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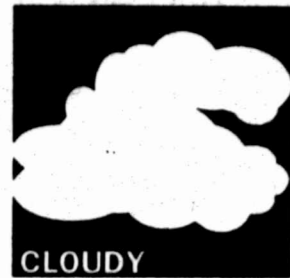
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Early voting in the Nov. 3 election began Monday and continues weekdays at the county clerk's office through Oct. 30.

According to the clerk's office, 383 ballots have been cast in person. Another 229 have been sent out by mail and 113 of those have been returned.

CRP meeting set Thursday

A public meeting related to the upcoming Conservation Reserve Pro-gram (CRP) sign-up will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the chamber board room.

Attendees should enter through the east alley door. NRCS District Conservationist Eddie Spourgin and Rick Liles, Farm Service Agency county executive director, will conduct the meeting.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome.

□ 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.

□ Senior citizen's dance, 7 to 10 p.m., Colorado City Civic Center. The Country Five will provide the music and everyone is invited.

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. Call Terry Hansen, 264-5175.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and over.

□ 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. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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'Gargoyles' opens three-day run Thursday at park amphitheater

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College Drama Department and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce present "Gargoyles and Scarecrow Sins", a play by local attorney Rick Hamby, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Hamby's play, which has also been produced in Midland, is a farce inspired by 17th-century author John Milton's essay titled "Scarecrow Sins."

"Milton said that the Puritans were opposed to bear baiting, which was a big sport then, not because of the injury to the bear, but because people got

pleasure out of it," Hamby said.

The eight-cast play concerns the death of a small town prostitute, and the hypocrisy her lifelong friends display during the coffin watch.

"This shows that real sinners don't always look like sinners, and those that look like sinners are sometimes saints," Hamby said.

Set in modern Big Spring, Hamby said the characters are not based on real individuals, but are fictitious, a composite of universal human characteristics.

"Don't go looking for someone. This is really all of us, especially me. This play is not moraliz-

ing, it's just me having fun. Anyone who has seen any of my plays knows I love Big Spring. This is just one man's hazy view and it's fun and not intended to preach morality," Hamby said.

The cast features the talents of, in order of appearance, Chris Weaver, Dusty Osborn, Jennifer Lopez, LeAnn Baskin, Shannon Lepard, Tabitha McIntosh, Corky Mitchell, Shelly Schroder, Nick DeWaters and Anna Castaneda.

Clay Grizzle, theater instructor for Howard College, is directing the production. This is the first performance for

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Gargoyles and Scarecrow Sins, a play by Howard College drama department students, is set to open Thursday. Cast members Jennifer Lopez, Tabitha McIntosh and LeAnn Baskin, left, and Shannon Lepard are central characters in the comedy.

School kids having it their way

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring elementary students have "choices" to make at lunchtime these days.

Provided the student selects the right combination of foods to create a balanced diet, they may choose the foods they enjoy the most.

"Ninety-five percent of the schools in the state do this. The TEA (Texas Education Agency) highly recommends this program because it prevents waste," said JoAnn Smoot, food service director for the Big Spring Independent School District.

By giving the student more freedom of choice, lunch lines move faster in the elementary schools, which give students more time to eat their lunch, she said.

"If they won't eat it, they don't have to put it on their tray. 'Choices' is officially called by TEA 'Offer versus Serve,' which means we offer them their choice, instead of serving it on their tray," Smoot said.

Each elementary child must select three of five nutritional components from the selection of food available. These are meat or a meat alternative, fruits, vegetables, a grain bread or pasta, and milk, she said.

"If they get to the end of the line and don't have three components, someone will tell them they have to pick something else. And we tell them if they only want one bite, to go ahead and get the food. We do not say they have to eat everything on their plate," Smoot said.

An additional program is being offered at Moss Elementary now, in a pilot pro-



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Moss Elementary fifth grader Mario Gonzales selects tamales, served by lunch workers Barbara Hillario, left and Robin Brown, as part of the school's new lunch program Choices.

gram. Children who do not like the main course meat selection for the day have the option of choosing a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

In one school day, 60 of the sandwiches were consumed, said a cafeteria worker.

And the students like the new

arrangements, they said.

"Pizza" was the predominant favorite food of Mrs. McKinney's fourth-grade class. And by far, "spinach" was the one food most of the students said they would not select.

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Historical Society affair provides chance to look at the past

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Dozens of interested historians from all over the Permian Basin gathered last weekend in the Howard College Cactus Room for the Permian Historical Society Fall Meeting, and a chance to learn more about the history of the area.

"This is a semi-annual program we hold each fall and spring," said Bobbie Jean Klepper, President of the Society.

"Twice a year we get together

and hear various papers pertaining to the history of the Permian Basin, as well as reminiscence about many of the events our members have witnessed over the years."

Klepper said she has been a member of the Permian Historical Society since 1975, and believes the preservation of the area's history should be a concern of both citizens and the government.

"If you don't know where you've been, then you certainly don't know where you are going," said Klepper. "There are just so many fascinating stories

to be told."

Among those in attendance was Damon Kennedy, who holds a master's degree from the University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB) in history, who presented a paper on the life and accomplishments of John Ben Sheppard, a well-known Texan who was instrumental in the establishment of Fort Davis' Historical Preservation Society.

"I didn't come here today to make Mr. Sheppard seem larger than he really is," said Kennedy. "I am here to amend an important part of history by adding

John Ben Sheppard's name to the list of those who worked so hard to make Fort Davis what it is."

Kennedy presented many historical accounts of Sheppard's accomplishments, as well as several anecdotes that those in the audience that knew the man readily agreed with.

"Mr. Sheppard's letter writing, as well as his phone calls at four in the morning are typical of the type of diligent man he was," said Kennedy. "When he put his mind to something, he didn't rest until he had accomplished it."

Keppler said Kennedy's paper is typical of the type of efforts made each year to preserve the history of the Permian Basin.

"We collect papers, records, photos, and audio and video tapes," said Keppler. "Anything that will help us preserve the history of our area. We also publish a yearly annual, which includes many of the papers that are presented at our meetings."

"There are just so many fascinating pieces of our history, it's a joy to uncover some of those that could have been lost forever."

Salvation Army, Retired Senior Volunteers making a difference

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The efforts of three local organizations were rewarded recently with a \$1,000 grant for Saturday's Make A Difference Day.

The Salvation Army and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program divided a grant with the Kentwood Parent Teacher Association from Wal-Mart, said Anna Sparks, community coordinator for the discount store.

"Wal-Mart joined with Make A Difference Day and U.S.A. Weekend, and we had a grant of \$1,000 to give any non profit organization that wanted to make a difference for the community."

"The only requirement for the

organization was that they do something on or before Oct. 24," Sparks said.

An application process was necessary for the organizations to receive the grant, she said. The three groups that won the funds were the three that applied, she said.

The Kentwood PTA received \$500, and the Salvation Army and RSVP shared \$500.

"We are using our part of the grant to pay for supplies and meal fixings for Make A Difference Day Saturday. These provisions will be our way of saying thank you to all our volunteers," said Danelle Castillo, social service director for the Salvation Army.

RSVP and the Salvation Army received their grant for efforts they have provided in the past toward Make A Difference Day,

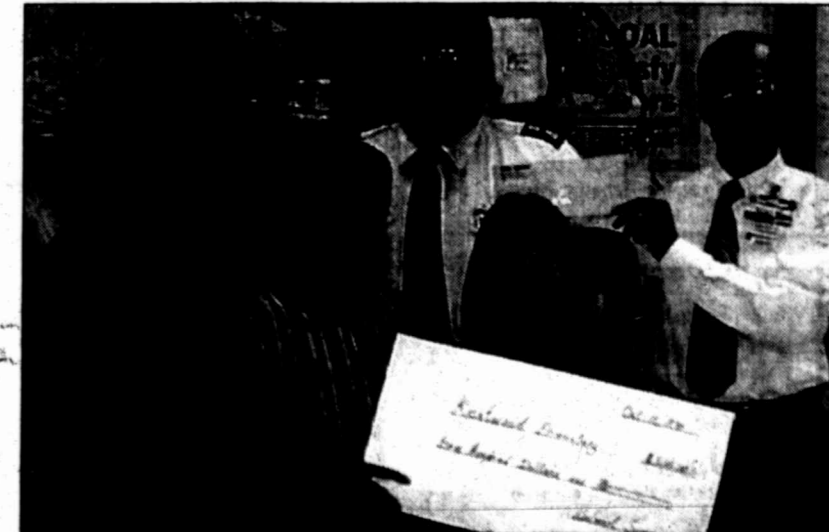
she said.

This year's event, including a Health and Fun Fair at the Salvation Army, will offer local residents a chance to have many different types of health tests, like cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes, free of charge.

The fare begins at 11 p.m. and is expected to continue through 3 p.m., and thus far about 300 individuals representing nearly 30 organizations have signed on to Make A Difference.

The Kentwood PTA received their portion of the grant for student efforts to bring a musical program to Canterbury residents, said PTA president Stan Parker.

"We are considering a campus cleanup, but it's not ironed out yet what we will do with the money," Parker said.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Promoting Make A Difference Day, Wal-Mart assistant manager Ruben Sanchez, right, presented a \$500 check to Danelle Castillo, left, and Maj. Roy Tolcher, center from the Salvation Army and Nancy Jones from RSVP. Students Courtney Hecker and Cory Hammock received a \$500 check for Kentwood PTA.

OBITUARIES

Louis Hollar

Service for Louis Hollar, 73, Lubbock, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1998, in the Bacon Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Charles Murray, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park, Lubbock.

Mr. Hollar died Saturday, Oct. 17, at Lake Whitney Medical Center.

He was born on June 17, 1925, in Dumont and attended Plainview grade schools. He graduated from Gardner School on the Pitchfork Ranch in 1942. He married the former Wanda Jo Bolles on Dec. 8, 1945, in Clovis, N.M. He was a truck driver for Andy Taylor Trucking of Plainview, Steer Tank Lines of Big Spring, Wylie Hudman of Lubbock and was an independent trucker, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Hub City Wheels and attended Bacon Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Wanda Jo Hollar of Lubbock; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donnie and Janice Hollar of Plano, and Larry and Penny Hollar of Big Spring; one sister, Dora Jean Burch of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home, Lubbock.

Paid obituary

Dorinda Long

Service for Dorinda Long, 42, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Monday, Oct. 19, 1998, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

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drama department for the 1998-99 school year.

This first production has an additional twist from usual theater in Big Spring. The three performances will be at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Grizzle said producing a play away from the theater department at Howard College has created a new set of challenges.

"Having the performances at the Amphitheater will be interesting for my students because they've never done anything outdoors. Logistically this will be interesting because we'll build a set, take that set apart, move it, and rebuild it," Grizzle said.

Students in other theater classes at Howard College are building the set, as past of their class requirements. Without a stage manager, Grizzle said he is making lists of things, to remember to transport.

"We're rehearsing, building the set and painting. On Monday, we'll rebuild on the stage, and we hope to have that done in three or four hours."

"They are supposed to deliver lights from San Angelo that day, and we'll rig trusses and assemble lights. Then we're

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Dorinda Long, 42, died Monday. Services are pending.

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Lois Elizabeth "Peggy" Young, 89, died Sunday. Services will be at 2:00 PM today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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hoping to rehearse that night," Grizzle said.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce helped finance the cost of the lights for the play, he said. The play is scheduled at the same time a large convention of Episcopal Diocese will be visiting Big Spring.

The play, in two acts, should begin after dark each night of the run, about 8 p.m., he said. "Assuming it doesn't rain, this should be nice for the audience. The Amphitheater is a very nice place," Grizzle said.

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difference these renovations can make in a house, as well as the neighborhoods."

Fryar said that although his offices had to wade through a sea of paperwork to get the funding, it is well worth the trouble.

"The program is open to cities all over the state, and is a really good opportunity for us all," said Fryar. "We worked on the paperwork for more than five years, and although it was really tough, it was worth it. We just want to get our part of the money."

Stiner said that TDHCA annually administers funds in the excess of \$500 million, most of which is derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants and federal tax credits.

CHOICES

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"I like rice and macaroni and cheese and pizza," said 9-year-old Samantha Lucas.

Nicholas Ross, 9, said "I like chicken and rice. We get more with choices. What I don't like to eat, I don't eat. And some times the peanut butter and jelly sandwich is better."

Mario Gonzales, a 10-year-old fifth grader, said he likes the new program.

"At home I eat what my mom gives us, like chicken fried steak. This (food) is good at school and sometimes we get seconds. I don't like the spaghetti and the spinach is the nastiest thing I've ever seen," Mario said.

Smoot said the district stopped serving spinach two years ago because the students would not eat it. This year they have broccoli with cheese sauce.

"We get commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and a lot of the things we have to use aren't the most popular student choices," she said.

For instance, cherries may come as a commodity, and while adults like cherry cobbler, children do not seem to enjoy the desert as well, she said.

"Especially elementary kids. And children do not like turkey and dressing day, but the adults do," she said.

Forsan ISD approves softball field

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Forsan Independent School board of trustees Monday night approved a softball field for school property and agreed to take bids for computers for the elementary school.

"We're really excited about getting the elementary campus on the Internet," said George White, superintendent.

A tower for microwave link between the elementary and high school/junior high school

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campus is under construction now, although wind last week delayed the project, he said.

The softball association in Forsan has requested a campus location for a practice field, and with material specifications, trustees approved the request, he said.

Elementary principal Johnny McGregor said enrollment for the campus has increased about two to three students, with a weekly total of 329.

"Out total is 710 students, which is a little up for us, at both campuses. We're a little above last year," White said.

An energy report from Honeywell Energy Management Co. indicated the district cannot improve their energy consumption.

"They presented their figures and told us, 'we can't help you much,'" White said.

Trustees agreed to seek bids for a new school bus, and heard an audit report from Stallings and Herm. White said the report showed the district is "okay."

Glasscock ISD receives \$83,000 from TIF

Glasscock County Independent School board of trustees learned their district has received \$83,000 from the Technology Infrastructure Fund (TIF), following a report from technology coordinator Duane Cox.

"We're very pleased, and now we're in the planning stages for the funds," said superintendent Charles Zachry.

Bids were awarded by trustee action to purchase two new school buses for the district, Zachry said.

The high school band attended University Interscholastic League marching competition Saturday, and returned with a Division II.

"We were pleased with this. It is an improvement from last year," Zachry said.

Glasscock County schools have scheduled their Open House tonight from 6:30-9 p.m.

Coahoma ISD addresses district policy

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The district policy on extracurricular activity students, and illegal drug use, was tabled during Monday night's Coahoma Independent School District trustees meeting.

"We had several people address the board concerning the alcohol and drug policy," said superintendent Michael Hartman.

The current policy has some punitive actions in place for students who receive charges for drug use or underage drinking, he said.

However, those rules might not have applied to all extracurricular students equally. Parents and trustees seem divided on the proper punishment students should receive for illegal activities, he said.

"This will be brought back up at our next board meeting," Hartman said.

Trustees approved restricting students ability to up load or download information on the Internet, he said.

And Coahoma ISD will receive \$88,000 from the Technology Infrastructure Fund to spend on network wiring and peripherals, or computer accessories, he said.

The science building is nearing completion, and Hartman said the progress of the new building is right on schedule.

"We hope to be in there by

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mid-November," he said. The proposed softball field has been canceled due to lack of funding for the project, Hartman said.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING TENNIS BOOSTERS will meet Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School library. All junior and high school players and parents invited.

PROFFITT DAY CARE WILL have a Hop-A-Thon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The children will be hopping for Jerry's Kids and proceeds will go to the patients in the Permian Basin with neuromuscular diseases.

Proffitt Day Care is located at 1600 Wasson Road.

LAKEVIEW HEADSTART WILL HAVE its Harvest Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY will host an event to formally dedicate the recently completed Kathryn Bettle Lamb Community Room in the basement of the Dora Roberts Howard County Library on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. The late Mrs. Lamb, a 1928 graduate of Big Spring High School, left a bequest from her estate that made the multi-purpose room a reality. The public is invited to attend.

THE FOLLOWING STREETS WILL be closed Thursday for Congressman Stenholm: Main Street between Third and Main to First and Main Street from 4 to 7 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS FOR A FREE mammography at the Health and Fun Fair, Saturday, Oct. 24, are being taken by the Texas Department of Health. Only a specific number of 30-minute appointments will be made, and there is no charge for the breast cancer screening. The American Cancer Society is paying for the tests, that will be conducted by Texas Tech Health Science Center portable mammography unit.

The Health and Fun Fair will be at the Salvation Army office, 811 W. Fifth. The health department will screen women to determine eligibility for the free service.

To make an appointment call 263-9775.

THE VA MEDICAL CENTER will be giving flu shots to veterans eligible to receive VA health benefits on Oct. 13-15 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of the VA. Veterans registered for health care through the Big Spring VA Medical Center will be required to show their VA identification cards to receive their shots. Unregistered veterans will be asked to present proof of eligibility for VA benefits (DD Form 214). Pneumonia shots will also be available for veterans who are medically determined to need them. For more information call 264-4824.

THE HALLOWEEN SPOOKHOUSE AT Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, will be Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be residents and community members who will act out various characters. There will also be the Canterbury Witches, fortune tellers, the Boo Boys, the clown and the Fairy Godmother. The spookhouse is for all chil-

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drën 11 years and under.

THERE WILL BE A spook house on Oct. 30 and 31. The hours are Oct. 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight and on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to midnight and the cost is \$3.

The spook house is located in a big blue building in Coahoma. Exit I-20 at Coahoma and go to Little Sooper, turn right and follow signs.

PARENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED ADULTS may preview films and other audiovisual material used by the local school districts at Region 18 Service Center in Midland on Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Five-day notice is required, as well as the title of the film or material. If the film is not available on that date, a time will be set up later to view the material. The center is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport. To request a film, call Pam Winn, media supervisor, at 915-567-3260.

THE BIG SPRING WOMAN'S Club is asking for your help to provide warm clothing to local citizens in need. Our annual coat drive will be from Oct. 1-31. Items requested for donation include gloves, mittens, coats, wind breakers, caps, scarves, blankets, etc. Collection sites will be located at Harris Lumber, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Howard County Courthouse.

BAUER ELEMENTARY WILL HAVE its fall fest on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come.

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.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- PAULA BAKER, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.
- ERNEST GARCIA, 26, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- JACOB GARCIA, 17, was arrested for hindering apprehension.
- AMANDA RYALS, 19, was arrested on local warrants.
- WILLIAM GRAVES, 58, was arrested for public intoxication.
- LESTER DUFFER, 18, was arrested on local warrants.
- ALBERT AKEN, 44, was

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- LANCE ACUFF, 19, was arrested for criminal mischief.
- JUAN ANDREW MARTINEZ, 36, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and theft of a firearm.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

- MONDAY
4:26 a.m. - 500 N. Nolan, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 1:01 a.m. - 500 Westover, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 1:39 p.m. - 2000 Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 2:51 p.m. - 600 West Third, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 11:13 p.m. - 2100 Main, trauma call, service refused.
- 10:05 p.m. - 400 Gregg, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.
- 10:38 p.m. - 1900 N. 87, trauma call, two patients transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 75
Monday's low 50
Average high 75
Average low 50
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Raging Texas Guadalupe River takes destruction downstream

CUERO (AP) — Angie Navarro, dressed in her Texas State Guard uniform, was helping control crowds at the edge of the rising flood waters of the Guadalupe River when she gasped.

"That's my house!" she cried, starting into the swift-flowing current as the blue and white wooden structure floated down what used to be West Hamilton Street, about two blocks from where she stood.

In one hand she clutched yellow plastic tape imprinted with the word: "Caution." Her other hand immediately went to her mouth to stifle a sob.

"I can tell by the roof," she

said quietly as her husband Richard, also a guardsman, tried to comfort her Monday. A few minutes later, another house torn from its foundation sped past amazed spectators.

The town of 7,000 about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio braced today for the river to crest after a wall of water fueled by a weekend killer rains swept in from upstream.

At least 15 people were dead and three children missing in South and Central Texas after the torrential downpours that began Saturday left 60 counties — nearly one-fourth of the state — suffering from floods.

"Obviously, the worst loss is

loss of life," Gov. George W. Bush said Monday. "We can't replace life. We can replace material goods. Nature is devastating. It was only three months ago that we were praying for rain, and now ... we've got too much rain."

The governor's plans for an aerial tour of devastated areas had to be scrapped because of poor weather.

The floods also threatened cattle. Thousands of animals were set loose when the rain-swollen San Marcos River washed away pens, barns and hundreds of miles of fencing.

Extension agent Lytle Arche estimated that up to 5,000 cattle

could be roaming Caldwell County alone. He estimated at least 10,000 more would wander from their pastures in neighboring Guadalupe and Gonzales counties.

The counties lie along the Guadalupe River, just east of flood-ravaged San Antonio and New Braunfels. The river is usually about 150 feet across. On Monday it was three miles wide in some areas and rising.

Victoria, some 40 miles downstream from Cuero, was the next city along the Guadalupe expected to be deluged. A National Weather Service bulletin said some 40 city blocks would be swamped late tonight

or early Wednesday.

In Cuero, frightened residents told of the river climbing 10 feet in just four hours, swamping neighborhoods and forcing hundreds of people from their homes without a chance to salvage many belongings.

"It just came up really fast," said Corey Tolbert, a Cuero firefighter who spent Monday afternoon and early evening rescuing people in a 2-ton Army truck. When the water reached the top of the truck hood, he turned over his duties to men in boats.

"It was about 12 o'clock and everything hit so fast," said Ronnie White, 40, who was at

work when the river took over his neighborhood on Beacon Street.

"I don't know what it looks like," he said, standing at the edge of the rising water, and nodding toward his house. "All I know is it's under water. It's been knee-high and up to the front steps before, but nothing like this. This is something bad."

The raging Guadalupe sent 1,400 people to shelters in New Braunfels. In Cuero, school buses parked at the edge of the rising water were used to take people who had to be rescued by boats. Some elderly people were carried out on stretchers.

Patient to get abortion in Texas after Louisiana refuses

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A Medicaid patient who needs a heart transplant was scheduled to have an abortion today in Texas after hospitals in Louisiana refused to perform the procedure.

Donors from around the country chipped in to buy an abortion for Michelle Lee, who is 10 weeks pregnant and is being treated for an irregular heartbeat.

Ms. Lee, a 26-year-old divorced mother of two, said in today's Washington Post that she knew pregnancy would be dangerous for her and that she

was pregnant despite taking precautions. Her doctors had also said her heart medication could harm a fetus.

Clinics refused to perform an abortion on her, saying that because of her heart condition it must be done in a hospital with special equipment and a cardiologist standing by in case of emergency.

When she asked doctors at Louisiana State University Medical Center for an abortion, they refused, citing a state law prohibiting the use of public funds for abortions unless the pregnancy puts the mother's

life at risk or resulted from incest or rape.

The hospital's policy is that there must be at least a 50 percent chance the mother will die without the abortion.

Before leaving in an ambulance for Houston on Monday, Ms. Lee said she was bitter about LSU Medical Center's decision.

"These people have been taking care of me for five years," she told the Post. "They told me I couldn't get pregnant because it'd kill me, and now they're turning their back on me."

Financial and emotional sup-

port for Lee has poured in from across the country since her story surfaced last week, said Maureen Britell, a spokeswoman for the National Abortion Federation.

Doctors from Alabama, Ohio, Kansas and Washington had also volunteered to perform the abortion. The volunteer group Women's Reproductive Access Project donated \$4,000 toward the cost, Britell said.

Lee's heart condition could push the cost as high as \$10,000.

NAF hopes Medicaid will foot the bill, but the organization will not wait.

E-mail could help doc, patient communications

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Click here for your doctor. It could be that simple.

"E-mail has become a ubiquitous tool for communicating with business associates, friends and family," wrote Dr. Tom Ferguson, editor of a consumer health newsletter, in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association. "So there should be little surprise that Net-savvy patients would like greater digital access to their physicians."

Despite the desire for e-mail access with doctors, only about 1 percent or 2 percent of physicians offer the option, said Ferguson, who was to discuss the issue today at a conference at Duke University.

In a 1996 survey, patients ranked information directly from their doctor's office as the type of health information they most wanted to see on computers, the article said.

A survey a year later showed 43 percent of the 40.6 million adults in the United States who used the Internet were seeking health information.

"Caring, clinical competence and sensitivity to the needs and preferences of patients have always been a physician's most prized qualities," Ferguson said.

"But just as the most caring, competent and sensitive physician of today would be hard-pressed to build a successful practice without a telephone, those who choose not to communicate electronically with patients may soon find themselves at a similar disadvantage."

Three other articles in the journal focus on e-mail and online services in the medical world.

House to approve \$500 billion spending package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friends and foes alike expect the House and Senate to vote decisively in favor of a \$500 billion spending package that finally would end the 105th Congress and send lawmakers home for their re-election battles.

The House planned to vote today on the massive measure, a compromise that congressional leaders reached last week with President Clinton. Senate passage is likely Wednesday — less than two weeks from the Nov. 3 congressional elections.

The package — said to be 4,000 pages long — would finance dozens of agencies from the huge Department of Health and Human Services to the tiny U.S. Institute of Peace. It also has billions for financially ailing farmers and the Pentagon, \$1.2 billion to begin hiring more teachers, \$18 billion for the International Monetary Fund, modest tax breaks for some

businesses and families, and provisions aimed at strengthening anti-drug law enforcement.

House conservatives, perhaps the likeliest source of opposition, were said to be split. The measure contained wins for them, such as language blocking federally financed needle exchange programs for drug addicts.

But it also had items that they dislike, such as using anticipated federal surpluses to pay for both the IMF money and \$20.8 billion for so-called emergencies like preparing federal computers for the year 2000.

They were particularly angry about the emergency spending provisions because of Clinton's calls to not use the surplus until a way is found to cure Social Security's long-term budgetary problems.

"It's unconscionable, it's un-American, it's untruthful," said one opponent, Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

But with most members of both parties likely to vote for the measure, Coburn and others were predicting easy passage. To allow time, Congress planned to send Clinton a measure letting agencies stay open through Wednesday, the fifth such stopgap bill since fiscal 1999 began Oct. 1.

Into Monday evening, congressional leaders were making last-minute changes in the measure, even as most members and aides said they did not know exactly what it contained.

Only a few copies of the bill were available Monday, and none were made available to the public.

But a person familiar with the legislation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it contained several late additions, including:

- Language by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., requiring health insurers to cover breast reconstruction following mastectomies.
- \$2 million to help start the Robert J. Dole Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at the University of Kansas, honoring the former senator and GOP presidential candidate.
- \$1 million for a Mark Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University in Oregon, home state of the former GOP senator.
- \$1 million for a Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, honoring the former Illinois Democratic senator.

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Feds investigate series of fires at Vail ski resort

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Federal agents are investigating a series of fires atop Vail Mountain that caused some \$12 million in damage, just days after work began on a major resort expansion opposed by environmentalists.

"It really is a terrorist sort of act, if you want to go down that path," said town Councilwoman Sybill Navas. "What bothers me the most is that someone thinks they can take this type of action to solve anything."

Vail Associates President Andy Daly refused to speculate about the cause of the fires that began before dawn Monday. He also said the timber cutting that began Friday would resume today.

Agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI have arrived in this ski resort town about 100 miles west of Denver

to investigate.

The fires destroyed the luxurious 550-seat Two Elk restaurant, the Ski Patrol headquarters and a picnic spot known as Camp One, all at or above the 11,000-foot level on the mountain.

The fires also damaged four chairlifts, effectively cutting off access to what will be the 885-acre expansion area.

Authorities said the fires could have been set by a disgruntled former employee, a skier irate over Vail's \$59 lift tickets or someone trying to make a political statement before the World Alpine Ski Championships, scheduled to begin in late January.

The Eagle County Sheriff's Office said it was too early to guess at a cause. But Ed Nesselroad of the U.S. Forest Service's regional office, said

authorities suspect arson.

"The fires are spread along a mile of mountaintop in a number of specific locations and there was no lightning last night," he said. "If you can rule out natural causes you look pretty quickly to human."

Environmental groups are opposed to the expansion because they say it will make the area uninhabitable for endangered lynx.

The groups, which lost a court fight to stop the expansion, denied any involvement in the fires.

"Anyone who connects these two things now is guilty of wild speculation," said Ted Zukoski, a lawyer representing seven environmental groups.

Vail, which led the nation with about 1.6 million skier days last season, opens Nov. 6. The ski industry pumped more

than \$4.1 billion into the Colorado economy last season, said Barbara Jennings of Colorado Ski Country USA, a nonprofit trade association.

Yeltsin reaffirms he won't seek re-election

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin, who is still fighting a respiratory infection, returned to the Kremlin today and reaffirmed he would not seek re-election.

The influential magazine Itogi, meanwhile, today quoted top Yeltsin aides as saying the president is seriously ill and his staff was just trying to "pull the president through" the remaining 20 months of his term.

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OUR VIEWS

Growing Memorial assures our veterans will not be forgotten

We remember back, almost a decade ago, when a group of Vietnam veterans and their friends had a dream ... a vision ... about building a memorial in Big Spring that would pay tribute to the men and women who served their country in Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

Our first dealings with what was to become the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial was a late night visit one Saturday when the "Living Wall," the true-to-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, was being displayed.

There it stood, stark against the backdrop of the Scenic Mountain ... the huge spotlights throwing eerie shadows that played off the mesquite, cactus and purple sage as men and women and children moved along the wall, searching for a familiar name.

Over the years, the memorial has offered both comfort and refuge to those still attached in some way to that faraway land where so many Americans gave their lives in a war that seemingly no one wanted and nobody knew why we were fighting.

The memorial, which continues to grow through the blood, sweat and tears — and yes, love — of the men and women of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, serves as a reminder of a time so many people in so many communities across our great land want to forget.

But just like the men and women who gave their lives were special, just like the men and women who have worked so tirelessly on this project are special, so is our community and her people — especially when it comes to the memorial.

The memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1991. On Memorial Day, 1997 the committee dedicated the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter and a year later, the F4E-II "Phantom" jet was dedicated.

Now, the committee has placed an M60A tank in position at the memorial as it continues to grow through the dreams of the committee and support of the community.

The vision the committee had is fast becoming a reality.

All that is left is preparing a site and obtaining and placing artillery pieces and the construction of an all-faiths chapel — and while that may sound like a lot, when one views what has been accomplished over the years, you'll see it's not a great obstacle.

Like a great puzzle, the committee and its volunteers and the community have worked together to fit the pieces together to make our Vietnam Memorial a special place ... a place where dreams can be recalled ... where wounds might be healed ... where tears are allowed to flow freely and without shame.

Because of a dream ... a vision ... and the caring of a community, our veterans — America's veterans — who served in Southeast Asia will never be forgotten.

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Enjoying a small sample of the good stuff

The mail brings a steady stream of lamentations: The schools don't teach grammar anymore.

Proofreading is a lost art. In the world of written words, everything is going to the bowwows.

I respond to these morose observations with a note of doleful agreement, but I try to push a sunbeam through the clouds. A gratifying amount of really good writing is out there in our blessed land. Now and then I try to recognize it.

In Fargo, N.D., of all places, Jerome D. Lamb writes and edits a bimonthly publication called "a small voice." Metaphorically, he writes in lowercase. There is nothing pretentious here — only a sampling of the little essays that are known in the trade as mignonettes. In the early 1700s, Addison and Steele wrote mignonettes about any topic that amused them.

So it is with Jerome Lamb. Here he is writing about a summer storm:

"We see it start, great billow clouds piling over the horizon toward the end of a still afternoon, milling about in the blueness, then moving onward, upward. Gradually they darken the sun, then the sky, then the earth. And we hear the wind, a distant sound at first, then louder, then here, whipping the leaves around frantically, whirling small cyclones of dust and fast-food wrappers across fields and parking lots and street corners. Next we feel the eerie darkness closing in, the reverberations of continuous thunder, no longer rumbling but cracking now, exploding all over the wild sky. Ah! Pure fury — but a strobe-lit and wonderful fury!"

Lamb deserves a wider audience than he gets with "a small voice" (\$10 a year, Box 5414 University Station, Fargo N.D. 58105). His mignonettes are sometimes grave, sometimes funny, always written with the care of a jeweler carving cameos.

It's a long way from Fargo to Charlotte, N.C., but Tommy Tomlinson of The Charlotte Observer saw a thunderstorm much like Lamb's. This one produced hail — "hail the size of golf balls, just like they say on The Weather Channel. The hailstones thudded to the ground and bounced like frogs."

Dick Feagler, an Ohio columnist, wrote about a listless summer day as seen through a boy's eyes 60-odd years ago.

For a half-hour or so, it was fun to run through a lawn sprinkler. "Our bathing suits are scratchy wool, navy blue with a little white stripe down the side and a little white belt. "Dusk comes down like a flat iron. Electric fans whisper an empty promise and push hot air around the room. Only God and the movie theaters can manufacture coolness. Limp banners hang from the movie marquees ... We drink Orangeade on the porch and rock slowly in the porch glider to make a breeze."

William Childress wrote of the brief season of fireflies in the Ozarks: "All of a sudden the fireflies are here, floating lighthouses in a sea of darkness. Just as suddenly they are gone, and night's onyx is without its silver tracers once more."

"I've put a lot of thought into the reason for a firefly's existence," Childress wrote. "Surely there is more to this Midas of the night than its rich glowing, or its light that shines for love. Surely it is more than just a night-light in the closet of the evening."

Similes and metaphors are the fireflies of prose. They light up a page.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



Democrats facing damage control

By LINDA CHAVEZ
Creators Syndicate

A few weeks ago, some political analysts were predicting that Republicans could gain as many as six Senate and 20 or more House seats in upcoming congressional elections. Now, less than two weeks to the election, many of these same experts are ready to throw in the towel on the GOP. What happened? "It's the impeachment inquiry, stupid," say the pundits. Americans are fed up with Clinton bashing and blame the Republicans for partisan haggling.

Don't bet on it. Sure, most people are skittish about impeaching a president who was twice elected by American voters. In more than 200 years as a nation, we've only come to this point twice before. What's more, although there are serious constitutional issues at stake in the Clinton impeachment inquiry — namely, whether the president of the United States is above the law — the basic facts of the case nonetheless center around sex. And most Americans would rather not have to think about the president's sex life. But that doesn't mean most voters will rush to the polls to protect Bill Clinton.

Voters in this election will fall into two main categories. The first group — mostly conservative Republicans but including some traditional

Democrats, especially those who attend church regularly — are deeply angry about the way in which Bill Clinton besmirched not only himself but the presidency. The second group — mostly Democrats, but including some middle-of-the-road Republicans and soccer moms — generally support Bill Clinton's policies but find his behavior highly embarrassing, at best.

The first group has far more incentive than the latter to get out and vote Nov. 3. Anger, after all, is a great political motivator. It was anger, mostly at Hillary Clinton's power grab on health care, that sent Republican voters to the polls in 1994 to elect a Republican Congress. This time around, those voters who are most angry at Bill Clinton have every reason to show up at the polls. By doing so, they increase the likelihood that the president will have to face real consequences for his actions: probable impeachment by the House and perhaps, though unlikely, conviction by the Senate.

On the other hand, the second group of voters doesn't risk all that much by staying home. The odds that Bill Clinton will be booted out of office are quite slim even if Republicans pick up five or six new Senate seats. Meanwhile, there are no defining issues in this election.

All in all, it may not be worth the effort to get to the polls Nov. 3, unless a local congressional or gubernatorial race is really attractive.

But what about that small group of voters who are fanatical Clinton supporters? You know, the James Carville clones who believe Monica Lewinsky was an agent provocateur of the right wing who seduced Bill Clinton in order to stop him from doing the people's business? Sure, they have reason to show up Nov. 3, but then, there aren't very many of them. Turnout is everything in off-year elections, and most surveys show the likeliest voters will be pulling the Republican lever.

Democratic congressional leaders know the chances of their party picking up seats this year are slim to none.

The best they can hope for is to keep the Republican gains modest and tout that small achievement as a victory.

For all the Democrats' crowing about having won some major concessions from the Republicans on appropriations battles last week, the fact is, Democrats are in a weaker position than they have been in years.

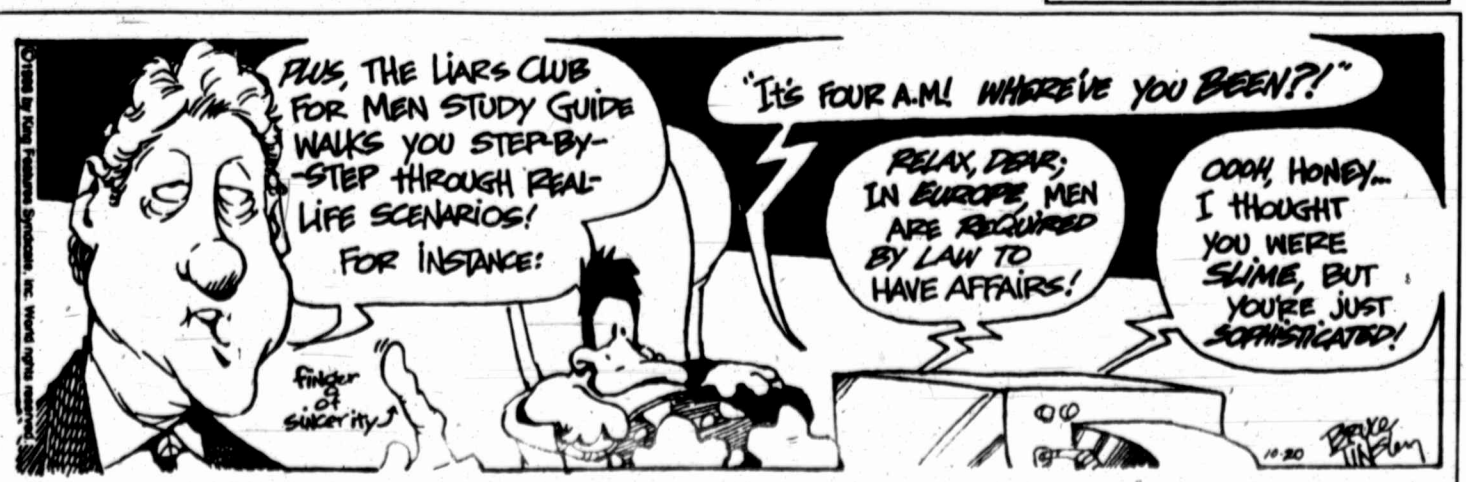
With no hope of regaining the Congress this time around, they're facing the likelihood of losing the White House as well in the next election.

Bill Clinton may be a great politician, and he is surely a survivor, but he's damaged his party's chances at the national level for the foreseeable future.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Yearlings close season with losses

Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings closed out the 1998 volleyball season Monday, dropping a pair of matches to Colorado City teams.

The Lady Yearlings "Black" squad dropped a 15-12, 12-15, 12-15 decision, while the "Gold" team lost 12-15, 6-15.

In the Gold team's first game, Rachel Guinn led the way with four points, while Carli Wise and Sterling Burchette each scored three. Ashley Tuttle added two.

Stephanie Hernandez scored four points in the second game and Guinn added the other two.

Balanced scoring led to the Black team's win in its first game, as Rachel Wester, Eve Tobar, Dana Lockhart and Casie Tunstall all scored three points. Alicia Brunson, Megan Bobo and Krystle DeLeon added a point each.

In the second game, Lacey Mendoza had five points and Shameka Johnson added two. Katie Strain, Amanda Lasiter, Brittany Griffin, Tunstall and Tobar each had one point.

And in the rubber game, Tunstall had seven points, Tobar added three and Brunson finished with two.

Coahoma boosters slate meeting for tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

A business meeting will precede taped highlights from Friday night's game and commentary from Bulldogs coaches.

The public is invited to attend.

Basketball officials set meeting for Oct. 28

Big Spring basketball officials will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Steer Gym on the Big Spring High School campus.

Anyone interested in basketball officiating can contact Jody Carper at 267-2010 or Dusty Shelhamer at 263-4888.

Over 80 scramble slated at BSCC this weekend

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled a two-man over 80 scramble tournament for Saturday and Sunday.

A 1 p.m. shotgun start is scheduled for both days.

Fees will be \$60 per player, plus cart rental. Fees will include a mulligan and a meal following Saturday's round of play.

For more information, call the pro shot at 267-5354.

Cotton Bowl tickets on sale for Jan. 1 game

DALLAS (AP) — Tickets for the 63rd annual Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl featuring the Big 12 and Southeastern Conferences went on sale Monday at \$50 each.

After Nov. 1, prices will be \$55 per ticket for the 10 a.m. kickoff on Jan. 1.

UIL will survey schools over football playoffs

AUSTIN (AP) — The University Interscholastic League officials voted Monday to let member schools determine if they're happy with the current high school football playoff format.

The UIL Legislative Council has heard several proposals for changing the current two-tiered format.

Council members decided Monday to survey member schools in January. The survey will include several options, including keeping the current system and scrapping the system in favor of a single playoff bracket that gives district champions a first-round bye.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: BASEBALL 7 p.m. — World Series, Game 3, New York Yankees at San Diego Padres, FOX, Ch. 3,

Padres hope change of scenery will also change their luck

SAN DIEGO (AP) — There are freeways outside the ballpark instead of subways. And there are palm trees just beyond the outfield walls rather than monuments to Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Even before the first pitch tonight in Game 3, the World Series has a different look.

But the San Diego Padres and their 65,000 fans are wondering — will a change in scenery from Yankee Stadium to Qualcomm Stadium change their luck?

"What I've seen from New York in the first two games, I'll have to admit, is very impressive," Padres star Tony Gwynn said Monday. "We're down 0-2, but we can get back in this thing if we play our game, which is pitching and defense and some timely hits."

Gwynn was the first player on the field for the Padres' off-day workout, checking out the grass in right field torn up Sunday during the San Diego Chargers' 13-10 win over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Gwynn has done his part with four hits in the Series. Yet unless Padres pitching improves, it could be over real soon. The Yankees have tagged San Diego for nine runs in each of the first two games.

Of the 44 teams to take a 2-0 lead in the World Series, 33 have gone on to win the championship.

David Cone will start tonight against former Yankees pitcher Sterling Hitchcock, the NLCS MVP.

Hitchcock already has beaten Houston's Randy Johnson and Atlanta's Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine in the playoffs. Now he's likely to face his

toughest challenge, trying to shut down the Yankees.

"They can hit. Bottom line, they can hit," Hitchcock said.

Cone traveled to the West Coast on Sunday, before the Yankees romped 9-3 in Game 2. He was already in San Diego relaxing while watching the victory.

"This is the time of year when pitchers feel a bit fatigued," he said. "I'm looking forward to closing this out and getting a nice rest."

Hitchcock will have a few advantages that Padres starters Kevin Brown and Andy Ashby did not have. For one thing, he's feeling a little better, aside from some congestion — a flu bug bit the San Diego staff right before the opener.

Hitchcock will have two other factors in his favor — he'll be facing a lineup that does not include a designated hitter,

and he'll be pitching at twilight.

The DH is not used for games at the NL park, meaning Cone, a career .152 hitter, will be batting. That also could mean Chili Davis will be on the bench, although Yankees manager Joe Torre held out the "wild card" possibility his regular DH might play left field.

"David Cone is sure I picked him for Game 3 because of his bat," Torre joked.

"Without the DH, you have to pay more attention. You have to be aware of double-switches. You have that situation that haunts National League managers — 'Should I try to get a pitcher through an inning because he's the second or third hitter the next inning?'"

Game 3 is scheduled to begin at 5:20 p.m. PDT, a time when shadows can make it difficult for hitters to see the ball.

Bufs drop to No. 6 spot in 2A

Forsan is now the area's only unbeaten team

From staff and wire reports

After suffering a 33-21 loss to Seagraves last week, Stanton's Buffaloes dropped out of the top Class 2A spot in The Associated Press' high school football poll released Monday.

Mart grabbed the No. 1 spot in Class 2A, leading a horde of undefeated teams that pushed Stanton down to sixth.

Stanton, the defending state champion, which had fashioned a 22-game winning streak before losing to Seagraves, assumed the No. 6 slot vacated by perennial power Celina, which dropped out altogether with a 24-13 loss to No. 4 Pilot Point.

Stanton had company, as Borden County's Coyotes saw a 21-game win streak come to a close on the same night when Sands' Mustangs dealt them a 35-34 loss.

Like Stanton, Borden County is the defending state champion in the six-man football ranks.

Those losses left Forsan's Buffaloes as the only undefeated team in the Crossroads Country area.

Forsan improved its record to 7-0 on Friday with a 19-0 win over Wall's Hawks and took another large step toward assuring itself a berth in the Class 2A playoffs.

Most of the other top-ranked teams coasted to victory, with the exception of 5A Katy's 26-23 victory over Alief Hastings. La Marque, Breckenridge and Tenaha easily retained the No. 1 positions in the 4A, 3A and 1A polls, respectively.

Each classification gained a new member at No. 10 except for 5A, where the poll of writ-



Forsan running back Justin White (40) powers through a wide hole in the Wall defensive line, as Hawk tackler Will Weatherford (55) zeroes in to make the stop. Forsan improved its record to 7-0 with a 19-0 win and now prepares to take on preseason District 2-2A favorite Sonora at 8 p.m. Friday.

ers and broadcasters ousted Marshall and Duncanville in favor of No. 9 Tyler Lee and No. 10 Eules Trinity.

Bay City supplanted Corsicana in 4A, Mabank replaced Sweeny in 3A, Lexington took advantage of Celina's misstep in 2A and O'Donnell entered the poll as Rotan exited in 1A.

Breckenridge and Tenaha remain the most convincing top-ranked programs, earning 19 of 20 possible No. 1 votes. Katy, the only top team with a loss, had only 12 first-place votes, followed by traditional 5A contender Converse Judson's seven No. 1 votes.

Besides Stanton, the only other ranked teams to remain in the poll despite losses were in 3A. Coldspring lost to Cleveland and Commerce, fell to Royce City, dropping from No. 4 to No. 9.

AP SCHOOLBOY POLL

This week's Associated Press' high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses.

Table with columns for Class, Record, and School names. Includes Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, and Class 1A.

Jets deal New England stunning 24-14 defeat

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — A stunning loss might be just what the New England Patriots need to start winning again. It worked for the New York Jets.

Monday night's 24-14 victory by the Jets was another twist in the topsy-turvy world of the NFL. They were reeling from a 30-10 loss to a mediocre St. Louis team, while the Patriots were rolling after a 40-10 rout of powerful Kansas City.

"We have to keep on doing what we did," Jets running back Curtis Martin said. "We can't come out and play like a great team one week and be

awful the next week. No team can win that way."

Still, the Jets improved to 3-3, tying Buffalo in the AFC East. Division co-leaders New England and Miami (4-2) face each other Sunday.

"How we respond next week will be a testament to this season," Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson said. "Do we go in a corner and suck our thumbs or do we do something about it?"

The Jets' improbable win came one day after previously unbeaten Jacksonville was upset by Buffalo and heavily favored San Francisco squeaked

past lowly Indianapolis.

"You can never get too comfortable in this league," Johnson said. "Believe me, we didn't take these guys for granted."

The result wasn't the only unexpected aspect of the game. How about Vinny Testaverde, starting for an ineffective Glenn Foley, outplaying Drew Bledsoe? Or Kyle Brady, who had caught seven passes all season, catching five, two of them for 1-yard touchdowns, including the winner with 8:54 to go.

"All of us knew how dire the situation was," Brady said of

the Jets' struggle to stay in contention. "I'm glad I was one of the guys who could get it turned right."

Coach Bill Parcells had plenty to do with that.

He is 2-1 against the Patriots since a rift with team owner Robert Kraft hastened his departure after he took the team to the 1997 Super Bowl. His return and that of Martin, who left New England last March as a restricted free agent, was an attention-grabbing sideshow.

So was the motivational ploy

Big victory for owners; guaranteed contracts won't be paid

NEW YORK (AP) — Nobody gets paid until the lockout ends.

That was the ruling that strengthened the bargaining position of NBA owners Monday when an arbitrator rejected the union's contention that 226 players with more than \$700 million worth of guaranteed contracts should be paid during the lockout.

"Upon full consideration of the merits of the underlying dispute, the grievance is denied," arbitrator John Feerick wrote in an 82-page ruling that shattered any hopes the players had of gaining a big piece of leverage in the labor dispute.

"The owners are kind of sitting pretty now," Avery Johnson of the San Antonio Spurs said. "They feel they have all the power in their hands. We have to see how to keep the owners negotiating."

The league has already canceled the first two weeks of the season, costing the players about \$100 million in lost salaries. More cancellations will probably be announced next week since no new bargaining sessions are scheduled and the sides are far apart on the main issue of controlling the growth of player salaries.

"I kind of expected it," union director Billy Hunter said. "I was hoping Dean Feerick would be inclined to see things our way, but we knew it would be a giant leap for him to take, especially since he is a labor lawyer by profession."

The uncertainty of how Feerick would rule was a factor in the stalemate all summer and was one of the reasons the sides have met only three times for formal bargaining sessions.

The players' resolve will now be tested since they won't be getting paychecks until the lockout is settled. They had held out hope that a verdict in their favor would pressure the owners to soften their stance and come to the table with a better offer.

"I think (the season) is more in jeopardy now because the players are upset they didn't win," said Penny Hardaway of the Orlando Magic. "We didn't put a lot of trust in winning the ruling."

The union claimed that the absence of lockout language in the standard player contract meant that owners should be held liable for paying guaranteed salaries, especially since other circumstances under which salaries can be withheld are clearly defined.

The union pointed to lockout language in the league's television and other contracts, arguing that such clauses indicated that a work stoppage was foreseeable and should have been included in player contracts.

The owners argued that the right to exert pressure on employees by withholding pay during a lockout was a fundamental tenet of labor law.

"Only negotiations will end our current impasse and lead to a settlement of our dispute," NBA chief legal officer Jeffrey Mishkin said. "This is yet another defeat for the union's strategy of litigation instead of negotiation."

The sides are fighting over, among other things, the amount of money own-

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Tyson faces managerial battle now

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The next big fight in Mike Tyson's life could take place before he steps into the ring again.

It's a fight for control of the former heavyweight champion's future career, and it involves such big names as Magic Johnson and Don King.

Tyson barely had time to celebrate getting his boxing license back Monday when Johnson took the podium before an assembly of media to proclaim himself in charge of Tyson's career.

"I'll be the closest guy to him, making all the decisions," Johnson said.

Not necessarily, said sources close to Tyson, who said fight manager Shelly Finkel will continue in his role as Tyson's main adviser. Finkel was not at Monday's hearing, but Tyson met with him afterward.

"Shelly is still the guy," a source said.

Johnson testified on Tyson's behalf during the hearing before the Nevada Athletic Commission, saying he would teach the former heavyweight champion how to handle his money and his career.

"Hopefully, I'll handle all of that for him; choose the right team for him," Johnson said.

Finkel wants Tyson fighting by the end of the year, and the date of Dec. 5 has been prominently mentioned. The fight will almost certainly be at the MGM Grand hotel-casino, whose executives attended Tyson's hearings.

Still to be worked out is the problem of King, who still holds contracts binding Tyson to fight for him. Tyson has sued King to get out of the contracts, but the case is far from being decided.

Reportedly, Tyson's advisers have been talking with King in hopes of reaching a settlement that will allow Tyson to fight without him. King said Monday he is happy Tyson got his license back.

"I am delighted Tyson will be able to fight again," said King, whom Tyson has accused of stealing millions of dollars from him.

One thing is for sure, however the fight for control of Tyson's future works out. He will earn millions of dollars once again, much like he did when he was released from prison in 1995 and earned \$25 million for his first fight against Peter McNeeley.

Tyson owes the Internal Revenue Service \$13 million in

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Missouri's Smith regrets coin-toss decision vs. Nebraska last year

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

What haunts Missouri coach Larry Smith about last year's loss to Nebraska is not the miracle play that led to overtime, but the ones that followed.

Talk of the play that propelled the Huskers to a share of the national championship is back in the spotlight since the teams are heading into the rematch on Saturday in Lincoln, Neb. Reflecting back, Smith said Monday during the Big 12 Conference coaches briefing that he made a key mistake on the coin toss before the extra period when he elected to allow Nebraska the first possession.

Forcing your opponent's hand is considered the proper strategy in overtime. But not, Smith said, on this occasion.

"They had just finished a long, emotional drive and our defense was drained," Smith said. "I think I'd have been better served to put our offense out there."

"They had the momentum and our defense was really down, so they went right through us like nothing."

Nebraska tied the game by driving 67 yards on 10 plays in the final 1:02, capped by freshman Matt Davison's improbable catch off a ball tipped by the foot of teammate Shevin Wiggins. In overtime, the Huskers needed just

Brown says QB decision not yet made

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas coach Mack Brown said Monday he hasn't determined who will start at quarterback Saturday against Baylor.

"We will make a hard decision based on what will help us win," Brown said. "We are going to make the decision on the best player."

Texas (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) began the year with senior Richard Walton calling signals. But Walton broke a bone in his throwing hand in the Longhorns' second game against UCLA and has been sidelined since.

Redshirt freshman Major Applewhite then stepped in, throwing for seven touchdowns in the four games he's started.

Brown said the only people who think there's a quarterback controversy are the fans.

"One of the things in a football fan's mind that is a lot of fun is a quarterback controversy. It's like a dog around raw meat. This is good stuff. Everybody has made (it) a bigger issue than this really is," the coach said.

Walton, who passed for 282 yards and one TD in the sea-

son opener against New Mexico State, threw some last week and is expected to play some against Baylor (2-4, 1-3), Brown said.

"We will watch him this week and see. Last week, Richard would not have started because he wasn't ready," Brown said, adding that he's continuing to look at both.

"Major has played really well, we have been pleased with his attitude, his confidence, his poise and the composure he has shown. It will very honestly be who we feel like will be best prepared to beat Baylor."

"Some want Richard because he is a senior and this is his last year; some want Major because he is our future. The most important thing is that we win the game and are 5-2 after the weekend."

Applewhite said he respects Walton and that they are friends, but he expects to start Saturday's game.

"I am preparing this week like I will be the starter," Applewhite said. "But Coach Brown and Coach (Greg) Davis will make the decision. If they thought he should start, I would be the second quarterback."

three plays to score on a 12-yard run by Scott Frost, then stopped Missouri's offense on four plays for a 45-38 victory last November.

Nebraska coach Frank Solich, who was in charge of the Huskers' running backs last year, said Smith shouldn't blame himself.

"Sometimes it's very difficult to know what's best at a given moment," Solich said. "You just make the best

decision you can. "Sometimes when you look back maybe you'd do things differently, and that's just the way it is."

No. 7 Nebraska and No. 19 Missouri are two of six ranked teams in the Big 12 for the second straight week. The conference hasn't enjoyed such lofty standing since early in the 1996 season, although the final poll in 1995 — the year before the merger of the Big 8 and

Southwest Conference — there were seven future members on the list.

The other big matchup this Saturday is No. 25 Texas Tech (6-1, 3-1) at No. 8 Texas A&M (6-1, 3-1), with the South division lead at stake. Dykes said he and A&M coach R.C. Slocum have a friendly rivalry.

"When you compete against somebody in recruiting and playing games, you really get to know him," Dykes

said. "He's just been the ultimate and I've got great respect for him. "That's not Chamber of Commerce, I really feel that way."

So far, the highlight of Texas A&M's season is a 28-21 victory over Nebraska. Somehow, A&M is one spot behind Nebraska in the poll, but Slocum doesn't seem to mind.

"I think it's probably because of what Nebraska has done over a long period of time," Slocum said. "I don't have a big issue with that. That happens routinely."

Others in the rankings are No. 4 Kansas State and No. 17 Colorado. Several coaches didn't pass up an opportunity to pat their league on the back.

"By gosh, it's not easy any Saturday," Dykes said. "There's not many teams in this conference that can't clean your plow if you let them."

Maybe so, but Kansas State faces teams that are a combined 1-11 in the Big 12 the next three weeks — Iowa State (0-3), Kansas (0-5) and Baylor (1-3) — before closing against Missouri and Nebraska. Coach Bill Snyder is guarding against a letdown, noting that the Wildcats lost to Iowa State 3 years ago.

"It's not something that happens often, but it has happened to us," Snyder said. "We've made some close games out of some that should not have been."

Davis now is teaching the lessons

DALLAS (AP) — Kenneth Davis is the first to admit that he could well be doing other things than taking on a relatively monumental task as head coach at Bishop Dunne — a small, Catholic-church-affiliated high school in South Oak Cliff that hasn't had a winning football season this decade.

Financially secure after nine NFL seasons with the Green Bay Packers and Buffalo Bills, the former TCU All-American running back (1984) hasn't returned to the game he loves seeking glory or support for his wife and two daughters.

"You don't get rich coaching high school football," Davis said with a laugh. "If I needed money, I'd be down there at 1-35 and Laureland turning bolts with my brothers at the shop (Dozen Davis Automotive)."

"Most of all, I wanted to get back close to the game. I could be scouting for an NFL team right now, but I'm tired of living out of a suitcase, and I want to be with my family. I'm enjoying what I'm doing. And most of all, I have a lot of love and compassion for my kids."

"This program hasn't had a winning season in almost 10 years, so I've got a long road to go down. But I like the odds I'm up against."

Davis, 36, retired from the NFL in 1994. During the next three years, he said he "mostly slept and rested my body." But he also found time to fulfill a pledge to his mother. On May 11, 1996, he walked across a stage and received his diploma from TCU.

"That was an emotional time for me," Davis said. "It was the first time since the incident at TCU that I had walked around the campus. I actually had tears in my eyes because of so many of the things that had transpired there. Now, I see all these young kids with so much in front of them..."

The incident. As such as Kenneth Davis will be remembered as the first Horned Frogs All-American since Bob Lilly (1959) and the driving force in the 1984 Bluebonnet Bowl season (8-4), so too is he linked with the scandal that broke in September 1985. He was a central figure in the exposure of numerous NCAA violations that included an alumni-sponsored slush fund that dealt weekly payments to players and resulted in loss of scholarships, television money and three years of probation.

Davis left school the night the scandal broke, after one game of his senior season.

"I eventually made peace with myself over it," Davis said. "But I don't think it will ever go away. I sit back and think I had a chance to win the Heisman Trophy — I had the heart and the ability — and know I can never go back and do that again."

As a generation has passed, the memory of that time lives on only in the minds of those who were aware.

"We didn't know anything about that," Dunne quarterback Myron Hawthorne said,

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TEXAS RANGERS—Announced LHP Tony Fossas refused an assignment to Oklahoma of the PCL and became a free agent.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Announced they will not offer a contract to Eddie Rodriguez, third-base coach, on the major league level.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Assigned OF Rob Ryan to Sun Cities of the Arizona Fall League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named John Tarnango bullpen coach.
Western Baseball League
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed DE Marvin Thomas to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed DT Darius Holland. Released DT Henry Taylor.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released DT Jeff Zgonina. Released LB John Hesse from the practice squad. Signed DB Kevin Franklin to the practice squad. Signed LB Ernest Dixon to the active roster.
Canadian Football League
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Montreal Canadiens RW Turner Stevenson for two games and fined him \$1,000 for elbowing Buffalo Sabres F Dixon Ward in Saturday's game.
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled D Jamie Allison from Saint John of the AHL.
EDMONTON OILERS—Re-signed C Doug Weight to a two-year contract. Signed D Brad Horton to a two-year contract and assigned him to Hamilton of the AHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled G Manny Legace from Long Beach of the IHL and G Alexey Volkov from Halifax of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned D Vlastimil Jerusek to Kansas City of the IHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned C Dany Brien and LW Brad Isbister to Las Vegas of the IHL.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled D Dallas Eakins from Chicago of the IHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Acquired RW Trent Klatt from the Philadelphia Flyers for a 2000 sixth-round draft pick.

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Atlanta 2, Chicago 1, 10 innings
Atlanta 6, Chicago 2
San Diego 3, Houston 1
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Houston 5, San Diego 1
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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
American League
New York 4, Cleveland 2
Cleveland 4, New York 1, 12 innings
Cleveland 6, New York 1
New York 4, Cleveland 0
New York 5, Cleveland 3
New York 9, Cleveland 5
National League
San Diego 5, Atlanta 2
San Diego 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings
San Diego 4, Atlanta 1
Atlanta 8, San Diego 3
Atlanta 7, San Diego 6
San Diego 5, Atlanta 0
WORLD SERIES
(FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 17
New York 9, San Diego 6
Friday, Oct. 18
New York 9, San Diego 3, New York leads series 2-0

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
Miami 4 2 0 .667 162 70
New England 4 2 0 .667 101 110
Buffalo 3 3 0 .500 128 124
N.Y. Jets 3 3 0 .500 138 119
Indianapolis 1 6 0 .143 122 193
Central
Jacksonville 5 1 0 .833 140 109
Pittsburgh 4 2 0 .667 86 87
Tennessee 3 3 0 .500 124 103
Baltimore 2 4 0 .333 92 106
Cincinnati 2 4 0 .333 117 159
West
Denver 6 0 0 1.000 203 109
Kansas City 4 2 0 .667 118 103
Oakland 4 2 0 .667 88 117
Seattle 3 3 0 .500 127 79
San Diego 3 4 0 .428 83 112

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
Dallas 4 3 0 .571 174 115
Arizona 3 4 0 .429 108 155
N.Y. Giants 3 4 0 .429 146 152
Philadelphia 2 4 0 .333 134 158
Washington 0 7 0 .000 93 227
Central
Minnesota 6 0 0 1.000 207 103
Green Bay 4 2 0 .667 155 134
Tampa Bay 3 3 0 .500 91 112
Detroit 2 4 0 .333 134 158
Chicago 2 5 0 .286 129 158
West
Atlanta 5 1 0 .833 172 123
San Francisco 5 1 0 .833 198 117
New Orleans 3 3 0 .500 112 136
St. Louis 2 4 0 .333 129 139
Carolina 0 6 0 .000 114 169

Thursday's Games
Detroit 27, Green Bay 20
Sunday's Games
New York Giants 34, Arizona 7
Pittsburgh 16, Baltimore 6
Tampa Bay 16, Carolina 13
Tennessee 44, Cincinnati 14
Buffalo 17, Jacksonville 16
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 23
Minnesota 41, Washington 7
San Francisco 34, Indianapolis 31
San Diego 13, Philadelphia 10
Miami 14, St. Louis 0
Chicago 13, Dallas 12
OPEN: Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, Seattle

Monday's Game
New York Jets 24, New England 14
Sunday, Oct. 25
Atlanta at New York Jets, 12:01 p.m.
Baltimore at Green Bay, 12:01 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 12:01 p.m.
New England at Miami, 12:01 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 12:01 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 12:01 p.m.
Chicago at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7:20 p.m.
OPEN: Arizona, Dallas, Indianapolis, New York Giants, Philadelphia, Washington

Monday, Oct. 26
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20
New York (Cone 20-7) at San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7), 7:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21
New York at San Diego, 7:20 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22
New York at San Diego, 7:20 p.m., if necessary

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WPHL

Wednesday, Oct. 21
Columbus at D.C., 7 p.m.
Western Conference
Saturday, Oct. 10
Chicago 1, Los Angeles 0
Friday, Oct. 16
Chicago 2, Los Angeles 1, SO (2-1), Chicago wins series 2-0
Championship
At Pasadena, Calif.
Sunday, Oct. 25
East Champion vs. Chicago, 2:30 p.m.

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Oct. 17:
Record
1. Ohio St. (6-4) 6-0
2. UCLA (1) 5-0
3. Tennessee (3) 5-0
4. Kansas St. (2) 6-0
5. Florida 6-1
6. Florida St. 6-1
7. Nebraska 5-1
8. Texas A&M 6-1
9. Wisconsin 7-0
10. Penn St. 5-1
11. Georgia 5-1
12. Oregon 5-1
13. West Virginia 4-1
14. Arizona 6-1
15. Arkansas 5-1
16. Virginia 5-1
17. Colorado 6-1
18. Notre Dame 5-1
19. Missouri 5-1
20. Georgia Tech 5-1
21. Syracuse 4-2
22. Tulane 5-0
23. Virginia Tech 5-1
24. Mississippi St. 6-1
25. Texas Tech 5-1

SCHOOLBOY SCORES

SA Brackenridge 42, SA Jefferson 13
SA Edison 35, SA Burbank 13
SA Marshall 56, SA O'Connor 0

AREA SCHEDULES

Here is the remaining schedule for Crossroads County teams.
FRIDAY, OCT. 23
Andrews at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan at Sonora, 8 p.m.
Marfa at Garden City, 8 p.m.
Borden County at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
Westbrook at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 30
Lake View at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Tahoka at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.
Kerato at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Post at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Fort Davis, 8 p.m.
Ira at Borden County, 7:30 p.m.
Grady at Westbrook, 7:30 p.m.
Hermleigh at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOV. 6
Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Plains, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan at Junction, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Tahoka, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Hancock at Garden City, 8 p.m.
Borden County at Hermleigh, 7:30 p.m.
Sands at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOV. 13
Garden City at Wink, 8 p.m.

JETS

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of Parcels and his assistants in walking out of practice Friday, leaving players to run it.

"What Bill Parcels did Friday didn't have anything to do with it," he claimed. "Give them credit."

For Pete Carroll, who succeeded Parcels, the rivalry between the teams didn't seem to matter.

"It's no bigger loss than another one," he said. "It's just a loss."

The Jets took a 7-0 lead on Brady's touchdown on their first possession, although a replay showed he fumbled before crossing the goal line.

The Patriots scored on their next two possessions on rookie Robert Edwards' 1-yard run and Bledsoe's 6-yard pass to Lovett Purnell. Edwards set a record by scoring a rushing touchdown in each of his first six NFL games and gained 104 yards.

Martin, who he replaced, rushed for 107.

"I can run for 500 yards, and

if we don't win the game, running 500 yards is meaningless," Edwards said.

John Hall's 23-yard field goal on the last play of the half cut New England's lead to 14-10.

On their second series of the third quarter, the Patriots drove from their 4 to the Jets 18 before Bledsoe's pass to Shawn Jefferson was intercepted in the end zone by Aaron Glenn.

"Before that, we weren't playing well," Patriots strong safety Lawyer Milloy said. "That kind of put the exclamation point on it."

The Jets then marched 80 yards in a 17-play drive lasting 8:35 to Brady's second touchdown. The next time they got the ball, Testaverde unloaded a 43-yard touchdown pass to Dedric Ward with 3:20 to go.

"A good team will continue to work at it to win," said Testaverde, 3-0 as a starter after going 22-for-32 for 294 yards and three touchdowns. "We don't want to be the one-hit wonders."

He'll find out next Sunday against Atlanta (5-1).

"We had a big win two weeks ago (over Miami) and we didn't do much" against St. Louis, Parcels said. "We've got to figure out if we're going to be a roller-coaster or a yo-yo team. I know we're capable, but that doesn't mean you're any good. You've got to be consistent to be good."

For one night, they were very good, following a five-turnover game against the Rams with no turnovers against the Patriots.

"Last week, they didn't look like anything and this week they looked like the best team in the league," Patriots free safety Willie Clay said, "but that's the NFL." Notes: The Jets were the only visiting team to win in the NFL during the weekend. ... The Patriots committed a season-high 11 penalties after having 27 in their first five games. ... New England had won 15 of 16 vs. the AFC East and the last 10 at home in the division. ... New York outgained New England 392-291 and allowed the AFC's second highest scoring team fewer than half its average 29.4 points. ...

NBA

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ers will devote to salaries. Concerned by salaries that are outpacing revenues, the owners imposed the lockout July 1 and have promised to achieve a new deal that limits payroll costs.

The union, however, has vowed to resist any deal that includes a "hard" salary cap. The old system included several exceptions that allowed teams to exceed the cap, and 24 of the 29 teams exceeded the \$26.9 million limit last season.

The sides haven't bargained since last Tuesday, when the players proposed a "tax" on the highest salaries to help slow payroll growth.

The league responded Friday with a counterproposal incorporating the tax, but at a much lower threshold and with much higher rates. The union responded by saying it was a "step backward," and the sides have been waiting to hear from Feierick ever since.

"The players don't seem to

realize they can't get that money back. It's gone, gone forever, and they seem to think that's not the case," commissioner David Stern said.

Hunter said he and union president Patrick Ewing spoke to 20 players since Feierick's decision was announced.

"If you thought the guys were zealous about staying committed to the cause, they're probably more rabid than they were before," Hunter said.

The union has scheduled a meeting of its entire membership in Las Vegas for Thursday,

and a strategy of decertifying the union will be discussed.

The union filed the grievance just hours before the lockout was imposed July 1. Although Feierick's jurisdiction expired along with the collective bargaining agreement, he ruled the union beat the deadline and he was entitled to hear the case.

Feierick also ruled in the controversial Latrell Sprewell case in which he reinstated the player's contract and reduced his one-year suspension for attacking his coach.

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TYSON

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back taxes, and is nearly broke despite having made \$100 million in purses in his last six fights.

"I have no more financial problems now," Tyson said after winning his license back.

"Tyson himself said he wasn't sure when he would get back into the ring, saying he needed some time to work on his relationship with his family and some weekly sessions with his psychiatrist.

"I don't know if I'm prepared to fight before the end of the year," Tyson said.

In the biggest split decision win of his life, Tyson got back the license taken from him for biting Evander Holyfield's ears 15 months ago on a 4-1 vote by the Athletic Commission.

"I'm just happy I won," Tyson said.

With Johnson and Muhammad Ali backing him up, Tyson seemed near tears upon learning he would be allowed to return from his boxing exile.

He promised to put his life in order as he prepares to return to the sport he loves and the heavyweight division he once terrorized.

"We're going to be bringing Mike along very slowly," Johnson said. "Don't be looking for him to be fighting these champions."

It was a contrite and thoroughly humbled Tyson who appeared before the commission in a repeat of a hearing a month ago that went on for six hours before commissioners ordered psychological tests for Tyson before making a decision.

This time, though, it was a far different atmosphere as Tyson sat with his wife, Monica, and lawyer, Jim Jimmerson before the five-member panel. Gone were other attorneys who presented the case in the first meeting and Finkel, who irritated the commission by trying to get

Tyson licensed in New Jersey in August.

Tyson and his wife both spoke to the commission instead of the lawyers. Johnson then gave a plea, and Ali's wife, Lonnie, read a statement from her husband, who sat trembling next to her.

"I have made many mistakes in my lifetime that cost me dearly," Ali said in the statement. "Let this young man earn a living. Give him a chance to redeem himself in the ring."

In the end, the commission did just that, voting quickly after the three hours' testimony to restore the license that was revoked after Tyson shocked the world by biting Holyfield's ears during their June 28, 1997, heavyweight title fight.

At only one point did Tyson appear to be losing his temper, when he was questioned by commissioner James Nave, who cast the only dissenting vote. His wife tapped him on the leg to try to keep him from talking further as he sparred verbally with Nave.

"I'm at your mercy," Tyson told Nave. "Please don't torture me any longer, sir."

For half of the meeting, five doctors from Massachusetts

General Hospital gave their evaluation of Tyson, who underwent five days of psychological testing there last month.

The lead doctor, Ronald Schouten, testified that Tyson is "a very complex individual with strengths not always apparent and weaknesses that are sometimes too apparent."

Schouten said Tyson is in need of extensive psychotherapy and needs to learn how to control his emotions and anger. Tyson is also depressed and might have to take medication for that if the therapy doesn't work, the doctor said.

Still, Schouten said, he doesn't believe Tyson will snap again in the ring.

Monica Tyson described her husband as "funny, smart and kind" and said he "has the biggest heart of anyone I've met."

Mrs. Tyson admitted that Tyson can lose his temper and said he did just that when the two were involved in a minor traffic accident in Maryland on Aug. 31. But she said she never saw Tyson attack the two men.

Tyson also answered questions about the fender-bender, which he said happened after he and his wife worked out at a local gym.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Close encounters are likely. One-to-one relating helps you create more of what you want. Don't let the unexpected get to you. Stay anchored. Build stronger financial foundations through a partnership. Feedback presents another possibility. Tonight: Where the action is.****

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Someone's response could shock you. You might desire a more stable work situation, but that isn't happening. The boss is likely to be out of kilter. Consider getting a job with more freedom. A partner provides key information. Tonight: Surround yourself with people.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Unexpected news frays your nerves. Be smart: Focus on work, and get the job done. Pace yourself; concentrate. You feel that someone intentionally misunderstands you. You get a lot done quickly. Gather information, and pay attention to details. Tonight: Get plenty of rest.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Unexpected encounters take you in new directions. Finances are difficult to stabilize because of a partner. Try to understand where someone is coming from. Allow new ideas to keep coming forth. A flirtation could be developing. Tonight: Demonstrate your naughty side.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Tension is overwhelming, and you might feel that a situation is out of control. You can count on one thing: A partner

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isn't going to make it any easier. Make choices that will build your security. Important information comes from an unlikely source. Tonight: Chat up a storm.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your nerves are on edge because of the unexpected nature of your work. Plan on a few days away to restore your energy and recycle. Conversations with associates help you clear the air. Make calls; tidy your desk. Tell it as it is. Someone will listen. Tonight: A favorite spot.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
An unexpected flirtation or risk can only lead you into harm's way. Distance yourself, think and don't react. Money matters can be confusing. Defer a decision until you have feedback from others. Call a financial expert or your accountant. Tonight: Make solid choices.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Ignore a family member or an inner voice that says, "No." Talk about ideas, and get a second opinion. Your high charisma draws others and permits greater flexibility. You have many more options than you realize. Trust and explore. Tonight: Just ask.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Take a back seat. Sit through changes. Gain a better sense of yourself. Understand what others expect from you instead of arguing. What you hear could jolt you. By quietly speaking your mind, you get your point across. Let others cause uproar. Tonight: Do your own thing.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A money problem could toss problems into your day. There are solutions; it is simply a matter of finding them. Don't feel insecure in the face of obstacles. A friend gives you an important insight. Make time for an important meeting. Tonight: Where the gang is.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Accept your role at work rather than becoming difficult. If you don't like what is happening, break loose and head in another direction. You are capable of initiating many different type of ventures. You might just need to go your own way. Tonight: In the spotlight!***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Reach for the stars, and make happen what you want. Only your own insecurities can stop you. You are on the verge of a new life. Break past prior restrictions. Make calls, explore options. The time is now! Tonight: Think not of the past but of the future.****

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Happy couple with no kids has advice for eager grandma

DEAR ABBY: You were right on in your response to "Wants to Be a Grandma in L.A."

When we decided to get married, my husband and I agreed that we would have no children. We informed our parents of our decision shortly after we made it. I know they were very disappointed. We firmly believe that having a child should stem from a desire to be parents, not from pressure from prospective grandparents or anyone else. To bring a child into the world for the sake of someone else's happiness or expectations is wrong.

It's possible that "Grandma's" children may not know how to tell her that they just don't want children and are using inability as an excuse. It's one that's been used successfully many times. Grandma should stop being a "yenta," and let her children live their own lives. -- A FAN FOR LIFE

DEAR FAN: Whether or not to have children is a private matter between husband and wife. So is whether to share their decision with others or keep it to themselves. Your families have earned your confidence, but not all families are so understanding regarding a couple's decision to have no children.

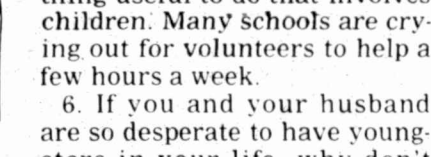
Read on for some suggestions that may help couples and prospective grandparents alike:

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "Wants to Be a Grandma in L.A." She had no grandchildren and wanted to ask her son and his wife when they were going to start a family. My husband and I have three grown children in their 40s, and we also have no grandchildren, so I understand her feelings. I have some suggestions for her:

1. Concentrate on how fortunate you are to have children, and consider how sad your son and daughter-in-law must be to be unable to conceive and carry a pregnancy to term.

2. Learn about infertility. There are many good books on the subject, and if you learn more about the testing, various procedures for aiding conception, the emotional turmoil of infertility and the physical difficulties of conception, you'll come to understand what your son and his wife are experiencing.

3. Do not mention adoption to them. If they really want chil-



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dren, they'll have already considered it.

4. If you want a good relationship with your son and daughter-in-law, never discuss wanting grandchildren unless they bring it up and ask your opinion.

5. Stop dwelling on yourself and your fantasies. Find something useful to do that involves children. Many schools are crying out for volunteers to help a few hours a week.

6. If you and your husband are so desperate to have youngsters in your life, why don't YOU consider adopting? --MARGARET IN ROSEVILLE, MINN.

DEAR MARGARET: You have offered valuable advice and I'm printing all of it. Infertility causes devastating emotional pain for the couples involved, and questions and comments, although well meaning, only add to the pain. If the mother-in-law pursues the subject, she will alienate herself from her son and his wife.

CONFIDENTIAL TO ECOLOG-OGY-MINDED FASHION DESIGNER: In light of the following, perhaps you should reconsider your Earth-friendly designs:

There was a young girl from St. Paul
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But the dress caught fire
And burned her entire Front page -- sporting section -- and all.
(Bernett Cerf)

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on two letters that have appeared in your column: one, from "The Last Nice Guy," whose 18-year-old girlfriend cheated on him while she was on vacation, and the other from "Feels Confined in Pacifica, Calif.," whose 19-year-old girlfriend is jealous when he wants to spend time with his friends.

Abby, they BOTH need to find out that true love is built on trust!

I would like to remind "Nice Guy" that if the woman would cheat on you now, she could also cheat on you in the years to come, after you are married with children. There ARE nice women out there who want to find a nice man. I found one. And I'm sure that you'll eventually find a nice woman to spend your life with.

To "Confined," I'd like to say, this gives you an excellent opportunity to strengthen your relationship with your girlfriend. Be completely honest and kind; but tell her what you told Abby -- that you care for her, but you occasionally need time by yourself. If she's a woman worth keeping, she'll understand. --BEEN THERE IN PUEBLO, COLO.

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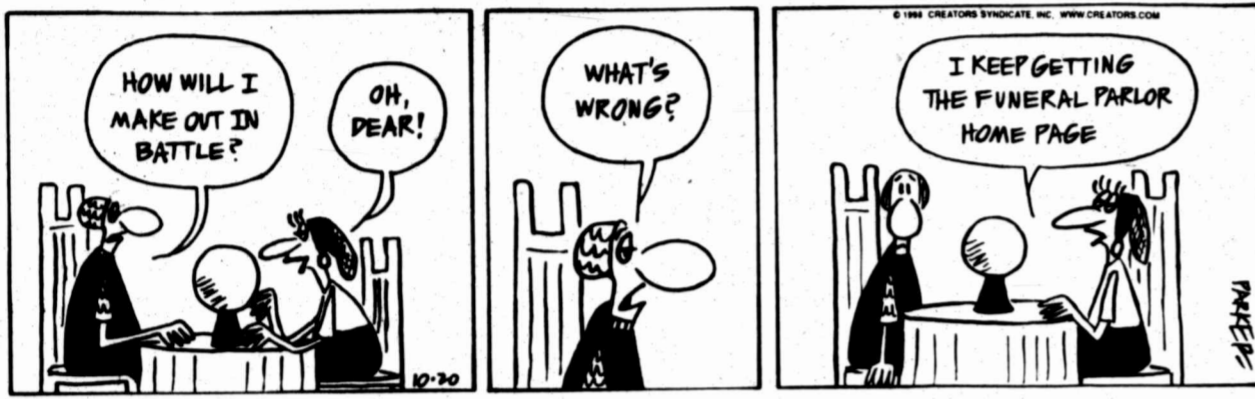
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William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

On this date: In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1892, the city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.

In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.

In 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, 2 years after he'd said, "I shall return."

In 1947, as the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, died in New York at age 90.

In 1967, seven men were convicted in Meridian, Miss., of violating the civil rights of three murdered civil rights workers.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

In 1973, the Sydney Opera House in Australia was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Miss.

Ten years ago: The Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series, defeating the Oakland A's in game five by a score of 5-2.

Five years ago: The Senate adopted a non-binding resolution saying Congress should give its approval before any U.S. troops were sent to enforce a Bosnian peace accord. Attorney General Janet Reno warned the TV industry to limit violence in programs. Toronto took a 3-1 lead in the World Series as the Blue Jays defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, 15-14.

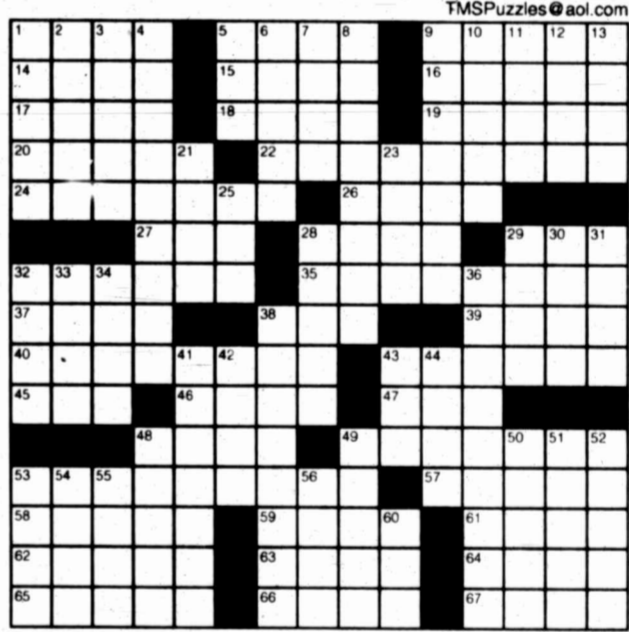
One year ago: Hungarian-born U.S. financier and philanthropist George Soros announced he would donate as much as \$500 million in aid to Russia over the next three years. Because of the need for spacesuits, Mir cosmonauts performed history's first "internal spacewalk" to restore power to the damaged Spektr module of the space station. Today's Birthdays: Radio-television personality Arlene Francis is 90. Dancer Fayard Nicholas is 84. Columnist Art Buchwald is 73. Actor William Christopher is 66. Actor Jerry Orbach is 63.

THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS
1 Sleep outdoors
5 Like Nash's lama
9 Regions
14 Cain's brother
15 S. American rodent
16 Classic violin
17 Departed
18 Pond coating
19 At no time
20 Icelandic sagas
22 Felicity
24 Sweet after you eat
26 Edgar Allan and others
27 Caps ending?
28 Gear: teeth
29 Jackie's second husband
32 "Tosca" and "Carmen"
35 Arcane
37 Part in a play
38 Mrs. Nixon
39 Considerate
40 Uninvited party-goers
43 Indian princes
45 Farm layer
46 Actress: McClurg
47 Magnon
48 Cherrystone, e.g.
49 Lecherous
53 Laughter and gaiety
57 Exon rival
58 Type of committee
59 Personal perception
61 Dead Sea kingdom
62 Tuscany city
63 ___ mater
64 Goose on Oahu
65 Writer Madame de ___
66 More limited in quantity
67 Horn honk

- DOWN
1 Behind bars
2 Dwelling
3 Makes repairs
4 Delights
5 Harvest goddess
6 Night in Nuremberg
7 S. Amer. nation
8 Streetlight support
9 Superlatively silly
10 Portents
11 Church part
12 Tours summers
13 Knights' titles
21 Actress Ward of "Sisters"
23 Walt Kelly's comic strip
25 Occupant: abbr.
28 Stop
29 Opera solo
30 Wealthy
31 Cools down
32 Theater sec.
33 Skin opening
34 Enthusiastic vigor
36 Delight
38 Ancient
41 Like DNA strands
42 Mild cheese
43 Broadcast letters of old
44 Gulf of the Ionian Sea
48 Old hag
49 Flower holders
50 Roundup finale
51 Image: pref.
52 Celestial body with a tail
53 Bulk
54 Prune text
55 Ostrichlike bird
56 River of Sudan
60 Used to be



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