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Big Spring's team tennis squad remained perfect in District 4-4A competition Saturday, playing the role of ungracious host by posting a 15-4 win over Levelland's Lobos at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

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### REDISTRICTING

Profiles of the 10 men and women selected for the conference committee to hammer out differences between the Legislature's two congressional redistricting maps.

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## BRIEFLY

### SPOOKTACULAR SHOPPING

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking retail businesses to participate in a Halloween night shoppers special from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Oct. 31. There is no cost to participate.

However, businesses that do will be included in a drawing for use of a spotlight for one hour or a one-hour radio remote on Halloween night. The deadline to register is Tuesday.

Merchants that want to participate in a "Night of Spooktacular Shopping" should call the chamber at 263-7641.

Those who wish are welcome to stop by 215 W. Third to fill out a brief registration form.

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# Fixin' up a feast: St. Lawrence Fall Festival

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

No one can really agree on how long the St. Lawrence Fall Festival has been going on, but parishioners and sausage lovers agree it's the place to be the first weekend in October.

"I've lived here 28 years and I know it's been going on at least 30 years," said Martha Schwartz, festival

publicity chairman. "But if you ask some of the people who have been around here longer, you get a lot of different answers. I'm guessing it's closer to 40 or 50 years."

Hundreds of people come out each year to the festival, widely known for its homemade German sausage.

"The men and teenagers begin making sausage Saturday morn-

ing. They make 9,000 to 10,000 pounds. And it goes on sale Sunday."

**Day-long event features games, an auction, dancing and lots and lots of food.**

explained Schwartz. The uncooked sausage is sold for \$4 per pound beginning at 10 a.m. in

the "smokehouse."

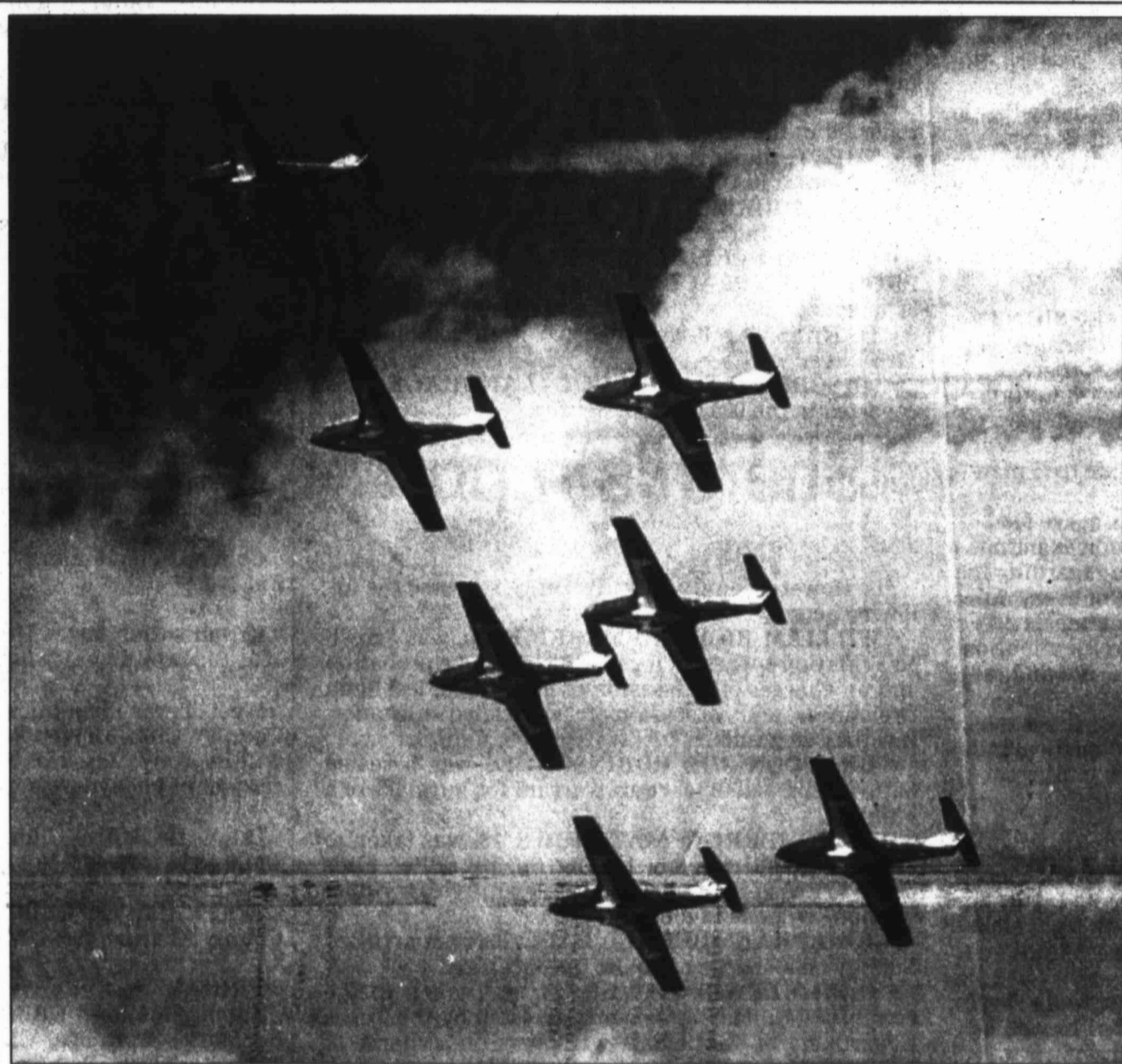
And though festival-goers will want to take some home, the event is far from just a pick-up-the-sausage and go affair. A family-oriented activity, the festival boasts booths, a train ride, bingo, an auction and a dance. And don't forget lunch.

"We have a great lunch. It's huge," said Schwartz. The lunch — \$7 for

adults and \$5 for children under 12 — includes barbecued brisket, homemade sausage and lots and lots of vegetables. Homemade cakes and pies are served for dessert.

That evening, from 5 until 6:30, festival goers can purchase sausage sandwiches with a dessert and tea.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
The Canadian Forces' Snowbirds took center-stage Saturday afternoon as the 2003 Fina Airsho took to the skies of Midland-Odessa. Pushing speeds over 300 miles-per-hour, the nine-man Canadian team performed a number of formations and stunts for those in attendance.

# Airsho 2003 wows crowd, honors World War II vets

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The 2003 Fina Airsho was truly a sight to behold Saturday and Sunday, as veterans and onlookers from all over the world poured into the Permian Basin for a look at aviation history.

Retired U.S. Air Force Gen. Bill Anders was just one of many spectators attending the show from out of state, and said the Commemorative Air Force's operations interest him in a very personal way.

"We have a small museum up in Bellingham, Wash.," said Anders. "They invited my son and I down for the show. He runs our museum when he's not flying for the Idaho Air Guard and shooting up tanks in Iraq. We came down here to see how they do this because it really is a first class operation."

"I'm really impressed," Anders added. "I've heard a lot about it

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Gen. Bill Anders  
U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

and what I've seen is even better than what I heard. I think it's wonderful the way they have preserved the heritage of all of the military activities since

World War II and the way they develop patriotism in their participants."

Anders said the Airsho is a very special event for him, not just because of the aviation history represented in the air, but because of the people that are being honored on the ground.

"I think the public, particularly the young people, need to know what World War II is about," said Anders. "The same thing with Korea and other major turning points for the United States. If we had lost World War II, we wouldn't be standing here today. We'd all be speaking German."

"Of course, where I come from in Texas, they all speak German anyway," Anders laughed. "I used to live down in LaGrange and went to high school down there. After LaGrange, I went to the Naval Academy and I like

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# DIGNITY

## West Texas Centers strives to dispel misconceptions about mental illness

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR — the local community mental health and mental retardation agency for 23 counties in rural West Texas — will celebrate Destination Dignity throughout the year in each of its communities.

Destination Dignity Month is celebrated each September to highlight the work of Texas' community MHMR centers while promoting awareness, understanding and acceptance of mental illness and mental retardation, said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO.



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"There are so many myths and misconceptions about mental illness and mental retardation that exist in society today. We have made great strides in reducing stigma, but it still exists."

"Destination Dignity month gives us a certain time to focus on these issues and do what we can to get factual information out to the public while promoting our services and how we assist the people we serve to reach for their dreams," said Smith.

The event is even more important this year as the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, which is a funding source for West Texas Centers for MHMR, begins consolidating its services in response to recently passed legislation.

House Bill 2292 orders the Health and Human Services Commission to reduce 12 state agencies into four. Lawmakers believe that consolidation will streamline services and make more efficient use of taxpayer's dollars.

But funding for mental health and mental retardation services was also cut during the past legislative session, Smith said.

"With our dollars shrinking every year, it is important for the citizens and community leaders to realize the vital role

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# BSHS speech, debate team posts solid finish

HERALD Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Big Spring High School's speech and debate team endured a late running tournament to bring home a second-place sweepstakes award at the Lubbock Coronado Speech and Debate Tournament.

Manoj Thangam led the Steers with a first-place finish in Lincoln-Douglas debate and second places in both original orato-

ry and international extemp.

Thangam also qualified for the Texas Forensic Association's State Meet in both international extemp and original oratory, but the awards did not stop there for the junior. He also won the Outstanding Lincoln-Douglas Debater Award.

Others that fared well for Big Spring included Sarah Vela, placing third in humorous interpretation and eighth in oratory;

Kathryn Weissman, placing fifth in Lincoln-Douglas debate; Camilla Painter, earning a third in dramatic reading; while Corey Green placed fifth in international extemp.

Darryl Newberry placed third in novice Lincoln Douglas debate, while in Student Congress, James Clark placed third and Kristen Choate placed fifth.

In addition to all who placed: at

the meet, Brett Griffin, Courtney Hecker, Tapley Holgin, Vance Stephens, Trey Tipton, Reina Cisneros, Josh Acuff, Eric Barton, LeAnn Brumby, Heath Wilkerson, Brittney Yanez and Victoria Zermeno all contributed to the team's second-place sweepstakes finish.

The BSHS team has a bit of time off before its next tournament, set for Oct. 17-18, at Odessa High School.

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## Obituaries

### Neal Watkins



Neal Watkins, 61, of Big Spring, Texas, died on Sep. 27, 2003, in a Midland hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Malcolm Pointon, officiating.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1942, in Sparrows Point, Md., and married Marie Carey on April 4, 1964, in Las Vegas.

Neal had served his country in the United States Navy from February 1958 to November 1966.

He moved to Big Spring in 1978 and was manager of the body shop at Pollard Chevrolet for 18 years. He was a member of the Christ Community Fellowship.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Watkins of Big Spring; one son, Leonard Watkins of Big Spring; one sister, Judith Warner of Baltimore, and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The family will receive friends at 803 Baylor on Monday, Sept. 29, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the: American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460 or the American Diabetes Association Inc., Texas Affiliate Inc., Western Regional Office, 2209 N. Big Spring, Suite J., Midland 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Take note

□ **THE TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN HOWARD COUNTY** is offering a food manager certification training course. This two-day program will be offered on Nov. 12-13 at the Howard County Library. Classes will start at 8 a.m. on each day. You must register before Oct. 21. The cost is \$79 and includes training, materials, and the safe food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare food-service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** set up to help defray medical costs for Heidrun Meiser who underwent cancer surgery. The account is at American State Bank, P.O. Box 271, Big Spring 79720. The bank's physical address is 1411 Gregg.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

□ **A CANCER FUND HAS** been set up at First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, in Big Spring for long-time Forsan resident Clarence Williams.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

## Support groups

### THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

## Police blotter

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

• **DALTON WILL WHITE**, 26, of 709 W. Seventh was arrested Friday on city warrants.

• **MAURICIO HERNANDEZ**, 27, of 821 W. Eighth was arrested today on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LINDSEY KAY LEE**, 18, of 1105 Mulberry was arrested on charges of traffic citations.

• **KEVIN JERRETT MATTHEWS**, 18, of 3701 Connally was arrested Saturday on a charge of carrying a weapon in a free zone.

• **FRANK FIERRO JR.**, 55, of 1803 Hamilton was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BURGLARY of a BUILDING** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg and at Parks Convenience Store.

• **BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 200 block of Rannels and in the 2500 block of Langley.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1200 block of Benton and in the 1105 block of 14th Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, less than \$50, was reported in the 1200 block of Benton.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, more than \$50 but less than \$500, was reported in the 1900 block of Buck Turner Street.

• **THEFT**, less than \$50, was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa, in the 100 block of Cotton Wood and in the 800 block of Interstate 20.

• **THEFT**, more than \$50 but less than \$500, was reported in the 4200 block of Muir St.

• **THEFT**, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500, was reported in the 1200 block of South Douglas.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE of a MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON IN A PROHIBITED PLACE** was reported in the 100 block of Whipkey.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 200 block of 17th Street.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT—LANGUAGE** was reported in the 900 block of Scurry.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **WILLIAM RICHARD MERRICK**, 20, was arrested Friday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation and on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams.

• **BRANDON JOE ROBINSON**, 17, was arrested Saturday on a district court warrant for burglary of a building.

• **KEVIN JERRETT MATTHEWS**, 18, was taken to the county jail Sunday by Big Spring police after being arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon/weapons in a free zone.

• **JONATHAN MICHAEL PAUL**, 23, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAVID LEWIS STOVER**, 20, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and driving while license's suspended.

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 400 block of Jill Road.

• **LOOSE BULL** was reported in the 700 block of Longshore Road.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported by the 167 mile marker on Interstate 20.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 3500 block of Old Colorado City Highway.

• **RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported eastbound on Interstate 20.

• **SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT and VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of Rockhouse Road.

• **SUSPICIOUS PERSON** was reported on Midway Road and on South Highway 87 by the Interstate 20 overpass.

• **PROWLER** was reported in the 300 block of Denton Road.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-12-22-25. Bonus Ball: 19. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$10 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 21-24-30-33-37. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$21,619. Winning tickets sold in: Houston and Waco. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 4-3-9

## Weather

Today...Partly cloudy. Becoming breezy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph...Becoming south 15 to 25 mph this afternoon. Caution is advised on area lakes.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the upper 70s.

Friday through Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

## Bulletin board

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

### MONDAY

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

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.

### TUESDAY

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

"A Fine Night of Italian Cuisine," sponsored by Odyssey Healthcare, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church. Odyssey Healthcare caregivers past and present are invited to the dinner.

### 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.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxilliary, 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.

West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road. Special guest speaker will be Tony Massaro, President of the San Angelo chapter of Pachyderms.

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

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

### FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

### SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

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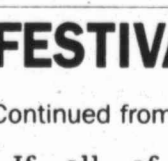


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the weather in Washington better."

Anders said the museum he represents in Washington views the CAF's success with a great deal of interest, and the legacy and heritage flights during the show are very special to him because he has had the occasion to fly them in the past.

"We have about 12 airplanes," said Anders. "One of them is a P-51 Mustang, which I do the heritage flight in. The Air Force has approved 10 of us to fly in formation with current Air Force fighters, including the F-16, F-18 and A-10."

"A lot of attendees at air shows are grandpas with their grandchildren, and old grandpa will say, 'Well sonny, I used to fly that one (the P-51 Mustang),' and the kid will say, 'Yeah granddad, but I want to fly that one (modern aircraft)!' So there's always a recruiting booth at the shows and we see a lot of action there."

Anders wasn't the only spectator that was proud of the show. Kyle McKeen, vice president of marketing for Fina Oil, also spent the afternoon looking upward to the heavens and said his corporation feels these sorts

of activities are important in a number of ways.

"It's really outstanding," said McKeen. "We've been a partner with the CAF since 1997 and it is a lot of work, but it's for the right thing. We're a part of this community and the CAF is a part of this community, and it's an important part. We play our part as a corporate citizen and you can see from all of the people out here how important this is to the area."

"Especially last night with the inductees to the Combat Airman Hall of Fame. I think this represents an important resource that is quickly disappearing from the face of the Earth. We have World War II veterans dying at a rate of 1,000 per day, and this is a piece of history that's going to expire. I think it's important that we support it while it's here and try to pass it on to as many people as we possibly can."

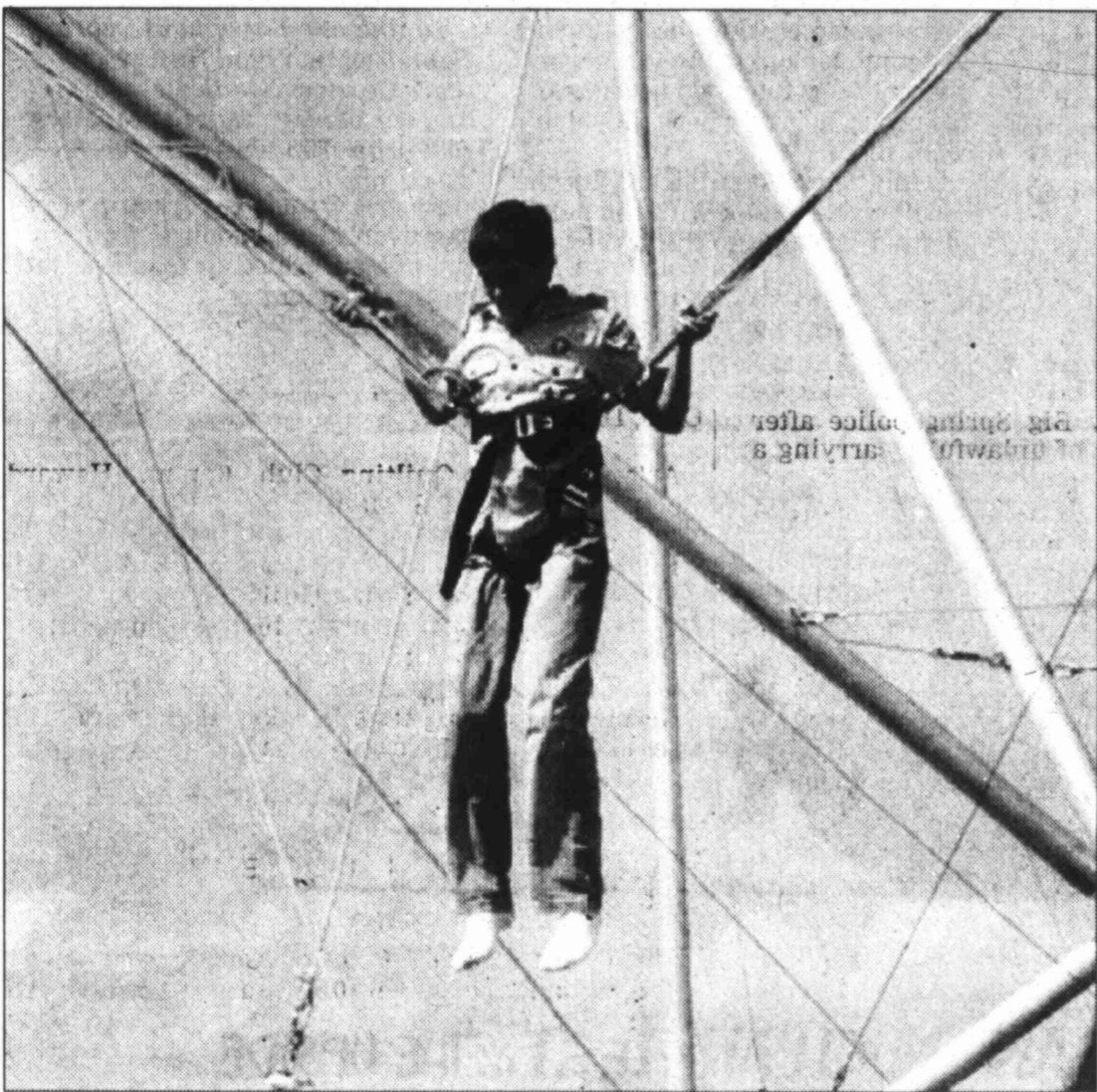
Airsho 2003 featured a number of World War II re-enactments throughout the afternoon, as well as demonstrations of the Navy's F-14 Tomcat and the Air Force's F-16 Fighting Falcon multirole fighter.

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The United States Navy F-14 Tomcat Demonstration team awed the crowd at the 2003 Fina Airsho, as they put the jet through the paces for all to see. The F-14 has been a front-line aircraft for many years, and served a key role in recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins



Planes weren't the only ones catching some air Saturday at the 2003 Fina Airsho, as this Boy Scout took to the sky compliments of a bungee jump. The show, which is the principal fundraiser for the Commemorative Air Force, drew visitors from all over the world.

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"we play in their local communities," Smith said. "And now, more than ever, we need to build more partnerships with local organizations such as the ARCs (Association for Retarded Citizens) in our service area. These groups do so much to support and assist out consumers and we are proud to be in partnership with them to improve the lives of those we serve."

Destination Dignity began 11 years ago by the Texas Council of Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers, Inc., a statewide association of the 41 community MHMR centers that offer public MHMR services to every county in Texas.

"Instead of recognizing the work our employees do during one month of the year, we thought it would be better to make this a year-long project," Smith said. "Each local program will host their

own event this year and draw attention to the needs of the consumers, and recognize the good work each and every single one of our employees contribute to West Texas Centers."

"People who have mental illness and mental retardation need us on a daily basis - and Destination Dignity gives us a perfect opportunity to promote awareness about our services and the people we help to live a higher quality of life."

Destination Dignity also is an occasion for educating the public, Smith said.

Stereotypes and a lack of information on mental illness and mental retardation create stigma, which discourages many people from seeking treatment.

Gov. Rick Perry proclaimed September as Destination Dignity Month recognizing the services provided by the 42 MHMR Centers in

Texas.

"Centers bring together federal, state and local resources to expand community care options for Texans and provide the necessary support to facilitate living and working independently," the proclamation reads.

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides mental health and mental retardation services for youth, adults and senior citizens in 23 counties in rural West Texas.

Those counties are: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

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If all of that isn't enough food, homemade baked and canned goods will be available at the Kountry Kitchen and drinks and candy will be sold at a concession stand.

A patriotic quilt will also be given away during the day.

The festival is Oct. 5 and here is the timeline:

10 a.m., sale begins for sausage by the pound.  
10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.,

booths, train rides and other activities.

11 a.m.-2 p.m., brisket and sausage lunch with trimmings, \$7 adults, \$5 under age 12.

12-4 p.m., bingo  
2 p.m., auction  
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., sausage sandwiches

7 p.m.-11 p.m., dance with music by DJ Michael Peterson, \$5 per person, 12 years and older.

"It's a real family atmosphere," said Schwartz. "There's a playground for the children and lots of big trees. Come on out

and have fun or just relax."

To get to St. Lawrence Parish Hall from Howard County, travel south on Highway 33 to Highway 2401, about 10 miles south

of Garden City. Then go five miles west on 2401.

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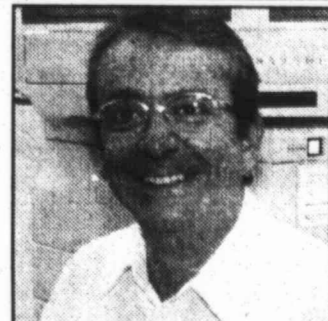
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## OUR VIEWS

Remember  
to weigh in  
on VA issue

Once again, there's still time to make your voice heard concerning the draft plan that is to be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs' Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission.

Granted, everything that's been done in the past few weeks in an effort to deter federal officials from conducting a study that could possibly lead to the closure of Big Spring's VA Medical Center has been tremendously encouraging and bodes well for the facility here.

However, and we are convinced we can't stress this too strongly, we as a community simply cannot rest on our laurels.

Remember, part of the proposal by the VA's CARES Commission recommends closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring VAMC and suggests studying the possibility of closing the entire facility. That means the possible loss of a facility that employs more than 500 people and pumps an annual payroll of \$32.5 million into our community's economy.

And that is why it's important for all of us to let our feelings concerning the plan be known.

To date, literally thousands of us have signed and circulated petitions or written letters to the CARES Commission or members of Congress.

And there's still time — the deadline for submitting comments is Oct. 7 — to respond to the proposed plan's comments pertaining to the Big Spring VAMC.

But that deadline is little more than a week away. So, if you haven't done so, please do.

To express your views, go to the CARES Commission web-site at [www.va.gov/cares](http://www.va.gov/cares). Letters can also be written and marked "Comments," to Richard E. Larson, Executive Director, CARES Commission (OOCARES), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20480. They can be faxed to 202-501-2196. And questions and comments may also be e-mailed to: [carescommission@mail.va.gov](mailto:carescommission@mail.va.gov).

Remember, each of us can and must have an impact in this matter.

Please, make sure your voice is heard.

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## Farewell to election goodwill

The Ninth Circuit should set up an 11-judge (en banc) panel to reconsider the three-judge ruling to postpone the Oct. 7 recall election.

If the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals lets this political decision stand, the circuit might as well announce that even judges can engage in political payback, as respect for the law itself has become a quaint notion best indulged at home.

John Eastman, law professor at Chapman College in Orange County, Calif., warned, "Every single election will no longer be decided in the ballot box, but in the courtroom, if this decision stands."

I've talked to Democratic and Republican election experts who are convinced that the trio's decision to postpone the election was pure payback for the U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Florida 2000 election.

While most partisans agree the Supreme Court's Florida decision was political — they disagree on which part of the rulings were political. Many forget that the Big Bench ruled, by a 7-to-2 vote, that Florida's disparate vote counting strategies "lacked minimal procedural safeguards." To me it's political that two justices voted that the count was corrupted, but wouldn't join the 5-to-4 majority to stop it.

Dems complain about GOP tactics in return. They say the recall is an attempt to overturn the November 2002 election — and they're right. It's true, the right to recall is in the state Constitution, and yes, Democrats were among those who signed the petitions to

qualify the recall for the ballot. But when you wage a campaign that may allow a small number of voters to throw out an official elected by a large number of voters, you anger people. And angry people start hurling charges, true and untrue.

(Note to people who believe that the recall is a White House plot: The Bushies opposed the recall. Most state GOP biggies opposed it. So if you want to blame them, blame them for not having the power to stop it.)

But back to the war. "The Democrats started it with Bork," explained Bob Stern of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles, as he discussed the vicious personal campaign directed against Reagan Supreme Court judicial nominee Robert Bork in 1987. "But the Republicans carried it to a new level with what they did to Clinton's (appointed) judges."

Dems point to Clinton's impeachment and the current attempt by Texas Republicans to redraw congressional districts in their favor. Repubs point to the creative replacement of Sen. Robert Torricelli on the New Jersey ballot 36 days before the election. There's no shortage of argument ammo on either side.

The schemes have one thing in common — they're hatched in the belief that it is permissible to trample on the rights of people in the other party. Many recall advocates not only believe that they have a right to throw Davis out of office, but also that the minority of California conservatives should dictate exactly what the California state budget looks like. No negative consequences. No tax hikes. No program cuts where they don't want them.

Oddly, these Republicans got the recall on the ballot with the help of other voters who think they can

keep electing very liberal Democrats to most state government offices, and never have to pay for the big-spending programs they approve. Many voters really believe that state polls can increase spending by 37 percent in four years, and they won't have to cut any programs when the boom-time revenues dry up. Rich people can just pay higher taxes to keep it all going, you see.

Then, when you don't like the budget situation, you can recall the old governor and elect a new guy to take care of the mounting debt without cutting the programs you think are important.

Well, at least these dreamers aren't writing opinions for the Ninth Circuit — yet. Still, in the ruling, the three judges showed a lack of pragmatism and principle. These robes apparently believe they can postpone the election without creating big, ugly problems. Not likely. Stern, a goo-goo (good-government type), said if the recall election is postponed until March, there could be two ballots — one for the recall, one for the regular primary. Lines at the polls will be longer. And, said Stern, "new (voting) machines tend to break down ..."

Great — and each problem can spawn more election lawsuits.

There will be court rulings instead of vote counting — a little law, but lots of legal technicalities.

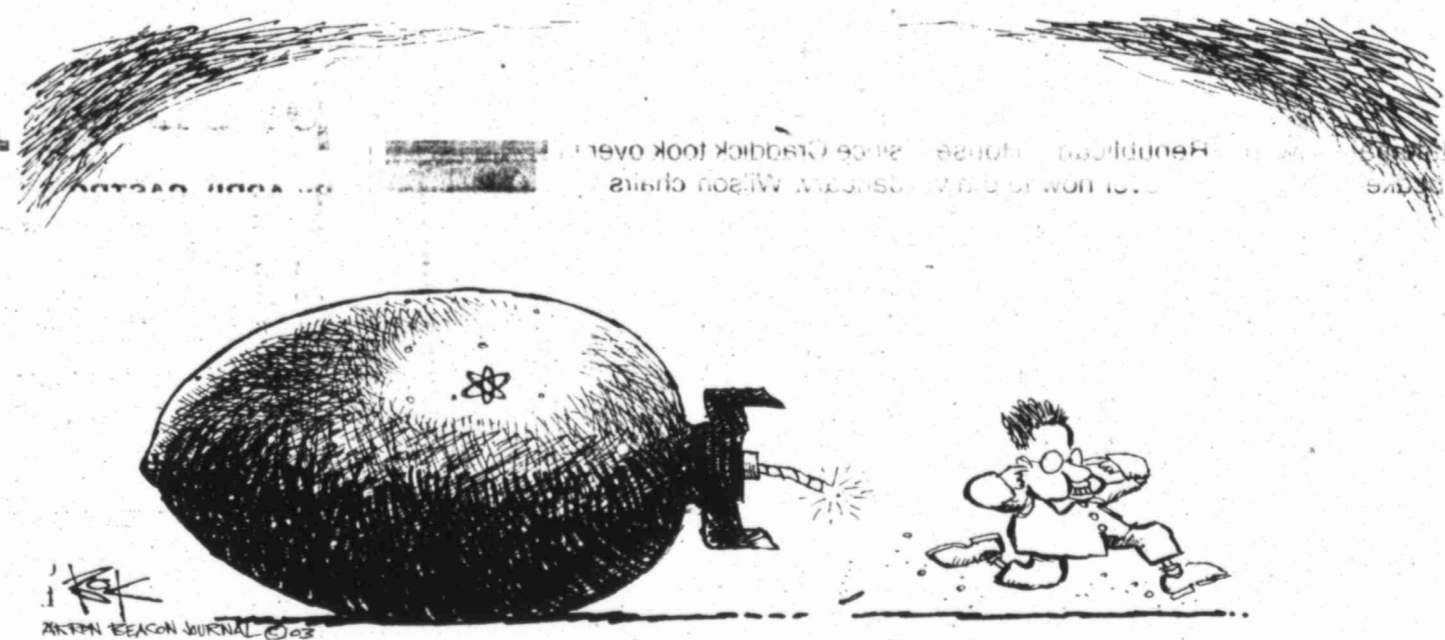
And with every election, voters from one party or the other will have a new reason to believe that the outcome wasn't because their side didn't have the votes, but because the fix was in.

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## KOREAN NUCLEAR TEST... THE UPSIDE

## Looking on the bright side

If anything deserves hanging in this country, it is the chad. A tiny piece of cardboard produced by punch-card voting machines, it threw the 2000 presidential election into 36 days of chaos when thousands of ballots in Florida were found to have their little chads still grimly hanging on rather than falling cleanly into the chad box like they should.

And while jurisdictions all over the country abandoned punch-cards for that very reason, California has been slow in replacing its machines. Six counties, representing 44 percent of the state's vote and including Los Angeles County, still use punch-cards and still have a potential chad problem.

It's a problem so great, a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled recently that the California gubernatorial recall election could not go forward on Oct. 7.

Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, who could crush a chad like, well, like a tiny piece of cardboard, appeared to be the big loser in the decision. One reason Schwarzenegger, who has never run for public office before, got into the race was because it

was a relatively quick way to become governor. He would not have to spend month after month campaigning and debating, he could just swoop in and use his star power for eight weeks to terminate the other candidates.

And while the Ninth Circuit panel left unstated when the election should take place, most analysts were guessing that it would be March 3, the date of the California presidential primary. Which would be good news for incumbent Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat.

Not only would it give him more time to persuade voters that he isn't a total zero (a particularly time-consuming task), but Democrats might be drawn out of their homes to vote for presidential contenders, while Republicans might stay home because George Bush probably will face no opposition.

But last week, the full Ninth Circuit decided that an 11-judge panel should rehear the case. Will that make any difference? Who knows? This is California, whose new motto might be, "At Least We're Smarter Than Florida."

"California isn't Florida," says Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, senior scholar in the school of policy, planning and development at the University of Southern California. "Voters here have been educated. Educated in chad reduction?"

How does that work?

"We know how to turn over our ballot cards and look for them!" Jeffe says.

At which time voters can pull, pinch or bite the hanger-ons from the ballots. So, problem solved?

"No," Jeffe says. "My guess is that whatever the 11-judge panel decides doesn't matter. It will go to the U.S. Supreme Court."

But if the final decision, no matter by whom, is to delay the election until March, it could also profoundly change the lineup of candidates.

"I wouldn't be surprised if Schwarzenegger at least thinks of withdrawing," Jeffe says. "And some candidates who have dropped out might get back in." Are we having fun, yet?

"We are!" Jeffe says. "My students are energized. My lesson plan is out the window. I tore up my syllabus. You can't believe the can of worms that is left to be opened!"

Which is another thing about Californians: They like to look on the bright side of things.

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# REDISTRICTING

## Ten legislators to hammer out differences between two maps

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House and Senate have selected a conference committee to hammer out differences between the Legislature's two congressional redistricting maps.

Eight lawmakers on the panel are Republican. Six represent the Houston or Dallas-Fort Worth areas. Here's a look at the legislators who are deciding Texas' representation in Washington.

### SEN. TODD STAPLES

A Republican from Palestine, Staples emerged as the architect of the Senate redistricting plan after another frustrated GOP senator abruptly withdrew from the effort.



Staples unveiled his latest map just after the third special legislative session began Sept. 15, explaining that it largely follows the boundaries of state Senate districts. It underwent some changes before the Senate gave its final approval, including a controversial split of Webb County, where Laredo is located.

Staples often appears friendly and upbeat. When Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced he would name him to the conference committee, Staples, suggesting that difficult negotiations were ahead, grinned and said, "Is that debatable?"

### SEN. ROBERT DUNCAN

This Lubbock Republican chairs the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, which was charged with overseeing congressional redistricting in the Senate.



Duncan led the committee through sometimes tumultuous statewide public hearings over the summer but managed to maintain his typical calm demeanor.

Duncan is lodged in a stalemate with Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick over how to draw districts in West Texas. Duncan has pushed for keeping Lubbock and Midland in the same congressional district. Craddick wants his hometown of Midland in a separate district.

### SEN. JUAN "CHUY" HINOJOSA

Hinojosa of McAllen is the only Senate Democrat assigned to the conference committee. He also is the only minority senator on the panel.



Hinojosa was among the 11 Senate Democrats who fled to Albuquerque, N.M., July 28 to block a quorum at the start of a second special legislative session.

He and the others stayed gone the entire 30-day session and delayed a redistricting vote.

He and fellow Democrats want to keep existing congressional boundaries that have given Democrats a 17-15 advantage in the state's congressional delegation. Republicans, citing the state's GOP voting trends, want the majority.

### SEN. JANE NELSON

A stalwart Republican, Nelson of Lewisville in the north Dallas-Fort Worth area chairs the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. She was a leader in this year's cost-saving reorganization of the state's health and human services agencies.



During summer redistricting disputes, Nelson spoke against Senate Democrats who decided to flee the state in a boycott. Nelson said she was horribly disappointed that her colleagues chose to "abdicate their responsibilities."

### SEN. JON LINDSAY

Lindsay, a Houston Republican, is chairman of the Senate Nominations

Committee, which makes decisions on gubernatorial appointments.

He has not been publicly outspoken on congressional redistricting. He is the former Harris County judge.



### REP. PHIL KING

This Republican from Weatherford has been the point man for the Republican House districting map for months. King now takes the lead in negotiating for the House.

Even before conferees were formally named, King began meeting with Senate map sponsor, Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, to talk about a compromise. Like Staples, King appears in public as an even-tempered lawmaker known to show his sense of humor.

King said he expected lengthy conference committee negotiations.

### REP. JOE CRABB

Crabb, R-Atascocita, chaired the House Redistricting Committee, which initiated congressional redistricting in the spring.



Crabb has had verbal battles with a South Texas Democrat on his committee who repeatedly alleged Crabb discriminated against Hispanics during public hearings on redistricting. Crabb typically refused to comment on those claims.

### REP. RON WILSON

Wilson, a Houston Democrat, has been on the House speaker's leadership team since Craddick took over in January. Wilson chairs the House Ways and Means Committee.



Known for sometimes wearing a leather jacket and sunglasses to the House chamber, Wilson is a House veteran also known for his mastery of legislative rules.

He was among a small group of Democratic representatives who chose not to leave the Capitol in May when more than 50 Democrats fled to Oklahoma to break a quorum and kill a redistricting bill. Wilson serves on the House Redistricting Committee and advocated for adding another black district in the congressional delegation.

### REP. KENT GRUSENDORF

This Arlington Republican is a solid member of Craddick's team and chairs the House Public Education Committee. He has been a leader on education issues, including legislation to do away with the so-called Robin Hood school finance system.



He is a member of the House Redistricting Committee.

When arguments broke out in the committee's meetings, as was apt to happen this year, Gruseendorf tended to stay out of the fray.

### REP. PEGGY HAMRIC

Hamric, a Houston Republican, chairs the House Administration Committee.



She was chosen for the conference committee, Craddick said, because of her familiarity with districts in her region and because she doesn't represent an area where boundaries are in dispute. "So I think that she'll be real open to look at the map," Craddick said.

## Texas House, Senate enter conference committee duel

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Tom Craddick wants to make something clear: the redistricting clash between House and Senate Republicans isn't only about West Texas.

"There are major differences across the state. We've got major differences in Central Texas. We've got major differences in northeast Texas. And we've got major differences down in the coastal area," Craddick said.

Wrangling over the congressional redistricting moved Thursday to a joint House-Senate committee charged with sorting out map-drawing disputes between the two chambers. Republicans now must solve conflicts of their own after months of fighting with Democrats.

Perhaps the biggest sticking point is a disagreement over how West Texas should be drawn. Craddick is firm in wanting district that could allow his hometown of Midland, with its oil and gas economy, to anchor a congressional seat.

Fellow Republican Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock has pushed a plan that keeps Midland in a district with the larger agriculture-oriented city of Lubbock.

Neither side appeared to be budging.

"I think we've got to deal with West Texas first," said Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford.

**Craddick is firm in wanting a district that could allow his hometown of Midland, with its oil and gas economy, to anchor a congressional seat.**

author of the House map and leader of the House contingent on the conference committee. He predicted slow negotiations.

Craddick said there are other discrepancies between the two versions that must be ironed out. He said he wants House conferees to defend the House map's creation of a new black congressional district.

Craddick contends the Senate's last-minute decision to split Webb County, where Laredo is located on the Texas-Mexico border, may not win approval from the U.S. Justice Department, which enforces protection of minorities under the federal Voting Rights Act.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, the

Senate's presiding officer, said he will instruct his conference committee appointees to avoid any violation of minority rights.

"We should either do one of two things — increase the minority representation in Congress ... or not touch any of our minority districts," he said Wednesday after the Senate passed its redistricting map.

Texas Republicans want to send more members of their party to Congress. They say the state's voting trends are solidly GOP and that the 32-member congressional delegation should reflect that. Democrats, who hold a 17-15 advantage in the delegation, want to keep existing districts.

The House conference committee members will be led by King. Other members are Redistricting Committee chairman Joe Crabb, R-Atascocita; Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston; Rep. Kent Gruseendorf, R-Arlington; and Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston.

Sen. Todd Staples, a Palestine Republican who sponsored the Senate map, will chair the Senate side. Other Senate members are Duncan; Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston; and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville.

## Redistricting negotiations probably closed to public

By APRIL CASTRO  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — For months the public has watched as Republican legislators toiled tirelessly over a gamut of brightly colored maps and persevered through boycotts, lawsuits and the rage of their Democratic colleagues.

Lawmakers sat through hours of testimony from long lines of angry Texans, who hoped their two cents would be considered by those charged with redesigning the state's 32 congressional districts.

After more than five months, the stage is set for an end to the redistricting war. In the final stretch — as a House-Senate conference committee works out differences between the two chambers' maps — negotiations will probably be

behind closed doors.

Five members from each house have been appointed to the conference committee. House rules require that if a majority of House conferees meet with a majority of Senate conferees, the meeting must be open. However, the rules do not require the committee to meet as a whole.

"What that means is, the way the House rules have been applied and interpreted in the past, is that if you've got a con-

ference committee report with three signatures from each side, you can file it," said House parliamentarian Steve Collins. The conference committee may never meet as a body, he said.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick and others have said the Legislature is governed by its own rules and is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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# News Briefs

## Texans in New Hampshire to support Dean

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Howard Dean got some help on the campaign trail during weekend from a group of volunteers who flew up from President Bush's home state.

More than 140 Texans came to New Hampshire to recruit supporters door-to-door. A few hundred more flew to Iowa on chartered flights, courtesy of the campaign, to persuade caucus voters there to support the former Vermont governor.

Karen Hicks, the campaign's New Hampshire director, said the volunteers were expected to knock on as many as 20,000 doors during the weekend.

Margot Dimond, a media relations worker for Rice University, was among the crowd. She said she likes Dean's positive message and wants to help him win in the primary.

"A sense of community is missing right now. People are divided," Dimond said. "I hope that's what he can (fix). I care very much about this country."

## Pilot: TSA dragging its feet on arming pilots

HOUSTON (AP) — A commercial airline pilot told a national gun rights conference Sunday that the Transportation Security Administration is continuing to drag its feet when it comes to arming pilots in the cockpit.

"We are being resisted — the will of the people, the will of the Congress — by the organization that was given charge of this effort," said Robert Davie, a pilot for 30 years who is a board member of the Airline Pilots Security Alliance.

Davie, who said he wouldn't identify the airline he works for due to the current "political environment," said only a few hundred of the thousands of pilots who have volunteered have received the TSA training necessary to carry a handgun in the cockpit.

"At this point, a long way down the road, we have approximately 200-250 pilots armed," Davie said of the training which President Bush approved last November. "That is a pretty pitiful number I would submit to you."

## Iraqi police, U.S. military stage joint operation

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops of the 4th Infantry Division arrested 92 people and seized weapons and ammunition in two dozen raids, including the largest-ever joint operation with Iraqi police, the U.S. military said today.

The operations were aimed at capturing those responsible for a series of deadly attacks against American forces.

The raids, which ended early today, were launched here in Saddam Hussein's hometown and in other Sunni Muslim areas in the division's sector, division spokesman Maj. Gordon Tate said. Those arrested included 12 men suspected of being behind a series of recent attacks against U.S. troops in the Tikrit area, he said.



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Howard College cheerleaders Summer Davis (left) and Jenna Schafer assist Colt Adams as the trio take part in the annual Special Olympics bowling competition held Saturday at the Big Spring Bowl-a-rama. The event has become a traditional community involvement activity for Howard College athletes and cheerleaders.

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House is not subject to open meetings laws," Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, said last spring when he drew scrutiny for conducting a closed meeting to discuss a lawsuit limitation bill.

Rep. John Mabry, D-Waco, pushed to ensure that congressional redistricting negotiations be conducted in public by proposing a resolution to suspend the rules and require any discussion of the bill to be in a properly posted open meeting. The resolution failed by a party line vote of the House.

"The fate of Central Texas voters and rural and minority voters throughout the state hang in the balance of the decisions made by the 10 people on this committee," Mabry said. "Voting is the most basic tenet of our democracy, and we Texans have a right to know how and why changes that affect our ability to elect our representatives are determined."

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, author of the House map, argued that Mabry's resolution would prevent him from meeting one on one with

Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, who authored the Senate map. King and Staples, both chairmen of the conference committee, already have met privately to discuss the map. Republican Gov. Rick Perry has set Wednesday as his preferred deadline for agreeing on a redistricting plan. There are no immediate plans for the conference committee to meet in public.

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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.

### 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 tonight at ATC

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

### Lady Steers to face Frenship tomorrow

The Big Spring Lady Steers will continue their run through District 4-4A tomorrow evening when they host the Frenship Lady Tigers in the Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers, 20-8 for the year, are 2-0 in loop play. Big Spring pounded out a 25-11, 25-8, 25-8 win over Levelland Saturday in the Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers' matchup with Frenship is scheduled for a 7 p.m. start.

### 'Real' Big 12 season about to get started

Consider this Countdown to Kickoff, Part II.

No disrespect to the 48 games played by Big 12 teams the last five weeks. But only two counted in the conference standings.

Now, there are 48 games left. And only two don't count in the conference standings.

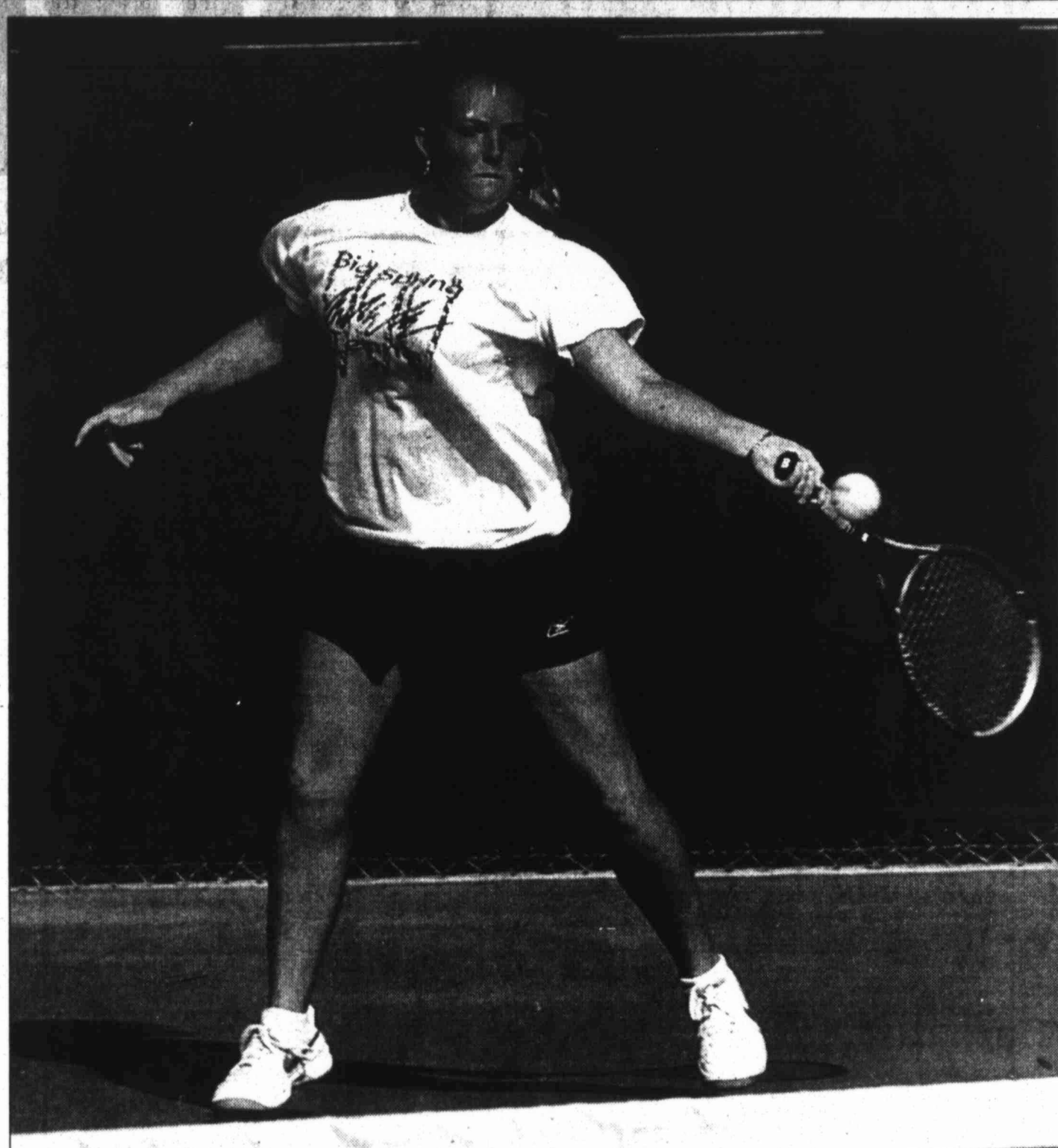
Thus, the REAL Big 12 season — the one that determines the division champions, title-game foes and, ultimately, who will play in BCS bowl games — begins Saturday.

That makes this a perfect time to look back at what we thought would happen and compare it to what's happened so far.

## ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

Event, Time	Station
Sept. 30 Lady Steers vs Frenship, 6:45 p.m.	1490
Sept. 23 Big Spring vs SA Central, 8 p.m.	1490
Grady vs Westbrook, 7 p.m.	94.3



Big Spring's Lauren Chesworth returns a shot during doubles play Saturday morning against Levelland. Chesworth and teammate Veronica Villarreal suffered a 6-3, 6-1 loss in the match — one of only four BSHS losses in the event.

## Big Spring netters continue to roll through District 4-4A

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Jessica Rodriguez was the epitome of the Big Spring Steers' roll through the District 4-4 A race on Saturday. She barely broke a sweat en route to winning.

Rodriguez highlighted yet another stellar outing by the BSHS netters by leading a rout of Levelland at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex. The Steers, who are gunning for their third straight district championship in team tennis, beat Levelland by a 15-4 count.

"They played really good," said Big Spring head coach Sarah Corse. "It was a little closer than the score indicated. We had some tough matches in the beginning, especially in the doubles. We came out winning (the doubles) 5-2, but it could have easily went the other way."

"Our players just refused to lose. They played very well," she added.

Once the butterflies from the doubles competition faded away, Rodriguez and the Steers began flexing their muscle, winning 10 of the next 12 matches to salt away the win.

### Steers off to impressive start to 3-peat quest

The Big Spring Steers entered the season with one goal — to win a third District 4-4A district championship.

The Steers are well on their way to accomplishing that goal. They won their second district meet in a row Saturday with a 15-4 rout of Levelland. The win, coupled with an earlier rout of Lake View, gives the Steers a 33-5 record in 4-4A matched this year.

Big Spring ousted Lake View by an 18-1 clip in their 4-4A opener.

For her part, Rodriguez helped set the tone for Big Spring's success. She easily ousted Levelland's Sharell Fagan in singles action, winning 6-2, 6-1. Her victory highlighted a 7-1 advantage the BSHS girls claimed in the singles portion of the event.

Big Spring's No. 1 girl Veronica Villarreal suffered her first setback in 4-4A action, dropping a 7-5, 6-2 decision to Kyla Coleman.

The BSHS girls more than made up for Villarreal's loss, however.

Heather Parnell and Lauren Chesworth also walked away with wins. Parnell claimed a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Levelland's Kelsey Henderson. Chesworth downed Whitney Cook, 6-0, 6-4.

Alex Garipey, Amanda Farmer, Natasha Neighbors and Reinhilde Robinson also posted wins.

The Big Spring boys added to the Steers' singles domination by winning seven of the eight matches played.

Vishal Shroff highlighted the boys' run with an easy 6-3, 6-1 victory over Andy Cariens.

Jake Smiley added a win, as well, as did Justin Ferrell, Nick Rivera, Roshan Shroff, Jason Vela and Kyle Conley.

In doubles play, Shroff and Smiley managed to eke out a tough 6-4, 6-7 (6), 7-3 (3) win over Cariens and Stratton Paxton. Ferrell and Roshan Shroff nailed down the team's other win.

Parnell and Rodriguez joined the Garipey and Neighbors as girls' doubles winners.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 2-0 in district action — a fact that could mean the Steers, for all intents and purposes, could sew up the 4-4A title this Saturday against Andrews.

## Big Spring spikers pummel Levelland

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

If it had happened anywhere else, Big Spring head coach Ka'Rissa Magers and the Big Spring Lady Steers would be facing assault charges — or worse — for their performance against the Levelland Lobos.

Big Spring beat up, beat down and generally whipped the dog out of Levelland Saturday afternoon in front of a large, rowdy crowd in the Steer Gym. The BSHS girls routed Levelland by a 25-11, 25-8, 25-8 margin.

And it wasn't even as close as the score made it seem.

With the victory, Big Spring improved its record to 2-0 in District 4-4A action and to 20-9 overall. Levelland fell to 0-2 in loop action.

The Lady Lobos enjoyed their best effort of the night in the first game. Levelland took advantage of a slow start by Big Spring to grind out 11 points.

Even with a slow start, the Lady Steers were never in danger. Big Spring hammered out 24 of the first 35 points scored and easily won.

It only got worse for the Lady Lobos from there. Riding the serve of LaKenya Wrightsil and the spiking ability of Leina Braxton and two timely tips at the net by junior setter Kendal Adams, Big Spring reeled off a 7-0 run to start the second game.

The Lady Steers never looked back from there. Led by the outside attack of Magers and Lindsay Phillips, the BSHS girls reeled off 18 of the next 23 points to take a 2-0 lead.

It was more of the same in the final frame. After watching the Levelland rally to a 1-1 tie, Wrightsil broke the Lady Lobos' spirits with a hard spike to the back row.

From there, Magers and Braxton mowed down the Levelland front court with kill after kill. Big Spring reeled off a 7-0 run and built an 8-1 cushion.

Levelland managed to battle back to within 15-7 before Wrightsil slammed the door shut with a kill that opened the BSHS flood gates.

Brenn Swinney sealed the win by serving up six straight points late in the game to give the Lady Steers a 24-8 lead.

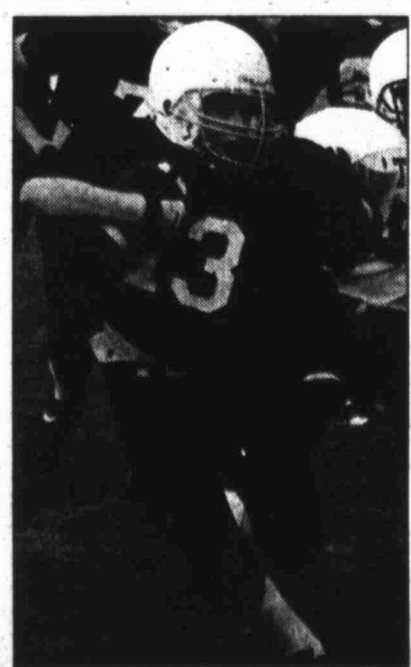
Big Spring is scheduled to travel the Wolforth Tuesday to face Frenship.

### Wagner could be traded in off-season

HOUSTON (AP) — Astros closer Billy Wagner expects to be traded before next season because he thinks owner Drayton McLane wants to reduce the team's payroll.

Wagner has one season remaining on a three-year deal that pays him \$24 million and is due \$9 million for next season. Richey Hidalgo is due \$12 million next season in the final year of his contract, and Wagner thinks the two big contracts will force general manager Gerry Hunsicker to make trades.

"I think it will happen, I really do," Wagner said Sunday after the Astros finished the season with an 8-5 win over Milwaukee. "Gerry's got his hands tied with this whole budget for salaries." Astros owner Drayton McLane, was surprised at the remarks.



Jonathan Stiles and the Big Spring Junior High School Steers will return to action tomorrow against Central.

## Hambrick rushes for 127 yards in Cowboys' victory

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Troy Hambrick tied a career high with 127 yards on the ground and ran for a score as the Dallas Cowboys racked up 202 yards rushing and beat the Jets 17-6 on Sunday. The Jets, going against former coach Bill Parcells, are 0-4 for the first time since 1996.

Hambrick and the Cowboys gained more yards than Ricky Williams and the Miami Dolphins, who run the ball at every opportunity. It might sound like a broken record, but Abraham and his teammates said they were consistently out of position.

Hambrick set his career high against Atlanta on Nov. 11, 2001. Now that he is the featured back

in Dallas with the departure of NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith to Arizona, he asked Parcells for a bigger part of the offense.

He got his wish against the Jets, who had two turnovers that led to two scores and essentially gave the Cowboys the game. Hambrick took advantage of a fumble by Santana Moss in the second quarter, running for a 31-yard touchdown to give Dallas a 7-3 lead.

"You work hard to be Tuna's guy," Hambrick said. "I went to him and asked what else I could do to be one of your guys and get this running game going. He just said, 'Keep hitting it in there and 3 or 4 yards will turn into 10 or 20.'"

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"I THINK THEY CALL THEM WIND BAGS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Oh, dear! I watched them BUILD that house."

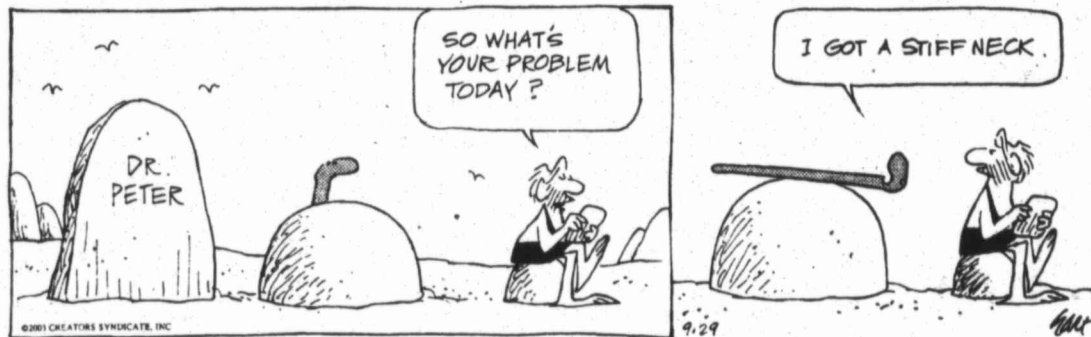
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 29, the 272nd day of 2003. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 29, 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

On this date: In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1918, Allied forces scored a decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during World War I.

In 1943, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio signed an armistice aboard the British ship Nelson off Malta.

In 1953, the family comedy "Make Room for Daddy," starring Danny Thomas, premiered on ABC.

In 1963, the second session of Second Vatican Council opened in Rome.

In 1963, the situation comedy "My Favorite Martian" premiered on CBS.

In 1963, "The Judy Garland Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1982, seven people in the Chicago area died after unwittingly taking Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide.

In 1988, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., marking America's return to manned space flight following the Challenger disaster.

Ten years ago: Bosnia's parliament spurned an international peace plan, voting overwhelmingly to reject it unless Bosnian Serbs returned land taken by force.

Five years ago: Former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley died at age 80. The Federal Reserve cut the fed-

eral funds rate a quarter-point, to 5.25 percent.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Michelangelo Antonioni is 91. Actress Elizabeth Scott is 81. Actor Steve Forrest is 79. Actress Anita Berg is 72. Actor Eddie Barth is 72. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 68. Actor Ian McShane is 61. Jazz musician Jean-Luc Ponty is 61. Television-film composer Mike Post is 59. Actress Patricia Hodge is 57. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 55. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner is 55. Rock musician Mike Pinera (Iron Butterfly) is 55. Country singer Alvin Crow is 53. Actor Drake Hogestyn is 50. Singer Suzzie Roche (The Roches) is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like VISTAS, SMOOTHER, INTENT, etc.

Newsday Crossword

ON THE STOVE by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 The \_\_\_ and the Paps, 6 "So long!", 10 Caboose, for example, 13 Tilt to one side, 14 Felipe of baseball, 15 Golfer's cry, 16 Shopping outing, 17 Pulls from behind, 18 Floor coverings, 19 Raise your bet, 22 Arafat's org., 23 Updates the clock, 24 Difficult situation, 30 Assumed name, 31 Battery sizes, 32 Health resort, 35 Fiber fluff, 36 AMA members, 37 Caboose position, 38 Asner and Bradley, 39 Grotto, 41 Upward movement, 43 Flapjacks, 45 More preoccupied, 48 Tijuana gold, 49 Deep-dish pie, 54 Went like the wind, 55 Designer Cassini, 56 Rental contract, 59 Earl Grey and oolong, 60 Ecstatic review, 61 Toon Fudd, 62 Be inaccurate, 63 Comes out even, 64 Stands up, DOWN: 1 Writers' submissions: Abbr., 2 Swiss mountain, 3 Roman war god, 4 From the top, 5 To a high degree, 6 Design on skin, 7 Sunburn balm, 8 Small city, 9 Mozart's homeland, 10 Two-seat auto, 11 Specialized language, 12 Musical pauses, 15 Right off the vine, 20 Grade school: Abbr., 21 Pianist Dame Myra, 24 Curly cabbage, 25 City in Oklahoma, 26 Heavy weights, 27 Blasting material, 28 Got along, 29 Musical notes, 32 Hide-and-go, 33 Window glass, 34 \_\_\_ and crafts, 36 Video-cassette successor, 37 Sony competitor, 39 Saskatchewan native, 40 Flight terminal, 41 Flight word form, 42 Gloomy Gus, 43 Coats with gold-leaf, 44 Beaver abodes, 45 Moistened turkey, 46 Berth place, 47 Piece of asparagus, 50 Jai \_\_\_, 51 Actress Campbell, 52 Pastrami emporium, 53 Sweet potatoes, 57 Understand, 58 Hesitation sounds

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.