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Breast cancer seminar set for Thursday

Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic is hosting a breast cancer seminar Thursday in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Presenters include Drs. Stacy and Robert McFaul. A light dinner will be provided.

Call the clinic at 267-6361 for more information.

Churches host Biker Sunday this weekend

Close to 300 bikers are expected to arrive in Big Spring this weekend as four local churches host Biker Sunday.

The event, sponsored by the local chapter of Christian Motorcyclists Association, is a cooperative effort of First Baptist Church, Christ's Community Fellowship, Cornerstone Church and Hillcrest Baptist Church. Activities and worship service are planned at First Baptist beginning at 10 a.m.

A hamburger lunch, bike games and other activities will continue until 4 p.m. Dress will be casual, even for the worship service; everyone is welcome to attend.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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Howard College's 'The Good Doctor' debuts Thursday night

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Howard College's Theatre Department will present its fall production, Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor" beginning Thursday at the Big Spring Mall.



GRIZZLE

"This is a very funny play, composed of several different scenes that feature a humorous look at various aspects of the human condition," said Clay Grizzle, theatre instructor for the college.

"It is good fun and has some very humorous elements within the scenes," he said.

The title refers to Anton Chekhov, a Russian playwright and author, whose short stories Simon has

adapted into scenes. The entire play takes place in a cabin belonging to the writer, who serves as narrator. Set pieces are used sparingly: a bed, bench and desk.

"This is a great time for the audience to use their imaginations," said Grizzle. "The bench becomes everything from a seat in a lunch counter to a dentist's chair. The cabin becomes a park and then a theater on opening night."

Simon, who is best known for his popular work such as "Barefoot in the Park" and "Hiloxi Blues," takes a slightly different direction with "The Good Doctor," Grizzle said.

"I actually think this is his best work," he added.

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the former Jazzercise space at the mall.

Admission for the general

'GOOD DOCTOR'

When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.

Where: Big Spring Mall
Tickets: \$3 per person

public is \$3 per person. "The Good Doctor" features the talents of nine Howard College students.

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Highway renovation right on course

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Renovation of U.S. Highway 87 from Fourth Street to Interstate 20 is about 30 percent complete and going well, said Art Barrow, Texas Department of Transportation area engineer for Big Spring.

Barrow updated Big Spring City Council on the construction effort Tuesday.

"We're pretty impressed with the work the contractor has done to this point in staying with deadlines and keeping things moving," Barrow said of Reece Albert Inc. of San Angelo, the project's primary contractor.

"The drainage structure is about 80 percent complete, and sidewalks, curb and gutter is going in pretty smoothly. We had been shut down during the rains on our concrete paving, but that is to be expected," he added.

Barrow said next week, traffic will be switched from the south side to the north side on Second, Third and Fourth streets.

The crosswalks and hand-leapped access ramps for



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Alphonso Chavez, an employee of Reece Albert Inc., prepares the ground for the laying of a sidewalk at the 300 block of Gregg Street. Despite rainy weather, construction continues on the project.

those streets have been completed.

"A lot of people have commented on the 'brick' crosswalks, but they are not brick. It's actually patterned concrete," Barrow explained.

As many as 80 workers have been on site at one time during renovation of the highway. Barrow said

"currently there are probably about 40 to 50 workers on site."

"They are all diligently working. We have to commend, too, Colorado Bridge of Big Spring, which is doing the drainage portions of the renovation, and J.L. Steele, which is handling the concrete work. The concrete is from McMahon

Concrete, by the way," Barrow said.

Barrow said that when the decision was made to turn off the traffic lights at Third and Fourth streets and install stop signs, the traffic flow became much smoother.

"We really appreciate

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Skate park gets YMCA board's tentative approval

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Big Spring YMCA board has given the "go" sign for a skate park, providing property can be secured.

Funds can be raised for construction and safety standards for liability insurance are met.

Pete Thiry, YMCA executive director, said the community is in full support of constructing the facility.

"There is no doubt in my mind this skate park will become a reality," said Thiry. "The show of support at the Big Spring City Council meetings, the feedback from kids and parents, everything I hear has been positive and seem to want to see this happen."

Thiry said the YMCA Board has designated \$25,000 of its reserves for the purpose of helping fund the construction. Total construction cost is estimated to be around



THIRY

\$100,000. The remaining amount will have to be secured from a variety of funding sources. Fund-raising efforts will begin upon completion of the United Way Campaign in November.

Thiry hopes the skate park will be open and operating by early summer. He estimates it will cost approximately \$30,000 a year to operate but expects daily fees and YMCA membership fees to cover the operating expenses.

The YMCA is confident the skate park will be a suc-

cess because of the results of a survey that was conducted at the Big Spring Junior High School earlier this spring.

"Through the cooperation of Murray Murphy, superintendent of instruction, and Bill Tarelton, Junior High School principal, we learned that by far the number one after school activity this age group wanted to see happen was the construction of a skate park," said Thiry.

The size of the skate park

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'Tower of Terror' getting reputation as a spooky place to have some fun

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

It's going to get spooky in downtown Big Spring this weekend.

Friends of the Settles is once again hosting its "Tower of Terror" spook house on Friday and Saturday nights at the Settles Building.

"It is getting a reputation now. It definitely will be bigger and better than last year. People will definitely get their money's worth," said Tommy Churchwell, Friends of the Settles board member.

The spook house will be open from 6 until midnight both nights. Tickets are \$5

for adults and \$3 for children.

Various groups are setting up rooms on the ground floor of the historic building.

"We have all sorts of props and things. It's going to be really good," said Churchwell.

Last year's spook house drew such a crowd the line stretched down the street.

"We are expecting a big crowd, but we've also changed things up so that the lines should move more quickly this year, too," said Churchwell.

Among the businesses and organizations that have signed up to participate in making things "spooky" are Codsden Credit Union, American State Bank, Wells Fargo, the Noon Lions Club, Howard College Diplomats, Big Spring State Hospital,



CHURCHWELL

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High tech

Moore group gains council approval to use R&D funds

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

With an eye toward the future, Moore Development For Big Spring will be hiring consultants to study where Big Spring stands on the technology highway, and how it can best situate itself to attract new industry.



In that regard, Moore Development, Big Spring City Council on Tuesday decided it would not only allow Moore Development to dip into the corporation's own research and development fund of \$100,000, but gave it the go-ahead to spend the entire amount as it sees fit.

That's a change from the council's original stance.

As a requirement for passing the 2000-2001 budget this fiscal year, council members had decreed that Moore Development could not spend funds from its research and development line item without prior approval. Tuesday's action effectively waived that stipulation. Approval via a 5-1 vote came after learning what the corporation intends to do with the funds or at least part of them.

Kent Sharp, Moore Development executive director, told the council that it is imperative that Big Spring be brought into the "technology revolution."

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Rain puts park opening off until Nov. 18

HERALD Staff Report

Saturday's ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Heart of the City Park has been postponed until Nov. 18.

"It's not often that we have to postpone something because of rain, but that's the case this time," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua.

Recent rains have delayed work at the new park, which is at the southwest corner of Scurry and Third Street. Officials had hoped the small park would be completed by this weekend. They had decided to plan its opening in conjunction with the "Tower of Terror" spook house at the Settles Building.

That event is still set from 6 p.m. until midnight

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

A Wilderness Camp worker puts out flowers at the Heart of the City Park. Recent rains have slowed completion of the park and led officials to move its opening to Nov. 18.

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WASHINGTON Congressional neared final ag tax relief pa would boost retirement sa businesses abs of a higher mi and revitaliz e depressed areas GOP leaders the legislation, cost just under over 10 years, tax deduction \$5,000 and \$10

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today.

- DANIEL PERNICIARO, 49, of Mississippi, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROLANDO LEDESMA, 19, of 1005 S. Main, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence.
- ALMUS HILL, 57, of 400 N. Gregg, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- GUADALUPE MORENO, 32, of Stanton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad.
- CLASS A ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.
- INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of E. 11th.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Dow, in the 1800 block of Scurry, in the 1900 block of Gregg and in the 1900 block of Monticello.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of E. 11th.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1000 block of Howell.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, in the 1700 block of E. Marcy, in the 400 block of E. Fourth, in the 300 block of Gregg and in the 400 block of Birdwell.

- ANSELMO D. CANO, 80, of 1305 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)
- KIERSTEN CASTILLO, 19, of 211 Grant, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a possession of marijuana. (HCSO)
- ADOLPHO FRANCO, 33, of 3107 Sherrod, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. (HCSO)
- RAUL HERNANDEZ PARRAS, 48, of 409 S. Benton, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)
- JOHNNIE RAMOZ, 36, of Mathis, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended and assault causing bodily injury. (DPS)
- PAUL GARCIA, 47, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS)
- FELIPE GARCIA, 50, of 2001 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. (DPS)
- MELVIN JAMES FAIR, 32, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)
- SAMMIE SHIFFLETT, 51, of 101 Wilson Road, was arrested on a charge of theft by check and issue of bad check. (BSPD)
- JOHNNY AGUILAR MARTINEZ III, 29, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. (HCSO)
- JAMES DANIEL PARKER, 39, of 5600 Walter Road, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation of a charge of driving while license suspended. (HCSO)
- ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOSA, 39, was arrested on bondsman off bond on charges of possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, theft and assault causing bodily injury. (HCSO)



Bill McQueary, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent, and State National Bank president Jim Purcell stand on Blankenship Field last week, discussing the new football and track scoreboard the bank is donating for the field.

Dora Roberts Community Center. Presenters include Drs. Stacy and Robert McFaul. A light dinner will be provided.
Call the clinic at 267-6361 for more information.

A MEMORIAL FUND FOR Michael Culbreath, former Big Spring resident who died on Tuesday, has been set up at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater.
Culbreath, who attended TSTI, had a wife and young child. Contributions to aid his family with medical and funeral bills can be mailed to: Memorial Fund, c/o Kevin Shipp, TSTI, 300 College Drive, Sweetwater, 79556

RECYCLING BINS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED in the parking lot north of the Big Spring Herald are expected to be relocated by Nov. 1. The bins, which accept paper, such as newspapers and magazines, for recycling will be moved to the corner of Fifth and Nolan streets, across from the Big Spring Police Department.
Similar bins are located in the parking lots of the Big Spring Mall and the Center Shopping Center.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY
Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

MARKETS

December cotton 85.10, up 40 points, December crude 33.07, down 30 points, cash hogs steady at 43 even, slaughter steers steady at 68 even, December lean hog futures 52.62, down 95 points, December live cattle futures 72.40 up 7 points. Source: Delta Corporation
Quotations provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	21 + 2
Archer Daniels	19 + 1
Atmos Energy	21 + 1
BP AMOCO	52 + 1
Chevron Corp.	31 + 1
Compaq	27 9/16 + 90
Cornell	5 + 1
Dell	28 + 3/4
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Exxon Mobil	87 + 1/2
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TXU	36 + 1/2
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Unocal Corp	34 + 1/2
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AMCAP	18.89 + 20.04
Europacific	36.12 + 38.64
Prime Rate	9.50 %
Gold	267.20 + 269.40
Silver	4.76 + 4.82

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How Big Spring Police Department has worked with us," he said. "That's really been essential to moving this project along."
The project should be largely completed in March, though the final asphaltic coat won't go down until late April, Barrow said.
"By May, we'll be out of here and gone and no one will know the difference except that it will look a whole lot better," he said.

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including four who are making their local stage debut. Students appearing are Gerald Crawford, Priscilla Flores, Brianne Fryar, Stephanie Guzman, Joshua Hadley, Kimberly Lepard, Lacey Lyons, Dusty Osburn and Rau Stech.
Stage manager is Sharone Tarver and Karol Smith is lighting technician.

BRIEFS

COVENANT MALONE AND HOGAN Clinic is hosting a breast cancer seminar Thursday in observation of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
The seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the

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Vietnam veterans and a number of individuals. Individuals and groups are welcome to help out.
"The more, the merrier. We can take everybody who wants to help. Six hours is a long time to be yelling and screaming," Churchwell said with a laugh.
The effort is being coordinated by Mel Prather.
"It takes a whole bunch of folks to make it work, but it weren't for Mel Prather, this just wouldn't happen," said Churchwell.
Any groups or individuals interested in volunteering to help out with the project are encouraged to call Churchwell at 267-3857.

PARK

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both Friday and Saturday.
In postponing the grand opening, officials have decided not to block off any downtown streets this weekend, as had originally been planned.
More information on the scheduled park opening will be announced as the date nears.

COUNCIL

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"We are going to be immersed in it regardless of how we feel about it," he told the council.
He outlined a plan to use a portion of the research and development funds to hire a consulting firm that would conduct an in-depth study of "our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, etc." and "tell us where we need to go."
Sharp noted that a technology committee, comprised of Howard County educators and administrators, has recommended the study be conducted. The 13-

member committee is chaired by Joel Michaelis, dean of continuing education at Howard College.
Michaelis told the council that such a study could probably be conducted in two or three months.
The study's findings would help the committee decide more positively how to proceed, he said.
"What ever you can do to recruit industry is for the betterment of us all," said Mayor Russ McEwen.
Councilman Tommy Tune made a motion to approve the request, and further stipulated that Moore Development would not have to return to the council each time it wanted to take funds from the research and development budget.
Tune, McEwen, Greg Biddison, Oscar Garcia and Joann Smoot voted to approve the request. Chuck Cawthon voted against it. Stephanie Horton was absent.

In an unrelated matter, the council approved a request to close a portion of Scurry Street on Nov. 9 in order for Westex Telecommunications to hold a grand opening. The event is planned from 7 until 9 p.m.
The only other item of new business saw the council approve a holiday schedule for the next several months. As accepted, city holidays are Nov. 10 for Veterans Day, Nov. 23-24 for Thanksgiving, Dec. 25-26 for Christmas and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

On second reading, the council approved ordinances allowing for the Parkland Estates subdivision and retirement homes in the Brennan Addition as well as an award from the Regional Solid Waste Grant Program.
Council also approved a request to advertise for a number of equipment bids. Among them are vehicles for the police department, ambulances, a fire truck, street sweeper, a sanitation truck, various other trucks, a greensmower and a back hoe.

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:
ERICA MORENO, 20, of 2605 Chanute, was arrested on a charge of writ of attachment/child support. (HCSO)

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AT&T to break itself into smaller companies for third time

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T Corp. is breaking itself into smaller companies for the third time since 1984, scrapping its vision of one-stop shopping for communications services and dismantling a telephone and cable TV empire that took three years and more than \$100 billion to build.

The widely expected breakup, officially announced today, will create four entities, including an inde-

pendent cable company and an independent wireless company operating under the AT&T brand name.

The other two businesses will be the core of a new AT&T Corp., consisting of the unit that runs the company's huge telecommunications network and serves business customers, and a separately traded subsidiary containing the shrinking consumer long-distance business.

Under the plan, shareholders of AT&T, the fourth most widely owned stock in the country, will exchange their stock for shares in each of the new businesses.

But in a move that may not sit well with AT&T's large base of individual investors who have owned the stock for decades, the company said the combined dividend paid by the four stocks is expected to be "substantially less" than the

current annual payment of 88 cents per AT&T share. Based on AT&T's beaten-down stock price, that dividend amounts to a cash investment return of more than 3 percent per year, an unusually high yield for a major company.

The restructuring plan, expected to be completed in 2002, marks a radical about-face from the guiding philosophies preached by management since the

arrival of chief executive C. Michael Armstrong in late 1997.

With falling prices eating away at its core long-distance business, Armstrong embarked on a radical overhaul of the company that envisioned AT&T as a hub for telephone, television and Internet services.

The strategy included a foray back into the local phone business AT&T had left when it spun off the

Baby Bells in 1984. However, Armstrong was determined that AT&T needed to acquire its own direct connections with the nation's homes and businesses rather than pay the Baby Bells to use their phone lines.

That was the reasoning that drove AT&T to plunk down stock worth more than \$100 billion to buy Tele-Communications Inc. and MediaOne Group.

Republicans putting final touches on \$250 billion tax relief package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans neared final agreement on a tax relief package that would boost individual retirement savings, help businesses absorb the cost of a higher minimum wage and revitalize economically depressed areas.

GOP leaders also wanted the legislation, expected to cost just under \$250 billion over 10 years, to include a tax deduction of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for the

costs of long-term health care, a full deduction for people who pay 50 percent or more of their own health insurance premiums and a \$10,000 deduction for the costs of adopting a child.

Although Democrats were left out of a two-hour negotiating session Tuesday, House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Republicans were optimistic the legislation — unlike earlier GOP tax cuts — would be signed into law by President

Clinton. "We're trying to make good law and we're expecting it to be signed," said Armey, R-Texas.

The session produced one concrete agreement: a measure setting up a new tax regime to replace the Foreign Sales Corporation system for American exporters.

That system was ruled an illegal trade subsidy by the World Trade Organization, and the United States faces

a Nov. 1 deadline to enact the new law or face possible retaliation from the European Union.

Armey, however, said there were only a few details to be worked out on the other parts of the package, most of which previously passed the House with broad bipartisan support. GOP leaders hope to move the bill before Congress adjourns this week.

Besides the trade and health issues, the bill was

expected to include:

—Legislation increasing the annual contribution limits for individual retirement accounts from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and for 401(k) plans from \$10,500 to \$15,000. A special IRA "catch-up" limit of \$7,500 would apply to people over 50.

Republicans were wrestling with a provision that has drawn Clinton administration objections because it could mean greater pension benefits for

a company's upper management at the expense of rank-and-file workers.

—An anti-poverty bill backed by Clinton that would expand empowerment zones where special tax and regulatory rules apply, spur capital investment in poor urban and rural areas, raise limits on low-income housing credits and provide tax incentives for Amtrak high-speed rail service.

U.S. military will not retreat from Gulf, admiral tells Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The attack on the USS Cole will not trigger an American military retreat from the Persian Gulf even though troops remain at risk to terrorism, the commander of U.S. forces there told the Senate today.

"The U.S. Central Command will not back away from this mission," Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief of the central command, told the Senate Armed Services Committee. But Franks, who is responsible for all U.S. military personnel in the gulf, said there is no escaping terrorist threats in that area.

"We will never reduce the risk to our people to zero, but we will reduce the risk to our people in every way we can," he said.

Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., said the committee would hear

details of the FBI's investigation into the Oct. 12 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen later Wednesday. Warner said the testimony from Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations, would be closed to the public and the press out of concern for safety of U.S. troops in the Mideast.

The attack on the Cole, which killed 17 sailors, was believed to be the work of terrorists and has raised questions about the vulnerability of U.S. forces elsewhere in the region.

The Pentagon said Tuesday that in response to specific terrorist threats against U.S. forces in Bahrain and Qatar, troops based there have been put on the highest possible state of alert. The Pentagon would not describe the nature of the threats and said it had not determined whether they were credible.

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OUR VIEWS

Lots to do
for all ages
this weekend

There is so much to do with the family this weekend, it's almost scary. While Halloween's hordes of trick-or-treaters are not expected to hit the streets until Tuesday, there are other opportunities to give your costume a workout this weekend.

From haunted houses to fall festivals, children to adults, there is something for everyone. And, as always around this time of year, there might be a few tricks and there will be plenty of treats.

Canterbury will host its 15th annual spook house Saturday from 6-9 p.m. With costumed witches, "boo boys" and fortune tellers, this event is aimed at children 12 and younger. Residents and staff of the retirement center, along with members of the community, enjoy it almost as much as do the hundreds of children who will trek through it.

Looking for something a little more frightening? Friends of the Settles is once again hosting its "Tower of Terror" spook house on Friday and Saturday nights at the historic Settles Building.

The spook house, which seems to get bigger and better each year, will be open from 6 p.m. until midnight both days. Entrance to the scary skyscraper will cost you \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. With various local groups setting up rooms on the ground floor, you never know what will jump out to terrify you, so go with that in mind.

Another place for chills and thrills is the Ghouls Spook House in Coahoma, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 25. It began last weekend, and continues Friday and Saturday from 7:30 p.m.-midnight, continuing on Halloween night from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

The cost is \$4 a person. To get to the "haunted" warehouse, take the Coahoma exit off I-20 and go two blocks north of the Town and Country store; turn right at Li'l Sooper, and it is six more blocks. Some of the proceeds go to the scouts and the rest to charity.

If a fall festival is more your style, head to Elbow on Saturday night.

Elbow Elementary's Parents and Teachers Organization plans food, games and prizes for all who attend their event in the school gymnasium from 6-9 p.m. Bingo, the fish pond and a cakewalk will be among the familiar activities for those of all ages, and a spaghetti supper starts in the cafeteria at 5:45 p.m.

Children are invited to wear their costumes, and all ages are welcome.

Whatever it is you are looking for this weekend, you should find it. While not all activities are suitable for younger children, at least two are, and others are sure to entertain older children and adults.

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They may not be so smart after all

Are American voters just too dumb to choose the best man for president? Al Gore's supporters apparently think so. With George W. Bush now leading in every poll of likely voters, the liberal establishment has come up with an explanation. "If (Gore) loses," The New Republic sniffs, "it will not simply set America on an ideological course that we consider perilous and unworthy of our best traditions. It will be a sign that we are not living in a serious age."



LINDA CHAVEZ

That's right. If the voters prefer Bush's vision to Gore's, there must be something wrong with the voters. The Gore camp has come up with a series of explanations why their candidate hasn't locked up the election so far. In the summer, when Bush was ahead in the polls by a wide margin, they said the voters

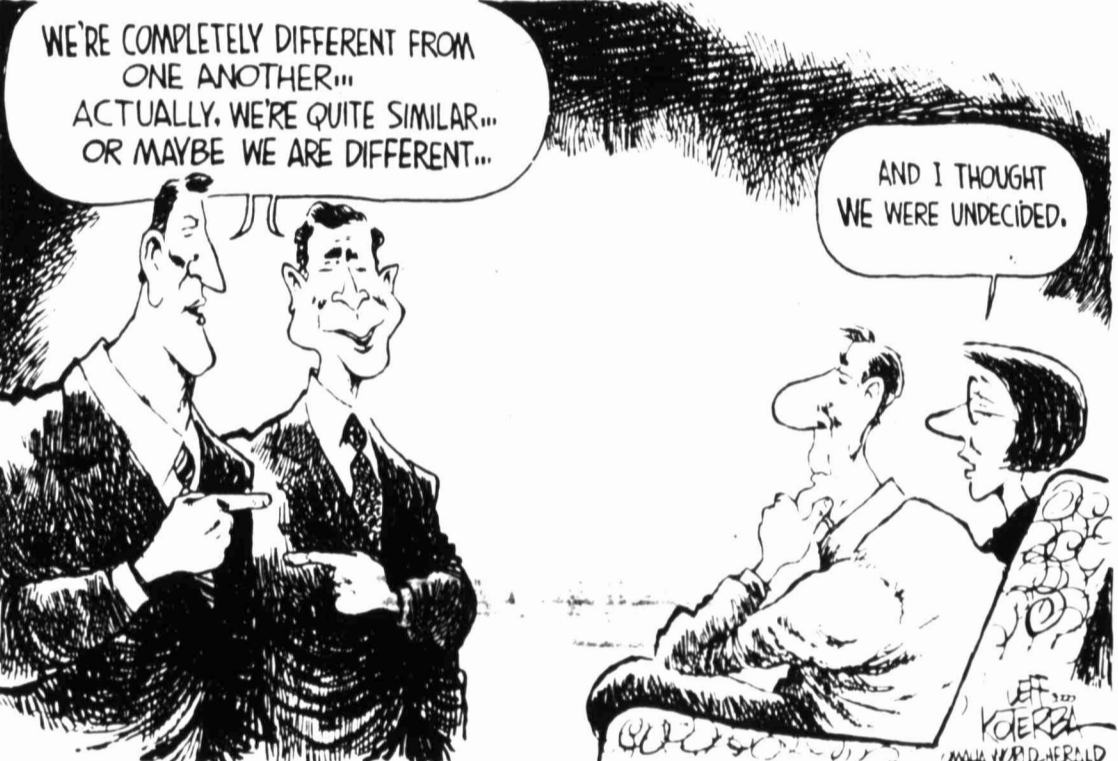
were't paying attention. The polls simply reflected Bush's popularity, they claimed. But "the presidency is more than just a popularity contest," Gore himself warned. And, the Gore campaign promised, when voters started focusing on issues their guy would pull ahead. For a few weeks following the Democrat convention, it seemed maybe the Gore campaign was right. Gore led in most surveys until well after Labor Day, and Democrats promised they'd deliver a knock-out blow in the presidential debates. After all, Al Gore is a master of facts and figures, and once voters saw him demonstrate his superior expertise, they'd flock to him in droves.

Of course that never happened — indeed Bush gained popularity with each successive debate. Privately, Gore supporters acknowledged their candidate's demeanor was the problem. In the first debate, Gore rolled his eyes and sighed, when he wasn't interrupting both Bush and moderator Jim Lehrer. In the second debate, he was too deferential, letting Bush look like egad his equal. In the third and final debate, though, Gore himself proclaimed he got it just right. In fact, the Gore campaign was so happy with their man, they promised to buy time to rerun the whole debate so more viewers would have a chance to see Gore in action. Unfortunately for Gore, however, the more voters get to see him, the less likely they appear inclined to vote for him. Now most normal political campaigns at this point might conclude that they've miscalculated their message or even that they haven't done a very good job delivering it. But not the Gore folks. They're too smart for that.

No, the problem must be the people themselves. The Gore campaign has done its best to scare the elderly, to provoke the middle class to wage class warfare against the rich, to convince women that Bush would endanger their health and security and their children's educations. But it hasn't worked. I guess voters are just too dense to recognize what's good for them.

Now, Gore's supporters are back to trying to con-

vince voters George Bush isn't experienced enough to be president. "In a dangerous world, as we have recently been reminded this is," warns the Washington Post, "Mr. Gore offers leadership without the need of on-the-job training." The sub-text of this message: Gore knows more, so he deserves to be president. But then liberals always know more than the rest of us. Which is why, when we elect them, they expect us to fork over our hard-earned money so they can redistribute it. Al Gore, of course, promises he'll give some of us back a little of our own money, so long as we spend it on things he approves of. After all, he knows better than we do what's in our best interests. If voters have the audacity to reject Al Gore for president on Nov. 7 — as I predict they will — don't expect his supporters to acknowledge they were wrong. They'll be too busy blaming their defeat on the shallowness of the American electorate to notice they weren't so smart after all.



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A museum that blows you away

The American Wind Power Center is in Lubbock. It is a windmill museum, opened just two years ago. It was a dream of Billie Wolfe, a home economics teacher at Texas Tech, who recognized the significance of the windmill in American history. She knew that the best way to tell the story of the windmill was with a permanent display.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Although she passed away before the museum officially opened, she knew that work had started on fulfilling her ambitious undertaking. Plans for the facility began in 1993 when a non-profit organization was founded to acquire some restored early windmills. The city of Lubbock provided 28 acres of rolling hills to be the site of the historic landmarks. The rarest of the windmills are exhibited

indoors. Director Coy Harris says the goal is to have the most comprehensive collection of historic windmills in the world. He's already got a good start.

"We have a Southern Cross Windmill, produced in South Africa; a Buchanan Windmill, which was in use from 1884 to 1890 and an Ozark Windmill manufactured from 1910 to 1930."

Also on the grounds are windmills with names like Eclipse, Aermotor, Monitor, Samson, Challenger and Axtell.

The windmill was invented in Persia around 600 A.D. The American windmill dates back to 1854 when Daniel Halladay, a New England machinist, got the first American windmill patent. Within the next 75 years, more than 700 companies manufactured a variety of windmills which were sold and erected across the Great Plains.

Scrap metal drives during both world wars took their toll on windmills, so the old ones are quite rare.

The windmill, more than any other invention, helped settle the American West.

It supplied water for steam engines roaring toward the pacific and permitted ranchers to fence and breed cattle. The tall structures also helped farmers to live on land that had no rivers, streams or lakes.

Many rural families have donated the windmills to the American Wind Power Center because they want them preserved and displayed so generations of people can learn from them. Some people left the windmills up long after they were pumping water. They just wanted to see them and remember.

The U.S. has three windmill companies still in operation. Two of those are in Texas. The Aermotor company has planted its roots in San Angelo. The Parrish windmill is made in Earth. The Dempster company, which is the longest surviving company, is in Beatrice, Neb.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. It gets about 500 visitors a month from all over the world. For more information, call 806 747-8734. The website is windmill.com.



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READERS' CORNER

"Gray Skies"

by Lana F. Anguiano

The sun's been sleeping the last few days. And all I can see is the gray sky that surrounds me.

Where it once was sunny and warm the cold fingers of early winter have touched everything in their path.

The tiny flowers that were blooming so pretty just a few days ago have now lost most of their beauty as they stand shivering in the cold.

Scores of little sparrows, blackbirds and mourning doves flock together to feed at the birdbath in my yard. They eat every little morsel and crumb of food I place before them.

They hop about in an excited dance as the air becomes alive with their chatter. It appears that they are calling to awaken the sleeping sun.

And I, too, softly call to the sun to awaken, for I, along with the little birds, do not care for the gray skies or the coldness that follows it.

Blue skies and sunshine are what my eyes long to see.

"The Sounds Of Fall"

by Martha Anderson Peugh

The music of autumn is really quite grand. Each day there's new musicians in nature's own band.

The leaves in the trees Whisper new songs each day. The wind's changing tempo In the music it plays.

The rustle of dry grass Beneath the haze in the sky. The whistle of the train With its forlorn cry.

The birds have flown south As others have arrived. To join in the performance That keeps hope alive.

It's the changing of seasons Enjoyed by all. In nature's sweet symphony The sounds of fall.

"I Really Miss You"

by Jeanette Marie Valle

Sometimes I really miss you You seem so far away but, it's then that I do realize Others need You on that day.

How busy You must be as You hear every word we say and you take the time to answer and care for every need, we pray.

"Thank You," that you listen and that you're here to STAY. and when tomorrow comes I'll know...

You were near me yesterday. "Glory to God"

"By the Waters of the Big Spring"

by Bernice Reed Jones

Lovely lady by the water, sparkling water, bright and clear. Came from the waters of the big spring, just on up there

in the hills.

Brown-skin man cam down the mountain, saw the lady standing there. Picked for her some wild red flowers bright red flowers for her hair.

"Come my lady walk with me, see the cabin of my dreams, listen to the rippling water flowing from the sparkling spring. Flowing there just like a fountain, nestled there among the trees."

By the waters of the big spring, stands a cabin o, serene. Built by a man who loved a lady in the cabin of his dreams.

Here are the facts on fat, cholesterol

While we hear much discussion centered around cholesterol, saturated fat and unsaturated fat, do we really know the facts? Hopefully the following will help you learn more about fat and cholesterol and how to enjoy a healthy diet.



DANA TARTER

Saturated fat is mainly found in foods that come from animal sources like meat, butter and lard as well as from a few vegetables sources — coconut oil, cocoa butter, palm kernel oil and palm oil.

The fat found in meat and poultry skin is loaded with saturated fat. Saturated vegetable fats are often found in coffee creamers, whipped toppings, crackers, cookies and other snack foods, making it very important to read your food labels to identify such products.

Saturated fats can raise your bad (LDL) cholesterol levels more than anything else in your diet, and increase your risk for heart disease. Thus, eating less saturated fat is one of the best ways to lower your blood cholesterol level.

Unsaturated fat (poly and mono-unsaturated) comes from fish and vegetable-based foods like "non-hydrogenated" margarine and oil. These unsaturated fats can actually lower your bad (LDL) cholesterol, but, like all fats, they still have nine calories per gram.

Polyunsaturated fat is found in many cooking and salad oils, such as safflower, corn, soybean, cottonseed, sesame and sunflower oils. Monounsaturated fat is found in canola, olive and peanut oils.

Cholesterol is only found in foods derived from animal sources. In particular, egg yolks and organ meats (such as liver and brains) are very high in cholesterol. Meat and poultry also have

high amounts of cholesterol. Eating less cholesterol will also help lower blood cholesterol levels in most people. (Heart and Stroke Foundation, 2000; Sandmaier, 1997)

Now let's talk about specific guidelines for healthy eating:

- 30 percent or less of the day's total calories should come from fat.
- less than 10 percent of the day's calories should come from saturated fat.
- less than 300 milligrams of dietary cholesterol per day.
- If you have already been diagnosed with heart disease, consult your doctor or health care provider for a specific eating plan for your condition.

To reduce the amount of fat you consume in your daily diet the following tips should be helpful:

- use skim or lowfat milk and cheese made with partly skimmed milk.
- choose lean cuts of meat from the leg and loin areas.
- trim visible fat from meat and poultry prior to preparing it.
- remove skin from poultry.
- choose fish packed in water or drain oil before preparing.
- avoid cream sauces and gravies, which add about 150 calories per 1/4 cup.
- try lemon juice, reduced-calorie or no-calorie dressing, or cut back on the amount you use.
- chill and remove surface fat from broth before using.
- cook meat and poultry on a rack so fat will drain off during cooking.
- use a non-stick pan or non-fat spray for cooking so added fat is unnecessary.
- season vegetables with herbs and spices rather than with sauces, butter or margarine.
- season baked potatoes with non-fat sour cream or non-fat yogurt, green onions, herbs or hot sauce.
- check labels of prepared foods for fat content.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County extension agent—family and consumer science.

From left, Ethel Hilton, June Koelcer and Lois Peters fill trick-or-treat bags in anticipation of the Halloween Spook House at Canterbury Retirement Center on Saturday. The event, aimed at children 12 and under, includes a free bag of candy for everyone who visits the witches, "boo boys" and fortune tellers.

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CBS finding some willing to go a long way to spill 'Survivor' secrets

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS is finding some people willing to go a lo-o-o-ong way to spill its "Survivor II" secrets.

An Australian adventurer says he nearly got run off the road and had to battle nettles and mites just so he could post a map on his Web site to what he says was the TV show's secret set.

The directions, to a remote gorge about a four-hour drive from the north-eastern Australia city of Cairns, correspond with other published reports of the "Survivor II" location. Media magnate Rupert Murdoch's Australian newspapers have published aerial photographs of the area.

The series, being filmed this fall, will premiere after the Super Bowl.

'I wanted to see if I could survive looking for the 'Survivor' site.'

Tim 'The Yowie Man'

The latest alleged security breach came from a fellow called Tim "The Yowie Man," an Australian tour guide leader who says he is a "mystery investigator."

He said he attempted to drive on to the compound but two trucks with security guards nearly forced him off the road. He drove about 20 miles away, ditched his vehicle and walked along a river to the site.

He foraged for berries, bush bananas and fish. The

forbidding territory is home to crocodiles, leeches and the unpleasant mites, he said.

"I wanted to see if I could survive looking for the 'Survivor' site," Tim said.

He said he saw a tent city for crew members, and what looked to be a set for a tribal council meeting. A large platform jutted out from a cliff near a waterfall, he said.

CBS, which has tried to keep its outback location under wraps, wouldn't comment on "The Yowie Man's" directions.

"We will continue to let erroneous information be published about 'Survivor,' not only in the print media, but online as well," CBS spokesman Gil Schwartz said Friday.

More moms going back to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — More mothers are returning to the labor force within a year of giving birth, the Census Bureau says. When they do go back to work, it's more likely to be on a full-time than part-time basis.

This doesn't necessarily mean, though, that all these women are spending 40-hour weeks in an office cubicle while their children sit in day care. In this tight labor market, more employers are offering flexible work schedules and benefits to new moms.

And some are working at home.

"Working mothers can command it because there's such a shortage of good qualified candidates that employers need to start thinking about what (candidates) are looking for," said

Kirsten Ross Warren, Mich. She quit her office job to start Womens-Work, LLC, an organization that helps women find alternative work arrangements. Ross gave birth to her second child seven weeks ago, and has run the operation since May.

Of the 3.6 million women who gave birth from July 1997 through June 1998, about 59 percent returned to the work force within a year of having the baby, according to Census estimates being released Tuesday. That compares with 31 percent in 1976, the year the Census Bureau began tracking the data, and 51 percent in 1987.

Of the new mothers most recently checked, 36 percent went back full-time, 17 percent part-time, and nearly 6 percent were unem-

ployed but actively looking for work. It was the first time the bureau looked at full- or part-time status, Census analyst Amaru Bachu said.

The report did not track how many of the mothers who returned to work actually performed that work at home. The latest Bureau of Labor Statistics data, from May 1997, indicates one-fifth of all working mothers with children under 18 worked part or full time at home.

"With the economy so good, there are more jobs available," said Catherine Carbone Rogers, spokeswoman for Mothers & More, an organization for women who have altered their career path to care for children at home. "Women are exercising their options a little more."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nine Sul Ross State University department of languages and literature graduate students, including two from Big Spring, will be presenting papers today at the 35th annual meeting of the Western Literature Association at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Students from Big Spring attending and their paper titles include: Linda Conway, "From Innocent to Adulteress to Murderess in Dorothy Scarborough's 'The Wind': the Influence of Place on the Female Character in the Southwestern Novel;" and Nancy Michaelis, "Pistol Packin' Mama: Female 'Attitude' in the Southwestern Memoir (about Hallie Stillwell)."

Both Michaelis and Conway are on the faculty at Howard College.



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LETTERS FROM HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive 'letters from home.' Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry; or e-mail to: bsherald@roadstx.com. Addresses should be submitted in writing.

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Dust holds key to child's asthma

CLARKSVILLE, Md. (AP) — Scientists came into little Daniel Weiss' sunny suburban home armed with a special vacuum cleaner: The 7-year-old's bed, stuffed animal collection, even under the refrigerator — no place was spared in the hunt for dust.

The dust holds clues to Daniel's asthma — traces of substances that trigger allergic reactions that send him gasping to the emergency room. In a lab, researchers wash the finely grained dust with antibodies that stain those microscopic allergens bright green, to measure how much lurks in Daniel's home.

Scientists from Maryland to Michigan are studying humble house dust to find ways to reduce allergens that leave over half of America's 17.3 million asthma sufferers wheezing. They believe the hunt could prove key to fighting the nation's worsening asthma epidemic.

"It's the idea that something about home environments is responsible for the increasing prevalence, increasing severity, of asthma," explained Dr. Peyton Eggleston of Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University. "If we could change those home environments, could we reduce the asthma?"

That sounds like a no-brainer: Determine your allergies, cleanse away triggers and surely you'll feel better. Hordes of "anti-allergy" products claim to do just that. Yet aside from dust mite-resistant bed covers that are proven allergy aids, few of those unregulated products have been tested and some that have simply don't work, scientists say.

"We don't know the best way to remove allergens from the environment," and some are incredibly resistant to cleaning, says Dr. Darryl Zeldin of the National Institutes of Health, which is spending millions searching for solutions.

Now worsening news is spurring that hunt. Some 29

Already, asthma rates have more than doubled since 1980. The rise struck mostly the inner-city poor but also upper-income suburbanites. Genes haven't changed enough to explain it. So the answer must lie in our environment or lifestyle.

million Americans will suffer from asthma by 2020, predicts the nonprofit Pew Environmental Health Commission.

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One popular theory: Fewer infants are exposed to enough risky germs to stimulate proper immune system development, so immune cells overreact to normally benign substances that build up in airtight, carpeted, high-humidity houses.

Smoking and secondhand smoke, air pollution, less breast-feeding and more premature babies born with delicate lungs also may play a role.

Yet although the respiratory disease kills 5,000 Americans a year and hospitalizes half a million, fewer than half the states track asthma cases.

Whatever the underlying cause, can asthmatics keep enough allergens out of their homes day-to-day to truly reduce attacks? Scientists are testing what types of allergens dust mites, cockroaches, pet dander, mold or pollen — lurk in hundreds of homes.

Then they are teaching families various cleaning methods as part of studies to see what works.

In inner-city Detroit, for example, 300 families just received free vacuum cleaners outfitted with special high-efficiency air filters known as HEPA to study if they help to keep allergens from becoming airborne.

One early disappointment: Six months after exterminating cockroaches from inner-city Baltimore homes, enough cockroach allergen still stuck to walls, floors and crevices to trigger asthma. Not even bleach eliminated it. And in Boston, professional cleaners scrubbed homes three times yet didn't get cockroach allergen below asthma-inducing levels.

Then there are dust mites. NIH estimates 22 million homes have enough of the microscopic bugs in beds to trigger asthma, a good reason to use mite-blocking mattress covers. But removing carpets is the only sure way to eradicate mites there, seldom an option for the poor or renters. NIH recently discovered that steam cleaning kills mites, but it in turn can cause asthma-inducing fungus.

But some simple methods can help.

Remedies: Although Daniel isn't allergic to dust mites, it turns out mite-proof mattress covers also block cat dander from getting into the mattress. Bedding is washed in hot water instead of more energy-saving warm water. Daniel wipes clingy allergens off bedroom walls with a damp cloth weekly, and stores dust-gathering toys in a drawer. Dust-magnet drapes and rugs were banished.

Daniel hasn't had a serious asthma attack since the changes last year.

"I didn't think I'd learn that much about cleaning," says Daniel's mother, Amy. "But having someone actually in your house makes a difference. ... Daniel is just so much healthier."

Gaffigan is new guy in 'New York'

NEW YORK (AP) — Sunday afternoon, Jim Gaffigan is on a treadmill at his Greenwich Village health club.

Sustaining a fair lope, he studies his script for the next episode of "Welcome to New York" and feels the pain (mostly from the Mets' losing Game 1 the night before).

All work and no play for Gaffigan?

"This is a great position to be in," he says, happy to be starring in the sitcom that tracks New York City attitudes and folkways like no other since "Seinfeld."

In a sense, the Subway Series his team may lose validates "Welcome to New York" (airing tonight at 7:30 on CBS), which argues that anything of value is concentrated right here. How fitting that New York should be hogging baseball!

Now, you may not buy the grandiose picture New Yorkers have of themselves. Neither does "Welcome to New York" hero Jim Gaffigan, a guileless, beige-attired Hoosier newly arrived in Manhattan to be a TV weathercaster.

Played by actor/comic Gaffigan, himself an Indiana native, Jim encounters an odd sort of welcome — a mix of curiosity, suspicion and Gotham-centric stereotyping.

Hey, what was that wise-crack about going to a tractor pull?

"Indiana's NOT all farms!" Jim sputters to his boss Marsha Bickner, who hired him from Fort Wayne but is having second thoughts. "I grew up in the same dull, homogenized suburban hell as the rest of the country!"

To convince anyone, Jim has his work cut out for him.

So has Marsha, played with black-clad Manhattan cool by Christine Baranski. Deeming Jim a "work in progress," she knows her task is to transform this alien soul into some sem-

blance of indigenous.

Of course, the funniest thing about "Welcome to New York" is that most of the humor is at New Yorkers' expense. (No problem. New Yorkers are used to paying through the nose for everything.)

Consider: In the first episode, the pompous anchor Adrian Spencer (who, hilariously portrayed by Rocky Carroll, is an African-American hell-bent on being a WASP) ripped Jim for wearing the same kind of eyeglass frames as his own.

"Why," pressed Adrian, whose glasses are meant to lend him an intellectual air, "do you wear YOURS?"

"To SEE!" Jim replied. This was the exchange that sold "Cybill" veteran Baranski on returning to series TV when she read the pilot script last winter.

"One guy uses his glasses to literally see the world," she notes with delight,

"while the other guy uses glasses to affect how the world sees him."

"I think a lot of the show is about perception. Jim sees through things, while the people around him are busy playing roles and creating images."

A bit weighty for a TV sitcom?

"I just wanted to dismantle the notion of Woody from 'Cheers,'" says Gaffigan, who landed in Manhattan a decade ago. "The reality is, we ALL shop at the Gap no matter where we live. I wanted to do a show where, instead of the midwestern guy being a hayseed, maybe the New Yorkers are a little crazy."

"For instance, my character goes to work the first day wearing a tweed jacket and tan pants, and Christine's character looks at me like I'm in overalls. But the majority of Americans would say I looked normal."

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Schwarzenegger's titanium and 18-karat gold chronograph wristwatch from the Royal Oak collection topped the bidding at \$340,000. Ali's 18-karat pink gold watch from the Jules Audemars collection sold for \$220,000.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Bob Barker can never walk more than a few steps outside his office without someone yelling, "Come on down!"

And even after hearing it for nearly three decades, the 73-year-old legendary host of "The Price Is Right" says it

still makes him smile.

"If I just went through the motions, the viewers would have deserted us long ago," Barker said. "But when I look out into our studio audience and see a grand-

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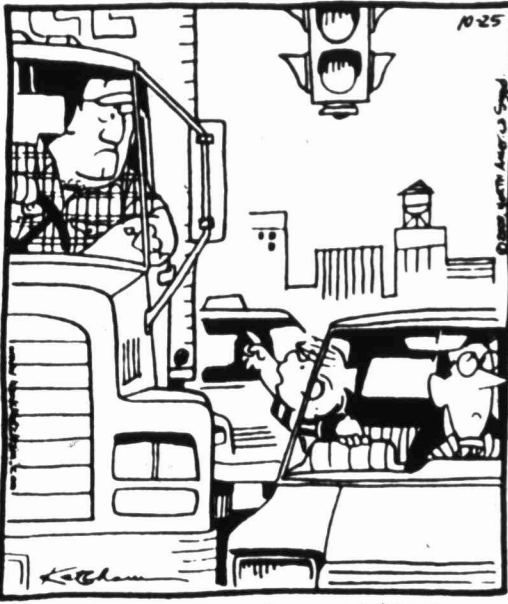
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In 1854, the Charge of the Light Brigade took place

during the Crimean War.

In 1918, the Canadian steamship Princess Sophia foundered off the coast of Alaska; nearly 400 people perished.

In 1951, peace talks aimed at ending the Korean Conflict resumed in Panmunjom after 63 days.

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

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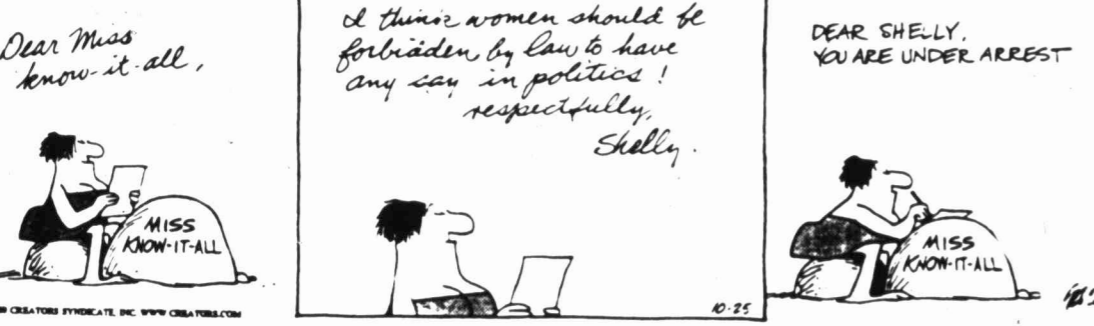
drowning the children and was convicted of murder).

Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said the Pentagon was laying plans to send as many as 100,000 more troops to Saudi Arabia. Evander Holyfield knocked out Buster Douglas in the third round of their fight in Las Vegas to become the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

Five years ago: A commuter train slammed into a school bus in Fox River Grove, Ill., killing seven students. John J. Sweeney was elected AFL-CIO president. The Atlanta Braves defeated the Cleveland Indians 5-2, taking a 3-1 lead in the World Series. Tennis hustler Bobby Riggs died in Leucadia, Calif., at age 77.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Chubby Jackson is 82. Former baseball player Bobby Thomson is 77.

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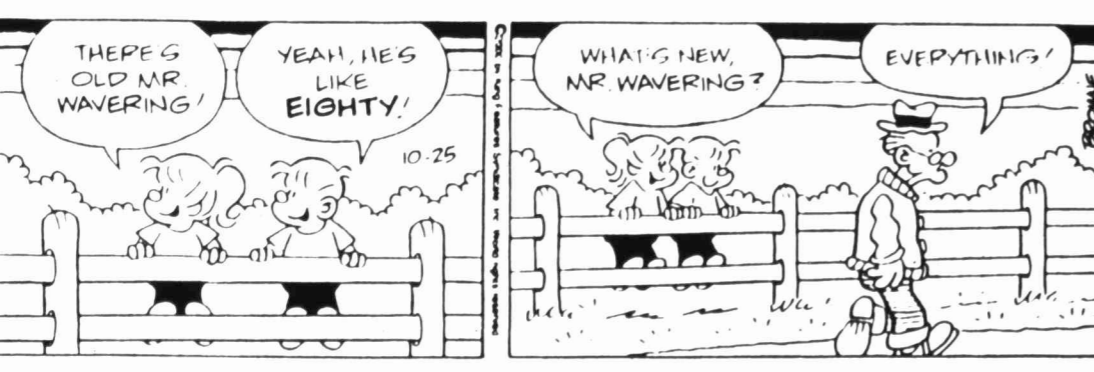
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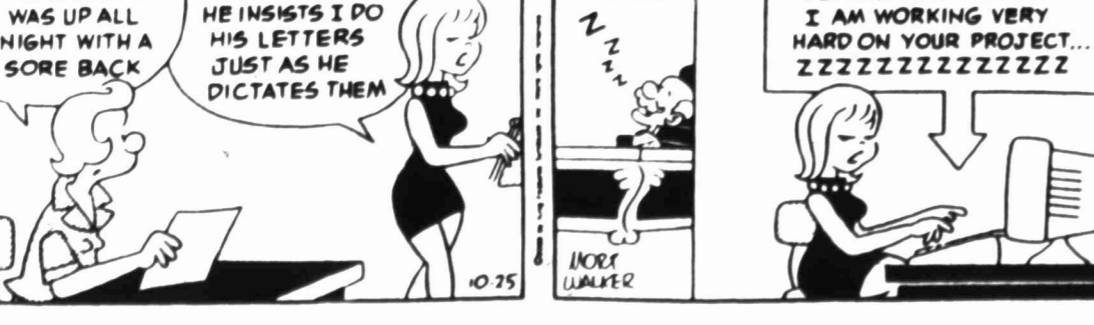
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- Speedy
- Sea or way follower
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- Der (Adenauer)
- Wed without warning
- Tailor's connection
- Bit of evidence
- Stirred up
- Purchase of the Lord of Elgin
- Horse color
- Island garland
- "Long Day's Journey into Night" playwright
- Curve cutters
- del Sol
- Jump
- Guy's honey
- Geographic Elgin
- Function
- Beheaded Boleyn
- Backs of necks
- Standbys
- From scratch
- West of Hollywood
- Scottish trill
- A man called Elgin
- Tear open
- Gen. Bradley
- Verdi opera
- Fixed gaze
- Hereditary factor
- Trotsky or Spinks
- Sharpened
- Gibb or Williams
- Lie in wait

DOWN

- Ponselle or Bonheur
- Act as a lookout, e.g.
- Ark builder
- Recklessness
- Skin treatment
- Poe's middle name
- Knock for a loop
- Abound
- Weasel's relative
- Excuses
- Throw of the dice
- Fencing tool
- Cincinnati's nine
- Fastball pitcher Ryan
- Hebrew letter
- Come to pass
- Static
- Photorealist painter
- Seedless plants
- Speed along
- Open-mouthed
- Pay
- Agitate a liquid
- Highway subdivision
- Roof overhangs
- Below: pref.
- Big bag
- Magnate's purview
- Spoke roughly
- Illustrator Beardsley
- New modifier? Shh!
- Not fooled by Gulf of the Mediterranean
- Forum attire
- Prayer conclusion
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- Social standing

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The Ghosts of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Whoooooo Haunts the White House



A view of the White House from the front, or north, entrance.

The White House is an interesting place — for people and for ghosts! Presidents and their families have been living there for 200 years, so there are lots of ghosts ... and stories.

Most of us don't really believe in ghosts, but we all like ghost stories, especially at Halloween.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A GHOST?



Dolley Madison

One day, so the story goes, the ghost of Dolley Madison appeared in the Rose Garden, and she was really angry.

About 100 years before, she had planted a garden in that spot, and she did not want it moved. She frightened the workers so much that the garden remains in that very same location today.

If you were to visit the White House, you would see flowers blooming in an area not too far from the Oval Office. And maybe, just maybe, you might see Dolley! Whoooooo knows!



Dolley Madison

Abraham Lincoln



Of all the ghosts who haunt the White House, Abraham Lincoln seems to be the one sighted most often.

About 40 years after Lincoln's death, President Teddy Roosevelt said he often saw him. Later, Harry Truman said he often felt his presence.

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD A GHOST?



Abigail Adams



Abigail Adams

Once upon a time, before the White House was really finished, the John Adams family moved in.

It's hard to imagine a president's wife hanging up clothes to dry, but Abigail Adams did just that. She didn't want to hang them



outside for all to see, so she hung them in the biggest room she could find. Today we call this the East Room.

Some visitors to that room claim to have seen her wispy ghost carrying a load of dirty clothes. Others claim they have smelled soap and wet laundry.

HAVE YOU EVER SMELLED A GHOSTLY SMELL?



One time, the Queen of the Netherlands was spending the night. She heard a knock, knock, knock at her door. She opened it, and there stood the ghost of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd, said she saw the ghost of her dead son Willie standing at the foot of her bed.

She also said that she heard Thomas Jefferson playing the violin and Andrew Jackson swearing.

Both men had died many years before. Haunted or not, the White House is a place many folks are just dying to live in. Whoooooo can blame two?



Mary Todd Lincoln

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are going trick-or-treating. See if you can find:

- question mark
- letter A
- kite
- exclamation mark
- two number 3's
- heart
- book
- whale
- cat
- mushroom
- cheese slice
- word MINI

• lemon wedge • knife • boomerang

Vote for a Safe Halloween

Elect to have a safe Halloween. Circle the safest answer.

1. The time to go trick-or-treating is:
 - A. before it really gets dark.
 - B. after dark.
2. On your feet, wear:
 - A. comfortable, well-fitting shoes.
 - B. Dad's big shoes.
3. When to eat treats:
 - A. Pig out on Halloween night.
 - B. Ration them out so they'll last.
4. On your face, wear:
 - A. a mask with tiny eye slits.
 - B. face makeup so that you can see.
5. When there is no sidewalk:
 - A. walk on the left facing traffic.
 - B. walk on either side.
6. Before eating treats:
 - A. have an adult check them over.
 - B. eat them right away.
7. Your costume color should be:
 - A. a dark color so you can hide.
 - B. a bright color so you can be spotted.
8. Light jack-o'-lanterns:
 - A. with candles.
 - B. with flashlights.
9. The houses to visit are:
 - A. those that are dark.
 - B. those that are well-lighted.
10. Your costume's size should be:
 - A. big and baggy.
 - B. a good fit.
11. The best route to take is:
 - A. in your own neighborhood.
 - B. in a strange neighborhood.
12. You should go:
 - A. by yourself.
 - B. with a group.
13. When crossing streets:
 - A. cross only at intersections.
 - B. dart between parked cars.
14. On your head, wear:
 - A. a hat that covers your eyes.
 - B. a hat that lets you see.
15. If you're invited in:
 - A. go in for a treat.
 - B. do not step inside.

Answers: 1.A, 2.A, 3.B, 4.B, 5.A, 6.A, 7.B, 8.B, 9.B, 10.B, 11.A, 12.B, 13.A, 14.B, 15.B.

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Look through your newspaper for pictures and stories about the elections and about Halloween.

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