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Jana Jae slates Wal-Mart concert

The First Lady of Country Fiddle, Jana Jae, will perform at the Wal-Mart parking lot at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We are excited to bring such a talent to Big Spring," said Kelly Sikes, local Wal-Mart manager.

Jae, who said she is looking forward to the concert, has appeared with many symphony orchestras, fairs and conventions. A former star of the Hee Haw show, she has toured in Japan, Australia and the Philippines. She is a two-time Ladies National Champion Fiddler and performs with her band, Hotwire.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main and a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, and a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

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

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607 E. Third.

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Big Spring police get almost \$29,000 to help combat crime

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring police will be getting a monetary boost in the fight against crime, as the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Assistance recently announced the allocation of



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\$28,982 towards that effort.

According to Police Chief Lonnie Smith, the money will be used to implement a technological upgrade for much of the department's electronic equipment.

"We are planning on using much of the grant money for electronic upgrades," said Smith. "We are going to purchase lap top computers, as well as replace our current 35mm camera system with a digital computer system."

"It has been proven that being up to date on your computers

and computer systems helps save man-hours. By making it that much easier for the officers to complete their routine paperwork, they can free up time for other activities."

The grants, made to the BSPD under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program, are available for use to fund drug courts, hire police officers or pay existing officers overtime, as well as implement crime prevention measures.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm said he hopes the funds will help local law enforcement agencies

cut down on the amount of crime in Texas cities.

"I am pleased that nearly 200 local law enforcement agencies in Texas are receiving this help and am confident that this money will go a long way in helping them combat drug trafficking and violent crime," said Gramm.

"We believe these upgrades will allow us to be able to provide better services to the residents of Big Spring," said Smith.

In addition to the grants being received on a local level, State of Texas is set to receive a

\$1,884,561 for crime fighting efforts.

According to Gramm, the grants were distributed using a formula based violent crime data the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has collected from the states and localities covering the last three years.

Among those receiving grants: City of Big Spring, \$28,982; City of Midland, \$116,984; City of Odessa, \$249,249; City of San Angelo, \$118,564; County of Ector, \$14,140; and County of Midland, \$15,809.

Disaster victims rely on Red Cross; Red Cross relies on many volunteers

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eighth in a series of stories on United Way member Agencies. NEXT WEEK: West Texas Girl Scouts.

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Area rancher Don White has traveled across the country to help victims of floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hail storms and fires.

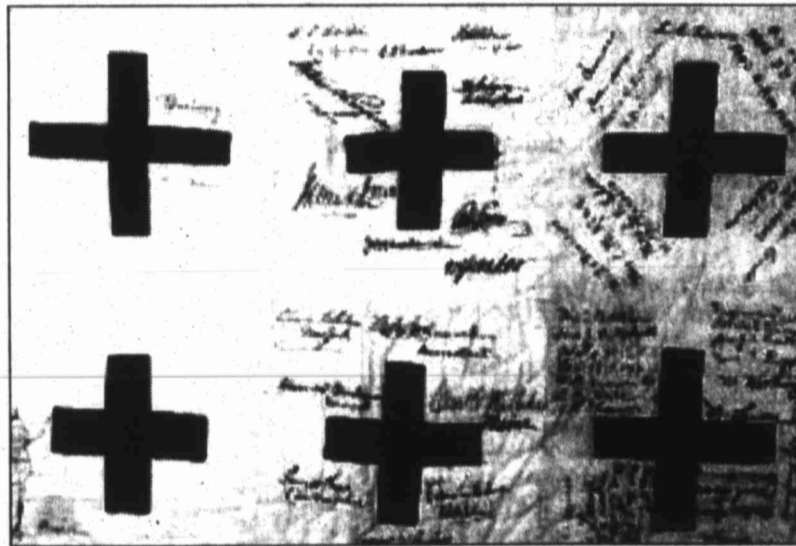
He's a volunteer and a board member with the Southwest Texas chapter of the American Red Cross. He's a man on the move and when he's not taking care of his own business or pitching in with a relief effort, he's helping on another front — helping to find funding for the Red Cross.

"As a board member, I try to do what I can to help keep Red Cross fiscally fit," he said by car phone outside Fort Worth late last week. "Not only from United Way, where we got most of our money, but from outside sources, too."

United Way is the chapter's primary source of funding. That's a big undertaking, because the Southwest Texas chapter has the largest geographical service area in the country.

With 440,000 citizens, it is not the most heavily populated, but the remoteness of some of the 26 counties in the chapter creates some unique problems.

"It presents challenges in terms of service and delivery to counties, for instance, in the Big Bend area, ensuring that disaster service is covered and training volunteers who can respond locally," said Kay



The American Red Cross quilt, fashioned in 1918, and a symbol of compassion and volunteerism throughout the world.

Hamm, interim executive director.

Those volunteers include people like White, who traveled to California and volunteered with the Red Cross some five years ago. When he returned, he joined the effort in West Texas. He became a board member just over two years ago. He has assisted with flood relief in Georgia and New Orleans, tornado relief and Terlingua, the 1996 hailstorm which pounded the Big Spring area, and many other places.

"The Red Cross responds to help with food, shelter and clothing. We're mandated by Congress to do that. However, we don't get any money from Congress to carry it out. That's why we have to rely on United Way, private donations and the like," White said.

Those donations go to help people in immediate need. Despite a preception that the

Red Cross responds to major disasters involving hundreds or thousands of individuals, volunteers also respond to help in the event of single-victim or single-family tragedies such as a house fire. Those victims need food, clothing and a warm place to stay.

In fact, in this area, fire is the disaster that generates more responses from Red Cross volunteers than any other.

"As we go into the winter months, you see a much greater risk of house fire because people put out decorations, light candles, use heaters and fireplaces," said Hamm.

"Red Cross is continually identifying locations where people need to leave their homes because of damage or threat of damage," she added. "One thing Red Cross does is provide shelter, temporarily for

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Area ministers are attending annual Baptist General Convention in Houston

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

About 5,700 Baptist churches are being represented today and Tuesday in Houston for the 150th annual Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"This is our annual meeting of Baptist churches in the state of Texas. We'll go to vote on a budget, elect the president and officer and hear reports of committees and agencies," said Elwin Collom, minister of First Baptist Church in Coahoma.

Along with the general busi-

ness of the convention, the Texas 2000 Program, which Baptists began in 1990, will be highlighted.

"Texas 2000 is the goal to share the gospel of Jesus Christ before the year 2000 with every person in the state of Texas," said Dr. David Kimberly, executive director of Big Spring-Lamesa Baptist Area.

Presiding at the convention is President Russell Dilday. Dilday is professor of homiletics (sermons) at George W. Truett Theological Seminary in Waco and former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Dilday is eligible for reelection as president of the convention. Also eligible are Jaclanel McFarland, a trial attorney, who has served as first vice

president, and Ed Hogan, pastor in Houston, as second vice president.

All officers are elected to one-year terms, and they perform in an unpaid, service capacity for the convention, according to Kimberly.

Kimberly is unable to attend the convention this year, but several other area ministers have traveled to Houston.

These are Collom, Dr. Robert Lacey of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Eddie Tubbs of First Baptist Church in Big Spring, and Don Snipes, pastor for Baptist Temple Church.

Each church appoints or elects representatives, called messengers, Kimberly said. These messengers cast ballots for the officers, and also pass the annual budget.

This year's budget goal is \$49,735,401, which is an increase of 4.4 percent from last year. The Cooperative Program unified church giving plan will fund \$45,835 of that amount.

Collom said the money is used to fund state programs provided by the Baptist churches each year.

"This money is used for various ministries. For example, the Texas Baptist Men recently traveled to Honduras to provide food, primarily, for the relief efforts. Their main work will be preparing hot food, for both the relief workers and those experiencing the trauma," Collom said.

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City Council

Area enhancement, pacts, ordinances make up full slate for council Tuesday

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will have the chance to shed some light on city hall during this Tuesday evening's regular meeting.

"As part of the area enhancement program, we are getting ready to install the same type of antique lights around city hall that there are downtown," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"They will be installed around the city hall building, as well as the parking lot."

City council members will hear the first reading of a resolution that will allow Fuqua to enter into an agreement with Texas Utilities Electric Company for installation and maintenance of the city owned parking lights.

Fuqua said his offices have been awaiting the delivery of the fixtures for quite some time now, and now that they are in, the city would like to get them up as soon as possible.

According to Fuqua the antique style light fixtures will solve the light deficiency problem currently experienced around city hall's parking facilities.

"There are a couple of streetlights in the area, but it's really not enough to keep it safe," said Fuqua. "The new lights should also help the appearance of the structure, as well."

City council will also hear the first reading of a resolution that would authorize the acceptance of a solid waste grant award that would name Fuqua as representative of the city.

"This is our routine yearly

grant for the continued funding of our city recycling program," said Fuqua. "We've been working on the program for several years now, but it's just been in the last three years that we have seen a good bit of grant money come in to help fund it."

"The funds are used to purchase trailers and collection equipment for the program. Right now, we are looking at using these funds to get some more containers to enhance the program."

According to Fuqua, bottomed-out prices in the recycling market have forced the city to take their recyclable materials to buyers out of the city.

"The last couple of years the prices of the recyclable goods have been so low, none of the local recyclers have wanted to accept the materials," said Fuqua. "We have had to take them to Midland and San Angelo the last couple of times just to get rid of them."

City council will also hear the first reading of an ordinance that would provide set fees for compost materials sold out of the city run Compost Center.

"We have had a lot of requests to purchase materials out of the compost center, but we haven't had any type of pricing guide to go by," said Fuqua. "This new ordinance, if passed, will allow us to establish a pricing program for materials sold out of the center."

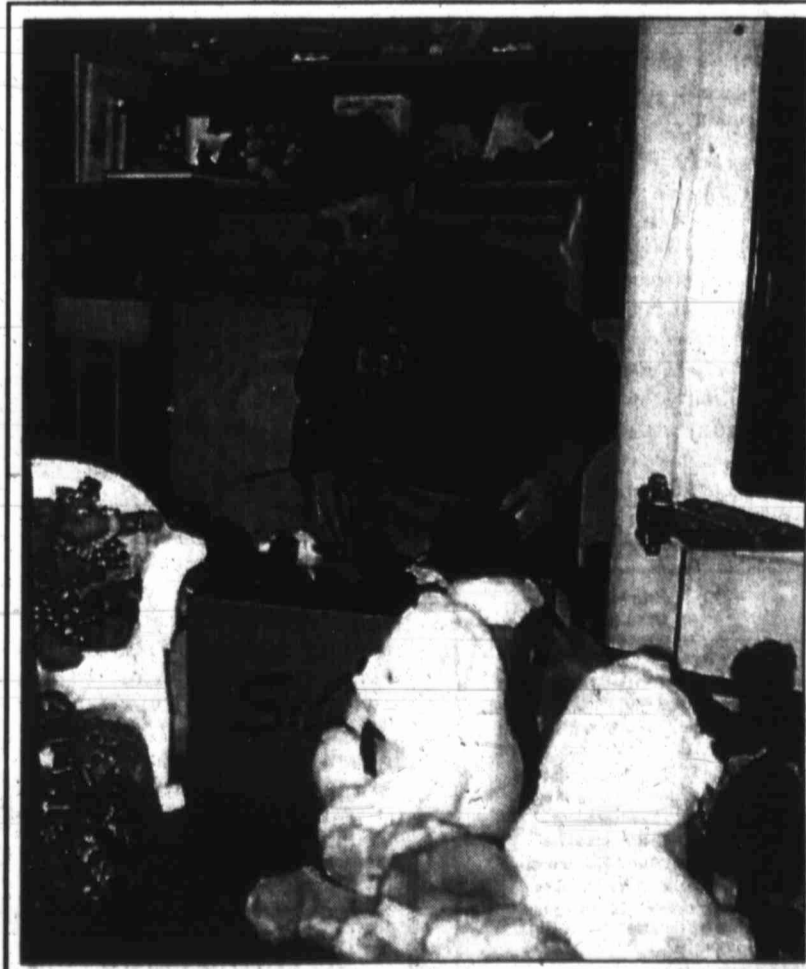
Fuqua said that materials for the center have been abundant, and helps save much needed space at the city run landfill.

"By utilizing the compost center and its equipment, we can save valuable space at the landfill, as well as provide a valuable service to the people of Big Spring," said Fuqua. "We have used materials out of the center to finish the Kid Zone Center at

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Anthony Cruz, left, and Andrew Juarez enjoy some relaxed reading time during Moss's reading day last Friday.



Judy Simer organizes a box of bears for a Christmas display at Fayeres Flowers.

Cox withdraws, says Livingston will be next speaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Chris Cox of California today withdrew as a candidate for speaker of the House, apparently assuring that Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana will succeed Newt Gingrich as top leader of Congress.

Cox said that since Gingrich's surprise announcement Friday that he was stepping aside, he had picked up about 90 commitments from his 222 Republican colleagues who will serve in the new Congress.

"Bob Livingston has put together over 110," Cox said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "The truth is, the vote is in. Bob Livingston is going to be our next speaker and I'm withdrawing my name for that reason."

Livingston, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, flatly predicted

Sunday that he would win the job Gingrich had decided 36 hours earlier that he would not seek again. The Georgian is being blamed in large part for the party's loss of five House seats in Tuesday's elections, even though Republicans retained control.

Gingrich's deputy, Majority Leader Dick Arme of Texas, is also under heavy attack in his own party. Two senior Republicans are close to a decision to join Rep. Steve Largent of Oklahoma, who already is lining up votes to unseat Arme.

Republicans will choose their new leaders in a caucus Nov. 18. The GOP candidates will face off with Democratic nominees when the 106th Congress convenes Jan. 6, and because Republicans are in control, their slate almost certainly will

be elected to run the House. Besides Largent, Reps. Jennifer Dunn of Washington and Dennis Hastert of Illinois were considering entering the fray, according to GOP sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Cox referred to his short-lived battle with Livingston as "in a very real sense ... our first digital election for speaker of the House." He noted most members of Congress now are in

instant reach of their leaders via cellular phone, and said both he and Livingston had been quick to use that technology.

"When a member makes a commitment, that's a vote that possibly is shaky but is cast," making it difficult for an opposing candidate to change, Cox said.

"Congressman Livingston ... is a great leader," Cox said. "I can now say he will make a great speaker. ... It's very important for us not to push an election for speaker to the bitter end when we have a six-vote majority in the House."

As chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Livingston was able to raise millions for his political action committee and donate to numerous Republican candidates.

Others joining Largent in bid to oust Arme from leadership

WASHINGTON (AP) — Majority Leader Dick Arme is becoming the prime target in the Republicans' scramble to sweep their top ranks in the House, and Rep. Bob Livingston appears to have the edge in the race for speaker.

Two senior Republicans are close to a decision to join Rep. Steve Largent, R-Okla., who already is lining up votes to unseat Arme, the Texas Republican from Irving who holds the No. 2 job in the House.

Arme, who has come under criticism for his management of the GOP's House agenda over the past two years, is likely to have multiple opponents when Republican lawmakers caucus on Nov. 18.

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Newly released JFK documents raise questions about medical evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest batch of John F. Kennedy assassination documents raises new questions about an examination of the president's brain and lays out unresolved discrepancies in other medical evidence.

The more than 400,000 pages of records being made public at the National Archives today were compiled in the past four years by the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent panel that Congress set up to collect and release material related to Kennedy's death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Congress did not direct the review board to reinvestigate

the assassination, and the panel issued no formal opinions on any aspect of the controversial murder. But in the board's effort to expand and clarify the record, details surfaced that:

— Suggest two different brain exams may have been conducted at the Bethesda, Md., Naval Medical Center, raising questions about the authenticity of the brain examined.

— Fail to resolve discrepancies between how physicians at Parkland Hospital in Dallas described Kennedy's head injury immediately following the shooting and how it was subsequently described by pathologists at Bethesda.

Although the Warren Commission concluded that Kennedy was shot from behind by a single gunman, how Kennedy was assassinated and from what direction he was shot have nonetheless been hotly debated for 35 years. The review board studied old testimony and medical evidence and re-interviewed witnesses, but still was unable to resolve certain issues.

"There are questions about the supplemental brain exam and the photos that were taken. There are inconsistencies in the testimony of the autopsy doctors about when that exam took place," said Jeremy Gunn, executive director and general coun-

sel of the board, which closed out its work in September. "These are serious issues. The records are now out there for the public to evaluate."

Three military pathologists agree they conducted an autopsy of Kennedy's entire body at Bethesda immediately after it was flown back from Dallas. But the doctors offer conflicting recollections about the timing of a subsequent brain exam.

Two doctors, J. Thornton Boswell and James Humes, told the review board that the brain exam occurred two or three days after Kennedy's death. Initially, Humes told the Warren Commission that he,

Boswell and a third pathologist, Dr. Pierre Finck, were present when the brain was examined. But when he testified to the review board in 1996, Humes did not list Finck among those present. Boswell maintains Finck was not there.

On the other hand, Finck says the brain exam did not occur until much later. In a memo he wrote to his commanding officer 14 months after Kennedy was assassinated, Finck said Humes did not call him until Nov. 29, 1963 — seven days after Kennedy's death — to say it was time to examine the brain. In the memo, Finck said all three pathologists examined the brain

together and that "color and black-and-white photographs are taken by the U.S. Navy photographer."

The conflicting testimony caused Douglas Horne, chief analyst for military records, to conclude in a 32-page memo that two separate brain exams may have been conducted, "contrary to the official record as it has been presented to the American people."

"If true, Dr. Finck's account of a brain exam separate and distinct from the first one would mean that Drs. Humes and Boswell were present at two different brain exams," he writes.

Jets collide on carrier; 1 crewman dead, 3 missing

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Two Navy jets practicing night landings collided on the deck of an aircraft carrier, killing one of six crew members who had ejected from the planes. Two others were injured and three were missing.

Searchers working through the night failed to find any missing crew members, Lt. Steve Tedder said today.

"We're hoping that with sunlight they will have better luck," Tedder said.

An EA6B Prowler struck an S-3 Viking sitting on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise about 120 miles off the Virginia coast Sunday evening.

The survivors were the two-member crew of the Viking, and the body was one of the four members of the Prowler crew. None was identified.

They were treated for minor injuries aboard the Enterprise and were in stable condition.

Mike Maus, another Navy spokesman, said today he did not know how the collision happened. Sea and wind conditions and the speed of the carrier could affect how far the missing crew members drifted after they ejected, he said.

Two other Navy ships operating near the Enterprise, the destroyer USS Gonzalez and the frigate USS Nicholas, joined in

the search along with HH-60 helicopters from Antisubmarine Squadron 7 based in Jacksonville, Fla.

Each crew member wore a survival vest that inflates automatically when it hits the water, Maus said. The vest includes dye markers, an electronic beacon to guide searchers, a flashlight and a radio that allows voice communication with searchers.

The ejection seat also contains a raft that inflates automatically when it strikes the water. The raft has food, another radio, more dye markers, a water desalting kit plus other gear, Maus said.

The ocean temperature in the search area was about 58 degrees with winds of about 13 mph and waves of two to three feet, Maus said.

The Prowler, assigned to Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 130 at Whidbey Island, Wash., is a radar-jamming aircraft. The Sea Control Squadron 22 in Jacksonville, Fla., is an anti-submarine warfare aircraft.

The Enterprise and seven other ships in its battle group left Norfolk on Friday for a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf.

Clinton holds off decision on whether to attack Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is giving his national security team a few more days to consider military and diplomatic strategies before he decides whether to use force in an attempt to reopen Iraq's weapons sites to U.N. inspectors.

The president met for two hours Sunday at Camp David, Md., with Defense Secretary William Cohen, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and national security adviser Sandy Berger.

Clinton reviewed the diplomatic and military options with them and "asked for a follow-up on both fronts," said David Leavy, spokesman at the National Security Council. "They will report to him over the next several days. The president has made no decision."

Among the considerations was that Iraq might respond to

an attack by permanently banning the international search for illegal chemical and biological weapons.

For more than seven years, diplomacy has failed to compel Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to comply completely with the U.N. Security Council's attempt to ensure the elimination of all potential weapons of mass destruction.

Nine days ago, Saddam declared a halt to cooperation with the U.N. commission that conducts searches for chemical and biological weapons.

Fifteen U.N. weapons inspectors, some of them experts on missiles, left Baghdad Saturday as the United Nations began to reduce its presence in Iraq.

Iraqi ministers said they would not back away from a decision to bar U.N. inspections unless economic sanctions were lifted.

Judge who oversaw lawsuit urged Jones to settle case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The judge who oversaw the lawsuit accusing President Clinton of sexual harassment repeatedly urged a settlement and even offered to talk directly to Paula Jones to convey "she would have a difficult time winning her case," court documents made public today show.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright signaled as early as last January she might dismiss the case and indicated she would like to talk to Mrs. Jones about accepting "a reasonable offer."

In a Jan. 12 closed hearing with lawyers for both Mrs.

Jones and Clinton, Wright indicated she felt "it is unlikely a jury will find for (Mrs. Jones) if case goes to trial," according to minutes taken by the clerk.

"If goes to trial, everyone loses," the minutes quote Wright as saying. The judge also welcomed a suggestion by one of Mrs. Jones' lawyers that she talk to Mrs. Jones, who steadfastly refused to accept an out-of-court settlement.

"Court would like to talk to her and tell her that she should accept a reasonable offer, that she could have a difficult time winning her case," the minutes state.

The document indicates Clinton lawyer Robert Bennett refused to endorse the judge's intervention but said he would not try to block it. It also quoted Bennett as saying he would "advise Clinton not to settle (the) case."

Three months earlier, Wright made a similar plea to settle the case and avoid a trial laying out testimony about the sex lives of Clinton and Mrs. Jones.

"Court advises that parties should attempt to settle this matter and instructs that it will not allow parties to bring numerous witnesses to trial testifying about sexual activity of

both sides and will limit the number of witnesses and time to be spent on this issue," according to the transcript of an Oct. 29, 1997 conference call.

Wright imposed a gag order on the lawyers the next day. She dismissed Mrs. Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit April 1, and last month began releasing previously secret records.

In the Oct. 29 conference call, Wright noted that a preliminary list of witnesses Mrs. Jones' lawyers planned to depose included Jennifer Flowers, who claims of a long-term relationship with Clinton imperiled his run for the presidency in 1992.

Scholars debate impeachment question

WASHINGTON (AP) — The definition of an impeachable offense depends on who is asked, which is how the Constitution's authors wanted it — open to interpretation by House members serving when the question comes before Congress.

Faced two centuries later with the prospect of writing articles of impeachment against President Clinton, members of the House Judiciary Committee were turning today to 19 legal experts to provide historical analyses.

Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., approved the hearing after Democrats demanded that the Republican-controlled panel decide what constitutes an impeachable offense.

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OUR VIEWS

Happy to witness Sports Committee getting off ground

The newly formed Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau Sports Committee has its first chance of hosting a high school football playoff game this week as New Deal and Anson play their Class 2A, Division II bi-district game at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Memorial Stadium.

During the committee's first meeting last month, co-chairman Dwight Butler indicated that the University Interscholastic League's expansion of the state's schoolboy football playoffs — adding a third team from each Class 3A and Class 2A district — would create a rush for first- and second-round playoff sites.

With the committee still in its formative stages, much of this year's work on playoff games will be coordinated by Ron Logback, the Big Spring Independent School District's business manager, and much of the team he assembled to conduct Big Spring High School home games this season.

Over a period of time, it is hoped the Sport Committee will be able to take over the entire process of hosting playoff games, freeing school district personnel from that responsibility.

The committee's formation, in fact, is a response on the CVB's part to a need made apparent almost a year ago when Stanton and Post officials indicated that they had wanted to play their Class 2A area playoff game in Big Spring during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Logback, currently the only person on the BSISD staff familiar with coordinating playoff games, was scheduled to be out of town that weekend celebrating the holiday with his family.

As a result, the Stanton-Post game was played in Lamesa and Big Spring merchants missed out on the visit by perhaps as many as 10,000 people on the single biggest retail sales day of the year.

At the time, Big Spring ISD Business Manager Ron Logback suggested the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce form a committee responsible for coordinating such events.

CVB Director Andrea Earle said the chamber will cooperate with the committee in any manner needed to ensure success.

Butler, Big Spring High School's head football coach and athletic director, and Everett Blackburn, Howard College's athletic trainer and assistant athletic director, chair the committee, working closely with Earle, the chief contact for schools and other organizations wanting to stage events in Big Spring.

It is hoped the Sports Committee will be able to attract additional playoff games this season, and over a period of time, develop a package that makes not only Memorial Stadium, but the rest of Big Spring's sports facilities — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and Steer Gym, as well as the college and high school's baseball and softball facilities; the Figure 7 Tennis Center and both local golf courses — the most sought after locations for sports events.

Big Spring's label as the Crossroads of West Texas makes it a logical choice for many such events and we look forward to seeing the committee begin its work and growth.

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Hispanic voters growing force in politics

By LAURA MECKLER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanics, reaching for political power as their numbers grow, sent a clarion call to both political parties Tuesday: do not take us for granted.

In key states across the country, Hispanics helped elect both Democrats and Republicans, whoever responded to their concerns, and their leaders hope politicians will see them as a key swing vote as they approach the 2000 presidential election.

"If they expect to get elected, they better start learning," said Cecilia Munoz of the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic advocacy group. "The bottom line is, as voters, we expect to be respected. We expect to be treated like Americans, which is what we are."

Half of Hispanic voters in Texas, traditionally Democratic, gave their support to GOP Gov. George W. Bush, who made it clear that he had no interest in the sort of anti-immigrant policies backed by California Republicans.

Helping matters, Bush also speaks fluent Spanish. So does his brother, Jeb Bush, who is married to a Mexican-American and was elected governor of Florida, thanks in part to a strong Hispanic vote.

Meanwhile, in California,

Hispanics are still furious at GOP support for anti-immigrant and English-only measures, and they delivered 78 percent of their votes to Democrat Gray Davis for governor and 70 percent to Democrat Barbara Boxer for Senate, based on exit polls conducted for The Associated Press by Voter News Service.

"If the GOP wants to stay in control and move forward, then they need to sort of follow the steps taken by Bush — by both Bushes — to include the Latino vote," said Lydia Camarillo of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, which worked to mobilize Hispanic voters in four states.

Voter registration is growing among Hispanics as more become citizens and more become enraged at anti-immigrant policies. Hispanics also are becoming an increasing portion of the electorate in several key states. They made up 36 percent of the electorate this year in New Mexico, 13 percent in California and 16 percent in Texas, for instance.

But the Hispanic community is not monolithic.

Florida is populated with Cuban-Americans, staunch anti-communists who have traditionally backed Republicans. Yet the Southwest is home to Mexicans and New York attracts Puerto Ricans, who generally favor Democrats. Hispanics already make up

about 10 percent of the U.S. population and by 2005 are projected to overtake blacks as the nation's largest minority group. Nationally, Hispanics made up just 5 percent of all voters Tuesday, but that, too, will grow, as more immigrants become citizens and are motivated to go to the polls.

Already, they are a key constituency in certain important states. Looking ahead to the presidential contest, they could play a critical role in places like California, Texas, New York and Florida, which carry the largest blocs of electoral votes.

This year, California Democrat Barbara Boxer lost the white vote, but was propelled back to the Senate by black and Hispanic voters, who overwhelmingly supported her. By contrast, GOP New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato captured just over half of the white vote in his re-election bid, but overwhelmingly lost among blacks and Hispanics and was defeated.

Seeing the potential, both parties have reached out. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has hired a Spanish-speaking spokeswoman to communicate with Spanish-language media. Over the last two years, California Republicans have registered 30,000 new voters at swearing-in ceremonies for new citizens. Both Democratic and Republican

candidates for California governor ran ads in Spanish for the first time this year.

Even staunch conservative Republican Bob Dornan, who accused Latino voters of outright fraud in his defeat two years ago for Congress, sent out a host of Spanish fliers including one featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas. He declared himself to be the "true Latino" candidate because he opposes abortion — no matter that his opponent, Rep. Loretta Sanchez, actually is Latina. She won.

It is a perfect illustration of why simply reaching out to the Hispanic community is not enough, leaders say: Politicians must walk the walk on important issues.

"Outreach is important and outreach is great, but outreach by itself isn't going to attract voters if your policies aren't consistent with what people want," Munoz said. "It's pretty hard to make that case if you're Bob Dornan."

The key is making politicians pay a price for supporting an anti-Hispanic agenda, said former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, now president of Univision Television in Los Angeles.

"Frankly, the effectiveness of those tools has come to an end," he said. "The numbers are now too large to do it and get away with it."



View from a writer's perspective

OXFORD, Miss. — John Grisham is upset about the double-wides. Everyone in town is talking about it, because Grisham wrote a letter to the editor. And everything that man writes is well read, even a semi-snotty letter.

First, a little background. This town produces writers like Belzoni, Miss., raises catfish. Throw them in a little pond and keep the temperature just-so.

Some say it's the Faulkner mystique that draws writers here, that causes a local fireman like Larry Brown to put down the firehose and pick up a pen. Some credit Willie Morris, who once lived here, for attracting dozens of authors.

At any rate, this place is full of famous scribblers, none more successful than John Grisham. As soon as he types "The End" to a thriller, Hollywood is honking in his driveway. Grisham is the Big Fish.

So naturally, when Grisham built himself a swell house just off the four-lane between Oxford and Batesville, it became something of an attraction.

I've done it myself, slowed to a creep to look at the compound that words built. It's a beauty, too, not particularly ostentatious, but yellow like sunshine. If I had Grisham's money, I'd have picked a much more secluded spot, but then not everyone shares my cave-dwelling tendencies.

"Four years ago, we left town in an attempt to regain a little privacy," Grisham said in his now-infamous letter written last month. "Our home had become a popular stopping place for folks passing by, and we chose not to live behind a gate."

The price of fame. Write half a dozen bestsellers, all of which become hit movies, collect multimillion-dollar advances for books not even outlined and your home lands on a map of the stars. So you buy a second home in Charlottesville, Va.

Then, while you're taking a rest from your public, the unthinkable happens. A mobile-home dealership buys the property adjoining your Mississippi dream farm, and suddenly it's 40 acres of a Jimmy Buffett nightmare: "They're ugly and square, they don't belong here, they looked a lot better as beer cans..."

"Drive by and take a look," Grisham said in his letter. "From our pretty yellow house on the hill, we now see acres of shiny new double-wides and 80-footers packed door to door... Greed cannot be regulated, but land use certainly can. Our

greater contempt lies with the visionaries currently running Lafayette County. It is 1998, and the county still has no zoning ordinance... Even the least cumbersome of ordinances would have given us notice of the coming eyesore. At that point, we would have gladly offered to purchase the land. If we'd failed at that, we would have hired lawyers.

"It was difficult enough being forced to leave. Insult is added to injury when the trips home are painful. On second thought, maybe we will sell the place. A hog farm would fit nicely into the current scheme."

I'm afraid Grisham may have flunked the supreme test of commitment to being a genuine, bon-a-fide, Mississippi writer.

If you want strict ordinances and prompt dead-dog pickup, move to Connecticut. But the inspiration won't be the same.

Not that I'm totally lacking in sympathy for Grisham. I'd hate to look out on a field of trailers, too. With his money, it's a real bad joke.

But Douglas Rentals presumably liked the highway access and high visibility, too.

They'll sell a lot of double-wides, probably to a lot of John Grisham readers, who not only devour everything he writes but populate his novels.

This town has been so proud and, yes, protective of him; maybe instead of lashing out, John Grisham should consider planting a screen of fast-growing poplars.



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Advertisement for Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley. Includes cartoon of a child and text: 'A NEW STUDY FINDS CHILDREN EIGHT TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT WHEN THEIR MOMS HAVE UNRELATED BOYFRIENDS LIVING IN THE HOME! AND NOW THE AMAZING PART... SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY NEED SUBSIDIES TO TELL THEM STUFF LIKE THIS.'

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IN BRIEF

Lady Bearkats' Kujawski, Fuchs earn trip to state

Garden City's Lady Bearkats got strong finishes from Tiffany Kujawski and Michelle Fuchs to finish sixth Saturday in the team standings of the Region I, Class 1A cross-country meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Kujawski was sixth individually with a 12:55 clocking, while Fuchs was ninth at 12:59, as they both qualified for the state meet in Round Rock this week.

Garden City's M'Lynn Nieuhuus finished 38th in the field of 186 runners, while Summer Eoff was 105th. Patti Garza was 121st, Lucy Gonzalez was 126th and Maggie Lopez was 156th.

Garden City's only boys' participant at the meet, Roger Alvarado, finished 63rd in the field of 143 with a 19:57 clocking.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

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

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

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

YMCA youth basketball program being revamped

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

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

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

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

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

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

Howard College slates mini-basketball camp

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks will conduct a mini-basketball camp from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

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

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

YMCA swim team adding a beginners program

The Big Spring YMCA will begin adding beginning swimmers to its swim team today.

Practice sessions will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

To participate, youngsters 6 years of age and older must be able to swim a length of the pool independently in both the crawl and backstroke.

Regular YMCA swim team practice sessions will still be scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Green Bay Packers at Pittsburgh Steelers, ABC, Ch. 2.

Cowboys improve to 5-0 in NFC East, with win over Giants

IRVING (AP) — It didn't take long for new Dallas coach Chan Gailey to show the defending champion New York Giants there is a change of order in the NFC East.

Gailey has taken his team to a 5-0 record against NFC East teams and beaten the Giants twice.

Sunday's 16-6 win put the Giants three games behind Dallas in the division with seven games to play. Dallas is at Arizona next Sunday for another division game.

"I do not think you could ever underestimate the importance of winning a division game at home and beating this team twice in one year," said Gailey, who was Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator in 1997. "There is still a lot of football left so we will see. But I like guys going out and trying to win games instead of letting the game come to them."

There were all sorts of things for the

Cowboys to celebrate besides the season sweep of the Giants.

Emmitt Smith became the Cowboys' career leading rusher with a 163-yard effort.

Troy Aikman hung in there and made two important throws despite an injured finger on his passing hand.

And the Dallas defense has gone two weeks without giving up a touchdown. It blanked Philadelphia 34-0 last Monday.

"We were 6-10 last year and we've already won six games this year," said Dallas safety Darren Woodson. "Our goal is to take care of the East."

Dallas (6-3) swept the Giants in a season series for the first time since 1995 and is 5-0 in division games. The Giants, who lost 31-7 to Dallas in the third game of the season, dropped to 3-6.

Aikman hurt the index finger on his passing hand when it hit a Giants helmet in the second period.

"I was struggling with it," Aikman said. "I couldn't get the bleeding to stop. And then I couldn't get enough pressure on the ball. I was very frustrated. I thought it was broken and the helmet took off a big chunk of skin."

X-rays showed no break.

Dallas put the game away when Aikman hit Eric Bjornson from 2 yards out for a touchdown with 8:44 to play. Ernie Mills' acrobatic catch on a 27-yard pass put Dallas in position for the score on the 84-yard drive.

Mills jumped up between safety Tito Wooten and cornerback Carlton Gray to make the catch at the New York 1. After a run by Smith lost a yard, Aikman found Bjornson all alone in the end zone for the tight end's first touchdown reception of the season and the game's only touchdown.

"I didn't get to see it," Aikman said. "I got knocked down after I let it go. Ernie

knows how to play the game and we're lucky to have him."

Bjornson said his touchdown "was the same play Jay Novacek scored on in Super Bowl XXX. I just slipped off the line."

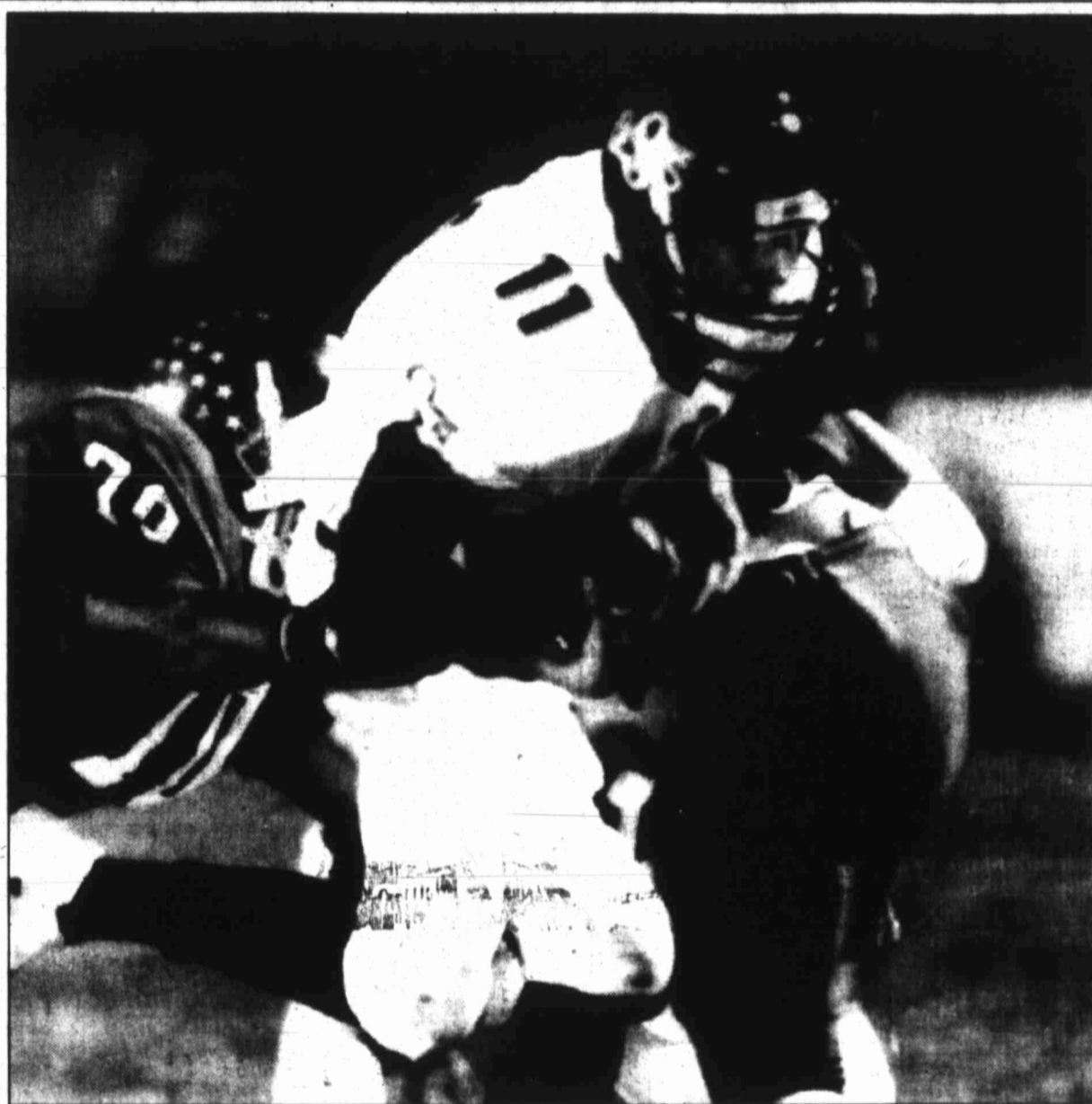
Smith gained 163 yards on 29 carries. He now has 12,105 career yards.

"I was extra pumped, a little emotionally charged," Smith said. "I wanted to bust a really big one early. The offensive line was just great. This was a very important win for us."

Smith flew in his father, Emmitt Smith Sr., from Florida to see the record broken.

"I wanted to do it here at Texas Stadium, this is where the dream began," Smith said. "I wanted to do it in front of the home crowd."

Giants coach Jim Fassel said Smith "ran very hard, probably the best runner our defense has faced this year."



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Big Spring quarterback Lance Brock (11) picks up good yardage as Sweetwater defender Abraham Aguilera (70) tries to make a diving tackle during the fourth quarter of the Steers' 10-0 win over the Mustangs. The win allowed the Steers to advance to the Class 4A, Division I playoffs for a second straight year. Big Spring will take on Cleburne's Yellow Jackets in a bi-district game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownwood's Gordon Wood Stadium. Advance tickets, priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, will go on sale Tuesday at the Big Spring High School principal's office. All tickets purchased at the gate Friday night will be \$6.

Farewell to arms? Sunday's games prove tough on quarterbacks

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NFL ROUNDUP

One of the few teams in the NFL with two good quarterbacks now may have none.

The Minnesota Vikings beat the New Orleans Saints 31-24 Sunday, bouncing back from their first defeat of the season.

But they lost Randall Cunningham, who took over when Brad Johnson broke his ankle in the second game of the season, and may have lost Johnson, who broke the thumb on his passing hand on the first play of the second half and finished the game despite it.

"I believe one or both of us will be ready," said Cunningham, who injured his right knee. But team officials said that won't be decided until today.

If they're out, the starter against Cincinnati at the Metrodome next week is likely to be Jay Fiedler, who has thrown four passes in three NFL seasons, all this year when mopping up a 44-7 win over Washington.

The Vikings jumped to a 17-0 lead over the Saints (4-5), who managed just two first downs and 9 yards passing in the first half, but were tied 24-24 after Sammy Knight returned the second of his two interceptions 91 yards for a score with 10:10 remaining.

Two scores by Aaron Craver came on questionable officiating.

The first was Craver's 100-yard kickoff return for Minnesota's first TD. Craver fell at his own 19-yard line, but got up when no whistles blew and ran the rest of the way untouched. Replays showed he was tripped by the Vikings' Pete Bercich.

"I noticed that the referees were still looking at me and I knew they didn't blow the whistle, so I popped back up and started running," said Craver, who fumbled on his previous return to set up the first of Leroy Hoard's two short TD runs. "I'm sure it surprised the Vikings."

A 61-yard run by Robert Smith put Minnesota up 24-10 before Craver got his second score on a 9-yard TD catch on which an official ruled he broke the plane of the goal line while lunging with the ball. Replays showed the ball bounced loose short of the goal line.

"Things kept happening, weird things," said New Orleans safety Sammy Knight. "They helped us stay in the game until the very end."

Johnson, who finished 28-of-38 for 316 yards, looked like he would put the game away when New Orleans had a 24-17 lead. But he threw wide of Cris Carter on third down from the New Orleans 5, Carter tipped the ball, Knight grabbed and went 91 yards for the tying TD.

Johnson then led Minnesota on an 81-yard drive to the winning score, Hoard's 1-yard run with 3:43 remaining, as the Vikings (8-1) handed the Saints their fifth loss in six games.

Johnson finished 28-of-38 for 316 yards with a TD and two interceptions.

"For Brad to come back and do what he did, I think some of us have forgotten Brad can do those kinds of things," offensive coordinator Brian Billick said.

Several other quarterbacks were hurt or missed games Sunday.

Mark Brunell sat out the second half of Jacksonville's 24-11 win over Cincinnati as a precautionary measure; Troy Aikman missed two minutes of Dallas' 16-6 win over the New York Giants, and Oakland's Jeff George left the Raiders' 13-10 loss in Baltimore after reinjuring his groin.

John Elway and Steve Young didn't play at all — Elway pulled a rib muscle in warmups for Denver's 27-10 win over San Diego and Young missed San Francisco's 25-23 win over Carolina with a strained abdominal muscle.

In other games, it was Atlanta 41, New England 10; Miami 27, Indianapolis 14; Philadelphia 10, Detroit 9; St. Louis 20, Chicago 12; the New York Jets 34, Buffalo 12; Arizona 29, Washington 17; Seattle 24, Kansas City 12; and Tennessee 31, Tampa Bay 22 Green Bay is at Pittsburgh tonight.

49ers 25, Panthers 23

Ty Detmer led a 62-yard drive to set up Wade Richey's 46-yard field goal with 33 seconds left as the 49ers (7-2) overcame an early 16-0 deficit.

Detmer threw three interceptions in the first half and fumbled once, but came back to throw three TD passes. Steve Bueherlein threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Raghib Ismail, John Kasay kicked three field goals and William Floyd had a 2-yard touchdown run that put Carolina (1-8) back on top after the Panthers blew their big lead.

Broncos 27, Chargers 10

Bobby Brister, who started after Elway strained rib muscles during pregame warmups, threw two touchdown passes as Denver remained unbeaten in nine games.

Terrell Davis, the NFL's leading rusher, was held to 69 yards but scored on a 24-yard run and a 4-yard pass. Ryan Leaf completed only 4 of 15 passes for 26 yards with an interception and a sack for San Diego (3-6) before being replaced by Craig Whelihan.

Falcons 41, Patriots 10

Atlanta (7-2) jumped to a 14-0 lead after six minutes. Jamal Anderson ran for two touchdowns and the defense sacked Drew Bledsoe five times and allowed just 18 yards rushing. The Falcons will play host to San Francisco next Sunday for the NFC West lead.

The Patriots (5-4) dropped out of a four-way tie for the AFC East lead as they lost for the third time in four games.

Jets 34, Bills 12

Vinny Testaverde passed for three touchdowns for the Jets. The victory snapped a five-game winning streak by Buffalo and a six-game Bills winning streak in the series, leaving the Jets (6-3) tied with Miami for first place in the AFC East.

New York won its fourth straight, thanks in part to a defense that clamped down on Doug Flutie.

Ohio State loss gives Tennessee No. 1 for first time in 42 years

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Nov. 7:

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Tennessee (46)	8-0
2.	Kansas St. (19)	9-0
3.	UCLA (4)	8-0
4.	Florida	8-1
5.	Florida St. (1)	9-1
6.	Texas A&M	9-1
7.	Ohio St.	8-1
8.	Wisconsin	9-0
9.	Arizona	9-1
10.	Arkansas	8-0
11.	Nebraska	8-2
12.	Notre Dame	7-1
13.	Missouri	7-2
14.	Tulane	8-0
15.	Michigan	7-2
16.	Virginia Tech	7-1
17.	Georgia	6-2
18.	Texas	7-2
19.	Penn St.	6-2
20.	Oregon	7-2
21.	Virginia	7-2
22.	Georgia Tech	6-2
23.	Air Force	8-1
24.	Miami	5-2
25.	Wyoming	8-1

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 38, Southern Cal 36, Syracuse 30, Kentucky 20, Michigan St. 5, Alabama 4, Texas Tech 4, Marshall 2, Colorado 1, Purdue 1.

The AP poll and coverage of college football can be found at <http://www.apopt25.com>

Tennessee has been a consistent Top 10 team for years. Now, for the first time in more than four decades, the Volunteers get a taste of life at the very top.

Ohio State fell from No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football after a shocking 28-24 loss to Michigan State, and the Vols (8-0) completed their steady climb to No. 1 on Sunday.

"We've been at the top of the flagpole, or close here for a while," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "So we should be accustomed to that."

But when informed the Vols were last ranked No. 1 on Nov. 12, 1956, Fulmer said: "That's somewhat of a surprise to me, with our tradition and history here. But there's only one spot and a bunch of schools."

The Buckeyes (8-1) had held the top spot since the preseason poll, but dropped to No. 7 in this week's Top 25.

Tennessee, a 37-13 winner over Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday, received 46 first-place votes and 1,718 points from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel. The Vols were No. 10 in the preseason and were ranked in the top five the past seven polls.

The Volunteers easily outdistanced No. 2 Kansas State (9-0), which moved up two places with 19 first-place votes and 1,877 points after a 49-6 win over Baylor.

K-State passed Ohio State and UCLA, which remained No. 3 after a last-minute 41-34 victory

over Oregon State. The Bruins

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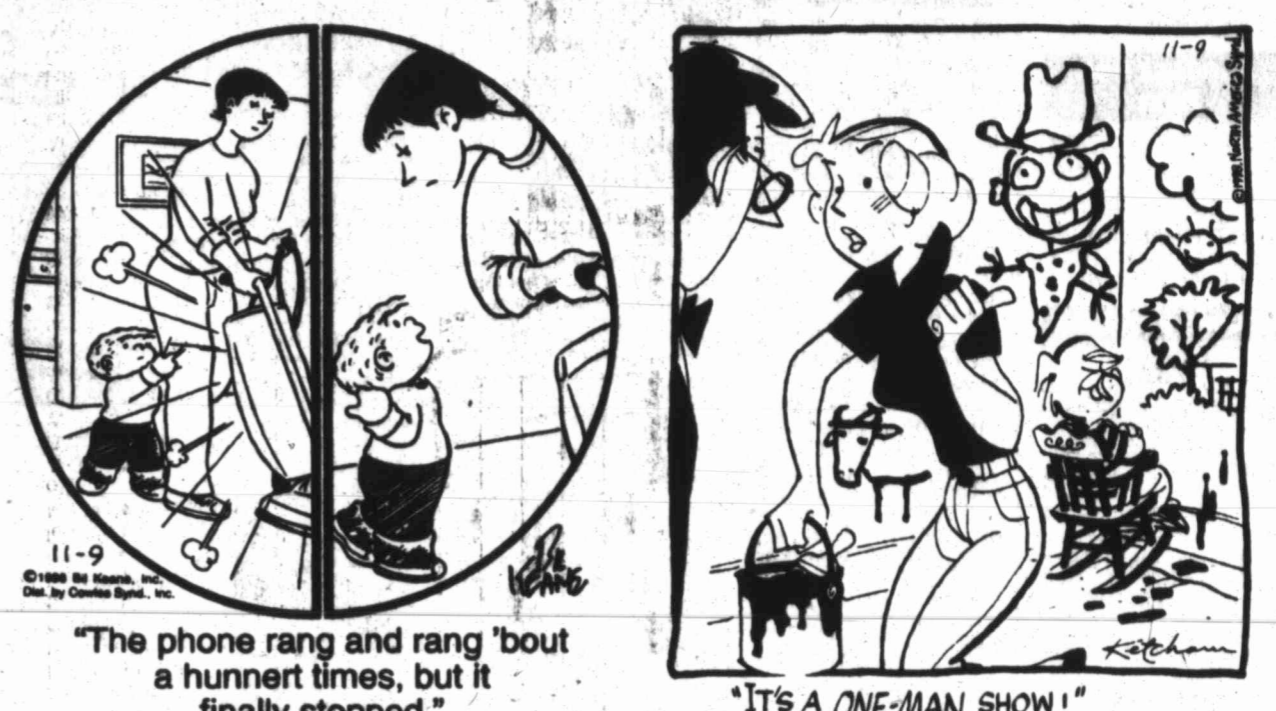
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 9, the 313th day of 1998. There are 52 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 9, 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as Kristallnacht.

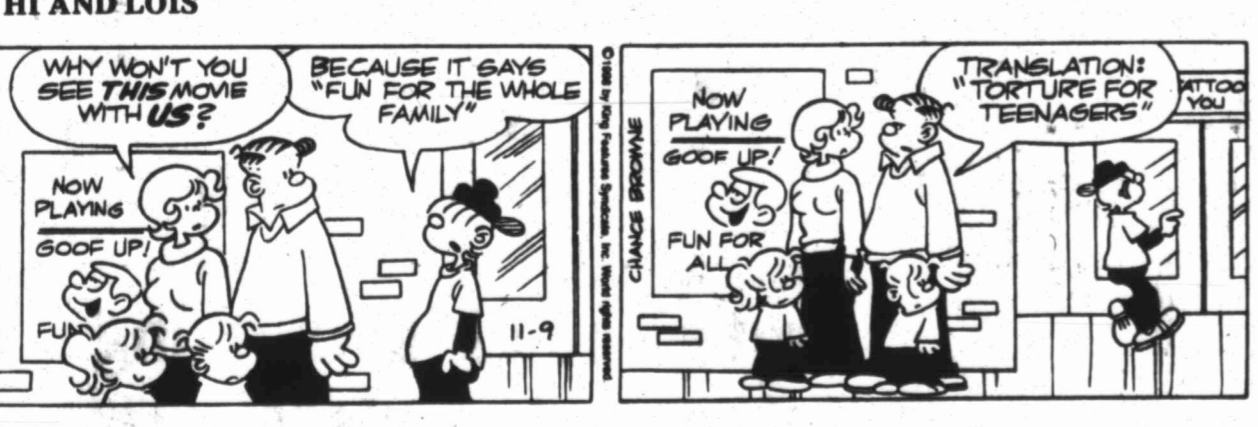
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Days' puzzle grid with clues for various words.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

Today's Birthdays

Today's Birthdays: Actress Hedy Lamarr is 85. Sportscaster Charlie Jones is 68. Baseball executive Whitey Herzog is 67. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., is 62. Movie director Bille August is 60. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 46. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Mike Owensby and his twin Ike (Twice) are 30.