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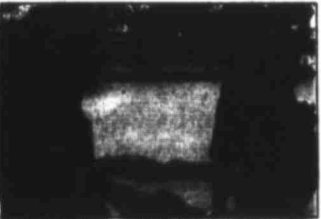
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PROUD OF MY MOM

Cassandra Sulatan, an 8-year-old home-schooler, explains why she's very proud that her mom is in the Navy Reserves.

Getting to go to a lot of places because of her Navy training is just one of them.

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BRIEFLY

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

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

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

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

ACKERLY HOMECOMING SET

Reservations are being accepted for the Sands/Ackerly homecoming, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 27.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. that day, followed by a business meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. A catered lunch will be served at noon in the cafeteria. Visitation will take place in the afternoon.

To make reservations for the meal, notify Sissy Jones at 432-267-7732 or jsjones@apex2000.net.

The deadline is Sept. 18. Sands Mustangs will be playing Westbrook on Friday night, Sept. 26, at Mustang Field.

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Identity theft: Don't make yourself a target

HERALD Staff Report

With a click of his mouse, Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker can destroy any illusions you might have about the privacy of your personal information.

By simply entering a name and a city and state of residence into a Web site, Walker was able to obtain a cornucopia of information about the person, including his address for the past 30 years, phone numbers, Social Security number and driver's license number, automobile information including vehicle identification number, license plate number and lien holder, property, mort-

"It used to be people stealing credit card applications and old bank statements out of trash cans and things like that, and that still does occur, but the fastest-growing method of identity theft is through the Internet."

Sheriff Dale Walker

gages, criminal record and bankruptcies. And similar information about approximately 20 associates.

In the hands of the wrong person, the information could be used for a variety of nefarious purposes, including obtaining fraudulent drivers' licenses or even credit cards.

The scary part is that similar information is available to anybody willing to spend about \$6.

"(Criminals) take that information and then they use it for self-gain," Walker said. "Mainly credit, that's usually what they're after. They'll apply for credit cards under that assumed name and then they profit from it by obtaining the credit, the money, any-

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Calling for support

Senior citizens join in effort to keep VAMC in Howard County

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Ninety-three-year-old Marguerite Phillips wanted to do something to help keep the VA Medical Center in Big Spring, and through the help of her daughter-in-law, was able to do just that.

"We need it here because so many families go there," said Phillips, a Marcy House resident. "My son-in-law was in the VA hospital and he had really good care."

Phillips read in an edition of the *Big Spring Herald* that the Department of Veteran Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission had made a recommendation to conduct a feasibility study to shift medical care services to the Midland/Odessa area. "She's really into civic matters," said Loyce Phillips, Marguerite's daughter-in-law. "We were visiting her this past Saturday and she was taking about current events. She said she wanted to sign that petition to keep the VA in Big Spring."

So Loyce contacted Tommy Churchwell, the father of Big Spring High School student



Ninety-three-year-old Marguerite Phillips signs a petition to protest the possible closure of the VA Medical Center in Big Spring while her daughter-in-law Loyce Phillips looks on. Several Marcy House residents signed the petition last week, expressing concern over the issue.

Logan Churchwell, who was conducting a petition drive to keep the VA Hospital in Big Spring, and obtained a copy.

Loyce passed the petition around during lunch time

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Local group ensures every veteran that's laid to rest has 'family' present

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Let those who serve their country never stand alone, even in death.

Clara Lewis, Margie Myers and Shelbie Capps are members of the VA Memorial Ladies, a new organization.

"The purpose of the VA Memorial Ladies is to make sure that every veteran and his immediate family has someone attending their funeral," said Lewis, a widow of a veteran. "We don't want to ever know in Big Spring — as long as we're active — of a veteran or

his immediate family being laid to rest alone."

The idea for the organization was spawned from

"We're in love with our veterans, that's what makes us want to do this."

Margie Myers,
VA Memorial Ladies member

the National Memorial Ladies at Arlington National Cemetery, a group that performs a similar service for burial services in the cemetery.

"I was attending a VA/VS (volunteer services) conference in El Paso," Lewis said. "There was a lady there from Arizona who learned about the National Memorial Ladies at Arlington."

According to Lewis, that person started an organization in Arizona at the state's the national cemetery.

"She told us about going to the national cemetery and it was heart-wrenching to know if it weren't for them there were some veterans that would be

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VA Memorial Ladies Shelbie Capps, left, Clara Lewis and Margie Myers pose for a picture next to an American Stars and Strips quilt.

Area school district's financial data called superior

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Area school districts are handling their financial matters in a superior manner, according to preliminary report by the Texas Education Agency.

Results from the TEA's Financial Integrity Rating System (FIRST) released last week on the agency's Web site, rates seven area

school districts with superior achievement.

"It's sort of like a report card on the fiscal responsibility for the school district," said Big Spring Independent School District Business Manager Sandra Waggoner.

Applied for the first time, TEA based the rating on the number of "no"

answers to 21 indicators.

"It's done by a desktop audit," Waggoner said of the report. "The information they used is information we normally send them."

Schools can earn four ratings — superior achievement, above standard achievement, standard achievement and substandard achieve-

ment.

Waggoner said she was excited to hear how the district fared in the preliminary results.

"This is not just a business office accomplishment. Everybody in the district contributes from our staff to our principals," Waggoner said. "Everybody taking care of our district facilities are

involved."

BSISD joins the ranks of six area school districts earning superior ratings which are Coahoma ISD, Forsan ISD, Stanton ISD, Glasscock County ISD, Sands Consolidated ISD and Grady ISD.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

STORY TIME

Popular library program returns this Wednesday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Animals, animals and more animals will invade the Howard County Library as the Story Time program resumes Wednesday.

"We're going to learn about all kinds of animals this year," said Howard County Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre.

The first story of the year tells the trouble of Snarly Hippopus. No one can seem to be able to get his name right.

"The first thing he sees a pelican," McIntyre said. "The pelican sees a monkey and says 'there's a strange new animal in the jungle.' She calls it a spotty hippopoms. The animals continues to mess up his name."

This month focuses on jungle animals and with each new month comes a new set of animals to learn about, McIntyre said.

After Story Time, the children will also get a picture to color when they get home," she said.

Story Time is held at 10 a.m.

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Obituaries

Amanda Flores Deanda

Amanda Flores Deanda, 85, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, died on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, in a Midland hospital.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. tonight at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with the Rev. James Plagens, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 4, 1918, in Shafter and married Gomecindo M. Deanda on Nov. 3, 1934, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1991.

Mrs. Deanda was a longtime resident of Big Spring and was a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Guadalupanas and the Crucillista.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Joe Albert and Margie Deanda Sr. of Big Spring; a daughter, Olga Chavez of Big Spring; 19 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, Gomecindo M. Deanda Jr., Benjamin Deanda and Ismael Deanda.

Pallbearers will be Joe Albert Deanda Jr., Tony Chavez Jr., Danny Chavez, John Anthony Deanda, Garry Chavez, Paul Chavez, Benjamin Deanda Jr. and Marty Deanda.

The family suggests memorials to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Aylford St., Big Spring 79720. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

L.D. "Buster" Adams



L. D. "Buster" Adams, 72 of Stanton, died on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003 at the First Baptist Church Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery Stanton.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1931, in Comanche and married Fern Blacklock on July 7, 1950, in Big Spring.

He lived in Martin County since 1958 and retired from the Coca Cola Bottling Company in 1976 after 24 years of service. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Fern Adams of Stanton; two daughters, Linda Young of Albuquerque, N.M., and Glenda Flowers of Daingerfield; two sons, Larry Adams of Greenwood and Michael Adams of Stanton; two brothers, G. B. Adams of Abilene and Mackie Adams of Odessa; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Billie Newburn.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782.

The family will receive friends today, Sept. 1, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Edwin P. Neves

Edwin P. Neves, 97, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at Home Hospice House in Odessa.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Sept. 1, 2003, in Weathersbee-Ray Chapel. Burial will be in the Roby Cemetery directed by Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.

Born on May 27, 1906 in Beaver County, Okla., Mr. Neves was the son of the late Thornton Pool and Mena Olea Neves. He lived in Fisher County and Big Spring.

He married Katherine Melinda Terry on Sept. 19, 1925, in Roby. He farmed and enjoyed wood working and raising roses. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine; his parents; two sons, Tommy Jack and Edwin Charles; three brothers, two sisters; and one grandson.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Roy Neves of Snyder, Earl and Myra Neves of Houston and Red Neves of Big Spring; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary Olea Johnson of Amarillo, Clara Ann and Kelly Jennings of Tullia, Rosalie and Ray Harrison of Austin and Bonnie and Bobby Powell of Ackerly; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Elida Sepeda

Elida Sepeda, 58, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at a Lubbock hospital following a long illness.

Vigil Services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Regan, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 1, 1945, at Marfa and moved to Big Spring in 1979 from Sweetwater.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was a contract carrier for the U. S. Postal Service. Her route was HC77.

She is survived by her husband, Lupe of Big Spring; one son, Michael Sepeda of Dallas; four daughters, Monica Carroll and Elaine Sepeda, both of Big Spring, Amanda Sotelo of Lubbock and Jessica Arguello of Austin; one sister, Librada Moreno of Austin; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

Police blotter

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

• **ERIC DON JUAREZ**, 22, of 600 W. Interstate 20 was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and on a county warrant for criminal mischief and city warrants.

• **BLANCA MARIE VELASQUEZ**, 30, of 2207 Runnels was arrested Saturday on a Ector County warrant for theft and city warrants for traffic violations.

• **RODNEY WAYNE TUBBS**, 20, of 1322 Wright was arrested Sunday on a Midland County warrant for theft and on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **GLORIA ROBLEGO MARTINEZ**, 38, of 1502 Cherokee was being held at the city jail today for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **SHANE EDDIE ANDERSON**, 31, of 607 Lancaster was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 56, of 1511 Princeton was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **POSSESSION OF ANALOGUE**, less than 1 gram, was reported at Motel 6 in the 600 block of Interstate 20.

• **BURGLARY of a BUILDING** was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, more than \$50 but less than \$500, was reported at Park Hill Terrace Apartments.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported at Limestone Ridge Apartments.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, and **BURGLARY of a VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Runnels Street where \$2,020 of damage was reportedly inflicted upon a truck and \$450 of electronic equipment was reportedly stolen.

• **BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was listed on the police report with out a location. Reportedly stolen was a \$98 item.

• **THEFT**, less than \$50, was reported at the Mayo Ranch Motel where one programmable compact disc player worth \$12.84 was reported stolen.

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

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 100 block of Little Road and in the 200 block of Cord.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 195 west bound on Interstate 20.

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported on Ray Road.

• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported by Highway 350 and FM 700.

• **AGGRESSIVE DRIVER** was reported on 181 mile marker west bound on Interstate 20.

• **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported on South 87 and 461 and in the 6100 block of North Service Road.

• **THEFT OF HORSE** was reported in the 500 block of Cauble Road.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of South Main and in the 4200 block of Old Colorado City Highway.

• **FIRE** was reported west of Moore School Road.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-11-35-36-40. Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$8 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-19-23-24-28.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$42,669.

Winning tickets sold in: El Paso

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 1-0-2

Weather

Today...Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs around 80. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. North winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs around 90.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Big Spring Chapter & Council RAM, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221 Main St.

Howard County ARC, 806 E. Third St., Bingo Hall, 264-0674.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Coahoma Senior Citizen's luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

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

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Gospel Singing at Kentwood Activity Center on Lynn St. has been canceled for this evening. The activity will resume on Oct. 7.

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m. VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Canterbury Senior Health Fair, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1700 Lancaster. Free health screenings of bone density, vision, hearing, glucose and cholesterol will be given and diabetes, pharmacy security counseling will be available.

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The Goliad (sixth grade) for Goliad students, is now a membership all sixth-grade subjects, show

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IDENTITY

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thing. That is identity theft. Identity theft is where a person takes personal identifying information from another."

Walker said identity theft is the fastest growing crime nationwide.

"It is in epidemic proportion up in the north," he said. "The newest thing, according to the FBI, is the crooks are taking the identities of children. They take that child's name and identifying information and obtain credit under that name with a different date of birth and then max out credit cards and things of that nature. The child's family doesn't even know about it until the first time that child applies for credit, usually for college loans. It's destroyed before the kid even gets started."

While cases of identity theft are rare in Howard County so far, they are increasing in frequency, the sheriff said.

"We've had some cases here, but it's not a big problem yet," he said. "The number of cases is growing, though."

While many older citizens fear releasing their Social Security number, modern identity thieves don't need it to get started with their criminal activities.

"The Internet is the No. 1 method of identity theft now," the sheriff continued. "It used to be people stealing credit card applications and old bank statements out of trash cans and things like that, and that still does occur a lot, but the fastest-growing method of identity theft is through the Internet."

And, while most of the "people-search" sites on the Internet charge for their services, the fees are remarkably low, he added.

"For free you can get on the Internet and just start searching for loss prevention services, tracking services on the Internet and you're going to get thousands and thousands of companies," he said. "You pay them money and they'll give you any information you want on a person. For 25 cents for this company here, you can run the name at the top, just the name, and from that you get a generated report. It costs me a quarter and I instantly have the name, the date of birth, the Social Security number, the address and the address history of that individual."

Once the initial report is obtained, the searcher can get a more detailed report for more money.

"I think it costs \$5.50,"

Walker said. "I now have not only your name, your date of birth, all of your relatives' names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, address histories; I have your mother's name, and if I have your mother's name I have your mother's maiden name in that report, which almost all credit bureaus require. I have everything about your history that I would need to have to apply for a credit card."

Unfortunately there's no way to remove your information from the system once it's in, he said, but added there are some things people can do to help stem its distribution.

Anyone who gets mail-out offers of pre-approved credit cards can be at risk for identity theft by having criminals apply for credit using his or her identity.

Individuals can opt out of pre-approved offers of credit by calling one of the three main credit reporting agencies and requesting that the offers stop. A call to any one of the three bureaus will stop offers from all three. The call has the added benefit of reducing the flow of junk mail in your mail box.

Walker stressed that people should take pains to be more aware of their credit status.

"I recommend that everybody order their own credit report," he said. "I'd recommend doing it at least once a year. That way, at least you know what is on there."

Credit reports and opting out of pre-approved offers can be done through the three credit bureaus:

- Equifax — Report: 1-800-685-1111. Opt out: 1-888-567-8688.

- Experian — Report: 1-888-EXPERIAN. Opt out: 1-800-353-0809.

- Trans Union — Report: 1-800-888-4213. Opt out: 1-800-680-7293.

Another online pay service does its best to protect wary people from Identity theft. The service, www.cosumerinfosystems.com, monitors its clients credit and alerts them any time an application for credit is made in their name or a credit report about them is requested.

"I think they charge about \$20 a month," Walker said.

Policies about forgiving identity theft losses varies widely between credit card companies, he said.

Some are willing to forgive the charges if it's evident they are due to identity theft, others require that cardholders pay part of the charges and others are more sticky about forgiving fraudulent charges, he



U.S. Marine Cpl. James K. Taylor offers a piece of cake to his wife, Lety, during a welcome home reception held in the young Marine's honor recently in Stanton. Taylor, a 1998 Stanton High School graduate, served six months in Iraq with the First Combat Engineering Battalion. He is the son of Walter and Linda Taylor of Stanton.

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NEW GROUP

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buried with no one there."

Lewis, a long-time VAMC volunteer, secured permission from the Big Spring VA Hospital to start a similar program this year.

"So far we've been honored to be able to attend two funerals and one memorial service," Lewis said.

More than just being present at the funeral, the ladies are willing to perform any ceremonial act, such as folding the U.S. flag and presenting it to the family or laying wreaths or flowers.

"We're in love with our veterans, that's what makes us want to do

this," said Margie Myers, a VA Memorial Lady volunteer and widow of a veteran. "We own them more than we can ever pay."

"My husband was a veteran. I'm a veteran. I feel it's my duty," said Shelbie Capps, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Reserve. "It's a tough thing to do. Lot of times there's tears but we're there to support."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the VA Memorial Ladies can contact Iva Jo Hanslik, VAMC community relations coordinator, at 264-4824.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

SUPPORT

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Tuesday at Marcy House which enabled Marguerite and 14 others to voice their concern over the issue.

"I have had lots of folks in the service. Not all of them entered the hospital out here but my brother was in it a few times and he usually had good luck," said 88-year-old Ethel Forgas, whose brother was a World War I veteran.

Juanita Hamlyn, a veteran herself, also was against any possibility of closing the VA hospital.

"They spent so much of the taxpayers' money on it and because people come here from Oklahoma and Arkansas and Louisiana and other states (to use the hospital's service)," Hamlyn said in explaining her opposition.

Area residents have until Oct. 7 to voice their opinion on the CARES commission on the draft plan.

The public can view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make

comments, at the Web site www.va.gov/cares.

Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail address at carescommission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (00CARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420.

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every Wednesday in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main, and is geared for pre-school children from 5 months to 5 years old. Daycares are also welcome to attend.

The program will not be held during holidays. For more information about Story Time, call McIntyre at 264-2260

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Goliad Cavaliers conducting drive

HERALD Staff Report

The Goliad Cavaliers, a sixth grade civic group for Goliad Intermediate students, is now conducting a membership drive.

Membership is open to all sixth-grade boys who have passing grades in all subjects, show exception-

al good behavior and is willing to give up some weekends for community civic projects.

Applications to join the organization is due by Friday to Sanchez, who also has application forms for those who lost or did not receive a form.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Let's take time today, to honor the working man

Today, we celebrate one of the most basic components of a successful society — the worker. Great decisions are made by politicians; generals command during wars; and scientists explore the mysteries of the universe. But without the "common" working man and woman to drive the gears of society, all the equations and theories don't amount to much.

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

So, what exactly should we be observing today?

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

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

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

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

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

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

The examples go on and on ...

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we hold firmly to your truth and love, Lord, without wavering.

Amen

Turns out, the crow eats Gray Davis

Gov. Gray Davis deserves to be recalled. His performance has earned him record-low poll numbers because voters believe he is too arrogant, too nasty — and that he would sell them out to any special interest that could help his career. Rather than shape up to fend off the recall, Davis has been acting as if his main goal is to prove to skeptical voters that they've been too kind to him.

Consider his speech — you know, the one that had Davis taking "responsibility" for his plight. The buzz was that Davis would eat crow. Turns out the crow ate Davis.

Well, Davis did say, "I come here to take responsibility." Then he blamed Republicans and a "right-wing power grab" for the bad things — blackouts, red ink and recall — that happened on his watch. Having barely exhaled after uttering the other R-word, Davis refused to admit to any particular fault.

To start, Davis essentially blamed the governor who preceded him and the president who took office after the brownouts started — the lights started going out in California in August 2000 — for the energy crisis.

Then there is the governor's claim that the recall is "part of an ongoing national effort to steal

elections Republicans cannot win."

Davis knows better. Yes, GOP Rep. Darrell Issa poured some \$2 million into the recall effort. Issa came along, however, after the Bush White House and state politicians ran in terror from the very notion of this populist concoction.

And he knows how many Democrats don't like him.

But forget the speech. (I'm sure the gov's political gurus would love to.) The most offensive element of the New Gray Davis is his craven lurch to the left, as seen in his recent pledges to sign bills he wisely ducked during his first 56 months in office.

For some time now, state voters have suspected Davis would sell them out to save his own sorry skin. Now they know it.

Witness Davis' promise to sign a bill allowing illegal immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses — even though he had vetoed similar bills. That pledge is a slap in the face of the 59 percent of California voters who approved Proposition 187, which would have denied illegal immigrants government benefits. Those voters were begging irresponsible politicians to distinguish between legal and illegal aliens. Now Davis has slammed that door shut.

Ditto his pledge to sign a bill giving legal rights to same-sex partnerships — some three years after 61 percent of California voters supported a measure defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

My libertarian-leaning side supports gay marriage, but a governor

shouldn't impose new laws on voters who recently rejected them. Use persuasion, not blunt force. No Davis observer can watch this act without seeing it as a billboard that announces Davis will stick it to most voters if it helps him woo an interest group he thinks he needs.

I truly don't understand it: Davis needs the support of a portion of the 27 percent of Democrats who say they want to recall him — yet he dismissed them as right-wing nuts. Davis needs more than half of voters to choose to retain him. Yet, in his desperation, The Grayinator publicized his willingness to cross the majority of voters.

If Davis understood the fury underpinning the recall craze, he would have promised voters that he would become a statesman, a leader, a politician ready to buck pet constituents for the greater good. Instead, Davis decided to ditch the statecraft, as if the solution is to become an even craftier politician.

It was easier to defend Davis against a recall when he simply was a bald-faced opportunist. Tuesday Davis said the recall was "bigger than California" — which shows he can't distinguish between the state and his oversized ego.

To find out more about Debra J. Saunders, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I have previously delivered "Pros and con" of Proposition 12 to this paper for explanation for the voting amendment. And yet in your editorial you mentioned only that Proposition 12 had to do with the medical profession and caps. You neglected the most important thing about Proposition 12.

You failed to state that the legislature seeks to have the power to place caps on non-economic damages on "all other actions." This means taking away the right of the court system and the jury system to decide issues of non-economic damages in all causes of action, be it probate, contract, personal injury, wage disputes or any other conceivable action.

Two Republican former Texas Supreme Court justices, the Honorable James Baker and Honorable Deborah Hankinson, have both come out against Proposition 12 and are urging the citizens to realize that voting for Proposition 12 not only limits the caps in the medical profession but in all other actions.

Do we give the Legislature more power and take it away from the people? This is not an issue of lawyers versus doctors, this is an issue of rights of every citizen to have access to the courts and for its peers to review the cases and to hold those accountable for wrongs.

How else can you explain the Legislature's action in having a constitutional amendment in September rather than the traditional elections in November and then to tout this as a way to protect our medical community from the alleged abuses which have taken place by including in three little words "and other actions."

It appears this paper has likewise fallen into the naiveté of believing that this is a medical problem and the paper appears not to read the English language and realize what is happening with Proposition 12.

ROBERT D. MILLER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I heard about the possible closure of the VA hospital from my mother and then read a very short article in my local paper about the petition started by Logan Churchwell.

This prompted me to go to your web-site and read other articles about the issue. Reading these articles about the fight to save the VA brought back memories of a similar fight we were involved in to save the Mexia State School in Mexia while living there.

Of course, we were fighting the state of Texas and not the federal government but the issue and message were the same. Many things were done during the fight and unfortunately the petitions did not get their attention.

What did appear to get their attention was the rally that the city of Mexia and surrounding towns had on the front steps of the state capitol and the method we used to get there. The city of Mexia and surrounding towns managed to charter 42 Greyhound buses, fill them to capacity, then encourage other interested persons to follow the caravan in private vehicles to the capitol.

Businesses were shut down, schools were closed and the towns became ghost-like as the buses and caravan pulled out. The line of vehicles was more than five miles long and as we traveled Interstate 35, people would be hanging over the overpasses in towns along the way to cheer us on.

It looked as if we were going to a massive football game the way the buses and cars were decorated. Needless to say, we won that fight, saved the school and the local economy and gave the media something worthwhile to write about. The state of Texas never dreamed that a town that small could make so much noise and attract that much attention when threatened.

LISA KELLY SHIRLEY
MARSHALL

TO THE EDITOR:
According to Mr. Wilkerson, it's common knowledge that bingo-playing mothers will leave their children to suffer alone in hot cars. Have there been several cases of such neglect?

The reports I've read have involved babies simply being forgotten about while parents and child-care workers have gone about their daily chores and activities. "Just so much happening all at one time" is always involved. Why single out bingo players.

We bingo-playing mothers are actually a pretty decent bunch of people.

WANDA REESE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to the letter from Marilyn Mears in the Aug.-20 edition of the *Big Spring Herald*. I too, am sorry for the tragedy of Kea Miller of San Angelo. But, I have to say there is no place that pulls together like the communities of Howard County.

We lost our son on April 3, 2003, in Iraq white fighting for our country and our continued freedom and there was a tremendous turnout of support from not only our home community of Coahoma but also from Big Spring and Forsan. There was support from many businesses (too many to even try to mention), churches, the funeral home, the *Big Spring Herald*, our radio stations, the schools and complete strangers.

We could not have asked for more

support at our time of need. I have to disagree with you Ms. Mears and before you start with the "why nots" and the "how comes" maybe you should check with others that have been in these situations.

Howard County is a very Christian county and there are some very generous people here. Once again, I would like to thank all those that did help our family and for still supporting our loss.

GINGER METCALF
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the entire family of Brock Pittman, words seem so inadequate to convey our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you.

During Brock's recent illness, the outpouring of love and concern extended to our family and Brock was truly remarkable. Your calls, visits and most of all, your prayers meant so much.

A special thank you to the nursing staff and ER physicians at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for your treatment and stabilization of Brock before transferring to Midland Memorial Hospital. A very special thank you to Coach Butler and staff, Brock's fellow teammates of the Big Spring Steers football team, you truly allowed God to minister to us and we thank you.

We are so fortunate and blessed to live in such a caring and compassionate community. With God on our side, your friendship and prayers helped carry us through this scary time.

We thank God for each and every one of you and our prayer is that God will bless you as you truly blessed the Pittman family.

DALE PITTMAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am looking for descendants of Dr. Aaron George Jones, who is buried at the New Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring. His brother, Solomon, was my grandfather.

His wife, Zenobia (Noby) Folsom Jones, was on the 1930 census with a daughter, Opal, and two sons, Elrod R. and A.G. Jr.

I would like to contact any members of this family. You may call me collect at 405-799-6432 after 5 p.m., e-mail me at WAnde77895@aol.com or write me at 744 Wood Hollow, Moore Okla. 73160.

We have some correspondence and pictures and know he practiced medicine in Oklahoma, New Mexico and probably Texas. I would be glad to share any information. Please contact me as my sister and I have been researching the Jones line, and would like to renew connections with this line.

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HM2 Shirlene Sulatan receives the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance as a pharmacy tech.

Why I am proud of my mom

By CASSANDRA SULTAN
8 years old, homeschooled

I am very proud that my mom is in the Navy Reserves. I am really glad because we can go to a lot of places because of her Navy training. My favorite place where my mom went was Thailand because she had a real great time and she got me and my family gifts. My favorite thing that mom has gotten me from the Navy was the meals ready to eat (MRE) as well those were the best things that I ever tasted.

My mom emigrated from the Philippines. As

an American, she is proud of her past, her present and her future. For a promising future, she works hard today. My mom always talks to me about how proud she is as being a part of the U.S. Navy. She truly believes in freedom and said she will give her service to maintain this because this is the very reason of the existence of our country.

I am proud of her because she also received an award when she was sent by the U.S. Navy to Thailand. They gave medical services to 8,000 Thai people and gave 3,000 prescription eye-glasses. I copied the citation of her award.

"HM2 Shirlene Sulatan

USNR, is awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for professional achievement in the superior performance of her duties as pharmacy tech, Pharmacy Department, Fleet Hospital Dallas, Cobra gold 2003 MEDCAP team, Kingdom of Thailand from 13 May, 2003, to 31 May, 2003.

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Off the links, golf carts take on a life of their own

By JOHN JURGENSEN
The Hartford Courant

The living is easy on the high end of Lone Oak Campsites.

Outside a bungalow between a pine forest and the lawn he carved out of the scrub, Ron Feola is entertaining the regulars. The television chatters on the bar, Sinatra sings from speakers in the woods, and Feola serves the drinks.

From a gallon jug, this 42-year-old independent contractor from Bridgeport, Conn., pours helpings of a chunky white cocktail, heavy on coconut and rum. As Feola and his guests toss back the shots, he wipes his mouth and says, "Golf cart fuel."

That may be the octane Feola is running on this night, but it's gasoline that powers the cream-colored Yamaha he pilots down the dirt road into the heart of the 130-acre campground in East Canaan, Conn.

With headlights glowing and silver rims spinning, his six-seat vehicle is the stretch limousine of the golf cart set. Relaxing in a back seat, John Mauro reaches forward to bump his buddy's fist, saying, "This is what it's like to ride with the big dogs."

Riding definitely beats walking across the biggest private campground in Connecticut. So why not ride in style?

"There are people who have golf carts, and then there are those who spend the money to kick it up a notch."



Ellen Mauro and her daughter Samantha, 16, come home from the store in their customized, flaming golf cart at Lone Oak Campsites in East Canaan, Conn.

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of supervising a limited core staff which was augmented daily with new personnel. She was still able to maintain a flow rate of approximately 900 prescriptions per day without any complications.

"Through her own initiative, she brought a glucometer to help physicians rule out diabetes. The additional test was instrumental in the identification of a manageable but potentially devastating disease. HM2 Sulatan's positive attitude, high degree of professionalism, communications skills and devotion to duty reflected great credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

I am indeed proud of my mom, for her service to our country. I think she is the best mom in the whole world.

CARTS

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Among the campers who rent 300 of Lone Oak's 500 sites for the entire season, the golf cart is now the accessory of choice. In the closely packed landscape of awnings, lawn ornaments and decorative lighting, these open-air chariots have become the most stylish way to separate from the pack.

Golf carts moved off the links long ago. But as a highly customized conveyance, these vehicles have come into their own in recent years in sprawling campgrounds and gated communities. Even hunters, farmers and off-roaders have adopted them.

"I'd say 90 percent of the people who visit our site use them for something other than golf," says Norm Smith, Webmaster of a popular online golf-cart catalog based in Banner Elk, N.C. Of course, he's just estimating, because numbers such as those are hard to come by.

But Smith knows his business, so let's let him deliver the vocabulary lesson: "Golf cart is a confusing term. Everyone who manufacturers them calls them golf carts. And people who ride them call them golf carts. But a cart is something you pull behind you."

OK, but maybe "golf" is the word that should be scratched, considering how many of these cubic vehicles are not just purring from tee to green.

Five years ago, E-Z-Go, the largest manufacturer of golf carts, introduced its WorkHorse line — rugged gasoline-powered utility vehicles designed to compete with all-terrain vehicles on trails and pastures. Club Car, the No. 2 maker sells the equivalent in its Pioneer models. Both companies have begun catering to more luxurious tastes. With one model that sports the body of a 1957 Chevy (and sells for about \$10,000), Club Car wins the award for the most outlandish factory model.

But unless it happens at one of the dealerships that cater to closed communities in retirement states such as Florida or California, most golf-car customization is a do-it-yourself affair.

"Some of them go absolutely crazy," says Smith, whose catalog offers everything from performance parts to high-definition camouflage decals. He recalls one recent customer who was so desperate for his new mag wheels (\$280 apiece) in time for vacation that he had them sent overnight to the campground.

Those mags easily could have been destined for Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle

Beach, S.C., one of the mammoth RV parks in the South where golf-car culture reigns.

Lance Thompson, manager of Ocean Lakes, says they started renting a few dozen vehicles in the 1980s. By last year they had a fleet of 700. This year they upped that to 760, but in July there was still a waiting list.

"It's been kind of a whirlwind," Thompson says.

He estimates that, at any given time, as many as 5,000 rented and privately owned vehicles are crisscrossing Ocean Lakes' 310 acres and clogging its waterfront when teen-agers cruise at night. Compared with that, the traffic up north at Lone Oak Campsites seems paltry.

But that's exactly what makes Mauro's machine stand out. Mauro, 50, a heavy-equipment operator from Bridgeport, bought a used E-Z-Go for \$100 in Massachusetts, then went to work on it. Alpine stereo system. Rollbar. Glossy black paint. Mudflaps. Vanity plate (TRYPASN). Fuzzy dice. Flamejob body decals and matching flamejob seat upholstery.

"There are people who have golf carts, and then there are those who spend the money to kick it up a notch," he says.

In the past three years, a sudden influx of golf carts at Lone Oak has made new rules necessary. Licensed drivers only. No overloaded vehicles. No speeding. No drinking and driving. (Certain drivers test the flexibility of the latter rule.)

The rules of social competition, however, are unwritten. But they certainly apply to golf carts. "As with any neighborhood where everyone knows each other, people need to have the greenest lawn or the nicest car. They're just keeping up with the Joneses," says Jacolyn Brown, a co-owner of the campground.

Like his buddies, Feola has plans for winter upgrades to his summer vehicle. A paint job, a new dashboard console and a stereo are all in the future, he says. But as he makes the rounds one night, maneuvering his six-seater past the pond and the outdoor movie theater, he acknowledges the limits of his golf-car indulgences.

"Do I want to make my cart ready for that competitive edge? Sure. Do I want to spend \$8,000 to do it? Not really."

Dove season under way in Howard County

Special to the Herald

Dove season begins today in most of Texas, including Howard County and the Crossroads area.

Below are dates of the season, bag limits, license requirements and other information, courtesy of the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Dove — (North Zone) (North of IH 20), Sept. 1-Oct. 30. Daily bag limit: 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped (white-fronted) doves in the aggregate to include not more than 2 white-tipped. Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

Dove — (Central Zone) (South of IH 20), Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and Dec. 26-Jan. 5. Daily bag limit: 12 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped (white-fronted) doves in the aggregate to include not more than

2 white-tipped. Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

A hunting license is required of any person, regardless of age, who hunts any animal or bird in this state, except an alligator hunting license is required to hunt alligators.

A hunting license is not needed to hunt furbearing animals if the hunter possesses a trapper's license. Non-residents under 17 years of age may purchase the Special Resident Hunting License (Type 102).

Resident Hunting (Type 101): \$23 Valid to hunt any legal bird or animal (terrestrial vertebrates) except alligators. Required of any resident unless the resident possesses a valid:

- Special Resident Hunting License;
- Super Combo or Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing License Package;
- Lifetime Resident Hunting License;
- Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fishing License; or
- Lifetime Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing License.

Special Resident Hunting (Type 102): \$6

Valid only for residents and non-residents younger than 17 and residents 65 years of age and older. Valid to hunt any legal bird or animal except alligators. Stamp requirements apply.

Enjoy hunting but remember: Put safety first.

Know Your Doves

As a hunter, it is your legal and moral responsibility to identify your targets before you shoot. There are at least eight species of doves and pigeons that occur in Texas, of which only four are legal to hunt. The following descriptions will help you recognize these eight species and may prevent you from making an embarrassing and costly mistake.

Legal Game Birds

(May Be Hunted During Open Seasons)



Mourning Dove

Slightly smaller than whitewinged dove with long pointed tail. Generally seen in flights of one or two birds. May mix with flights of whitewings but can be readily distinguished by its more rapid wing beat, erratic flight path and pointed tail. Common throughout Texas with large concentrations in farm and ranch country.



White-winged Dove

Larger than a mourning dove with conspicuous white bar on wing and a long, moderately rounded tail. Generally in flocks during September before fall migration to Central America. Common along the Rio Grande and upper South Texas. Increasing in number throughout Central, West and North Texas.



White-tipped Dove (White-fronted)

Slightly larger than a whitewinged dove with rust colored wing linings (underside) and large, moderately rounded tail. Size and shape are similar to whitewing. South Texas is the only place in the United States where this nonmigratory dove can be found. Common adjacent to brush areas and citrus groves. Generally seen as a single bird flying close to the ground.

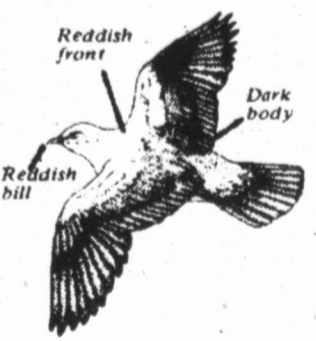


Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)

Common in cities and around farms. Large in size and varies in color from gray, brown to all white. All have white rump patch. They generally fly in flocks and do not readily mix with other wild birds. It is an introduced species and is often raised by individuals as are other varieties of racing and fancy pigeons.

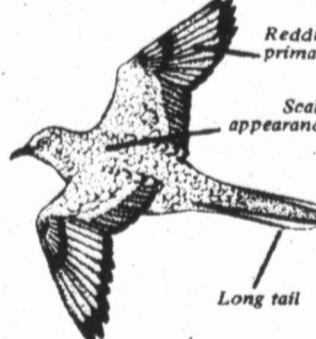
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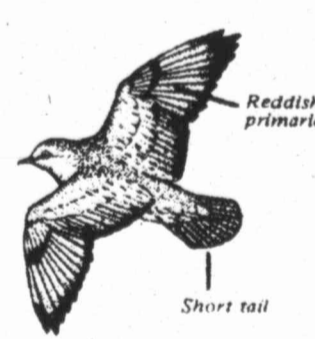
Red-billed Pigeon

Similar in size to the domestic pigeon. Pinkish head and shoulders. Bluish gray body. Bill is reddish. Uncommon in Rio Grande Valley but can be found occasionally near larger brush tracts adjacent to Rio Grande. Will fly with whitewings. Larger size is good key.



Inca Dove

Inca Dove and Ground Dove: Small birds, approximately half the size of a mourning dove. Both are gray and fly close to the ground with rapid wingbeats. The Inca has a scaly appearance with a long tail that has white margins. Ground dove has a short, round dark tail. Both are common throughout South Texas.



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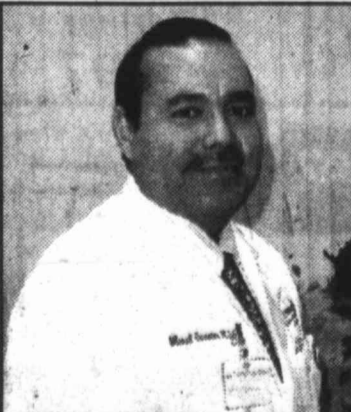
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IN BRIEF

BHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

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

Registration for the camp will be at the Steer Gym, located at 707 11th Place, Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

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

CGA to hold final event of season

The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its Grand Champions Tournament on Saturday.

All CGA members are eligible to participate. Non-members can also compete for \$25, which includes a meal and post-tournament dance.

Participants will also have a shot at winning a 2003 Chevrolet from Pollard Chevrolet. Any golfer sinking a hole-in-one on hole No. 4 wins the automobile.

For more information or to get a tee time call, Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

HC cheerleading camp set for Sept. 6

The Howard College cheerleading squad will host its annual mini cheer camp on Saturday, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$25. The camp is open to first through eighth graders.

Cheer/dance class runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a lunch, tennis shoes, a water bottle and place their name on all their belongings.

All mini cheer campers will have a chance to perform at one of the Hawk basketball games.

For more information, call Linda Berry at 264-5024.

HCHS to host golf tournament Sept. 13

The Howard County Humane Society will be hosting the first Dorothy Garrett-Margaret Lloyd Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 13 at Big Spring Country Club.

The 4-person scramble is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

For more information contact the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

Youth bowling league sign-up to be Sept. 6

The YABA-sanctioned Youth Bowling League will begin registering bowlers for this season at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Bowl-A-Rama.

A parent's meeting will be held at 9 a.m.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the 2003 season. For more information call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

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Sept. 1
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Rangers vs. Kansas City, 12:30 p.m., 1490

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Astros vs. Los Angeles, 6:45 p.m., 1490

Odessa survives Steers' rally

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — When Jerry Doporto ushered his teammates to the line of scrimmage for a third-and-14 play Friday night at Memorial Stadium, little did he know he was about to make history. The junior, who was making his debut as the replacement for Tye Butler, was about to take the snap from center Kaniel Miramontes and go 40 miles before stopping again.

Unfortunately for Big Spring, Doporto's run — which covered more than 17 hours and two cities to complete — wasn't quite enough. The Odessa Bronchos spoiled the Steers' 2003 season-opener by taking a tough 35-17 win in a game that was rescheduled for Grande Communications Stadium after lightning strikes had forced officials to postpone the contest.

Heavy rains in the Big Spring area Friday night prompted school officials from Big Spring and Odessa to move the game from Memorial Stadium to Midland's new facility which featured an all-weather synthetic turf.

Despite the loss, Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler felt his Steers had accomplished one of the bigger goals he had wanted: They showed miles and miles of heart.

The Steers rolled up more than 300 yards in offense in a game — that, by most accounts, they could have easily won.

"I can't say anything bad about the way we played," said Butler. "These young men didn't quit and give up the ship. We would have loved to win — that's why we're out here, but this game will help us," he said.

"We're going to take a lot of good things from this," he added. "One of the biggest positives the Steers can tuck away is the play of their two young quarterbacks and retooled defensive unit. Both turned in solid performances against an Odessa squad that sported a huge size advantage."

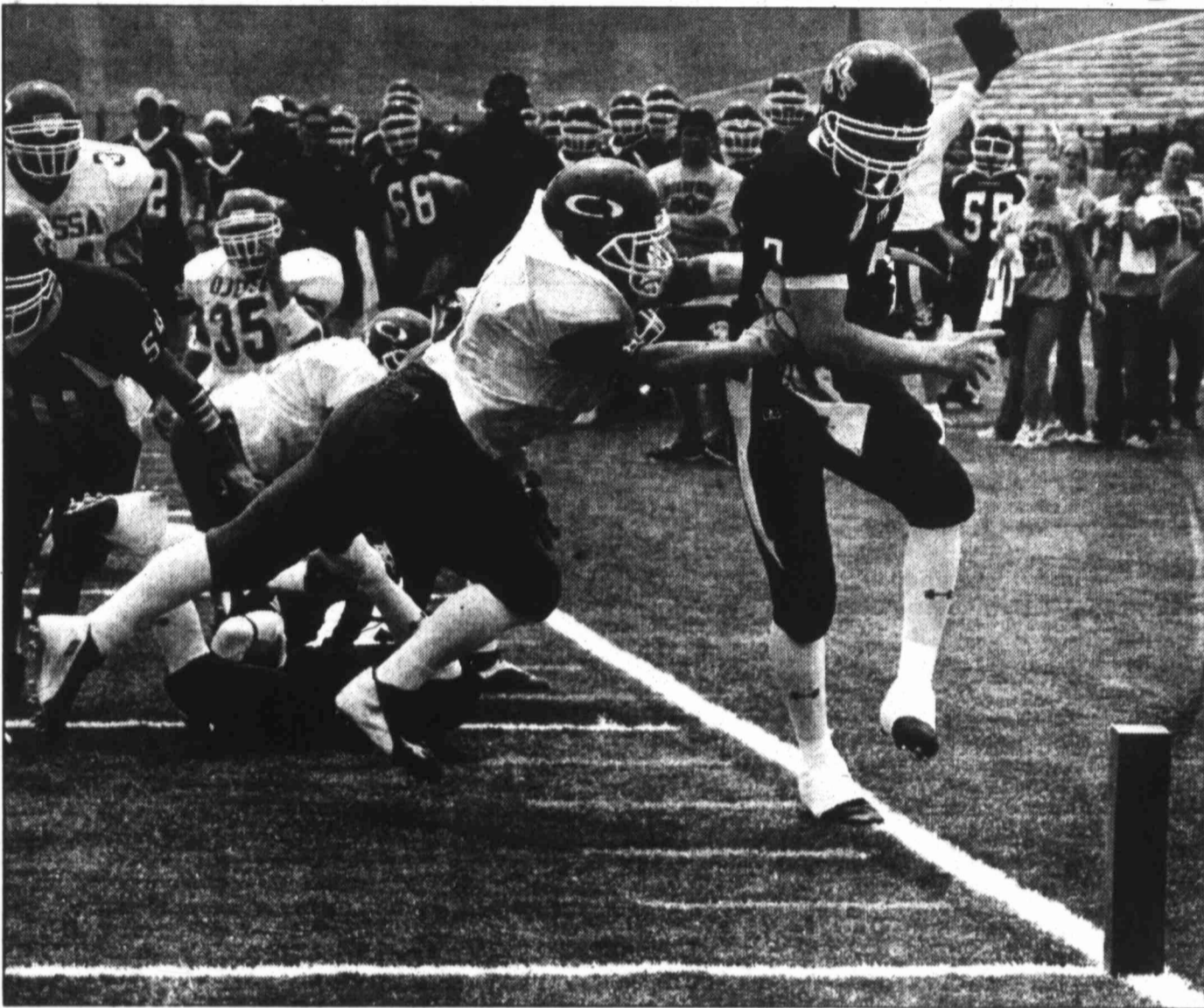
The Bronchos grabbed the early lead in the matchup between the two former "Little Southwest Conference" rivals — scoring on their first drive Friday night at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring.

After taking the opening kickoff, the Bronchos immediately shifted into high gear. Odessa drove 82 yards in nine plays before OHS tailback Brian Johnson scampered around the right end, recovered his own fumble at the two and scooted in for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead with 7:06 left in the first period.

The Steers looked just as potent in their first series. Following a 31-yard kickoff return by Mike Ornales, Doporto immediately got Big Spring moving by rifling an 8-yard pass into the arms of Jordan Cobb. One play later, he took the offense on his shoulders again, this time faking a hand-off to Taviance Clemons and scrambling for 11 yards and a first down at the Odessa 45.

Doporto was far from through. On the ensuing snap, he rolled to his left and found senior Wesley Smith for a 13-yard gain to the Broncho 32.

After a short run by Clemons and a delay of game penalty had put the Steers into a 3-and-14 sit-



Big Spring sophomore quarterback Andy Lasater dances along the sideline for a short gain during the second quarter Saturday afternoon at Grande Communications Stadium in Midland. The Steers suffered a tough 35-17 loss to Odessa in a game that was marred by a stoppage due to lightning.

Odessa 35, Big Spring 17

Odessa	6	15	0	14	46
Foran	0	17	0	0	0

SCORES BY QUARTER

Quarter	Odessa	Foran
First Quarter	6	0
Second Quarter	15	0
Third Quarter	0	17
Fourth Quarter	0	0
Total	35	17

GAME STATISTICS

Stat	Odessa	Big Spring
First Downs	20	14
Rush-Yards	45-350	32-131
Passing-Yards	71	156
Att-Comp-Int.	9-6-1	13-22-1
Fumbles/Lost	1-5	1-2
Pen./Yards	11-65	2-10
Punts/Avg.	2-24.5	3-46.3

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Big Spring: Jerry Doporto 15-82, Marcus Gray 9-30, Odessa: Brian Johnson 19-137, Ryan Sherman 12-114, Trent Golden 8-49.
PASSING — Big Spring: Jerry Doporto 9-18-1-15R, Andy Lasater 4-4-0-19, Odessa: Ryan Sherman 3-5-1-71, Ryan Burns 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING — Big Spring: Mike Ornales 3-74, Jordan Cobb 2-49, Wesley Smith 3-38, Odessa: Ryan Burns 2-62.

uation, Doporto took the Steers to the line ... only to have game officials suspend play because of the lightning strikes.

More than 17 hours later in Midland, the Steers resumed play with Doporto scrambling for 11 yards to the OHS 25.

Unfortunately for Big Spring, the Odessa defense was equal to the challenge, halting the Steers' effort one play later and forcing Big Spring to turn the ball over on downs.

Odessa didn't waste the opportunity to increase its lead. The Bronchos hammered out six straight running plays to reach their 48 before being hit with the third of their eight illegal procedure penalties.

Facing a 3rd-and-11 play from the own 43, Odessa quarterback Ryan Sherman came up big. He lofted a 53-yard scoring pass to receiver Ryan Burns on the second play of the second quarter to put OHS up 14-0.

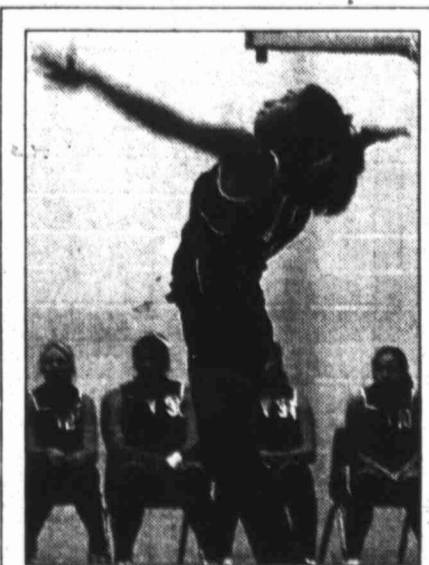
Big Spring managed to scratch out its first points of the season midway through the period.

Sterling City snaps 19-game losing streak

The Garden City Bearkats became an unwilling member of Sterling City history Friday night.

In a game shortened to two quarters by lightning, Sterling City's Bryan Crooks scored on runs of 57 and 3 yards and led the Eagles to a 13-0 win over Garden City. The win snapped the team's 19-game losing streak which dated back to the second week of the 2001 season.

The Bearkats, in their first game under new head coach Ken Hoskins struggled offensively. Garden City rolled up 27 total yards in the two periods. Sterling City amassed 182 yards.



Niebes Ortega and the Big Spring JV volleyball team will face Central on Tuesday.

After holding Odessa deep in its own end, the Broncho punter shanked a punt from his own end zone that sailed just 17 yards and gave Big Spring possession at the OHS 27.

Sophomore quarterback Andy Lasater took over the BSHS helm from there. He completed short passes to Marcus Gray and Daniel Castillo to set up a 3rd-and-4 play from the Broncho 21. From there, Lasater found Ornales with a 12-yard pass play to the Odessa 9.

Ornales had helped set up the Steers' drive minutes early by pinning the Bronchos deep in their own territory with a booming 48-yard punt.

One play after Ornales' reception, Lasater displayed his rushing abilities by scrambling out of the spread and dancing down the sideline for six yards to the Broncho 3.

The Steer offense sputtered from there, however. After two short runs had managed to push the ball to the OHS 1, Cobb came on to boot a 19-yard field goal to cut the Odessa High lead to 14-3 with 4:44 left in the half.

The Steers' celebrations didn't last long. Just 19 seconds, in fact.

Burns gave Odessa the momentum back on the ensuing kickoff. Fielding the ball at his own 4, the OHS senior broke two tackles and raced 96 yards for a touchdown. Josh Ramirez's third extra point of the half staked the Bronchos to a 21-3 cushion.

Big Spring did anything but roll over and die. The Steers drove their ensuing possession 62 yards in six plays before Doporto turned a busted running play into a 7-yard pass to Michael Shockley in the back of the end zone to pull to within 21-10 with 2:26 left in the half.

Cobb, who had been treated at the hospital for strep throat less than 48 hours earlier, came up with the big play in the Steers'

drive by hauling in a 41-yard pass to the OHS 24.

Big Spring was far from through.

After Jared Phillips and the BSHS defense had held the Bronchos in check on their next series and forced a punt, the Steers offense went back to work.

On their first play from scrimmage, Doporto managed to hook up with Ornales on a 52-yard scoring strike that cut Odessa's lead to a shaky 21-17 margin at the half.

The Steers continued to wield the hot hand in the third. Big Spring threatened to take the lead by driving the ball deep into OHS territory before tragedy struck.

After Gray had reeled off an 11-yard scamper behind Jeff De Los Santos and David Partlow to give Big Spring a first down at the Odessa 3, Doporto called his own number and plunged his way forward for a two-yard gain.

Facing a 2nd-and-Goal call from the 1, the Steers' shotgun offense misfired. A bad snap from center got away from Doporto and enabled Broncho free safety Matt Stewart to fall on the ball at the OHS 8.

The turnover didn't prove costly, though. Smith spoiled the Bronchos' ensuing possession by making an acrobatic interception of a Sherman pass.

The Steers had an opportunity to cut Odessa's lead to 21-20 early in the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, Cobb's second field goal attempt of the season — a 27-yarder — sailed wide left.

Odessa's gigantic offensive line began flexing its muscle down the stretch. The Bronchos rolled up 193 of their 350 rushing yards in the final 12 minutes to salt the game away.

Odessa's final two scores came on a nine-yard run by Sherman and a 2-yard scamper by Johnson.

Roscoe weathers delay, late push by Buffs in '03 opener

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Roscoe Plowboys scored on a 49-yard run late in the fourth quarter and then made a desperate goal-line standing with less than a minute left to stave off the Stanton Buffaloes 27-19 Saturday afternoon.

The game was originally slated for Friday but was postponed because of lightning.

Roscoe, a perennial state power, jumped on top quickly. The Plowboys reeled off 20 points in the first quarter and took a 14-point lead into the half.

Stanton's lone TD in the first half came on a 16-yard run by Sloan Kelly with 1:08 left in the first period.

The Buffaloes, who rolled up 282 total yards on offense, roared back in the second half. Darryl Williams cut Roscoe's lead to 20-13 late in the third by picking off a pass and returning it 70 yards for a score.

Luis Chapa caught a six-yard pass from Danny Perez in the fourth to cut the RHS lead to one, at 21-20.

Roscoe's winning touchdown came on a 49-yard run by Cale Smith on a muffed punt.

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Move away from distract-
ing influences. If driving,
don't go too fast, or you'll
get pulled over.

TOMORROW'S BIRTH-
DAY (September 1). You
hold yourself up to an
incredibly high standard
this year, and that is why
you surpass goals that even
you thought were impossi-
ble. Driving yourself too
hard is a danger, so make
sure you get enough rest
through September, and
take at least one day off a
week to do absolutely nothing.
Lucky love signs are
Capricorn and Virgo. Your
lucky numbers are: 6, 27,
11, 50 and 33.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
Learn the successful format
before you go exploring
into unknown territory.
Gentle moves work won-
ders. Power struggles will
end when you surrender
the power (even if it's just a
gesture, or something very
temporary) to another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
Cancellations give you a
chance to enjoy your morn-
ing. Slow down your com-
munication. People are easi-
ly confused and need to
hear clear enunciation as
well as repetition in order
to understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). As much as you try to
juggle everything, some of
the important stuff might
fall through the cracks.
Flub-ups teach lessons that
wouldn't get learned other-
wise. Restructure your
habits so they'll better sup-
port your true values.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). You'll be broad-
ening your horizons, which
includes going back to
square one in some way.
Beginnings can be awk-
ward or even painful. Trust
yourself that you'll get
through it if you don't give
up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). What you think
you're doing and what
you're really doing might
be two different things.
Giving is far more satisfy-
ing than receiving.
Tonight, be careful not to
rashly undo past good
actions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18). The serious mood that
takes hold early in the day
isn't like you, but the
change makes people pay
attention. Logical thinking
and decisive action will
impress colleagues.
Someone near finds your
intellect sexy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Spend the day analyz-
ing, organizing and plan-

Annexing. You've got a clear
communication line with a
partner, which helps every-
thing. Try and be support-
ive of others, even if you
can't relate, but don't give
advice.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-
TIONS: "I just can't accept
that my Aries girlfriend is
really gone. She packed her
stuff while I was at work,
and when I got home, there
was just a stupid note. She's
obviously brutal, but I can't
stop thinking about her
anyway. It hurts so
much. I actually believe
she's coming back, which
is the dumbest thing. But is
she? I'm a Virgo. Also, you
should know that a
Capricorn friend of mine
wants to start dating me.
Should I wait for my girl-
friend to come back?"

What you need is closure,
which you'll have to pro-
vide for yourself because
she isn't coming back. You
still don't know why she
left, and I can't provide you
with a solid reason because
there is none. It's more like
a million small things that
added up. During the time
of your relationship, Aries
felt generally under-appreciated
and slightly picked
on. Ironically, you probably
feel as though you were the
one who was picked on and
undervalued. Of course,
you were both right. She
will reappear in your life
next year, but don't wait.
It's not like you think. Go
for the Capricorn. This per-
son possesses the stability
you need after this blow to
your romantic ideology.

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doing and what you're
really doing might be two
different things. Giving is
far more satisfying than
receiving. Tonight, be
careful not to rashly undo
past good actions.

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TO: Michael Robey and Susan
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at or before ten o'clock A.M. of
the Monday next after the
expiration of 42 days after the
date of issuance of this citation
the same being Monday the 13th
day of October, 2003, before the
Honorable, 118th District
Court of Howard County,
Texas, at the Court House of
said County in Big Spring,
Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition
was filed in said court on the
14th day of August, A.D.
2003, in this cause numbered
43111 in the docket of said
court, and styled
BARBARA BRUMLEY and
JON L. McLEOD
vs.
MICHAEL ROBEY and
SUSAN ROBEY
A brief statement of the nature
of the suit is as follows: To wit:
Sut to partition the interests of
Plaintiffs and Defendants in
the following described prop-
erty and improvements thereon:
That certain tract of parcel of
land out of and part of the East
One-Half (E/2) of Section No.
Forty-three (43) in Block No.
Thirteen (13) T-1-N, T-8P
RR Co. Survey in Howard
County, Texas, more particu-
larly described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point in the
south right-of-way line of U.S.
Highway No. 80, said point
being N. 64° 05' E. from inter-
section of West line of the East
Half of said Section No. 43 and
the South line of said U.S.
Highway No. 80, said begin-
ning point being the N.E. cor-
ner of a parcel heretofore con-
veyed to Westbrook and the
N.W. corner of this parcel;
THENCE S. 15° 25' E. parallel
with the West line of the East
Half of said Section No. 43 and
along the East line of parcel of
the Westbrook Tract, a distance of
130.30 feet to point for N.W.
corner of a parcel heretofore
conveyed to Mansfield and the
S.W. corner of this parcel;
THENCE N. 64° 05' E. parallel
with the South right-of-way line
of U.S. Highway No. 80, and
along the North line of the
Mansfield Tract, 158.7 feet to
Northeast corner of the
Westbrook Tract and the
Southeast corner of this par-
cel;
THENCE N. 15° 25' W. parallel
with the West line of the East
Half of said Section No. 43 and
along the East line of parcel of
the Westbrook Tract, a distance
of 158.7 feet to the
PLACE OF BEGINNING.
SAVE AND EXCEPT all of the
oil, gas and other minerals on,
in, under and that may be pro-
duced from the above
described parcel of land,
as is more fully shown by
Plaintiff's Petition on file in this
suit.
The officer executing this writ
shall promptly serve the same
according to requirements of
law, and the mandates thereof,
and make due return as the
law directs.
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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Annexing. You've got a clear
communication line with a
partner, which helps every-
thing. Try and be support-
ive of others, even if you
can't relate, but don't give
advice.

Dear Annie: I am a 56-
year-old man and have fallen
in love with "Cora," a
wonderful woman. I am
married, however, and my
wife is in a nursing home
with a terminal disease. I
took care of her as long as I
could, but she no longer has
any memory of her life with
me.
I want to marry Cora. My
family and friends have
given their blessing for me
to continue the relation-
ship. Is it wrong of me to
get a legal divorce from my
wife? — Found Happiness
Again

Dear Found Happiness:
You have an obligation to
see that your wife's require-
ments are met. Is she
receiving the support she
needs, financially and other-
wise? Will you continue
to check in on her, monitor-
ing her care, for the rest of
her life? If so, you are enti-
tled to seek happiness with
Cora and not feel guilty.
Dear Annie: I am engaged
to a wonderful man, but
unfortunately, he is a smok-
er. "Owen" knows I dislike
cigarette smoke, and I have
made it clear that I will not
live with him if he contin-
ues to smoke.
Yesterday, Owen asked
what would happen if he
quit, but then started up
again after we married. We
aren't planning to marry
for a few years, but this
troubled me. I am consider-
ing returning his engage-
ment ring and telling Owen
to propose again when he
decides to quit for good. Is
this a good idea, or would it
be too cruel? — Sick of the
Smoke in Connecticut

Dear Sick: Smoking is a
hard addiction to break, but
you should not have to live
with second-hand smoke
and raise children in such
an environment. Since you
aren't planning to marry
for a few years, hang on to
the ring. Owen deserves an
opportunity to prove him-
self. However, you should
discuss it with him, and
until you are certain he has
given up cigarettes for
good, don't make any wed-
ding plans.
Dear Annie: I read the let-
ter from "Lori in Missouri,"
who complained about a
neighbor who sits in his car
with the engine running.
She said it made her ner-
vous to walk by him in the
condo parking lot. You said
she should talk to the man,
but it was ridiculous to sug-
gest that she also file a com-
plaint with the building
manager. That man has
every right to sit in his car
for as long as he wants.

This is a perfectly legal
activity that is harming no
one. It's not his fault that
Lori is "creeped out."
Perhaps if she learned to
mind her own business, it
would not be a problem. —
A Friend in West Virginia
Dear Friend: We agree
that the man was probably
harmless. Nonetheless, our
world is not as safe as it
used to be, and tenants
should not be afraid to walk
across the parking lot. If
Lori was too scared to talk
to the man directly, com-
plaining to the building
management would get to
the bottom of the problem.
Here's more:
From Massachusetts: My
late husband suffered from
Hodgkin's lymphoma, and
he had to give up driving.
His pick-up truck was his
pride and joy. Often when I
came home from work, I
found him sitting in his
truck. When I asked him
what he was doing, he
replied, "I like my truck.
It's comfortable. I like sit-
ting in it." After his death, I
found myself sitting in that
truck, too. It was comfort-
ing — it had his smell, and
many memories of times we
spent driving together.

Indiana: This "creepy"
man may be like one of my
neighbors who is unable to
drive anymore and likes to
sit out in his car with the
engine going to remind him
of better times. If she takes
the time to talk to the man,
she may understand why he
does it, and then it may not
be so "creepy."
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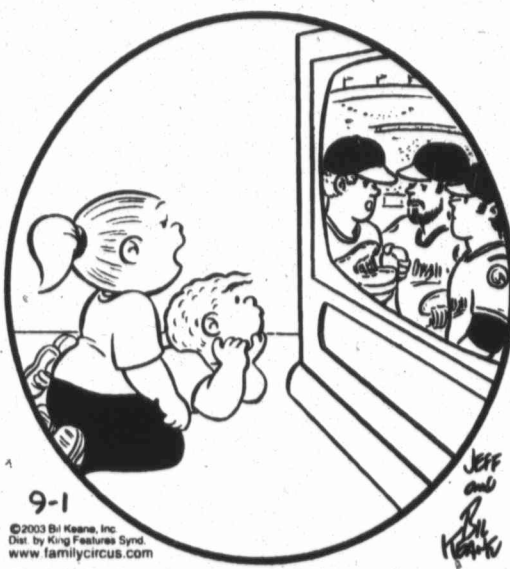
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DECIDED TO USE THE MONEY I WAS SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY FOR A HOT, SUNNY DAY INSTEAD."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I think they're wearin' the salary caps Daddy was talking about."

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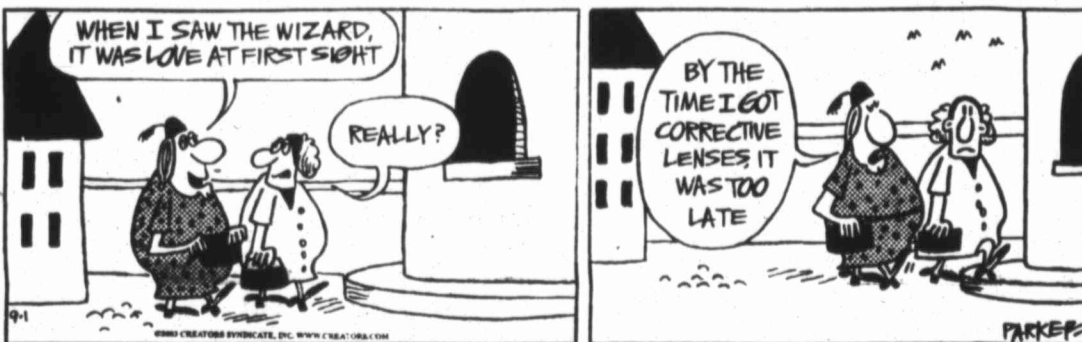
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2003. There are 121 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date: In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found innocent of treason.

In 1878, Emma M. Nutt became the first female telephone operator in the United States, for the Telephone Despatch Co. of Boston.

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan became the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 150,000 lives.

In 1932, New York City Mayor James J.

"Gentleman Jimmy" Walker resigned following charges of graft and corruption in his administration.

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1961, the Soviet Union ended a moratorium on atomic testing with an aboveground nuclear explosion in central Asia.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, defeating Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

Five years ago: During a Kremlin summit overshadowed by Russian economic and political upheaval, President Clinton offered Boris Yeltsin a prescription of tough reforms to lift the country from its crisis. Mark McGwire of the St.

Louis Cardinals hit his 56th and 57th home runs of the season to break a 68-year-old National League record held by Hack Wilson.

One year ago: The California Legislature approved a \$99 billion budget, ending a 2-month-old standoff. Typhoon Rusa, the worst typhoon to hit South Korea in 40 years, left more than 240 people dead or missing.

Today's Birthdays: Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird is 81. Actress Yvonne De Carlo is 81. Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards is 70. Conductor Seiji Ozawa is 68. Actor Ron O'Neal is 66. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 64.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE grid with words like POTAWATOMI, SVGS, INABADSPOT, CARO, etc.

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