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INSIDE



Playoff spot secured

Big Spring High School's Lady Steers clinched their second volleyball playoff berth in as many years Tuesday by defeating the Levelland Lobettes.

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BRIEFLY

Fish fry slated

Members of the American Legion Post No. 506 will hold a fish fry beginning at noon Saturday at 3203 West U.S. Highway 80.

Meals are \$7 per plate and will be available from noon until they run out of fish.

Carry out orders will be available and delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 263-2084.

COMING SUNDAY



Though nearly extinct, some full-service gas stations still check your oil and wash the windshield — and offer friendly, neighborly service.

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Conflicting testimony permeates murder trial

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

STANTON — Testimony continued Tuesday in the trial of three men accused of murdering a 33-year-old Martin County man during a family dispute more than a year ago.

Armando Sosa Gutierrez, 26; Agapito Chapa IV, 29; and Carlos Chapa, 22; listened as the prosecution, led by Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, finished the technical aspect of its case and moved on to witnesses who were present on the night that 33-year-old Cruz Aguirre died.

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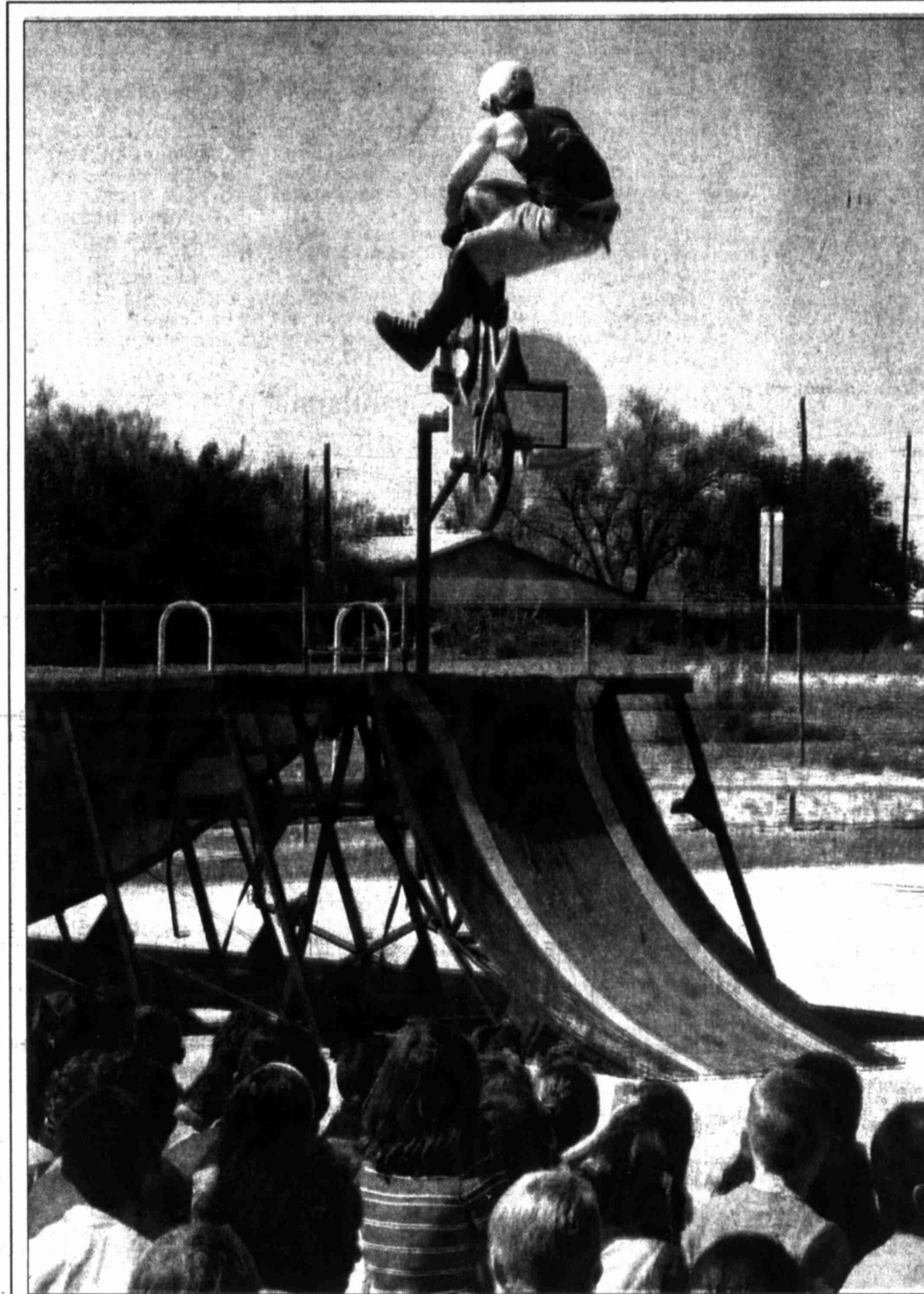
"There were about 25 people in all at my house that night," said Agapito Chapa III, the father of defendants Carlos and Agapito Chapa IV. The elder Chapa testified he and his guests were attacked by several members

of the Aguirre family, including the victim, in an unprovoked attack stemming from previous problems between the two Stanton families.

"We saw them stop the car and four or five people get out," he continued. "Cruz Aguirre and Mark Aguirre were the only two that I recognized. It was really dark that night, but I think Cruz and Mark had weapons. My brother John walked over to them, and as soon as he did, Mark Aguirre just whacked him and he hit the ground."

The elder Chapa couldn't identify what

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Brenden Mitchell, a member of a professional BMX bike team, shows off for Bauer Elementary students Tuesday. The team from Los Angeles performed acrobatic twists and turns while spreading the message about bike safety and staying away from drugs. The event was sponsored by the national fund-raising company Reader's Digest QSP to reward the students for their efforts in September.

Dynamic bikers thrill youngsters

Bauer Elementary students rewarded for fund-raising efforts

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Bauer Elementary School students were making a whole lot of noise on the north side of town Tuesday, thanks to dynamic tricks by a team of California bicyclists.

Acrobatic twists and turns by a BMX team from Los Angeles revved up the crowd, which broke out with spontaneous screams of excitement and cheers during the 45-minute show.

The event was sponsored by the national fund-raising compa-

ny Reader's Digest QSP to reward the students for their efforts in September and was the only show to be held in Big Spring, according to Mike Smith, QSP's field sales manager.

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Forsan band marches to a Division I rating

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The award-winning Forsan High School marching band tried to shake out its show jitters while bringing home honors at the Plainview Marching Festival on Saturday.

"We earned a Division I rating," said FHS Band Director Jim Rhodes. "I was really pleased with that."

Pleased with his student's performance, Rhodes said, but not completely satisfied.

"We found some little things we need to work on," he said. "We need to be playing the music better and work on some of the

"We have a lot of kids on board this year striving to achieve one goal. The chemistry is really good with this band."

Jim Rhodes, FHS band director

marching skills — get that down sharper." Marching festivals such as Plainview's help directors target the band's strengths and weakness in a competitive environment, but Rhodes admitted he had an ulterior reason

for choosing this particular contest.

"The main reason we went up there is because area contest is being held there this year," Rhodes said. "We wanted to go up and see that stadium and field and get on the grass."

The 122-member band, led by Drum Majors Rachel Clinton and Hayley Lewis, is hoping to take its medieval-themed show to a third straight state competition.

Its first hurdle is to earn a Division I rating at University Interscholastic League

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LANDFILL

Council repeals gate fee; plans to revisit 1974 pact with county

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The city landfill once again found its way into the spotlight Tuesday, as the Big Spring City Council voted to repeal the recently approved gate fee and fund an aerial survey at the facility.

Mayor Russ McEwen said repealing the new ordinance that would have charged local residents a \$5 per day gate fee to utilize the city landfill was necessary due to a previous contract between the city and county, but may have several benefits for the city in the long run when it's examined more closely.



McEWEN

"The 1974 contract between the city and the county regarding the landfill basically says we can't do what we did because of our agreement with Howard County," said McEwen. "There are other areas of that contract that may be beneficial to us as well as far as the landfill is concerned."

"I would like authorization from the council to enter negotiations with the County of Howard to change the way we do business. We've been in a situation where it's weighted very strongly for them in the past, and I would like to work with them on that."

Councilman Woody Jumper said he realizes the council didn't do the proper homework concerning the contract before it recently passed the ordinance, which would have gone into effect Oct. 1, but pointed out that the misunderstanding is two-fold.

"Since Commissioner Jerry Kilgore came to our council meeting and stated the city council had not done its homework in reference to the 1974 contract between the city and county," said Jumper, "we got to looking at that contract and he was right. I noticed though, while doing my homework, that section two of the contract that states 'The county will build and maintain

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Obituaries

Leroy Burch



Leroy Burch, 77, of Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, in a Stephenville nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003 at Trinity Memorial Park with Russ Mullins, minister of Coahoma Church of Christ officiating.

He was born on July 5, 1926, in Guymon, Okla.

Mr. Burch had lived in Stephenville since 1991. He enjoyed the outdoors and classic country music. He loved life, people and especially his nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Della Pearl Holiody of Midland, Leona and Kenneth Duffer of Big Spring and Leota and Randall Reid of Coahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, his mother and one brother-in-law.

The family suggests memorials to the Stephenville Nursing Home, 2311 Washington, Stephenville, 76446.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Martha S. Belew

Martha S. Belew, 62, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, in a Lamesa nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ackerly and Chaplain Walter McCall, of Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1941, in Sinton and married William Belew on Jan. 24, 1969, in Lamesa.

Mrs. Belew graduated from Lamesa High School in 1959. She had worked for Broughton Truck & Implement for 13 years and had owned and operated Belew Well Service with her husband.

She was a member of Midway Baptist Church and played piano for many years. She was a member of the National Geneological Society.

Survivors include her husband, William Belew of Big Spring; one son, Ron Belew of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Leslea and Lance Robinson of Ackerly; one sister, Alice Howard of Lamesa; two brothers, Wayne Smith and Robert "Bob" Smith, both of Lamesa; three grandchildren, Haylea Belew and Faith Belew, both of Big Spring, and Sloan Robinson of Ackerly; and one aunt, Evelyn Coker of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne "Cooter" and Geraldine Archer Smith.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• **HERIBERTO ZAMORA**, 49, of 1602 Bluebird, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **DENNIS RICHARDSON**, 50, of 701 E. 15th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **ISREAL MOJICA**, 22, of 705 S. Main, was arrested Wednesday on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal trespass of a habitation.

• **MELISSA WILTSIE**, 29, of 509 Benedict, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and driving while license suspended.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of F.M. 700.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 1800 block of F.M. 700.
- in the

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of 11th Place.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Lancaster.

Robyn Hooper Drinkard



Robyn Hooper Drinkard, 46, of Big Spring died at 9:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at Parkland Hospital in Dallas following a sudden illness. A Celebration of Life and Remembrance will be 4 p.m. today, Oct. 15, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 14, 1956, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Robyn was a homemaker and an

executive secretary at O.I.L., American Petrofina, Permian Research and Howard County. She was a very active member and charter member of the Vietnam Memorial Committee. She served as secretary for 10 years and was chairperson of every dedication ceremony. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Tim Drinkard of Big Spring; one daughter, Sherida Crane and her husband Jesse of Big Spring; one son, Tim M. Drinkard of Big Spring; parents, Johnnie and Bobbi Hooper of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Everly Richardson, Candice May Drinkard and Austin Nickels Drinkard; one sister, Ronda Hooper of Big Spring; grandmother, Allie Moser of Big Spring; life long friend, Peggy Daratt of Big Spring; and loving companions, Schatzl and Andre.

She was preceded in death by one brother Johnny Bob Hooper.

Pallbearers will be Gene Wilson, Charlie Lewis, Pat Carnahan, Don Boling, Gary Osburn and Roger Holmes. Honorary Pallbearers will be Phil Corbin, Jackie Tibbets, Charles Gray, Jarle Boe, Clarence Hartfield and Rob McKenzie.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee, P. O. Box 2854, Big Spring, 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Lewes Gilbert "Shorty" Grantham



Lewes Gilbert "Shorty" Grantham, 84, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, in a local hospital. A service of remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Shorty was born on July 9, 1919, in Shamrock, Okla., and married Vivian Norwood on April 14, 1949, in Big Spring.

They have shared 54 wonderful years together.

Shorty graduated from high school in Shamrock, Okla., and was a lightweight golden glove boxer.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the European Theater. After leaving the military, he and his father came to Coahoma. Shorty worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base. He then owned and operated Grantham Water Well Drilling, retiring in 1991, and continued to help his son in the business.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Grantham of Big Spring; a son and daughter-in-law, L.G. "Bubba" and Carol Grantham Jr., and a daughter and son-in-law, Corky and Butch Burcham, all of Big Spring; brothers and sisters, Nell Thames, Mattie Norwood, John and Mary Palmer, all of Big Spring, Doc and Myrt Tindol of Lake Leon, James and Margi Norwood of Stephenville and Bud and Sandi Norwood of Colorado City; eight grandchildren, Ashlee Burcham, Michael Burcham, Charity Lamar, Debbie Conaway, Christy Brockman, L.G. "B.J." Grantham III, Nick Denton and Amanda Denton; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and a very large host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dillard A. and Cleta Cora Grantham.

The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at 1704 Harvard.

Pallbearers will be John Palmer, Doc Tindol, Bud Norwood, James Norwood, Gary Prater and Julian Moncada. Honorary pallbearers will be Neal Tindol, Rogan Tindol, Mario Moncada, Charlie Chamberlain, Wayne Herrera and Onesimo Gomez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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George C. Minton

George C. Minton, 87, of Stanton, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, in a Dallas hospital. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Curtis Jarratt

Curtis Jarratt, 88, of Billings, Mont., formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, in Billings. His services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder. Burial will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

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

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

Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP Office, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg Building.

Sheriff's report

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

• **COURTNEY GASKIN**, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **ROSENDO FRANCO**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of obstruction/retaliation and criminal mischief.

• **BILLY JOE CHAVERA**, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest.

• **LYNN ERBIN INGRAM JR.**, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

• **JIMMIE MICHAEL ROGERS**, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

• **LOOSE DONKEYS** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Birdwell. Deputies responded and were unable to locate the animals' owner. The donkeys were returned to a fenced area.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1900 block of Hilltop Road. Deputies responded, were advised a bicycle was stolen. Report to follow.

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday through Tuesday...Clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Lottery

Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night: 16-20-22-25. Bonus Ball: 8. No jackpot winner.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$525,000.

Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday: 9-14-26-28-35

Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night: 4-6-4

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"I was right behind John, and when they hit him he just dropped. Then they started beating him on the back while he was on the ground," he testified.

"They came after me. I was scared, really scared. Two of them — I don't know who they are — started beating me up and knocked me out."

Chapa also testified he had an altercation involving Cruz and Mark Aguirre three days prior to the Aug. 17, 2002, incident. According to the Stanton man, his sons had been having problems with one of their cousins, and he went to try to straighten things out.

"He (Elios Castro) was sitting in a chair in the middle of his yard when I

drove up," he testified. "I shouted from my car window for him to come over to me so I could talk to him. Cruz (Aguirre) came out from behind a tree and started walking toward me, asking me what's up. Then I saw Mark coming from the other side with a big knife in his hand."

Chapa said Cruz hit him through his car window before he could leave the scene.

The prosecution contends the events of that night were later discovered by his sons, which set in motion the deadly chain of events that took place three days later at the Chapa home.

Several witnesses that were with Cruz Aguirre moments before his death, including Mark Aguirre, Emilio Aguirre and Manuel Aguirre, who also testified. Although a great deal of their testimony seemed to conflict, the three Aguirres agreed that the fight had been provoked by guests at the

Chapa house, who allegedly threw rocks and beer bottles at their vehicle when they passed by.

One of the major conflicts in testimony came when Mark Aguirre told the court he had gotten out of the car to look for a weapon in his trunk prior to the attack, which all three men alleged was propagated against them by the Chapas.

"My nephew likes to play baseball, and I thought I had a baseball bat in my trunk," said Mark Aguirre. "I looked, but it wasn't there."

When questioned on Mark Aguirre's actions, Manuel Aguirre testified he never saw Mark look in his trunk.

"I know he didn't look in his trunk," Manuel Aguirre said with certainty. "I know for a fact that he didn't look in his trunk."

Wilkerson conflicting stories are common in a case such as this.

"You have to anticipate that when you have two

groups that hold very strong opinions that the testimony is going to conflict," the district attorney said, shortly after court was adjourned for the day. "Both sides may shade their testimony to their own group. That's not unexpected. That's the reason we have juries. They need to be able to discern from this testimony the truth out of all of these conflicting statements. I feel like they probably will."

Defense attorneys Don Richard and Rick Hamby agreed.

"I have never tried a case like this where there weren't inconsistencies," said Hamby, who represents

Guterrez. "Running around, there's admitted turmoil and chaos going on and everyone is watching out for themselves. There's a lot of activity going on. Not everyone was looking in the right direction at the same time and that's typical of a case like this."

"I would think we'd

have to believe Mark Aguirre when he's talking about his own actions. Manuel may have been looking off somewhere in another direction, and let's not forget Manuel admits he had a little bit to drink."

"When you consider there's a lot of people and a lot of action going on, that's about what you would expect," said Richard, who is representing the Chapa brothers. "In any trial, even without that, you're going to have inconsistencies in statements and witnesses because they have different reasons and different points of view. That's how it went today."

Wilkerson said testimony presented Tuesday may have many spectators wondering about the alleged murder itself.

"At this point in the trial I think it's a fair question to ask where's the murder case and when's it coming," said Wilkerson. "We've been establishing certain

things so far and I feel like it has gone like I anticipated. At the same time that's not to say there aren't problems with both sides of this case. There are for both sides.

"I think the rubber meets the road tomorrow. I think that's when we're going to find out exactly what we have."

Apparently Wilkerson's tactics are no surprise for the defense.

"The district attorney saves his best for last, and that's what we're anticipating," said Richard.

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all roads in and around the approved sanitary landfill site, and the county will trench the area to be filled with solid waste at the approved sanitary landfill site."

"Now let me ask the city manager, has the county built and maintained all of the roads that you know of?"

City Manager Gary Fuqua said the county had not.

"Has the county trenched the area that's filled with solid waste?" asked Jumper.

Again, Fuqua said no. "It appears to me that Mr. Kilgore has not done his homework very well either, and I don't feel

good about saying that," said Jumper. "We have to work something out with them on this."

The council also approved a \$15,000 budget amendment for the landfill that will allow for an aerial survey to be performed at the facility.

Public Works Director Todd Darden said the new survey will serve two purposes.

"The old land surveys can't give you the level of detail the aerial survey can," Darden told the council. "With the land survey, there's up to 150 feet between the grid lines on the map, and a

lot can get lost in between that distance as far as the elevation is concerned. With the aerial survey, we can get it down to inches.

"We'll be able to more accurately map the facility, which will tell us if we're over somewhere or if we have more room somewhere else. It's a lot cheaper to have this survey done than to move trash that goes over the lines."

Several council members expressed concerns that a land survey was conducted just eight months ago at the facility, asking Darden why hadn't spent the extra money then rather than having it done again so soon.

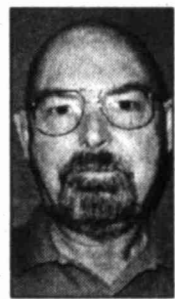
Darden said the option of utilizing the aerial survey was only presented to

the city recently, and because of the quickly depleting space at the facility the need for accuracy is at an all time high.

"This could extend the life of the facility if we locate more space within the boundaries," he said. "It also gives a more accurate idea how soon Section 1 of the facility is going to reach capacity, which is very important as we near the end of that."

The council voted 6 to 1 in favor of the aerial survey, with Councilman Greg Biddison voting in opposition.

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During a three-week period, the 300-plus students raised more than \$14,000 in sales of QSP products from knick-knacks and candles to chocolates and magazines subscription sales.

"These kids really

worked hard," said Bauer Principal Mark Owen. "They really did well."

A percentage of the sales is placed in the school's activity fund and the money will eventually be used for student activities, Owen said.

The show featured turns, jumps and high flying flips along with messages of bike safety and

keeping clear and free of drugs.

Even first grade teacher Jenny Bryans got into the act, volunteering to sit while one of the bicyclist zoomed high over her head.

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Marching District Contest Saturday in Odessa and thus qualify for area competition.

"The pressure's really wanting to qualify for state contest," Rhodes said. "We've done that the last two times and these kids don't want to be the first group not to make it. That's healthy. We try a little harder when it's a

state year."

Also on the line is the band's streak of Sweepstakes awards. For the past five years, the band has earned a Sweepstakes award by earning Division I at district UIL marching contest in the fall and the concert and sight-reading contest in

the spring.

"We have a lot of kids on board this year striving to achieve one goal," Rhodes said. "The chemistry is really good with this band."

The band is under the direction of Rhodes, Assistant Band Director Jeremy Higginbotham and student teacher Farrah Schooler.

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NOTICE TO PATIENTS

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Susan Roberts, D.O., *American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians*
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Internal Medicine
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OUR VIEWS

'Spooktacular!' Shop at home this Halloween

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "Spooktacular Midnight Madness" event on Halloween is fast approaching and it promises to an enjoyable evening for all concerned.

Of course, we believe that any time local and area residents "shop Big Spring," it's a good thing for our economy. That's why we're encouraging local shoppers and businesses to get on board and participate in the event.

The chamber is suggesting that retail merchants be open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on that evening, Friday, Oct. 31.

In fact, chamber personnel suggest business people "have fun with it," and we wholeheartedly agree. Merchants may want to consider decorating for Halloween or for fall. Sales staff might wear costumes and hand out candy or small items to children. Door prizes are always a good draw, and might be discount coupons, good for the upcoming holiday season.

As an incentive, merchants that register by the deadline — it's been extended until Monday — will be eligible for a one-hour radio remote or an hour's use of a spotlight. Those are sure to draw even more customers to your store.

It's all in good fun, of course, but more importantly, it gets shoppers in the store. It's a great time to hold on to a few end-of-summer items that can be discounted, as well as to feature new winter items.

Did we mention participating could help make Halloween a bit safer by offering a fun place for children to do their trick-or-treating?

We hope you, as a merchant, will consider participating in this activity. Ask other merchants near you to participate as well.

And let's not forget that as shoppers, it's important that we purchase locally. Goods and services purchased here at home not only helps the local economy, it helps make sure our merchants will continue to be around for a long, long time.

That's good for all of us. After all, this is our home. It's our collective economy.

And if we can make local business better by having a little fun in the process, that's what we call a win-win situation.

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Autumn in New York, New England, and New Brunswick

When our youngest son graduated from high school we took a trip to New England.

Fabulous. The color was at peak, we had time to poke around and sample the fall season at a leisurely pace. We've been back to New York since then, but didn't return to New England until this October. We traveled there on a floating resort called the Golden Princess. We went aboard after a grueling cab ride that crept through traffic that was taking about 10,000 passengers to and from cruise ships at the dock in New York.

We had an easy time in the Big Apple prior to boarding. We saw the musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie and visited the World Trade Center site. New Yorkers don't refer to it as Ground Zero anymore. We noticed a street leading to the area of the devastation was named Liberty. We hadn't heard about that from any news media.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

We lounged around our hotel Sunday before going to the dock in early afternoon.

This is only our second cruise. The first, really, since that Bahama trip years ago was like a military exercise. We soon learned that lots of people cruise. Some of our fellow passengers had been on 20 or more. We also noted that most of them were retired. But they were active.

Some of the folks who looked to be in the worse shape proved to be going on the most strenuous tours on land: Riding rapids, bicycling up steep hills and taking long walking excursions. I also realized that active older people keep the nation's economy on track. They spend money freely.

As the ship glided out of the harbor at dusk, we found a spot aft and watched the city slowly disappear. The statue of liberty was lit when he passed by it.

We had been scheduled to go to Halifax, but hurricane Juan had done so much damage the ship couldn't dock. So we went to St. John, New Brunswick a day early. It's a quiet place, like most of Canada. It's the first city established in Canada.

We toured Portland, Bar Harbor,

Boston and Newport. We ate lobster, took pictures of light houses and visited historic places.

Newport was new to us and our favorite place on the tour. It's about the size of Big Spring in late fall and winter, but the population swells in the summer. The city is home to some of America's most elaborate castles.

We toured Rosecliff Mansion, the setting for the movie, The Great Gatsby. Newport's favorite topic of conversation is the America's Cup. I guess I saw about a thousand sailboats in the water around the wharf.

The ship had plenty of food, diversions and entertainment. You don't go on a cruise to rest.

There's something going on all the time: Ice carving, wine tasting, bingo, swimming, hot tubs, art auctions, shuffleboard, ping pong, tennis, basketball and chess. The ship is longer than three football fields and is 21 stories high.

Elegant marble stairways grace the three story lobby area called the Grand Plaza. Photographers do a big business and if you're so inclined, the ship has a casino, a library and a wedding chapel. It has more than most towns.



TROJAN DONKEY

Joe Wilson: Playing on center stage

Joseph C. Wilson IV is having the time of his life. The former-diplomat-turned-Bush-administration-accuser spent last week ruminating over

who might play his wife — the now-famous CIA operative Valerie Plame — when Hollywood comes knocking on the couple's door. "She is really quite amazing," Wilson told The Washington Post, which described Plame as a slim, 40-year-old blonde, possessing "the looks of a film star" herself.

Somehow, this doesn't sound like a man worried that the leak of his wife's name and identity as a CIA employee by someone high up in the Bush administration might jeopardize her life. It sounds a lot more like Wilson is reveling in the attention the disclosure of this supposed deep, dark secret has brought his way — and he's looking for more.

There is nothing unusual about anyone in Washington wanting his 15 minutes of fame. But it does call into question whether all the Sturm und Drang generated by the leak of Wilson's wife's name isn't way out of proportion to the offense.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson — actually, Plame is the third Mrs. Wilson — aren't exactly apolitical career bureaucrats toiling in obscurity for years. Wilson, the last American diplomat at the U.S. embassy in Iraq before the first Gulf War, held a press conference

wearing a noose around his neck after Saddam Hussein threatened to execute anyone harboring "foreigners" just before the war began. Joe Wilson clearly likes to strike a pose.

Both Wilson and Plame are also active Democrats. He worked for both Bill Clinton and Al Gore, and donated money — the maximum allowed by law — to Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, as did Plame. They certainly were entitled to do so, though Plame's donation was risky, at best.

All political contributions require the donor to list his or her employer's name, which then becomes a matter of public record accessible instantly on the Internet. Plame listed her "employer's" name, all right. It just happened to be a company that apparently operated as a CIA front, which Plame's political contribution has now exposed to the world.

Wilson has endorsed one of George W. Bush's Democratic opponents, Sen. John Kerry, as well, and his anti-Bush sentiment is deeply ideological. Wilson chose to write his first, stinging criticism of the Bush administration's Iraq policy in the far-left magazine The Nation in March.

"The underlying objective of this war," Wilson wrote, "is the imposition of a Pax Americana on the region and installation of vassal regimes that will control restive populations." He went on to predict: "Nations in the region, having contracted with the United States for their security umbrella, will now listen when Washington tells them to tailor policies and curb anti-Western dissent. Hegemony in the Arab nations of

the Gulf has been achieved," a laughable suggestion, if it weren't so viscerally anti-American.

Wilson apparently believes he will bring down this president. He mused to the Post that his future obituary might read, "Joseph C. Wilson IV, the Bush I administration political appointee who did the most damage to the Bush II administration ..."

Wilson isn't likely to realize his fantasy, despite the Justice Department investigation into the leak of his wife's name. The only thing that could really hurt the administration is an attempted cover-up — and they know it, which is why they are cooperating fully.

Of course, the Democrats will keep the drumbeat going. "I don't think we're going to let this drop," said Rep. Jay Inslee (D-Wash.) to a group of Democrats recently. Wilson told the crowd at the same meeting, "At the end of the day, it's of keen interest to me to see whether or not we can get Karl Rove frog-marched out of the White House in handcuffs."

In the end, the Democrats will fail, and this incident will become a mere footnote in Washington's never-ending catalogue of intrigue and scandals. I guess Joe Wilson will just have to devise some new role to play if he wants to regain center stage.

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Thor

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to look at our existing collection. This week I asked some of the circulation staff members to choose three of their favorite books, books on tape, videos or DVDs. So if you don't like a these, don't blame me.

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Thor's 'Lions of Lucerne' roars with action and intrigue

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On the other side of the world, Scott Harvath is skiing down one of Utah's most popular ski slopes. As head of one of the Secret Service details responsible for protecting the life of the president of the United States and his family, Scott is accompanying the presi-

PAT WILLIAMS

dent's only daughter, Amanda, as they descend the hill after a hard day of skiing.

At the same time, three prominent United States senators meet in a sound-protected room to speak in hushed tones and a code-tinted language as they complete their plans, never specifying their goals, only to clearly state that at the end of their planned operation, the president is to be returned to his office.

While none of these people are aware of the others' activities, their paths soon converge, having terrifying and disastrous effects.

While everyone on the ski slopes is having a good time, the Secret Service is ever vigilant and anxious to have the

BOOK REVIEW
"The Lions of Lucerne." Brad Thor. Simon & Schuster, Inc. New York, New York. November, 2002.

president and his daughter safely back in their vacation home. Scott and Amanda head back, but the president and his detail want to make one final run on a challenging and seldom used slope.

Within minutes everything changes. An unexpected avalanche catches Scott and Amanda; his intensive survival training as a Navy Seal is their salvation. The two manage to escape, but while they are digging out of their snow burial, an unidentified group

executes a horrific scheme in which the president is kidnapped and his entire protective detail is murdered.

Scott is almost immediately painted as a guilty party. To establish his innocence, he pulls together the facts as best he can, but when he takes a government friend into his confidence, he soon finds himself the object of several attacks on his life. Scott's repetitive escapes and his continued investigation are not confined to this country, but extend to Switzerland and Germany. It is in Europe that the various parties make their connections, and with many twists and surprising outcomes.

Brad Thor's first novel is action-packed with sev-

eral rather clever mini-plots within the primary story. He uses an abundance of descriptive information about the locations in which the story takes place. His knowledge about regions and customs is precise and accurate, especially when he meticulously describes Swiss characteristics and lifestyles. Interestingly, Thor adds authenticity to the story setting by inserting authentic Swiss German phrases into conversa-

tions. "The Lions of Lucerne" masterfully blends national politics with international intrigue. The action is so frequent and intense that at times it strains credulity, but the author does a skillful job at keeping reader interest high through to the last page. Don't miss the threatening roars of the "Lions of Lucerne!"

Pat Williams is writing a weekly book review for the Herald.

What's new at the library... with Hollis McCright

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HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

The first book is "The Ben Lilly Legend" (976.4 DOB J) by J. Frank Dobie, a renowned writer of Texas history. Written in 1950, this is the story of a great American hunter — the greatest bear hunter in history after Davy Crockett, by his own account and also by the record. Here are all the stories Ben Lilly told and a great many more Frank Dobie heard about him, put together in a fresh and fascinating contribution to American folklore.

Another fascinating book (which has also been made into a movie) is "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" by Rebecca Wells. The library has both print and book on tape editions. The audio edition that is performed, not read, by the author is the key here. This highly spirited interpretation of the cult classic is, like the book, full of humor and surprises. It captures

with ease the powerful, lifelong friendship between four Southern women, the Ya-Ya's: Vivi, Teensy, Caro and Necie. You will be rewarded with glimpses of true love and loyalty against an often hilarious and poignant backdrop of life in the rural South.

Ann Rule is known for her true crime books. She is a former police-woman, has written 17 books and more than a thousand articles on criminal investigations. "And Never Let Her Go" (364.15 R861) is about love, death and politics in the seemingly sleepy state of Delaware. Anne Marie Fahey is the girlfriend of Tommy Capano, a powerhouse in both the political and social life in Delaware. Anne Marie disappears on June 27, 1996, after having dinner with Capano. Her whereabouts remain a mystery until her body encased in an ice chest washes ashore. What happened? Who murdered Anne Marie?

Barbara Delinsky is a favorite author of many of the library's patrons. Her books all deal with love (sometimes lost) and forgiveness. In "The Vineyard," (both copies are in the Large Print section) Natalie Seebing, owner of Asquonset Vineyards and widow for only six months, sends out invitations of her forthcoming marriage to Carl Burke, manager of the winery. The news stuns both friends and family. Why, they ask, such hurry? Again, her themes of lost love and redemption resound.

A couple more novels for you to check out: "If Only It Were True" by Mark Levy and "Mildred Pierced" by Stuart Kaminsky. In Levy's book, Arthur, an architect in San Francisco, discovers Lauren, who lives in his closet. The only thing is, he is the one person that can see Lauren. This is a heart-warming love story that is hard to forget, and an adventurous tale that is

both breathtaking and hilarious. For something different; do check this out. Stuart Kaminsky writes in a variety of styles. In this particular book, his "detective," Toby Peters, is a down-at-the-heels movietown gumshoe. He is asked by edgy movie star Joan Crawford to keep her name out of a messy murder case by actually solving the murder. This is a little off-beat, but one I think people will enjoy reading.

Something from our DVD collection is "The Four Feathers." The book is by A.E.W. Mason and

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Big Spring firefighters Carry Miles, left, Arnold Carrasco and Arnold Solis help plant a memory garden in front of the Victim Services building in recognition of October designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

70th wedding anniversary

A 70th wedding anniversary reception has been scheduled for Robert A. and Mamie Lee Merrick for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive in Comanche Trail Park.



The Merrick's children — Jimmy, Jerry, Joyce, Johnny, JoNell, Jake, Jackie and Julie — will be hosting the reception for their parents. The presence of friends and family are the only gifts the Merricks desire.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



Full-service is still served up with a smile

If you thought full-service gas stations had gone the way of the dinosaur, think again. In this age of doing-it-yourself, full-service stations fill a void, offering more than gasoline. Plus, taco soup and sloppy joes.



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it is a tale of adventure in South Africa. In the movie, Heath Ledger stars as Harry Faversham, a British soldier who inexplicably resigns his commission. Harry is branded a coward by his family, friends, fiancée and his best friend. Heartbroken and abandoned, Harry seeks to redeem himself by saving the lives of his regiment (which has been attacked by Sudanese rebels).

Two more: The first is the story of the drug RU-486. In "Misconception," by Robert Shapiro and Walt Becker, not only the life of small town doctor Daniel Wyatt is on trial but also the forces of pro-

life and pro-choice. While this is fiction, it could also be a true case. The second is a book of photos that explores nature's strange behavior. "Weird Nature: An Astonishing Exploration of Nature's Strangest Behavior," (591.51 DOW J) is a collection of text and photos of nature at her strangest.

Don't forget the TexShare databases at Howard County Library. These are authoritative, full-text articles from verifiable, subscription-only sources. Every search yields results you won't see anywhere else. In order to access these databases, one must go to <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/cgi-bin/texshare/authenticate.pl>. This gets you directly to the login site. However, to access the

databases, you must first call the library to obtain the login and password.

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History, not Parcells, says Cowboys are playoff team

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Big Bill won't say the P-word yet. Come on, coach. It's only two syllables and it means so much. "I guess that's the term down here. I never use that word," Parcells said. "I have another word for it." OK, we'll take that one. "Well, I'll let you know when it's appropriate, if it ever is," he said. Parcells won't say it. But history does. The Dallas Cowboys are headed to the playoffs.

Dallas has started 4-1 or better 18 other times. The Cowboys missed the playoffs only once after such a start, in 1984 when they finished with a 9-7 mark good enough only for fourth place in the once-brutal NFC East. And the odds are even better if the Cowboys win Sunday at Detroit (1-4). Dallas is 15-for-15 playing in the postseason after starting 5-1 or better, including the Super Bowl championships during the 1992 and 1995 seasons. But let's stick to the P-word. Dallas hasn't won a playoff

game since 1996. The Cowboys lost in the NFC wild card game their last two postseason appearances, in 1998 and 1999. That's why Cowboys owner Jerry Jones hired Parcells, who won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants, took the New England Patriots to the big game and got the New York Jets to the AFC championship. In each of his previous jobs, Parcells took teams from losing records to the playoffs in just two seasons. Parcells is on a faster pace in Dallas. But even Jones, who just two years ago was predict-

ing a 10-win season, is not ready to say the P-word yet. With a win Sunday, the Cowboys would match their win total of each of the past three seasons. They already have a 1 1/2-game lead in the NFC East and a 2-0 record against division foes following a 23-21 win Sunday over Philadelphia that broke a six-game losing streak to the Eagles. "We're excited about winning, but none of us are saying playoffs yet," said receiver Joey Galloway.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
The Cowboys' 4-1 start has some fans dreaming of a playoff run — something that hasn't happened since the days of Michael Irvin.

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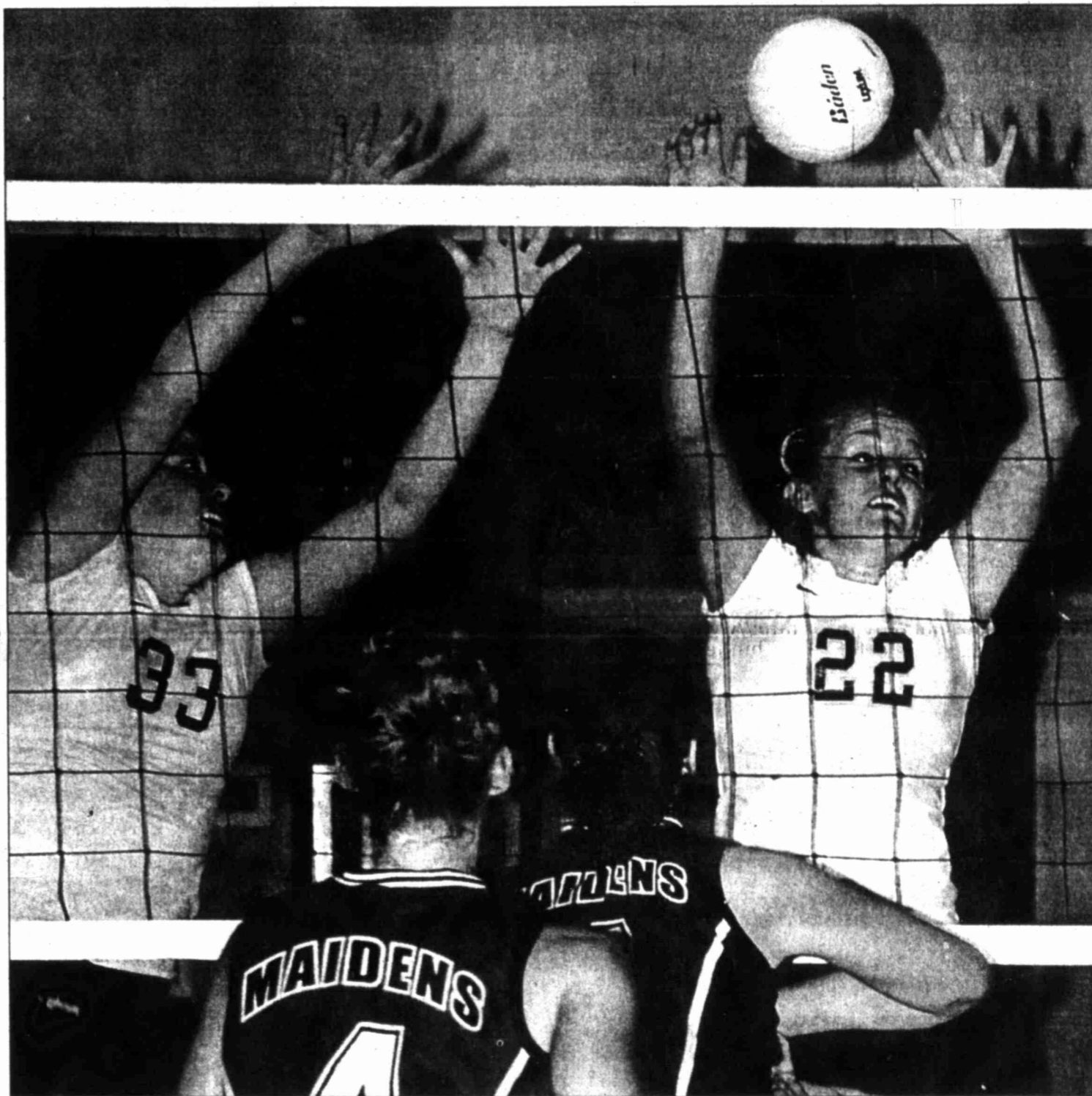
Lady Steers clinch playoff spot

BS reaches playoffs with rout of Loboettes

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

It may have been a match between two teams headed in entirely two different directions, but that doesn't mean the Big Spring Lady Steers had plenty of motivation not to feel sorry for the Levelland Loboettes. Pity is something that can't be spared when a state high school playoff berth is on the line. "Our goal is to be 10-0 (in district)," said Big Spring head coach Revis Daggett. "We've clinched a spot in the playoffs and that's great but it isn't what we're aiming for." "We've been talking all along about staying focused and playing hard and they're doing a good job of that." While Daggett isn't about to let the Lady Steers put the cart in front of the horse, she wasn't about to let her players miss out on celebrating its first back-to-back playoff trip in more than 25 years. Following the Lady Steers' decisive 25-10, 25-11, 25-8 romp over Levelland. Following the win, she hugged her players and offered her praise. "They did it (clinch) in fashion," she said. "Now we just have to worry about getting better and

better." With the win, the Lady Steers improved to 24-8 on the year and, more importantly, to 7-0 in District 4-4A action. Big Spring heads into the final two weeks of the regular season holding a two-game lead in the loop standings. Amazingly enough, they posted the win without the services of Leina Braxton, who sat out much of the match with a twisted ankle. Braxton — who has broken more athletic hearts in her career than Casanova ever dreamed of — twisted her ankle early in Game 1 and sat out. "She's fine," said Daggett. "She just tweaked it a little. We checked it out and taped her up for a little support. I just didn't think it was worth putting her back in out there." The Loboettes probably wished they could have joined Braxton on the sideline. Ka'Rissa Magers, LaKenya Wrightsil and Lindsay Phillips picked the Loboette defense apart in Game 1. The three BSHS seniors sparked the Lady Steers to a huge lead early and never allowed them to look back. Big Spring took the opening game by a 25-11



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring seniors Leina Braxton (left) and Lindsay Phillips block a shot at the net during their recent matchup with Lake View. Big Spring secured its second straight playoff berth Tuesday night with a dominating sweep of the Levelland Loboettes. The Lady Steers improved to 24-8 for the year and to 7-0 in District 4-4A play.

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Texas grants free agency to outfielders

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Rangers granted free agency Tuesday to outfielders Shane Spencer and Marcus Thames. Spencer, acquired from Cleveland in July, batted .227 with four homers and 23 RBIs in 55 games with Texas. Thames hit .205 with one homer and four RBIs in 30 games after being recalled from Oklahoma on July 16. Texas now has 31 players on its major league roster, which does not include seven players on the 60-day disabled list. The Rangers, who had one of the highest payrolls in the majors a year ago, have already announced their intentions not to re-sign two-time American League MVP Juan Gonzalez. Also Tuesday, Texas said that Oklahoma RedHawks manager Bobby Jones and his entire staff will return to Texas' Triple-A Pacific Coast League affiliate in 2004.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade A team coach Amanda Covarrubias talks with her players during a break in the action. The BSJHS seventh graders swept both of their games against Colorado City Monday night.

Junior high spikers pound out three wins from Colorado City

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers turned a little ride to Colorado City into a big ordeal Monday night. The Lady Steers won three of their four matches with the Lady Wolves. The seventh grade A team defeated Colorado City by a 23-25, 25-13, 25-22 margin. Shelbi Stewart led the BSJHS effort with 14 points. Whitney

Wortham and Ariel Johnson added three apiece, while Ashley Castillo played well at the net. The seventh grade B team pounded out a 25-16, 25-14 win. Crystal Torres led all Lady Steers scorers with 10 points. Brianna Rodriguez added six, while Mallory Molina and Mariah Duenez had five and four, respectively. The BSJHS eight grade B team defeated Colorado City by a 25-14, 26-24 clip.

Amber Sime led the win with six points. Holly Bancroft added five while teammates Bree Feaster and Halo Torres netted four. Despite five points from Jordan Chesworth and four from Amanda Caskey, the Lady Steers eighth grade A team lost their match, falling 25-18, 27-25. Danielle Jeter and Lauren Bryant had three points apiece in the setback.

Marlins rally to force Game 7 with Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Moises Alou, Alex Gonzalez and the Chicago Cubs had it right in their hands — the ball, the game and a trip to the World Series. And then it all slipped away, and left the Wrigley Field crowd blaming one of its own. In a startling eighth-inning turnaround, the Florida Marlins took advantage of Alou's run-in with a fan on a fly ball and an error by Gonzalez to score eight runs for an 8-3 victory Tuesday night, sending the NL champi-

onship series to a Game 7. "Hopefully, he won't have to regret it for the rest of his life," Alou said of the fan. Mark Prior, Sammy Sosa and the Cubs cruised into the eighth with a 3-0 lead, set to end their 58-year absence from the World Series. At that point, it was almost as if the baseball gods woke up and realized these were the Cubs. What followed was a sudden collapse that would rival anything in the Cubs' puzzling,

painful past — and the emergence of baseball's most infamous fan since Jeffrey Maier. A 26-year-old wearing a Cubs hat prevented Alou from catching Luis Castillo's ball down the left-field line. Given the last-gasp chance, the Marlins broke loose. That's when security decided to escort the fan out. He threw a jacket over his face for protection, but not before other fans hurled beers at him. "You cost us the World Series!" one fan yelled.

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It never got any better for the Loboettes. Big Spring stormed to a 24-10 lead in Game 2 before sophomore Carmen Lewis took a set from Kendall Adams and drilled a shot to the floor for the game-winning point. Magers served up the deciding point. Leading 2-0, Big Spring

dispelled the notion they would back off quickly in the final game. Led by the serve of Kendall Adams, the Lady Steers reeled off six straight points to start the frame. That was as close as Levelland would get. Magers almost single-handedly eliminated the Loboettes from the playoffs from there. She led a 6-0 spree by serving up four aces on the Lady Steers' second service opportunity of the game.

Parcells said. "History doesn't mean anything in football," Parcells said. Parcells only wants his team to live up to its potential as he perceives it to be, though he's not really saying what that is. He's certainly not worried about other people's perceptions, though he knows what they are because of the excitement the 4-1 start has generated. From the coach fond of horse racing: "Big deal, the finish counts." This team isn't even to the halfway post. "We're going to have to keep stringing these wins together so we can get into November. That is what we have to do," Parcells said. "If you get on that seesaw, then you usually wind up having to hope somebody else does something. Right now, if we could string some more wins together, that would allow other teams to hope we do something. That is the position we want to be in." So the goal is the playoffs, even if Parcells won't say the word.

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"We've been able to get over that hump, and we're winning earlier than in the last four of five years," said running back Troy Hambrick. "Good things are happening. We're headed in the right direction. But it's too early to tell if we've turned the corner."

They must have looked the rest of the schedule. It gets much tougher.

The Cowboys haven't beaten a team with a winning record. Their five opponents so far have a combined record of 7-20 (.259 winning percentage), and Atlanta hasn't won again since beating Dallas in the season opener.

Next after Detroit, which had a bye week and extra time to prepare for a Cowboys team they've beaten the last two years, is a game at defending Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay. The game against the Buccaneers is the first of six against non-division teams that have a combined 21-12 record (.636 winning percentage). But history doesn't lie.

It just repeats itself, right?

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DISTRICT 4-4A STANDINGS

Table with 3 columns: Team, District, Overall. Rows include x-Big Spring, Lake View, Andrews, Estacado, Frenship, Levelland.

Lewis, who came off the bench to replace Braxton, ran the Lady Steers' lead to 17-2 moments later and set the stage for Timmi Blackshear and Shannon Higgins to all but slam the door shut. Blackshear, a back row defensive specialist, zapped any positive feelings Levelland may have been stashing away late in the contest. With Big Spring up 18-3, the BSHS senior checked into the game — on the front line and immediately delivered a two-hand lob that broke the Loboettes' serve — and gave Big Spring a commanding 14-point lead.

Higgins, a junior hitter, ballooned the BSHS advantage to 15 seconds later with an offensive skill to the middle of the court. Levelland, which managed to score back-to-back points just once in the final game, pulled to within 19-6 before Adams served up the final five points — the final coming on a kill by Lewis. The win over Levelland means the Lady Steers will open the state playoffs in two weeks against one of the top three teams from the El Paso-area District 3-3A. Big Spring will try and run its season record to 8-0 this weekend when they face Frenship.

SCOREBOARD

MLB PLAYOFFS

American League Divisional Playoffs
Minnesota 3, New York 1
New York 3, Minnesota 1
New York 8, Minnesota 1
New York wins series

National League Divisional Playoffs
Florida 3, San Francisco 1
San Francisco 2, Florida 0
Florida 9, San Francisco 5
Florida 4, San Francisco 3, 11 innings
Florida 7, San Francisco 6
Florida wins series

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League
Boston 5, New York 2
New York 6, Boston 2
New York 4, Boston 3
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The Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index assigns a power rating to PGA Tour and LPGA players. It is based on golfers' records, each player's strength of schedule and performance against other players.

PGA
(Through Oct. 12)

1. Tiger Woods	66.95
2. Vijay Singh	67.51
3. Ernie Els	67.62
4. Mike Weir	67.86
5. Jim Furyk	67.96
6. Davis Love III	68.25
7. Kenny Perry	68.57
8. Fred Couples	68.80
9. Nick Price	68.80
10. Retief Goosen	68.85
11. Chad Campbell	68.90
12. Chris DiMarco	68.92
13. Darren Clarke	68.95
14. Robert Allenby	68.96
15. Charles Howell III	68.97
16. David Toms	69.02
17. Phil Mickelson	69.06
18. Scott Verplank	69.13
19. Kirk Triplett	69.13
20. Rocco Mediate	69.27
21. Bob Estes	69.37
22. Mark Calcavecchia	69.40
23. Jay Haas	69.42
24. Stewart Cink	69.42
25. Loren Roberts	69.48
26. Tim Herron	69.50
27. Justin Leonard	69.50
28. Padraig Harrington	69.52
29. Zach Johnson	69.52
30. Jerry Kelly	69.55
31. K.J. Choi	69.56
32. Peter Lonard	69.58
33. Hidemichi Tanaka	69.65
34. Fred Funk	69.69
35. Stuart Appleby	69.72
36. Brad Faxon	69.73
37. Kevin Sutherland	69.74
38. Robert Gomez	69.75
39. John Huston	69.78
40. Dan Forsman	69.79

LPGA

1. Annika Sorenstam	67.98
2. Se Ri Pak	68.95
3. Grace Park	69.32
4. Rosie Jones	69.37
5. Juli Inkster	69.62
6. Hee-Won Han	69.64
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18. Mi-Hyun Kim	70.34
19. Suzann Pettersen	70.52
20. Heather Bowie	70.69
21. Jennifer Rosales	70.81
22. Pat Hurst	70.85
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39. Ji-Hee Lee	71.47
40. Kelli Kuehne	71.51

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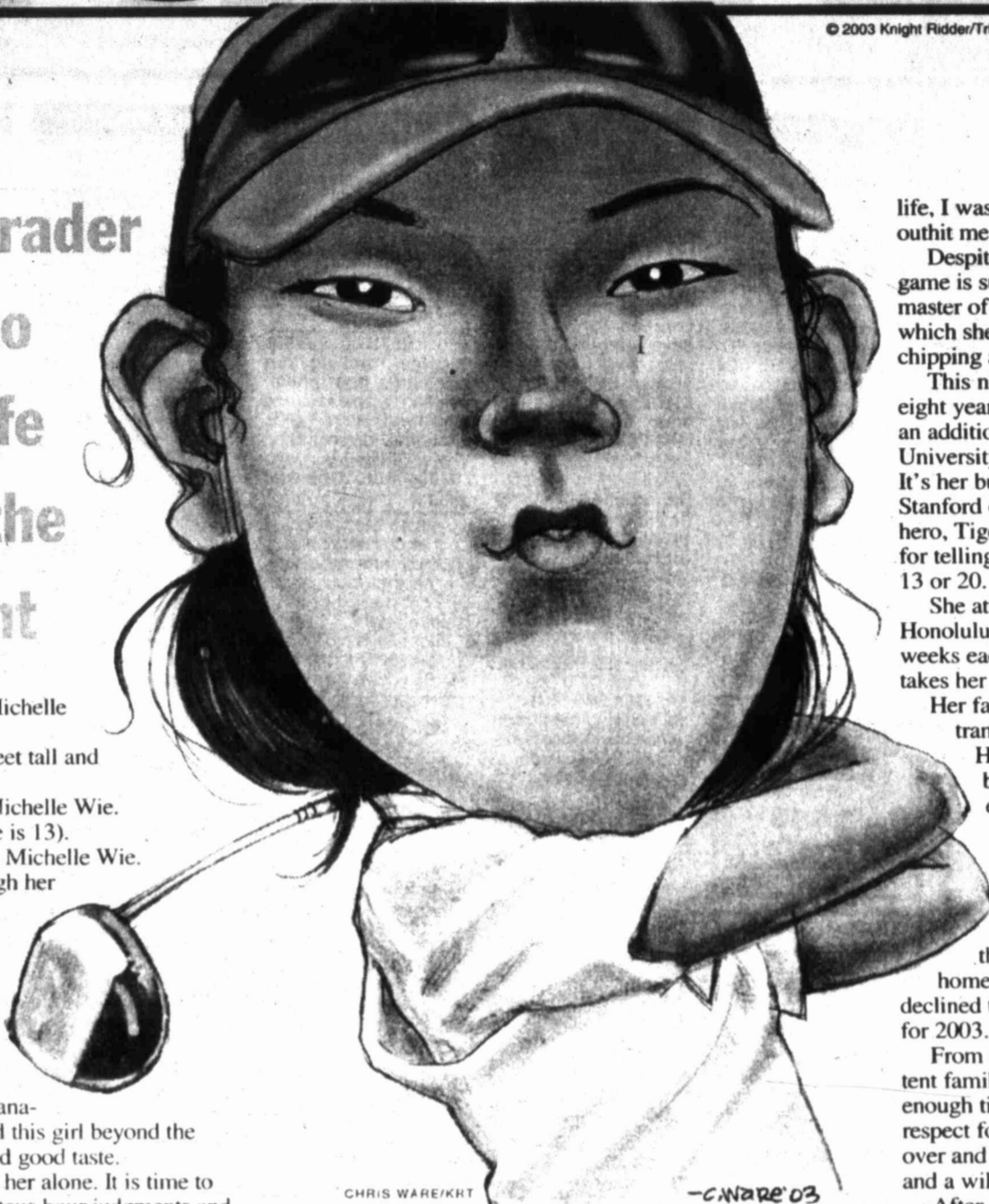
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PGA Tour: Chrysler Classic of Greensboro
● Thursday and Friday, 4 to 6 p.m., USA
● Saturday, 3 to 6 p.m., USA
● Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m., ABC

Champions Tour: SBC Championship
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Ninth-grader needs to enjoy life out of the spotlight

I am taller than Michelle Wie.
Barely (she is 6 feet tall and growing).
I am older than Michelle Wie.
Considerably (she is 13).
I am smarter than Michelle Wie.
Arguably (although her subjects are biology, English, geometry, Japanese and social studies, while mine are checkbook balancing and debt management).
There is a message here: We have analyzed and scrutinized this girl beyond the point of propriety and good taste.
It is time to leave her alone. It is time to abandon all our amateur-hour judgments and assessments. We should allow her to live and play on her terms, not ours.
Wie-wagging and Wie-bashing have become fashionable at LPGA sites. Here's what people are saying: She should be in school, not gallivanting around the country on her personalized golf tour; she should be a teenager first and a golfer second; she should attempt to dominate junior events before embarking on a schedule full of professional events; she and her parents should master the subtleties of big-time golf before jumping headfirst into this arena.
To all detractors, I have an emphatic response: Go soak your head in a water hazard.
This girl is different, and to impose our standards on her might be to inhibit the God-given athletic talent and curiosity that make her so unique in golf. She is a prodigy. She is a wonder child. She is the same as a brilliant 13-year-old who is enrolled in college, only she is enrolled in golf. Are we qualified to demand that a gifted youth throttle back her adolescent dreams?
I played Sept. 24 with Wie and Meg Mallon in the pro-am before the Safeway Classic, and I can tell you this: I hit the ball as far as Mallon, but, on the best drive of my



LEAVE WIE ALONE



JAMES ACHENBACH
Golfweek

life, I was 19 yards behind Wie. Once, she outhit me by 41 yards.
Despite her prodigious length, her iron game is superior to her wood game. She is a master of full wedge shots. The areas in which she needs improvement: pitching, chipping and putting.
This ninth-grader may not turn pro for eight years — four years of high school and an additional four years at Stanford University, her intended college destination. It's her business whether she graduates from Stanford or leaves after two years like her hero, Tiger Woods. We have no justification for telling this girl how to conduct her life at 13 or 20.
She attends a private high school in Honolulu, where she is allowed to miss three weeks each semester because of golf. She takes her homework on the road.
Her father, B.J. Wie, is a professor of transportation at the University of Hawaii. He is on a paid one-year sabbatical, giving him extra time to travel with his wife, Bo, a Honolulu real estate agent, and Michelle, their only child.
When asked about the family's travel expenses, estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for this year, B.J. Wie said, "When I get home, I have a lot of bills to pay." He declined to outline specific golf expenditures for 2003.
From all appearances, this is a close, content family. In the past year, I have spent enough time with them to develop a deep respect for the values I have seen repeated over and over — perseverance, forthrightness and a willingness to admit mistakes.
After caddying for his daughter and enduring an unpleasant confrontation initiated by Danielle Ammaccapane at the U.S. Women's Open this summer in Portland, Ore., B.J. Wie wasn't on the bag at the Safeway Classic. That job went to Greg Johnston, Juli Inkster's regular caddie.
In an age when some parents ship their whiz-bang children to a golf school and don't see them again for several months, the Wies are doing it the opposite way. They are the family that is always together.
At 13, Michelle has played in six LPGA events in 2003 and made the cut in five. She finished in the top 10 at a major, the Kraft Nabisco Championship.
Enough said. She is different. Golfwise, she is far more advanced than Tiger Woods at the same age.
My advice to armchair philosophers who seek to define this extraordinary young golfer: Leave her alone.
Let her learn her own lessons. Let her mature at her own pace. Allow her to make her own decisions. We might even agree with some of them.
When I asked if she would play a similar fall schedule next year, she didn't miss a beat.
"No way," she said. "I just want to be in school."

Conference plans to stir students' interest in golf

Creating a national grow-the-game marketing campaign and the launch of a school-based introductory golf program are among the key initiatives on the agenda for this year's Golf 20/20 conference.
The event's fourth rendition — set Oct. 19 to 21 at the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, Fla. — continues the gathering of industry leaders, who have convened annually since 2000 to chart a course to boost participation and increase the game's fan base.
Golf 20/20 executives say they are trying to address the game's participation stagnation with short- and long-term strategies. On the latter front, they're holding much hope for the new school-based initiative, which debuted at the start of the 2003-04 academic year.
In its test phase, the program will introduce youngsters to golf in their physical education classes. More than 150 elementary schools in eight metro regions have incorporated the golf curriculum, which is expected to reach 60,000 to 70,000 students in its pilot year. The initiative also will provide students and their parents with information about junior golf programs in their neighborhoods.
"We're trying to create lifelong interest in the game, and we're trying to transition them into traditional programs," says Ruffin Beckwith, executive director of Golf 20/20. "That's one of the ways we'll measure its success.
If local junior programs get an influx, then we'll know we're having the kind of impact that we want."
To help provide quicker relief for an industry in immediate need of more players and more rounds, 20/20 conferences also will begin planning a major marketing campaign — scheduled to debut next spring. Beckwith says the goal is to create "a national brand" that will broadly promote the many grow-the-game programs under Golf 20/20's "umbrella."
— Gene Yasuda

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SORRY, THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED ...

The Man Out Front was reminded what a cruel, cruel game it can be sometimes, observing firsthand the plight and subsequent despair of mini-tour golfer **Damian Hale**.
Hale, a 26-year-old from Trinidad, was in position for his biggest check of the year at the Golden Bear Tour Championship Oct. 3 before an unfortunate bit of negligence cost him everything.
Having earned only \$17,895 in 2003, barely covering expenses, Hale was coming off a tournament-low 65 in the third round at The Bear's Club in Jupiter, Fla., and in contention to make a run. But as he stood on the seventh tee during the final round, his cell phone rang from inside his golf bag — and suddenly he was disconnected from the tournament, immediately dis-

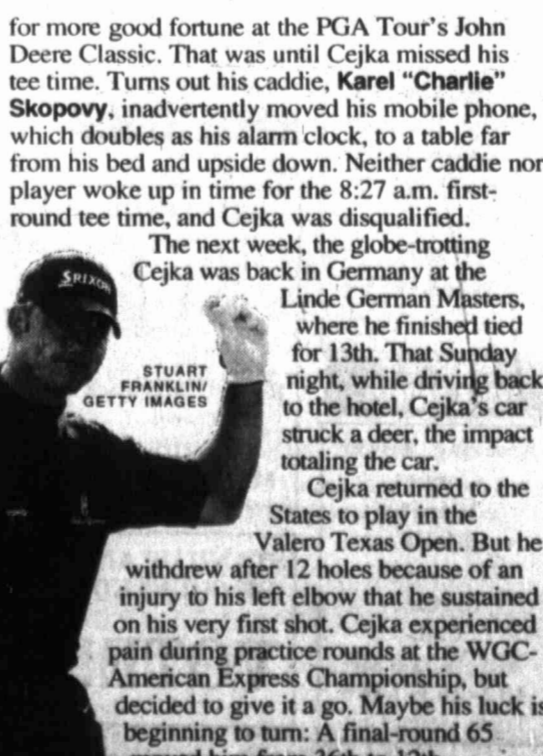
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qualified by a nearby rules official. Hale had violated a Golden (Bear) rule, one that prohibits "use of cell phones during a competitive round."
A 15-minute argument ensued, with an emotional Hale and his mother, Tessa Watkins, pleading with rules official Bob Korbel that the phone wasn't actually "in use." The tour stood firm, however, and Hale and his entourage walked off the course.
"You've got to assume that phone might have gone off during a player's backswing," said tour director Rick Whitfield. "We go over specifics of the rules in our player meetings, and whether you have it in your hand or your bag, if it's on, it's a violation. If we don't stand firm with the rules, it deteriorates the credibility of the tour."
OH, DEER: ROUGH STRETCH FOR CEJKA
It's been a strange few weeks for Germany's **Alex Cejka** (right). After finishing fourth at the PGA and second at the European Tour's BMW International Open, Cejka was looking

for more good fortune at the PGA Tour's John Deere Classic. That was until Cejka missed his tee time. Turns out his caddie, **Karel "Charlie" Skopovy**, inadvertently moved his mobile phone, which doubles as his alarm clock, to a table far from his bed and upside down. Neither caddie nor player woke up in time for the 8:27 a.m. first-round tee time, and Cejka was disqualified.
The next week, the globe-trotting Cejka was back in Germany at the Linde German Masters, where he finished tied for 13th. That Sunday night, while driving back to the hotel, Cejka's car struck a deer, the impact totaling the car.
Cejka returned to the States to play in the Valero Texas Open. But he withdrew after 12 holes because of an injury to his left elbow that he sustained on his very first shot. Cejka experienced pain during practice rounds at the WGC-American Express Championship, but decided to give it a go. Maybe his luck is beginning to turn: A final-round 65 moved him from 36th to 12th.

And Monday he could sleep in.

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The Gemini moon is a pleasant influence, mixing up social vibes. It's obvious that whatever gets done will happen through personal relationships, so we concentrate on helping friends. Bring your sense of humor to all the day's happenings. What you would have thought was inappropriate a few days ago will absolutely win people over today.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be able to handle everything else more gracefully when your love life is settled. Couples: Getting the acceptance you need from your partner is tricky. Singles: Your next love will be someone bigger than life.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In order for you to do your job right, other people have to do theirs right first. Don't back down once you've stated your request. Money tip: Get in touch with everyone who has tried to reach you.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Adventure calls, and you're brave enough to answer. Once financial matters are settled, there's nothing stopping you from exploring unknown territory. Those looking for a kindred soul find one. Capricorn and Virgo are favored.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Solve the problem standing between you and the money you deserve. Your body speaks your mind, letting everyone around you know how you really feel about a situation. Know what you are projecting.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The impulse is to do what your parents did before you, which was perfect for them, not for you. Love is growing, and some of you will be discussing marriage in a roundabout way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The unexpected is featured. It's impossible to have normalcy under the circumstances. Sometimes, normalcy shouldn't be had. The shake-up produces alternative ways of thinking. Communication lines are open tonight.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Messages are everywhere. Watch and listen - then, they won't have to bonk you over the head. Be careful not to fall in love with someone for his or her potential, or take a job because of what it could become.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make sure friends know that you appreciate them for their individual strengths. Nobody is better than anybody else, just different. Tonight, you're the boss. Don't give away that title.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone else's victory is a sign that yours is soon to follow. The romance department shines with prospects you're excited about for a change. An e-mail flirtation gets your fantasies world reeling, which is great for creativity.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When the responsibility lies squarely on your shoulders, you don't stand around waiting for someone else to take it from you. You head up the mountain. Spur your associates and friends on with encouraging words.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Listening to different points of view has value beyond the current situation. Someone new may join you for lunch. Reaching out earns you personality points. Someone sexy is watching when you don't know it.

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COOP GIN OF Big Spring is now accepting applications for Module Truck Driver. Must have CDL license. And for Scale Clerk. For more information, call 432-263-2261
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF NATIONAL BANK CONSOLIDATION
Notice is hereby given that application has been made on or about September 30, 2003, to the Comptroller of the Currency, Southwestern District, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-3342, for consent to consolidate First National Bank, O'Donnell, Texas with and into The State National Bank of Big Spring, Big Spring, Texas.
It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate upon consummation of the consolidation.
This notice is being published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. This notice will appear three times at approximately two-week intervals over a 30-day period beginning October 1, 2003, and ending October 31, 2003.
Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Licensing Manager, Southwestern District Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-3342. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the licensing manager.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK O'DONNELL, TEXAS
THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS
#4004 OCTOBER 15 & 29, 2003
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING.
JUVENILE DEPARTMENT IN RE THE MATTER DEPENDENCY OF: Jesse L. Modougal do b 7-29-93
NO: 03-7-00151-0 knr Chelsea Alicia Sandra Modougal do b 10-18-97
NO: 03-7-00152-0 knr
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: Jamie Bastres Argumendo, Alleged Father and/or anyone claiming parental/paternal rights or interest in the child(ren) and to All Whom It May Concern:
You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of June, 2003, a petition for Dependency was filed in the above entitled Court, pursuant to RCW 13.34.080 and/or RCW 26.33.310 regarding: Jesse L. Modougal, a minor, born July 29, 1993; Chelsea Alicia Sandra Modougal, a minor, born October 18, 1997; whose parents are Sandra D. Baucham and Jaime B. Argumendo aka Jaime Argumendo-Bates.
(FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 206-720-3293, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.)
Said petition will be heard on the 8th day of November, 2003, at the hour of 8:15 a.m., at King County Superior Court, Juvenile Department, Regional Justice Center, 401 4th Ave. N. Kent, WA, before a judge of the above entitled court at which time you are directed to appear and answer the said petition or the petition will be granted and action will be taken by the court such as shall appear to be for the welfare of the said children.
Dated September 25, 2003.
BARBARA A. WINNER
KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK
BY: ssn, Deputy Clerk
#4008 October 1, 8, 15, 2003

Factory Authorized Clearance Sale
All 03's Must Go!!

03 Windstar (1 Left)
\$5000 Rebate
or
0% apr - 72 Mos.

03 Explorer (4 Left)
\$4000 Rebate
or
0% apr - 72 Mos.

03 Excursion 6.0L Diesel (1 Left)
\$3500 Rebate
or
1.9% apr - 60 Mos.

03 Expedition
\$4000 Rebate
or
0% apr - 60 Mos.

See Sales Team About Additional Dealer Discounts
And Up To \$1,000 FMCC Bonus Cash Available For Most 03's

03 Mustang Coupes & GTs (3 Left)
\$3000 Rebate
or
0% apr - 60 Mos.

03 Taurus (4 Left)
\$3000 Rebate
or
0% apr - 72 Mos.

03 F150 Supercabs
\$3000 Rebate
or
0% apr - 60 Mos.

Several 03 Nissans Still In Stock
Rebates up to: **\$2500⁰⁰**
APRS As Low As: 0.9% APR

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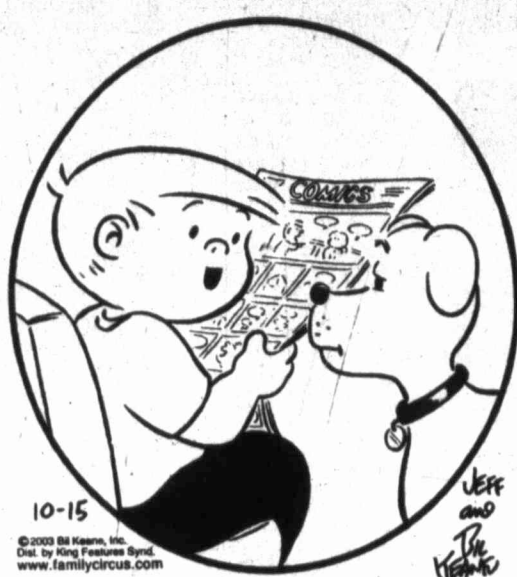
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6	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	El Manantial	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Canicitaria	News Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Friends (CC)	Sam Peak John Hayes	News-Lahrer	Now See This (CC)		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET.com	Sister, Sister Lizzie McGuire	NFL Live	Season	Law & Order: Special Victims	15 Movie: Novocaine
7	My Wife-Kids It's All Relative	My Wife-Kids It's All Relative	Vevo de Nova	MLB Baseball: National	60 Minutes II (CC)	Amor Descarado	Ed (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Update/Israel Jesse Lee Pe.	Churchill (CC)	Crop Circles: Mysteries	Movie: Stalg 17	Movie: Sweet November	Parkers (CC) Parkers (CC)	Movie: A Simple Wish	Karate: ISKA	2003 World Series of Poker	Movie: Scarface	
8	Bachelor (CC)	Bachelor (CC)	Nina... Amada Mia	League Championship	King Becker (CC)	Rumbo al Mundial	West Wing (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Light of the Southwest		Unsolved History		(CC)	Hey Monie How I'm Living	Comicview	Sister, Sister Boy World	2003 World Series of Poker	Movie: Hardball	
9	Karen Sisco (CC)	Karen Sisco (CC)	Don Francisco Presenta	Series Gama 7 - Teams TBA	Brotherhood of Poland, N.H.		Law & Order (CC)	Movie: Blade (CC) (DVS)			Joseph-Coat	25 Movie:	Movie: Sweet November	Comicview	Sister, Sister Boy World	2003 World Series of Poker			
10	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Hour of Healing		News-Lahrer	Crop Circles: Mysteries	The Shootist	November (CC)	Nightly News How I'm Living	Kim Possible Proud Family	NHL 2Night Stanley Cup	SportsCenter	Movie: Opposing	
11	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) Late Late	Al Right Yo	(CC) Late Night	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Rev. J. Hanson Joseph Good	Sign Off	Unsolved History	20 Movie:	Midnight Love	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	NFL Live NFL Films	Outside-Lines Baseball	Law & Order: Special Victims	Force 45 Movie:	
12	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Carla	Blind Date	Blind Date	Street Smarts	Maria Celeste (CC) Frasier (CC)	Movie: The TimeShifters	Update/Israel Joe McGee		Joseph-Coat	Stalg 17	X-Files (CC)	Comicview	Boy World Recess (CC)	NFL's Greatest	SportsCenter	Nash Bridges (CC)	Bulvar (CC)

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Too bad you're not in the comics, Barfy. You'd be able to talk to me."

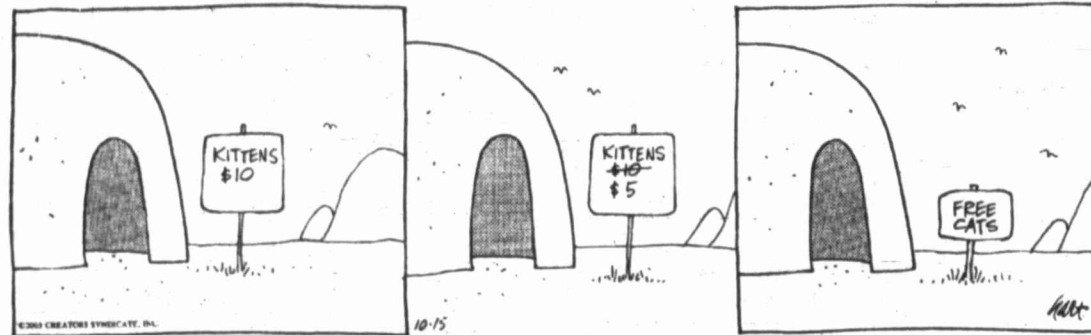
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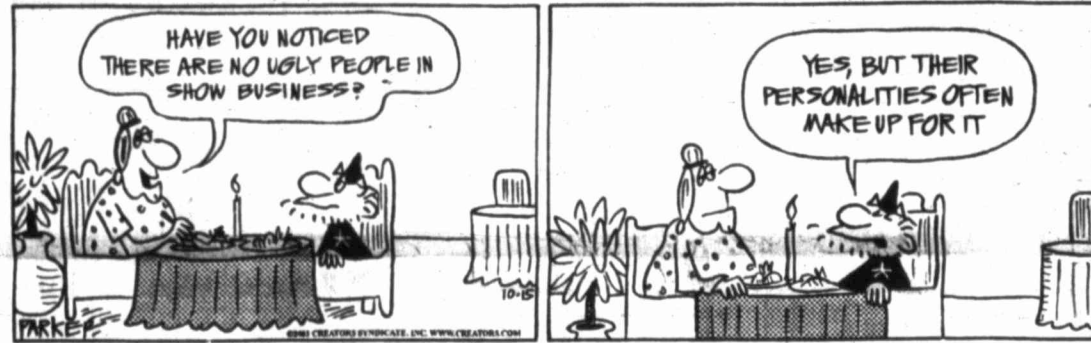
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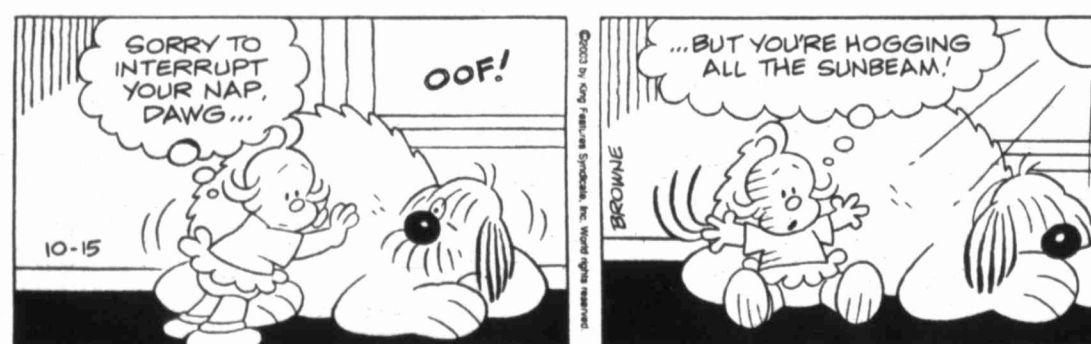
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 2003. There are 77 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 15, 1917, Mata Hari, a Dutch dancer who had spied for the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside Paris.

On this date:

In 1914, the Clayton Antitrust Act was passed.

In 1928, the German dirigible "Graf Zeppelin" landed in Lakehurst, N.J., completing its first commercial flight across the Atlantic.

In 1937, the Ernest Hemingway novel "To Have and Have Not" was first published.

In 1945, the former premier of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering poisoned himself hours before he was

to have been executed.

In 1966, President Johnson signed a bill creating the Department of Transportation.

In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country, including a candlelight march around the White House, as part of a moratorium against the Vietnam War.

In 1976, in the first debate of its kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1990, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was named the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, 52-48.

Ten years ago: President Clinton sent six warships to the waters off Haiti to enforce trade sanctions in the face of defiant Haitian military rulers. Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their

efforts to end apartheid.

Today's Birthdays: Economist John Kenneth Galbraith is 95. Historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. is 86. Actress Jan Miner ("Madge the Manicurist") is 86. Singer Barry McGuire is 68. Actress Linda Lavin is 66. Actress-director Penny Marshall is 61. Rock musician Don Stevenson (Moby Grape) is 61. Musician Richard Carpenter is 57. Actor Victor Banerjee is 57. Tennis player Roscoe Tanner is 52. Singer Tito Jackson is 50. Actor Jere Burns is 49. Actress Tanya Roberts is 48. Britain's Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, is 44. Chef Emeril Lagasse is 44. Singer Eric Benet is 33.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword BY THE NUMBERS by Robert H. Wolfe

Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 57 One with regrets | 10 Certain tournament | 34 Sage |
| 1 Milky gem | 58 Tommie of baseball | 11 Narrow path | 36 Like birthdays |
| 5 Bruce Willis ex religion | 59 Smart-mouthed | 12 Part of M.A. | 37 Commotion |
| 9 Mideast | 60 Part of REO | 13 Ship's pole | 42 Hot and humid |
| 14 Small combo | 61 Tool storage area | 18 Small wildcat | 43 Willow trees |
| 15 Sign | | 19 Window covers | 44 Central parts |
| 16 Stiller's partner | | 23 Small role | 45 Carrying a weapon |
| 17 Mount Sinai delivery | | 24 Up and about | 46 Depots: Abbr. |
| 20 Glasses expert | DOWN | 25 Very recently | 47 Pet (growing gift) |
| 21 Least polite | 1 Director | 26 Honking fliers | 48 Basketball net holders |
| 22 CPO's superior | 2 Get set, for short | 27 Italian mount | 49 Music genre |
| 23 Soda holders | 3 Misbehavin' | 28 Pumpkin or melon | 50 Exclamations of triumph |
| 24 Boxing trainer Dundee | 4 Scenes of action | 29 Stretch of shallow water | 51 Very close, in poems |
| 28 Look amazed | 5 Game piece | 30 Door attachment | 52 Patch place, perhaps |
| 29 Moo pork | 6 Samms and Thompson | 31 Not happy | 53 Got older |
| 32 Take care of | 7 Nasty | 33 Ten-armed creature | 55 Hit letters |
| 33 Not much | 8 Place to stay | | |
| 34 Indiana Jones weapon | 9 Resistant | | |

