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Area secondary students have a chance to voice their views on citizenship and perhaps win scholarship monies in the annual Veteran's of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" essay contests. The "Voice of Democracy" is a national audio essay competition. This year's theme, "My Commitment to America's Future."

Patriot's Pen is for seventh and eighth graders who write an essay of 300-400 words. This year's theme is "My Dream for America."

Both local contests are open to students in Howard and Glasscock Counties.

The deadline to turn in the essays is Nov. 1. Application forms can be picked up at the participant's school office or by contacting Leo Welch at 263-1658.

Essays can be sent to P.O. Box 1921, Big Spring, 79721.

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Firefighters to the rescue as streets flood

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring firefighters found themselves suddenly very busy Thursday afternoon as heavy rains brought on a slew of water rescues in the Big Spring area.

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said firefighters responded to four calls related to the weather during the downpour, including two where motorists had to be removed from vehicles stranded in fast-moving waters.

"We made four runs that were attributed to the weather," said Condray. "Three of them were high-water crossing problems. The first was on the 11th Place extension over by Neighbor's

"The average car weighs about 4,500 pounds, so just three inches of water can actually float it"



Carl Condray, Big Spring Fire Marshal

Convenience Store where we pulled a stranded motorist out of a vehicle.

"We also had an engine respond to Sixth Street and McEwen, but the people were already out of the vehicle on arrival and the next one was at Second Street and Benton.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Randy Jones of Pat Gray Towing and Recovery slashes through high waters to get to a stranded car on the Owens Street bridge Thursday. Heavy mid-afternoon rains caused serious flooding around town.



Courtesy photo
Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas Big Spring Family of the Year Pam and Richard Steel, along with their children, Jennie, 6, and Connor, 7, pose for a picture. The family will be honored at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

Strong faith in God binds Samaritan Center family of year

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A strong faith in God is the glue that keeps this year's Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas Big Spring Family of the Year together.

The Pam and Richard Steel family, which will be honored in October by the area faith-based counseling center, has resided in Big Spring for 10 years.

"I was overwhelmed and humbled when I heard," said Pam.

The youthful couple say faith in God and respect for each other are the biggest contributing factors to a successful family.

"First and foremost, it is our faith in God and our Lord and Savior," Richard said. "We look

toward his direction, and through him all things are possible."

"We also have respect for one another and communicate with each other," Pam added.

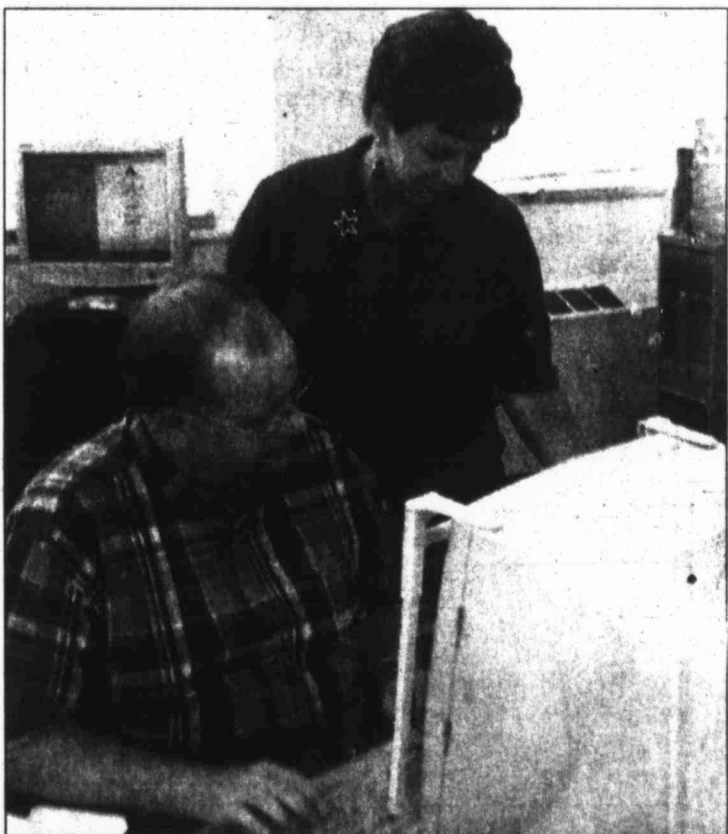
They both grew up in Dalhart but didn't start dating until they met at a wedding almost four years after Richard graduated from high school.

At that time, Pam was an 18-year-old student at Texas Tech University and Richard, a Baylor University graduate, was working at State National Bank.

When Richard first came to Big Spring, he had planned to spend about two years in the community.

A now 14 years later, with a wife and two children

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Howard County Clerk Donna Wright goes over the list of delinquent fines with Deputy Clerk Brent Zitterkopf. The clerk's office has already managed to collect more than \$10,000 in delinquent fines since it began sending out letters on Aug. 25.

Delinquent fines collection pays off for Howard County

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County residents that haven't shored up their fines with the county clerk's office may want to think twice before simply dismissing them as forgotten, as collections on outstanding fines from as far back as 1990 continue to garner attention within the clerk's office.

According to Howard County Clerk Donna Wright, a great deal of old fines have been cleared from the books thanks to the efforts of the clerk's office, and the funds it has generated are much appreciated.

"As of right now we've collected \$10,125 since Aug. 25," said Wright.

"We mailed out the letters on Aug. 25 and we gave them until Sept. 15. We had about 150 to 160 that

"We will work with them to get a plan set up so they can get these fines paid off. Otherwise they risk being arrested again, and I don't think anyone wants that."

Donna Wright, county clerk

were returned, and we went into a system where we can search for an address, and generated a new letter giving them a new date to respond by.

"At the end of the budget each year, we always come out with \$400,000 to \$500,000 in delinquent fines. That's really very disturbing, when you have that money out there. The people did the crimes and they've been punished, and yet we're not collecting the money. We have so many old ones that we couldn't do anything with until we tried to track them down."

Howard County Deputy Clerk Brent Zitterkopf has headed up the new collection effort, and said although many residents don't live at the same address anymore, they're still able to locate the vast majority.

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Fina Airsho 2003 to take flight this weekend

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Planes of all shapes and sizes will take to the air this weekend, as the Fina Airsho 2003 celebrates both modern and antique avionics at the Commemorative Air Force airfield Saturday and Sunday.

Alon USA President and CEO Jeff Morris, representing both the Israeli-owned company and

Fina Oil, said although the Airsho is being held in the Midland-Odessa area, he hopes Big Spring residents will make the short drive over to join in on the fun.

"We hope our friends in Big Spring come over," said Morris. "We've invited all of the refinery folks and the leadership of Big Spring. Fina will be sponsoring the Commemorative Air Force and it's really a great event.

Restoration of the planes and recognizing the heroes of World War II is very important to all of us. One of the reasons we're able to do everything we do today is because of the sacrifices those men and women made. It's important for us to be involved in honoring that."

CAF Executive Director Bob Rice said he expects a fantastic performance during the Airsho, which will include a jet demon-

stration team from Canada.

"The Airsho this year is going to be fantastic," said Rice. "Our feature act is going to be the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and that's their official jet demonstration team. The last time the Snowbirds were here was back in 1995, and they are a really a fantastic team because they fly a really large formation of jet air-

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planes, up to nine planes. That really makes them unique in comparison with other teams.

"We're also going to have our CAF World War II airplanes which we are all so proud of, and they do a wonderful job for us in relating the major aviation stories of World War II. They're going to re-enact some of the major battles of World War II, such as the bombing of Pearl Harbor, as well as some of the Pacific and European Theater battles."

Rice said the Airsho will also feature many modern US military aircraft, including the F-14 Tomcat and the F-16 multirole fighter. "For the first time ever, as far as the U.S. modern military is concerned, we're going to have the F-14 Tomcat demonstration team," said Rice. "They just do a phenomenal job in putting that airplane through its paces, so the public can really appreciate it's performance capabilities. It's obviously a front line fighter and has been widely used in the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. We're very excited about it."

Morris said both Alon USA and Fina are glad to

sponsor the show, and look forward to seeing the fruits of CAF's efforts in the future.

"This is where we make our greatest contribution to the CAF and the Airsho," said Morris. "This is the biggest annual fund-raiser for the CAF and it provides them with the money to restore these planes. We've been the biggest giver to the Airsho for a number of years. Also, we support the acts that will be performing, such as the Fina Extra that Jan Collmer flies. I think that really helps to bring the crowds in to the show. It's really been a great association for both the CAF and Fina."

Airsho schedule:

- Friday, Sept. 26
 - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - American Combat Airman Hall of Fame induction banquet (black-tie).
 - Saturday, Sept. 27
 - 7:30 a.m. - Gates open for static aircraft displays.
 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Airsho 2003, featuring the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.
 - Sunday, Sept. 28
 - 7:30 a.m. - Gates open for static aircraft displays.
 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Airsho 2003, featuring the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
A pickup truck navigates through a deep, flooded area on Scurry Street during heavy rains Thursday. The mid-afternoon rainfall caused flooding throughout Big Spring and kept area emergency personnel busy.

FLOODING

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They removed a motorist from an S-10 Blazer. Medic 4 and Engine 4 were later called to mile marker 195 on Interstate Highway 20 for a traffic accident that was most likely weather related.

Thursday's storm raked across much of West Texas. Flat-line winds or a tornado struck two homes and the radio station building housing KVMC-AM and KAUF-FM in Colorado City. There were no injuries, but damage to the homes and radio station were extensive. Minor flooding occurred in Midland while San Angelo recorded about two inches in a downpour that was cited as the cause of a seven-vehicle accident. Firefighters responded to more than 20 high water rescues in Tom Green County.

Condray said the danger of swift-moving water on and around the roadways is often underestimated and the results can be tragic.

"One of the most important things that we can stress is the danger of flowing water on the roadways," said Condray. "We know from hydroplaning that a thousandth of an inch can do that, but the problem with flowing water is about an inch of flowing water can move about 1,500 pounds. The average car weighs about 4,500 pounds, so just three inches of water can actually float it." "It doesn't necessarily have to take that much though, because it's not so much the force of the

water but what it's carrying with it. It's carrying debris, gravel and dirt, and your tires lose traction. It's like trying to walk on a layer of ball bearings under water. So you really don't know what's under there."

As if dealing with racing water and materials being carried in it weren't enough, Condray said motorists must also realize the road itself may have already been washed away, making the situation even more dangerous.

"The roadway can also get washed away, especially on those dirt roads out in the county," said Condray. "Even the most well-traveled route that you're familiar with, when it's under water, you lose all of your landmarks that you're familiar with and you don't know where the edge of the road is."

"That's why we stress for people not to go around the barricades at low water crossings. They're put up there because of our experience in the past. If you see a stranded vehicle already there, chances are if you try to cross, you're going to get stranded as well."

According to Condray, one of the most important

weapons when battling these driving rains is something most motorists use every time they get into their vehicle — the radio.

"You can make a lot of progress in protecting yourself in these types of situations if you'll just listen to the weather radio," said Condray. "Along with the local media, they will give you indications of how much water is coming and that's very important."

"A few years back we had a very tragic loss at a water crossing and we don't need that repeated," he added. "Not only for the family's sake, but for the rescuers' sake. You've got to use your head and

don't gamble with it."

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Wendell O. Ware, 64, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Carroll Woods, 56, died Wednesday. Services are pending. Eilene Johnson, 71, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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and serving as the senior vice president of State National, Richard is very content with his life.

Pam is an active community volunteer and heads up the First Methodist Church's Kid's Club program while taking care of the couple's two children, Jennie, 6, and Connor, 7.

Marriage and family have not always come easy for the couple. Richard and Pam's oldest child, Connor, was born with a heart defect that threatened the newborn's life. Now Connor is active and happy. He is required to have checkups every three years.

Through that terrible period, the couple's rela-

tionship grew stronger.

Samaritan Counseling will honor the Steel family along with the Families of the Year for Midland and Odessa at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

Guest speaker will be Jeff Blatnick, an Olympic gold medal winner and cancer survivor. He will speak on winning in adversity.

For more information about purchasing tickets, call the Samaritan Counseling Center at (432) 563-4144 or 800-329-4144.

Samaritan is a non-profit counseling center with offices in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring, providing services to a 30-county area in West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

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"I've been sending out the letters, and keeping up with it when they come back," said Zitterkopf. "Then we try to find their new address so we can send them to them. We've had a real good response. They call, and a lot of them owe several thousand dollars, and they can't just come up with that right away, so we work with them through a payment plan."

"Most of them that have contacted us have been compliant on what they agreed to do. Yesterday we had one from 1987 that paid their fine in full. Some of them have been from 1990 and 1992, really old ones that we're clearing up."

Wright said the idea to send out letters has been very productive so far, and many of the people that have received letters were simply unaware they still owed fines.

"I figured it was worth a try to try sending out these letters to attempt to collect the money," said Wright. "We've had a really good response so far. A lot of people got off of probation without their fines being paid, and they

thought that since they were off probation they were done with it. It's really cleaned up the docket too, because we've been able to locate a lot of errors where people had paid their court costs and the information didn't get relayed back to us."

"A lot of people simply didn't realize, especially the ones that were on probation, that they still owed fines. They thought everything was taken care of."

Wright said anyone who's not sure if their fines were paid in full can call her office at 264-2213 to make sure they're not on the delinquent list. "We will work with them to get a plan set up so they can get these fines paid off," she said. "Otherwise they risk being arrested again, and I don't think anyone wants that."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Organizers and the more than 300 participants in the ALZHEIMERS MEMORY WALK last weekend. Your efforts raised more than \$18,500.

- The Big Spring VIETNAM MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, for putting on a moving salute to U.S. military on POW-MIA Recognition Day.

- The HOWARD-GLASSCOCK RELAY FOR LIFE, which again topped the state in fund-raising per capita and ranked seventh in the national.

- The UNITED WAY FOR BIG SPRING AND HOWARD COUNTY volunteers on another great rally, and to guest speaker Don Maynard.

- CANTERBURY on its annual fall festival to mark the first day of autumn.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we practice Heavenly knowledge, Lord, as we walk through this world.

Amen

The need to change course in Iraq

igh. You write an article advocating what you think would be useful, constructive suggestions about Iraq, and you get an avalanche of right-wing reaction about "failure mongers" and "nattering nabobs of negativism."

Bill Safire is back at the same old stand after all these years, denouncing "merchants of dismay" trying to justify their "decade of appeasement."

Great, anybody who opposed this war in the first place was accused of lack of patriotism, and now anybody who points out that it's not going well is guilty of defeatism. If you raise your hand and ask where the weapons of mass destruction we were told were the reason for this war are, you're instructed to just Get Over It.

Well, I ain't gonna take it anymore. I am not shutting up for Bill O'Reilly or anyone else. I opposed our unprovoked, unnecessary invasion of Iraq on the grounds that it would be a short, easy war followed by the peace from hell. I predicted every terrorist in the Middle East would be drawn to Iraq like a magnet. I was right, and I'm not going to apologize for it.

I also realize the future in Iraq is a lot more important than any petty "I was right" vindication. I don't know if the glass in Iraq is half-empty or half-full, but what is clear is that the situation is deteriorating. That's why the Bush administration has changed course 180 degrees and is now asking for help from the United Nations.

But naturally, we're not supposed to mention that the adminis-

tration has reversed itself — no, no. As Paul Wolfowitz, who now has all the credibility of Ken Lay, explained, the new U.N. resolution "didn't sort of emerge out of nowhere a few days ago. It's been on our agenda ever since the fall of Baghdad."

He said the bombing of U.N. headquarters was "a breakthrough — a sad one. The bombing, I think, changed the atmosphere in New York, and it looks like we can move forward in that area."

Right. The United Nations changed its position, we didn't change ours. How dumb do they think we are? I am tired of being asked to swallow lies by this administration. For \$87 billion bucks, the least we deserve is some candor. I want to know who was responsible for the whole weapons of mass destruction fiasco, and I want to see some accountability for it — resignations and firings. In May of this year, President Bush said, "We found the weapons of mass destruction." No, we didn't. We have yet to find any evidence of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons in Iraq.

President Bush's entire speech Sunday night was devoted to Iraq as "the central front" of the war on terrorism. The biggest bait-and-switch move of this whole administration has been to substitute Saddam Hussein for Osama bin Ladin. Iraq had nothing to do with the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the United States. The real villains, both Al Qaeda and the Taliban, are now regrouping in both Pakistan and Afghanistan, while we're stuck in the quicksand in Iraq.

I am trying hard to be a responsible citizen here: I don't think the choice is between "staying the course" or "cut and run." I think we need to change course and be

honest enough to admit it to ourselves and everybody else. The security situation in Iraq is deteriorating because we had a poorly planned and badly botched post-war strategy. We need help, and we need to ask for it nicely.

The eeriest part about Bush's \$87 billion request is that it may not be enough. Sixty-six billion will go to the military and intelligence, leaving a relative pittance for actually rebuilding Iraq.

According to most experts, getting the lights and water back up, not to mention the oil industry, is critical to the security situation. Meanwhile, indications are that homeland security is still pretty much a pathetic shambles. With Al Qaeda stirring around again, we might do some rethinking in that area, as well. I've been taking off my shoes at the airport to make us all safer, but don't you think we need to work on the ports, start screening container shipping, and take a look at our chemical and nuke plants?

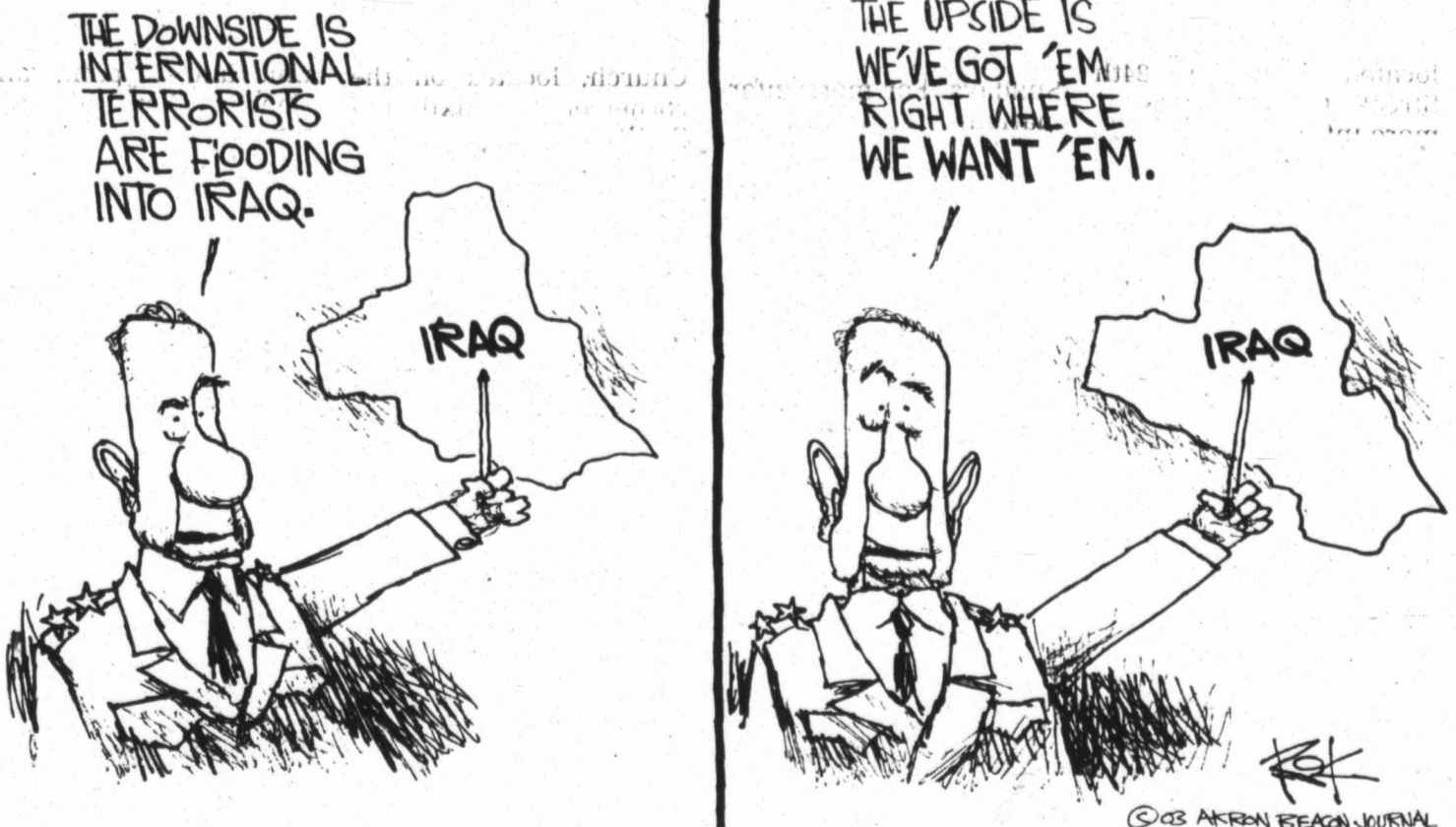
Speaking of people trying to be constructive, Hussein Agha and Robert Malley had a piece in Sunday's Washington Post pointing out that Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are once again in the toilet and suggesting that it's time to start at the other end. Instead of a step-by-step approach, work out a two-state map with international backing and present it with an international force to back it up. Since everybody knows that's the only way it can end, why not start there?

Pretty good idea, I thought. To find out more about Molly Ivins and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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MOLLY IVINS



Does America want a general for president?

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark is a Democratic dream: an antiwar general. He provides the macho that Democrats believe they must have to beat George Bush and the liberalism that Democrats demand.

And even though most people know very little about him, he is an instant buzz candidate: Everybody is talking about him.

I was in Little Rock, his hometown, to watch him officially announce for president recently. And while much commentary has been done about the uphill fight he faces for the nomination — the nine other Democratic candidates have been raising money for months and months while Clark is just starting out, for instance — there has been little examination of the basic premise behind Clark's candidacy: that Americans really want a general as president.

Being a warrior is not what it used to be in America. In 1992, Bill Clinton, a draft-avoider, beat war hero President George H.W. Bush for the presi-

dency, and in 1996 Clinton beat war hero Bob Dole.

Americans knew full well Clinton's relentless string-pulling to avoid the Vietnam draft. And they knew full well the heroics of Bush and Dole.

And they didn't care. They elected Clinton anyway.

And while those supporting Wesley Clark like to talk about Dwight David Eisenhower, the last general who was elected to the presidency, a closer parallel to Clark is Alexander Haig.

Like Clark, Haig was a decorated veteran, a general and a NATO commander, but unlike Clark Haig had actual White House experience: He had been a secretary of state under Ronald Reagan and a White House chief of staff under Richard Nixon.

Haig was reasonably personable and a reasonably good speaker, and he ran for president in 1988 and went nowhere.

Ah, yes, you say, but all of this was before Sept. 11. Sept. 11 changed everything.

But what did it change? Sept. 11 was not a U.S. military failure, it was a U.S. intelligence failure. So does putting a general in the White House really make us more secure?

Further, it is important to

remember that Clark is not really "antiwar." He supported military intervention in Iraq, but felt President George W. Bush acted too quickly and without proper international support.

And as the war in Iraq grinds on, as we continue to pay a higher and higher price both in American blood and American dollars, will some voters question whether having a military man in the White House might not lead to more, not fewer, military adventures?

In other words, will some Americans — especially liberal Democrats who dominate the early caucus and primary contests — shy away from a president whose first instinct might be to use the military?

Wesley Clark is going to have a hard time getting the Democratic nomination, and he doesn't need any more troubles. But all these are among the troubles he is going to face.

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Calvary Church

Calvary Baptist Church holds its Sunday at 11 a.m. Calvary is a pre-millennial Baptist affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention to promote missions, education, and its faith is based on the Jesus Christ a. The church everyone with. For more info 267-1402.

Philadelphia Baptist Church

The congregation Philadelphia Baptist Church is celebrating a 60th anniversary. A celebration will be held Saturday and traditional fellowship. At 2 p.m. praise and worship begins. A service begins at 10 a.m. Sunday. Church have been that many years. Celebration ceremony held featuring Elder L.J. his son, Timothy as guest speaker. Community are invited to and regular services Sunday and again at 6 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. The located at 201 Street. Call 2 more information.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Worship services Mary's Episcopal Sunday begin Communion and 10:30 a.m.

Men's Rally

"The World Life" sponsored West Texas Integrity, Big Spring Keepers, on Tuesday, Oct. p.m. at the Park Baptist Odessa. Men be presented Tamplen, Tyree, Roy, Billy Rey church is 3002 East U Odessa. Call at 263-4931 information.

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Church News

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church holds its Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Calvary is an independent, pre-millennial, fundamental Baptist church affiliated with both the Southern Baptist Convention and The Baptist General Convention of Texas to promote mission, evangelism, education and social services. The church is ultra-conservative in its preaching and teaching, and its faith and practice is based on the Bible with Jesus Christ and its head. The church welcomes everyone with open arms. For more information call 267-1402.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

The congregation of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church is celebrating a 60th anniversary. A celebration event will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday and ends with a traditional fellowship luncheon. At 2 p.m. the praise and worship service begins. An evening service begins at 7 p.m. Praise and worship starts at 10 a.m. Sunday and culminating with a luncheon. Church members have been meeting for that many years. A celebration ceremony will be held featuring former pastor, Elder L.J. Harris and his son, Timothy Harris, as guest speakers.

Community residents are invited to ceremonies and regular church services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. The church is located at 201 East 24th Street. Call 267-5738 for more information.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Worship services at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Sunday begin with Holy Communion taken at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Men's Rally planned

"The World Series of Life" sponsored by West Texas Men of Integrity, including Big Spring Promise Keepers, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Crescent Park Baptist Church in Odessa. Messages will be presented by Terry Tamplen, Malcom Tyree, Roy Smith and Billy Reyes. The church is located at 3002 East University, Odessa. Call Ron Alfon at 263-4931 for more information.

school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Permian Basin Deanery meets on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9:30 a.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church in Odessa. Evening prayer is said Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel.

For more information about St. Mary's call 267-8201 or visit the web site www.stmarysbst.org. The church is located at 1001 South Garland.

First Presbyterian Church

The Lone Star Brass Quintet will return to First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. to perform an evening of music in brass and organ. Midland's First Presbyterian Church organist, Rebecca Sawyer, will perform on the Read Memorial organ, featuring musical repertoire by Brahms, Reger and Guilmant, as well as "Pluto, The Last Planet" by Bruce Edward Miller, in homage to Holst. The church is located at Seventh and Runnells. Services are broadcast on KBST AM1490 each Sunday. Call Mike Mitchell at 806-928-1705 for more information.

Friends of Unity

All Howard County residents are welcome to attend study and grow with Friends of Unity congregation members. Meeting hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a church gathering held at 2 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 267-8783.

Coahoma Church of Christ

"Come Home to Jesus" is the theme for the upcoming gospel meeting that begins Sunday, Sept. 28, continuing through Wednesday Oct. 1. Ted Kell returns Sunday to speak at 9:30 a.m. during the Bible class hours and again during worship assembly beginning at 10:20 a.m. Sermons will be "Just One Sheep" and "Coming Home, Right Now". Following assembly a fellowship dinner will be served. At 1:30 p.m. an area-wide singing will be held and Kell again will speak at 3 p.m. during an assembly. "Satan Has Asked for You" is the topic. Monday through Wednesday services begin at 7 p.m. when his sermons will be "A Point of No Return".

also "Overcoming Satan" and "Saving a Soul from Death". All area residents are welcome to attend the activities and services at Coahoma Church of Christ.

Living Hope Church

The congregation of Living Hope Church welcome all to worship with them at 1208 Frazier. The uncompromising preaching the word of God begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Roy Roberson is pastor of the church. Call for more information, 267-1639.

Catholic Communities of Howard County

Anyone wishing to inquire about the Catholic faith or anyone who is an adult not yet receiving one or more of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage, you are invited to attend RCIA sessions held weekly on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart Of Mary Church located at 1009 Hearn Street. Sessions are held in the house between the Church and school.

For more information call Elfi Tucker after 5 p.m. at 393-5313, or leave a message at 915-816-6247. Or call one of the church offices or attend any meeting without calling.

Phone numbers are Immaculate Heart, 267-4124; Sacred Heart, 263-7884; St. Thomas, 263-2864; St. Joseph 3944751.

East Side Baptist Church

East Side Baptist Church, located on the corner of East Sixth and Settles, welcomes area residents to the church's Annual Mission Conference Oct. 2 and 3 beginning at 7 p.m., and on Oct. 5 at 9:45 a.m. Veteran missionaries and youth ministering in other nations will be present. The "King's Kids Bible Club" is held Wednesday at 7 p.m. for ages six through 12. Visitors are welcome for more information call 267-1915.

First Assembly of God

Rev. Tom Jacob, missionary to India will be the guest speaker at 10:40 a.m. Sunday morning at First Assembly of God Church.

India is a nation of one billion people, with demographics of 86 percent Hindu, 11 percent Muslim and only three percent Christian. At least 187,000

villages in India never heard of the Gospel. Rev. Jacob will will speak about how God is moving in the nation of India.

During the evening service Pastor R.T. Haveger will bring a message at 6 p.m. Special music will be performed at both services. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at Fourth and Lancaster in Big Spring. Call 267-7971 for more information.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church invites area residents to worship services Sunday, beginning with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:50 p.m. The Rev. Dennis Teeters continues the series on "Faithquake", speaking on "Mary and Martha's Faithquake". At 4:30 p.m. Sunday night classes continue with something of interest for all ages. Evening worship services begin at 6 p.m.

A Beth Morre Bible study will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29 in the church conference room. Child care will be provided. The study, "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things" will be led by Nancy Spurgin. For more information call the church office, 267-8223.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

An old fashioned gospel music and preaching festivity will be held at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church Oct. 5-8. Sunday performance times are 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. Dr. Phillip and Diann

Crow of Irving will be featured performers. "Forever His" is a full-time gospel music, evangelistic team home based out of Bethel Baptist Church in Irving. The group formed in January 1985. Their unique style of gospel music has expanded to approximately 250 concerts each year, covering 30 states.

The couple founded the group "Forever His Ministries", singing as a duet, with brother Crow playing the guitar and the keyboard. For more information call 267-8214.

St Paul Lutheran Church

"Developing a Purpose Statement for Our Lives" is the focus of St. Paul Lutheran Church's study, showing how to include both Bible study and prayer in everyday life. Sunday worship service begins at 8 a.m. and Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 810 Scurry Street in Big Spring. For more information call 267-7163.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

The annual fall Stew Supper will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the church, 2702 North Birdwell. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. The supper is a gift to the community from the members of the church. There is no charge, but donations are accepted to help with the expenses of the supper.

The book sale features a large selection of best selling hard-back books, craft and needlework magazines, and paper-back

books. They are sold by donation only. This year there is a selection of craft items as well.

The Joint Methodist meeting will be held at North Birdwell Sunday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Augustin Ypina, Spanish Missioner at First United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Church communities are planning their annual Charge Conference in October. Officers are elected for the coming year during the event, and next year's budget is set. Discussion of the plans for growth and expansion will be part of this year's conference which will be directed by Dr. Richard Bales, district superintendent for the Big Spring District.

North Birdwell offers Sunday worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship begins at 6:30 p.m. Community residents are invited to church activities and worship services. For more information call 267-4082.

BSHS to perform play this weekend

Big Spring High School Theatre Department ensemble players will perform "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium. Curtain is at 7 p.m. Sunday's matinee performance is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call for more information, 264-3641.

Read The Big Spring Herald online at bigspringherald.com

NOTICE TO PATIENTS

Scenic Mountain Medical Group regrets to announce the resignation of Dale Bradley, D.O., effective October 4, 2003. He and his family are relocating to Tyler, Texas. The following physicians of Scenic Mountain Medical Group are available to take care of your medical needs:

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IN BRIEF

Basketball boosters to hold fish fry

Big Spring Steers Basketball Boosters will be holding a Fish Fry on Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex. The meal will include hand-breaded catfish, fries, salad, dessert and a drink for \$7 per adult and \$4 for children.

Call in orders are available. Delivery orders can be made by calling 267-4602 or 466-1998 on the day of the event.

BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

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

Participants will perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

Quarterback Club to meet Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting Monday beginning at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

BSHS netters to host Levelland Saturday

The Big Spring team tennis squad will continue its trek through District 4-4A Saturday when they host Levelland at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

The action will begin at 9 a.m.

Lady Steers to face Levelland Saturday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will make their first appearance at home in District 4-4A action this Saturday when they host the Levelland Lady Lobos in the Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers, 18-8 for the year, are 1-0 in loop play. Big Spring rallied from an 0-2 deficit Tuesday to bump off the Lake View Maidens in San Angelo.

The Lady Steers' matchup with Levelland is scheduled for a 3 p.m. start.

ON THE AIR

Event	Time	Station
Sept. 25		
Astro vs. Milwaukee	6:40 p.m.	1490
Coahoma vs. McCamey	7 p.m.	94.3
Borden County vs. Wellman		95.7
Sept. 27		
Texas A&M vs. Pittsburgh	1:30 p.m.	1490
Texas vs. Tulane	5 p.m.	94.3
Texas Tech vs. Mississippi	5:15 p.m.	95.7
Astro vs. Milwaukee	6:40 a.m.	94.3
Sept. 28		
Texas vs. Alabama	11:45 a.m.	94.3
Astro vs. Milwaukee	2:45 p.m.	1490
Carboys vs. JFA	2:45 p.m.	95.7
Sept. 29		
Lady Steers vs. Permian	6:40 p.m.	1490

Ensberg powers Astros into tie for first

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston fans were almost too supportive.

They did plenty of cheering when Morgan Ensberg hit two home runs and the Astros moved into a tie for the NL Central lead, beating the Milwaukee Brewers 6-1 Thursday night.

But the 27,934 fans also cheered while watching the left-field scoreboard and TV monitors in the concession areas as Cincinnati beat the Chicago Cubs 9-7, enthusiasm that proved distracting for the home team.

"It was bad timing," Astros manager Jimmy Williams said. "We tried to have them stop changing the scoreboard while our pitcher was in the middle of a delivery. We called and asked them to stop and they never did. I guess we'll have to appeal to a higher authority."

The Astros end the regular season with three more games at

NL Central Race				
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Thursday's Results				
Houston	2	San Francisco	1	
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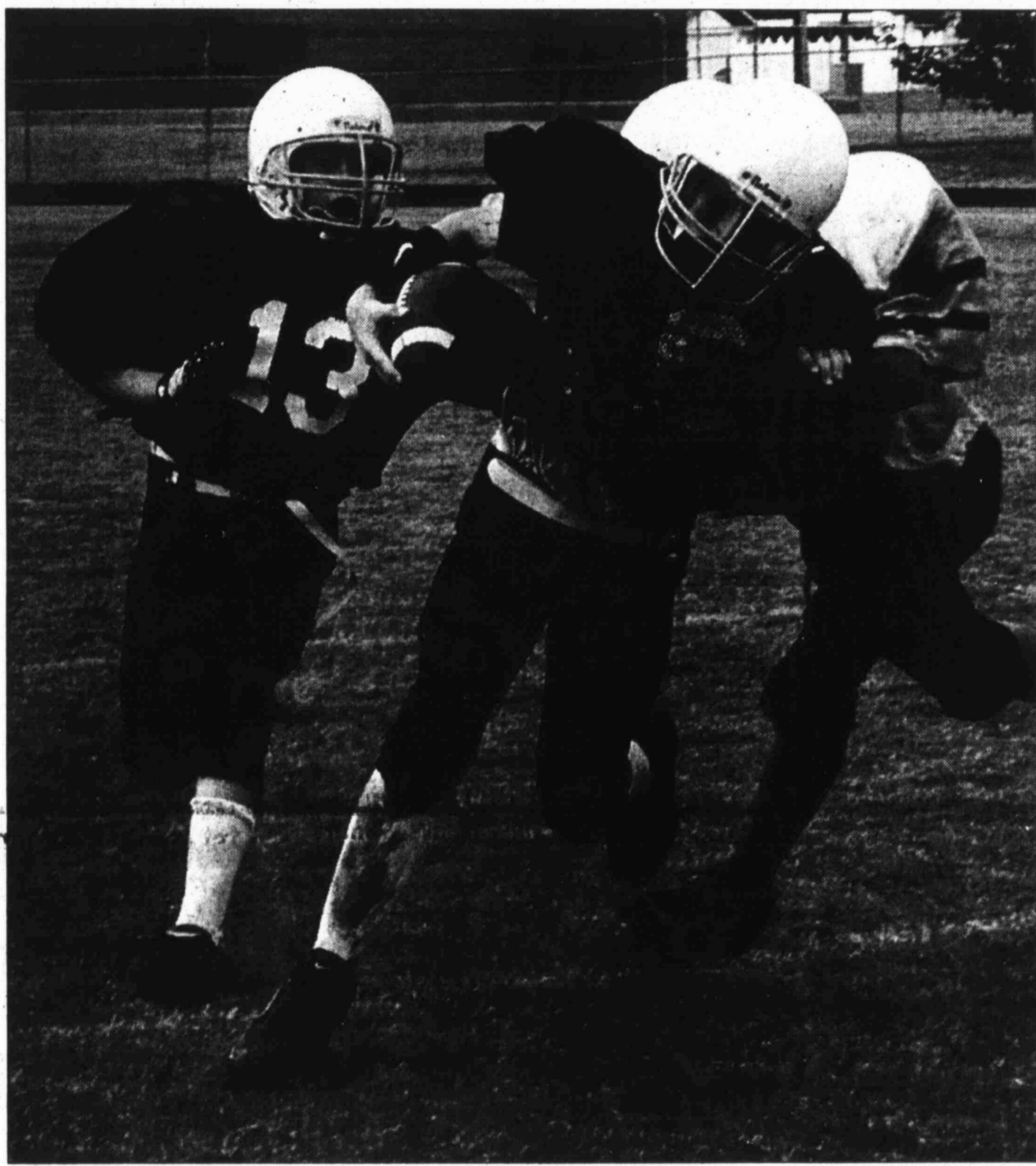
home against last-place Milwaukee. The Cubs finish with a three-game series at home against

stantly be looking over your shoulder and you don't want another team having to knock off another team."

The Astros entered the game having lost four of their previous five. They still had enough to overcome the light-hitting Brewers, who haven't won a season series from Houston since 1997.

Ensberg hit home runs in the fifth and seventh innings for the first two-homer game of his career. He has 24 for the season.

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Big Spring Junior High School seventh grader quarterback Rance Terry struggles to break free of a defender during the first quarter as running back Jonathan Stiles looks on Thursday afternoon at Blahkenship Field. The Steers suffered a tough 30-6 setback. The eighth grade squad won, 22-20.

'Horns look to stay on course

AUSTIN (AP) — In three games so far, No. 14 Texas has seen just about every kind of rushing attack from its opponents.

New Mexico State's option, Arkansas' bruising power game and Rice's wishbone rarely aired it out.

That changes Saturday night when Texas (2-1) hosts Tulane (3-1) and one of college football's best passing attacks.

Texas' first three opponents threw a total of 41 passes. Tulane has attempted more than that in three of its first four games.

"It looks like Tulane is going to throw the ball pretty much all over the field," said UT cornerback Nathan Vasher. "And we're fired up about it."

Green Wave quarterback J.P. Losman leads the nation in passing with 1,355 yards and 15 touchdowns in a wide open attack that averages 35.8 points. He's the latest in a line of talented Tulane signal callers that includes Shaun King and Patrick Ramsey, both of whom are in the NFL.

"If he gets in a See **TEXAS**, Page 3B

Missouri-Kansas highlights week's Big 12 battles

DALLAS (AP) — The border rivalry between Missouri and Kansas has taken on a little extra significance this season.

The 112th game in the series Saturday will equal the NCAA's longest rivalry. The Big 12 opener for both teams will also mark the first time since 1997 both go into the game with a winning record.

Not that this game need-

ed anything extra.

"When I got here, the first 50 people I met said, 'How are you doing and beat Kansas.' So I figured it out real fast," said third-year Missouri coach Gary Pinkel, whose No. 23 Tigers are 4-0.

Kansas (3-1) has won three straight games by scoring at least 40 points in each. The winning streak surpassed the

Jayhawks' win total from last season.

"When you win, everything is different around you. The campus surroundings are different and people react to you differently," said second-year Kansas coach Mark Mangino.

With league play kicking into full swing the following week, there is only a limited schedule of

games involving Big 12 teams this week. Five teams are taking the weekend off.

In addition to the Missouri-Kansas game Saturday, No. 14 Texas (2-1) is home against Tulane; Texas A&M (2-1) hosts No. 17 Pittsburgh; Iowa State (2-1) goes to No. 20 Northern Illinois; and Texas Tech (2-1) goes to Mississippi.

No. 15 Nebraska (4-0) got an early jump on the weekend with its 38-14 win at Southern Mississippi on Thursday night.

The Big 12 teams with open dates are No. 1 Oklahoma (4-0), the only Big 12 team left in the Top 10; No. 16 Kansas State (4-1), after its loss to Marshall; Oklahoma State

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Badgers hold off late rallies to net victories over 'Dogs

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The McCamey Badgers scored a clean sweep in sub-varsity football action Thursday evening. The Badgers won both the junior varsity and freshman encounters with the Coahoma Bulldogs.

The McCamey freshmen tallied 16 points in the first quarter Thursday and then held off a late rally to claim a 16-8 win.

After watching the Badgers open up a 16-0 lead in the first three quarters of action, Coahoma managed to get its offense untracked. The Bulldogs tallied their only touchdown on a 44-yard scamper by David Rodriguez. Blaine Kirby added the two-point conversion.

Despite the loss, Coahoma had solid outings from Miguel Juarez, Stephen Ewing and

Dakota Teaff.

The McCamey Badgers junior varsity scored 18 points in the first half and then took advantage of a pair of costly penalties to take an 18-0 win.

McCamey scored three times in the first 20 minutes to grab the upper hand.

The Bulldogs had two special teams scores waved off. The Bulldogs had a punt return and a kickoff return called back.

Despite the setback, Coahoma picked up solid performances from quarterback Tad White, center Cody Price, tackle Skyler Mundell, tailback Bradley Tatum and wingback Garren Jernigan.

Coahoma, which fell to 0-4-1 for the year, is scheduled to return to play on Oct. 9 when they will face the Seagraves Eagles in their District 3-2A opener.



Sands lineman Jerry Casas chases down Westbrook running back Taylor Groat during the first quarter Thursday. Sands claimed a 14-0 win in the junior high battle.

Junior high Mustangs rush past Westbrook

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

WESTBROOK — Ethan Zant and Jesus Casas managed to find the end zone Thursday night and led the Sands Mustangs to a 14-0 win over the Westbrook Junior High School Wildcats.

The Mustangs, despite solid play from cornerback Taylor Groat and safety Tate Burleson, took the opening kickoff and marched 48 yards for the lead.

Zant capped the Mustangs' seven-play march by bulling his way into the end zone from six yards out. Casas, who

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, September 26, the 269th day of 2003. In 1950, United Nations troops recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans. In 1952, philosopher George Santayana died in Rome at age 88. In 1955, following word that President Dwight D. Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929. In 1957, the musical "West Side Story" opened on Broadway. In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member. In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called "Biosphere 2." Today's Birthdays: Fitness expert Jack LaLanne is 89. Actor Philip Bosco is 73. Country singer David Frizzell is 62. Actor Kent McCord is 61. Television host Anne

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Robinson is 59. Singer Bryan Ferry is 58. Former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman is 57. Singer Lynn Anderson is 56. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 55. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 55. Actor James Keane is 51. Rock singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 49. Country singer Carlene Carter is 48. Actress Linda Hamilton is 47. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 43. Recording executive Andre Harrell is 43. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 41. Actor Patrick Bristow is 41. Rock musician Al Pitrelli (Megadeth) is 41. Singer Tracey Thorn (Everything But The Girl) is 41.

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