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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
 □ Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

TUESDAY
 □ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
 □ BSHS Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m., athletic training facility.
 □ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus.
 □ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.
 □ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY
 □ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.
 □ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
 □ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY
 □ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 □ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.
 □ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.
 □ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.
 □ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
 □ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

FRIDAY
 □ Spring City senior citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
 □ Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Massive meteor shower expected as early as Tuesday morning

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Thirty-two years ago, Big Spring resident Bill Birrell and his sons, Gregory, Gordon and Ron, saw a rare and spectacular sight — thousands of meteors filling the sky over Big Spring. Now Bill and Ron, who lives in Denver, are spending the first part of this week together in anticipation of another great show. Beginning as soon as early Tuesday morning, the same Leonid meteors are expected to reappear.

So named because they seem to radiate from the constellation Leo, the meteors are actually debris from the comet Tempel-Tuttle. This time around, they threaten to wreak havoc on some of the 600 satellites orbiting the Earth. Scientists have said the shower will be the largest ever experienced by the satellite constellations, some of which are critical to the U.S. military and NASA. But for the casual observer, the event is expected to be a beautiful, natural phenomenon similar to what the Birrells saw.

"Thirty-two years ago, we were some of the few people in West Texas that got to see it, and it was really something," said Bill. "I'd like more people to get the chance to see it." But viewing the meteors that night in 1966 took some luck. Bill and his sons, then 18, 13 and 7, went up on South Mountain about midnight. They watched and waited, but saw very few meteors, finally gave up and went home. Then Bill was getting ready for work about 6 a.m. and heard a radio announcer exclaiming about an incredible sight in the heavens.

"I got my sons up and we all went out. They were just pouring out of the sky," Bill said. A friend who had a telescope received a surprise early-morning call, and they all enjoyed a closer look at the shower. Ron, now 50, was in college when he saw the Leonids for the first time. He said he traveled to Big Spring this week for some warmer meteor-viewing weather. "But if the view is better in Arizona, or somewhere else, he'll go there," Bill said. Ron, who enjoys photography

as a hobby, has captured on film the Hale-Bopp Comet and the Northern Lights as well as wildlife shots. He said he's looking forward to the chance to see the sky light up again. "We're not sure about the timing," Ron said. "I've read reports that it may appear just before daylight again." To be sure he doesn't miss it, however, Ron said he will likely stay up all night to watch. "This is something that only comes every 32 or 33 years," he said. "I think it's worth it for a second chance to see it."

United Way funding helps out Girl Scouts

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the ninth article in a series on member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. **NEXT WEEK:** Westside Community Center.
By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

For girls in the West Texas Girl Scout Council, scouting is more than cookie sales. Girls also learn cooking, camping and serving their community. "I've learned lots of stuff. I've been in Big Spring Girl Scouts, this is my sixth year," said Girl Scout cadet Cheyenne Rawls. Rawls, a seventh grader at Goliad Middle School, said she earns badges for her participation in the organization, for such activities as camping, puppets, swimming, skating and singing.

School activities also earn the girls badges, with the cooperation of the classroom or activity teacher, she said. "In choir, I can get a singing badge. If the teacher will sign a paper that says I sang a high note, I can get the high note badge," Rawls said. Rawls said she earned 32 badges as a Brownie and 12 junior badges. "And I've got lots of cadet badges," she said.

One skill Rawls learned at West Texas Girl Scout Council's Camp Booth Oaks in Sweetwater, is how to build a fire. Girls are taught campfire safety, she said. "I've learned to build a fire without using any matches, and without rubbing two sticks together," she said. "At camp we get to go swimming and skating and visit places. We do lots of stuff," she said.

Girls Scouts are placed into different levels of participation, based on age. A Daisy, named after Girl Scout founder Juliet Lowe's nickname, is open to any girl in kindergarten, said Cheyenne's mother Stacy Rawls. Brownies are girls in grades first through third, and juniors is for girls in third, fourth, fifth and sixth. "For a Brownie to be promoted, she gets wings, golden wings," Rawls said. Juniors are bridged to cadets, and cadets bridge to senior girl scouts, she said. A Rainbow badge is given to the girls to signify the bridging ceremony, she said.

Big Spring Girl Scouts, part of the West Texas Girl Scout Council, have a reputation within the organization for retaining older girls within the scouts. "Oldest girls are the hardest to retain, once they reach junior high school," said Debra Guerra, executive director of the council in Abilene. Big Spring is also known throughout the area for having qualified and gifted Girl Scout leaders, she said. An international organiza-



Big Spring area Girl Scouts celebrate the organization's 85th birthday in this March 1997 file photo. The Girl Scouts are one of 11 United Way member agencies.

tion, Girl Scouts from the West Texas Council will visit Mexico City next year, as part of the Cabana portion of the organization. These girls and adult volunteer leaders will visit Mexico City for a week-long opportunity to experience a different culture of girl scout programs, as well as do community service and public relations, Guerra said. "We have Cabanas in four major cities around the world, including England and Switzerland," Guerra said. A United Way agency, the West Texas Girl Scout Council also participates in executive council events, such as a recent event that featured executive directors and staff from seven councils in Texas, she said. Also, the council has received a foundation challenge grant of

\$75,000 to remodel the restroom facilities at Camp Booth Oaks, she said. "This means we have been challenged to match the \$75,000. The bathrooms are in need of repair and this has been an overall council goal," Guerra said. Big Spring Girl Scouts are in need of a permanent meeting place in Big Spring, but funds are not available for locating in a central building, she said. "We've tossed around a couple of ideas, but nothing definite. We're not looking for anything that requires serious renovation, and there isn't any funding to purchase," Guerra said. The problem of a Girl Scout location in Big Spring has been placed in the hands of the board members, who will consider how to best serve the needs of the girls, she said.

Kids' Zone to grow, thanks to Big Spring Woman's Club

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Kids' Zone playground at Comanche Trail Park will be getting another addition to the site, thanks to the efforts of the Big Spring Woman's Club. "This is part of our original plan and a project we are anxious to complete," said Becky Crane, director of parks and recreation for the city of Big Spring. A donation of \$4,152.50 by the Big Spring Woman's Club will pay for the materials to build a 30x40-foot pavilion, complete with about eight picnic tables, she said.

"This will provide the parents with shelter to watch their children," Crane said. The pavilion, which will be located east of Kids' Zone, will also be a spot for birthday parties and other gatherings, she said. "We hope to pour the pad sometime before December. We'll order the metal. The women's club has paid for the roof and shelter itself," Crane said. Covers with single picnic tables will also be placed in strategic spots around Kids'



Nancy Welch, left, long range planning chairperson, Donna Palmer, past president, and Terri Peterson, vice president hand Becky Crane, center, city director for parks and recreation and Glenn Fillingim, treasurer for Kids' Zone, a check for \$4,152.50 from the Big Spring Woman's Club.

local charity arises, our Long Range Planning Committee meets to choose a project, Overton said. May of 1997, the committee, chaired by Nancy Welch, selected Kids' Zone as the recipient of the donation. A club-sponsored golf tournament this summer provided the funds for the pic-

nic tables, Overton said. The women's organization is a local, civic group that has several fundraisers each year. All the proceeds are donated to non-profit organizations within the community, she said. Other recipients of Big Spring

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Housing grants

City to apply for \$800,000 to help locals with housing

By **T.E. JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Housing Authority recently gained the formal support of city council members in their quest for more than \$800,000 in grants from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

"This really is a big asset for the City of Big Spring," said Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard, who presented the resolution to the city council. "There are a lot of different grants available through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, and a lot of them have a very positive impact on the entire city."

According to Bogard the Housing Authority will be applying for three different grants, one of which has been awarded to Big Spring in the past.

"The first program they are applying for is the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, which helps low-to-moderate income families with their rental payments," said Bogard. "This grant is available to families who are part of the various self-sufficiency programs, which attempt to get these people back into the workforce through GED and college programs."

"The second grant applied for is the Home-Buyer Assistance Program, which runs in line with the rural development programs that are currently being set up. The grant will provide up to \$10,000 in assistance to families who are purchasing a home, but can't afford the down payment or closing costs."

"The final grant program, which Big Spring has participated in before, is the Owner-Occupied Housing Assistance Program, which provides the city funds to help rehabilitate existing housing."

Bogard said the rehabilitation of housing in Big Spring is a very serious matter with so many elderly homeowners on fixed incomes.

"A lot of the elderly residents in Big Spring are living in below standard housing right now," said Bogard. "These funds, if received, will allow us to help bring their homes back up to standard, and alleviate some of the financial burden they experience."

"We have received this grant before in the past, and it has definitely had a positive impact on the city. We hope to receive it again, and are very eager to begin rehabilitation of the homes."

Bogard said the Housing Authority will be applying for the \$288,000 for tenant assistance; \$200,000 for home-buyer assistance and \$400,000 for owner-occupied assistance.

"In the past we have only applied for \$200,000 in owner-occupied assistance funds," said Bogard. "This time we are going for the maximum \$400,000. We will have to just wait and see what happens."

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OBITUARIES

Joe Ed Underwood

Graveside service for Joe Ed Underwood, 59, Andrews, formerly of Big Spring, was 10 a.m. today at the Andrews West Cemetery with Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews, officiating.

Mr. Underwood died Friday, Nov. 13, 1998, at Permian General Hospital in Andrews.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1938, in San Angelo. He served in the U.S. National Guard and attended Howard College in Big Spring. He married Charlotte Freeman on Nov. 17, 1987, in Midessa. Mr. Underwood had worked for Channel 4 News in Big Spring and Monahan as a news director, starting in 1964.

Survivors include: his wife, Charlotte Underwood of Andrews; a son, Ed Underwood of Lindale; a daughter, Cindy Cordova of Lindale; two step daughters, Kim Turner of Cedar Park, and Karen Shouse of Breckenridge; one brother, Jim Underwood of Andrews; a sister, Sandra Overman of Eastland; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of McNett Funeral Home, Inc. of Andrews.

Dorothy "Dot" Robertson

Funeral service for Dorothy "Dot" Robertson, 76, Seminole, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998, at South Seminole Baptist Church with Rev. Shane Kinnison officiating. Burial will follow in Gaines County Memorial Park.

Mrs. Robertson died Friday, Nov. 13, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1921, in Coahoma. She attended Lindenwood College in Missouri and later received her BA degree in Music Education from Hardin Simmons University in 1939. She married Dale Puckett in 1942 in Coahoma. She moved to Seminole in 1948 from Big Spring.

Survivors include: one son, Joe Puckett of Lubbock; one grandson and one granddaughter.

Arrangements under the direction of Roger Pool Funeral Home, Seminole.

KIDS' ZONE

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Woman's Club members are the Northside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center and Rape Crisis/Victim Services.

Various seasonal causes, such as Christmas food baskets,

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Techla Daily, 86, of Big Spring, died Friday. Services were 2:00 PM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Russell Hoover, 77, died Thursday. Memorial Services were 1:30 PM Monday at First Christian Church. A private burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park in the morning.

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collecting coats, and back-to-school programs are also projects the club members sponsor each year, she said.

The first \$2,000 donated by the club was the seed money that helped organizers raise the \$10,000 needed to retain the New York architects, said Kids' Zone treasurer Glenn Fillingim.

"We collected \$100,000 just in cash donations, and that's not counting all the materials and labor donated to this project," Fillingim said.

Restrooms and water fountains at the site are nearing completion. Quality Plumbing has donated all their services for that new structure, she said.

BRIEFS

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will hold a community blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 268-4960 for an appointment.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots on Saturday, Nov. 14, Wednesday Nov. 18, and Wednesday Nov. 25 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. The flu shot on Nov. 25 will be given from 8 a.m. to noon only.

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S Association is having their annual arts and craft show Saturday, Nov. 7, and again on Dec. 5, in the Big Spring Mall.

The funds raised will go into a college fund for women. If you have questions, call P.J. Heckler at 267-8239.

SHANNON HEALTH SYSTEM IS accepting applications for the Margaret Shannon academic scholarship to be awarded in December.

The scholarship program was initiated earlier this year. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded annually, one in the fall and another in the spring.

To qualify, students will be enrolled in one of the following educational efforts:

• as juniors or seniors in a college-level allied health science degree, such as a bachelor of science in nursing or pharmacy;

• in an accredited technical or vocational school leading to certification in an allied health field, such as LVN, medical records, radiography or respiratory therapy;

• in graduate studies, such as medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or health administration.

Students need to be enrolled for at least nine semester hours, maintain a 2.5 grade point average overall and a 3.0 in major courses, and be residents of Shannon's 19-county service area, which includes: Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Howard, Irion, McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde counties.

Deadline for entry is Dec. 15. The scholarship winner will be named Dec. 30. For more information or an application, call Shannon Marketing at (915)657-5064.

CONGRESSMAN CHARLES W. STENHOLM has announced that the deadline for applications to the United States Service Academies is just one month away.

The deadline to apply to any service academy through Congressman Stenholm's office is Dec. 1. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Washington office as soon as possible.

Eligible applicants must be at least 17 but not past their 23rd birthday, and need to have graduated from high school by June 30, 1999. They must also be single with no dependents and be a legal resident of the 17th District.

Competitive applicants should be in the top 20 percent of their class, they need to have SAT scores above 550 Verbal and 600 Math or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Applications who wish to serve as commissioned officers

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in Congressman Stenholm's Washington office at (202)225-8119; 1211 Longworth HOB; Washington, D.C.; 20515. Nominees will be announced in late December.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP Foundation is preparing to award \$250,000 in college scholarships.

Scholarship applications for high school and college students are available through Dec. 16, 1998 by writing 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012. Or fax a request to 847-259-3972.

High school with a B grade point average, and college students with a B plus average are eligible for the \$1,000 college scholarships.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE RESOURCES OF THE National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for 1998-99 is available which clarifies academic funding guidelines, steps students through the maze of the financial aid process and shows them how to identify and tap into the scholarship money that is available to them.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships for college, graduate school or trade school, send \$3 to cover shipping and handling to the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA); 188 Summer Street; Scholarship Department N7; Portsmouth, N.H.; 03801.

PARENT'S DAY OUT PROGRAM will be starting Monday and Wednesday, at Baptist Temple. The program will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on and the cost is \$8 per child. Please call the church office at 267-8287 if you are interested.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

• Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

• TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

• Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369. The Nov. 2 meeting will be at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop, Big Spring Mall, at 6 p.m. On the Nov. 16 meeting, bring a favorite Thanksgiving story.

• Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

• Alzheimer's support group,

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6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

• Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

• The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

• Survivors of Suicide support group will meet Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Guest speaker will be Sr. Margaret Ledwith, chaplain at MCH in Odessa. He will be speaking on the theme of caring for the grieving: our need and their need.

• The New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, will meet Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store, but with the driveway on Randolph. For directions call 267-2800.

TUESDAY
• Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

• Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

• Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

• Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

• "Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

• Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

• The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

• Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

• Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter will present an overview of Alzheimer's disease with a free dementia screening on Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Westwood Medical Center, 4214 Andrews Hwy. For more information call 1-800-682-1174.

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Brown University student accused in poisoning case

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A Brown University graduate student has been accused of using a radioactive chemical to poison two other students, including a former girlfriend. Neither was harmed.

Cheng Gu, 24, placed a radioactive isotope of iodine in a dish of vegetables and chicken he gave to Yuanyuan Xiao, a fellow student in molecular pharmacology, police Lt. Stephen Campbell said Sunday.

Xiao's roommate, undergraduate James O'Brien, also ate the food.

Gu was arrested Friday and charged with poisoning, assault and larceny.

The attack apparently was motivated by "some kind of love interest," said police Capt. John Ryan. Xiao told police she had been Gu's girlfriend in their native China and, for a time, in the United States.

The isotope, iodine-125, is used to diagnose and treat thyroid disorders, and the amount Xiao and O'Brien received was about the same as that given in such procedures, university spokesman Mark Nickel said.

The contamination was discovered Wednesday when Xiao arrived at Brown's pharmacology laboratory, where students routinely are tested for radiation. A Geiger counter showed that Xiao was "hot," Campbell said.

Finding nothing amiss in the lab, safety personnel went to Xiao's home and found radioactive contamination in the food, Campbell said.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 65.90 cents, down 212 points; Dec. crude 13.30, down 27 points; Cash hogs steady \$1 lower at 19; cash steers steady at 62 cents even; Dec. lean hog futures 32.25, down 95 points; Dec. live cattle futures 62.50, down 137 points.
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Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.
Index 8996.57
Volume 190,561,110
ATT 61% + 1/2
Amoco 59% nc
Atlantic Richfield 67% - 1/2
Atmos Energy 30% nc
Calenergy Inc. 30% - 1/2
Chevron 82% - 1/2
Cifra 13% to 13 1/2
Coca Cola 69% - 1/2
Compaq Computer 34% + 1/2
Cornell Correc. 15% - 1/2
De Beers 15% + 1/8
Diagnostic Health 3 + 1/2
DuPont 61% + 1
Exxon 71% - 1/2
Halliburton 31% - 1/2
IBM 159% + 1 1/2
Intel Corp 106% + 2 1/2
Medical Alliance 2% + 1/2
Mobil 71% - 1/2
NUV 9% + 1/2
Palex Inc. 7 + 1/2
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Pepsi Cola 38% - 1/2
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Phillips Petroleum 44% - 1/2
Rural/Metro 12% - 1/2

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Sears 48% + 1 1/2
Sun 33% - 1/2
Texaco 59% - 1/2
Texas Instruments 69% + 1/2
Texas Utils. Co 45% - 1/2
Unocal Corp 34% - 1/2
Wal-Mart 71% + 1/2
Well Fargo 38% + 1/8
Amcap 17.75-18.83
Euro Pacific 27.21-28.87
I.C.A. 31.56-33.49
New Perspective 22.54-23.92
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Silver 5.01-5.03

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• **GABRIEL MARTINEZ, 18**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **DAVID MARTINEZ, 31**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **CHARLES SMITH, 41**, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **ALBERT SMITH, 42**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **RUBY SMITH, 38**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **LORITA KELLY, 57**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **CHRISTOPHER ORNELAS, 20**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **JOE LOPEZ, 62**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **BONNIE MENDEZ, 29**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **FABRICIANO ROJAS, 40**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **ROCKY RODRIGUEZ, 17**, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• **MICHAEL MARQUEZ, 19**, was arrested for driving under the influence.

• **CHRISTOPHER ALCANTAR, 20**, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• **ADAM MCCARTY, 18**, was arrested for a minor driving under the influence.

• **JIM COKER, 19**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **ERNEST CLARK**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **DEBRA AUSBIE, 35**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **DANNY RODRIGUEZ, 23**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **ANTHONY EVANS, 18**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **MARCUS GRAY, 21**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 400 block of E Fourth.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of E Fourth.

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U.S. military forces were in motion when Iraqis backed down

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military forces already were in motion when the Iraqi government signaled it would accept renewed weapons inspections, posing a dilemma for Clinton administration officials.

If they let the warplanes destroy their targets, critics surely would ask how they could strike even as Baghdad acquiesced; if they held their fire, they would face doubts about their resolve.

In the end, President Clinton decided to stand down. He made clear Sunday that the United States would strike militarily if Iraq did not live up to its renewed commitment to give U.N. inspectors unfettered access to suspected weapons sites.

The first test could come Tuesday, when the inspectors are scheduled to return to Iraq.

If Iraqi President Saddam Hussein does not comply, Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security adviser, said today, "Our forces are there, we are ready; there is no ambiguity about

what he needs to do.

"When Iraq capitulated, agreed yesterday to allow UNSCOM inspectors back in and to fully cooperate ... had we gone forward and struck at that point we would have fractured the consensus ... against Saddam Hussein," Berger said on NBC's "Today."

After consultations with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Clinton declared Sunday, "Iraq has backed down, but that is not enough. Now Iraq must live up to its obligations."

With Berger, Defense Secretary William Cohen and Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at his side, Clinton told a news conference that Annan shares his understanding of Iraq's obligations.

Iraq must allow inspectors "unfettered access" to view any site they wish; it must turn over all relevant documents on chemical and biological weapons production; and it must not interfere with the inspectors themselves.

Annan welcomed Clinton's "statesmanlike response" in accepting the latest Iraqi assurances for now.

Iraq declared itself the victor in the crisis.

Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan told state-run television that Iraq had been able "to prove to the whole world that our views are correct" and that the Americans were misguided.

Many analysts expect Saddam to turn defiant again within months, as he has done several times since the Gulf War.

Eliot Cohen, a professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins University who directed a Pentagon study of the Gulf air war, questioned whether Arab nations would stick out their necks again to stand with the United States against an unpredictable Iraq.

"Our Gulf allies must be just shaking their heads at the Clinton administration," Eliot Cohen said. "If you're Saudi Arabia or Qatar or Bahrain, you think the Americans flinched. You wouldn't say Saddam

flinched. He's had another confrontation with the United States where he gets to go back to the status quo ante without having paid for it."

Clinton acknowledged that deep skepticism surrounds Saddam's promises, but he argued that holding back from a military strike is the best long-term strategy.

"If we take military action, we can significantly degrade Saddam Hussein's ability to develop weapons of mass destruction and to deliver them," the president said. "But that would also mark the end of UNSCOM," the U.N. special commission on Iraq.

Clinton called for a new government in Baghdad "that is committed to represent and respect its people, not repress them, that is committed to peace in the region." He said the United States would intensify its efforts to work "with the forces of change in Iraq."

The reaction from Baghdad was swift.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq

Aziz criticized Clinton's pledge that the United States is committed to replacing Saddam's regime in Iraq.

"I have to condemn strongly the statement of Mr. Clinton, the plans of his government to overthrow the government of Iraq," Aziz said on CNN. "This is a flagrant violation of the (U.N.) Security Council resolutions as well as international law."

Clinton had given Shelton the go-ahead to begin the operation on Friday morning, according to an administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Shortly before missiles were to be launched, news reports from Baghdad on Saturday morning indicated that the Iraqi government was prepared to back down. Clinton put the mission on hold, and attack plans began forming for a later hour.

U.S. and British officials rejected Iraq's first statement over protestations by U.N. officials who were prepared to

accept it. Iraq then produced two additional letters clearly stating its "unconditional decision" to resume cooperation.

Clinton conferred again with members of his team, and with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and French President Jacques Chirac by telephone Saturday night.

At 3 a.m. Sunday, national security adviser Berger asked Shelton to scrap the attack.

"It was close. Very close," Defense Secretary Cohen said. He said the U.S. military will "maintain a steady force" in the region "that is more than adequate to deal with Saddam Hussein."

Cohen, Shelton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged Clinton to go ahead with the airstrikes Saturday despite the early word the Iraqis were prepared to back down, but Berger's recommendation that the attack be called off prevailed. The Washington Post reported today in a story quoting unidentified administration sources.

Kenneth McDuff faces execution Tuesday unless he receives stay

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Kenneth Allen McDuff's Internet plea is brief: "If there is anyone left out there, drop me a letter."

No one need reply after Tuesday, when prosecutors hope the man they consider one of Texas' most sadistic and vicious killers will be executed for the 1992 abduction, rape and slaying of a young woman.

In trouble since grade school and first imprisoned in 1965 for a string of burglaries, McDuff is thought to be responsible for as many as 14 murders all in Texas.

And the 52-year-old former machine operator has the distinction of being the only inmate released from Texas death row to return there. His parole after his first stint on death row, and subsequent murder spree, prompted more stringent procedures for paroles of capital offenders.

Brenda Solomon planned to witness the execution of the man convicted of killing her daughter, 22-year-old Melissa Ann Northrup.

"I wouldn't miss it for the world," Solomon said. "I'm not getting my hopes up. We know he could get a stay. But we are wanting this."

McDuff's attorneys asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to block Tuesday's scheduled lethal injection, arguing a lower court erred in refusing their request for additional tests on hair samples taken from the crime scene.

McDuff lawyer Walter Reeves also was prepared to take the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but wasn't optimistic.

"I think the chances of getting relief are fairly remote," he said.

McDuff, who says he passes his time making jewelry, refused to speak with reporters in recent months. In the past, he has denied involvement in the crimes and blamed the news media for his convictions. His Internet request for letters is one of several from death row inmates that are listed on a Web site by a nonprofit prisoners advocacy group.

McDuff first went to death row in 1968, for the shooting deaths two years earlier of two teen-age boys and the rape-strangulation of their 16-year-

old female companion.

While awaiting execution, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the death penalty as unconstitutional and in 1972 McDuff's sentence was commuted to life.

He won parole about 17 years later. Exactly a year after his release, he returned to prison as a parole violator, then in seven weeks was out again, paroled when Texas inmates served just a fraction of their sentences because of prison overcrowding.

When at least a half dozen young women disappeared in the Temple-Waco area of central Texas, McDuff became a suspect.

He was arrested in Kansas City and convicted of abducting Northrup, a pregnant mother of two, from a Waco convenience store where they both once worked. Her body was found in a gravel pit. Her hands were tied behind her back and she had been strangled with a rope.

He also was sentenced to death in 1994 for killing 28-year-old accountant Colleen Reed, who'd been abducted in Austin. A companion who testified as part of a plea bargain described the sound of McDuff beating the woman as "like a tree limb breaking."

It wasn't until last month that an informant's tip led authorities to Reed's skeleton, buried along the Brazos River south of Waco. Unearthed nearby were the remains of two other women, also believed to be McDuff victims.

Yet until now, McDuff has managed to avoid execution, even winning reprieves several weeks ago. His execution for Northrup's killing was originally set for Oct. 21 but was delayed by a federal judge. He'd been scheduled to die that same day for Reed's murder, but another federal judge granted a stay in that case and no new date has been set.

Brenda Solomon is raising Northrup's young children, a son now 12 and a daughter, 10.

"She doesn't remember her mother," Solomon says of her granddaughter. "The little boy does. But they know when they see McDuff on TV, they know who he is. And the little boy always asks: 'He didn't get another stay, did he?'"

Netanyahu suspends pullback from West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced today that he is suspending an Israeli troop pullback in the West Bank — scheduled for later this week — until the Palestinians drop plans to declare independence in May.

Netanyahu made the announcement in a speech to parliament that began a two-day debate on the agreement, under which Israel is to withdraw from 13 percent of the West Bank by the end of January.

The prime minister is upset over recent remarks by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat who has renewed a pledge to declare statehood in May and said that "our rifle is ready" to defend Jerusalem.

"I do not intend to implement any withdrawal under these circumstances ... until these things are corrected in public," Netanyahu told parliament. He was interrupted frequently.

Netanyahu said he would convene his Cabinet on Wednesday

to review the suspension of the withdrawal. On Sunday night, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators had agreed that Israel would withdraw from 2 percent of the West Bank by Friday.

The land-for-security agreement is assured the support of some 90 of 120 legislators, and Netanyahu's speech was mainly aimed at hard-liners who have threatened to topple his coalition.

Netanyahu portrayed himself as a tough negotiator who would not put up with what he said were repeated attempts by the Palestinians to violate the accord.

"Unlike others, we do not believe in illusions, a new Middle East," Netanyahu said. "The Palestinians will test us every day and we will stand firm."

Earlier, Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour accused Netanyahu of trying to wriggle out of his commitments. "I urge Mr. Netanyahu to stop trying to

evade the agreements by using excuses," Asfour said before the suspension of the withdrawal was announced.

Before his speech, Netanyahu telephoned Arafat to seek clarifications, but was not satisfied with the Palestinian leader's responses, Israel radio said. Palestinian officials confirmed the phone call, but refused to discuss its contents.

In an attempt to soften Arafat's words, two senior aides said the Palestinians were committed to the peace agreement and that talk about statehood in May was intended to prod Israel into not dragging out negotiations on a permanent peace.

A group of 30 Jewish settlers set up two mobile homes on a remote West Bank hill west of the Jewish settlement of Kedumim today, a day after Israeli Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon encouraged settlers to seize as much land as possible before the troop pullback.

Settler leader Daniela Weiss

said the action came in direct response to Sharon. "We understood that the attitude of the Israeli government is that he who holds the land determines policy and we are acting accordingly," Weiss told Israel radio.

Israel radio said police ordered the settlers to leave.

Both sides have been trading inflammatory remarks in recent days that have raised questions about whether the land-for-security agreement will be carried out on time.

Despite the latest row, it appeared unlikely the agreement would collapse. Implementation has been held up by Israel repeatedly, but with some U.S. pressure, Netanyahu has moved ahead.

U.S. officials said it was time for Israelis and Palestinians to cooperate. "We have repeatedly called on both sides to refrain from provocative language," said Larry Schwartz, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

State officials: Fewer than one in every 1,000 big trucks is inspected on Texas highways

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The shortage of inspectors who oversee commercial trucking in Texas is so critical that fewer than one of every thousand trucks on the road is inspected, according to state officials.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Sunday's editions that Texas leads the nation in fatalities involving large trucks, yet almost all commercial drivers get a free pass through the state.

Maj. Lester Mills, director of the DPS's division responsible for truck safety, said that of the trucks that are inspected, one in three has safety defects such as bad brakes, bald tires or an unsecured load.

Officials also said one in six drivers who are stopped for inspection usually is not certified to drive a big rig.

"I think we're hitting the bad characters, but when you pull over a truck and inspect it, 50 or 60 more drive by that don't get looked at," Mills said.

The state has 371 DPS officers assigned to truck safety inspections, but more than one mil-

lion commercial trucks and 32,000 trucking companies are registered in Texas, Mills said.

"The only other state our size — California — has at least three times as many officers inspecting trucks," he said.

California receives the same amount of federal funds for truck inspections that Texas does — \$3.955 million this year, said Dick Henderson, director of governmental affairs for the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance in Washington, a coalition of truck safety enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"The difference is that Texas doesn't add state funds to that," he said. "California contributes another \$6 million to \$8 million a year."

The problem of truck inspections in Texas has become worse since Congress approved the North American Free Trade Agreement, officials said. The number of trucks traveling on the state's major north-south arteries has tripled.

With major highways keeping the sparse force of truck inspec-

tors busy, urban areas are left to rely on local police departments to make inspections.

"There is a big gap in our coverage," Mills said, "and all we can do is try to have some enforcement presence out there and hope that, for the most part, truckers will voluntarily comply with the safety standards."

Safety defects are the most common cause of fatal accidents involving commercial trucks, experts told the newspaper.

In 1997, 486 people — one of every 10 killed in Texas traffic accidents that year — died in collisions that involved large trucks, the DPS reported.

Because Texas leads the nation in truck-related traffic deaths, the state is part of the Federal Highway Administration's Big 10 project, which focuses on reducing truck fatalities in 10 states with the highest number of fatalities.

Others states include California, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York and Michigan.

Don Stewart, an inspector

who works in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, said he sometimes believes he's not making a difference. On a good day, Stewart and his partner can inspect about 10 trucks, he said.

"There are a lot of trucks out there that we just can't get to," he said. "While we're inspecting one, dozens more with the same problems are driving by. They're everywhere, and they carry everything."

DPS officials said they plan to ask the state Legislature next year for money to hire another 57 troopers to oversee inspections.

Truckers complain that pressure from shippers to keep goods moving, as well as the high cost of maintaining their vehicles, sometimes forces them to delay repairs.

Washington police shoot, kill at excessive rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police in the nation's capital fire their weapons at a rate more than double those in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or Miami and kill a higher proportion of people than comparable police forces elsewhere in the country.

An investigation by The Washington Post showed that throughout the 1990s, more people were killed by DC police officers per resident than in any other large American city.

"We shoot too often, and we shoot too much when we do shoot," Terrance W. Gainer, the executive assistant police chief, told the newspaper.

In the last five years, the Post said, Washington's officers fatally shot 57 people, three more than police in Chicago, where the police force is three times as large and the population five times larger.

Deaths and injuries from police shootings have resulted in almost \$8 million in court

settlements and judgments against the district in the last six months, the report said.



"The spate of police shootings in the district this decade is closely tied to the training and supervision of officers and the way the department investigates cases and holds officers

accountable," the paper said.

It said police shootings began to rise at the same time the department added a large number of new, ill-prepared recruits and adopted the light-trigger, highly advanced Glock 9mm handgun as the department's service weapon.

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OUR VIEWS

Innovative approach places BSSH at lead of mental health care

Big Spring State Hospital was visited last week by newly appointed MHMR Commissioner Karen Hale, who was visibly impressed with what she saw and was more than happy to talk about it.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR: The article "Health plans control access to medical technology" page 5 of Monday's (Nov. 2) Herald, indicated that while technological research is increasing, so are the diseases technology can not understand.

years with the restless leg syndrome, the only solution being, exercise! Exercise! Exercise! Walk! Which she did, to little or no avail.

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Time for preliminary list of thankful things

Loosen up the gratitude muscles in time for Thanksgiving, I made a preliminary list of things for which I am thankful.



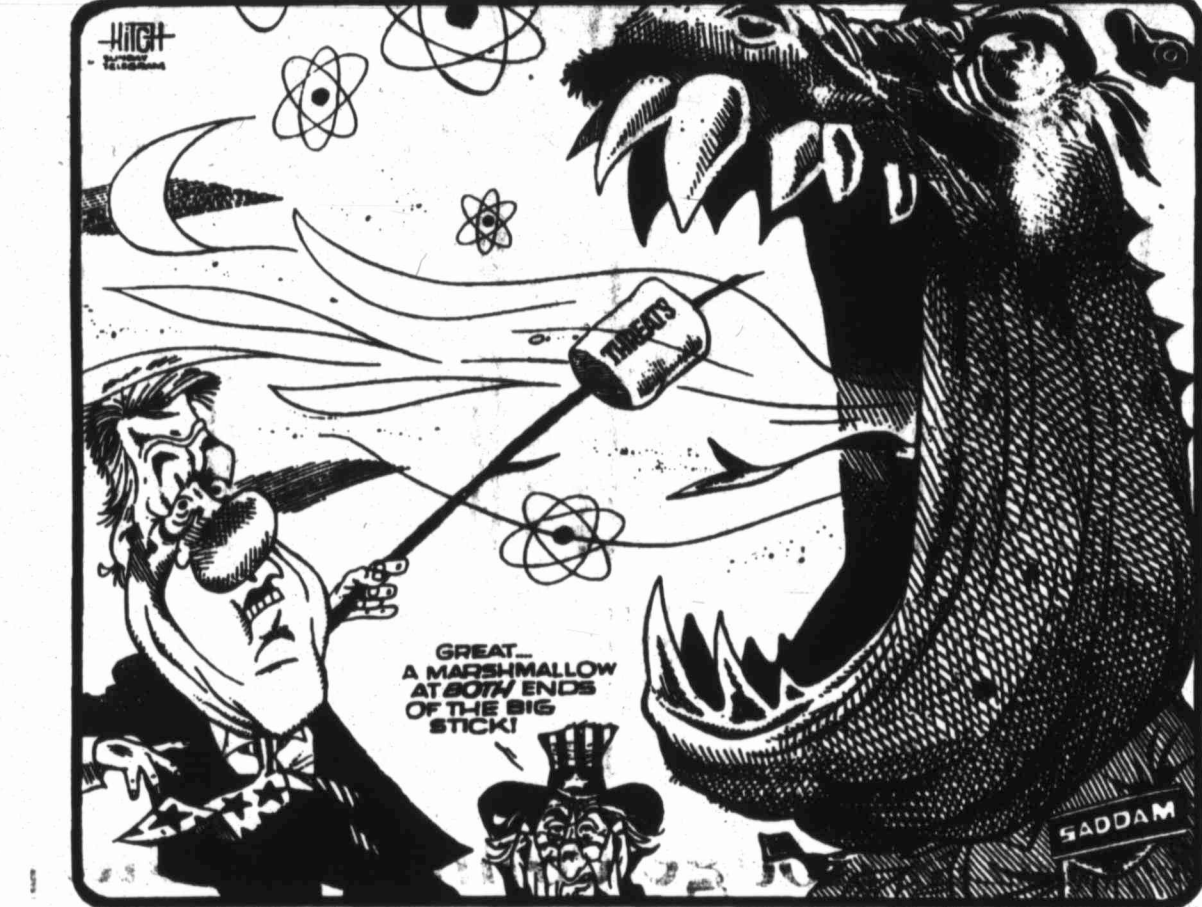
CHARLEY REESE

- 1. I am thankful that I decided last year never to buy another National Basketball Association ticket or watch a game on television! It wasn't that I begrudged the players their salaries; I begrudged them their whining, complaining and malingering.
2. I am thankful that I never again have to listen to or watch Bill Clinton. Since no word out of his mouth can be trusted, it is a waste of eardrum vibrations to listen to him.

- 12. I am thankful that I can still keep all my shots in a pie plate at a reasonable distance.
13. I am thankful that a former wrestler won the governor's race in Minnesota.
14. I am thankful that I never had to attend a debate between Al D'Amato and Charlie Schumer.
15. I am thankful that someone tipped me off about the Judge Dee mysteries (wonderful stories about a magistrate in imperial China written by Dutch diplomat Robert Hans Van Gulik).

In our case, we often look at the empty half of the glass of champagne, but any country in which the big problem for a lot of government high schools is finding parking space for the students' \$20,000 cars is still one fat cat of a country.
The real fly in our ointment is that it seems that the two things people can't stand are peace and prosperity. The more prosperity they have, the more it seems, they think socialism is a good idea. The more peace, the less they are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to keep the peace.

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History resides in ordinary houses as well as museums

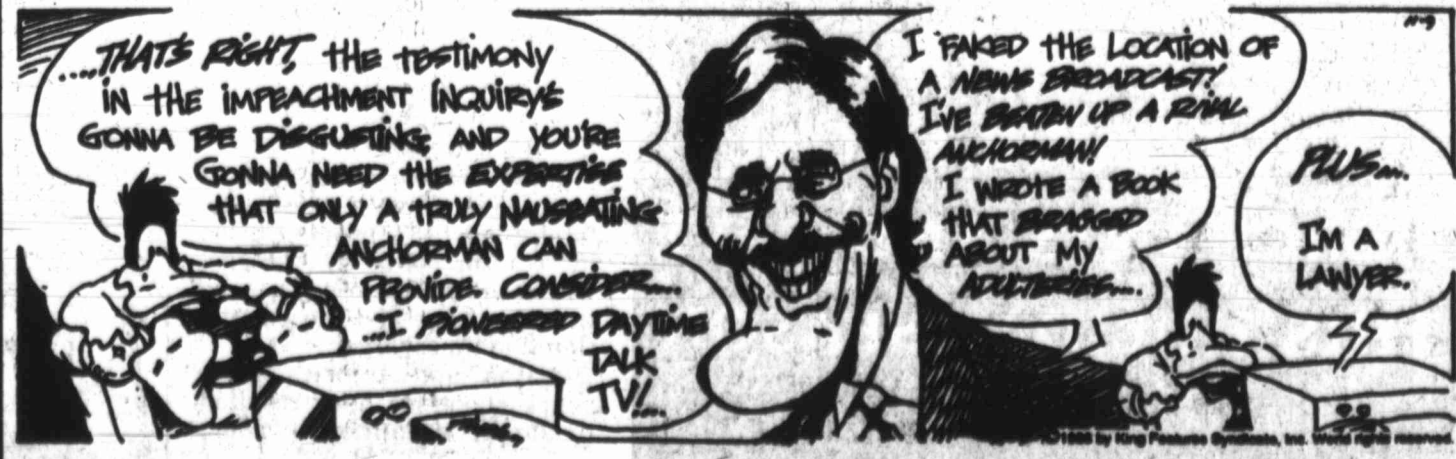
ELBA, Ala. — We expect to find history in hoary mansions with grand names, beneath marble monuments and colonnades. We expect to see its face on a coin, or in a museum. History also lives in an ordinary little house, at the end of an ordinary street, beyond a front walk flanked by flaming tiger lilies.

Neighbors saluted the marriage with cowbells and horns, and the odd couple set up house-keeping in a plank rental house. His picture hangs above her sofa, near that of Robert E. Lee. William Jasper was a teen-age soldier in the Fourth Alabama Infantry, Company K. He was there at the siege of Petersburg, Va. Somewhere along the line, he won two medals.

and head for the creek," Alberta says in her blunt fashion. She still grieves for Charlie. The main man in her life these days — other than her two sons, of course — is a dentist, one Kenneth Chancey, Dr. Chancey, of nearby Enterprise, was a new member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans a few years ago when he found out about Alberta Martin. Intrigued, Chancey did his research. He mounted a vigorous publicity campaign that in 1996 resulted in the renewal of Mrs. Martin's pension.

And recently, at Alberta Martin's request, the dentist helped plan her funeral. She will lie beneath the Confederate flag, and she certainly wants someone to sing "Beyond the Sunset." Perhaps the September death of Daisy Anderson, one of the last remaining Union widows, prompted Mrs. Martin's macabre efficiency. The two women met last year in Gettysburg, Pa. "It made me so sad when I heard she died," Alberta Martin says.

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



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IN BRIEF

Lady Bearcats runners 11th, 12th at state meet
Garden City's Tiffany Kujawski and Michelle Fuchs finished 11th and 12th, respectively, Saturday at the Class 1A girls' state cross-country meet in Georgetown.

Kujawski, a senior making her fourth straight appearance at the meet, turned in a 13:21 clocking on the 2-mile girls' circuit, while Fuchs, a sophomore making her second trip to the state meet, was clocked at 13:25.

Coahoma boosters slate 'Meet the Teams' event
The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club has scheduled a "Meet the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes" event for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

The public is invited to attend and meet the players and coaches of the 1998-99 Bulldog and Bulldogette basketball squads.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder and Wall.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

YMCA youth basketball program being revamped

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is currently under way with Program Director Cindy Kincaid saying those who took part in last year's program will see wholesale changes.

The program is being expanded to include seventh- and eighth-grade girls and boys.

Youngsters whose families are not YMCA members will have to purchase basic program memberships for \$15 to participate, but Kincaid said the program will continue to scholarship children from low income families.

The YMCA has also scheduled a basketball camp for boys and girls on the first three Saturdays in December.

Beginning in 1999 the YMCA will be offering a year-round youth sports program including basketball, soccer, t-ball and softball and roller hockey.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Howard College slates mini-basketball camp

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks will conduct a mini-basketball camp from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

All proceeds from the camp will benefit the local Special Olympics program.

The camp is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through the sixth grade. The fee will be \$10 per youngster.

Participants should bring tennis shoes and a basketball if they have one.

PLAYOFFS

THURSDAY:
7:30 p.m. — Ackerly Sands (6-5) vs. Balmorhea (9-2) at Rankin.

FRIDAY:
7:30 p.m. — Stanton (10-1) vs. Eldorado (6-5) at Sweetwater.
7:30 p.m. — Borden County (10-1) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (8-1) at Seagraves.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:
FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

Steers swimmers fourth, Lady Steers fifth at Pecos Invitational

HERALD Staff Report

PECOS — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the team standings of the Pecos Invitational swimming and diving meet Saturday.

Pecos' host Eagles took the boys' division championship, piling up 318 points to easily outdistance Carlsbad (N.M.) in the team standings, while Andrews finished third.

Monahans' Lady Lobos took the girls' championship, finishing with 7.5 points ahead of Carlsbad. Pecos' Lady Eagles

were third, while Lubbock High was fourth.

Both Big Spring squads started racking up points in the very first swimming event Saturday, the Lady Steers 200 medley relay team of Ty Marsch, Amanda Morris, Renee Flores and Bond Moughon finishing eighth, while the boys' four-some of Slate Broyles, Billy Beckworth, Doug Willberg and Justin Williams was third.

Broyles and Beckworth led the way for the Steers, Broyles taking first place in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke, while Beckworth won the 100 butterfly and was third in the 100

breaststroke.

Big Spring's Marcus Fernandez added ninth-place points in the 100 breaststroke and eighth-place points in the 500 freestyle. Cody Clark chipped in four points for his ninth-place in the 100 butterfly.

Williams and Fernandez teamed with Broyles and Beckworth to round out the Steers' point total with a third-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay.

Melissa Sheedy provided the Lady Steers' only first-place finish, taking the 200 individual medley, while Morris finished ninth in the event.

Sheedy added a third-place finish in

the 100 butterfly, while Flores was fifth and Stacey Delos Santos was eighth in the event.

Morris added a fourth-place finish in the 500 freestyle and Vanessa Yanez was eighth.

The Lady Steers also had multiple points produced in the 100 backstroke as Flores finished third and Marsch was 10th.

Sheedy, Michelle Stokes, Heidi Robinson and Flores finished third in the 200 freestyle relay and the Lady Steers' final points came in the 400 freestyle relay where Sheedy, Stokes, Robinson and Marsch finished second.



Dallas' Emmitt Smith (22), shown here celebrating a touchdown in Super Bowl XXX, moved into the No. 3 spot on the NFL's list of career rushing touchdown leaders with three scores against the Arizona Cardinals in the Cowboys' 35-28 win Sunday.

Falcons thump San Francisco; Cowboys dodge comeback bid

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sunday was almost the day the world turned upside down twice.

It did in the NFC West, where Atlanta overturned San Francisco 31-19 to take a one-game lead over the 49ers, a team that's won 13 division titles since the Falcons won their only one 18 years ago.

But it hasn't turned yet in the NFC East.

There the Dallas Cowboys jumped to a 28-0 lead in Arizona, then hung on for a 35-28 win after a furious rally engineered by Jake Plummer, who threw for 465 yards.

Plummer had two shots from the Dallas 5-yard-line at the end of the game, the second on a fade pattern to Rob Moore that the Cards vehemently claimed was pass interference.

While the Cards were complaining, the Falcons were celebrating a victory that left them at 8-2 for the first time in their 33 seasons of existence.

"A lot of us who've been around here for awhile have been on the downside of these games," said Terance Mathis, who caught a 78-yard touchdown pass from Chris Chandler that clinched the game. "We've weathered the storm and now we're on top."

It wasn't only what the Falcons did, it was what happened to the 49ers (7-3) after losing for the second time in three weeks.

Ray Buchanan intercepted a

poorly thrown pass by Steve Young to set up one score and Jessie Tuggle recovered a fumble by Young in the end zone for another. And with the Niners trailing 7-0 in the final seconds of the first half, Jerry Rice did the unheard of — he dropped a pass while wide open in the end zone.

Still, Young and Rice, who had 10 catches for 169 yards, brought the 49ers back from a 24-6 deficit to 24-19. But then Chandler connected with Mathis to clinch it for Atlanta when San Francisco was assuming the Falcons would run.

"It's hard to run out the clock when they've got eight guys on the line," Chandler said. "It didn't look good anywhere else, so why not take a shot?"

The Cardinals looked like they'd never have a chance for a last shot in packed Sun Devil Stadium, where a sign reading "Armageddon" was hanging.

With its Super-Bowl hardened big names producing, the Cowboys, now 7-3 to Arizona's 5-5, raced to that 28-0 lead, making it look like just another romp over the Cards, whom they've now beaten in 16 of their last 17 meetings.

Emmitt Smith scored three TDs to pass Walter Payton and Jim Brown and become No. 3 on the career touchdown list behind Rice and Marcus Allen. One of those scores was set up by an interception by Deion Sanders, who was in and out of the game with a toe injury.

But then Plummer came back

with the kind of heroics he demonstrated in the same stadium at Arizona State. If nothing else it kept both the crowd and the team enthused for a legitimate run at a playoff spot; right now, the Cards are tied with New Orleans for the third wild card in the NFC.

"I didn't think that they could come back," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said. "I thought we'd score a couple of more touchdowns and that would be that."

In other games Sunday, it was Tennessee 23, Pittsburgh 14; Miami 13, Carolina 9; Indianapolis 24, the New York Jets 23; Minnesota 24, Cincinnati 3; New Orleans 24, St. Louis 3; Washington 28, Philadelphia 3; Buffalo 13, New England 10; Green Bay 37, the New York Giants 3; Jacksonville 29, Tampa Bay 24; Oakland 20, Seattle 17; San Diego 14, Baltimore 13; and Detroit 26, Chicago 3.

Denver is at Kansas City on Monday night.

Oilers 23, Steelers 14

Tennessee beat Pittsburgh for the second time in three weeks with 10 points in the final three seconds. Al Del Greco's 22-yard field goal gave the Oilers (6-4) a 16-14 lead, then Michael Roan fell on a fumble in the end zone as the Steelers (6-4) desperately tried to keep the ball alive on the kickoff return.

Kordell Stewart was 22-of-28 for 239 yards and two touchdowns for Pittsburgh.

Vols barely hold No. 1 ranking, Kansas St. gains

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's getting closer at the top.

Tennessee, a last-minute 28-24 winner over Arkansas, was No. 1 for the second straight week in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll, but Kansas State made up lots of ground with its 40-30 victory over Nebraska on Saturday.

The Volunteers (9-0) received 37 first-place votes and 1,709 points, while the Wildcats (10-0) collected 29 first-place votes and 1,699 points from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Last week, when they became No. 1 for the first time in 42 years, the Vols had 46 first-place votes and 1,718 points. Kansas State had 19 first-place votes and 1,677 points.

After Sunday's balloting, the Wildcats trailed the Vols by just eight first-place votes and 10 points. Next Saturday, K-State is at Missouri and Kentucky visits Tennessee.

UCLA (9-0) remained No. 3 after extending the nation's longest major college winning streak to 19 games with a 36-24 victory over Washington. The Bruins had four first-place votes and 1,618 points.

Florida (9-1) and Florida State (10-1) were 4-5 heading into their showdown Saturday at Tallahassee, Fla., as the top seven teams remained unchanged.

Texas A&M (10-1), a 17-14 winner over Missouri, was No. 6, followed by No. 7 Ohio State, No. 8 Arizona, No. 9 Arkansas and No. 10 Notre Dame.

Even with the loss to Tennessee, the Razorbacks (8-1) moved up one spot from last week. The Irish (8-1), 30-0 winners over Navy, returned to the Top 10 for the first time since the first regular-season poll.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five teams were Kansas State, Tennessee, UCLA, Florida and Florida State.

Michigan (8-2), which beat previously unbeaten Wisconsin 27-10, was No. 11 in the AP poll, followed by No. 12 Tulane (9-0), No. 13 Wisconsin, No. 14 Georgia, No. 15 Oregon, No. 16 Penn State, No. 17 Nebraska, No. 18 Virginia, No. 19 Missouri and No. 20 Air Force.

Georgia Tech (7-2), which beat Clemson 24-21 last Thursday night, was No. 21, followed by No. 22 Miami, No. 23 Virginia Tech, No. 24 Syracuse and No. 25 Texas.

Wyoming, a 10-3 loser to Air Force, dropped out of the Top

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Nov. 14:

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Tennessee (37)	9-0
2.	Kansas St. (29)	10-0
3.	UCLA (4)	9-0
4.	Florida	9-1
5.	Florida St.	10-1
6.	Texas A&M	10-1
7.	Ohio St.	9-1
8.	Arizona	10-1
9.	Arkansas	8-1
10.	Notre Dame	8-1
11.	Michigan	8-2
12.	Tulane	9-0
13.	Wisconsin	9-1
14.	Georgia	7-2
15.	Oregon	8-2
16.	Penn St.	7-2
17.	Nebraska	8-3
18.	Virginia	8-2
19.	Missouri	7-3
20.	Air Force	9-1
21.	Georgia Tech	7-2
22.	Miami	6-2
23.	Virginia Tech	7-2
24.	Syracuse	6-3
25.	Texas	7-3

Others receiving votes: Kentucky 66, Texas Tech 65, Southern Cal 56, West Virginia 23, Wyoming 10, Mississippi St. 8, Purdue 8, Marshall 6, Colorado 3, N. Carolina St. 3, Brigham Young 1.

The AP poll and coverage of college football can be found at <http://www.aptop25.com>

25, while Syracuse (6-3) jumped back in after a week's absence.

Michigan, the defending national champions, moved up four spots this week and can clinch a return trip to the Rose Bowl with a victory over Ohio State on Saturday. The Badgers (9-1) fell five spots after their loss.

Nebraska's No. 17 ranking is the school's lowest since it finished the 1990 season ranked No. 24. The Huskers fell to 8-3 after their loss to Kansas State.

Lady Hawks rebound with wins, Hawks post classic sweep

HERALD Staff Report

WICHITA FALLS — Howard College's Lady Hawks rebounded from an opening-round loss to No. 1-ranked Trinity Valley at the Texas JUCO Roundup with a 68-62 win over Kilgore Friday night and topped that with a 93-69 win over Ranger on Saturday.

The weekend's 2-1 mark leaves the No. 3-ranked Lady Hawks 5-1 overall going into Thursday's 8 p.m. home opener with Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College in the first round of the Howard College Pizza Invitational.

In the win over Kilgore, sophomore Karlita Washington led the way for the Lady Hawks, scoring 25 points in a game that coach Matt Corkery is convinced showed the need for marked improvement by his team.

"I felt we relaxed with our lead and never were able to pull away," Corkery explained. "Kilgore was able to get to the foul line too often in the second half. We still have a lot of improving to do."

The next night, however, after freshman Yolanda Grant led the Lady Hawks with 22 points, five steals and four defensive rebounds, Corkery was somewhat more upbeat.

"I thought we came out of the blocks ready to go," Corkery said, noting that Ricka McKee and Nacol Beaudion both added 16 points to Grant's 22.

"We shot the ball much better and that was great to see," Corkery added. "We're certainly looking forward to playing at home on Thursday."

In addition to those offensive exploits, Ashanti Nix turned in a strong rebounding performance.

Hawks sweep wins in classic

ROSWELL, N.M. — Howard College's Greg Lewis had the hot hand during the weekend's New Mexico Military Institute Classic, as he led the Hawks to an 88-71 win over Cochese (Ariz.) Community on Friday and then keyed a 59-50 win over Hill County College on Saturday.

Lewis was one of six Hawks to finish the night in double figures Friday, scoring 14 points while Donald Ceasar had 13, Larry Allaway and Lamont Roberts had 12 apiece and Eric Shorts and Myron Brown added 10 each.

In Saturday's low-scoring finale, Lewis was the Hawks' only player to finish in double figures, pouring in 17 points.

Although Hawks coach Tommy Collins isn't about to let go of the wins that

improved Howard's record to 3-1 going into Friday's 6 p.m. showdown with Midland College's Chaps in the first game of the Odessa College Classic, he maintains his team did not play that well during the New Mexico trip.

"We were outstanding defensively in the second half against Cochese," Collins said. "We had balanced scoring again, however, we really had problems making sound decisions with the ball. We had 24 turnovers and we've got to improve on that immediately."

And after what he felt was a lackluster showing against Hill, the Hawks boss was even more critical. "We just flat played poorly," Collins noted. "We had a fairly large lead several times during the game, but we lost our concentration and intensity. It's obvious we have a lot of maturing to do."

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In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington during the American Revolution.

In 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman and his troops began their "March to the Sea" during the Civil War.

In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The Sound of Music," opened on Broadway.

In 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of charges he'd murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab Three, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

In 1973, President Nixon signed the Alaska Pipeline measure into law.

In 1981, actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif. He was 63.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

Ten years ago: Voters in Pakistan cast ballots in their first open election in more than a decade, resulting in victory for populist candidate Benazir Bhutto.

Five years ago: The Senate voted, 69-30, to approve a measure designed to protect people who provide or seek abortions from physical attacks or intimidation by abortion opponents.

One year ago: China's most prominent pro-democracy campaigner, Wei Jingsheng, arrived in the United States after being released from a prison where he'd spent nearly 18 years.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 70. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 67. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 63. Actress Joanna Pettet is 54. Actor Steve Railsback is 50. Actor David Leisure is 48. Rock musician Mani (The Stone Roses) is 36. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 35. Baseball player Dwight Gooden is 34. Actress Lisa Bonet is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 29. Actress Tammy Lauren ("Martial Law") is 29. Actress Martha Plimpton is 28.

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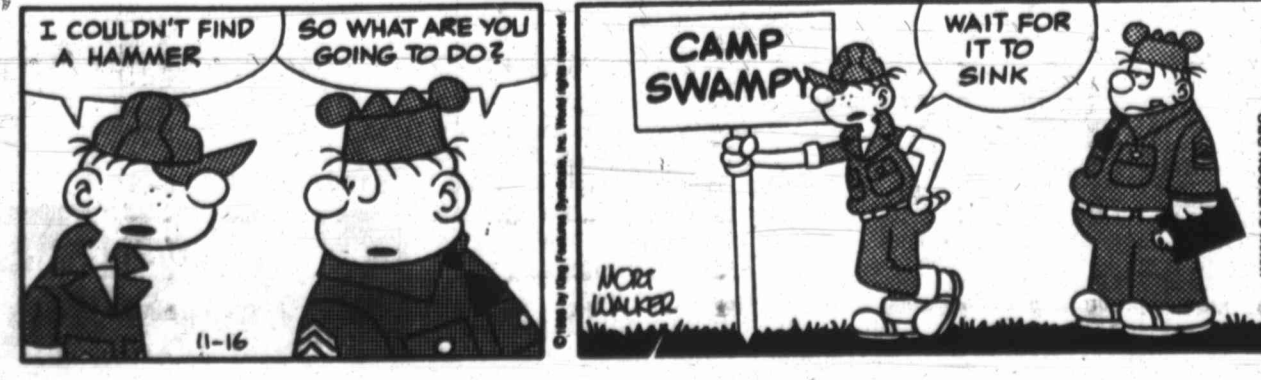
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