some likened to a uniform.

Employees were required to sign forms giving Perot the right to investigate them. More recently, reports this summer indicated Perot hired private investigators to probe the business dealings of President Bush's family and, this year, the backgrounds of his own campaign supporters.

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The POW effort quickly won him notice inside the White House. Former Nixon administration aides recalled him as the "ultimate

insider" who parlayed offers to spend up to \$60 million to polish Nixon's image into access to the president and favors for his company and family.

In early 1979, he organized a private commando team to help two EDS employees flee from Iran. Perot later supervised a book on the flight that was written by British author Ken Follett. "On Wings of Eagles" became a TV miniseries in 1983.

Perot's speech is peppered with military references and jargon. He likened reporters' questioning during his campaign build-up to "saturation bombing" and, in 1989, suggested that the rules of war should be applied against drug criminals.

But Perot turned dove when it came to the Persian Gulf War. In the weeks before the war began, Perot said, "Don't send 437,000 wonderful American fighting men and women to die to cover our 10 years of stupid errors."

In the early 1980s, he headed statewide commissions on drug crimes and education reform at the behest of Texas governors.

Other times, he put himself in the middle of the day's hot issues — such as trying to save a dying Wall Street brokerage in 1972 and offering Oliver North a job after the Iran-Contra affair broke in 1986.

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Parenting

How hidden feelings get in the way

By CHARLES SCHWARZBECK
Scripps Howard News Service

Michael, 2 1/2, rocks the coffee table until books and a glass vase fall to the floor. Heidi, his unwed mother, continues to talk with her mother. Without any trace of disapproval, she picks up the vase.

As she tries to engage Michael in coloring, he again kicks the table. This time the vase falls over and breaks.

"Oh Michael," she says, "let's color these pictures together."

Later, Michael finds a broom and hits his grandparent's new, big screen television set. As his grandfather says, "Michael, be careful, you could break it, it's new," this toddler continues to bang.

Eventually his grandmother takes the stick, puts it within Michael's grasp in the hall, and gives her grandson a cookie.

Heidi and her parents (Michael's grandparents) are being "pushed around" by difficult feelings that they are not aware of.

Heidi is well aware of her guilt about getting pregnant and the shame that she feels when she is with her parents. Mother and grandparents try to avoid these feelings by focusing attentions and efforts on caring for their 2-year-old.

Beyond Heidi's awareness is a feeling that complicates her judgment. She consciously feels angry with Monty, Michael's father. She also blames herself for their tensions and their break-up. In some ways she stays mad so that she can avoid feeling sad and helpless.

The sad and helpless feelings — the ones that are not in her awareness — cause the disciplining difficulties.

Heidi privately thinks of herself as injurious and bad. This blocks her from disciplining Michael. She believes that she could drive her son away by setting limits, just as she privately believes that she is to blame for being a single parent.

She is unaware of how her mind works in this way.

Heidi blocks out her helpless feelings by being angry at Monty and always upbeat with Michael. Her mind plays a trick on her and Michael — not her — becomes the helpless one.

It is also because Heidi sees her son as secretly sad and vulnerable, (her feelings), that she is unable to set limits for him. It is as though she believes he will be hurt by normal limit-setting.

Similarly, Michael's grandparents' discipline efforts are being contaminated by their feelings.

Heidi's parents are openly welcoming of Monty — trying to encourage his interest in his daughter and grandson. Yet her father secretly hates Monty and that handcuffs his discipline efforts with Michael. He fears that setting limits will expose his hate — and hurt his beloved grandson.

Confusion about discipline caused by the absence of a second parent is powerful because it lives beyond awareness in the parent's mind. If a single parent were aware of the hidden pressures on the judgment of the remaining mom or dad, discipline could be effectively adjusted.

Single parents are often aware of faults and inadequacies in the separated or departed partner and parent. Less conscious, however, may be the urge to "correct" the ex-spouse and failed marriage by correcting the youngster.

A single parent may be overly directing and correcting.

A father of two youngsters continually talked — preached — to his 9-year-old son. Not a know-it-all with adults or other children, he was a master of the obvious with his children.

In the middle of a meal he provided a step by step description of how the children should bring their plates to the kitchen, bathe and put on their pajamas. When his happy and energetic 9-year-old forgot to flush the toilet, his father lectured for four minutes about reasons why toilets should be flushed.

While this father professed that "I've gotten over the divorce, and I'm very much in love with my fiancée," he was unaware that he still resented his former wife's irresponsibility and disorganization. He had unsuccessfully tried to correct her by being increasingly organized and verbal himself. After she left him and the children, he focused his correcting efforts on his older child.

Counseling or psychotherapy can usually expose hidden feelings that complicate child rearing. Single parents are not emotionally unbalanced nor are they guilty of bad parenting.

Clinical help is instead used to help the single parent see the child as only a child, to uncomplicate discipline and to help the parent get on with life.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Goat pal

Sally Arguello, left, and Christopher Ferguson touch the horns of an Angora goat that was at Washington Elementary School recently. Naomi Hunt, Howard County Agricultural Extension Agent-Home Economics, brought the goat to the school to explain uses for its hair.

Garden Club takes on new image

By TOM UHLENBROCK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Phoebe Driscoll laughed when told that the name of her organization, The Garden Club of America, evoked images of little old ladies in straw hats chatting about pansies and petunias on some sun-dappled veranda.

"Tea and sneakers," she added. The club was founded in 1913 in Philadelphia and most of its members still are women, Driscoll said, although men are infiltrating the ranks. And its still exclusive membership is by invitation only.

But the club has evolved with the times. The group has earned respect even from the White House for its ability to influence environmental issues.

Driscoll, chairman of the club's national affairs and legislation committee, said she got a call from one of George Bush's aides after

the president had sided against the spotted owl in the battle between environmentalists and the timber industry in the Pacific Northwest.

"He wanted the Garden Club to understand that Bush was not undermining the basic premise of the Endangered Species Act," Driscoll recalled.

In a telephone interview from her home in Ambler, Pa., Driscoll said the club has members who are mainly interested in the botanical and artistic aspects of gardening. But a growing segment realizes that a plant is but a tiny part of a complicated ecosystem, she said.

"To have a healthy plant, you have to have good environmental laws and have them enforced," she said. "You need clean air, clean water and habitat, habitat, habitat."

Although its membership totals only 16,000, Driscoll said the club has members coast to coast and in

Hawaii. The club wields clout in Washington, she said, because many of its members — and their husbands — are influential in their communities.

"They are many women who know their congressmen and senators; in some way or another they have come into contact with them," she said. "Many, many are very strong Republicans."

"The club always has been involved in lobbying, but that has grown substantially in the last 10 years."

Each year, Driscoll said, a lobbying group of some 100 club members invades Washington.

Because it is a nonprofit organization, the Garden Club is prohibited from endorsing candidates. But its position papers, and Driscoll's comments, indicate that the club is not enamored with the Bush administration.

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Homosexuality quiz to end confusion

DEAR ABBY: A cousin and I have a difference of opinion. It has to do with common misconceptions about homosexuality.

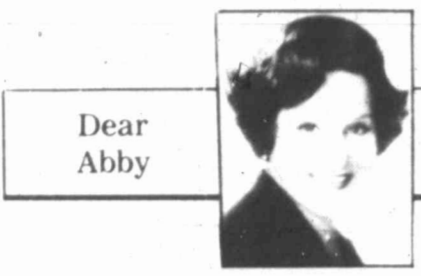
I recall that you ran a true-false quiz dealing with this subject several years ago, and I would like to enlighten him.

Would you please run it again? — HIS COUSIN IN GALVESTON, TEXAS

DEAR COUSIN: I'm happy to run it again — and I hope it helps to shed a little enlightenment where needed.

How much do you know about homosexuality? Mark the following statements true or false:

- 1. Homosexuals commit more crimes than straight people. (True or False)
- 2. Everyone is born straight, but



Dear Abby

some become gay because they have been seduced by a gay person early in life. (True or False)

3. You can always tell homosexuals and lesbians by the way they act, dress and talk. (True or False)

4. With the proper therapy and motivation, a gay person can become straight. (True or False)

5. Boys raised by domineering mothers and weak (or absent) fathers usually turn into homosex-

uals. (True or False)

6. Gay people can never become mothers or fathers. (True or False)

7. Homosexuals are more inclined to molest children sexually than heterosexuals. (True or False)

8. If a person has one or two sexual experiences with someone of the same sex, he is gay. (True or False)

9. The American Psychiatric Association stated that homosexuals are "sick." (True or False)

10. Homosexuals can be legally married to each other under the law in the United States. (True or False)

11. Most homosexuals try to convert young people into becoming gay also. (True or False)

12. Children raised by gay

parents (or gay people) usually become homosexuals themselves. (True or False)

How did you score?

If you marked all 12 statements "False," you are very well-informed.

If you marked nine statements "False," you are fairly well-informed.

If you marked four or more statements "True," you have a great deal to learn about homosexuality, because ALL of the above statements are false!

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago, I loaned one of my favorite books to a friend.

When she returned it, the cover had been badly torn and taped together. She didn't even apologize.

Perhaps I was wrong to be so upset over this, but the next time she asks to borrow a book from me, what should I say? — A LOYAL FAN

DEAR FAN: Say, "After you returned the last book I let you read and I saw how badly it had been abused, I promised myself that I would not lend you another."

Jacqueline Bigar

FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 1992

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Push easily comes to shove this morning. You might have a hard time patching things up, so be careful what you say. Find another way to handle the stress of a partnership. Maintain your humor and go with the unexpected. Tonight: Be where the music is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You could have enough of a testy partner who may be unusually challenging. Consider another approach and, if necessary, talk to someone who is likely to come up with a different solution. Surprises are likely when you let go and relax. Tonight: Do something most unusual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Seek out a loved one or partner and talk through recent stressful events. You need to look at what must be accomplished in a rather limited period of time. Let another indulge you and help you out. Tonight: Heat up the night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems could ensue with a child. You need to soothe a partner's nerves. Make the most of the afternoon hours. Tonight: Try a romantic dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If possible, be more careful with your temper. Avoid blowing a fuse. Look at new ways to handle stress. Make resolutions about diet, health and work. Tonight: Find a jaccuzi.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful with an assertive friend who may be "pushing your buttons." Be more aware of what is going on with a loved one; think before engaging in an argument. Work with the unpredictable and the unexpected. Tonight: Do something special for a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 1): You might be pushing too far too fast in order to get your finances straightened out. Ease up and consider alternatives. Seek out a dear friend who has a basic understanding of what you need to do. Let go of what isn't working. Tonight: Entertain at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look within to find the answers. You might need to make some changes in order to get what you want. Be careful with the unexpected. Don't put yourself in a no-win situation. Open up, enjoy and risk. Tonight: You don't have to look far to make it dreamy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use caution when dealing with funds. Take a more self-disciplined and look at a problem head on. When the unexpected occurs, don't fill yourself into thinking everything's fine. Tonight: Count on the costs being high.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A friend might disappoint you, forcing you to revamp plans or even, perhaps, to re-evaluate the friendship. Use your spare time to accomplish something you wouldn't normally get to. Tonight: Enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might feel pressured by another. Take a different view of a difficult situation. Look within for the solution. Be accountable and willing to change. Tonight: Be where you can relax.

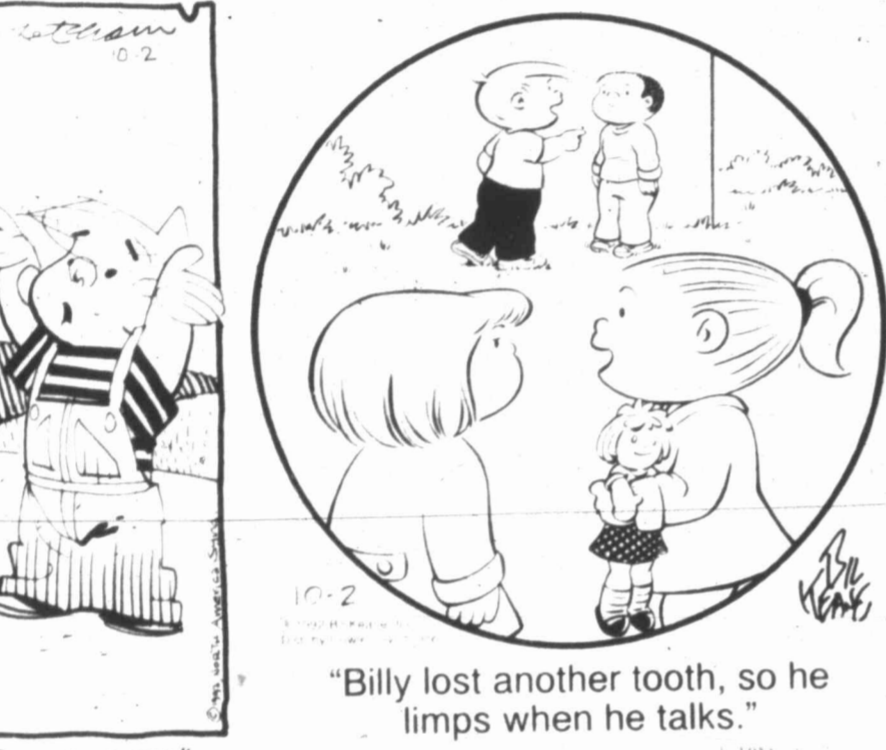
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You suddenly see where another is coming from. Use your new insight to make merry and really get into a special friendship. The focus is on a better understanding. Be willing to change plans. Tonight: Wherever you are, stay.

DENNIS THE MENACE



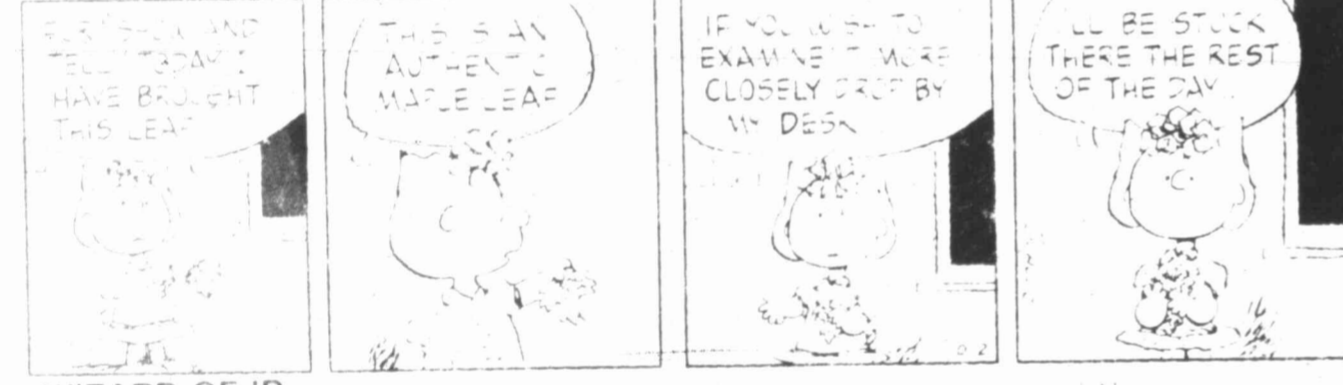
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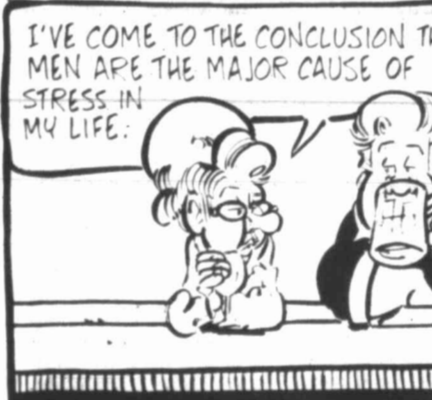
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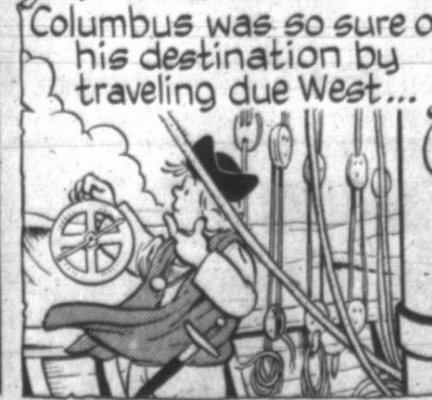
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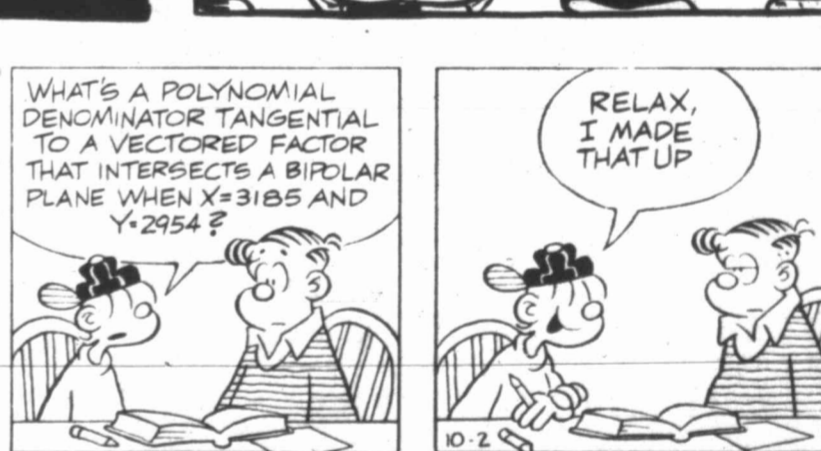
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