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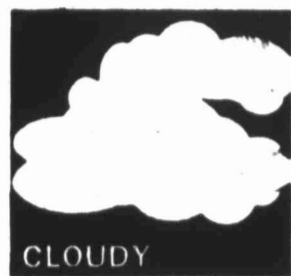
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101-YEAR-OLD TREE

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BRIEFLY

RECIPES WANTED

The Big Spring Herald is preparing for the holidays and needs recipes for its annual Holiday cookbook.

If you have a favorite recipe that your family prepares each year during the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays or has been handed down from generation to generation and would like to share with others, feel free to send them in.

Typed or printed recipes can be sent to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431 Big Spring 79720. or e-mailed to newsdesk@crcom.net or johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

Details on the cookbook will be in an upcoming edition of the Herald.

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Deputies searching for stolen ammonia tank

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County sheriff's deputies are investigating the theft of a 1,000-gallon tank nearly filled with anhydrous ammonia from an area agriculture production facility Saturday morning.

"It's not an explosive chemical but it is extremely corrosive," Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said. "If you

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WALKER

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methamphetamine drugs."

The tank was stolen from a storage area at Stoneville Texas Inc. located at 4701 N. Highway 87 and contains nearly 800 gallons of the chemical, Walker said. The company uses the chemical in processing cotton seeds.

A supervisor of the business noticed damage on several storage doors and then called deputies.

"It appears the door was rammed by a large vehicle causing the door to get untracked," Walker said.

The tank is set on a green trailer and has the inscription "inhalation hazard" on the side of the tank.

"The chemical itself doesn't really have a value, but transporting — that in itself is a second degree felony," Walker

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Principal of the Week

Moss' Martin credits circle of friends with his success

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

George Martin, Moss Elementary School principal, can relate to the old Beatles tune, "I'll get by with a little help from my friends."

The former girls' coach turned administrator credits his success in life to the many friends, co-workers and one very special woman he has meet along his journey.

"I grew up on the north side of Brownwood," Martin said. "Joe Carlisle and Ray Maness (both educators with the Brownwood school district) started coaching a group of north side boys in football."

The two men coached the youths to a city championship but a young Martin received more than just success on the field.

By voluntarily giving time to the boys, the two men taught a Martin a skill that would help him begin a journey in education.

"I said when I grow up I'm going to be like Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Maness," he explained.

Martin continued on with football and was a member of the 1965 Brownwood High School Class 3A state championship team.

"I got a football scholarship to Cisco Junior College, and if it wasn't for that scholarship, I



George Martin, Moss Elementary School principal, instructs a group of fourth graders on the correct foot position for kicking a football. Football skills helped Martin become the first person in his family to graduate from college. The former coach has 31 years of experience in education.

wouldn't have been able to go to college," he said. "I was the first Martin on my dad's side of the family to graduate from high school and the first Martin to graduate from college."

During his 31-year career as an educator, the McMurry University graduate worked at seven West Texas school districts and lists numerous

supervisors and co-workers who impacted his life.

"The influence of all my past administrators led me to this," he said.

But it was three women who gave Martin the push to return to school and head into administration.

"Jean Broughton (principal at Goliad Middle School where Martin was teaching), Helen Gladen

(former BSISD curriculum director) and my wife, Terri, decided they were going to send me back to college to get my principal's certificate," Martin explained. "I told them I wanted to teach and coach, but I found myself back at school."

Terri, who helped support the couple while

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Council

Storm runoff system plan deadline near

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The first step in a process to bring Big Spring's storm sewer system into line with state environmental law will be considered at the city council meeting Tuesday night.

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at its chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The look at the city's storm sewer system comes as a result of a 1998 decision by the Environmental Protection Agency authorizing Texas to develop the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

The statewide system is designed to eliminate pollutants such as pesticides, fertilizers and sewage overflow from the storm water runoff into Texas' streams and lakes.

"What we've done is we're seeking engineering firms that are qualified to help us develop a permit that will be filed with the state," said Public Works Director Todd Darden. "The EPA and (Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) has found that we're still getting pollutants in our streams and waters of the state through storm water sys-

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Cooler weather means time to take down feeders

By ANDREA MEDLIN

Features Editor

Saying good-bye to friends is often difficult. Especially when they bring beauty and joy into our lives.

Encouraging them to depart for their own benefit is, sometimes, an entirely different story.

And those that have difficulty making that decision on their own have to rely on those that can.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to bring in those hummingbird feeders.

"We need to encourage the birds to leave now to avoid the cold fronts that will be coming in," explained wildlife rehabilitator Bebe McCasland.

If the birds remain, they are at risk of freezing to death or starving, she said.

"Most things that bloom that feed the birds are pretty much gone now," she warned. And the hummingbird cannot live on nectar alone.

"The birds can't live only on the sugar water in those feeders," she commented, "they also eat gnats and small flies, which is where they get their protein."

Bebe McCasland
Bird rehabilitator

Like all living creatures, the tiny birds require protein in their diets and not just the carbohydrate energy found in the sugar solution in the feeders.

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Horace Tubb takes down his hummingbird feeder to encourage the birds to head south for the winter. Hummingbird enthusiasts are reminded to take down their feeders this week to prevent the birds from possible harm during cold weather.

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**A BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN**

Obituaries

Avinell Ryan



Avinell Ryan, 65, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, in a Midland hospital. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor East Fourth Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Oct. 27, 1936, in Big Spring and married John M. Ryan on May 22, 1987, in Arlington, Va. Avinell was a graduate of Forsan High School and lived in Virginia since 1955. She was a retired bus driver for the Washington, D.C. Transit Authority and had lived in Big Spring for the last five years. She loved to dance, talk and watch Redskins football. Avinell never met a stranger. She loved her family and grandchildren. She was a good Christian, loved by all.

Survivors include her husband, John M. Ryan of Big Spring; one daughter, Clara Ann Bihl of Spicewood; one son, William P. Tompkins, III, of Maryland; two sisters, Jean Clark and husband, Hugh, of Big Spring and Mary Beth Ratliff of Fort Worth; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death a son, Thomas Edward Tompkins.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Frances Lafler

Funeral service for Frances Lafler, 38, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Lafler died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, in a local hospital.

Destiny Elizabeth Herrera

Funeral service for Destiny Elizabeth Herrera, infant daughter of Sylvia Moreno and Adam Herrera, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Destiny died Friday, Oct. 4, at a Lubbock hospital.

Take note

- Tommy Hogan was diagnosed with cancer one year ago and is in need of financial help with medications and future surgery. An account has been set up at First Bank of West Texas. To make a donation call 267-1113 and ask for the Hogan account.
- Valets needed for Webb Reunion Exhibits. Wooden, personal men's valets with a place to hang pants and/or a tray for jewelry are needed for uniform displays planned during the Oct. 11 and 12 event. They will be needed for a two-month period for use at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Permanent donations of these items are welcome.
- The Fraternal Order of Eagles 3188, Aerie and Auxiliary is having a coat drive the community. The coats will be given away Oct. 12, at the Eagles Lodge. Call the Eagles Lodge at 263-6862 after 3 p.m.
- The Texas LST/Amphibious Association invites all shipmates, past and present, to the amphibious reunion to be held in San Angelo Oct. 10-13. For more information contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill 75948. Send e-mails to TexasLSTs@aol.com
- The Big Spring Art Association will be having an art show and sale featuring about a dozen artists including Kay Smith, Judy Gibbs, Jean Money and Bonita Lyght. The show and sale will be held Oct. 12 - 13 and 19 - 20 at the Big Spring Mall. For more information call 267-9773.

Support groups

- MONDAY**
 - TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
 - New Voice Club is a support group for laryngectomies and their families. No dues. For more information, call 267-2800.
 - Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

Do you have a favorite holiday recipe? Enter it in the Herald's Recipe contest. Send mailed entries to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720 or by e-mail to newsdesk@crcom.net



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. this morning:
A 38-year-old man was arrested on charges of **ARSON** for burning a couch and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
According to Big Spring Police Detective Lupe Liedeker, the incident began as a domestic disturbance in the west end of town.
Allegedly John Paul Garza, who was reported in the Herald's Sunday edition for being arrested on the above charges, allegedly removed the couch from the residence and lit the item on fire.

- NO other damage than the was reported Lupe said.
 - JOHN PAUL GARZA**, 38, of 108 Lockhart who was reported being arrested on was arrested on charges of and arson.
 - LUIS TORRES RAMOS**, 30, of 1417 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and is being held at the city jail for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
 - ALFONSO BACA III**, 20, of 1311 Virginia was arrested for Department of Safety warrants.
 - ENRIQUE BENITO CALDERON**, 25, of 700 Anna was arrested for local warrants.
 - JAMES PHILIP BELL**, 28, of 1100 W. Second Street was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended and for Travis County warrants.
 - DAVID FRANK MORGAN**, 45, of 3613 Calvin was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, two ounces or less.
 - TERESA ANN SIMS**, 42, of 1406 Young was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, two ounces or less.
 - JESUS VILLEGAS**, 44, address unknown, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct—language.
 - MARK ANTHONY MADIGAN**, 42, of 4006 Chaperal was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - MANUEL GONZALEZ**, 43, of 1101 Grafa was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
 - ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg.
 - ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1600 block of Sycamore.
 - DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13th Street, the 2200 block of Morrison Drive, 800 block of Anna St., the 4100 block of Muir St. and the 1500 block of Bluebird Street.
 - DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1200 block of Harding Street, the 600 block of E Sixth, the 200 block of S. Gregg and the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
 - UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Runnels.
 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent and the 800 block of E. 18th.
 - BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at a residence in the 1200 block of S. Lancaster where \$200 of electronic equipment was reported.
 - BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg where \$50 of medication was reported stolen.

EMS

The following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department and EMS activity.

- SATURDAY**
 - 3:26 a.m. — 2000 block of Virginia, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - 7:00 a.m. — 200 block of Edgemere, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
 - 7:59 a.m. — 500 block of West 17th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
 - 10:44 a.m. — 1800 block of North Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.
 - 6:33 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.
 - 6:47 p.m. — 4400 block of Elder, medical call, service refused.
 - 10:09 p.m. — 1500 block of Main, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.
 - 9:10 p.m. — 1900 block of Runnels, trash fire, extinguished.

Records

Sunday's high 90
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Sunday's low 60
Year to date 11.02
Average high 80
Year to date 11.02
Average low 54
Sunrise Tuesday 7:45 a.m.
Record high 99 in 1931
Sunset Tuesday 7:21 p.m.
Record low 33 in 1976

Lottery

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
The ticket was worth an estimated \$7 million.
The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 10-12-28-32-48-53.
Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order 8-0-2
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order 1-8-8
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery 2-16-33-35-36

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact Herald Features Editor Andrela Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email Johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY
Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People over 50 are invited to participate.
For more information call 268-4721.

Concerned Citizens meet at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the Airpark.
The public is invited.

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall. For more information call 264-0674.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden Counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Library basement community room.
For more information call 270-2615.

Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic building, 221 1/2 Main.

TUESDAY
Intermediate line dance classes at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center.
For more information call 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Evening Lions club meets at noon at the Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone meets at 9:30 a.m. at the class room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park.
For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

THURSDAY
Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main.

Christmas in April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork at 409 East Third.

Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room. For more information call 267-6479.

Friends of the Library meets at noon at the Howard County Library.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Highway 80. For more information call 263-2404.

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

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country and Western Dance 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron Inn.

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

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Staff Writer

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Laney to be honored with dinner here Tuesday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Speaker of the House Pete Laney will be the guest of honor at an appreciation dinner to recognize his contributions to public education in Texas. "Several (educational) organizations are sponsoring this," Ken McCraw, past president of Texas Association of Midsize Schools, said. "This is just a thank you to Speaker Laney for what he has done especially for West Texas schools. He has been pro-education for many years."

During his years in office, Laney has supported a number of issues regarding school

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of Midsize Schools



LANEY

Bauer Magnet Elementary School choir under the direction of Susan Dawes.

The event is sponsored by the Equity Center, Small Rural School Finance Coalition, Texas Association of Community Schools, Texas Association of Rural Schools and the Texas Association of Midsize Schools.

"It's a heartfelt thank you to Speaker Laney for a job well done for West Texas," McCraw said. "We appreciate Big Spring for its willingness to host this."

financing that has helped West Texas public schools, McCraw said.

Among 250 educators from

around West Texas are expected to attend the by-invention-only event held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dorothy Garret

Coliseum on the Howard

College campus. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the

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SMMC Auxiliary to host meeting

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Around 150 West Texas hospital volunteers are expected to attend the annual Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries district meeting to be held in Big Spring later this month.

The all-day convention, hosted by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary, will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Trinity Baptist Church Claude Craven Annex.

"This conference is very educational and very informative," said Ethele Gunthrie, chairman of the event.

Representatives from auxiliaries located in 24 Texas counties, will attend programs ranging from privacy laws to hospital volunteer recruitment. Newly installed TAHA President Marge Rode of Victoria will be a guest speaker.

Rode began her hospital volunteer service in 1957 and has been involved in almost every aspect of auxiliary work.

"I became a state board member in 1987, after serving as district coordinator," Rode said. "As



Members of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary pose for a picture. Front row, from left, are Virginia Davidson, Irma Dell Williams and Evelyn Elrod. Back row: Polly McDaniel, Mary Grandey, Lucille Emerson, Winifred Millwee and Loma Jean Wynn. The SMMC Auxiliary will host the annual district meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17.

you can see, TAHA has also become important to me."

The SMMC Auxiliary will hold a silver and gold sale that is open to

the public at the hospital. The sale begins at 7 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

101-year-old tree still doing its job for Vera Sandlin

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Features Editor

Two years before Big Spring resident Vera Sandlin was born, her father planted a mulberry tree close to their home in Sand Springs.

That was in 1901. She didn't know it then, but it was a tree extraordinary. During a good part of her youth it served its purposes as any good tree does. It was a practical tree, it provided shade and mulberries for the children to snack on.

And it served the most important purpose a tree has and that is it provided a place for the children to play.

"We played under that tree and we ate the mulberries," Vera remembered.

Walter and Alice Robinson, Vera's parents, soon discovered, however that the property on which they had built their home lacked an adequate supply of water.

Once a viable water source was found, the Robinsons then had to execute the difficult task of moving the house. Of course, in the early 1900s there were no tractors or house-moving companies



HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin
Vera Sandlin holds a plaque honoring the 101-year-old tree her father, Walter Robinson, planted in 1901. Sandlin, 98, is one of two surviving children of Alice and Walter Robinson. The tree is on property owned by Lee Bennett and continues to bear fruit with trucks to move a house.

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Depression screenings set Thursday at mall

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Special to the Herald

Free, confidential depression screenings will be offered Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall by qualified mental health professionals from the area's local mental health authority — West Texas Centers for MHMR — and from licensed psychologists and social workers from Big Spring State Hospital.

The screenings are being held on National Depression Screening Day, held in conjunction with Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Clinicians will administer a short questionnaire and immediately will review the results with the participant. All responses are confidential, said Dr. John Pichitino, Big Spring State Hospital director of psychology consultation service.

"We review the questionnaires with the participants and make recommendations based on their answers," he said. "Some may need assistance from professionals,

while others may need to review some educational materials we have available."

Last year, the two agencies screened nearly 40 people during National Depression Screening Day.

"These questionnaires are not substitutes for psychiatric evaluations," Dr. Pichitino said.

This is the third year West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital have offered this community service, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said.

"We have found that many people who attend these screenings suspect they are depressed, but don't know who to ask," Smith said. "They may feel uneasy asking their primary care physician.

"Because this is an anonymous questionnaire, and they are meeting with the same people who treat depression every day has made this a successful program. We have been more than pleased with the screenings and educating people about depression."

Nearly 3 million Texans — about one in six people live with some form of mental illness. Clinical depression is the most common form of mental illness and is easily treated with medication and/or therapy, Dr. Pichitino said.

Clinical depression is more than "just having a bad day" or coping with the sadness of losing a loved one, Dr. Pichitino said. Depression affects a person's feelings of self-

worth, disturbs their sleep and appetite, and takes away interest or pleasure in daily activities.

"Many people believe that depression is a personality weakness or a character flaw," Dr. Pichitino said. "They can't just 'snap out of it.' Ignoring the problem does not make it go away. It takes courage to seek professional help."

Depression is not a normal part of aging, Smith said. "It is not normal for older adults to be depressed. Depression in the elderly is often undiagnosed, and it is important for seniors and their family members to recognize the problem and seek professional help."

Untreated depression can lead to suicide, particularly among adolescents who don't feel as if they have anywhere in

which to turn, Smith said. Almost all people who kill themselves have a diagnosable mental or substance use disorder.

Qualified mental health professionals will administer questionnaires addressing symptoms of depression for several age groups — children, teenagers, parents and adults. Following the completion of the questionnaire, recommendations concerning treatment options are made available if necessary.

Screening for manic depression or bipolar disorder also will be conducted. The illness is one in which a person's mood swings between being overly "high" or excited to sad and hopeless, and then back again with periods of normal mood in between.

For more information, call (915) 829-8449.

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OUR VIEWS

Walk message needs to be taken to heart

Heart ... Big Spring has it. Time and time again, this community proves it has a heart by ponying up for good causes — digging deep into its collective pocket every time there is a need. Saturday's annual observance of the American Heart Association Heart Walk is the most recent example.

Approximately 100 area residents took part in the walk, not only for their own hearts, but for those of their friends and neighbors, joining in a fund-raiser to support educational programs, research and awareness about heart disease.

While local AHA unit officials haven't finished closing the books on the event, Heart Walk chairperson Carmen Brooks said more than \$6,000 had been raised before Saturday's walk, and more pledges were received at registration before the event began.

Participants still have a couple of weeks to turn all their money in and Brooks says she believes the organization's goal of \$16,000 will be reached once the final tally is tabulated.

This year's Heart Walk was dedicated to the memory of former *Big Spring Herald* publisher Ken Dulaney, who died of a sudden heart attack in June.

For those of us here at the Herald, it was heart warming to see the Dulaney family — Ken's widow, Vera; his son, Wes, and his wife, Lynne; his daughter, Kenda; and grandchildren, Page and Ken Hamby, taking part in the walk.

Wes Dulaney said the family was honored by the dedication during remarks prior to the walk's start, but most importantly, stressed the need for us all to take care of our health.

"Just like we were suprised and didn't know the impact dad had on this community, you may not know the impact you have on the lives of people around you in a positive way," he said. "You should do what you can to get yourself checked out and look at the risk factors for heart disease and do what you can to make some changes and improve your health."

We can't think of a better way to express that message.

We hope you take it to heart.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of sunshine, rain and snow. Thank you for blessing us with each new day.

Amen

A job and health spell opportunity

It's my sincere hope that what I have to share in this column will be a source of inspiration to you and a good number of other people, as well. One of the greatest blessings we have in this country which so many people take for granted is opportunity. Because of the basic freedoms we enjoy and an economic system that permits the free flow of goods and services to all parts of the world, opportunity abounds for each of us. Unfortunately, because there are millions of our citizens who broke the law and have committed crimes against society or one or more individuals, they wound up in prison and have forfeited their opportunity. However, the greatest prison of all is not made



JIM DAVIDSON

with human hands, but rather it is the prison of the mind — people who are bound up in their thinking and just can't see all the opportunity that is around them. For example, think of the millions of people in America who are working at jobs they don't like or jobs where they feel they have no opportunity for advancement. Before I go on, could I be talking about you or someone you care about? Here is a statement that you may or may not agree with: the problem I have just described in 99% of the cases is not the job, it's the thinking of the person who holds the job.

This story will illustrate what I am saying: Some years ago there were three negative women who lived on a bayou in south Louisiana, and day-after-day they complained about their circumstances. Each day they would moan and say, "There is no opportunity for us here." Sound familiar? Then one day a positive thinking woman came along and heard them complaining and she said, "Look, so you live on a

bayou. Well, the bayou runs into the river and the river runs into the gulf, and the gulf opens up into the sea. You have a boat. You can go anywhere from where you are."

I don't know how you feel about it, but to me this is really some exciting news! If you or someone you care about is in a job you don't like or one that seems to have no possibilities for the future, in most cases the problem is not the job — it's in your thinking about the job. Like the three negative women on the bayou, you can go anywhere from where you are.

Here is what Walter Malone had to say about opportunity: "They do me wrong who say I come no more. When once I knock and fail to find you in, for everyday I stand outside your door and bid you wake and rise to fight and win. Wait not for precious chances passed away. Weep not for golden ages on the wane. Each night I burn the records for the day. At sunrise every soul is born again. Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped, to

vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb. My judgments seal the dead past with its dead, but never bind a moment yet to come. Tho' deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep. I lend my arm to all who say, 'I can.' No shame faced outcast ever sank so deep, but yet might rise and be a man again. Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell. Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven. Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell. Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven."

Until our next visit here is something worth thinking about. The American editor and craftsman Elbert Hubbard once said, "Opportunity is health and a job." That's it. If we have good health and a job we can use our time, talents and other resources as a springboard to achieve any success we desire. Don't procrastinate.

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Institutions can rot from within

One thing I have always admired about the U.S. military services is their ability to learn from their mistakes. They have institutionalized this ability in the form of remarkable After Action Reviews, which include rigorous dissection of every aspect of whatever operation they were last required to take.

These AARs are both unsparring and illuminating — I recall the particularly trenchant review of the opera bouffe episode in which they were required to invade Grenada, an exercise so stunningly silly that it is beneath comment. They should have sent a Texas Ranger.

Of course, the military spent years poring over Vietnam, the one it lost. Even now, the feelings of many are still so tender on that one that I feel obliged to point out they didn't actually lose it — they were sent into an unwinnable situation.

One result of all that study and re-study of Vietnam is that the military is now considerably more cautious when asked by politicians to take on some dubious geopolitical purpose. We saw that

instinct toward caution both before the Persian Gulf War and again today. It has nothing to do with lack of courage, but with an institutional memory of who pays the price when politicians and their advisers are dead wrong.

Sometimes, the military learns lessons one would prefer it had not. After Vietnam, there was some bitter blaming of the press for having reported that the sucker was hopeless. The consequence is that American military action is now accompanied by an ungodly, Orwellian degree of media management, which does not, I think, serve the country well.

I have never thought the military was well-served by its civilian eyes and ears, specifically, the CIA. It is now a matter of public record that the CIA vastly overestimated Soviet capabilities throughout the Cold War, as well as engaging in follies too numerous to mention. Lewis Lapham once hilariously nailed the Muffie-and-Skippy-III quality of that outfit.

Other times, the military's lack of information seems inexplicable. As Mark Bowden wrote in his superb account of our action in Somalia in "Black Hawk Down," a street map would have saved lives — along with the realization that all you need to take down a zillion-dollar chopper is an RPG. Hitting the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, the time we took out a civilian Iranian airliner and the sub that surfaced under a Japanese

trawler seem to fall in the category of "Huh?" But as I say, the military has shown it learns from its mistakes.

As an institution, it is most frequently criticized for its utterly bizarre capacity to eat money. Getting the Pentagon to spend money sensibly, or even keep track of it — one day it announced it couldn't account for \$7 billion — is apparently a task beyond human resource. For generations, we've been sending beady-eyed bean-counters like Robert McNamara into the Pentagon to straighten things out, and they all stagger out years later with a dazed look about them.

Granted, the really monumental wastes of money are usually political follies — the eccentric history of Reagan's Star Wars detailed by Frances Fitzgerald in "Way Out There in the Blue" being one of the most memorable. The cost is now at \$100 billion and rising — there is not an unemployment office or a children's health program in the country run with such insanely loose accounting.

Some critics have fingered the built-in redundancy of inter-service rivalry as the culprit, but no one seems able to explain such surreal incidents as the \$400 hammer and the \$800 toilet seat. This summer's scandal over the Pentagon charge cards used at strip clubs, and to buy fine china, cigars, a trip to Vegas, two pictures of Elvis, etc., was in that vein. The current issue of *The Nation* has an eye-

brow-raising account of a military country club in the Alps that supposedly teaches East European slugs the beauties of democracy. This would be funnier if I did not know Mexican-American taxpayers who sweat in the sun all day and have never seen a ski slope.

What got me started on the military is the case of Lt. Gen. Paul Van Riper, the no-bull Marine who commanded the Red forces in last summer's war games. Red was the unnamed evil dictator of a rogue state in the Persian Gulf. Thirteen thousand troops were involved and \$250 million spent on the rehearsal, according to numerous print sources.

Blue attacked, and the wily Van Riper, using low-tech to foil high-tech, sank most of the Blue fleet. Whereupon, they called the whole thing off. The sunken fleet rose from the depths, dead soldiers came back to life, and Red was ordered to look the other way and turn off its air defense while Blue made amphibious landings. Van Riper continued to harry Blue until he realized his subordinates had been ordered not to listen to him anymore. He sat out the rest of the exercise, making mordant comments from the sidelines.

Van Riper told *The Guardian*: "Nothing was learned from this. A culture not willing to think hard and test itself does not augur well for the future." Institutions can rot from within.

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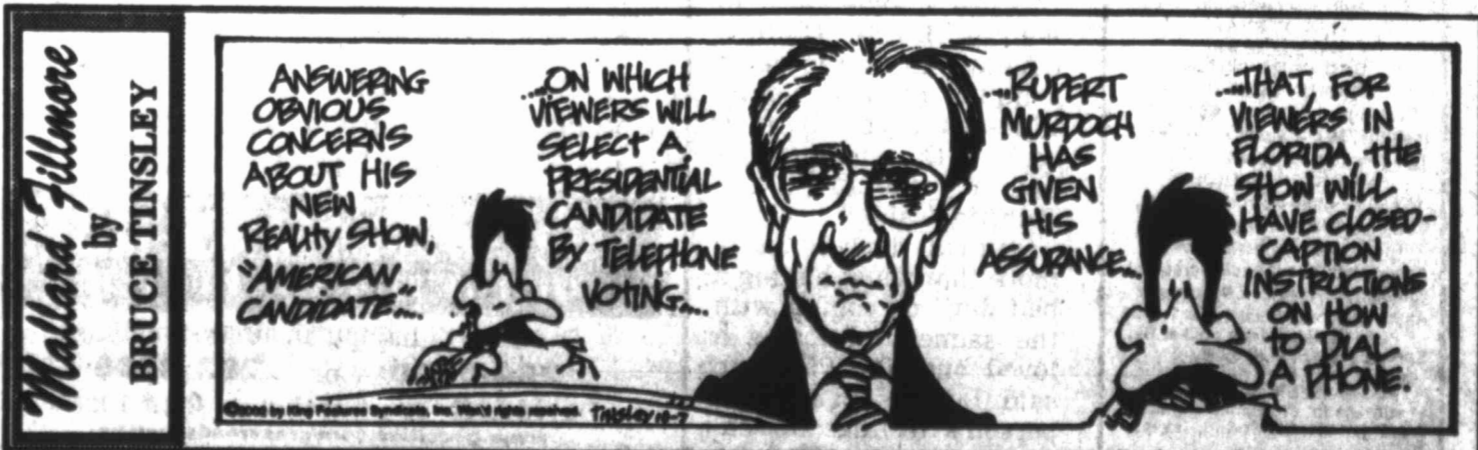
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Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

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ON WHICH VIEWERS WILL SELECT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BY TELEPHONE VOTING...

RUPERT MURDOCH HAS GIVEN HIS ASSURANCE...

THAT FOR VIEWERS IN FLORIDA, THE SHOW WILL HAVE CLOSED-CAPTION INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DIAL A PHONE.

TREE

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Homeowners either had to build a new home or use their own ingenuity to find a way to move it. So, with the help of the family horses, the three-room structure was moved about a mile down the road over a period of two days. "We had to stop and let the horses rest," Vera explained.

In those days there were no government regulations on house moving, but even at an early age Vera demonstrated what is popularly known as common sense. The journey was a taxing one for Vera, who walked alongside the house for a good reason. "I was afraid the house would fall on me so I wouldn't ride inside while it was moving."

Although many years have passed (101 to be exact) the mulberry tree is alive and well in spite of its age and having been struck by lightning in 1987. The bolt of lightning split the tree in half that year. But out of determination, good genes or (some would say), divine inter-

vention, it not only survived, but continues to bear fruit every year, according to the Bennett family who currently lives on the property. Vera is now 98 years young and one of two surviving children of the original nine of the Robinson brood. She has two daughters, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and six

great-great-grandchildren and continues to live in Big Spring with her daughter, Christine Foster.

Her sister, Merle Higginbotham, 88, lives in Monahans. The tree stands in Sand Springs.

FEEDERS

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their protein." Once winter sets in and the temperature drops, the insects will be gone. Although there is a two-week window remaining, McCasland said the feeders should be taken down sometime this week. "There is supposed to be a cold front coming from Canada," she said. The consequences of staying can be severe or fatal for the birds that don't leave, as McCasland illustrated. "There was a man that called me crying because a hummingbird had frozen to his clothesline," she said. After taking measures to save the bird his efforts proved futile, however. "Taking the feeders down forces the birds to go south," McCasland said. There are many differ-

ent species of hummingbirds that frequent the West Texas area including the black chin, rufus and the ruby throated. Some were spotted five weeks early this past summer due the fires in Colorado and Arizona and the drought in the Northwest, according to McCasland. "The high winds moved them to Big Spring," she said. The first week of October is the ideal time to take down the feeders because the birds will begin their migration south to warmer climates. Their chance for survival is greater and will ensure their return next year.

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COUNCIL

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tems." The pollution comes from both industrial and residential sources, Darden said. "We have industrial areas that have catch basins to catch storm water runoff," he said. "As a result you get impurities into your storm water system. It eventually ends up in your lakes and streams. We're going to reduce pollutants from the industrial, commercial and residential areas. Even just the basic lawn chemicals that you put on your yard, in high concentrations, can enter the stream segments." Darden said the city is facing a December deadline. "We have to file a notice of intent for a permit by

Dec. 9 with the state," he said. "That's what this is for. We're hiring an engineering firm to help us file a notice of intent that we are going to have a storm water discharge permit." The city staff will recommend the council award the contract for engineering services to develop the permit to Arcadis G&M Inc. of Midland. The city sent requests for proposals to Arcadis and four other engineering firms including Camp, Dresser and McKee of Austin; Carter Burgess of Fort Worth; Parkhill, Smith and Cooper of Lubbock; and Gutierrez, Smouse, Wilmut and Associates. GSW and Associates was the only firm that didn't return a proposal. In other business, the

council will:

- Consider the final reading of a resolution amending eligibility for insurance and retirement benefits for city employees.
- Consider the final reading of a resolution authorizing an option agreement with the Big Spring Independent School District regarding the purchase of the Runnels school building.
- Consider final readings of ordinances providing cart trail fees and amending annual green fees for city employees and retirees at the Municipal Golf Course.
- Consider awarding bids for oil change service and 8-inch to 24-inch MJ fittings and accessories.
- Consider specifications and granting permission to advertise for

bids for janitorial service for the police department.

- Consider authorization to apply for the annual Safe and Sober Wave Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.
- Consider the first reading of an resolution authorizing amendment of the Employee Health Benefit Plan and Commission Disclosure.
- Hear citizen input.
- Hold an executive session to discuss pending or contemplated litigation in the matter of Peggy McCord, individually and as next friend of Kiarra Castillo vs. the City of Big Spring.

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MARTIN

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George finished his masters degree, just as she had during his undergraduate studies, worked nights at Wal-Mart to help pay for the expense. The couple's two sons were also in college at the same time.

"I owe everything to her to a certain extent," he said. "She has sacrificed for her guys." In his office, Martin keeps a decorative pillow with a needle point inscription that reads, "Teacher's shape the future, one child at a

time." He is a strong believer of that message. "Teachers are our key to the future," he said. "Besides that student's parents, the teacher is the next most important person in that child's life." And the teachers and

staff at Moss Elementary do the job, he said. "They do such a great job," he said of his staff. "I am here to let them do their job and give them the support that they need and resources that they need to continue to be a recognized or exemplary school."

Through all the struggle, his continuing journey in education has been worthwhile, Martin said. "It's not the money, it's seeing the smile on the students' faces and the parents' faces or grandparents' faces," he said. "It's been a trip and I hope to continue to do this as long as they let me."

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"Not an exhibitionist's" nudity more than beau can handle

Dear Annie: When I come home after work, I can't wait to remove all of my clothes. It is a great relief to be free of the heat and itch of clothing. Walking around the house naked on a hot day with a fan blowing is much more comfortable than being clothed with the air conditioner on — and it is also better for the environment.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

I am not an exhibitionist. I make sure the blinds are adjusted to let light in but keep the inside of the house from being seen. I also keep a long robe handy so I can slip it on should someone come over to visit unexpectedly.

My current boyfriend does not understand why I enjoy walking around nude and thinks I need some kind of therapy. I say nudity is natural, especially in your own home with your significant other. How can I convince him that what I am doing should be accepted if we get married — or at least until we have kids old enough to notice? — Nude in Washington, D.C.

Dear D.C.: Nudity in the confines of your own home, in front of your significant other, is perfectly OK. However, if your boyfriend doesn't enjoy prancing around stark naked, he won't understand why you find it so liberating. You might be able to convince him it's harmless if he's willing to be openminded. Otherwise, if you want to keep seeing him, he'll need to see a bit less of you.

Dear Annie: I am a 21-year-old college student. My parents have been divorced for 17 years. While I have always known that my mother and father did not like each other, it was never a major problem until recently.

I attend a music conservatory, which requires me to give a recital. Naturally I want my entire family there, but I'm afraid my parents cannot be in the

same room without causing a scene. My recital will be attended by my professors and other faculty, and I would be terribly embar-

rassed to make my family issues known to all. I don't want to tell one side of the family to stay home, but I'm getting nervous. What can I do? — New York

Dear N.Y.: Explain to each side of the family what the problem is. Tell them BOTH parents will be invited, no matter what, and you expect them to behave for your sake. If possible, have them sit on different sides of the room. Beyond that, there's nothing you can do. If your parents cannot behave, it will reflect poorly on them, not you. In fact, you'll look like a saint for putting up with them. Good luck.

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IN BRIEF

Community pep rally set for Oct. 10

A community pep rally will be held Thursday, Oct. 10, in the Steer Gymnasium. The event, which is open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Big Spring opens District 4-4A action in football on Friday, Oct. 11, in San Angelo against Lake View.

Longhorns touney set for Oct. 11-12

The inaugural Longhorns Softball Tournament will be held Oct. 11-12 at the Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring.

Deadline to enter the tournament is Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. The entry fee is \$110 per team.

Teams finishing first, second and third will be presented with t-shirts and a trophy. Ten all-tournament selections will also be announced.

For more information contact, Pano Rodriguez at 267-8307 or Oscar Cervantez at 268-9597.

Lady Steers boosters to meet Oct. 17

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will be holding a meeting of its members at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17 in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

For more information contact Beverly Hayworth at 264-0356.

Coahoma, Big Spring boosters will meet

The Coahoma Athletic Booster and the Big Spring Quarterback Club will be holding a meeting Monday at 7.

The Coahoma boosters will meet in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria. The Big Spring boosters will meet at the ATC.

Country club slates

2-man scramble
The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 2-person scramble on Oct. 19-20 for teams with a combined age of more than 80.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus the cost of the cart. Private carts will be allowed. Entry includes barbecue on Saturday.

For more information contact the Big Spring Country Club pro shop at (915) 267-5354.

Slowpitch touney set for Oct. 19 in Midland

The 20th Annual Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association Slowpitch Softball Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 19-20 at the Bill Williams Complex.

The entry fee for the event is set at \$100 and is due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 17. Mail entry to PBSUA, 4208 Harlowe Dr., Midland, Texas, 79703. For more information call Al Enriquez at (915) 684-9481.

HC to host Ping Pong tournament Oct. 8

Howard College will be hosting a table tennis tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Dora Roberts Student Union Building.

The event will start at 6 p.m. The top finisher will receive a \$50 prize.

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TUESDAY VOLLEYBALL

• 6 p.m. — Big Spring at Andrews.

THURSDAY FOOTBALL

• 5 p.m. — SA Lake View at Big Spring JV.
• 5 p.m. — Big Spring 9 at SA Lake View.

From The Heart



Patsy Sanchez hits a ball into the air as fellow sixth grade teachers Karla Cregar (far left) and Kathy Lane (center) watch on during the fund-raising volleyball game between the Goliad fifth and sixth grade teachers. The fifth grade squad won, 17-15, the event, which raised more than \$500 for the American Heart Association of Howard County.

Goliad fifth grade teachers educate counterparts in fund-raising matchup

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Patsy Sanchez didn't mind getting a little sweaty, or the piercing screams of more than 100 Goliad Intermediate School students in the gymnasium. She didn't even mind losing ... so long as the American Heart Association came out a winner.

Consider it mission accomplished. Sanchez and members of the Goliad fifth and sixth grade teaching staff, and the student body at the school, raised more than \$500 for the local chapter of the AHA by taking to the court for an intra-faculty volleyball game Friday afternoon.

"It was great. It was a lot of fun," said Sanchez, one of the sponsors of the Goliad Cavaliers group that staged the event.

Michelle Hammer and the Goliad fifth graders made sure Sanchez didn't get too ecstatic over the ordeal, however. The fifth grade educators gave their sixth grade counterparts a lesson on determination and hustle.

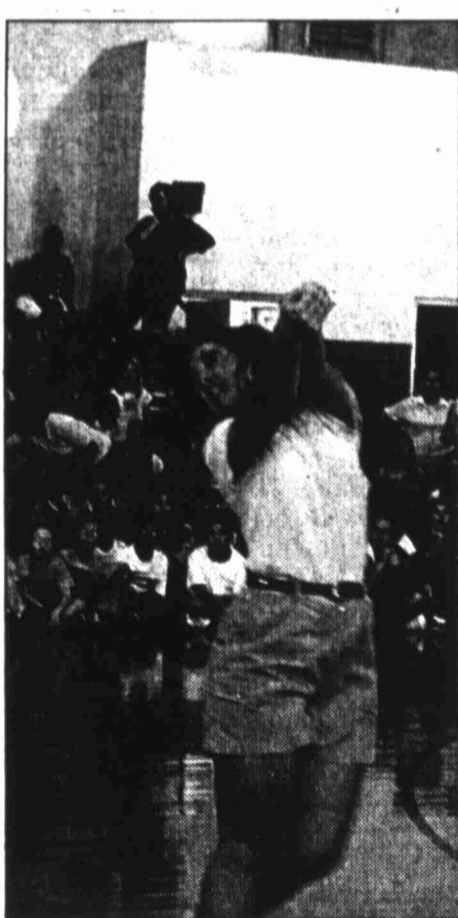
They also gave the fifth and sixth grade students — who donated 50 cents apiece to watch the game — a reason to cheer and laugh.

"It was fun watching the "oldies" and the "youngies" play against each other," said Goliad sixth grader Priscilla Valimont.

"I think it was cool that we got to raise money for the people who need, and to watch the teachers try to jump up and down. It was funny to see them do what we do in the gym," said MaryJane Ramos.

It was fun for the sixth grade teachers early on.

The sixth grade teachers took the early lead in the contest. Sparked by



Goliad fifth grade teacher Michelle Hammer bumps a ball toward the net Friday.

the play of coach Karla Cregar and Kathy Lane, the sixth grade teachers scorched the fifth grade defense early and often, scoring seven times in the first few minutes of the matchup.

The fun came to a halt midway through the match, however.

The fifth grade teachers, after falling behind by a 7-2 count, found their groove. The team, anchored by the service of coach David Barbee, pounded out a 9-4 run over the next 10 minutes and knotted the score at 11-11.

The sixth graders managed to regain the lead a few minutes later, scoring three times to grab a 14-13 advantage.

The fifth graders rallied back, however. After tying the score, they posted three of the next four points scored to claim a wild 17-15 come-from-behind win that left scorekeeper Richard Cypert scrambling for numbers to display on his manual scoreboard — which consisted of two slips of paper he held over his head throughout the match.

Goliad sixth graders, despite seeing their team suffer a tough loss to the fifth grade teachers, took the outcome in stride. The end justified the means, they surmised.

"Watching the teachers play for people who are weaker and need help was great," said Bianca Martinez.

"It was worth it just to see the (the Goliad faculty) play and jump up and down. It was fun to watch Mr. (David) Thayer jump," added Ashley Miramontes.

In all, the game raised \$540 for the American Heart Association of Howard County. Members of the Cavaliers presented Javier Flores, the president of the local AHA chapter, with a check for the sum.

"I just want to thank everyone for what they've done. These are our leaders for tomorrow," said Flores.

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Steers roll past Frenship at home

By CONNIE EDGEMON

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers tennis team could relate to that rollercoaster feeling last week.

After opening the week with an 11-8 non-district loss to Class 5A Odessa High, Big Spring rebounded to knock off the Frenship Tigers in District 4-4A action.

Against Odessa, Jay Shroff won his match in straight sets against Daniel Lizarribar. Justin Ferrell dropped the first set in a tiebreaker, 7-3, but came back to win the second and third sets, 6-3 and 6-2. Shroff and Ryan Vela took the first set of their doubles match but then faltered the second set. Odessa even the score at one game apiece with a vengeance, allowing the Steers' No. 1 duo only one game.

Not to be outdone, Shroff and Vela fought back from that to win the third for the match.

On the girl's side, Heather Partee defeated Lynn Scofield in straight sets and Mindy Partee won in three sets against LaToya Terry.

Mindy Partee won the first set and then



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dropped the second, winning only one game. In the third set, she took a 6-0 win. All three girls' doubles teams won their matches in straight sets.

The highlight of the week came when the Steers hosted Frenship at the Figure Seven Tennis Center and dealt the Tigers a decisive setback that kept Big Spring's district record unblemished at 3-0. The BSHS girls split their singles matches, winning four in straight sets. Veronica Villarreal, Heather Parnell, Lauren Chesworth and Jessica Rodriguez all claimed singles victories. The Steers won the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches.

With the win, Big Spring remains in contention for the District 4-4A title.

"I was pleased with this result and this win sets the team up nicely in the district competition," said Big Spring coach Sarah Corse. "The doubles was the turning point of the day. Four of the seven doubles matches went to split sets and Big Spring returned wins in three of them."

The boys won five of eight singles matches in straight sets, and Kyle Conley defeated Brad O'Bannon in three sets.

Shroff defeated Craigen Ness, while his brother, Vishal, downed Brad Armour. Justin Ferrell won his match against Frenship's Trevor Watson. Nick Rivera and Cole Furquerson also won their singles bouts.

In doubles play, the Big Spring boys had a little more trouble but ended up winning all three matches. Jay Shroff and Ryan Vela won in three sets, as did Paredes and Vishal Shroff. Ferrell and Rivera swept their bout in straight sets.

"I won't know exactly how we sit (in district) until I learn what happened in the meeting between Andrews and Levelland, but I'm hopeful that this team will take it all the way to regionals again this year," said Corse. "Our destiny is in our hands."

Big Spring hosts Lubbock Estacado this week in team tennis action.

Texas Tech wins see-saw game with Aggies

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — One kicker went home happy, the other will have a long week trying to forget.

It was a see-saw game between Texas Tech and Texas A&M that the Red Raiders eventually won in overtime 49-47 when Kliff Kingsbury threw his fifth touchdown pass and Robert Treece followed with the extra point.

Texas Tech rallied from an 18-point deficit for the win. The Aggies' loss spoiled a stellar performance by quarterback Dustin Long, who threw a Big 12 record seven touchdown passes.

Treece kicked a 42-yard

field goal, his second of the game, to tie the game as time expired in regulation.

Texas 17, Okla. State 15
AUSTIN (AP) — Third-ranked Texas claimed a scary 17-15 win over Oklahoma State Saturday.

Texas quarterback Chris Simms passed for 267 yards and a touchdown and ran for another.

Entering next week's showdown against rival Oklahoma, Texas is 5-0 for the first time since 1983. The Longhorns went undefeated in the regular season that year.

Oklahoma 31, Missouri 24
COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) —

Big XII Wrapup

Oklahoma scored a touchdown on a fake field goal with 6:33 left to escape with a 31-24 victory over Missouri Saturday night.

The winning touchdown was a stunner. Holder Matt McCoy took the snap, waited a moment, then threw a perfect lob to freshman tight end Chris Chester, who went up and caught the ball between two defenders for his first career reception. Nate Hybl's 2-point conversion pass to Curtis Fagan made it 31-24.

Baylor 35, Kansas 32
WACO, Texas (AP) —

After four years of Big 12 misery, Baylor collected a win. Daniel Andino's 33-yard field goal gave Baylor a 35-32 win over Kansas that ended a 29-game conference losing streak — even though there was still enough time on the clock for the ensuing kickoff.

Nebraska 38, McNeese 31
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Jammal Lord set Nebraska records for total offense and rushing yards by a quarterback in a 38-31 win over Division I-AA McNeese State on Saturday.

Lord ran 17 times for 218 yards and three touchdowns, breaking the school's single-game rushing mark of 199 yards.

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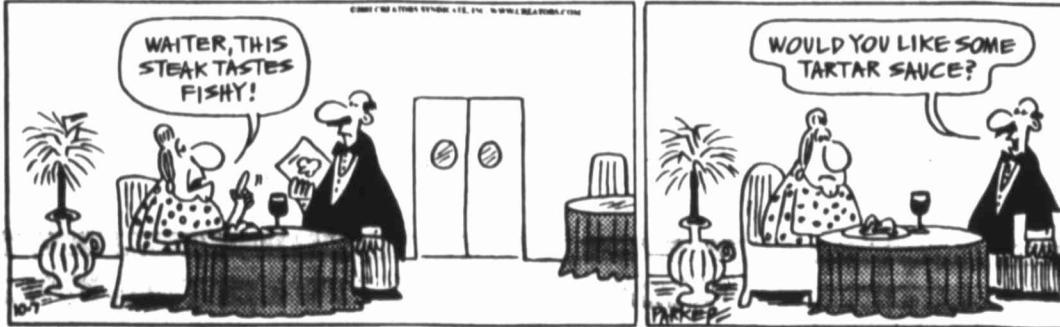
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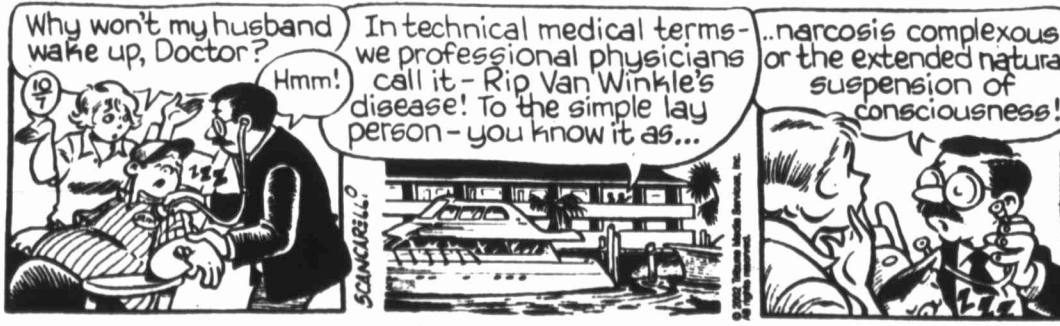
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This Date in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 2002. There are 85 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered 10 days later.)

On this date: In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore at age 40.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra recorded Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" for RCA Victor.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1950, the U.N. General Assembly approved an advance by U.N. forces north of the 38th Parallel in the Korean Conflict.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican

opponent Richard M. Nixon held the second of their broadcast debates.

In 1963, President Kennedy signed the documents of ratification for a nuclear test ban treaty with Britain and the Soviet Union.

In 1968, the Motion Picture Association of America adopted its film-rating system.

In 1982, the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical "Cats" opened on Broadway. (The show closed Sept. 10, 2000 after a record 7,485 performances.)

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean with more than 400 people aboard.

In 2000, Vojislav Kostunica took the oath of office as Yugoslavia's first popularly elected president, closing the turbulent era of Slobodan Milosevic.

Ten years ago: Trade representatives of the United States, Canada and Mexico initiated the North American Free Trade Agreement during a cere-

mony in San Antonio, Texas.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Al Martino is 75. Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 71. Former National Security Council aide Oliver North is 59. Rock musician Kevin Godley (10cc) is 57. Country singer Kiernan Kane is 53. Singer John Mellencamp is 51. Actress Christopher Norris is 49. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 49. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 47. Gospel singer Michael W. Smith is 45. Actress Judy Landers is 41. Country singer Dale Watson is 40. Singer Toni Braxton is 34. Rock singer-musician Thom Yorke (Radiohead) is 34.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

OVER YOUR HEAD by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1 Health resorts | 1 Loafer or pump | 7 Prepared onion rings |
| 5 Float on the wind | 2 Actor Sean | 8 Hide handler |
| 9 French sea | 3 Curved lines | 9 Dreamily romantic |
| 12 Biblical villain | 4 Three-dimensional objects | 10 ___ the Red |
| 14 Atmospheres | 5 Roll of bills | 11 Depend (on) |
| 16 Mine find | 6 Cousin's mother | 13 Stray calves |
| 17 Very happy | | 15 Marsh plants |
| 19 Salad-dressing ingredient | | 18 Raw, as a diamond |
| 20 Naval officer | | 22 Made lighter |
| 21 Inclination | | 24 Cheese name |
| 23 Cheney or Clark | | 26 Atlas pages |
| 25 Painter of ballerinas | | 27 Mountain ridge |
| 26 He's employed by 1 Across | | 28 Overly idealistic |
| 29 Stops for a breath | | 30 "If You Knew ___" |
| 31 Museum contents | | 33 Swing around, as a ship |
| 32 Remains (with) | | 34 Baton |
| 35 Antitoxin | | |
| 37 "Pikes ___ or Bust!" | | |
| 39 Jack Sprat's bane | | |
| 40 Actress Eleanora | | |
| 41 Razor sharpener | | |
| 43 Branch offshoots | | |
| 46 Spy org. | | |
| 47 Made a blooper | | |
| 49 Sounded stiff | | |
| 51 Accumulation of birthdays | | |
| 53 ___ over (capsize) | | |
| 54 Tend to a messy closet | | |
| 57 House tops | | |

