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TONIGHT FRIDAY
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Jana Jae to perform Friday at Wal-Mart

Former star of Hee Haw, and the first lady of country fiddle, Jana Jae, will perform in the Wal-Mart parking lot Friday at 7 p.m.

A two-time Ladies National Champion Fiddler, Jae has toured in Japan, Australia and the Philippines. She has appeared with symphony orchestras, as well as performed at fairs, conventions and other public areas.

This performance is free to the public. Jae and her band, Hotwire, will deliver wholesome entertainment to friends and neighbors here, she said.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

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

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

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

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4).

MONDAY

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

□ Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

TUESDAY

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

□ 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.

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Annual Seafood Fest this Saturday will benefit Toys for Tots

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area residents are encouraged to grab their bibs and cocktail sauce, as Mel's Fried Fish & Seafood and the Big Spring Harley-Owners Group prepare to hold the fourth annual Seafood Fest Saturday at the Harley Davidson Shop on West 3rd Street.

"You don't have to ride a motorcycle to be a part of the Seafood Fest," said Mel Dickerson, owner of Mel's Fried

Fish & Seafood and a member of the Harley-Owners Group. "Everyone should come out with their friends and family to enjoy the day. We are going to have a lot of fun."

Dickerson said proceeds from the feast will go to the Toys for Tots program to benefit needy children.

"In the years past, we've donated the money raised to the Vietnam Memorial," said Dickerson. "We helped to raise the money to have the Huey helicopter displayed at the

memorial, as well as the jet they have."

"We just thought it would be nice to do something for the kids this time. That's what Christmas is all about."

Dickerson said he plans to serve lots of seafood, accompanied with all of the regular trimmings.

"We're going to serve fried catfish, boiled shrimp, oysters on the half-shell, and mudbugs," said Dickerson. "We will have all of the regular trimmings to go with it, and it's all-you-can-

eat." Serving will begin at 1 and will continue until 4 p.m.

"Anyone who wants to show up early is welcome," said Dickerson. "We are going to have live bands during the Fest, and they may start a little earlier than that."

"We have the Jones Valley Band scheduled to perform, and another band pending. Any way it goes, it's going to be a really good time for everyone."

Dickerson said he will be at the Seafood Fest, but not in the

capacity he has served in the past.

"I was in a motorcycle accident about a week ago, and I won't be able to cook for Saturday's event," said Dickerson. "The guys from the Harley-Owners Group will be doing the majority of the work, and I expect that they will do a super job."

"They really are a great group of guys. Anytime I need their help, they are there. We all try to join in together to make this thing happen."

Big Spring pays homage to its veterans

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

As their fellow citizens paused across America on Wednesday to observe Veterans Day, so did the people of Big Spring.

About 100 persons gathered at the Vietnam Memorial at 10 a.m. for the laying of the wreaths at the foot of the granite obelisk by Mrs. Odell Turner, past state president of the American Gold Star Mothers, before attending ceremonies at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

There, several hundred persons gathered for the 11 a.m. ceremony that marked the 79th anniversary of Armistice Day, which signified the ending of World War I.

Dan Whealan, state commander of the American Legion, told the audience, "Through the turmoil and change of the 20th Century, one thing has remained constant — the dedication and commitment of our veterans to the survival and strength of this nation."

Whealan also mentioned that educators have said that never before has the study of the World War II era been more popular. He said that more telling is the resurgence of popular interest in the music, film and cultural legacy of that period.

He cited the intense interest created by this past summer's movie, "Saving Private Ryan," and pointed out the increased contact with VA centers around the country for counseling and other services.

"Never before have so many Americans untouched by war or military service had the opportunity to fully appreciate the sacrifices our veterans of all wars have made in service to America," Whealan continued.

In addition to Whealan, the VA Medical Center observance included the presentation of colors by the Big Spring Police



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

More than 1,000 people attended day-long Veterans Day activities at the Vietnam Memorial Tuesday, including a climb inside the M60-A1 tank.

Department Color Guard, patriotic music by Helen Martin, the 21-gun salute by the honor guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo and the playing of "Taps" by Diane Livengood.

Mrs. Turner again laid the wreath at the base of the American flag pole while a special presentation was made to veterans by students from Moss Elementary School.

All during the day, members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee kept the newest addition to the memorial, an M60-A1 tank, open for public inspection prior to its being permanently sealed.

VMC member Jerry Groves estimated more than 700 per-

sons viewed the tank, bringing the two-day total to more than 1,000 persons to view and get in the tank.

"Just as we've said all along, the support from the community for the memorial has been tremendous," Groves said. "This is just another example of that support."

Memorial services touch veteran's heart

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Perhaps Staff Sergeant Jack Neathery took more than his youth and his courage to war-torn Korea in 1952. Perhaps he had an angel in his pocket.

A 65-year-old Korean War veteran, Neathery attended his first Veterans Day ceremony Wednesday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring.

A twice-decorated war hero, Neathery is a patient at the VA hospital awaiting a liver transplant. He said he was moved by the services and the honor shown his fellow veterans.

"I appreciated it. I've never felt I was a part of, and when that lady sang, it brought tears to my eyes," he said of Helen Martin's



NEATHERY

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rendition of "God Bless America." "Of course, I remember Kate Smith singing that song, and it brought back memories," Neathery said.

Neathery's memories, spoken in a southern drawl with a slight hint of stutter, tell of an 18-year-old youth who enlisted in the Army and was sent to Korea.

As a member of the Pagan Raiders, a National guard special forces fighting detail composed mostly of regular Army soldiers, Neathery was positioned on the front lines throughout most of his 18-month tour of duty.

"I spent 75 percent of the time on patrol, which I volunteered for. We harassed the Chinese, and we went out at night in groups of six, four or two. I was a young man and I felt proud I was doing something for my country. I was, and I am, proud of my country," Neathery said.

Most of his company died in battles around him. Neathery remained to fight the enemy, and to save those fallen wounded he found injured in the melees.

"I would have liked to have been in special forces, and the Raiders outfit was as

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Compost center materials fees to be set by ordinance

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council has approved an ordinance that will set the fees charged for materials residents get from the city-run compost center, but not without protest.



HORTON

"These prices are just too

high," said councilmember Stephanie Horton. "The people of Big Spring bring all of this material to the center, and I feel like they should get something back in return. I really feel like we should look this over a little more carefully and see if we can get these prices down a little lower."

Prices submitted to the council are: pallets, \$1 each; fresh wood, \$5 per cubic yard; firewood, \$25 per 1/4 cord, \$50 per 1/2 cord, and \$75 per full cord.

woodchips (grade one), \$15 per cubic yard; woodchips (grade two), \$10 per cubic yard; compost, \$20 per cubic yard; vermicompost, \$25 per cubic yard; used fencing, \$10 per cubic yard; and tree stumps, small \$1, medium \$2, and large \$3.

According to Solid Waste Superintendent Howard Snivers, Jr., the proposed fees are more than reasonable, and should help the city cut the amount of money lost each year

through the project.

"It's taken us more than two years to get enough material to actually offer this type of service," said Snivers. "We currently have firewood, wood chips, and other compost materials available to the people of Big Spring to purchase."

"We checked the prices at similar operations in Dallas, and as far as East Texas. After averaging what they sell their materials for, we cut that in half to get the list of fees we have submit-

ted to the council.

"These products are available to area residents at a greatly discounted price compared to prices all over the state. This money will help to rejuvenate the center, and cut down on lost funds."

Snivers said his office has received a lot of interest from residents of Big Spring on the material it sells, and the price list will give them a set guide to

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FCI

Dr. Payne set for challenge at federal unit

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

There's a new face at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), as Dr. Ralph J. Payne assumed duties as warden on Monday.

"The previous warden, Joe Aguirre, did a wonderful job in his time at this facility," said Payne. "I feel really confident coming in, and am looking forward to the challenge."

Payne's appointment as warden comes after the transfer of former Big Spring FCI Warden Joe Aguirre to the La Tuna facilities in Anthony.

Prior to his appointment to the Big Spring facility, Payne served as associate warden at the Carswell Federal Medical Center in Fort Worth, a major medical referral center for female inmates within the Bureau of Prisons.

"This is my first CEO position, and I am really looking forward to it," said Payne. "I've been with the Federal Bureau of Prisons almost 18 years now, and in the past have worked in the Federal Medical Centers as an associate warden. I'm really excited about being in Big Spring."

"The main thing here is that the previous warden ran the prison well," said Payne. "We will continue to work to provide a safe, secure, and humane environment for our inmates, and once that is attained, we will begin innovative programs to help these people become law abiding citizens and an integral member of society."

Payne has been with the Federal Bureau of Prisons since his appointment as a staff psychologist in 1981 at a FCI facility in Memphis, Tenn.

Payne subsequently served as chief psychologist at FCI institutions in Texarkana, as well as Morgantown, W.V., prior to being named as associate warden at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota, in 1989.

Following his tour at the Rochester facility, Payne was selected by the Bureau of Prisons to serve as deputy assistant director of the human resources management division in their central office located in Washington, D.C.

Payne received his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the

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PAYNE

OBITUARIES

Preston Hoy Ward

Service for Preston Hoy Ward, 77, Abilene, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Military graveside rites will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Ward died Tuesday, Nov. 10, in an Abilene hospital.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1921, in Stonewall County, and married Ida Mae Lane on March 9, 1978, in Old Mexico. He graduated from Swenson High School and attended Abilene Christian College for one year. He retired in 1963 after 22 years with the Air Force. He had lived in Big Spring from 1956 to 1992, at which time he moved to Abilene. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: his wife, Ida Mae Ward of Abilene; two daughters, Delores Carpenter of Big Spring, and Jayne Jones of Eastland; one son, Billy B. Cooke of Casper, Wyo.; six brothers, Lon Ward of Loveland, J.P. Ward of Camarillo, Calif., James Ward of Kamay, Dud Ward of Aspermont, Bob Ward of Abilene and Clifton Ward of Carrizozo, N.M.; two sisters, Nell Greene of Southlake, and Priss Springer of Abilene; seven grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

I.V. Holland

Graveside service for I.V. Holland, 77, Madill, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 1998, in the Oaklawn Cemetery, Sulphur, Okla., with Rev. Eric Dennis officiating.

Mrs. Holland died Monday, Nov. 9, in Madill, Okla. She married George J. Holland on Feb. 4, 1939, in DeQueen, Ark. He preceded her in death on July 6, 1985. She grew up in Idabel, Okla. She and her late husband moved to Big Spring in 1982.

Survivors include: three daughters, Helen Lollis of Kingston, Okla., Sue Emfinger of Lamesa, and Wanda Simmons of Tampa, Fla.; two sons, Haskell Holland of Del Rio, and Terrell Holland of Colleville; two brothers, Tilman Ingram of Mississippi, and James R. Ingram of Pasadena; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Clagg Funeral Home of Sulphur, Okla.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288
Estella Gonzales, 77, died Tuesday. Funeral mass was 11:00 AM, Thursday, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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& WELCH
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Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
Preston Hoy Ward, 77, died Tuesday. Services will be 10:30 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
O'Brien Bowlin, 71, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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O'Brien Bowlin

Service for O'Brien Bowlin, 71, Ackerly, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998, in a Lubbock hospital.

VETERAN

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close as I could get. We had skulls on our tent and our own jeep and our own truck, and an opportunity to have whatever weapons we wanted," Neathery said.

Often, those weapons were destroyed in battle. Neathery remembers creeping in the bush behind enemy lines with a sack full of hand grenades. He successfully eliminated enemy soldiers secured in mainline resistance positions.

He also remembers a friend he calls "Frenchie." Frenchie had a premonition of his own death, so Neathery placed his friend on a hill away from enemy fire. He found his friend dead, following a round of artillery.

"When I picked him up, he felt just like Jello. His shoes had been blown off his feet," Neathery said.

Stationed near Uijongbu, one fierce battle claimed the lives of most of the Raiders. Neathery remembers calling for medical evacuation, and was told the Raiders had been "wiped out."

"One month we went from 300 men to 38. That same month in T-Bone I was one of six who made it," he said.

In another battle, Neathery rescued wounded soldiers and placed them in a bomb crater. He said he removed his shirt and wore a Chinese helmet as he located and retrieved 16 men.

"A round went into the bomb crater and killed every one while I was out getting more. When I came back, they were all dead," Neathery said.

Sometimes, the dismembered remains of several soldiers were placed into one body bag, he said.

"The rats would eat on us as we slept, and the crows. And the smells, the smell of sulfur and the smell of death. Sometimes, when a man dies, the death rattle lasts for hours, and hours, and hours...but that's war," Neathery said.

Often he fought hand to hand, using trench tools (a small shovel), or carbine rifles with flares and large amounts of hand grenades. He and his fellow soldiers also set bear traps for their enemies.

Another near escape happened when Neathery topped a hill and saw an artillery round headed straight at him. He had just enough time to drop to the ground when the round whizzed over his head and exploded behind him, he said.

Neathery said his faith in God remained strong throughout his tour, and he knew somehow he would not be seriously injured or killed.

"I tried to do it like I do every thing else. I put it in the Lord's hands. I believed the Lord was with me and that I could do anything. I tried to help. I didn't hate the Chinese, but when you're fighting, you're fighting," he said.

Neathery, who received the Silver Star and Bronze Star for his courage in Korea, was also due to receive the Distinguished Service Cross. Somehow, the government paperwork was lost and he hasn't been awarded that honor.

"I received them for doing my job. I got the silver for holding my position in Baldy. When my weapons were destroyed, I fought with trench tools. The bronze was for direct fire, on that hill. I'm not really interested in getting medals," he said.

Neathery found himself leading his men on many occasions, as the highest ranking soldier following catastrophic battles.

"This was about the buddy system. A lot of times we didn't have officers, they were either dead or they just didn't replace them. I was a squad leader and my place was to keep the guys

alive. The Raiders wouldn't leave anyone behind. I was proud of what we were doing, and especially my fellow Raiders. We were real close," he said.

Neathery said learning who could be counted on to fight was always a challenge. In the face of death, fear became an enemy as well.

"About 25 percent of us would be fighting, the rest were in the hole praying to the Lord. There's a very thin line separating the hero from the coward. So many people didn't come back," he said.

Once, Neathery found a wounded soldier buried beneath debris following an artillery battle. He rescued the man, who went on to marry a nurse he met while convalescing.

"That shows me everything happens for a reason. There are three fellow soldiers who call me about once a month. And now the computer has opened a new door," he said.

The son of a captain found Neathery on the Internet. The man was seeking information about his father, and Neathery was able to tell him of the football games they played together.

"There were three of us grunts (the captain) really liked. He was killed on that hill near Uijongbu, and I couldn't find him, so he was listed missing in action. I was blessed with that relationship," Neathery said.

Following his discharge, Neathery worked as a scuba diver for the government recovering missiles off the west coast, he said.

Today, he is celebrating 30 years of marriage to Carol, and they have two living children and five grandchildren. He farms cotton and peanuts in Rochester in Haskell County, north of Abilene.

He said he enjoys hunting and fishing and searching for arrowheads. And he likes to play with his 12 dogs.

"I've been a fighter all my life. Now I'm fighting the drought and this liver transplant. I had a hard time coming to the VA hospital and I want to thank John Webb and Charles Pruitt and a man named Sutton for their help."

"I felt like I was blessed because I knew that line between aggression and cowardice. There was a brotherhood then and the feelings we had for one another I can never experience again. I feel like I am a part of America," Neathery said.

He war experiences are included in a book written by Capt. Al Chamberlin, a retired New York professor. In the book, "Circle of Courage," Chamberlin said Neathery is "one of the bravest and best soldiers I ever had the honor to serve with."

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go by. Snivers said the prices seemed very consumer "friendly," but Horton retorted.

"We try to be a little more friendly here in Big Spring," said Horton. "We really need to cut these prices more before we agree to them."

A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Tommy Tune, and seconded by Oscar Garcia. The motion was passed with five affirmatives, and one negative.

The ordinance will be presented to the council for final approval during the scheduled

**A BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN**

Dec. 8 meeting.

Area residents interested in touring the Compost Center facilities will be in luck Friday afternoon, as the city will be holding an open house to celebrate "Texas Recycles Day," coordinated by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

The facilities, located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, will begin its open house at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua presented the council with an update on the current situation with the city's recycling program.

"We have received a grant in the amount of \$21,300 for our solid waste recycling program," said Fuqua.

PAYNE

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University of Mississippi in 1997, and is married with three children, and one grandchild.

"We have heard a lot of really good things about Big Spring," said Payne. "I'm looking forward to not only getting to know the staff at the prison, but also getting to know the people of Big Spring."

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

*A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

*Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

*Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

*Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

*Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

*Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

*Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter will present an overview of Alzheimer's disease with a free dementia screening on Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Odessa Regional Hospital, 520 E. Sixth. For more information call 1-800-682-1174.

FRIDAY

*Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE A Christmas bazaar at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be Christmas items, decorations, handmade crafts and baked goods for sale.

COAHOMA COMMUNITY ARTS AND Crafts Show and Sale will be Nov. 14, at the Coahoma Community Center.

To reserve a booth and/or for more information, call Judy West at 394-4305. If no answer, leave a message.

UNDER THE BIG TOP, an old-fashioned carnival for the Hangar 25 project, will be get under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. There will be a flight simulator, plane rides, kiddie rides, a junk car smash, dunking booth, food booths and much more. Proceeds will be used toward the acquisition of planes to be displayed in the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, A program to help children age infant through teens, is asking your support to help kids in war-torn areas.

To help, get a shoebox and fill it with items appropriate for either an infant, child age 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. These would include blankets, diapers, clothing, toys, caps, gloves, flashlight, school supplies, toothpaste, etc.

In the top of the box, enclose a check or money order made payable to Samaritan's Purse for \$5 to cover overseas shipping charges.

Pick-up date for the boxes is Nov. 14 at Allan Johnson Furniture Company, 202 Scurry in Big Spring. For more information, contact Brenda Schwartz at (915) 397-2353.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be at the Coahoma Elementary School teacher's dining room on Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. give flu shots. The cost is \$5. If you are on Medicare, we will file.

MARKETS
Dec. cotton 66.90 cents, down 53 points; Dec. crude 13.73, up 18 points; Cash hogs steady at 20; cash steers steady at 63 cents even; Dec. lean hog futures 33.90, down 25 points; Dec. live cattle futures 63.42, down 30 points.
courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Other markets were unavailable by press time.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 67
Wednesday's low 48
Average high 67
Average low 39
Record high 82 in 1922
Record low 19 in 1950
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 0.96
Month's normal 0.13
Year to date 12.44
Normal for the year 17.04

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

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

POLICE

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

* **PAULA BAKER, 39**, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

* **EPIFANIO GUZMAN, 27**, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

* **DONALD YOUNG, 55**, was arrested for theft.

* **MICHAEL DAVIS, 37**, was arrested for theft.

* **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 400 block of Westover.

* **THEFT** in the 900 block of Willia, the 1600 block of Main, and the corner of 18th and Gregg.

* **ASSAULT** in the 1900 block of Johnson.

* **HINDERING APPREHENSION** in the 400 block of E. 4th.

FIRE/EMS

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

WEDNESDAY

8:32 a.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:33 a.m. - 1600 block MLK, medical call, patient transported to residence.

10:03 a.m. - 1600 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to Odessa Regional.

9:38 a.m. - 1600 block MLK, medical call, patient transported to St. Mary's in Lubbock.

1:17 p.m. - 1900 block Apron Dr., trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

3:32 p.m. - 1600 block MLK, medical call, patient transported to residence.

4:04 p.m. - 1600 block MLK, medical call, patient transported to residence.

4:50 p.m. - 1600 block MLK, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.

7:39 p.m. - 1600 block MLK, trauma call, patient transported to Midland.

9:16 p.m. - 1700 block Yale, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

8:31 a.m. - 1300 E Hwy 350, dumpster fire, extinguished.

2:30 p.m. - 1600 block MLK, structure fire, canceled en route.

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Report criticizes Justice Department probe

Subcommittee completes its study into border death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A congressional subcommittee is criticizing the Justice Department's handling of the investigation into the shooting death of a young West Texas goat herder by U.S. Marines.

The report on the Justice Department's investigation of the May 20, 1997, shooting death of Esequiel Hernandez Jr., 18, of Redford, was to be made public in Washington today.

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio and chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, said the Justice Department failed to do its job.

"The next step is for the Department of Justice to take some additional actions," Smith told the San Antonio Express-

News on Wednesday.

The report is being released after an 18-month investigation by the subcommittee. Smith declined to release details until today.

He told the newspaper no further congressional hearings are planned.

"We have done all we can," Smith said.

Hernandez family members were notified Wednesday that the congressional probe had ended.

Hernandez was shot by U.S. Marines on an anti-drug patrol along the Rio Grande.

Both state and federal grand juries declined to return any indictments against the four Marines who shot Hernandez while he was herding his family's goats. He died at the scene.

The Marines claimed Hernandez fired on the patrol, which was heavily camouflaged and hiding on a ridge on the outskirts of Redford, a rural

agricultural town in Texas' sparsely populated Big Bend region.

Hernandez carried a .22-caliber rifle, and a Marine investigation into the shooting concluded Cpl. Clemente Banuelos fired to protect the life of a member of his patrol.

The Marine report also cited a lack of training for troops involved in domestic operations and was critical of the poor radio communication between Immigration and Naturalization Service officials in Marfa and the patrol they were supervising 70 miles away on the border.

Banuelos has since been honorably discharged from the Marines.

The Navy Department, which oversees the Marines, agreed to a \$1.9 million, out-of-court settlement with the Hernandez family, which filed a wrongful death claim against the government.

"It was a tragic, tragic event," Navy Secretary John Dalton said. "My heart goes out to the family of that young man."

A Justice Department investigation following the shooting also cleared the Marine patrol of criminal wrongdoing.

Smith launched his subcommittee probe into the incident when federal agencies failed to turn over documents in the case.

The subcommittee investigation focus was on INS and Justice Department handling of the shooting, and not whether Marines were criminally negligent in the death, Smith said.

"We didn't want to second-guess the grand jury," he said.

Ex-cop, woman held in death of mother missing for 4 years

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A former South Texas police officer and a woman have been charged with slaying a woman who had been missing for nearly four years.

Roberto Guadalupe Briseno, the 44-year-old former Brownsville police officer, was held without bond at Cameron County Jail on the murder charge. He also was being held on unrelated federal charges of mail fraud.

Briseno, a 19-year veteran, handed in his resignation Wednesday, the Brownsville Herald reported.

Janet Lozano Ramirez, 28, was held in lieu of bond on the murder charge. The Brownsville woman was already jailed on two theft charges, including theft by check between \$20 and \$500, and for failure to appear.

Police said a skeleton found on June 4, 1995, in a wooded area north of the city with six bullet wounds in the skull has been positively identified as Laura Lugo, who had just won a custody battle before she disappeared on Dec. 21, 1994.

Ms. Lugo's disappearance came just 11 weeks after she was granted custody of the 2-year-old son she claimed was stolen from her at birth.

Seniors blast plan to test older drivers

AUSTIN (AP) — Some seniors want to slam the brakes on a plan to institute new driving exams for older Texans.

But a lawmaker says it's time for the state to give a green light to such a proposal because older drivers must prove they're roadworthy.

"We are not trying to penalize anybody," Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, told the Austin American-Statesman on Wednesday. "We are trying to make the roads safer."

Goolsby, 65, has filed a bill to order the Texas Department of Public Safety to come up with a method to ensure drivers 75 and older can "exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle of the type that the license authorizes the person to operate."

The idea threatens to collide head-on with some seniors' groups.

"The American Association of Retired Persons strongly disapproved of that legislation being filed," Candice Carter, an Austin lobbyist for the AARP. "It is discriminatory in all senses of the word."

Joel Coffman, 66, argued the state should not set an arbitrary age at which everyone would have to be tested.

"I'd like to see maybe a physician exam, and a doctor would say this guy doesn't have good eyesight or physical reflexes," said Coffman. "Then you would bring that to the DPS."

For 1996, the most recent complete data available, DPS statistics indicate no higher proportion of collisions involving

seniors.

Currently, several states require mandatory testing only for older drivers with physical conditions or who rack up a series of wrecks or tickets.

"Typically, older drivers are considered preferred drivers because they drive fewer miles, they drive when traffic is not quite as heavy and their driving record is usually very good," Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, told the newspaper.

He said his organization is neutral on the Goolsby bill.

"This would be helpful to everyone, because what it would do is eliminate those drivers who don't possess the skills" needed to drive, Johns said.

Infant organ recipient becomes donor himself

LANCASTER (AP) — A liver and bowel transplant extended 10-month-old Joey Bullock's life for a few months. But when he died last weekend, he passed on the gift of life and his heart to a 5-month-old girl in Washington.

Joey's doctors said this might be the first case of a pediatric transplant recipient becoming an organ donor.

"There have been other transplant patients who've become donors, but we don't know of any children," said Donna Kush-Stopak, spokeswoman for the Nebraska Health System University Hospital in Omaha, where Joey was a patient.

Officials for the United Network for Organ Sharing, based in Richmond, Va., told

The Dallas Morning News that it's rare even for an adult transplant patient to become a donor.

Joey's mother, Nikki Bullock, said her son was to be released today after recovering from his transplant. She said he was born with gastroschisis, a condition where the intestines are exposed because of a hole in the abdomen.

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| 64 | 9.6 | 13.3 | 38.5% |
| 60 | 13.3 | 17.9 | 34.6% |
| 55 | 9.8 | 13.1 | 33.7% |
| 68 | 14.3 | 18.4 | 28.7% |
| 50 | 10.8 | 13.9 | 28.7% |
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| 66 | 15.8 | 17.5 | 10.8% |
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OUR VIEWS

Let's support our ball teams as they head into playoffs

A new football season began this week for five of the Crossroads Country's eight high school teams, as they began making preparations for Friday night's bi-district football games.

While the regular season won't actually come to an end until the final horn of tomorrow night's District 7-1A Garden City-Wink matchup, most of the area's attention will be focused on Big Spring's Steers, Forsan's Buffaloes, Sands' Mustangs, Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes.

All five of those teams open bi-district play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, playing somewhat unfamiliar foes on neutral fields.

Two of those teams, Stanton and Borden County, opened the school year with virtually everyone predicting they'd reach the playoffs. They were, after all, defending state champions with a raft of returning starters.

But Big Spring, Sands and Forsan have been surprises.

Perhaps the biggest surprise came from Forsan's Buffs, who finished second in District 2-2A play and head into their first postseason game since 1986.

The Mustangs were also somewhat of a shocking District 7-1A champion, turning around a 0-2 start to go unbeaten in league play, including a 35-0 upset of Borden County.

Big Spring, which locked up a Class 4A, Division I playoff berth against Cleburne with a 10-0 upset of Sweetwater a week ago, will take on the Yellow Jackets at Brownwood's Gordon Wood Stadium.

Forsan returns to playoff action following a 12-year hiatus by facing No. 5-ranked Iraan's Braves at 7:30 p.m. on the turf at Monahans' Lobo Stadium.

Stanton, the No. 6-ranked team in Class 2A, begins defense of its state title with a 7:30 kickoff against District 4-4A runner-up Farwell's Steers, while Borden County opens its bid for a second straight championship facing District 7 six-man champ Wellman at Klondike. Sands will take on District 7 runner-up Meadow's Broncos at the same time in Loop.

For all five of those schools and their communities, this is an almost magical time — one in which all seem united in a common goal.

It's a time for not only the football teams to extend their life in an even brighter spotlight, but for bands, cheerleaders, pep squads and the like to enjoy the excitement.

As all five of these schools begin their forays into what can only be called the most enjoyable part of the season, we encourage the residents of all five communities to get behind these youngsters and lend them their unflagging support.

The Herald will have writers at all five playoff games tomorrow night and wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate the area teams on their accomplishment.

In addition, we wish them the best of luck and look to extended playoff runs for all five.

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Parties need to get educated on education

Dumping Newt Gingrich won't do much to reverse Republicans' failing electoral fortunes unless GOP members come up with a winning policy agenda for the 107th Congress, and so far they seem clueless on what that might be.



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Democrats, on the other hand, are focused and ready, thanks in part to a coherent, national campaign in which they promised to 'save' Social Security, restrict the way HMOs deliver health care and reduce class size in public schools. On this last issue, Republicans in Congress conceded defeat even before the election, approving \$1.2 billion in extra federal aid to hire 30,000 new elementary school teachers for the 1999 school year.

For years now, congressional Republicans have allowed Democrats to posture as the 'education party,' never making education issues a top priority even during the last four years, when the GOP finally took control of both houses of Congress. Part of the problem

for Republicans is their insistence that education is a local issue.

Philosophically, Republicans are more comfortable punting to local government on the tough issues like education standards and school curriculum. Meanwhile, Republicans have helped Democrats pump more and more federal dollars into an already bloated education bureaucracy. Next year, courtesy of the Republican-controlled Congress, the federal education budget will exceed \$38 billion. And what will those federal dollars buy? More votes for Democrat candidates from teacher union members -- and a second-rate education for American kids.

If the Republicans ever wanted to get serious about reforming education, next year would be the perfect opportunity. The landmark Elementary and Secondary Education Act comes up for re-authorization in the next Congress. This legislation was first passed in 1965 and was the camel's nose under the tent in the federal takeover of education. Instead of tinkering with the existing legislation, Republicans should come up with an entirely new formula that rewards success, encourages competition and rids school districts of incompetent teachers and administrators.

Republicans could start by scrapping the existing formula

for dispensing funds for disadvantaged students, the more than \$7 billion that goes to Title I programs. Under the current law, local school districts receive money based on how poorly students perform. According to the Department of Education, "the school must target Title I services to children who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards."

The idea behind the program was to concentrate limited funds where they were most needed. But like many well-intentioned liberal solutions, Title I actually rewards the very behavior it is attempting to change, in this case poor academic performance. Why not devise a new funding formula that rewards school districts which show improvement in student performance, allowing school districts themselves to experiment with how best to boost scores? The same rationale could be used to reward schools that successfully teach non-English-speaking children to speak, read and write English: The quicker the children learn the new language, the more money the school would receive.

Since 1965, the federal government has spent trillions of dollars on public elementary and secondary education, with little to show for its investment. In the 25 years between 1971 and 1996, reading scores

among 17-year-olds went up exactly 0.4 percent, while per-pupil expenditures on public elementary and secondary education almost doubled (in constant dollars). Meanwhile, American eighth- and 12th-grade students do worse in math than students from all the G-7 countries: Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. Any other enterprise that received such a poor a return on investment would be out of business long ago.

But if Republicans have failed to show leadership on education issues, it's the Democrats who have been the true cynics. Their only answer has been to pour more money into failing schools. The president's latest gambit -- a promised 100,000 new teachers paid for with federal dollars over the next seven years -- will have exactly zero impact in improving education. The only way those 100,000 new teachers could make a difference is if they replaced 100,000 incompetent and indifferent teachers now in the classroom.

A real debate over how best to improve public education could provide Republicans with a way to reach out to women and minority voters, who've shunned the GOP in every recent election. But first Republicans will have to offer more than tired platitudes about local control.



The new Dark Age of politics

As professional politicians say, all elections are local. It really is hard to draw any national meaning from the results.

Among the variables: the quality of the candidates in each race; how much money they have; how well they spend it; what the issues are in a particular race; what their positions are; how well or badly they are organized.

Nobody is going to vote for a senator or congressman he wouldn't otherwise vote for just to send a message that he doesn't like Bill Clinton -- or, for that matter, that he does like Clinton. Politics doesn't work that way. The notion that the popularity or unpopularity of one politician can be transferred to another is a myth. Outside of the blindly partisan, who would vote for a dead rat if it wore the right party label, most Americans vote for the person, not for the label, or on the basis of some special factional cause, such as abortion.

As much as political party

bosses like to read election results as a party victory, that is rarely the case anymore in America. The political parties are in decline. Candidates used to rely on the parties; today, the parties must rely on the candidates, as most have nonexistent organizations. Neither the Republican nor the Democratic Party stands for much of anything.

Some will say the election is a defeat of the Christian Right (have you ever wondered what happened to the Christian Left?). Anyone with eyes, though, knows that in the post-modern arena of America the lions have long outnumbered the Christians. Christians, once you weed out the phonies, are a shrinking minority in America.

If that were not so, Clinton wouldn't be so popular and the pornography, gambling and morally corrupt entertainment industries wouldn't be so profitable. I keep telling you, folks, you're in the new Dark Age. Just because there is a lot of light pollution and high-tech stuff doesn't change the facts. Rome was a high-tech society in its day. It was not the technology that went bad.

I voted in this past election, but then I tore up my voter registration card and tossed it. It's probably still a good idea to keep voting for the lesser of two evils, but for me personally, I'm taking a sabbatical from politics. I've voted for 40 years,

and things have only gotten worse.

It seems to me that our real problems are not political ones. Unless we can correct the damage done by public education and somehow educate children as to the history of their country, its political philosophy and its geography, then holding elections becomes a rather pointless exercise.

Nor is there much point to elections if people think that morality, fidelity, honor and truth-telling are unimportant. Many folks like to dismiss morality as superstition, but most moral codes are based on careful observation of human nature and human history. Morally corrupt societies collapse for the most pragmatic of reasons: They become dysfunctional. It's behavioral science, not superstition.

Mao Tse-tung, that champion Chinese mass murderer, once said of guerrilla warfare that the people are the sea and the guerrillas are the fish. That's true. Che Guevara, a leftist hero of the '60s set, got wasted in Bolivia because he didn't know that Bolivian Indians don't like foreigners even if they are Marxists.

The rule also applies to democratic societies. You are never going to get a government any better than the people.

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Vietnam veteran accidentally reunited with lieutenant who saved his life

WASHINGTON (AP) — For nearly 30 years, Donel Erickson searched for the young platoon leader who ran into the middle of a firefight, carried him out and saved his life.

On Wednesday, amid the Veterans Day crowds at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, he found him.

On June 9, 1969, 1st Lt. Stephen Maness, a platoon leader only three months in Vietnam, pulled squad Sgt. Erickson away from a skirmish after Erickson was shot through both legs.

"You never find out what happened to people," Maness, now 51, said Wednesday. "It was such a people mill. He was gone, and the next day someone came in and took his place."

Erickson said later that he had been trying since the war to track down his savior, but had mistakenly remembered his lieutenant's name as "Manning."

They might very well have missed each other at the Wall's Veterans Day ceremony, unaware they live only miles apart: Erickson in Washington, Maness in suburban Fairfax Station, Va.

Balmy weather and a clear blue sky prompted thousands to come to pay their respects and remember. The gathering, mostly men, held dozens of U.S. and brigade and company flags, including one representing the 196th Light Infantry Brigade — khaki, with a field of sky blue and a looped yellow rope with both ends aflame. It brought Maness and Erickson together.

Erickson, 52, was standing with other veterans of the 196th, talking about their war. "I come down here every year looking for my unit," said Erickson, who now works as an education specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In the space of 10 minutes, several other vets came by to shake hands and say they too were with the 196th.

One was Maness.

When he said he was with Erickson's unit, the 3rd Battalion of the 21st Infantry of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, the two looked each other over and then started asking questions: "Do you remember ..."

Suddenly, Erickson said, "I've got a picture of you," and the story unfolded: Their unit came under heavy fire in the mountains west of Tam Ky after helicoptering in to rescue a smaller reconnaissance unit. Erickson left a covered area to pick up a fallen comrade and was shot by a sniper. Maness, the platoon leader he barely knew, went in and carried him out.

"This guy, he saved my life," Erickson said. Moved by his words, Maness

said, "I remember. I carried you to the helicopter, to the dust-off. You were really in pain." "I had your blood all over me," Maness said. He never saw Erickson again, until Wednesday.

Erickson was flown to a hospital in Danang and almost lost a leg, saved by several operations.

Maness received the Silver Star for his bravery, for what his citation describes as "gallantry in action against an armed hostile force."

On Wednesday, they hugged, grasped hands and talked for more than 20 minutes, about officers they hated and friends killed in combat whose names are on the Memorial's wall. They exchanged telephone num-

bers. "I don't think too much about Vietnam, but when I meet these guys again ..." an emotional Maness said before leaving.

Hours later, reached by phone, Maness, who retired as a colonel in 1996 and now works for the Red Cross, said he'd already left a message for his new old friend.

"My memories have just been flooding back all day since I met him," Maness said. Before this, "I've had no one to talk to about it."

Erickson said that after Wednesday's chance meeting, he went out for beers with other veterans of the 196th, marveling at what happened.

"I can't believe I found my lieutenant," he said.

Former prisoner of war gets Navy Bronze Star half-century after war

EMORY, Texas (AP) — Half a century ago, Joe Sisk spent four years as a slave laborer in a Japanese prison camp. On Veteran's Day, the nation thanked him.

The 75-year-old Greenville man was presented with the Navy Bronze Star on Wednesday during a Veteran's Day ceremony at Rains High School. More than 500 people rose to their feet as U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall pinned the medal on Sisk's coat.

"The Bronze Star is a great honor, and I'm glad to receive

it, although it took 56 years for me to get it," Sisk said.

Sisk served aboard the USS Pope during World War II. On March 1, 1942, the ship was sunk, and surviving sailors were stranded in the water for 56 hours before they were discovered by a Japanese ship.

Sisk spent the next four years in a prison camp in Makasar, on the Indonesian island of Celebes. He and others were used as slave labor, building bomb shelters and airports, unloading ships and digging coal out of the ocean.

UT acquires art collection valued at \$35 million

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas is acquiring a one-of-a-kind collection of more than 700 European paintings and drawings valued at nearly \$35 million.

University president Larry R. Faulkner personally intervened to secure the Suida-Manning Collection for the school's Blanton Museum of Art.

"This is a great day in the cultural life of the university, the state of Texas and the art community," Faulkner said.

The acquisition was expected to be announced today.

The collection, assessed by Sotheby's auction house in New York at between \$30 and \$35 million, includes works from the Renaissance through the Rococo period and by Old Masters such as Rubens, Poussin, Lorrain and Correggio.

Works range from 14th-century Italian paintings to late 18th-century French drawings. Certain Baroque masterpieces, such as Giovanni Guercino's "Landscape with Tobias and the Angel," were actively sought by the nation's wealthiest museums.

"There is nothing like it in private hands," said George Wachter, Old Masters expert for Sotheby's. "There are several museums that will be upset that they won't get it."

Assembled in Italy by art historian William Suida, the collection later was expanded by his daughter, Bertina Suida Manning, and her husband, Robert Manning.

Born near Waco in the town of Mart, Robert Manning lived most of his life in New York and died in 1996.



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Specter says end impeachment probe; leader of inquiry says no

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reflecting Republican divisions, Sen. Arlen Specter suggested Wednesday that Congress halt the impeachment inquiry and leave President Clinton to the criminal justice system after his term ends. The leader of the inquiry rejected the idea.

Specter, of Pennsylvania, told reporters he has shared his idea with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and the likely House speaker in the next Congress, Bob Livingston of Louisiana. Both were non-

committal, Specter said, adding that he would discuss his idea with House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde.

Hyde said in Wheaton, Ill., that hearings scheduled for Nov. 19 would go on, as would subsequent committee deliberations on articles of impeachment.

"Senator Specter's always ahead of the curve. But he'll get his chance to express himself authoritatively, ultimately, I suspect," Hyde said.

Articles of impeachment, sim-

ilar to an indictment, would become a matter for the Senate and Specter if approved by the full House by majority vote. If the Senate conducts a trial, a two-thirds vote would be needed for conviction — unlikely with a 55-45 GOP majority.

The 21 Republicans on Hyde's committee are mostly staunch conservatives, who intensified attacks this week on those who believe that lying about a sexual affair — even under oath — does not merit impeachment.

"I think we have a constitutional duty to perform under

the law and the Constitution, and we're going to perform it. I don't know how it's going to come out. I haven't counted noses, I can't predict the end result, but I will predict we will press forward and do our duty," Hyde said in response to Specter's idea.

Specter — a former prosecutor — said some Republicans were "searching for a way out" of an unpopular impeachment effort but acknowledged his idea "is going to take some ... digestion." The dialogue must begin now, Specter said, because the

Senate won't convict Clinton. "I am suggesting holding the president accountable through the criminal process, after his term of office expires, where he could be subject to prosecution for perjury, obstruction of justice and face the distinct possibility of a jail sentence, as contrasted with the impeachment proceedings, which I believe will come to naught," Specter told a news conference.

Specter said any possibility of a criminal conviction "would really evaporate if the House does not return articles but considers it, or if the Senate were to find the president not guilty." The Democrats picked up five House seats in the Nov. 3 election, and some analysts believe that signaled voter discontent with the inquiry. The election results led to a House leadership shakeup.

Monsanto Co. plans to eliminate up to 2,500 jobs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Monsanto Co., intent on becoming a leaner power in the seed and drug industries, is eliminating as many as 2,500 jobs and shedding some nonessential businesses.

The agricultural and pharmaceutical products company said Wednesday that it wants to reduce costs and raise \$5 billion to fund acquisitions and the development of new products.

Monsanto, based in St. Louis,

began looking for ways to shore up its balance sheet after calling off a \$33.6 billion merger with American Home Products Corp., and posting a \$100 million third-quarter loss.

Analysts said they had been looking for the company to make some bold moves after the merger fell through last month.

"These are the growing pains associated with going it alone," said Tom Brakel, a pharmaceu-

tical analyst with Mehta Partners, investment research firm in New York.

Monsanto chairman and chief executive Robert B. Shapiro said the company planned to concentrate on its core businesses — agricultural and pharmaceutical products — and to divest itself of non-core assets in the coming year.

The company said it plans to raise \$4 billion through stock

and bond sales. It expects to raise another \$1 billion by selling some of its businesses.

Between 700 and 1,000 jobs, some of them at the executive level, will be eliminated by the beginning of 1999, Monsanto said.

"Another 1,300 to 1,500 job reductions will come from businesses it will sell. The company has 28,000 employees world-

Veterans Administration study: Raising level of 'good' cholesterol can save lives

DALLAS (AP) — Millions of Americans who have lowered their levels of so-called bad cholesterol might benefit from increasing their levels of the good kind, a study says.

In a Veterans Administration study released Wednesday, doctors found that the generic medicine gemfibrozil slightly increases good cholesterol levels, lowering the risk of a heart attack or death from heart disease by 22 percent.

"It works. It's cheap. It's well-tolerated," said Dr. Hanna Rubins, who directed the study at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Doctors often recommend cholesterol-lowering drugs for people whose so-called bad cholesterol, or LDL, is off the charts. However, about one-quarter of all people with heart disease have ordinary amounts of LDL, while their HDL, or good cholesterol, is low. The stuff that keeps arteries clean — is low.

The study used a drug called Lipid, known generically as gemfibrozil. This medicine has been overtaken in recent years by a newer class of medicines, called statins, that are available only in more expensive brand-name versions.

The study was presented at a meeting in Dallas of the American Heart Association, along with another report showing that unusually aggressive treatment with one of the statin drugs can forestall the need for angioplasty.

The statins typically cost \$900 to \$1,800 a year. In her study, Rubins said gemfibrozil cost the VA \$48 per patient annually, although the typical drugstore cost is likely to be several times higher.

In the study, 1,269 men were randomly assigned to take gemfibrozil, while 267 others got placebos. At the start, average LDL levels were an unremarkable 111, while HDL was 31.5 —

well below the healthy level of 45 or higher.

The treatment raised HDL just two points, while LDL was unchanged.

Nevertheless, after five years, 17 percent of patients taking gemfibrozil had died or suffered heart attacks, compared with 21 percent in the comparison study.

Side effects of gemfibrozil can include intestinal upset and gallstones. Statins are easier to take, but they have not been specifically studied in heart patients with normal LDL and low HDL.

Some heart specialists said they doubt that gemfibrozil will gain on the statins, even though it is cheaper.

"We've got to get the LDL down, the lower the better," said Dr. Gerald Fletcher of Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. "A statin shouldn't be the emphasis on LDL. All of my patients are on statins."

Brothers charged in 1974 slaying of former Denison chief of police

TYLER (AP) — More than two decades after robbing and killing a former Denison police chief, Tyler police finally arrested and charged two brothers with the 24-year-old crime.

Kenneth Brent Barton of Frankston and Clifton Bryant Barton of Plano were picked up at their homes before dawn Wednesday on warrants related to the slaying of Louis J. Carlat, who once received a "Top Cop" award from President Nixon.

"I don't suspect anyone they knew had any idea they'd be charged with this," Tyler Police Chief Bill Young told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Police allege that the brothers stalked Carlat and his wife, Virginia, with plans to rob them. Carlat operated an upscale gun and jewelry dealership in his home in south Tyler, and did business only by appointment.

On the afternoon of Dec. 22, 1974, two men waited until they knew Mrs. Carlat was away before they approached the home. According to the affidavit, Carlat was expecting a visit from a woman who planned to purchase a ring.

When the woman left, she noticed two men outside the house but thought nothing was suspicious. Then she heard the next day that Carlat had been slain.

Investigators said Kenneth, 44, fatally stabbed Carlat with a letter opener while Clifton, 42, assisted in the botched plot to rob the victim of guns and jewelry.

According to the affidavit, Mrs. Carlat arrived home earlier than expected and found rifles stacked on blankets in the den.

"She realized something was wrong and went to a next-door neighbor for help," the affidavit said. "She came back into the residence with neighbors who found Mr. Carlat's body under blankets in the kitchen."

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Computer link allows parents to play 'Big Brother'

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Parents of Gettysburg College students don't have to wonder what their sons and daughters are doing on campus — they can log onto the Internet and find out.

Through a link on the college's Web site, parents can access their child's transcript, telephone bills and even bookstore purchases. The experimental program began about two weeks ago.

Administrators say the idea is to assure parents that their children, attending from across the nation and around the world, are being taken care of well.

"I want to be involved, without being intrusive," said David Frohlich, whose son, Michael, is a political science major at the private liberal arts college.

The only caveat — parents can't see anything unless their children agree to it first.

"They're not snooping," said Andrew McGrath, 20, a computer science major from Hockessin, Del. "I can block anything I don't want them to see."

So far, 140 of Gettysburg's 2,100 students have given their parents permission to peek into their personal lives.

"There was a moment of hesitation but with a little rational thought, it's not a big issue," said Michael Frohlich, 18, of Rochester, N.Y.

Eric Dixon, whose mother logs on to the college's Web site from her home in Chicago, agreed.

"There's nothing to hide from her," Dixon said. "I think she has access to bills, my grades — those are things she should know anyway."

Besides, he said with a shrug, "she's paying the bills." Gettysburg's College

Navigation project was created last year to give students a clearer picture of what is available on campus, such as course offerings, faculty, services and events. It also collects other data about students, including vital statistics, interests, schedules, finances and transcripts.

The college soon discovered "parents kept breaking into our system because kids kept giving parents their password," said Mike Martys, a computer services administrator who manages the project. "So we decided to give (parents) access," he said.

National groups that keep track of the use of technology on college campuses say Gettysburg's attempts to give parents online access to student records is novel.

Lysbeth Bainbridge, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Postsecondary

Electronic Standards Council, said a lot of campuses are using computers to give students access to data. She said she was unaware of any other colleges or universities allowing parental access.

"This seems, to me, just another step to that," said Ms. Bainbridge, whose group promotes standards in the trading of data electronically on college campuses.

Federal law states that students' records belong to the students. Students may share their records with whomever they wish.

Since parents often are the ones paying the bills, many feel they are entitled to know how their money is being spent and sometimes their children dislike revealing that information, officials said.

School administrators say they realize that by letting parents access their children's personal data they may be paving the way for a lot of friction, but administrators say the benefits far outweigh the risks.

Anti-hate group filters hate sites on Internet

BOSTON (AP) — The Internet has been a boon to hate groups. Log on and you can find hundreds of Web sites that promote white supremacy, deny the Holocaust and promulgate prejudice. Fearing that children were particularly vulnerable targets for hatemongers, the Anti-Defamation League unveiled a new software program Wednesday designed to help parents filter bigotry out of their computers.

While there are dozens of other Internet blockers available, "HateFilter" does more than just restrict access to a bigoted site. It steers the user to the ADL's own home page, which tries to counter the messages of hate.

In the past, hate groups would get their messages out with pamphlets distributed on street corners. These days, "they can reach millions and millions of people quickly, easily and very inexpensively," said Howard Berkowitz, national chairman of the ADL, which is holding its annual meeting in Boston this week.

The software, which can be purchased for about \$30 a year, filters specific Web sites rather than weeding out material using certain key words.

For example, if the ADL tried to block hate groups using the word "Nazi," it would end up barring historical information about the Holocaust.

The ADL plans to update the software weekly to block access to new Web pages or old ones that change their addresses. Some fear that filters can weed out too much information and set dangerous precedents for defining objectionable material.

"This is necessarily subjective," said David L. Sobel, general counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You feel changes in the wind, so you start taking actions that you had postponed. Your high energy impresses others and gets the ball rolling at work. Be gentle with a partner, especially if you want him to meet you halfway. Take time with a co-worker. Tonight: Relax.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your imagination goes haywire, and you come up with unusual solutions. What seems too good to happen can now occur. It is a definite possibility. Become goal-oriented. Make time for meetings, brainstorming and clearing your desk. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A career opportunity drops into your lap. How can you refuse? Listen to a family member whose ideas could improve your home life. Be willing to take home some extra work. You could get more done and free up additional time. Tonight: Happy at home.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach for the stars. Erase the word "no" from your vocabulary. Nothing is impossible. Get away from rigid thinking, be willing to pull apart preconceived notions and look at new ideas. A child or loved one clearly adores you. Tonight: At a favorite spot.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) No sign knows how to enjoy more than yours. There is no time like the present to let go. A partner or money arrangement finally comes through for you. Your high energy helps a

new venture that will affect you financially and emotionally. Tonight: In the moment.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You beam in what you want. Others are happy to go along with your creative ideas. Strike while the iron is hot. You have the energy and charm to make events happen. Understanding marks your conversations. People gravitate toward you. Tonight: Make it easy.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Right now, your best move is to say little and enjoy what is happening. Your humor remains high as you gather information. A present or card you choose will be perfect. Trust your taste and judgment. A bonus or pay raise becomes possible. Tonight: Add more mystery to your life.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't hesitate to zero in on what you want, personally or professionally. You are on the winning path; nothing can stop you. Expansion and opportunity drop into your lap. Someone you meet today could be a long-term influence in your life. Tonight: Love happens.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Opportunity strikes. It is worth it to hang out and resolve a problem. A domestic matter can now work itself out.

You get more of what you want. Intuition works with a boss. Appeal to his professional side. Show your willingness to work hard. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Reach out for others, and take an unusual risk. Your willingness to break patterns and get past limitations translates into success. A friendship could develop into more. Network, expand your circle, touch base with others. Tonight: Where the gang is.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) One-to-one relating brings many promises. Ask for that pay raise or bonus. Others see your work favorably. Be willing to put in that extra effort. Examine what you want. Defer to someone who has a lot to share. Togetherness builds. Tonight: Dinner for two!****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Let others seek you out. There is only good news from someone who is at a distance. Celebrate, let go and be more open. Someone comes off as combative, but he is only trying to get your attention. Listen more. A trip proves to be more than you thought. Tonight: Say "yes!"****

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School uniforms can send message about standards

QUESTION: How do you feel about children wearing uniforms to school? How about schools having other dress codes and clothing requirements?



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: I rather like the idea of school uniforms, because it solves the problem of competition between the haves and have-nots. It also eliminates the provocative clothing that some kids like to wear. But there is a larger issue here. I think that is extremely important for children to be taught adherence to standards that relate to discipline and self-control. In the 1960s, the courts began ruling against educators' efforts to govern hair length, suggestive messages on T-shirts and other aspects of personal appearance. While these fashion statements were not terribly important in themselves, the impact of the judicial rulings was significant.

It is a mistake to shield children from reasonable rules -- to place no demands on their behavior. How inaccurate is the belief that self-control is maximized in an environment that places no obligations on children. How foolish is the assumption that self-discipline is a product of self-indulgence. Reasonable standards of conduct are an important part of an educational system. School uniforms might be a part of such standards.

QUESTION: You described the "trapped" feeling that causes some people to withdraw from their spouses. I think that applies to my wife, who has been strangely distant from me in recent years. Can you tell me more about what such a person might be thinking?

DR. DOBSON: The feeling of entrapment begins with disrespect for a partner. For example, a man may think these kinds of thoughts about his wife: "Look at Joan. She used to be rather pretty. Now with those 15 extra pounds, she doesn't even attract me anymore. Her lack of discipline bothers me in other areas, too -- the house is always in a mess and she seems totally disorganized. I made an enormous mistake back there in my youth when I decided to marry her. Now I have to spend the rest of my

life -- can you believe it? all the years I have left -- tied up with someone I'm not interested in. Oh, I know Joanie is a good woman and I wouldn't hurt her for anything, but man! Is this what they call living?"

Or Joanie may be doing some thinking of her own: "Michael, Michael, how different you are than I first thought you to be. You seemed so exciting and energetic in those early days. How did you get to be such a bore? You work far too much and are so tired when you come home. I can't even get you to talk to me, much less sweep me into ecstasy."

"Look at him, sleeping on the couch with his mouth hanging open. I wish his hair wasn't falling out. Am I really going to invest my entire lifetime in this aging man? Our friends don't respect him anymore, and he hasn't received a promotion at the plant for more than five years. He's going nowhere and he's taking me with him!"

If Joanie and Michael are both thinking these entrapment thoughts, it is obvious that their future together is in serious jeopardy. But the typical situation is unilateral, as in your marriage. One partner begins to chafe at the bit without revealing to the other how his or her attitude has changed. A reasonably compassionate person simply does not disclose these disturbing rumblings to someone who loves him or her. Instead, a person's behavior begins to evolve in inexplicable ways.

He may increase the frequency of his evening business meetings -- anything to be away from home more often. He may become irritable or "deep in thought" or otherwise noncommunicative. He may retreat into televised sports or fishing trips or poker with the boys. He may provoke continuous fights over insignificant issues. And, of course, he may move out or find someone younger to play with. A woman who feels trapped will reveal her disenchantment in similar indirect ways.

To summarize, the trapped feeling is a consequence of two factors: disrespect for the spouse and wishing for an excuse to get away.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

Students feeling the strain of 'heavy' academic loads

ATLANTA (AP) — With a 20-pound backpack strapped to her back, 9-year-old Shana Berkeley looks as if she could be toppled by a gust of wind.

She insists she needs all that "stuff" in the pack, but it's so heavy, she frequently can't lift it.

So sometimes she just rolls her stuff. Shana is like many students who are lugging their increasingly heavy loads in luggage carts or bookbags with built-in wheels, which are the latest twists in school gear because they help some 50-pound pupils handle loads half their weight.

It may look cute, but pediatricians say it's a serious matter -- schoolchildren should not haul more than 10 percent to 20 percent of their own body weight.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates more than 3,300 children aged 5 to 14 were treated in emergency rooms last year for injuries related to bookbags.

"It typically puts them off balance and gives them a posture that promotes low back pain," said Dr. Wayne Yankus of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on School Health. "A lot of kids don't suffer it immediately, but

over the long run they might."

The risk of spinal damage became such a concern two years ago in Bangkok, Thailand, that the education ministry imposed weight limits on bookbags. The ministry found that almost half of primary school pupils were found to be carrying bags weighing more than 6 pounds.

There are no such weight limits at Centennial Place Elementary School in Atlanta, where many of the youngsters rely on wheels to transport all the textbooks and school supplies needed to get through the day.

"I have my notebook and my math book and my spelling list and my pencils and my, and my, um, permission slip and my clothes," says 9-year-old Jasmine Dobbs, rattling off the contents of her red, yellow and blue mini-suitcase that weighs at least 15 pounds.

Many pediatricians say the main problem is not the weight of the bookbags, but how the children carry them.

Some youngsters wear backpacks too low on their backs or sling only one strap across a shoulder. Physicians recommend both straps should be worn so that the backpack is close to the body and its

weight is distributed evenly across the back and shoulders.

Reasons for the growing trend of overpacked sacks range from mere fashion to tougher academic regimens. And in some schools, the pupils don't have lockers or don't have time between classes to get to lockers.

In addition to getting a lot of homework, many children head to after-school programs and need their books to study and a pair of extra clothes to play in, said Centennial principal Cynthia Kuhlman.

"The bags are getting bigger everywhere. We just have them on wheels," she said.

Heather Paul, executive director of the National Safe Kids campaign, said many pupils just keep adding books to the sacks without taking out items they really don't need.

"It would probably also be safe to say the taste and the status that comes with the pack is driving them to carry more of a load," she said. "Small children want to act like big kids, so acting like a big kid means carrying a bigger backpack and more books."

READ ALL ABOUT IT

This column is based on an AP story that was for use on Oct. 14.

Jupiter's Moon Puts on a Show

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Io may be only a moon of Jupiter, but it puts on a planet-size energy show, with more than 30 volcanoes spewing lava, fountains that spray streams of blue and a dynamo that generates more electricity than all U.S. power plants combined.

New photos from the Galileo satellite show lava glowing in red pools, scattered like an angry rash across the face of Io. Electricity sets gases aglow, and, in black space around the moon, there is an arc of light generated by power surges of more than 400,000 volts.

Tidal forces from Jupiter twist and contort little Io, creating frictional heat that erupts in at least 32 volcanoes, said Paul Geissler of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

There is enough lava flowing every year on Io, said Geissler, to cover the entire surface almost a half inch deep. For this reason, the little moon is the only major body known in the solar system to have no evidence of asteroid craters. The lava erases impact marks, he said.

Pillion, a major Io volcano, spews lava that is about 2,600 degrees F., hundreds of degrees hotter than volcanoes now active on Earth, said Geissler.

As it orbits Jupiter, Io intersects powerful magnetic field lines from the giant planet and acts like an enormous electrical generator.

The power causes Io to glow when it is in the shadow of Jupiter and pictures from Galileo show the moon with a glimmering halo.

Near the surface, the combination of electricity and gases from the volcanoes creates an even more unusual sight, said

Geissler. Sulfur dioxide venting from the volcanoes is energized by the charged particles from the electrical fields. The gas then glows in a brilliant blue.

Io also has fields of red and green, generated when charged particles energize molecules of oxygen and hydrogen and other gases.

"This light show has been going on for a billion years," said Geissler, "and this is the first time it has ever been seen."

Galileo, in orbit of Jupiter and its moons for 2 years, will continue to take photos of the planet and its satellites for at least another year.

Io is 2,236 miles in diameter, slightly larger than the Earth's moon. Io is one of four Jovian moons discovered by Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei, one of the first astronomers to study the heavens with a telescope.

Jupiter's other major moons are Ganymede, Europa and Callisto. Jupiter has at least a dozen smaller moons.

Use the information from the story to answer the following true and false questions:

1. Photographs taken by the Galileo spacecraft show that Jupiter's moon Io is aglow with colorful light.
2. More than 30 volcanoes have been discovered on the small moon.
3. Lava from Pillion, one of Io's volcanoes, is 2,600 degrees F (Fahrenheit) hotter than lava found on Earth.
4. No asteroid craters (holes) can be seen on the little sphere because flowing lava continues to cover its surface.
5. Electricity is produced when Io crosses the magnetic field lines of its mother planet.

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Educator of the Week

Educator name: Mary Cain

Position/school name: Third grade teacher at Marcy

Years teaching or in education field: 16 years

Unique talents/methods you bring to the job: My kids are always asking me if I ever sit still so I guess I really try to keep my class active and motivated throughout the day.

Why I became a teacher/educator: I became a teacher because I wanted the challenge to help children learn to read, write and know about the exciting new world around us.

Special hobbies, interests: Yard work, softball, reading. I'm always involved with what my children are active in.

Family information: My husband works at the Federal Prison. I have a son, Chance, in the fifth grade at Marcy, and a daughter, Bridget, in high school.

Most gratifying experience with young people: Seeing them excited about learning something new or realizing that something that they thought was hard is really easy.

If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: The pay and paper work required by the state.

Educator of the week is a random drawing from those questionnaires already received.



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ODDS-N-ENDS

FAIRMOUNT, Del. (AP) — The folks in Delaware take their pumpkin smashing seriously.

The annual Punkin' Chunkin' contests were held over the weekend, with a group from Morton, Ill., using a huge air cannon to fire a surplus pumpkin a record 4,026 feet. The Aludium Q36 Pumpkin Modulator — inspired by the Martian character in Bugs Bunny cartoons — easily won the pneumatic category Sunday. There are also human-powered and centrifugal entries.

The field included an all-women team called "Bad Hair Day," with a machine powered by two septic tank compressor trucks. Another entry, built by a University of Massachusetts engineering student, used liquid nitrogen and boiling water. "I retrofitted it to come down here," said Randy Kezar, 23, who had built the cannon to shoot honeydew.

Another team featured a 20-year-old welder who worked up a sweat riding a bike attached to a compressor. His pumpkin flew 782 feet.

The local favorites this year were a team led by Trey Nelson, who founded the event as a barroom bet in 1985. His camouflage-painted, compressed air cannon, "Universal Soldier" won last year's pneumatic category with a toss of 3,718 feet. It placed third this year.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Thanks, Scott Klug, for four terms as a Wisconsin congressman. Now hit the road.

Aides are hearing from people who really, really want Klug's office in the Rayburn Building in Washington, D.C. And they'd like it by Dec. 15. House officials in charge of office assignments want the office so that it can be filled by someone advancing in seniority.

Klug, a former television reporter, was elected to the House in 1990 from south-central Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District. He chose this year not to seek reelection.

If he complies, the Republican from Madison may have a problem fulfilling his duties until his term expires Jan. 6.

"I guess I'll be working out of one of the phone booths on the first floor," Klug joked last week.

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — Skiing takes practice. For fledgling skiers, so does that last-second slide just before sitting down on the chairlift.

Breckenridge has come up with a solution to that sometimes treacherous moment: a conveyor belt.

The "Magic Carpet" has replaced the traditional snow-covered ramp leading to the loading zone of the Beaver Run Superchair. The manufacturer also offers the "Launch Pad" belt that brings skiers all the way to the lift.

Conveyor belts are used at resorts around the nation, but generally to get kids and other beginners back up the bunny slopes. Resort spokesperson Jim Felton said the goal is to boost lift efficiency.

Lift operators told people to simply slide onto the conveyor belt and let it take them to the ready position. Reviews were mixed.

U.S. kids spending more time working and less time playing

DETROIT (AP) — Between longer school hours, after-school sports and more time hitting the books, life for American kids is more work and less play, a study released Monday found.

Children's free time — the hours left after eating, personal care, sleeping or attending school — is declining. In 1981, it accounted for 40 percent of their day; in 1997, children spent 30 percent of their day playing.

"Major changes have taken place in how children spend their time," said study author Sandra L. Hoeffler, a sociologist at the University of Michigan Institute for Social

Research. "Taken together, these data show how children's lives are being affected by the family time crunch."

Preschool, homework and day care take an increasing chunk of children's time.

School time has increased in all age groups, but especially for children under 3. In 1981, they spent an average of 11.5 hours weekly in day care or preschool. In 1997, they spent 20 hours there.

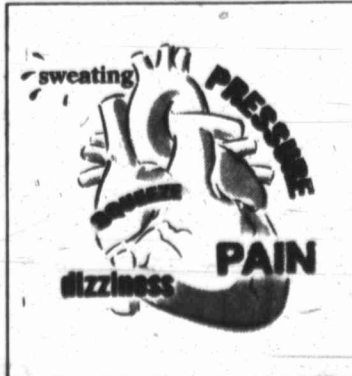
Carol Seefeldt, a specialist in early child education at the University of Maryland, said preschool, ballet, sports and other activities are fine as long as children also have time to See KIDS, Page 9A

HEALTH TIPS

Heart attack warning signals:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of chest lasting more than a few minutes.
- Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck or arms.
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

Not all of these signs occur in every attack. If some occur, GET HELP FAST!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UNDER THE BIG TOP, an old-fashioned carnival for the Hangar 25 project, will be get under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. There will be a flight simulator, plane rides, kiddie rides, a junk car smash, dunking booth, food booths and much more. Proceeds will be used toward the acquisition of planes to be displayed in the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

THE LAST WORD

I rather like the world. The flesh is pleasing and the Devil does not trouble me. **Elbert Hubbard**

The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend. **Robertson Davies**

The eyes indicate the antiquity of the soul. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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small moon exactly 2 years to orbit Jupiter.

7. When sulfur dioxide is energized, it appears bright blue.

8. Scientists are hoping to find ways for U.S. power plants to make use of Io's 400,000 volts of electricity.

9. The brilliant light show was first seen hundreds of years ago by the astronomer Galileo Galilei.

10. Io has been glowing for a billion years.

BONUS: It is likely that soon you will be able to travel to Jupiter in order to get a closer look at its glimmering moon.

MOON MATCH-UP: Jupiter and Earth aren't the only planets that have satellites. Listed below are the names of five moons that orbit the planets Mars, Neptune, Pluto, Saturn and Uranus. Use an encyclopedia to help you match each moon with its mother planet. Are there any planets in our solar system with no moons at all?

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Answer Key: 1)T; 2)T; 3)F; 4)T; 5)T; 6)F; 7)T; 8)F; 9)F; 10)T; Bonus)F.

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play.

"Some of those activities are cute and fun if they are done well, but it's still too structured if you want independent thinkers. And that's what we as a society want in a democracy," she said.

The importance of play should not be underestimated — it helps kids learn and develop social and mental skills, she said.

"If you really want the best for your kids, you'll make sure they have safe places to play independent of adults," she said.

The Michigan researchers asked parents of 3,585 American children under 13 to keep a diary logging every minute of their time during a weekday and a weekend day. Parents, care givers, teachers and children were also interviewed.

The study found that kids watch 90 minutes of television on an average weekday, or one-quarter of their free time. In 1981, they spent two hours in front of the set.

EKGs unnecessary for many Ritalin users

DALLAS (AP) — Doctors should keep watch on the hearts of children taking behavior-altering drugs like Ritalin if they or their families are prone to palpitations or fainting, but electrocardiograms for many others aren't necessary, the American Heart Association said Monday.

The question of heart monitoring arose after several children taking psychotropic drugs died suddenly in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Doctors have since noticed that the number of EKGs being ordered by child psychiatrists was increasing dramatically, said Dr. Dianne Atkins.

The committee concluded after examining studies and the seven deaths that EKGs should be done before and during use of two groups of drugs: tricyclic antidepressants and phenothiazines, which treat psychoses.

Those drugs can affect so-called long QT syndrome, a condition in which the heart muscle has difficulty recharging after it beats. The syndrome can be congenital or acquired by patients through heart surgery or drug treatment.

Methylphenidate, a stimulant commonly called Ritalin, and fluoxetine, or Prozac, require no specific cardiovascular monitoring under the guidelines, by a cardiologist before starting.

Ritalin is often prescribed for children with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. One study found that some 1.5 million young people ages 5 through 18, or 2.8 percent of the nation's school-age children, take the drug.

School-choice plan left intact in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Advocates of school choice across the country were watching closely when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to tinker with the use of tax dollars in sending Wisconsin children to religious and private schools.

Gail Beanland paid close attention, too. Because taxpayers are chipping in for tuition at her son's Catholic school, she can afford his science lab fees and books.

Divorced and unable to work after a job injury, Mrs. Beanland relied on Social Security checks and help from relatives to pay Walter's tuition the past three years.

"It allows me to do a whole lot more for him," she said. "I went without a lot so he could get what he needed."

Until this week, parents like Mrs. Beanland were unsure whether Milwaukee's school choice program would survive a court challenge. The program allows up to 15,000 youngsters from poor Milwaukee families to obtain up to \$5,000 in taxpayer money for tuition at private and religious schools.

The Supreme Court eased their worries Monday by deciding, on an 8-1 vote, not to take up a legal challenge of the 8-year-old program.

Opponents challenged it after the Wisconsin Legislature in 1995 expanded it to include religious schools, not just private, non-sectarian ones.

The opponents contend the measure violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

Although the court's inaction leaves the program intact, it does not set a national precedent. Legal fights over tuition vouchers are under way in Arizona,

Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

The ruling "provides somewhat of a guidepost for state legislators across the country to adopt similar programs," said Pete Hutchison of the Landmark Legal Foundation, which represented low-income families in the lawsuit.

Some opponents point to a 1973 Supreme Court decision that struck down a school voucher program because public money was used to "subsidize and advance the religious mission of sectarian schools."

Until that case is overturned, "it remains unconstitutional to use public money for religious school vouchers," said Elliot Minberg, legal director of the People for the American Way Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that opposed the Milwaukee program.

The National School Boards Association d supported the challenge, saying "proponents of vouchers are asking us to abandon the public schools."

There are now about 6,100 children in Wisconsin's choice program. With each student went a little less than \$5,000 in taxpayer funds, or a total of about \$29 million.

Before the system, Kate Helsper and her husband worked overtime and extra jobs to put all six children through the St. Josaphat Basilica grade school.

Mrs. Helsper said it's been a blessing to have her youngest two sons attend the Roman Catholic school through the program, for their upbringing and the family's finances.

"It was a gift," she said.

Anna Sui causes excitement during Fashion Week in New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — Everyone check your attitude at the door. Designer Anna Sui is in the house, and she's rockin'.

Sui brought a burst of energy to Fashion Week, which was missing the excitement of Betsey Johnson (she showed her spring '99 collection in London); Isaac Mizrahi, who recently closed his fashion business; and Todd Oldham, who is concentrating on his jeanswear.

Bill Blass, Ralph Lauren and Geoffrey Beene delivered. So did Michael Kors and Marc Jacobs, just back from the European shows.

Where was the fun? Remember last spring, when Johnson cartwheeled down the runway at the end of her show?

Sui rocked the house with "Baby's on Fire" pounding through the tents at Bryant Park. Her show attracted rockers, street kids and fashionistas. Spectators were dressed in always-chic black. But they

were also dressed in sleeveless T-shirts and denim, and lavishly embroidered coats, as worn by designer Vivienne Tam, who showed her collection in September.

Supermodel Naomi Campbell opened the show in ultra-short embroidered denim shorts and blue crochet feather halter. The shorts were cut way-up-to-there — and then some. Karen Elson closed it, wearing silver-studded ultra-short shorts and a beaded halter top, her hair dyed a brilliant faux red.

In between, a gaggle of gorgeous supermodels strode forcefully down the runway in embroidered jackets, ponchos and peasant shirts; wide-legged rapper pants and tight denim jeans; a sequined bolero jacket with beaded fringe shorts; and a purple iridescent foil jacket and bra with black chiffon sequined pants.

Sui caught the glam rock fever from Todd Haynes' new

film, "Velvet Goldmine," which recalled the '70s British rock era. Toni Collette, one of the stars of the film, was spotted headed backstage after the show.

The following evening, London-based designer Julien MacDonald created his own stir with designs that left nothing to the imagination. Black light, a DJ and glow-in-the-dark jewelry helped create the atmosphere.

Metallurgical was the theme. Among his designs: a tiny gold tinsel bikini; a sleeveless top decorated with shards of wood, paired with a micro-mini knit skirt; a dress made of neon light tubing; another dress fashioned with gigantic sequins.

Could anyone wear these clothes?

MacDonald, dressed in flowing black robes, said backstage that he didn't expect anyone to wear the designs. The show, he said, was for fun and atmosphere.

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IN BRIEF

Little Super Bowls slated for Saturday afternoon

The Howard County Little League Football program will hold its championship and consolation games Saturday afternoon at Coahoma's Bulldog Stadium.

Consolation games begin at noon with the Division I game pitting the Lions and Panthers. At 2 p.m., the Division II game will see the Cowboys taking on Coahoma.

The Division I "Little Super Bowl" will begin at 4 p.m. with the Steers taking on Forsan's Buffaloes.

The day's finale will see the Longhorns and Packers squaring off in the Division II "Little Super Bowl" game.

Admission to the games will be \$1 per person and concessions will be available.

All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the program.

Community pep rally, caravan scheduled

A community pep rally for fans of Big Spring's Steers, who face Cleburne's Yellow Jackets at 7:30 p.m. Friday in a Class 4A, Division bi-district playoff game at Brownwood's Gordon Wood Stadium.

Pep rally organizers say they also plan to have a caravan to the playoff game.

Those interested in participating in the caravan are encouraged to be at the parking lot adjacent to Blankenship Field on the high school campus prior to leaving at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

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-graders.

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 offer 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.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Georgia Tech Yellowjackets at Clemson Tiger, ESPN, Ch. 30

Lady Raiders gunning for another Big 12 championship

LUBBOCK (AP) — With an array of deadly shooters and a powerful post player, No. 14 Texas Tech is aiming for another Big 12 title this season.

But the ambitions don't stop there. No one on the team is coy about the feeling that Tech is overdue for a trip to the Final Four. The Lady Raiders haven't been there since a 1993 national championship.

"I don't think we've changed the fact that we want to go to the Final Four," said senior guard Rene Hanebutt. "Coming in here as a freshman, I expected to go to three or four of them."

The Lady Raiders also feel slighted by their No. 14 ranking.

"I think we're better than that and it's going to be up to us to prove where we should be ranked," Hanebutt said. "We're probably a better team than we were this time last year."

The only one who seems hesitant about the Lady Raiders' chances is head coach Marsha Sharp, who has led the team to seven Sweet Sixteen appearances.

Sharp said that when it comes to post-season play, the most important factor is mental toughness, and this team might not yet have it.

"The truth is a lot of the success depends on how well they react to certain situations and how quickly they learn," Sharp said. "I've had teams that maybe weren't the most talented but developed a mental toughness that took them far. We'll have to see if this team will develop that toughness."

Sharp also said much of the offense will rely on the success of senior post Angie Braziel, who averaged 14 points and 6.5 rebounds last season. She also led the conference with 53 blocks.

"We all know we have more to do this season," Braziel said. "My role is to be a leader, come out and play hard and make sure we hold things up down low."

The Lady Raiders will also look to capitalize on their perimeter shooting by running a three-guard offense for most of the season, Sharp said.

"We're very athletic and very fast," Sharp said. "We're going to use that and try to get a lot of open looks."

Last year, Tech's guards scorched several Big 12 teams on the way to the league title. Hanebutt and starting guard Julie Lake averaged 10 points. Lake shot 43 percent from 3-point range.

"We may not be quite as strong as everybody else but we can shoot the ball better than a lot of people," Hanebutt said.

But the team is also concerned about being overmatched by larger Big 12

teams. All three starting guards are under 6 feet.

Sharp said that when the chips are down, she will rotate in post Aleah Johnson to help out on defense if necessary.

"I will probably get Aleah in there if I feel we're giving up too much size," Sharp said. One of the good things about this team is that we can give people a lot of looks. Even though Aleah (6-1) is taller, she is still incredibly fast and can get open quick."

Johnson is replacing star Alicia Thompson, who averaged 24 points and now plays for the WNBA New York Liberty. She is a transfer from South Plains College and averaged 24 points last season.

Braziel said that with Thompson gone, members of the team are going to have to help fill the void.

Butler praises Steer turnaround

Cleburne shocked by Steers posting Sweetwater upset

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Just how big a surprise is it that Big Spring's Steers are headed for their second straight appearance in the Class 4A, Division I playoffs with a 7:30 p.m. bi-district duel with Cleburne's Yellow Jackets?

Perhaps the best barometer would be Cleburne coach Dennis Parker's decision not to send scouts to last week's Big Spring-Sweetwater game.

Parker was so sure Big Spring had no chance of upsetting Sweetwater that he only sent scouts to last week's Andrews-Fort Stockton game, convinced that Andrews would be District 5-4A's representative in the so-called "big school" playoff division.

As a result, Parker and his staff have spent much of this week scrambling for films of the Steers' games and contacting coaches who've faced Big Spring this season in hopes of learning what to expect once they step onto the turf at Brownwood's Gordon Wood Stadium on Friday night.

Obviously, nobody could be happier with the Steers' surprise qualification for post-season play than Big Spring coach Dwight Butler.

After getting off to a 1-4 start in pre-district play, Butler and his staff went back to the drawing board and totally revamped the Steers' defense — abandoning the 4-3 attacking alignment they'd opened the season with and installed a version of the 5-0 defense.

Then, going into last week's date with Sweetwater, they again made wholesale changes, returning to and overload 4-3 scheme the Steers employed in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

What's more, on offense, Big Spring was continually a work in progress — particularly up front.

"It took some drastic measures and our kids responded like we hoped they would," Butler said in looking back on the Steers' 4-6 regular season campaign, one that saw seven of Big Spring's opponents qualify for the playoffs. "These kids are just full of surprises. They had plenty of reasons to just quit ... roll over and play dead, but they didn't."

"It's a great compliment to these kids that they're where they are," Butler added. "This is probably the most surprising



Big Spring defensive end Chauncey Ford (88) sheds the block of Sweetwater tight end Jared Shelton (42) during the second quarter of the Steers' 10-0 win over the Mustangs. Big Spring's defense, which limited Sweetwater to just 120 yards of total offense and never let the Mustangs inside the 40-yard line, will be tested by a high-powered Cleburne offense at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownwood's Gordon Wood Stadium.

group I've ever been around. They just refused to let people tell them they weren't any good.

"Now, they played some games where they weren't very good, but they just kept hanging in there ... just kept working," he continued. "They knew they had to elevate the level of their game."

The key to that resilience, Butler says, was the leadership provided by the team's small contingent of seniors.

"Once they got through all the garbage ... all the frustration," he explained, "they said to themselves, 'We've got to go in another direction,' and embraced the challenge."

"That has to come from your seniors," Butler noted. "They were the ones that can remember what it was like three years ago when we went through a nightmare of a season and compare that to the success we had last year."

The result has been a team that has at times put as many nine sophomores on the field in some games has continued to

get better. Foremost of those underclassmen, of course, is tailback Colby Ford who finished the regular season with 1,540 rushing yards.

But in the final analysis, Big Spring extended its season primarily on the shoulders of a defense that a week ago allowed Sweetwater less than 150 yards of total offense and never allowed the Mustangs inside their own 40-yard line.

And it is that defense, one that's made wholesale changes twice this season, that Parker and the Cleburne staff will know the least about at kickoff time on Friday.

"That's the price you pay when you underestimate people," Butler said earlier this week, finding it impossible to suppress a smile. "We had a little bit of an advantage last week. We knew who we'd be playing if we got into the playoffs, so we knew who we needed to scout."

And that scouting report indicated the Yellow Jackets are an impressive opponent.

"Believe me, this is a very good football team," Butler said of the Yellow Jackets, who like the Steers, were the third-place team in District 6-4A. "They're loaded with good athletes, they do lots of things, but primarily they don't make many mistakes that will hurt them."

"We're going to be playing a team that's coming out of a district with Brownwood and Stephenville," Butler added. "Both of those teams are ranked in the top 10 and Cleburne was ahead of both of them in the fourth quarter when they played them. Of course, our district wasn't chopped liver, either."

"The key will be their defense," he concluded. "They're very good defensively ... very active. In fact, every game we've looked at, their defense has scored at least once in every one of them."

"There's no question that we're facing a big challenge, but that's something our kids are used to ... been doing that all year. We'll just have to see what happens."

Herm, McCook finalists for award

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Stanton's Kyle Herm and Borden County's Colt McCook have been named as finalists for the Texas Football Magazine/Fox Sports Southwest Player of the Year Awards in the Class 2A and six-man divisions.

The two senior quarterbacks lead their teams into the playoffs this week in hopes of repeating their state championship performances of a year ago.

Herm, a two-way, second-team all-state performer a year ago, has guided the Buffs to a 9-1 record this season. In the process, he's completed 59 of 95 passes for 1,113 yards and 16 touchdowns, while giving up just three interceptions.

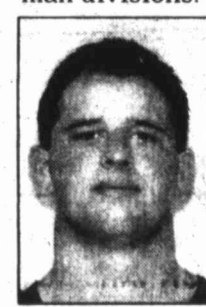
His rushing stats are also impressive, having carried the ball 50 times for 421 yards and eight touchdowns. In addition, he has returned 12 punts, averaging 35.8 yards per return, and brought four of them back for touchdowns.

The Buffs open defense of their state title with a bi-district game against Farwell in Denver City on Friday.

Herm headlines the list of 2A finalists that also includes offensive tackle Derek Long of Celina, running back Bruce Galbert of Riesel, nose guard Melvin McGary of Omaha Paul Hewitt and quarterback Kenny Whittenbug of Winters.

"Kyle's big-play ability is key, but he's such a smart athlete," Stanton coach Mark Cotton said of his star quarterback. "In our offense, he may audible 20 times a game, which is quite a bit for a 2A offense. I feel I'm taking something away from our team if I don't let him do that."

"Every time he steps on the field he expects perfection," See AWARDS, page 4B



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Cowboys say they understand weight of Cardinals game

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys know what's at stake Sunday in Arizona: win and virtually lock up the NFC East title; lose and they're tied for the division lead.

If the Cowboys (6-3) beat the Cardinals (5-4), they'll hold a two-game lead with six to play. Arizona actually would need to be three games better than Dallas the rest of the way to win the NFC East because the Cowboys would have the edge in all tiebreakers.

"This is a great chance for us to create separation in our division race," defensive tackle Chad Hennings said Wednesday.

A loss wouldn't devastate Dallas' playoff chance, but it would break up a lot of momentum.

The Cowboys are seeking their first three-game winning streak since 1996, and a victory would be their fifth in six weeks. That would put them closer to the big streak coach Chan Gailey repeatedly says a team must have in order to be championship material.

"This is the biggest challenge we've had this year," Gailey said. "No doubt about it."

The Cowboys beat the Cardinals 38-10 in the season opener, extending their dominance in the series to 15 victories in 16 meetings. The lone Arizona victory in that span came the last time the teams met in Sun Devil Stadium, when the Cardinals rallied from a 22-7 deficit to win 25-22 in overtime. Some fans celebrated by tearing down the goal posts,

something usually seen at college games. "It was a big win for them," safety Darren Woodson said. "And a hard loss for us."

"That is a motivation for us," Hennings said. "We realize we can't let that happen again. When we have opportunities, we've got to take advantage of them."

The desert has been the site of close games in this series since the Cardinals moved there in 1988. Of the 10 games in Sun Devil Stadium, eight have been decided by eight points or less.

Another interesting aspect of Cowboys-Cardinals games in Arizona has been the crowd. There's always been more than 64,000 fans, but the majority usually root for Dallas.

"It's almost like a home-field advantage," Hennings said.

The Cowboys could be in for a shock this time, though, because the Cardinals are having their best season since 1988, when they opened the year 7-4.

"This week, I expect a lot more red and white and very little blue," said running back Emmitt Smith.

This will be the Cowboys' third straight game against a division foe since their bye week. They won the first two over Philadelphia and New York, upping their record against East teams to 5-0. A victory over Arizona could pave the way to the first perfect record in division history as Dallas' remaining games are against the Eagles and Redskins, which have one win each.

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Cardinals could have second-stringer at key offensive line position

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The often-maligned Arizona Cardinals' offensive line was just making some headway. Now the Cardinals may have to face Dallas without right guard Lester Holmes, one of the best blockers on the unit.

Holmes, who has played with a sore right ankle most of the season, turned his left ankle in Arizona's 29-27 win over the Washington Redskins on Sunday. The victory lifted the Cardinals (5-4) above .500 for the first time since 1994 and set up a crucial game for NFC East leadership with the Cowboys (6-3).

Not only do the Cardinals have the Cowboys coming to town, which means a rare sell-out of 73,000-seat Sun Devil Stadium, but they are coming off the line's best performance of the season.

Arizona rushed for 187 yards against the Redskins, with Matt Joyce playing most of the game after Holmes sprained his ankle.

The Redskins have the NFL's 28th-ranked rushing defense, but the big game elated players on a unit that gave up 78 sacks last season, averaged 78.4 yards

on the ground and cleared the way for only 45 yards in a 38-10 season-opening loss at Dallas.

"It's the same thing we've been dealing with all season long," left tackle Lomas Brown said. "If you think about it, (left guard Chris) Dishman missed a lot of games, and (rookie tackle) Anthony Clement has been on the shelf pretty much the whole season. Now with Lester hurting himself we've kind of been playing musical guards."

Coach Vince Tobin listed Holmes, who didn't practice Wednesday, as questionable but then said he was counting on the former Philadelphia and Oakland star to be ready for the Cowboys.

If not, Joyce, who spent the 1994 season on the Cowboys' practice squad, will get the nod. Jerome Daniels, a fourth-round draft pick, will back him up.

"Matt did play the lion's share of the game last week, and I would anticipate he would start if Lester couldn't," Tobin said.

Both young players are bigger than Holmes. But the nagging question remains whether they have the skills to keep Leon Lett and Chad Hennings off Jake Plummer.

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Real heart of Vols' team is middle linebacker Al Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Watching Tennessee middle linebacker Al Wilson play football is like watching a car with no brakes: It goes until it hits something.

"I'm just happy to be playing with him," Vols defensive back Steve Johnson said. "He's definitely the kind of guy I want on my side, the kind of player everybody wants on a football team."

Tennessee has surprised many in college football by claiming the nation's No. 1 ranking. They've done it with a little luck, consistent play and a one-for-all attitude.

And the guy in the middle of things is Wilson. He's at the heart of the defense by virtue of where he lines up. He's the heart of the team by virtue of who he is.

Alabama-Birmingham coach Watson Brown got a first-hand look at Wilson last week.

"He said he was the most incredible football player he'd ever seen," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "He said he would give anything just to have that kind of leadership, let alone that kind of player. I think that says volumes about Al."

Since giving up 841 yards and 50 points in the first two games to Syracuse and Florida, the Vols have tightened up, yielding an average of 10.7 points a game.

The mainstay is the 6-foot, 226-pound Wilson, a semifinal-

ist for the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker.

He's second on the team in tackles despite missing one game, and leads in big plays with 15. In September he helped negate Florida's strong offensive showing by causing three of their four fumbles, earning SEC defensive player of the week honors.

He sat out the Auburn game after partially separating his right shoulder in October, but returned to play with the same fierce enthusiasm despite the pain. He may need surgery after the season.

"Al's very intelligent, and he's a very humble individual," defensive coordinator John Chavis said. "He's not going to tell you how good he is, he's going to go out and show you. Playing football means a lot to him. He has a passion for the game, a hunger. All those intangibles are there. Combine that with his physical gifts and you have something special."

Wilson also has earned the admiration of his Tennessee teammates.

"Al's a leader on and off the field," Johnson said. "He's very intense. If you're not doing what he thinks you need to be doing, he'll tell you about it. I respect a guy like that."

Johnson tells of watching film of the UAB game when cornerback Dwayne Goodrich admitted he was trying to make a tackle with one eye on the runner and one on the lookout for

Wilson, due any second from the inside.

"It's very scary," Johnson said. "Everybody's watching for Al out there. He's a very hard hitter."

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VA COUPLES
WEEK 18
RESULTS: Team three over Team four 6-2, team nine over Team ten 8-0, Team one over Team two 5-0, Team six over Team seven 4-4, Team eight tied Team seven 4-4; hi sc team game Team six 1934, Team seven 1844, Team nine 1833; hi sc team game Team six 667, Team seven 662, Team eight 641; hi sc series men Junior Barber 571, Ron Coatsy 560, Rick Hill 552; hi sc game men Ron Coatsy 224, Rick Hill 206, Junior Barber 206; hi sc series women Brenda McGrath 487, Irene Yanez 487, Carolyn Coatsy 452; hi sc game women Irene Yanez 220, Brenda McGrath 196, Vicki Evans 170; hi hdp team series Team six 2306, Team one 2296, Team seven 2294; hi hdp team game Team five 812, Team seven 812, Team one 810; hi hdp series men Jeremy Samora 648, Rick Hill 630, Ron Coatsy 623; hi hdp game men Ron Coatsy 245, Jeremy Samora 239, Rick Hill 234; hi hdp series women Brenda McGrath 628, Irene Yanez 608, Vicki Evans 578; hi hdp game women Irene Yanez 267, Brenda McGrath 243, Alma Yanez 222.
STANDINGS: Team six 54-26, Team one 50-30, Team two 48-32, Team eight 48-32, Team nine 47-33, Team four 44-36, Team three 42-38, Team four 40-44, Team five 25-55, Team ten 0-80.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

WEEK 9
RESULTS: Los Guys over Top Dogs 6-2, Allans Furniture over Scatch 6-2, Tejano Bad Boys over Wolfpack 8-0, Eye Ball Records over The Pimps 6-2, Chain Gang tied Monostat 5-4-4; hi sc series Tony Saldana 643, John Oliva 583, Simon Saldana 578; hi sc game Arthur Juarez Jr. 236, Tony Saldana 234, Simon Saldana 221; hi sc team series Tejano Bad Boys 2709, Los Guys 2641, Top Dogs 2445; hi sc team game Los Guys 958, Tejano Bad Boys 923, Tejano Bad Boys 899; hi hdp series Arthur Juarez Jr. 718, Tony Saldana 685, Paul Johnson 663; hi hdp game Arthur Juarez Jr. 287, Paul Johnson 253, Simon Saldana 248; hi hdp team series Tejano Bad Boys 3132, Los Guys 3061, Chain Gang 2849; hi hdp team game Los Guys 1098, Tejano Bad Boys 1064, Wolfpack 1040.
STANDINGS: Allans Furniture 46-26, Top Dogs 46-26, Los Guys 44-28, The Pimps 42-30, Scatch 39-33, Tejano Bad Boys 38-34, Eye Ball Records 34-38, Chain Gang 26-46, Wolfpack 23-49, Monostat 5-22-50.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired RHP Bob Wolcott from the Arizona Diamondbacks for a player to be named.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Traded of Mike Cameron to the Cincinnati Reds for 1B Paul Konerko.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Sent LHP John Smiley outright to Buffalo of the International League.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Dean Palmer on a five-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Re-signed RHP David Cone to a one-year contract. Named Stump Merrill special assistant to the general manager and assistant to the director of player development and Trey Hillman manager. Rick Tomlin pitching coach and Bill Robertson hitting coach of Columbus of the International League.
NATIONAL League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with LHP Greg Swindell on a three-year contract and 1B Greg Colbrunn on a two-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Traded OF/INF Bobby Bonilla to the New York Mets for RHP Mel Rojas. Named Rick Stofield minor-league fielding coordinator, Joe Vavra minor-league base-running coordinator, Mickey Hatcher Triple-A hitting coach, and Joe Bohringer administrative assistant of minor-league operations.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball League
ABL—Announced Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company has exercised its option to purchase team operating rights of the New England Blizzard.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Miami | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 165 | 123 |
| N.Y. Jets | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 220 | 151 |
| Buffalo | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 200 | 196 |
| New England | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 201 | 179 |
| Indianapolis | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 | 142 | 241 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Dallas | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 224 | 121 |
| Arizona | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 154 | 197 |
| N.Y. Giants | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 166 | 189 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 7 | 0 | .222 | 89 | 205 |
| Washington | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 | 141 | 270 |

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta 41, New England 10
Jacksonville 24, Cincinnati 11
Philadelphia 10, Detroit 9
Miami 27, Indianapolis 14
Minnesota 31, New Orleans 24
Dallas 16, New York Giants 6
Baltimore 13, Oakland 10
Green Bay 27, Chicago 12
Philadelphia at Washington, 12:01 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 12:01 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 12:01 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 12:01 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 12:01 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 12:01 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Green Bay at New York Giants, 3:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 3:15 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 16
Cincinnati at Minnesota, 12:01 p.m.
Miami at Carolina, 12:01 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 12:01 p.m.
New York Jets at Indianapolis, 12:01 p.m.
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Chicago at Detroit, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 16
Denver at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.

Finals, 11 a.m. Saturday

CLASS 3A
Region I
Fessler (26-7) vs. Hutto (29-6), 6 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University.
Holiday (21-10) vs. Blanco (21-7), 8 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University. Finals, 12:00 noon Saturday.
CLASS 3A
Region I
Wink (29-4) vs. Water Valley (13-14), 5:45 p.m. Friday at Monterey High School (Lubbock).
Grandfalls-Royalty (14-12) vs. Bronte (16-6), 8:15 p.m. Friday at Monterey High School (Lubbock).
Finals, 1 p.m. Saturday.

NHL

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey 3, Montreal 0
Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Detroit 5, St. Louis 2
Toronto 3, Edmonton 2
Anaheim 5, Carolina 4, OT
Phoenix 2, Dallas 0
Today's Games
Buffalo at Washington, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Carolina at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

WPHSL

Wednesday's Games
Lake Charles 6, Arkansas 4
San Angelo 5, Odessa 3
Amarillo 5, New Mexico 2
Today's Games
Amarillo at Abilene
El Paso at Odessa
Central Texas at Corpus Christi
Lake Charles at Shreveport
Alexandria at Tulepe
Friday's Games
New Mexico at El Paso
Alexandria at Monroe
Abilene at Odessa
Amarillo at San Angelo
Fort Worth at Arkansas
Waco at Austin
Corpus Christi at Central Texas

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Class 4A DIVISION I
Region I
El Paso Valeta (7-3) vs. Canutillo (6-4), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Hutchens Stadium, El Paso.
Hereford (8-2) vs. Plainview (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gordon Wood Stadium, Brownwood.
Rider (2-8) vs. Weatherford (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls.
Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio.
Los Frescos (9-2) at Alice (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday.
Class 2A DIVISION II
Region I
Irma (10-0) vs. Foran (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lobo Stadium, Mesquite.
Seagraves (9-1) vs. Sundown (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownfield.
Spearmint (10-0) vs. Wellington (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Canyon High School.
New Deal (9-1) vs. Anson (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Big Spring.
Eldorado (4-6) vs. Van Horn (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fort Stockton.
Farwell (9-1) vs. Stanton (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denver City.
Amarillo Highland Park (8-2) vs. Sunray (4-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo.
Albany (10-0) vs. Idaho (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater.
Six Man Region II
Groom (10-0) vs. McLean (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clarendon.
Whitharral (9-1) vs. Rule (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Crosbyton.
Wellman-Union (7-3) vs. Gall Borden County (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hockley.
Grandfalls Royalty (9-1), bye.
Sammontwood (6-4) vs. Miami (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lefors.
Rochester (8-2) vs. Amherst (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Crosbyton.
Ackley Sands (5-5) vs. Meadow (6-

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Traded D Jeff Norton to the San Jose Sharks for LW Alex Hicks and a 1999 fifth-round draft pick.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Sent G Jamie Storr to Long Beach of the IHL on a rehabilitation assignment.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned D Jeff Finley to Hartford of the AHL.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned D Andy Sutton and D Andrei Zyuzin to Kentucky of the AHL. Recalled C Jarrod Skalde from Kentucky.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned C Matt Cooke to Syracuse of the AHL. Loaned LW Bert Robertson to Syracuse of the AHL.

COLLEGE

DELAWARE—Named Sean Kearney men's associate basketball coach.

UHL VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 3A
Region I
El Paso Eastwood (38-1) vs. Leander (30-9), 6 p.m. Friday at McMurray University.
Amarillo (35-0) vs. Temple (23-6), 8 p.m. Friday at McMurray University.
Finals, 11 a.m. Saturday.
Region I
Dumas (29-9) vs. Hereford (31-5), 7 p.m. Friday at Amarillo Caprock.
CLASS 3A
Region I
Lamesa (23-6) vs. Clifton (22-8), 4:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock-Monterey High School.
Perryton (25-12) vs. West (23-5), 7 p.m. Friday at Lubbock-Monterey.

Mo leaving Boston, Cone stays with Yanks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mo Vaughn's decision to leave the Boston Red Sox overshadowed a big day in baseball that saw Bobby Bonilla return to the New York Mets, David Cone stay with the Yankees and Dean Palmer become Detroit's biggest free-agent addition in years.

Vaughn, the 1995 American League MVP, was given a take-it-or-leave-it offer Wednesday night by Boston general manager Dan Duquette, and the slugger first baseman vowed to play elsewhere next season.

"They made a last and final offer. It was submitted to Mo earlier this evening. He did not accept it," said Vaughn's agent, Tom Reich. "Duquette declared the negotiations over."

Vaughn, the centerpiece of Boston's lineup, rejected a \$37.5 million, four-year deal earlier this year. The Red Sox made a five-year offer worth about \$60 million, but he already has a \$72 million, six-year proposal from the Anaheim Angels.

"Who knows if I would have accepted any contract? But sometimes people don't see eye to eye," he told ESPN. "It's time

to move on. Best of luck to the Boston Red Sox."

Cone agreed to stay with the New York Yankees, getting an \$8 million, one-year contract, \$2.5 million more than the player option he was set to reject.

In the other big news, Los Angeles sent Bonilla to the Mets along with \$1 million for reliever Mel Rojas, and Palmer agreed to a \$36 million, five-year contract with the Tigers.

Also, Arizona picked up two free agents, agreeing to a \$5.7 million, three-year contract with left-hander Greg Swindell and a \$1.8 million, two-year deal with first baseman Greg Colbrunn. And the Yankees and Darryl Strawberry agreed to extend the deadline for a decision on his \$2.5 million option to Nov. 20.

In minor moves, Boston acquired right-hander Bob Wolcott from the Arizona Diamondbacks for a player to be named and the Chicago White Sox sent outfielder Mike Cameron to the Cincinnati Reds for first baseman Paul Konerko.

Vaughn's departure from Boston leaves a gaping hole in the Red Sox lineup, one that

could be filled by Albert Belle. The surly outfielder could have an interesting time, where fans and media put players under what might be the most intense microscope in baseball.

Duquette said he wasn't concerned with Belle's anti-media stance, saying fan reaction "would be fantastic" if Belle hit 50 homers and drove in 130 runs for Boston.

"He's very professional and he's a very tenacious competitor," Duquette said.

Bonilla, largely a bust during 3 seasons with the Mets before they exiled him to Baltimore, was sure to be exiled from Los Angeles once the Dodgers hired Davey Johnson as manager. Bonilla and Johnson clashed when they were Baltimore.

"I think Bobby Bonilla's a guy who comes with some risk who also comes with a lot of reward," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "We certainly hope he is able to play in the outfield. The risk is whether he catches the ball when it comes down. We believe his determination and athleticism is going to allow him to get in the shape he needs to be in."

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Dierker is NL manager of year

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry Dierker thought he had the kind of team that wins awards for its manager. The Houston Astros were good, but not good enough to raise expectations too high.

Dierker, who led the Astros to the NL Central championship for the second straight year with a club-record 102 victories, won the NL Manager of the Year award Wednesday.

"I thought we had a good club, maybe better than some realized," Dierker said. "I considered it (the manager award) might be possible because the guy that gets it is the one that outperforms expectations."

"I think of Bobby Cox and Davey Johnson with their tremendous winning percentages and they don't get manager

of the year votes. I realized that having a good club can work against you."

Dierker received 16 first-place votes, six seconds and four thirds to earn 102 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"Given the controversy that surrounded his hiring two years ago, it is especially gratifying what he has accomplished in such a short period of time," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

Dierker was a longtime Astros broadcaster when the Astros went against tradition and named him manager in October 1996 after firing Terry Collins. The Astros went 10 years without a division title before Dierker took them to the 1997 title.

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Hunter says owners sitting on next proposal; NBA denies claim

NEW YORK (AP) — Are NBA owners sitting on a new proposal while the season waits away? The union says yes; the owners say no.

"(Commissioner David Stern) has indicated that he does have another proposal. When he puts it out there remains to be seen," union director Billy Hunter said Wednesday after his negotiating committee and several team player representatives met for about 5 hours to discuss the lockout.

"We have no idea what he's talking about," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said in response.

"The sides in the 134-day-old lockout are barely talking to each other, yet they're still bickering.

Their dispute over the phantom proposal is the latest development in the costliest and most damaging labor dispute in NBA history.

"I think the commissioner wants to wait and see what effect, if any, the efforts of the

general managers, owners and coaches have on our players before the owners are prepared to come back to the table," Hunter said. "I think what (Stern) wants to do is sweat our players a little more and see whether there's any inclination on our part to want to submit."

There have been no discussions since talks broke off last Friday, and the season cannot begin until mid-December at the earliest.

If another three weeks go by without an agreement, the season probably won't start until 1999.

No new negotiations are scheduled, although Hunter said he would call Stern on Wednesday night or today to gauge whether the sides want to sit down at the negotiating table again.

Hunter also revealed that Michael Jordan's next basketball could be played during the first weekend of December in

an exhibition game that would be held in Las Vegas to raise funds for the union.

"Whether or not (Jordan) will play won't be known until the last moment. If he doesn't play, he'll coach. But he'll be physically present," Hunter said.

Agents David Falk, Arn Tellem and Eric Fleisher are trying to organize the game, which Hunter said might be a matchup between two of the three Dream Teams that competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics and the 1994 World Championships.

But it would be impossible to put the original Dream Team back together since Magic Johnson and Larry Bird are now part of management — Johnson as a part owner of the Lakers and Bird as the coach of the Indiana Pacers. Also, Christian Laettner ruptured his Achilles' tendon last summer and could not play, and Clyde Drexler will be busy coaching

the University of Houston basketball team.

Hunter said the Showtime cable network has expressed interest in televising the game. A spokeswoman for Showtime had no comment.

Discussions focused mainly on where the sides stand.

The sides have already discussed the framework for a deal in which a "luxury tax" might be imposed for two or three years on owners who sign players to lucrative contracts. After that, an "escrow tax" could be withheld from players' paychecks to ensure that the percentage of revenues devoted to salaries drops to an agreed-upon level.

Rather than having a luxury tax, owners want a maximum salary of about \$8 million to \$12 million. The luxury tax proposed by the players could have the same effect, limiting annual salaries to no more than \$15 million without a penalty being

imposed.

Under the union's proposal, if the luxury tax failed to retard salary growth, most players would have 10 percent of their salary withheld from their paychecks. That money would be returned to the owners if the targeted percentage was exceeded.

The sides also are far apart on what percentage of revenues devoted to salaries would trigger the imposition of the escrow plan. The owners want the plan to go into effect if the percentage is not reduced from its current 57 percent to 50 percent. The players don't want the escrow system to go into effect unless the percentage exceeds 60 percent.

"Our position is we're constantly asked to do their work for them and limit their spending for them. And we've agreed to that on a very large basis," said Danny Schayes of the Orlando Magic.

Stars fall to Coyotes, 2-0

DALLAS (AP) — Jeremy Roenick is pleased with the Phoenix Coyotes' quick start. He still wants to reserve judgment on their long-term outlook.

The Coyotes continued their best start in the 20-year history of the franchise as backup goalie Jimmy Waite made 38 saves Wednesday night in a 2-0 victory over Dallas, the Stars' first home loss of the season.

"We still feel we have a lot to prove," Roenick said. "This is only 11 games. We'll see after 82 games. Around February if we're way above .500, then we can say we have a shot."

Roenick was echoing the

party line of coach Jim Schoenfeld, who said it takes more than 11 games to make a champion.

"To do it on a consistent basis month after month is the key," Schoenfeld said. "We're thrilled about the start, but it's more important to finish strong."

Keith Tkachuk and Jyrki Lumme scored for Phoenix, 7-2 overall and 5-0-2 in its last seven. The Coyotes, who entered the NHL in 1979 as the Winnipeg Jets, haven't lost since Oct. 22, when they were beaten 2-1 by the Stars in Dallas. Phoenix won its first game in Dallas since Feb. 12, 1997, on Wednesday.

AWARDS

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Cotton added. "He's never satisfied with his performance. When you combine that kind of attitude with his natural ability, the result is explosive."

McCook, who earned all-state honor in guiding the Coyotes to the six-man title in 1997, was also led Borden County to a 9-1 record going into Friday's bi-district playoff with Wellman's Wildcats at Klondike.

Through 10 regular season games, McCook has completed 71 of 122 passes for 1,297 yards and 23 touchdowns. He's been intercepted just six times.

In addition, he's carried the ball 37 times for 355 yards and two more scores. He has also added 62 points by kicking a field goal and scoring on conversions.

"He really gives us a tremendous offensive threat," Coyotes head coach Bobby Avery said. "When you combine his ability with Fernando (Baeza), who's gained over 1,000 yards, and Ed (Rodriguez), who's run for almost 750 more, nobody can try and load up on just one kid. If they do, the other two are going to hurt them."

Those joining McCook as six-man finalists include Trinidad running back Damien Jackson, Grandfalls-Royalty running back Danny Santiao, Gordon running back Joe Kostih and Cherokee quarterback Stan Ball.

The state's six player of the year winners will be announced at halftime of Fox Sports Southwest's live telecast of the Class 5A, Division I Texas Bowl broadcast in mid-December.



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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 11. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and black Power Worms fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are good on cut baits (follow the birds and prepare to go deep if you have to). Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 70 degrees; 7' low; Black bass to 5.3 pounds are good on chartreuse Terminator spinnerbaits, black/chartreuse Top Dog Lizards and Pop R's. Crappie are good on minnows and Road Runner jigs fished at night under lights around brush piles. Striped bass are fair on live shad and trolling 1.5oz chartreuse/white bucktail jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers. Yellow catfish to 23 pounds are fair on live perch.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 70 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and black 7' worms Power Worms fished around the dam and along the northeast shoreline. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the dam. Hybrid strippers are good on jigs and cut baits around the dam and the east bank. Catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Very little access due to flooding. The lake is 7' over pool.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 73 degrees; 38.5' low; Black bass to 5.3 pounds are good on topwaters and motor oil Texas-rigged worms fished along the edge of the hydrilla. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on jugging spoons fished in 25 to 40 feet of water. Striped bass are fair on jugging spoons (fish are mixed in with the white bass). Channel and blue catfish are excellent on all kinds of live and prepared baits all over the reservoir. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water murky; 60 degrees; 4' low; Black bass to 4 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged French fries and centipedes. Spotted and smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are slow. Exercise caution at the boat ramp.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 65 degrees; 6' low; Black bass to 5.5 pounds are good on spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished near the derrick in 15 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish to 17 pounds are good on cheesebait and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish to 38 pounds are good on goldfish.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear; 68 degrees; 9 feet low; Black bass to 5.5 pounds are good on worms, spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on jigs and slabs. Smallmouth bass are fair to good on crankbaits fished off the rocks. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and cutbaits. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 67 degrees; 12' low; Very little activity on the lake due to windy and cold conditions.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 65 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 16 to 18 feet of water. White bass are slow. Hybrid strippers to 10 pounds are good on chicken livers and shad fished by the spillway. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad fished in the creek mouth. Yellow catfish to 38 pounds are good on live perch fished in the shallows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 58 degrees; 4' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on 1/4-ounce tiger cranks fished in the mouths of the creeks in 5 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and marabou jigs fished in the creeks in 5 to 8 feet of water. White bass are good on small crankbaits. Hybrid strippers are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish to 25 pounds are fair on live perch.

KEMP: Water murky; 67 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, chartreuse crankbaits and black worms fished in the shallows off the points. Crappie are slow. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 25 feet of water. Also try downrigging Sassy Shad in 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on punchbait fished off the rocky points in 5 to 7 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

NOCONA: Water stained; 67 degrees; 3.75 feet low; Black bass to 6.5 pounds are good on topwaters, spinner and jerkbaits fished around the mouths of the creeks and coves in 1 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on slabs and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 69 degrees; 7' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 10 pounds are fair on goldfish and chicken livers fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 25 pounds are slow on live goldfish and cut shad.

O.H. ME: Water fairly clear; 68 degrees; 6.5' low; Black bass are good on topwaters fished early over the grass beds. Crappie are slow on minnows fished by the Concho Bridge in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows and slabs fished at night under lights in 20 to 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 62 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and worms fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. White bass are good on small jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass are good on live shad and jigs fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut and prepared baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow. White bass are very good on slabs fished in 2 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass to 22 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 5 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 10 pounds are good on stinkbait and shrimp fished in 4 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 21 pounds are good on live perch.

STAMFORD: Water murky; 67 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow on Road Runner jigs. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 28 pounds are excellent on goldfish and perch. Yellow catfish to 42 pounds are excellent on live perch.

SWEETWATER: Water stained; 68 degrees; 6' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are good on red shad Carolina-rigged worms. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp fished by the dam in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

TWIN BUTTES: Black bass are fair on topwaters fished early and late. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers fished off the bottom. Yellow catfish are fair to good on live goldfish and perch fished off the bottom. The lake level is at 12% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reported barely accessible.

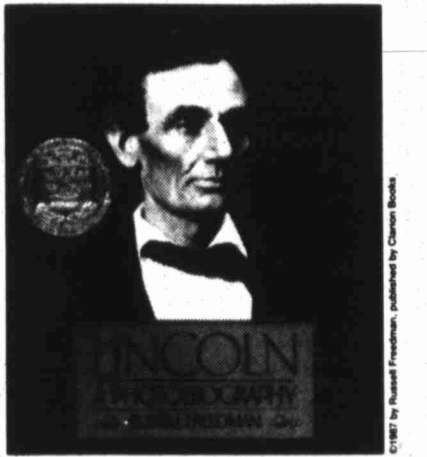
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 61 degrees; 20' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished in the grass. Crappie are good on minnows fished early. White bass are slow. Walleye are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow. One boat ramp is open.

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Laura Ingalls Wilder Award Winner
Meet Author Russell Freedman

Unlike most children's authors, Russell Freedman does not write fiction. His books are all true stories about people in history or animals.

In 1998 he was awarded the Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal by the Association for Library Service to Children. It is given to an author or illustrator whose books have made a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children. In 1988 he won the Newbery Medal for his book "Lincoln, A Photobiography." He won Newbery Honor Book awards in 1991 for "The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane," and in 1993 for "Eleanor Roosevelt, A Life of Discovery."



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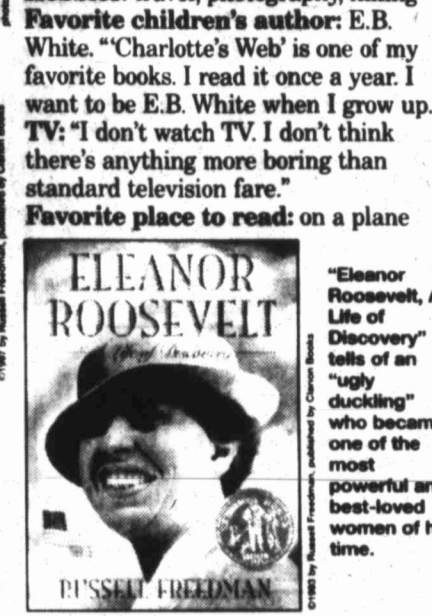
Russell Freedman lives in New York City with his cat, Sybil. He is 67 and has just written his 44th book.

Background
Russell Freedman served in the Army during the Korean War, then worked as a reporter. He did publicity for TV shows such as "Father Knows Best."
In 1961, he wrote his first book, "Teenagers Who Made History."

His work
He said, "One thing about writing for kids is it allows me to explore just about any subject I'm really interested in. A writer for kids has the most responsive and appreciative audience." Writing a book takes him about a year, depending on the particular book. He has written books in two months, and has spent two years on other books. He said: "I work seven days a week because I'm very much involved in what I'm doing. It's not work; it's a game. It's a pleasurable activity. It's like a sport. You can't wait to get back to it in the morning."

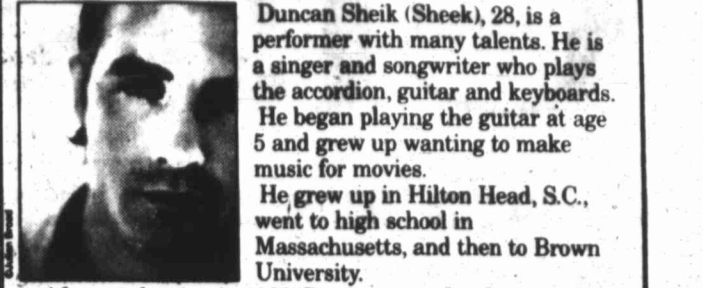
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1. Cover bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan evenly with pie filling.
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"Books Go Everywhere" is the theme of this year's Children's Book Week, Nov. 16-22. Take some of these 1998 award-winning books with you!

The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. There were three runners-up, or Honor Books.

The Newbery Medal went to Karen Hesse for "Out of the Dust." It tells of a brave 14-year-old girl living during the terrible dust storms sweeping through Oklahoma in the 1930s.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's picture book. There were three runners-up, or Honor Books.

Caldecott Honor Book winners

David Small: Besides illustrating his own children's books, David Small also illustrates those of his wife, Sarah Stewart. They have three grown children. He also reviews children's books for The New York Times. He draws for newspapers and magazines.

Patricia Reilly Giff: Patricia Reilly Giff taught reading for 20 years and worked for a book publisher. She has written more than 60 books for kids. She and her husband, Jim, live in Weston, Conn. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Simms Taback: Simms Taback has illustrated kids' books, calendars, and sells his own greeting cards. He lives in upstate New York.

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Paul O. Zelensky: Paul O. Zelensky was awarded the Caldecott Medal for "Rapunzel." His rewriting of the fairy tale tells of a beautiful girl with long, long hair who is imprisoned by a witch.

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Man feeling low on birthday is lifted by high-tech cards

DEAR ABBY: I usually get a bit depressed around my birthday, and this past year was especially hard. Two years ago, I lost my grandmother, my father and a girlfriend shortly before my birthday. Also, my new girlfriend dumped me a year ago, just before my birthday. Now I associate my birthday with the loss of people for whom I cared deeply and I become depressed weeks before the occasion.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

This year I received two cards in the "snail mail" --one from my stepmother (which reminded me that my dad can never send me a card again) and one from my oldest sister. I was, however, surprised to receive an e-mail card from another sister and her two small children, another e-mail card from my younger sister and several from Internet buddies. The real kicker was an e-mail greeting from my mother! One of my sisters had shown her how to create a card on the computer and send it to me online.

Because of the snail mail and e-mail cards I received, I didn't feel quite so alone this year. In fact, it was the most loving birthday I've had in years. --KEN IN GROVE CITY, OHIO

DEAR KEN: Congratulations on having overcome the birthday blues. Thirty years ago, who would have believed that so many people would own personal computers and use them for greetings and personal messages? This age of sophisticated communications technology is a marvel to behold, isn't it? Belated happy birthday, Ken. DEAR ABBY: This is my first letter to you, but after reading about the woman's husband who urinates in their front yard, I just had to write.

When I read your answer I laughed out loud even though I was alone in the house. I was reminded of a solution to a problem that we have here in the desert Southwest.

It isn't unusual for critters from the desert to cruise through town looking for food. The javelina (wild boar) especially can be a nuisance because it travels in family packs, and a group of at least six was checking out my porch every evening to see if my cats had left any food. I'd chase them away, but that deterred them only for a little while. I needed a more permanent solution.

Someone told my daughter about a group of beer drinkers who usually drank outside the house. Instead of going inside to urinate, they'd just do it in the yard -- and they had no problem with javelinas. Other people who were bothered by the pesky creatures tried it, and it worked. I finally talked my grandson into marking his territory in various spots around my yard.

It worked at my house, too. It has to be repeated every so often, but it's such an inoffensive way to be rid of the pests. I'm signing my letter, but do not use my name. It's a small town and I don't need that kind of notoriety. --ARIZONA READER

DEAR ARIZONA READER: Thank you for an intriguing letter. Several readers wrote to tell me that urine is a pest repellent. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I don't know if you're aware of this or not, but according to the master gardener, Jerry Baker, urine can be very beneficial in the garden to control pests. I can tell you from experience that urine seems to have eliminated the pack rats that were around our home for years. Since pack rats can be very damaging to one's house, my theory was, "If a little urine gets rid of them, what-a deal!" --TOM IN TUCSON ©1998 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on November 18, 1998 for Office Supplies. Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main St., Room 202, Big Spring, TX 79720 or by calling 915-284-2210. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on November 23, 1998 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor 2087 November 5 & 12, 1998

THURSDAY

NOV. 12

Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels and their respective programming for Thursday, Nov. 12. Columns include KMD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISH, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, FSN, ESPN, AMC, and BET.

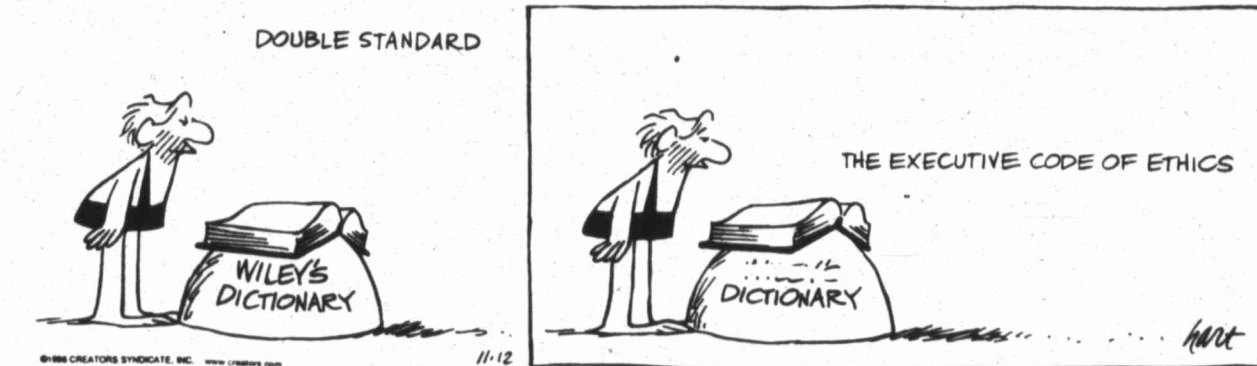
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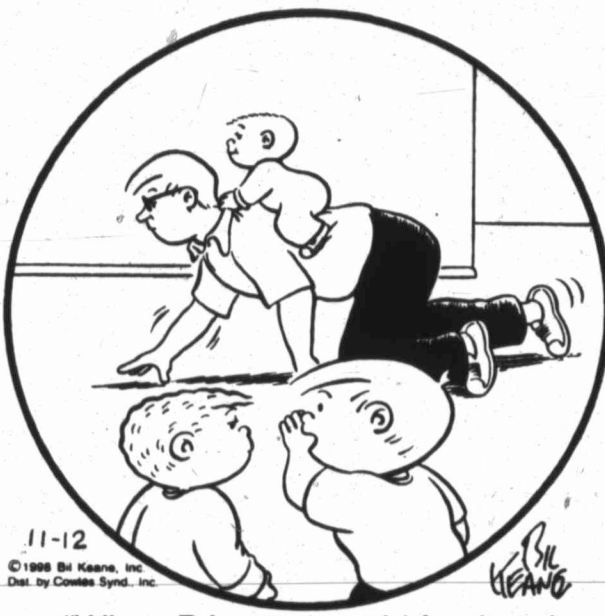
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 1998. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 12, 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal. On this date:

In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commissioner of the American and National Leagues.

In 1921, representatives of nine nations gathered for the start of the Washington Conference for Limitation of Armaments.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. The Americans ended up winning a major victory over the Japanese.

In 1954, Ellis Island closed after processing more than 20 million immigrants since opening in New York Harbor in 1892.

In 1980, the U.S. space probe Voyager I came within 77,000 miles of Saturn.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Ten years ago: The Palestine National Council, the legislative body of the PLO, opened a four-day meeting in Algiers, during which delegates proclaimed an independent Palestinian state.

Five years ago: Singer Michael Jackson canceled a world tour, citing a dependence on painkillers. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago was accused by a former pre-seminary student of sexual abuse supposedly committed more than a decade earlier. (The accuser, Steven J. Cook, later withdrew his charge). Former Nixon White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman died in Santa Barbara, Calif., at age 67.

One year ago: Ramzi Yousef was convicted in New York of masterminding the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Four U.S. businessmen and a Pakistani were killed by gunmen in Karachi, Pakistan, apparently in retaliation for the murder conviction of Mir Aimal Kasi in the shooting deaths of two CIA employees. Jury selection began in Sacramento, Calif., in the trial of accused Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski.

Today's Birthdays: Retired Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun is 90. Actress Kim Hunter is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ruby Nash Curtis (Ruby and the Romantics) is 59. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 55. Singer Brian Hyland is 55.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'Wednesday's Puzzle Solved' section with a completed grid and a list of words.

Advertisement for Big Spring Herald. Includes contact information: 915-263-7331 (Main switchboard), 915-263-7335 (Circulation calls only), and 915-264-7205 (Fax). Lists staff members and their roles.

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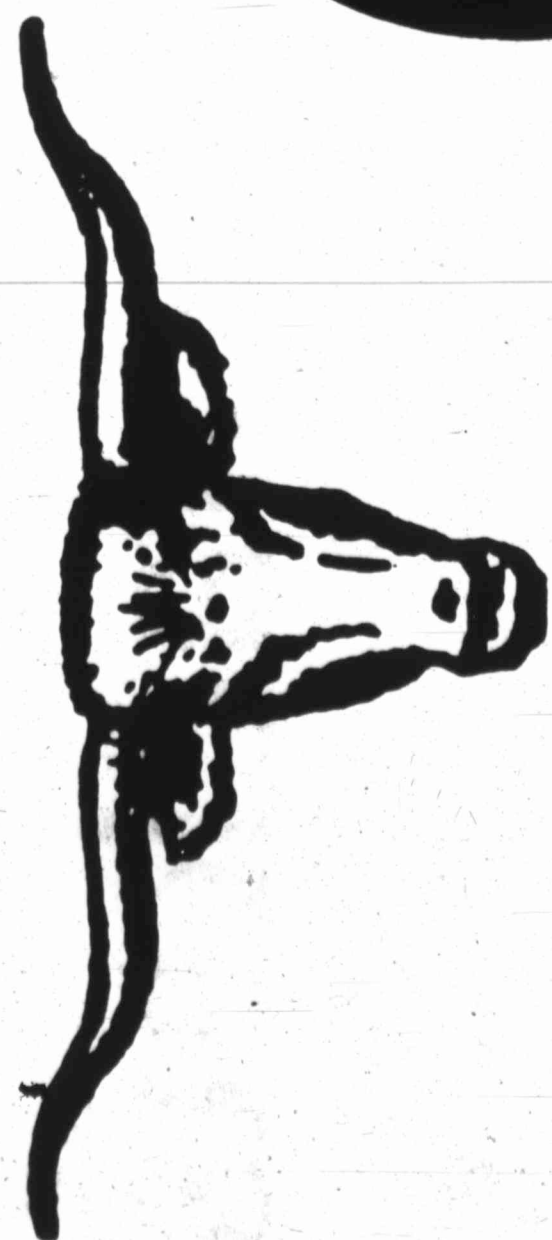
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