MONDAY

October 6, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 65°-67°

BRIEFLY

Fajita supper

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will hold a fajita supper from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday on the west side

of Memorial Stadium. The meal will include drink and dessert and is priced at \$6 per per-

For tickets, see any Greater Big Spring Rotary member. They are also available by going by the Big Spring Area Cahmber Commerce office at 215 W. Third or by calling the chamber at 263-7641.

INSIDE

Internet security

Herald staffer Thomas Jenkins begins a series columns, concerning internet security in his offering for this week.

It's a who uses computers, particularly those who use the internet to shop should pay close attention to.

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Good News debut

Looking for a little good news?

Well, the Big Spring Herald is convinced there's plenty of it in the Crossroads area.

As a result, we've created a new feature which will in each Monday's edition of the Herald.

It's called the Good News page and will include all sorts of pictures and information about the good things that are happening to residents of the area.

This week's debut features the 101st birthday of Velma Floyd, a resident of Comanche Nursing Home.

Plus, there's lots, lots

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Moore Development expecting Solitaire to resume operation

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While the future of Solitaire Homes in Big Spring may remain up in the air for the time being, Moore Development's expectations of the manufactured homes giant haven't changed at

Moore Development for Big Spring Executive Director Kent Sharp told Moore Board of directors Tuesday evening that communications between the economic development group and Solitaire are continuing, but no definite plans have yet been decided.

"I've had conversations with Pete Hogstead, the president of

Solitaire Homes, and I don't have anything that we can go public with except there are some expectations that we have of performance on their part," said Sharp. "We'll be communicating with them in the next week or two just to find out if our expectations are realistic or unrealistic. We've got to bring closure to this at some point. It was an unfortunate situation, but as a corporation that holds taxpayers' dollars and their trust, we have to exercise that responsibility to the citizens of Big Spring.'

Solitaire was forced to close their doors in Big Spring after a fire ripped through the factory's

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Employees of Solitaire Homes sift through the wreckage of a fire that ripped through the manufactured home plant in May of 2002, causing more than \$1.5 million in damages. The plant is expected to re-enter production by the end of the year, according to Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

Victim Services Assistant Director Linda Perez prepares to plant flowers while Big Spring firefighters Carry Miles, left, and Arnold Solis discuss the next phase in planting. In honor of October being designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Victim Services with the help of Big Spring firefighters planted a memory garden in front of the orga-

Victim Services' memory garden planted for October observance

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Victim Services created a lasting memory to honor victims of domestic violence Friday to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

"We planted a memory garden," said Linda Perez, Victim Services' assistant director. "The flowers, trees and material were donated by Johansen's

Nursery." With help from Big Spring firefighters, a small section outside the Victim Services building

was tilled and flowers, trees and and shelter costs.' rose bushes were planted.

The organization, which serves five area counties, assisted 287 primary and secondary victims of domestic violence from January 2002 through Sept,

"Domestic violence is the most prevalent crime in this area and is the No. 1 cause of homelessness in the United States," Perez said. "It costs our nation. The cost in injury to women in the United states is \$5 bilion to \$10 billion, if you consider the medical attention, police assistance

National statistics shows that every 15 seconds a battery

During the month of October, Victim Services will hold a dead bolt lock and cell phone drive to help victims of domestic violence.

The cell phones are configured to call only emergency numbers and given to victims for use during emergency situations, Perez

Collection places for the cell

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Health

WTCMHMR will offer depression screenings free

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers for MHMR will offer free depression screenings Thursday at the Big Spring Mall during National Depression Screening Day.

National Depression Screening Day is held each year during Mental Illnes Awareness Week The screenings call attention to depression and other disorders, and it also educates the public about



their symptoms and available

effective treatments.

The screenings will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall, adjacent to the Bealls store. Screenings are con-

"This is the fourth year we have offered these very important screenings to the public," said Dr. John Pichitino, Big Spring State Hospital director of psychology. "It is very gratifying to be able to assist people who need help with this very common illness."

Last year, screenings took place at approximately 6,000 sites nationwide, including hospitals, mental health clinics, colleges, primary care offices, and in public settings such as community centers, older adult facilities and supermarkets.

Screenings are conducted by a qualified mental health professional, Dr. Pichitino said. People wanting to be screened fill out a short questionnaire, which lists a series of questions.

The answers are reviewed by a professional upon completion and follow-up interviews are set up onsite, said Janet Payne, West Texas Centers for MHMR Director of Mental Health Services.

"This time is set aside for our professionals to meet with attendees and review their answers," Payne said. "The assessment will help us to determine if depression is present and to what degree."

Symptoms of clinical depression from the National Mental Health Association are:

· A persistent sad, anxious or. "empty" mood

· Sleeping too little or sleeping too much

· Reduced appetite and weight loss, or increased appetite and weight gain

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Obituaries

Charles Wesley Deats Jr.



Charles Wesley Deats Jr., 77, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died on Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jim Liggett, pastor, officiating. Assisting will be the Rev. Dr. Richard Deats and the Rev. Harland Birdwell. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on July 8, 1926, in Dalhart, and married Mary Louise Davis on Aug. 21, 1948, in Big Spring. Mr. Deats graduated from Big Spring High School in 1943 and was a member of the first graduating class at Howard College in 1947. He graduate with a bachelor of arts degree from Texas Tech University in 1949. He earned a master of theology degree from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1956, and did additional graduate study in pastoral care at the Institute of Religion at Texas Medical Center in Houston. He was a partner in the John Davis Feed Store until Mr. Davis retired, and then was owner until his retirement in 1989. His hobbies included dog obedience training, golf, reading, motor cycle riding, gardening and music.

Wesley served in the United States Marine Corps from July 8, 1943, to Oct. 18, 1945. He served on the USS Minneapolis CA-36 from Dec. 19, 1943, to March 16, 1945. His Pacific campaigns included the Marshall Islands, Carolina Islands, Marianna Islands, New Guinea, Truk, Siapan, Tiaian, Guam, Philippines, Leyte and Palau. He attended Officer Training School at Yale University. He was a life member of the USS Minneapolis CA-36 Association.

Mr. Deats joined St. Mary's Episcopal Church in 1963, was a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and served on the Vestry and as junior warden.

Mr. Deats was a long time member and past president of the Big Spring Downtown Lions Club and moved to Lubbock in July of 2001, where he became a member of the Lubbock Lions Club. He was a member of the Carillon Ambassadors at the Carillon Senior Living Center in Lubbock. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 5, played trumpet in the Texas Tech band and the Howard College jazz band and also played bas-

Survivors include his wife, Mary Deats of Lubbock; one son, John Deats and wife, Carol, of Midland; one daughter, Annabeth Miller and husband, Drew, of Omaha, Neb.; one brother, Dr. Richard Deats of Nyack, N.Y.; and three granddaughters, Abigail Deats, Caroline Deats and Annaclarice Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C.W. Deats Sr.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring 79720; St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105-1905, Joe Arlington Cancer Research and Treatment Center, 4101 22nd Place, Lubbock 79410; or the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823 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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Sheriff's report

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

- JOSE MANUEL RAMOS, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated,
- RICKIE DELL HAIR, 29, was arrested Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.
- GLEN ALAN SCOTT, 51, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgement/sentence for 3 days from the
- attorney general's office. · IRMA ESTELLA MEDRANO, 38, was arrested
- Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of selling alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated/insane person. • JOHN HENRY GRAYSON JR., 39, was arrested
- Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended and driving while intoxicated, second offense. · JOHN DYLAN GANDY, 18, was arrested Saturday
- by DPS on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- · LUCIANO RUBEN RODRIQUEZ JR., 34, was arrested Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- FREDDIE ORTEGA SOSA, 21, was arrested Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while
- · JENNIFER DUCK, 29, was arrested Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

A special tour for a special event

Memorial Hospital West Campus.

Margaret 'Candy' Hilario



Margaret "Candý" Hilario, 42, of Big Spring died at 9:01 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, at her home after having battled kidney failure for the past 20 years. Vigil Service will be at 7 tonight Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 22, 1961, in Acuna, Mexico. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 35 years. She married Tommy Hilario on Aug. 17, 1979, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and also worked at the YMCA for 10 years until 2000. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy Hilario of Big Spring; parents, Robert and Fermina Hamilton of Belton; one brother, David Hamilton of Plantation, Fla.: two sisters. Clara Burkett and Marcy Stinson, both of Belton; four nephews, Jeremy Flores of Temple, Eric Flores and Christopher Flores, both of Belton, and David Carlos Hamilton of Houston; and two nieces. Roberta Hamilton of Houston and Suzette Hamilton of Plantation, Fla.

Pallbearers will be Mike Hilario, Mike Doporto, David Hamilton, Richard Hilario, Rudy Hilario and James Carrillo. Honorary pallbearer will be Richard Brandon Hilario.

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

Billye Nance



Billye Nance, 81, of Waco went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003. Services are tentatively planned for 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, at First Baptist Church Woodway with the Rev. Frank Pollard officiating. Visitation with family and friends will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Connally/Compton Funeral

Billye was born on Aug. 19, 1922, in Big Spring to William D. and Lalah Lucy Hull Todd. She married her sweetheart on Dec. 7, 1941, having almost 62 years together. Her parents and a sister, Joyce Skipalis, preceded her in death.

Billye was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who supported and encouraged each family member. She was a partner with her husband as they served in the music ministry in several churches throughout Texas and New Mexico. In her latter years, she was a member of the Celebration Singers at First Baptist Church in Woodway. She was a faithful member of and leader in the New Horizon Class at the church. Her gift, and passion, was sewing for her family. Billye's love for life and her wonderful sense of humor were exhibited when she got together with family and friends to fellowship and play table games.

Surviving Billye are her husband, C. Wayne Nance of Waco; a son and his wife, Ken and Patty Nance of Denham Springs, La.; a daughter, Pam Mohundro of Waco; three sisters, Frances Robinson of Napa, Calif., Nelle Hopper of Stanton and Peg Domenichelli of South San Francisco, Calif.; five grandchildren, Zak Mohundro, Shelly Bossom and husband, Craig, Coby Mohundro, Cherilyn Nance and Allison Mohundro; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Craig Bossom, Lance Hopper, Coby Mohundro, Zak Mohundro, Terry Welty and Robert Williams. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Cash, Dink Hunnicutt, Tom McNatt, Charles Rich, Tom Rose and Garnett Vardeman.

Memorials may be made to Christian Women's Job Corps of McLennan County, 1516 New Road Drive, Waco, 76711, or to the Building Fund at FBC Woodway, 101 Ritchie Road, Waco 76712.

Arrangements are by Connally/Compton Funeral

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Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 23-24-30-37-38. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$5

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-11-20-26-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

Jo Ann Dean

Jo Ann Dean, 69, of Midland and formerly of Big Spring died Sunday morning, Oct. 5, 2003, at Terrace West Nursing Home in Midland following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ethel Larkin

Ethel Larkin, 97, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elva Ware

Elva Ware, 93, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Elsie Walllis

Elsie Wallis of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Andrew Bayes

Andrew Bayes, 62, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- JENNIFER ANNETTE DUCK, 29, 1806 Morrison, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant for purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor. · LUCIANO RUBEN RODRIQUEZ JR., 34. 1516
- Tucson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • MARIA DELCARMAN CERVANTES, 27, of 1103

E. 12th Street, was arrested Sunday on a city traffic

- GENIECE GARZA OVALLE, 44, of 710 E. 15th Street, was arrested Sunday on a city warrant for theft.
- PAUL VIERA JR., 17, of 1907 S. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant for evading arrest/detention, evading arrest/detention.
- · DAVID RIOS, 17, of 711 Creighton, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County Warrant for Criminal
- JEFFERY SCOTT COX, 22, of 2011 S. Johnson Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public
- intoxication. THEFT was reported:
- in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20. Car accessories or parts valued at \$45 were reported stolen.

 - in the 400 block of Johnson. - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa. in the 600 block of N.W. Fifth Street.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place. - in the 800 block of W. Fourth Street.
- in the 1700 block of F.M. 700. • THEFT OF SERVICES was reported in the 1700
- block of Third Street.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY **WEAPON** was reported:
- in the 1500 block of Second Street.
- in the 500 block of Young. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1200 block of Austin.
- in the 1500 block of Wood Street.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 600
- block of Hunter. ASSAULT was reported:
- in the 2000 block of Gregg.
 - in the 1100 block of Third Street.
 - in the 200 block of W. F.M. 700.
- in the 1600 block of Tucson. EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was report-
- in the 2500 block of Dow.
- in the 2900 block of W. Eighth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 800 block of Owens.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 400 block of Dallas.

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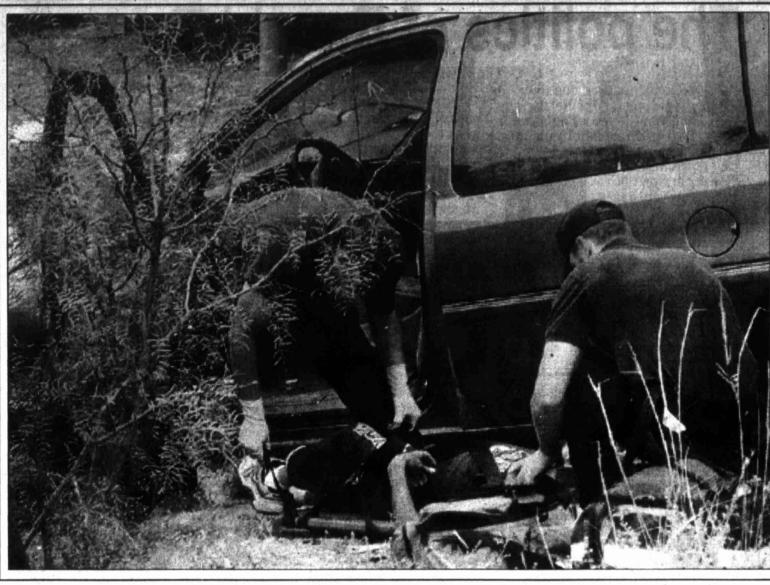
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One injured

A man was transported to Scenic **Mountain Medical** Center this morning after his vehicle ran through the embankment of a ravine located in the 600 block of Settles Street. According to eyewitnesses, the man was traveling south on Settles and came to a stop at the Sixth Street intersection. Leaving the intersection the vehicle appeared to accelerate uncontrollably, veering left into the ravine. The condition of the driver was unavailable at press

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Church News and Club News should be turned in by Wednesday noon before the Friday they are to appear, are subject to editing and will run as space allows.

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Pauline Fulesday, 79, died Friday. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Memorial Park.

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SOLITAIRE

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mill and cabinet area in May of 2002. According to Solitaire officials the fire caused more than \$1.5 million in damages. which the home manufacturer's insurance company refused to cover.

Sharp said Moore Development's expectations are for Solitaire Homes to once again open it's doors in Big Spring and provide employment for the very taxpayers that funded it's arrival through Moore Development.

"Clearly that's the expectation we're talking about," said Sharp. "We expect them to come in and open their doors and restart their operations and put people to work. That's why we came into this deal. It wasn't because we thought they were a great company or we just liked their letterhead, it was because we wanted the jobs and the payroll, and that's the expectation we will press."

Sharp said Solitaire remains in compliance with the incentive contract they struck with Moore Development, and although they are far from defaulting on the agreement, they still have an obligation to the taxpayers to provide jobs in the Big Spring area.

"They're current on their note," said Sharp. "There's a small outstanding balance on the build--building for \$750,000 on economy is tough and we

an interest free note that's forgivable one for 10 with payroll credits that they generate. They were way ahead of schedule. They had to make \$750,000 in payroll each year to get \$75,000 worth of credit on their note. They did over \$2 million in payroll each year, so they got ahead.

"Solitaire still has a little balance out, and they're not in default by any means, but there is a level of expectation that the board has that the company will perform to the original recitals that we agreed to in the incentive contract. We're not raising red flags or throwing off alarms and we definitely don't want to sever that line of communicaing. We sold them the tion. We understand the

don't want to go after a business, but with the same token, when you have an obligation, we have to meet our obligations and we expect the company to meet theirs."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

GARDEN

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phones and dead bolts are at the Howard County Sheriff's Office in the county courthouse; the Spring Police Department, 400 E. Fourth St.; KBST, 608 Johnson St.; and Westex Telephone, 711 Scurry St.

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

Payne said. "Medication and counseling, either individually or in combination, can help people diagnosed with depression to live a fulfilling

For more information on the screenings, call Valerie Avery at (432) 816-9257 or send an e-mail to valerieavery@cox.net

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· Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed · Restlessness or irri-

tability Persistent physical symptoms that don't

respond to treatment [such as headaches, chronic pain, or constipation and other digestive disorders]

· Difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions

· Fatigue or loss of ener-

· Feeling guilty, hopeless or worthless · Thoughts of death or

suicide The screening is open to all ages, and questionnaires are tailored to various age groups.

"The screening is not a substitute for professional

of your medical needs:

care and a diagnosis," Dr. score positively for Pichitino said. "But hope- depression are not in fully, it may give people treatment at the time of an opportunity to discuss their feelings with a health professional.

"We have in the past, referred people for immediate treatment."

Literature on depression and many of its associated illnesses also will be available, as will places to receive treatment in the community.

Organizers of National Depression Screening Day say that more than 80 percent of the people who

the screening. More than half has never received treatment for depression.

The National Institute of Mental Health also analyzes the data taken during National Depression Screening Day. They believe many symptoms revealed during the free screenings are psychological in nature and are not symptoms that would generally lead participants to seek professional help.

Depression is treatable.

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OUR VIEWS

Fire prevention will save lives in the future

pday is the first day of the National Fire Prevention Week observance, and locally, as is the case with many important lessons, children in Big Spring area schools are getting instruction on the subject **from experts** — firefighters from the Big Spring Fire Department.

What they learn could save lives.

Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen, Fire Marshal Carl Condray and other firefighters will be spending time with about 2,300 students most in kindergarten through the fourth grade this week in hopes of educating them on fire prevention.

It's not about frightening children, but about making every effort to help them become familiar with firefighters and their equipment, in case they ever come face to face with it in an emergency situation.

Additionally, the lessons being taught during Fire Prevention Week are things many of us as adults take for granted, like making sure the batteries in smoke detectors are changed regularly. Firefighters also spend time teaching the children how to get out of a house safely. Knowing to 1026 Longworth House stay low to avoid smoke and having a safe meeting place away from the house in the event of a

The firefighters also answer many of the children's questions about fire prevention and what they do in emergency situations, which is both **educational** for the students and the firefighters.

.So, when your children come home from school this week and tell you about what they've learned, take heed.

Allow them to be the teachers for a change. It just might be a lesson you'll all be glad you learned one day.

How To Contact Us

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not be silent in our praise of you, Lord.

The politics of Rancid-Town

I actually gagged due to the rancid smell of urine, feces and vomit," writes a former Bay Area resident living in

Hawaii, of his last trek down Market Street. He won't be staying in San Francisco, he tells me, until he hears the city is cleaned

Poor rube. He has n't grown accustomed to the squalor. He's not used to walking through downtown streets dotted with dysfunctional, pitiful souls. He hasn't

learned to ignore antisocial elements — panhandlers, those who urinate in public - who revel in making the city uglier for the people who come here to work, live or enjoy the sights.

Why, my correspondent is probably so unsophisticated that he actually thinks there is something City Hall can do about homelessness. You know the type — the ones who point to other cities where you don't see sleeping bags on busy streets in broad daylight and then talk as if that's something the Special City can do.

They haven't learned: If there's change in San Francisco, it's only for the worse.

Homelessness is different in the Special City - thanks to the Board of Supervisors and robes like San Francisco Superior Court Judge Ronald Quidachay.

This is the city so compassionate that its leaders really, really care about everything — except results.

To start, many homeless people

don't want housing — not if it means they have to give up most of a cash welfare benefit that runs as high as \$410 per month. According to city welfare chief Trent Rhorer, 84 percent of those who enroll in the city's homeless program either refuse a spot in a

If the homeless don't want housing, that's not important to the Board of Supervisors.

city shelter or just don't show up

If the voters don't want to pay big cash grants, that is not important to the board. If voters would rather see their tax dollars pay for housing and treatment, that is not important to the board, either. Or the courts.

Last November, some 60 percent of voters approved Proposition N. the "Care Not Cash" measure that would reduce welfare payments to homeless people who receive housing — from a shelter cot to a room to \$59 a month.

In May, Quidachay ruled that voters didn't have a right to determine General Assistance policy. He gutted a chunk of Proposition

The ruling left the supes free to adopt Proposition N, which was sponsored by mayoral candidate Supervisor Gavin Newsom.

But noooo. Last week, the supes voted 6-to-5 against adopting Proposition N.

"I will protect the constituents in my district who didn't have the advantage of reading the fine print or really knowing what they are voting for, " is how Supe Tony Hall explained his no vote.

Translation: What Hall reads in a city study on homelessness is more important than what his constituents see and smell every day.

And: I can do what I want. Voters will forget.

Besides: My constituents want to protest the homeless situation, but they're not really serious about change. If voters really wanted to clean up the city, they wouldn't elect people like me to the Board of Supervisors. (For the record, the six San Francisco supervisors who voted against implementing Proposition N are Tom Ammiano, Chris Daly, Matt Gonzalez, Hall, Fiona Ma and Sophie Maxwell.)

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Presidential debates nothing but good TV

can't remember how many Democratic presidential debates I have been to this

Some have been authorized by the party, and some have not. Some have featured all the candidates,

and some have not. Some have been on a single theme, and some have been wideranging. But they have all

shared one quality: It is difficult to remember a single thing about them.

SIMON Take the debate I went to last week in New York. At two hours, it was the longest debate yet. But there were 10 candidates — and they had to share their time with three panelists and one moderator — so how much total time did any candidate get to speak? Six minutes?

Seven? The candidates were told they had to keep their answers to one minute in the beginning of the debate and to 30 seconds at the

But can anybody make a reasonable case for any serious or complicated topic or issue in 30 or even 60 seconds?

(Debate answers used to be much longer before TV starting controlling debates. TV insists on short answers because it keeps the show moving along. The needs of good TV always trump the needs of good government.)

But there is a more fundamental question: Are debates the best format in which to see the candidates?

The candidates would much prefer forums, at which they go on stage one by one, deliver a 20minute address and take questions from the audience.

But the media much prefer debates because debates are thought to be more exciting. And by more exciting, I mean they have a higher probability for dis-

Most people watch presidential debates for the same reason most people watch the Indy 500: to see who crashes and burns.

From the beginning, televised debates were remembered for their disasters rather than any substantive issues.

In 1960, Richard Nixon's makeup looked lousy on TV and Nixon lost. (It looked fine to the reporters in the TV studio, who thought Nixon had won the debate. But they soon learned that how a candidate looked on TV was what counted. Nearly 90 percent of the voting public watched one of the Nixon-Kennedy debates that year.)

In 1976, Gerald Ford stumbled badly when he assured the world there was "no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe.'

In 1988, Dan Quayle was on his way to winning his vice presidential debate against Lloyd Bentsen when he stumbled into a trap by comparing himself to Jack Kennedy.

The same year, Michael Dukakis doomed whatever chances he might have had for the presidency by not showing sufficient "passion" when CNN's Bernard Shaw asked him if he would favor the death penalty for his wife's imaginary rapist and killer. ("Bernie Shaw asked him the wrong question," one Democratic consultant said afterward. "He should have asked him how he would feel if his favorite regional planner were raped and murdered.")

In 1992, George Bush had been caught impatiently looking at his wristwatch during a town-meeting style debate, which reinforced the notion that he did not care about ordinary people.

The odd thing about modern

debates, however, is that there is no pretense that they are anything except pure theater. It is one of the few moments in modern politicking when the campaigns pull back the curtain and tell everybody they can take a look at the man back there pulling the levers and flipping the switches. And the public seems to enjoy it immense-

Though most candidates for president have spent their lifetimes shaping and addressing issues, the public finds it quite natural that these men should have to spend days rehearsing before they can go out on stage and talk about the same issues.

The candidates memorize questions and answers from huge briefing books, the better to regurgitate the answers when debate time comes.

The public knows in advance, in other words, that the debates are solely about performance.

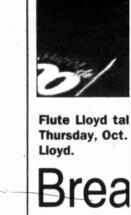
We-know that debates have nothing to do with finding out how a candidate will react as president. (Presidents don't make decisions with 30-second stopwatches running or with cameras in their

Debate performance has little to nothing to do with how well a candidate actually grasps an issue. What a debate really measures is how well a candidate can demonstrate — rather than actually possess - knowledge, passion and concern.

And in terms of presidential campaigning, seeming to know something is much more important than actually knowing it.

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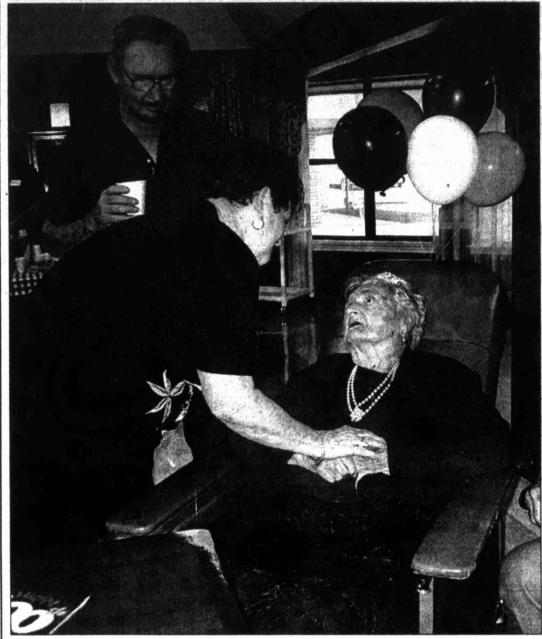
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101 YEARS YOUNG



Flute Lloyd talks to her mother-in-law, Velma Lloyd, who celebrated her 101 birthday Thursday, Oct. 2, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home. Also pictured is Velma's son, Leslie

Breaking the century mark

Velma Lloyd would travel and recite poetry for entertainment

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On Thursday, Oct. 2, Velma Lloyd celebrated her 101 birthday with friends, her sons and only surviving sibling, Joe, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home. Born in Jewett, Lloyd was one of

eight children and the granddaughter

of a Howard County Old Settler. She attended Baylor College for two years to earn her teaching certificate

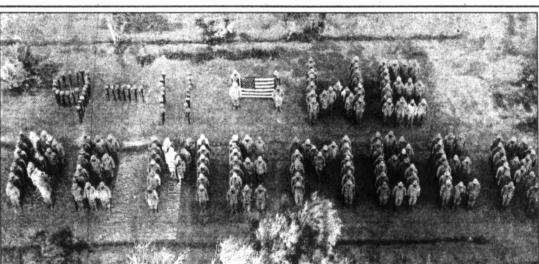
and began her career as a school teacher at Ballinger. She taught for several years before marrying Bus Lloyd in 1922. The couple

enjoyed 59 years of marriage. In 1937, the Lloyd family moved to Bradshaw and purchased a grocery

After the couple's children, Leslie and Max, graduated from high school, Velma and Bus purchased a combination grocery store and post office in Luther where Velma worked for the next 26 years until her retirement at

Leslie said his mother especially enjoyed poetry and memorized more than 200 poems. Her favorite poem is "The House with Nobody in It." She would also travel to other communities for miles around to recite poetry for entertainment.

Velma's party was held in the Comanche Trail Nursing Home's dinning room.



The proud warriors of Baker Company wanted to do something to pay tribute to our fallen comrades. So since we are part of the only Infantry Battalion left in Iraq, the one way that we could think of doing that is by taking a picture of Baker Company saying the way we feel. It would be awesome if you could find a way to share this with our fellow countrymen. I was wondering if there was any way to get this into your paper to let the world know that we have not forgotten and are proud to serve our country. Semper Fi.

Notice To Patients

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Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic regrets to announce the discontinuation of physcian services beginning October 1, 2003. However, the physicians listed below will remain in the Clinic building and will begin new private practices. These physicians may be reached at the direct telephone numbers listed below. Please begin using these new telephone numbers on October 1.

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Beginning October 1, 2003, questions regarding services billed by Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic should be directed to 1-800-687-2111.

Covenant Laboratory - Big Spring, located on the third floor of the Clinic, remains open and

available to all patients. The laboratory-may continue to be reached at (432) 267-6361.



Members of the Crossroads Little League Football Cowboys cheerleaders ride on a float in the Big Spring High School homecoming parade Friday. Parade watchers lined the streets of downtown Big Spring to watch the festivities.

Big Spring men become troopers in Sweetwater

Special to the Herald

Two Big Spring residents have graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's Training Academy.

James D. Wheeler Jr. graduated from the 125th academy while Michael D. Webb graduated from the 126th academy. Both troopers will be assigned to the highway patrol in Sweetwater.

The week school the longest continuous training academy offered any law enforcement WHEELER agency Texas and one of the

longest in the nation. The cadets completed 1,214 hours of instructhan twice the training

required by

the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. The students received instruction in criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedures, investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects, as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goalsetting skills.

"Our graduates today enter a different and more dangerous world in law enforcement," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "They will act as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas against criminals of all sorts from drunk drivers to terrorists. We expect them to uphold and even enhance the proud tradiof the Texas Dpartment of Public Safety.'

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Internet security imporant for everyone using computers

Whether you're an Internet novice or a seasoned cyber-surfer, the concern over net-based security is something millions of Americans are faced with everyday.

For many computer users, the answers seem second nature, relying heavily upon antivirus

and utilitiy programs to protect vital information.

For others, the answer isn't quite as simple, especially for those faced with using public connections.

IENKINS In the next few weeks we'll look at how netcriminals access such personal information as credit card numbers, usernames and passwords; and what you can do to lessen your chance of being targeted.

THOMAS

Hidden software: The eye that spies.

Spies rely heavily upon software to do their dirty deeds because it is invisible to the untutored eye.

Hardware can be used to do virtually the same thing, placing an inconspicuous looking device between the keyboard and computer, but using it is too obvious in a public place and most net criminals are unlikely to break into your home to give you their hardware.

The software programs, however, can unobtrusively make a record of a victim's every keystroke.

The keystroke loggers can then e-mail the collected information on a set schedule or be downloaded by the net-crook. Other software pro-

grams take screen shots of places you go. These, too, send their collected information via e-mail.

As I said, the spying programs are inconspicu-

Unless you know how to look for them, you'll never see them. It's a good idea to check the computer for spy software before you use it.

There are a multitude of spyware check programs on the market, including Lavasoft's Ad-Aware 6.0, which will track down spy programs and easily remove them from your system.

Ad-Aware 6.0 is a freeware program, so there's no cost for downloading or using the program.

The first time you scan you're computer, you may want to sit down when the results come

The first time I ever used a spyware detction program it located more than 50 pieces of spyware on my computer!

That's 50 separate, totally unrelated programs providing information to someone about everything from my surfing habits to how many times I used a particulr program last week.

Scary, right? Bear in mind many of these spyware programs are totally legal and support marketing programs' designed to better assess and provide for our shopping and surfing

habits. On the other hand, the idea of my personal information being handed over without my knowledge is certainly disturbing.

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As I mentioned before, some spyware can contain a keymapper, which is kryptonite for those of us that shop online. As we key in our credit card number, bank account number or Social Security numbers, they are beiong recorded and conveniently sent to net criminals who have plenty of plans for our

One of the things people do to put themselves at risk is using public computers.

Internet connections are now offered at locations like Kinkos, public libraries, cofee houses and restaurants.

These computers are prime targets for such spyware, as they are

used by a multitude of people throughout the day.

When our teachers told us abstinence is the best policy, they were right.

The only way to gau-rantee you don't fall prey to a public computer that's been infected is not keying in anything that you don't want the whole world to see.

Shopping on these computers is a definite nono, and if you log into your home email account or instant mes-

senger, prepare to kiss it goodbye in the long run. Keep in mind there are other threats besides spy programs.

Trust me, this can be worse than using a public toilet seat!

Next week we'll look at ways to erase your internet-tracks to keep it out of the hands of others and protect your password.

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The Steers' Booster Club is uled to meet Oc Scenic Medical Center.

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Basketball boo to hold fish fry Big Spring

Basketball will be holding Fry on Friday, a.m. to 6 p.m. Trinity Baptist Annex. The me include hand-l catfish, fries, dessert and a di \$7 per adult an children.

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YMCA swim to spots available

The Big Family YMCA team has p open for interes letes. To be eligible

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Quarterback meet tonight The Big Spr

School Qua Club will hold ly meeting beginning at ATC.

Members of coaching staff on hand to ta the Steers' rec with San Central and end's Distri opener wit Angelo Lake

Baylor vs. Texas A&M, TB/ Texas vs. Oklahoma, TBA

Sports

SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Baseball boosters to hold wash Oct. 18

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a car wash at the Jiffy Car Wash on Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Boosters will pick up and deliver cars if needed.

All proceeds from the car wash will go to the BSHS baseball program

For more information call 263-4545 or 263-8527.

Lady Steers Booster Club slate meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers' Booster Club is scheduled to meet Wednesday in the BSHS Athletic Training Facility.

The meeting, which will start at 6 p.m., is open to the parents of all volleyball, cheerleading, basketball and track athletes.

Baseball boosters will meet Oct. 16

The Big Spring Steers' Baseball Booster Club is scheduled to meet Oct. 16 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

Basketball boosters to hold fish fry

Big Spring Steers Basketball Boosters will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, 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.

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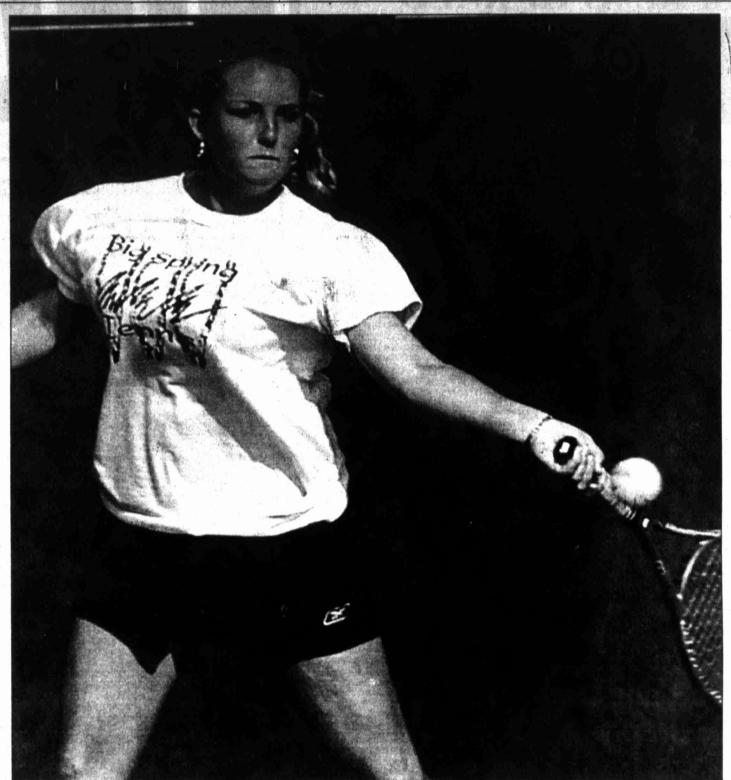
Quarterback Club to meet tonight at ATC

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

Members of the BSHS coaching staff will be on hand to talk about the Steers' recent game with San Angelo Central and this weekend's District 4-4A opener with San Angelo Lake View.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule Oct. 10



Lauren Chesworth and the Big Spring Steers moved closer to their third straight District 4-4A title Saturday with a 13-6 win over Frenship. Big Spring will host Andrews at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex on Oct. 18.

Steers netters dump Frenship, move to closer to 4-4A 3-peat

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

For Jessica Rodriguez, losing Saturday afternoon wasn't an option. The Big Spring Steers' team tennis squad is glad for that.

With Big Spring holding a slim 6-5 lead in their showdown with the Frenship Lady Tigers, Rodriguez gave the Steers the momentum by rallying to claim a tough win that lasted more than two and a half hours. That win sparked Big Spring to a 13-6 victory.

"She could have just given up and came off but she didn't," said Big Spring head tennis coach Sarah Corse, who had been forced to move the meet from Frenship High School to Lubbock's indoor Nautilus facility because of rain. "She kept them (Frenship) from tying us. She delivered a gutcheck type of effort that helped

How big was Rodriguez's win? Consider this: When Rodriguez stepped onto the court, the Steers held a slim one-game advantage on the scoreboard. When she left, the Steers had managed to win two other matches —meaning her two-and-a-half hour battle put Big Spring within one more win of its seventh win of the year and, more importantly, put her team in line to nail down its third district title in as many years this coming weekend.

Winning wasn't an easy thing by any stretch of the imagination for Rodriguez. She suffered a tough 6-2 setback in the first game.

"When she lost that first one I remember thinking 'Oh my God, they're going to win this and then the pressure will be on us," said Corse. "She came back out and refused to lose. That really set the tone for us."

Rodriguez managed to draw even in the match in the second game by posting a 7-6 win in a tiebreaker.

Despite already having been on the court for more than 90 minutes, Rodriguez battled on in the third.

"When the second game was over she came over and told me 'I'm not going to lose,' " Corse

She didn't disappoint anyone.

The Steers' No. 4-seed hammered out a 7-6 tie-breaking win in the final game to seal the win.

"Every one of our players turned in a great effort Saturday," said Corse. "But Jessica's win kind of stood out for us. Like our team, she just would not quit."

Jason Vela, having moved into the boys' No. 6 seed earlier in the week, finished off the Steers' victory after Rodriguez's effort. Normally a doubles player, Vela won his singles bout, giving BSHS an insurmountable advantage.

"He came through for us when we needed him to," said Corse. "His win enabled us, as a team, to win."

Big Spring, now 7-5 on the year, went into the Frenship match on a high note. The Steers hammered out a 14-5 rout of Snyder last Tuesday.

With the win over Frenship, Big Spring inched closer to the 4-4A crown. The Steers, who are slated to face Abilene Wylie tomorrow in a dual meet in Sweetwater, can clinch the district championship with a win over Andrews on Oct. 18 at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

BS girls roll past Estacado

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers entered their District 4-4A schedule with one goal: Win every game. Through their first four outings, mark them successful.

Big Spring took its biggest step toward nailing down the 4-4A volleyball crown Saturday afternoon by dealing the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors a setback in four games.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 21-9 on the year and to 4-0 in district. Estacado fell to 2-

The Lady Steers didn't get off to a quick start. The Lady Mats claimed a hard-fought 25-22 win in the first game — marking only the third game Big Spring has lost in district play this fall.

The Lady Steers recovered in the second game. Led by the hitting of Leina Braxton and Ka'Rissa Magers, the BSHS girls evened the game count with a dominating 25-17 win in Game

Estacado made one final run at the Lady Steers in the third game. The Lady Mats grabbed an early lead but watched as Lindsay Phillips, LaKenya Wrightsil, Shannon Higgins and Timmi Blackshear keyed a wild 30-28 win.

Big Spring sealed the game with a 25-21 victory in the fourth and final frame.

In other 4-4A action, the Andrews Lady Mustangs improved to 3-1 in loop play by downing the Frenship Lady Tigers, 25-9, 25-3, 23-25, 25-22. The San Angelo Lake View Maidens (3-1) defeated Levelland in three games, winning 25-16, 25-16, 26-24.

The Lady Steers can close out the first half of the district race with a perfect record tomorrow night should they down longtime rival Andrews in the Steer Gym. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

BSJHS spikers to close home slate

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers will close out their 2003 home volleyball schedule this afternoon when they play host to the Snyder Tigers.

The BSJHS seventh grade spikers are scheduled to begin play at 5 p.m.

Cubs end 95-year postseason slump

ATLANTA (AP) — The Chicago Cubs won their first postseason series since 1908 when they beat Atlanta 5-1 in the decisive Game 5 of the National League Division Series Sunday night.

With the win, Chicago ousted
Atlanta from the playoffs and
moves into the NL
Championship Series where they

will face the Florida Marlins.
Florida finished off its series against San Francisco on Saturday.

In the American League, the New York Yankees advanced to the ALCS by beating the Minnesota Twins 8-1 in Game 4 of the division series on Sunday.

The Yankees will meet either Oakland or Boston in the ALCS series. The two teams — which are slated to play tonight in a decisive Game 5 — are tied at 2-2 in their best-of-five matchup.



File photo Former Dallas running back Emmitt Smith was held to a career-low -1

Cowboys clip Cardinals, roll to first 3-game win streak since '99 IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith, the leading rusher in

Smith's return to Texas Stadium was painful, brief and the least productive of his career.

Oh, and his team lost, too.

Smith's former Dallas Cowboys teammates bashed him hard on six of the eight times he touched the ball and savored every hit. Roy Williams delivered the knockout blow, spraining Smith's left shoulder with a pop early in the second quarter.

Dallas already was leading by a touchdown, then went on to beat the Arizona Cardinals 24-7 on Sunday, giving the Cowboys (3-1) a three-game winning streak for the first time since 1999.

Quincy Carter threw for 277 yards and two touchdowns and the defense had two safeties in a four-play span in the third quarter as Bill Parcells won his first home game with the Cowboys.

NFL history who was released six weeks after Parcells was hired, lost a yard on six carries, marking the first time in his 206 games that he failed to gain at least 1 yard.

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He lost yards on four plays, had no gain on two more and gained yards just twice. His best effort was 6 yards on a third-and-8 swing pass.

The stadium was filled with fans wearing blue No. 22 jerseys— and even a few red ones. There were many welcome back signs, including a huge one that read "Once A Cowboy, Always A Cowboy".

Smith was cheered from the first time he stepped onto the field, even sharing a brief hug with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. He was all smiles after Arizona won the coin toss.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

self plenty of time before you make up your mind. Your sex appeal is sky high tonight. If you don't go out, you cheat yourself out of a chance to strut

around like a peacock. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Shop. A bold, new look helps your confidence, which is waning. Today leaves much to be desired in terms of excitement, but there's no law against daydreaming. Capricorn and Aquarius find your vulnerability attractive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You do your best work when you are emotionally not involved with the problem. Clear your head, and get some distance. Humor heals! Give your brain a break, and shell out the 10 bucks to see the

latest comedy. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Enjoy what's yours already. Family, a great job, love from your friends all of these things (and others!) are what give you simple happiness every day. This afternoon, you discover key information that puts friends in a new light.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you believe in your creative projects and talents, you teach others how to believe in you as well. It's not arrogance it's a necessary component of being an artistic visionary. Seek what tickles your fancy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an unencumbered channel of expression, and the ideas are clearly flowing. If you want to make a living at something new, talk it over with a Libra or Cancer. Make sure any dates know your true intention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An interesting project is featured. (The smarter you are, the more engaged you might be by things that less bright people find mundane.) A pal seems extremely sexy all of a sudden. See if there is mutual attraction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you give yourself time to understand the origins of your wild inclinations, you come up with a bold, new career path. Dreams are especially vivid tonight. The energy around you is very powerful — listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You remove barriers that have kept you from a promotion. Keep workplace gossip to a minimum it complicates matters that could be simple. Obligatory engagements this evening are actually delightful.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I have recently lost my mother and was left a house that is entirely too large for me. I am trying to sell it and would like to know which month shows the greatest possibility to do so. I was born Feb. 3, 1945."

My condolences for your loss. I commend you for getting right into action on this matter. A new investment will be much luckier for you than trying to make something work for sentimental reasons (you've got Venus in With strong Aries). Capricorn planets in your chart, your business sense is honed, but moon in

Libra makes you a reasonable negotiator, enough to realize that for a deal to be sound, all parties have got to be happy for the long term. Use your well-tuned aesthetic sense to entice potential buyers. For instance, a simple change to the lighting or some well-placed fresh-cut flowers could create a mood that puts home seekers at ease. The importance of a good vibe cannot be underrated, as buying a home is very often more of an emotional process than a financial one. Lucky months for getting the most for your property will be January or July.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sharp wit and leftist politics are what Janeane Garofalo is about lately. Her recent governmental criticism has put her in the cultural forefront. Libras know how to choose their words carefully, and Garofalo simply chooses powerful ones. This year, she could start up her own talk show, combining serious topics with an MTV sensibility. It would make a fantastic forum for both her politics and comedy.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: One of my co-workers has a 10-monthold baby. Her pediatrician gave her some disturbing advice. He said it's time to teach the baby to sleep through the night. To do this, the mother must not respond to her cries. The pediatrician said that sometimes babies cry so hard they vomit and that, if this happens, the parent should just enter the nursery, clean up the vomit

and leave. I am horrified. We would never let an adult cry that hard without giving comfort and reassurance, yet the medical community advises us to do this to an innocent baby. Are pediatricians united around this idea? Is there a healthier alterna-Worried in tive?

Washington, D.C. Dear Worried: The reason some doctors tell parents to cover their ears and let the kid scream is for the benefit of the parents, not the child. There's only so much sleep deprivation

a person can take. If the child is not due for a feeding or changing, and nothing else is wrong, it is best to comfort the child and then place the baby back in the crib and leave. The parent may need to do this several times before the child understands that Mommy and Daddy are



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

nearby but are not going to

play all night long. Parents should place more trust in their own judgment about a baby's needs at night. If your coworker is uncomfortable with her pediatrician's advice, she should discuss it with the doctor or seek a

second opinion. Dear Annie: This is for "Miserable in Utah," who hated his job and felt trapped. Your advice to seek more training and see a doctor for depression was right on. It's never too late to change careers.

I spent many years getting degrees and still didn't like my job. I went for therapy, divorced the nastiest woman in the world because she was a source of all the negativity in my life, and am currently pursuing those things that

make me want to get up in the morning. In two years, I will be living the life I always wanted.

I'd like to 'Miserable": You don't have to quit your job, buddy. You need to find yourself. Find your own inner joy. Change your attitude. In the meantime, medication and a good therapist are a great start. Good luck. — Up in Michigan

Dear Michigan: Thanks for the boost. Here's one

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Miserable in Utah" and your excellent advice. Her letter fit me to a T. I wasn't getting any pleasure out of life, but there was no real reason why. I always thought depression was a farce and that people claimed to be depressed to avoid dealing with the problems in their lives. I figured I was just tired and sad, and when nothing is "wrong," how can things

get better? One day, I heard a teenager on a radio show describe the same feelings I was having. The psychologist told her, "That is depression!" I decided to see a counselor, who referred me to a psychiatrist, and he put me on an antidepressant. To my

amazement, I felt better than I had in ages. It's not like being "high" or "drunk." It's no different from normal, except without the gloom and sadness.

I had fun this weekend for the first time in over a year. I even painted my living room! See a counselor it can't hurt. — A Happier Person

Dear Happier: You are absolutely right — so here's a reminder: Thursday, Oct. 9, is National Depression Screening Dáy. If you or someone you love is depressed, please call today. The number is 1-800-437-1200

(TDD 1-800-697-3800) or visit the Web site at mentalhealthscreening.org.

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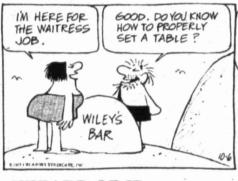
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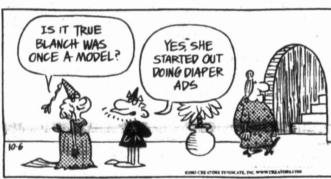
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2003. There are 86 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," a movie starring Al Jolson that featured both silent and talking scenes.

On this date:

In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, R.I. In 1889, the Moulin Rouge

in Paris first opened its doors to the public.

In 1939, in an address to the Reichstag, Adolf Hitler denied having any intention of war against France and Britain.

In 1949, President Truman signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Act, totaling \$1.3 billion in military aid to NATO countries.

In 1949, American-born

Iva Toguri D'Aquino, convicted of being Japanese wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years in prison and fined \$10,000.

In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday.

In 1976, in his second debate with Jimmy Carter, President Ford asserted there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." Ford later conceded he'd misspoken. 1981, In Egyptian

shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade. In 1983, Cardinal Terence Cooke, the spiritual head of

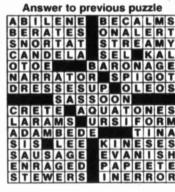
President Anwar Sadat was

York, died at age 62. In 1989, actress Bette Davis died in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, at age 81.

the Archdiocese of New

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat held their first official meeting in Cairo, Egypt, to begin work on realizing terms of the Israeli-PLO accord. Basketball superstar Michael Jordan announced his retirement. Jordan attempted a minor-league baseball career, returned to the Chicago Bulls in March 1995.

Today's Birthdays: Author-journalist Shana Alexander is 78. Actress Britt Ekland is 61. Fred Impressionist Travalena is 61. Singer Millie Small is 57. Singermusician Thomas McClary is 53. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 52. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 49. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 40. Singer Matthew Sweet is 39. Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 37.



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