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## VETERANS DAY

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### WEATHER

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### BSISD trustees to consider bids, sale of property

Big Spring ISD trustees will convene at 5:30 p.m. today to approve several bids, the Howard County tax roll report, sale of property and hear a report concerning attendance.

Bids will be awarded for good service, maintenance and transportation.

### WHAT'S UP...

#### TODAY

- American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.
- Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Big Spring Newcomers Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location.

#### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bring a lunch.
- AMBUCS, noon.
- Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

#### SATURDAY

- Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster.
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.
- Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club.

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## Just two weeks remain in United Way drive

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

With just two weeks left in the 1999 campaign drive, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County volunteers are making their final push toward a goal of \$225,000.

"We're closing it down Nov. 23," said **Carroll Jennings**, local United Way executive director. "Right now we have collected \$161,927,



**JENNINGS**

about 72 percent of our goal." The campaign will conclude with a noon victory luncheon at Big Spring Country Club.

"We've had some good reports," said Jennings. "We are in what we call our follow-up stage. That's when we go into each division with leaders of that division and find out who we expect to hear from and who we haven't. We contact them a second time."

Jennings said the most significant increase in the campaign has been the Pacesetter Division, which is running almost \$6,000 ahead of last year.

"That's a great effort by those people. And, we expect that when we receive donations

from the physicians, that will put us over in the Professional Division, too," he said.

"Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Cornell Corrections and Union Pacific Railroads are all running good employee campaigns," Jennings added.

There are two events left, the victory luncheon on Nov. 23, with tickets at \$10 each, and a special performance of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9 p.m. at the Stampede. Tickets for the dance are \$10 each and all proceeds will go to United Way.

United Way funds benefit 11 agencies, the American Red

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## FLY YOUR FLAG!



VETERANS DAY 1999

## Howard County honors its veterans today

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Veterans Day as a special time to honor America's service members has been a time-honored tradition in Big Spring, and today the community is pulling together to remember those who serve.

Big Spring Rotary Club has been observing Veterans Day by flying American flags along Gregg Street for at least the past 15 years, said Rotary president Hayes Stripling.

Rotary members manned a Cox Communication bucket truck before sunrise today, to drive Gregg Street and place 109 flags on poles on both sides of the street.

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, a national observance in November of 1919, exactly one year after the shooting stopped in Europe as World War I concluded.

Two minutes of silence was observed by people across the nation that day, in remembrance of the 116,000 soldiers who lost their lives defending freedom from 1917-18.

In 1921, the first unknown soldier was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, where the laying of a wreath became a symbolic gesture of honor and respect for those who died fighting for their country.

Armistice Day was officially established in 1926, and became a national holiday in 1938, but the name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower, to honor veterans of every conflict.

Veterans Day was changed to



the last Monday in October for 10 years, from 1968 to 1978. Public sentiment and strong feelings about the meaning behind the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month caused Congress to move the holiday back to Nov. 11.

More than one million United States soldiers have lost their lives in conflicts defending American freedom since freedom was hard fought and won in 1776. More than 41 million have served during hostile con-

ditions, and 48 million men and women have served in the country's military, according to information from the VA Medical Center.

School campuses throughout the area have set aside time to honor veterans today with assemblies, special projects and displays.

Elbow Elementary in Forsan conducted an assembly with guest speaker Charlie Lewis, president of the Vietnam

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**Veterans Day activities included, above, a ceremony with State Rep. David Counts at the Vietnam Memorial; below left, Big Spring Rotary Club members putting up flags along Gregg Street; and Spring City Stompers, who performed Wednesday for the Women Veterans Ceremony.**

HERALD photos/Marsha Sturdivant



## Sales tax revenue continues to decline for Big Spring, most of area

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Editor

West Texas cities remain mired in a downward spiral as far as monthly sales tax payments from the state are concerned based on the November payments.

Payments for November include local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in September, and by quarterly filers on sales for the three-month period ending in September and reported to the comptroller of public accounts in October.

In West Texas, 14 of 18 cities showed declines in the amount returned from the state over the same period last year.

Only Colorado City, San Angelo, Snyder and Stanton

showed increases and San Angelo's was based on a tax increase approved by voters that went into effect on July 1.

Year-to-date, only Odessa, San Angelo and Stanton are ahead of the payments through the same period a year ago — Odessa by .67 percent and San Angelo because of the tax hike.

Big Spring's payment was down more than \$53,000 for the month while the year-to-date total is down \$196,044.02 from last year.

Big Spring received \$314,281.25 compared to \$367,490.95 last year. Year-to-date, Big Spring has received \$3,174,533.36 — a decline of 5.81 percent from last year.

For November, Stanton showed an increase of 9.33 per-

cent over last year, receiving \$13,779.66 from the state compared to \$12,602.68 last year. Year-to-date, Stanton has received \$111,180.12 compared to \$102,564.97 last year, an increase of 8.39 percent.

San Angelo received \$1,239,466.05 in November — an increase of 41.55 percent over the \$875,612.03 the city received a year ago. Year-to-date, San Angelo is up 12.22 percent over last year, having received \$8,990,209.29 back from the state.

San Angelo's increase is because of a half-cent sales tax increase that took effect on July 1 and was earmarked for coliseum and civic center improvements.

In November, Colorado City's

### BIG SPRING SALES TAX COMPARISON

November 1999	\$314,281.25	1999 to date	\$3,174,533.36
November 1998	\$367,490.95	1998 to date	\$3,370,577.38
Difference	-\$53,209.70	Difference	-\$196,044.02

tax payment from the state was \$1,963.02 — up 35.37 percent over last year's \$1,450.06. Year-to-date, however, Colorado City's tax payments from the state are down 2.63 percent.

Snyder's November payment was \$124,619.89 — up 6.59 percent from last year — although the year-to-date payments are down \$26,000.

Fourteen West Texas cities were down at least 5.41 percent in November — and as much as

44.62 percent — over the same period a year ago. As a result, city officials across the region are reviewing budgets and making decisions based on the declining numbers as chambers of commerce try to induce shoppers to stay at home.

But the numbers show that while residents aren't shopping at home, they aren't going to

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## Alert

### Police warn residents of check scam

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Home computers may make ordering groceries, keeping in touch with relatives and finishing book reports easier, but they are also aiding swindlers determined to scam money off unsuspecting citizens.

"We have been getting in some computer generated checks, and we are warning people to dispose of their canceled checks and bank statements by shredding them or tossing them into fireplace, and not to throw them away," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

Sweatt said police officers became aware of a new type of scam after interrogating an individual who is suspected in forgery.

This individual confessed to pilfering through trash dumpsters and alleys in search of canceled checks and bank statements.

The suspect then explained to police that through the use of a home computer program, he was able to create illegal checks of authentic accounts, and use them to purchase goods and services.

"If they get a canceled check, often they have driver's license numbers, routing numbers and checking account numbers. This is put into the computer program, which in turn provides checks on paper that even have perforated edges," Sweatt said.

The computer program was designed for use by those with a home business. However, scam artists with imagination are able to pervert the intent of the program and steal money from others in a high-tech manner, he said.

"These are intelligent people

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OBITUARIES

Paul Lynn Gonzales

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Paul Lynn Gonzales, infant son of Paul and Denise Gonzales of Big Spring. He died at birth Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

Eusebio Paredez

Rosary for Eusebio Paredez, 92, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.



PARDEZ

Mr. Paredez died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He was born Aug. 14, 1907, in Durango, Sacramento, Mexico. He married Aurora Duron Nov. 20, 1933. She preceded him in death March 13, 1984.

He had worked for Texas and Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1968. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Survivors include: five daughters, Aurora Reyna of Big Spring, Eloisa Negrete of San Antonio, Ernestina Garcia of Houston, Irene Arellano of Aurora, Colo., and Bertha Chavez of Austin; three sons, Johnny Paredez, Esequio Paredez and Eleno Paredez, all of Big Spring; one brother, Gregorio Paredez of Big Spring; two sisters, Nicolasa Diaz and Juana Flores, both of Big Spring; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Jerry "Curly" Moore

Jerry "Curly" Moore, 69, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999, at a local hospital.



MOORE

Service will be 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 10, 1930, in Snyder and married Carl

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331  
Jerry "Curly" Moore, 69, died Wednesday. Services will be 3:00 PM Friday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Eusebio Paredez, 92, died Tuesday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 2:00 PM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial following at Mt. Olive Cemetery.  
Paul Lynn Gonzales, infant, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Denton on Nov. 6, 1999, at his home.

He was loved by all and loved life to the fullest. Curly had the greatest capacity for love I have ever known. His first love was for his daughters, Christy, Kelly and Leslie, and his granddaughters, Kortney, Chandra and Kymbre. He was so looking forward to being a new grandfather of maybe the first baby boy. Curly had been in the United States Army in Korea from 1951 to 1953. He was an independent consultant for oil companies in Libya, Malta and area companies McCann, Parker and Parsley and Pioneer Natural Resources. At the time of his death, he was pumping for McCann Corporation and Farnco.

Curly was a member of many organizations, his foremost being the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Moore of Big Spring; three daughters and their families, Kelly McBee and her husband, Barry, and their daughter Chandra McBee of Big Spring, Christy Cole and husband Vance of Arlington, and Leslie Kupatt and husband Kraig and their daughters, Kortney and Kymbre Kupatt of Sagerton; stepchildren, Nick and Amanda Denton of Big Spring; one brother, Mike Moore of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Leola Moore, and one sister, Patsy McKeller.

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

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SALES TAX

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the larger cities, either. Abilene, Midland and Odessa were all down in November and only Odessa is up for the year — and that by just .67 percent. Abilene was down \$134,000 for the month and is down \$15,000 from the same month last year. Odessa was down \$128,000 for the month, but is \$73,000 ahead for the year.

SCAM

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and they do this for a living because they won't work for a living. We are trying to prevent this scam now, which will work until they figure a way around it," he said.

Sweatt cautioned people to be sure and dispose of their canceled checks, bank statements and other bank receipts by either shredding them or burning them.

"Do not just throw this stuff away in the trash. Shredding them or perhaps tossing them into a fireplace, anything that will destroy them in some way. Or just keep them," Sweatt said. He said he visited with cashiers at a local retail store and warned cashiers to be on the look out for these forged financial instruments.

"The difference in these checks and the regular ones is that they don't have a magnetic strip on the bottom. When the check is run through that machine it won't read it and it is kicked back. The cashier must then ask for identification," he said. Sweatt, along with Det. Steve Wright, recently completed a 40-

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hour handwriting comparison class and received certification as handwriting experts.

This will enable the two officers to identify forged documents, as well as compare proper signatures with those that might not be authentic.

"The class was very interesting, and will help in using documentation and evidence here. We just need people to know not to throw their bank statements and canceled checks into the trash. They need to properly dispose of these materials."

UNITED WAY

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Cross, Boys' Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Salvation Army, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council and the YMCA.

VETERANS DAY

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Memorial Committee. A special display honoring veterans known or related to Elbow students is available to view.

Moss Elementary students began their salute to American veterans in an assembly at 8:45, where the winner of the fourth and fifth grade writing contest read the winning essay.

That was followed by patriotic songs from the Moss Elementary Choir, and a display of military honors and medals, along with posters made by all students.

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) spoke to the students during the assembly, and observed a special signed roster containing all the names of family members of students and faculty who served in the military.

Counts then traveled to the Vietnam Memorial, where a traditional veteran's day celebration began at 10 a.m. Counts spoke to those assembled and presented 50 special flags to the celebration.

Moss Elementary choir performed patriotic songs. A vocation and benediction was given by Timothy Dunn, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church.

Counts next visited the VA Medical Center, as a guest speaker at 11 a.m., in a special ceremony in front of the veteran's hospital. Cary Brown, chief executive officer of the medical center, also spoke to the assembly.

On Friday, the ALSA Club will have a special display saluting Hispanic Veterans and women veterans at Hangar 25 in the Air Park Museum.

The event will be available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will feature displays such as Hispanic Medal of Honor winners, a salute to the Hispanic Fighter Aces and a special tribute to Squadron 201.

A Women Veterans Ceremony Wednesday honored about 30 women and their friends with a special luncheon and speakers.

WHAT'S UP

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noon, Howard College Cactus Room

□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle call walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

Restaurant moves cell phone chats into lounge

NEW YORK (AP) — At Vox 646, no one asks: "Smoking, nonsmoking or cell free?" But patrons are politely encouraged to take their unwanted chatter into what may be a first: a cell phone lounge.

"What we're doing is giving people who can't seem to control themselves a separate place to go," said Michael Scheiman, a chef at the restaurant which opened three months ago. "I'd say that 99.9 percent of the people are pleased with the idea. Even the rudest people in New York know that they're bothering people."

Etiquette experts aren't the only ones upset with some of America's 66 million cell phone users. They're a bother on the bus and in the theater — Laurence Fishburne once stopped a Broadway performance of "The Lion in Winter" to order out a cell phone user.

BRIEFS

**AARP 55 ALIVE MATURE Driving Course** will be taught Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 1-2 at Martin County Senior Citizens Center. The course is open to all people age 50 and over, who must attend both sessions. After completion, participants are eligible for a 10 percent discount on auto insurance. Cost is \$8 for the course and there are no tests or exams. Call 756-2791 to register.

**AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** will have its annual Arts and Crafts sale at Big Spring Mall Dec. 11, and booths are available for vendors. Booths are available at \$35 for the weekend. Proceeds fund the ABWA scholarship program, but any profit the vendor makes is theirs to keep. For more information or to secure a booth call Albert at 263-4253.

**THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club** will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions. The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

**BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE**  
For showtimes call 263-2479

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas honors 1.6 million living veterans



Nationally, Texas ranks third in the number of living veterans.

Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, honors the men and women who have served in the United States military.

World War I	200
World War II	362,000
Korea	257,800
Vietnam	571,600
Persian Gulf	135,300

SOURCES: Carol Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Veterans Commission.

mation call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

**THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health** will be giving flu shots every Wednesday through the winter months to those persons 18 years and older, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are on Medicare we will file. The cost to others will be \$5. For more information call 263-9775.

**IT'S TIME FOR THE Big Spring Woman's Club** annual coat drive. We will be collecting coats for needy children and adults through Nov. 30. Please bring your extra coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, windbreakers and blankets to Harris Lumber and Hardware (1515 E. FM 700), the Howard County Courthouse (first floor) or Scenic Mountain Medical Center (1601 W. 11th Place).

**THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging Ombudsman Program** will begin a new training session to train volunteer ombudsmen to visit residents in Big Spring nursing homes. The training will begin after Jan. 1. Please call 800-491-4636 for more information.

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 267-9459.  
• Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)  
• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

**FRIDAY**  
• Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.  
• Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

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• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.  
• Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

POLICE

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

- HAROLD BRAGG, 31, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEREMY MIZE, 24, was arrested on local warrants.
- FREDDY WILLIAMS, 25, was arrested on county warrants.
- DANIEL BENNETT, 36, was arrested on local warrants.
- ADOLFO LOPEZ, age available, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN RIZO, 58, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- LIONSO JIMENEZ, 20, was arrested on a Texas Youth Correction warrant.
- OSCAR MADRID, 18, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- SHERI HART, 39, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JESUS MUIR, 23, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of Alabama, 1900 block of Morrison and 800 block of North Bell.
- RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY was reported at the police station.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT/GESTURES was reported in the 1000 block of South Gregg.
- PROHIBITED WEAPON was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1000 block of East 16th.
- THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of North Hwy 87, 300 block of Tulane, 200 block of West Marcy and 1100 block of North Lamesa.

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# Tax holiday trimmed sales taxes \$32 million

AUSTIN (AP) — The shopping spree Texans went on during August's three-day sales tax holiday saved consumers more than \$32 million in state and local sales taxes, the comptroller's office reported Wednesday.

Under a law passed by this year's Legislature, sales taxes were waived on clothing, shoes and some other items costing less than \$100. The tax holiday was held from Aug. 6-8, timed to occur just before the start of school.

"The sales tax holiday allowed families to stretch their shopping budgets at a critical time — the back-to-school shopping period," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said. "The sales tax holiday provides

Texans with some much-needed relief."

According to the comptroller's figures, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt items during the holiday. That was about double the amount of clothing and footwear that would have been sold on a typical three-day August weekend, officials said.

During the holiday, no state or local sales taxes were charged on eligible items. The state sales tax is 6 1/4 percent, while local sales taxes can add another 2 percent on top of that amount.

Consumers saved \$25.6 million in state taxes and \$7 million in local taxes during the period, the comptroller's office

said. Mark Sanders, a spokesman for the agency, said the exact amount of tax savings couldn't be determined until retailers who collected the levy paid that money to the state in September and October.

Sanders said this year's tax reduction appears to be in line with the total of \$69.2 million in state taxes and \$15.5 million in local taxes the tax collector's office has estimated will be saved over the two-year state budget period, which ends Aug. 31, 2001.

The tax holiday was mandatory for local taxing entities — such as cities and counties — this year.

Beginning in August 2000,

however, local governments will be allowed to opt out of the tax break.

The clothing and other items will be exempt from the state sales tax regardless of what local governments do, Sanders said.

Ms. Rylander said the tax holiday worked so well and that when the Legislature next meets, in 2001, she will urge lawmakers to expand the number of items eligible for the tax break.

"Backpacks for kiddos to carry their school books and fabric and buttons for people who sew their own clothes are two examples of items I believe should be tax-exempt during the sales tax holiday," she said.

# Davis unanimous pick as next director of DPS

AUSTIN (AP) — Thomas A. Davis Jr. was chosen Wednesday to be the next director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the state's law enforcement agency.

Davis, 58, will be replace Dudley M. Thomas, 61, who retires Feb. 29, 2000, after three years as director. Davis will be the 10th DPS director since the agency was created in 1935.

Davis, an assistant director at DPS for the past three years, was chosen by a unanimous vote of the three-member Public Safety Commission.

Davis joined DPS in 1965 and

was promoted to assistant commander of criminal intelligence in 1986. He was appointed chief of criminal law enforcement in 1993.

"The Public Safety Commission has great confidence in Col. Davis," said Commission Chairman James B. Francis, Jr. "Col. Thomas has been a great director, and we will miss him."

The commission also named two assistant directors to help lead the agency. The Legislature this year gave the commission authority to create a second assistant director's position.

# Senate adopts measure superseding Texas' unlimited homestead exemption

WASHINGTON (AP) — The generous homestead exemption enshrined in the Texas Constitution would be superseded by a new federal limit under a measure the Senate approved Wednesday, which would allow debtors to shield a maximum \$100,000 in home equity from their creditors.

While considering legislation that would overhaul the nation's consumer bankruptcy laws, the Senate endorsed an amendment that would replace states' varying homestead exemptions with a uniform \$100,000 federal cap.

Texas, Florida, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota now have

unlimited homestead exemptions.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush and other state lawmakers have opposed limiting Texas' cherished homestead protection, which allows debtors to protect their homes and ranches from seizure, regardless of value. The only limitation is on size: One acre in urban areas or 200 acres of rural property.

Critics termed the unlimited homestead exemption an unfair loophole that wealthy deadbeats have exploited to shield their assets before filing for bankruptcy, using Texas and Florida in particular as havens to buy real estate and dodge debts.

"Our proposal closes an inexcusable loophole that allows too many debtors to keep their luxury homes while their legitimate creditors ... get left out in the cold," said Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wisc., who teamed with Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., to offer the homestead cap.

Opponents said a federal limit infringes on states' historic ability to set their own homestead exemptions, doesn't take into account states' differing property values, and would harm family farmers subject to the vagaries of the market.

"There's a sanctity about the issue of the homestead. That's why it was built into our state

Constitution," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who unsuccessfully sought to blunt the federal cap.

The bankruptcy bill's author, Sen. Charles Grassley, acknowledged the "noble purpose" of homestead protections that allow people to keep a roof over their heads even in times of financial difficulty.

But, the Iowa Republican added: "This noble idea has been perverted by rich scoundrels and well-paid bankruptcy lawyers."

Among the examples cited by Sessions and Kohl was the case of actor Burt Reynolds, who kept his \$2.5 million Florida

estate after filing for bankruptcy and declaring more than \$10 million in debts.

"Anyone who wants to take advantage of the federal bankruptcy system should live with a federal \$100,000 cap," said Kohl.

The cap was approved on a 76-22 vote after senators rejected, 69-29, an amendment by Brownback and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, that would have allowed states to opt out of the federal limit.

"What is being attempted here by Sen. Kohl and others ... is to take a right away from states that they've had for over a hundred years," Brownback said.

"It's contrary to states' rights." Kohl and Sessions noted that bankruptcy law is a federal purview in which states have little say.

Countering the use of Reynolds as a "poster boy" for the homestead exemption, Brownback cited the examples of two Kansas farming families which emerged from bankruptcy and returned to fiscal health because they were able to hold onto their farming properties.

"This is very harmful to family farmers, many of which have used these homestead exemptions during times of bad commodity prices," Brownback said.

# TDCJ employees push for pay raise

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A coalition of Texas prison employees is calling on Gov. George W. Bush to deliver an emergency pay raise.

Meeting in Huntsville on Tuesday, about 75 employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice signed a letter to Bush seeking a special legislative session.

"As a state employee, you are asking for more of me than you have been willing to give," the letter says. "You are asking for my vote to be President in the year 2000, however, you have ignored my very need to provide a living for my family."

Similar letters were sent to state legislators.

"The public feels strongly about housing criminals behind bars," the letters say. "The public also feels strongly about the effective use of our tax dollars. Our mission is public safety and we deserve quality pay for quality service."

The average Texas correctional officer's salary is \$26,000, about \$8,000 less than the national average, said Paul Antwine, the group's treasurer.

Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards said the governor requested an additional \$53.7 million in funding for TDCJ guards and parole officers. The item did not make it into the final budget, she added.

"Gov. Bush recognizes the

very important role that prison guards play in the justice system," Ms. Edwards said. "The agency board and management are addressing the issue of recruitment and retention."

Coordinators of the group also outlined plans for a Dec. 4 march and rally at the state capitol, which they hope will draw 3,000 to 5,000 participants from across the state. State Rep. Dan Ellis, D-Livingston, will lead the rally.

The group also plans a Green Ribbon Campaign in Huntsville to increase awareness of correction officers' need a pay raise. The campaign awaits the approval of TDCJ Executive Director Wayne Scott.

# Customs announces sharp rise in drug seizures

EL PASO (AP) — Crediting high technology and increased cooperation, U.S. Customs officials announced Wednesday the agency confiscated 25 percent more drugs in the West Texas-New Mexico region this year and 23 percent more in South Texas.

"Obviously, we're not catching all of them — there's still dope on the streets of America," said Joe Webber, special agent-in-charge for Customs' office of investigations in El Paso. "But I think we're much more effective than we were a year ago, and we'll be much more effective this time next year."

From Presidio west to the New Mexico-Arizona state line, Customs officers seized more drugs than ever before in fiscal year 1999, which ended Sept. 30.

The total came to 269,021 pounds of illegal drugs: 261,434 pounds of marijuana, 7,547 pounds of cocaine and 40 pounds of heroin. That was up from a total of 214,746 pounds in fiscal year 1998.

In South Texas, Customs officers confiscated 187,611 pounds of drugs in 1999, compared with 152,705 in 1998. The breakdown for this year was 175,212 pounds of marijuana, 12,127 pounds of cocaine, 32 pounds of heroin and 240 pounds of methamphetamine.

Along the entire Southwest border, Customs officers seized more than 1 million pounds of drugs in '99 — up from 863,415 last year.

Officials attributed the gains to the increased use of high technology — X-ray machines

and license plate readers — more drug-sniffing dogs and a federal program called the Border Coordination Initiative.

Under the program, Customs works with other federal agencies such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, sharing equipment, personnel and resources.

Webber said a record number of seizures has been made each year in the West Texas-New Mexico region since he arrived in 1995, when agents found a comparatively low 73,000 pounds of drugs.

"I don't believe there's any more coming than there was before," said Gene Kerven, Customs port director in El Paso. "I think that we've become more efficient."

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OUR VIEWS

Let's cheer our schools on in football playoffs

A new football season began this week for half of the Crossroads Area's eight high school teams, as they started gearing up for bi-district playoff 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 game, most of the area's attention will be focused on Big Spring's Steers, Sands' Mustangs, Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes.

The first of those four teams entering the playoffs will be Sands, the District 6 champion and No. 2-ranked team in six-man football, which squares off with Wellman's Wildcats, the District 5 runner-up, tonight at 7:30 at Klondike High School in Patricia.

Klondike's Stadium will also be the site for Borden County's bi-district playoff game set for 7:30 p.m. Friday. The No. 7-ranked Coyotes, runners-up to Sands in District 5, will be facing District 6 champion Meadow's Mustangs.

In another 7:30 Friday game, Stanton will put its District 3-2A championship on the line when the Buffs face District 4-2A runner-up Farwell's Steers in Levelland.

Last, but certainly not least, Big Spring's Steers will take on Brownwood's Lions in a Class 4A, Division I bi-district game at 1 p.m. Saturday on the floor of Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo.

There was really no surprise that any one of the area's teams qualified for the playoffs — all four of them having opened the season either state ranked or picked among the favorites in their respective districts.

The way in which two of the four, Big Spring and Stanton, reached the playoffs was somewhat of a surprise, however.

Having opened the season with just one returning starter on offense and defense, few could have believed the Buffs would enter bi-district play undefeated.

But the Buffs have the Crossroads Area's best record, a perfect 10-0 mark, going into a rematch with Farwell. Stanton opened the 1998 playoffs with a win over Farwell en route to a Class 2A, Division II semifinals berth.

Big Spring, which opened the season favored to take its first District 5-4A championship under head coach Dwight Butler, rattled off six straight wins before losing three league games.

The Steers managed to win when they had to, however, demolishing Sweetwater, 48-14, to claim the district's third-place playoff berth.

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

The Herald will have writers at all four playoff games 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 of them.

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Covering the Courts: Church and state

Almost 30 years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that local governments could exempt churches from taxation on their real property. The question is back again, in a slightly different form: May a state exempt the purchase of Bibles from its sales tax?



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The case is Pennsylvania v. Newman, now pending before the high court on a petition for review. The case is new, but the constitutional issue is as old as the Bill of Rights. The constitutional imperative is that governments may not make any law "respecting an establishment of religion," but the law is not always what it seems.

Hundreds of laws, perhaps thousands of laws, affect the practice of religion. The trail of Supreme Court cases is a winding trail on which lower courts often lose their way.

The Pennsylvania statute in the case at hand is clumsily but clearly phrased. Speaking of the state's sales tax it says: "The tax imposed by Section 202 shall not be imposed upon ... the sale at retail or use of religious publications sold by religious groups and Bibles and religious articles."

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Felice Newman and Steve Zupic are individual taxpayers who publish and purchase books that do not qualify for the tax exemption. They charged that the exemption in Section 202 advances religion and serves no secular purpose. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania agreed.

Two precedents are especially in point. In the older of the two, Walz v. New York, the Supreme Court sustained a state law authorizing tax exemption for "real or personal property used exclusively for religious, educational or charitable purposes." Frederick Walz argued that the exemption violated the establishment clause: It compelled him indirectly to support religious organizations.

Over the dissent of Justice William Douglas, the high court upheld the law. Chief Justice Warren Earl Burger distilled the essence of the constitutional provisions: "We will not tolerate either governmentally established religion or governmental interference with religion."

"Short of those expressly proscribed governmental acts, there is room for play in the joints productive of a benevolent neutrality ..."

The concept of "benevolent neutrality" has worn well — whenever the courts choose to put it on. The critical test is "whether particular acts are

intended to establish or interfere with religious beliefs and practices or have the effect of doing so." Tax exemption, said Burger, "creates only a minimal and remote involvement between church and state and far less than taxation of churches."

Burger offered another reason for upholding the statute. If a state could tax a church or a synagogue, entanglement of church and state could not be avoided.

Questions would arise of evaluation, tax liens, foreclosures and direct confrontation. Moreover, tax exemption cannot be equated with outright grants "since the government does not transfer part of its revenue to churches but simply abstains from demanding that the church support the state."

The Walz case of 1970 was controlling for almost 20 years. Then came the case of Texas Monthly v. Bullock in 1989, and Walz took a hit.

The Texas law, like the pending case from Pennsylvania, provided an exemption from the state sales tax specifically for religious publications, but it was narrowly aimed.

It did not embrace the publications of charitable and educational institutions as well. It exempted only periodicals that consist wholly of writings sacred to a religious faith.

The Texas law struck a plurality of the high court as a violation of the establishment

clause, but the case left a shaky precedent behind. Justice William Brennan announced the judgment of the court, but only Justice Marshall and Stevens bought his opinion in full. Justices Blackmun and O'Connor concurred on different reasoning. Justice White rode off on another clause. Justice Scalia, dissenting, said that "as a judicial demolition project, today's decision is impressive."

The nub of the matter is to this effect: If laws providing tax exemptions are to be upheld, the laws must have "breadth." They must treat religious and nonreligious publications all the same, and they must have a secular purpose overall.

This strikes me as a reasonable path through the impenetrable forests of the establishment clause.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I fear, has wandered astray in exempting Bibles but taxing cookbooks. There is nothing unconstitutional in laws that accommodate peaceful religious practices. Indeed, the principles of "free exercise" demand the a wide latitude be extended to the practices of religious faith.

Nothing in the First Amendment justifies laws that are actively hostile to religion. If judges search the heavens for a star to steer by, Chief Justice Burger's old doctrine of "benevolent neutrality" will serve them well.

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Reflecting a common bond of service

ALAN G. LANCE SR. Commander, American Legion

What is it about America's veterans that brings us together on Veterans Day? Are we living in the past-attempting to capture a fleeting moment in time that has long since past? Certainly not!

What bring veterans together for Veterans Day is a bond formed in uniform. It is the bond that is entwined within our hearts and minds, which is simply stated: I shall not fail those with whom I serve.

It has been more than a quarter century since the guns fell silent in Vietnam. Longer still for Korea and nearly a lifetime for World War II. Yet, that bond of military service which transcends the years compels us to come together and keep the faith with those with whom

we served. This final Veterans Day of the 20th century will include observances with the youngest generation of veterans, the men and women of the Persian Gulf War. These are Americans who sacrificed for others. These are Americans who continue to serve us in uniform. These are Americans who will gather on many more Veterans Days because they also feel that common bond. As young American military members spend this day deployed to Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq, at-sea and in distant remote locations, it is appropriate for all of us as a nation to take the time to say "thank you."

Ironically, this Veterans Day comes on the heels of a disclosure by the Pentagon that a drug given our troops might cause Gulf War Illness. It is tragic that it took nearly a

decade to make this discovery. Without a common bond between veterans, compelling them to keep the pressure on our government, there would have been no studies.

It is this common bond that compels us to continue to struggle to find answers for what is right and demand that our nation provide a strong veterans health care system for those who gave so much when called upon. As veterans we have kept our bond of service to our nation. As veterans we ask that our government keep faith with us.

That is why we gather on this Veterans Day.

That is why all Americans should gather with veterans this day. For America's veterans are a special group of men and women-bonded through service, committed to the future.

Advertisement for 'Slick: A Fictionalized Autobiography' by Bruce Tinsley. Includes cartoon of a man writing and a quote: 'As I write this chapter I'm preparing to go speak at some "Veterans Day" thing... whatever...' and another quote: 'I just hope Senator McCain isn't there... Being around him is about as awkward for me as being around Monica's Dad.'

# Budget bargainers make some progress toward deal, but disputes remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Budget negotiators are hoping to nail down agreements on overseas abortions and money for new programs before next week, the soonest Congress could approve a budget deal and send it to President Clinton.

As lawmakers left town Wednesday night for the Veterans Day holiday, White House budget director Jack Lew met with senior congressional budget officials and emerged with agreements on part of President Clinton's plan to hire new teachers.

The Clinton administration

and Republicans also agreed to restore \$11 billion in Medicare cuts to hospitals and nursing homes enacted two years ago, and neared a deal to let the International Monetary Fund step up its debt-relief efforts.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said negotiators were considering a smaller version of the 1 percent across-the-board-cut in proposed agency spending that Congress approved last month. Unlike the GOP's earlier proposal, the White House appeared to not have immediately rejected a

scaled-down version. "There's broad consensus on an awful lot of issues," but several matters still need to be worked out, Lew said. "There's certainly a mood of cooperation and optimism."

But as congressional and White House bargainers met into the evening, they gave up hope of finishing in time for Congress to adjourn Friday. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., sent the Senate home for today's holiday and planned no votes there until at least next Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Clinton signed a

measure that will keep agencies functioning through Nov. 17. It was the fifth temporary spending bill since the new fiscal year began.

Both sides went into the long weekend having made new progress after days of relatively stagnant talks.

Negotiators agreed to a second year of Clinton's seven-year plan to hire 100,000 teachers, members of both parties said. The White House has made that proposal its highest-profile issue in this year's budget fight. Clinton had requested \$1.4 billion for the program for fiscal

2000, which began Oct. 1, and negotiators agreed to \$1.325 billion.

Bargainers also agreed to let school districts use 25 percent of the program's funds for teacher training and other education programs. That limit has been 15 percent, and Republicans have wanted school districts to have more flexibility in using the money.

Teachers hired under the act would have to be certified, and schools with at least 10 percent

of uncertified teachers could request waivers to use the money for training instead of hiring.

"I'm pleased," said Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa., chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee. "Would I have liked more? Yes. Would they have liked more? Yes."

The two sides also exchanged offers on an effort by conservatives to restrict overseas abortion lobbying.

## Lawmakers agree to lift caps on therapy coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators working on a deal to increase Medicare payments to health care providers have agreed to lift \$1,500 annual caps on rehabilitative therapy coverage for the elderly and disabled.

"The therapy caps impose a hardship on the sickest Medicare patients," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. He has argued for repeal of the coverage limits.

The annual caps, a combined \$1,500 for physical and speech therapy and a separate \$1,500 for occupational therapy, were among Medicare cost-saving measures imposed as part of the 1997 balanced budget act.

In response to lobbying by hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers who bore the brunt of the overall cuts, lawmakers have agreed to restore at least \$12 billion in Medicare payments over five years.

Congressional negotiators continued working Wednesday hoping to resolve differences over how the money should be distributed. These include complaints by New York lawmakers that a new national distribution formula for Medicare payments that go toward doctor training is unfair to New York's teaching hospitals.

Most provisions of the Medicare relief package would raise the payments that caregivers receive and would not directly affect

patients' wallets.

But the caps on Medicare coverage for rehabilitative therapy, which took effect in 1999, have created financial hardship for some elderly and disabled patients whose needs quickly have exceeded the limits.

Speech and physical therapy is a combination often needed by people recovering after a stroke or those with Parkinson's disease, for example.

"The step that Congress has taken will mean that Medicare patients will be able to take their own steps toward full recovery," said Jan K. Richardson, president of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Congressional negotiators agreed to adopt a Senate proposal that would lift the caps entirely for two years while a study of patient needs is conducted.

They rejected an alternative — approved by the House in legislation passed Friday — that would instead have replaced the combined speech and physical therapy cap with two separate \$1,500 caps, leaving the occupational therapy cap in place.

The required study is meant to address lawmakers' continuing concerns about abuse of Medicare therapy coverage, including past reports that nursing homes owning rehabilitative therapy businesses have provided such care to residents who do not need it.

## Autopilot disconnect first abnormal sign aboard flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the flight data recorder from EgyptAir Flight 990 showing things were normal until the autopilot mysteriously disconnected, investigators looking into the Oct. 31 crash say it is all the more important that they recover the plane's cockpit voice recorder.

The search for that second "black box" continued early today amid rubble piled 6 feet high, some 250 feet deep in the Atlantic Ocean off Rhode Island. The recorder may not only reveal what the pilots were saying to each other, but what other noises or alarms were audible in the cockpit.

In Boeing airplanes, for example, an alarm sounds if the autopilot disconnect button isn't pressed twice in a row — a way to prevent the pilots from missing an accidental disengagement.

"We await information off the cockpit voice recorder, when it is recovered, that can help us put this information in con-

text," Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Wednesday as he revealed the first bits of information from the plane's flight data recorder.

Hall said the New York-to-Cairo flight had been cruising normally at 33,000 feet when the autopilot disconnected. That is unusual, because the plane was just beginning its hours long cruise across the Atlantic Ocean. Hall refused to say if the autopilot disconnected manually or automatically.

About eight seconds later, the flight "begins what appears to be a controlled descent from 33,000 feet to about 19,000 feet," Hall said.

The recorder stopped shortly afterward, and the final five to 10 seconds of information on its tape are still being extracted by safety board technicians. Without that information, details from the cockpit tape or more analysis of radar data showing that the plane later climbed briefly before plunging

to the ocean, investigators are having difficulty explaining the crash.

Hall dashed speculation that the plane's initial plunge was caused by a problem with a thrust reverser — the cause of a 1991 crash of another Boeing 767 in Thailand.

Thrust reversers are used to slow an airplane upon touchdown with the runway. One of EgyptAir's reversers was out of service at the time of the crash.

"There is no evidence of thrust reverser deployment in the data we have," Hall said. Flight 990 took off early Halloween morning from New York's Kennedy International Airport, rising to 33,000 feet before plunging into the sea south of Nantucket Island, Mass., about 40 minutes after takeoff. All 217 people aboard were killed.

Investigators have not ruled out any possible cause, including mechanical failure, human

error, sabotage and terrorism.

The flight data recorder was designed to capture over 150 types of information from 55 aircraft systems during a rolling 25-hour period.

Among them were such things as the plane's altitude, speed, spin and roll, when electrical power was cut off, and how the autopilot functioned.

On Wednesday, the safety board gave the public its first glimpse of the badly dented orange housing that contained the recorder, as well as the beige tape recorder itself. The unit had been pulled out of the ocean a day earlier.

Hall said the recorder showed that the plane did not hit supersonic speed in its initial descent.

He did not comment on how the airplane behaved after a brief climb shown by radar data, or in its final plunge to the ocean, which also was tracked on radar.

## Guidebook urges middle ground for Bible use in school systems

NEW YORK (AP) — A broad range of religious and civil liberties groups have signed on to a guidebook written to help public schools teach the Bible without breaking the law.

Developed by The Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center and the National Bible Association, "The Bible and Public Schools: A First Amendment Guide," was being released today in New York.

Its creators said it tries to find a middle ground between people who want "sacred public schools" that promote religion and those who want schools to be "religion-free zones."

It encourages schools to offer courses in the Bible as literature and steers them away from the more controversial Biblical history electives, which often require sophisticated understanding of competing religious and historical interpretations.

During the "Bible wars" of the 19th century, Catholics and Protestants fought over which version of Scripture would be read in the classroom, said Charles Haynes, the First Amendment Center's scholar in residence.

Today's disagreements tend to be over limits placed on student religious expression and the constitutionality of Bible courses. Recent court fights have divided communities and discouraged educators from broaching religion in the classroom at all.

"We thought the time had come to make the First Amendment work to bring us together, rather than be the starting point of a lawsuit," Haynes said.

The Supreme Court has held that public schools may teach students about the Bible as long as the teaching is "presented objectively as part of a secular program of education."

The guide says:

— Any study of religion in a public school must be educational, not devotional.

— A superintendent or school board should select teachers for a Bible class in the same manner it selects other teachers.

— The Bible may be used as a primary text, but preferably not the only text for a course.

— Supernatural occurrences and divine action described in the Bible may not be taught as historical fact.

— Students should be exposed to a variety of religious and secular Biblical interpretations and translations. Evidence outside of biblical literature may be used to address historical questions.

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# Fire crews search for answers after deadly nursing home blast

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Emergency crews dug through the rubble of a nursing home today after a boiler explosion killed at least five people and injured more than 20. Two people were missing and feared dead.

The boiler in the basement of the Clara Barton Convalescence Center exploded shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday, blowing out windows and collapsing the ceiling. Firefighters and neighbors scrambled to pull dazed survivors out of the flaming building.

"All of a sudden, our house shook," said Debra Sims, who lives a block away. "I thought it was a big clap of thunder at first, then I saw a flash. It was like a flash of lightning."

About 110 people, including 93 residents, were inside the home at the time, Fire Chief Theron Wiggins said. The victims and those still missing were believed to be employees. No names were released.

Four people were pronounced dead on arrival at Hurley Medical Center and another died in surgery early today,

spokesman Larry Daly said.

In all, 18 people were brought to the hospital; one remained in critical condition and nine were treated and released. Nine other people went to McLaren Regional Medical Center, radio station WWJ-AM reported. Their conditions were not immediately known.

The explosion blew out one side of the home, built in 1964. It shattered windows and left pieces of twisted roofing metal hanging in nearby trees.

Some witnesses reported smelling natural gas after the

blast, but the exact cause of the explosion has not been determined.

"This is a total shock," said nursing home administrator Michael Kegley. "It's very, very hard on everybody."

Survivors — many of them frail and elderly — received temporary shelter at area churches before ambulances took them to five other nursing homes. Some bedridden patients were placed on folding tables.

Glen Fosdick, Hurley president and chief executive, said

the patients included residents and workers. Two firefighters and an ambulance worker were treated for smoke inhalation.

Eastgate Baptist Church, located about a mile from the nursing home, received 42 patients who did not need hospitalization, the Rev. Levi Parish said. Several dozen other patients were taken to another church.

The Red Cross, Army National Guard and fire crews from as far away as Detroit and Pontiac, 60 miles to the south-east, Kegley praised the

response from Flint, a blue-collar city of 140,000 where General Motors Corp. was founded.

"The response from the community has been tremendous," he said. "The residents I talked to were in pretty good spirits. Of course, there were some people who were frightened — I was frightened."

He also commended his employees, including one injured nurse who helped clear debris from a hallway so residents could escape.

"The staff considered that building home," Kegley said.

# Black leaders: Governor shouldn't tie King to flag flap

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Black leaders are reacting coolly to Gov. Jim Hodges' offer to back a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in the state if a planned boycott over the Confederate flag is scrubbed.

"The governor is either very ill-informed or insulting in his intent," said the Rev. Joe Darby, pastor of the state's largest African Methodist Episcopal congregation.

Such a swap would be "wholly unacceptable, and I consider it an insult," he said.

Hodges' proposal came Wednesday during remarks at an Equal Opportunity Day banquet. He said creating the King holiday would be a step toward

fostering mutual respect needed for discussions to remove the flag from atop the Statehouse.

"The more strident the rhetoric, the more shrill the headlines, the less likely we can make progress towards a final resolution," the Democratic governor said.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is calling for a boycott of the state to begin Jan. 1 and last until the flag is removed. At least 80 groups have already canceled plans to hold meetings in South Carolina.

Audience members groaned and muttered as Hodges made his suggestion.

David Swinton, president of the predominantly black Benedict College and chairman of the Columbia Urban League, called the proposal "an attempt to villainize the NAACP."

State Rep. Todd Rutherford, a Democrat, said asking the organization to suspend its boycott so the state "can lose gracefully (is)... ridiculous."

J.T. McLawhorn Jr., president of the urban league, said "King's legacy to the South deserves a holiday."

"I don't think we ought to have any strings attached to the Martin Luther King holiday deal," McLawhorn said. "It's long overdue. It should not even be associated with any

compromise at all."

The Confederate flag officially began flying in 1962 by legislative resolution to commemorate the Civil War's centennial.

Its opponents maintain the banner is a symbol of racism and slavery. Supporters say it represents Southern heritage.

Senate Minority Leader Hugh Leatherman said the Senate won't even consider removing the flag until the boycott is ended.

But Swinton said the opposition won't compromise.

"We're going to get that flag down, or there isn't going to be any peace in South Carolina," he said.

# Oregon school shooter sentenced to 112 years

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Victims of Kip Kinkel's shooting rampage at Thurston High School felt relieved to see the gunman who has tormented their dreams the past year and a half sent to prison for the rest of his life.

"I am so glad Kip Kinkel will be put behind the bars. If he wasn't, I wouldn't feel safe," said Teresa Miltonberger, one of 25 students injured in the May 1998 attack at Springfield's Thurston High School. She nearly died after being shot in the head.

"In my heart I got justification for what happened to us," said Jennifer Alldredge, another Thurston student.

Kinkel, 17, on Wednesday was sentenced to nearly 112 years in prison — effectively a death sentence because he will not be entitled to parole.

Before the sentence was issued, Kinkel read an apology from a small sheet of white paper.

"I absolutely loved my parents and had no reason to kill them," he said. "I had no reason to dislike or kill or try to kill anyone at Thurston. I am truly sorry for all of this."

"I have gone back in my mind hundreds of times and changed one detail, one small event, so this never would have happened. I wish I could."

Judge Jack Mattison said it was most important to make the victims feel safe than to try to rehabilitate Kinkel, who was only 15 when he went on the shooting spree, and therefore

ineligible for the death penalty.

Kinkel's attorneys said the sentence is too harsh and they plan to appeal. "There was some possibility of a better result at trial. We're very disappointed," attorney Rich Mullen said.

After being expelled from school for having a stolen gun in his locker, Kinkel killed his parents at their home on May 20, 1998.

The next day he donned a trenchcoat and drove to school with three guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition and opened fire on the packed cafeteria.

Mikael Nickolauson and Ben Walker were killed.

Kinkel later told doctors he had been hearing voices telling him to kill since he was 12. Experts testified he was psychotic, probably paranoid schizophrenic, and deeply depressed.

He pleaded guilty in September and agreed at the time to serve at least 25 years in prison for the murders, plus whatever the judge might add.

The judge crafted a combination of concurrent and consecutive sentences that added up to 111 years, eight months.

The closest he came to explaining his actions came in a note he left at home, saying his parents could never live with the embarrassment of his expulsion, and a journal filled with hate, self-loathing and fantasies of a bloodbath. He wrote about wanting to blow up the school or "walk into a pep rally with guns."

# CDC: Pesticide blamed for 123 illnesses in Florida

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal authorities are calling for a safer alternative to fighting Mediterranean fruit flies than a pesticide believed to have sickened as many as 123 people in Florida.

People in the Tampa Bay and Orlando areas reported a range of health problems after helicopters and planes sprayed their neighborhoods with the pesticide malathion last spring and summer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday.

In one case, a woman with asthma who was exposed to malathion suffered a nausea attack.

Another person, who was exposed to the chemical, in another, blisters broke out on the arms of a man mowing

grass after a malathion spraying.

"It's important that people not be too alarmed," said Omar Shaify, coordinator of pesticide poisoning surveillance for the Florida Department of Health.

"But we realize that agricultural pesticide application ... can result in some adverse health effects."

Though it concluded that malathion doesn't pose a serious risk to most people, the CDC wants agricultural officials to look for less toxic alternatives for wiping out the Medfly.

"The risks are already pretty small, but we would like them to be even smaller," Shaify said.

The CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Cheminova Inc., the New

Jersey company that manufactures malathion, had no immediate comment.

Malathion is used to kill a host of agricultural pests, including mosquitoes. It was sprayed over New York City after a summer encephalitis outbreak, and North Carolina used it after Hurricane Floyd left the area a soggy breeding ground for mosquitos. No pesticide-related illnesses were confirmed in either state.

When used to fight mosquitoes, malathion dissipates in the air within a day, making it less likely to cause illnesses, Calvert said.

To kill the Medfly, the pesticide is mixed with a sugar and corn syrup that is sprayed on plants for the flies to eat. The mixture causes the pesticide to

stick around, normally for four days, but possibly as long as a month, Calvert said.

It was sprayed in Florida suburbs with a population totaling about 132,000 to protect surrounding citrus and tomato crops. Rather than zeroing in on farmland, helicopters and airplanes blanket large areas.

"People are spraying poison on your head," said Jeffrey Huggins of Tampa, a spokesman for the group Citizens for Responsible Alternatives to Malathion, which has been pushing to get malathion spraying banned in Florida.

The CDC suggested using less malathion, such as introducing sterile males into the Medfly population to disrupt its reproduction.

# Apartments

FOGGIA, Italy (AP) — A 10-story apartment building in a southern city collapsed into a pile of rubble before dawn today, killing scores of people.

Many more were killed, some at midday rescues, just one faint voice was heard in the rubble.

"Every minute means the end of someone's life," said Salvatore, president of the Puglia Authorities est

# Attendees problem before

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican DC-9s plunged to earth today, killing numerous mainline pilots that at its safety of its crew, former flight instructor for the operation alleged.

The airline, Taca, denied the Wednesday, saying the airplane's needs were addressed.

Flight 725 originated from the western Tijuana with 90 aboard. It took off from Guaymas, a city of 250,000, on only 13 passengers headed to Mexico City.

Investigators heard voice and data files Wednesday but determined the cause of the crash was not an engine failure as saying the pilot had lost control of the plane because of a lack of fuel and an excessive in one door.

# First lady bonds

JERUSALEM (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said today that she would strengthen bonds with the Jewish people and support peacemaking.

Mrs. Clinton, who made a bid for a seat from New York, large Jewish vote, high on the agenda that she was vying for as first lady.

Mrs. Clinton's breakfast meeting with Barak, wife of the prime minister, and Reuven Rivlin, wife of the Israeli president. The three women were on the balcony of a Jerusalem hotel with the walled city, overlooking the city.

Asked why she was in Jerusalem, Mrs. Clinton said she was the first lady to visit

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# Apartment building collapses in southern Italy; at least 11 people killed

FOGGIA, Italy (AP) — A five-story apartment building in the southern city of Foggia collapsed into a pile of rubble before dawn today, burying scores of people. At least 11 people were killed, state TV said.

Many more were missing, and at midday rescuers could hear just one faint voice under the rubble.

"Every minute we lose could mean the end of someone's life," said Salvatore Distaso, president of the Puglia region.

Authorities estimated that 71

people were home at the time of the collapse. At least 12 survived, state TV said.

Experts suspected structural problems in the 30-year-old building, according to Mayor Paolo Agostinacchio.

Fire Chief Paola Moccia told the ANSA news agency that rescuers could hear the voice of a boy, Angelo, deep inside the pile of rubble.

"We have to proceed with much caution," Moccia said. "We're talking to him, he's asking for help, saying he's thirsty.

We're trying to keep him calm." There was scant warning of the tragedy.

The building superintendent, Luigi Lacontia, 50, said a resident woke him and said the building was creaking. They ran, ringing doorbells to alert people.

"At this point I took a step back, thinking I would see someone stick their head out of a window," Lacontia said. "Instead, I saw the entire building crumble in front of me."

Many may have died on the

stairs, trying to escape.

"In the heart of the night I heard my bed shake, like an earthquake," said survivor Salvatore Taronna, 19, from his hospital bed. "Then I heard creaking noises but I couldn't understand what was happening."

"All of a sudden I found myself deep in chunks of cement," Taronna said. "It was dark and I didn't have the strength to scream."

Aldo Guidone said his son and daughter-in-law felt the floor

tremble, then heard their doorbell ring. The next thing they knew, they were lying amid rubble. Their 8-year-old son was missing.

One family of five heard creaking, saw a hole open up in their kitchen floor and ran, ANSA reported.

They rang neighbors' doorbells to warn them, but the building crumbled in a cloud of dust before they saw anyone else get out.

The fire chief told the AGI news agency that his depart-

ment got a call from the building supervisor three minutes before the collapse.

According to the mayor, 91 people lived in the building, but not everyone was at home.

Agostinacchio said he planned to have a neighboring apartment house built at the same time evacuated as a precaution. "Someone is going to have to explain how this happened," the mayor said.

In Rome, the Senate observed a minute of silence for the victims.

# Attendants allege safety problems in Mexican plane before crash that killed 18

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican DC-9 jetliner that plunged to earth shortly after takeoff, killing 18 people, had numerous maintenance problems that at times threatened the safety of its passengers and crew, former flight attendants for the operating airline alleged.

The airline, Taesa, vigorously denied the accusations Wednesday, saying that all of the airplane's maintenance needs were addressed.

Flight 725 originated Tuesday from the western border city of Tijuana with 91 passengers aboard. It took off again after stopping in Guadalajara and Uruapan, an avocado-growing city of 250,000 people. It had only 13 passengers and five crew members aboard as it headed to Mexico City, 180 miles to the east.

Investigators had located the voice and data flight recorders Wednesday but had not determined the cause of the crash.

Taesa was quoted by the government news agency Notimex as saying the plane was in perfect mechanical condition, and that its engines had recently been overhauled.

The Union of Mexican Airline Attendants claimed the airplane that crashed had at least 20 "irregularities" at one time or another, the most serious involving fuel leaks that caused losses of up to 2,200 pounds of fuel in flight, inspections and lubrications left undone because of a lack of spare parts, and an excessive pressure leak in one door.

The majority of Taesa's 34 air-planes have deficiencies, union leader Alejandra Barrales said during a news conference in which the union distributed a list of problems in Taesa's airplanes.

But Taesa press director Gregorio Ortega called the complaints "a mixture of two things: problems that never existed and some that, well, that's what flight logs are for, to point out errors that should be corrected. Everything was taken care of at the appropriate time."

Ortega added that Taesa had filed a defamation lawsuit against Barrales when the complaints were first aired. The union made its concerns public months ago and in the wake of Tuesday's crash, Barrales said, adding "it seems our obligation now to repeat them."

The Wednesday news conference by the Union of Mexican Airline Attendants, known as ASSA, had been scheduled days before the crash to announce a complaint filed by the AFL-CIO. The complaint, filed Wednesday, accuses the airline of violating the North American Free Trade Agreement by firing flight attendants for union activities.

ASSA representatives said nearly 100 flight attendants were fired from Taesa after voting in March to leave the pro-government Confederation of Mexican Workers, or CTM, to join the independent ASSA, which represents flight attendants at Mexico's Aeromexico and Mexicana airlines.

# First lady in Israel to deepen bonds between two countries

JERUSALEM (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said today that she was in Israel to strengthen her country's bonds with the Jewish state and lend her support to Mideast peacemaking.

Mrs. Clinton, who is expected to make a bid for a U.S. Senate seat from New York, where the large Jewish vote keeps Israel high on the agenda, stressed that she was visiting in her capacity as first lady.

Mrs. Clinton spoke during a breakfast meeting with Nava Barak, wife of the Israeli prime minister, and Reuma Weizman, wife of the Israeli president. The three women stood on the balcony of a Jerusalem hotel, with the walled Old City providing scenic backdrop.

Asked why she was in Israel, Mrs. Clinton said: "I'm here as the first lady of the United States... to further deepen the

already strong bonds between our two countries."

Later today, Mrs. Clinton was to meet in the West Bank town of Ramallah with Soha Arafat, the wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Asked whether she also planned to engage in Mideast diplomacy, Mrs. Clinton said: "I am doing everything I can on behalf of my husband and our government and the United States to further the peace process."

Most of Mrs. Clinton's stops in Israel highlight consensus issues, such as child-rearing and school violence. She has been careful not to be drawn into the region's volatile politics and added the stop in Ramallah and a visit to Jerusalem's Western Wall — the holiest site in Judaism, in the heart of the disputed Old City — only at the last minute.

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## She never knows what she will find in her 'Attic'

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Ellen Barefoot doesn't have bad days.

The owner-operator of Nannie's Attic said she does have difficulties, but doesn't let them turn into bad days.

"I've found out that most things in life are choices," Barefoot said. "Finally I've learned that. I have been to the University of Hard Knocks and got my degree."

Her shop, which sells old, new and used things from art to furniture to dolls and decorative items, is the fulfillment of a dream. Barefoot said she and her mother had always discussed opening a retail store, a plan that goes back 18 years. Her mother has since died, but the name "Nannie's Attic," was her idea: Nannie was what her grandchildren called her.

Barefoot grew up in the Crossroads area, going to school in Vealmoor, Gay Hill and Gail. She has lived in several other states, and had several different jobs, but is settled in Big Spring now with her husband, Ed. Besides his job and Nannie's Attic, they

also have a business making and selling figurines manufactured out of crushed pecan shells and resin.

But the Attic is Barefoot's home away from home, where she spends most of the day, six days a week.

"My life is very simple, no stress," she said, adding that she never minds time spent sharing advice and cheer with those who need it.

"I have been told that when you walk in that door, you just feel a spirit," she said. "God controls everything in the shop."

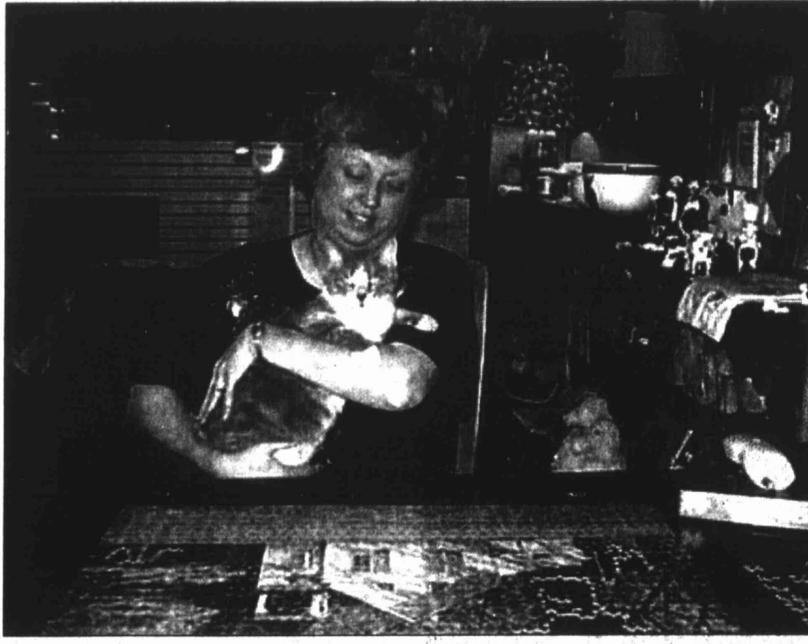
Barefoot shares most of the time in the shop with her cat, Footie, who roams freely and greets most shoppers and visitors.

"A child can come in, and if she hears a child's voice, Footie will come at a trot from anywhere she is; she loves children," Barefoot said.

Footie also enjoys riding in the car with her "Mama," especially in the State National Bank drive-through, where teller Kay Wallis has treats just for her.

"Kay talks to her through the

See ATTIC, Page 10A



Ellen Barefoot and her cat, Footie, greet customers and browsers at "Nannie's Attic."

## Video series helpful to genealogists of all levels

Last week I checked out the three-videotape series on genealogy located at the Howard County Library. These tapes are geared for the beginning genealogist as well as the more experienced researcher.

Each tape covers three to four topics, which are covered pretty well.

Everyone should grasp the concepts of each topic. I found them helpful even after doing research for over 15 years.

They cover census, wills, deed and probate, military records, Bible and church records, among others. I found information in these tapes that I did not think of, and know I can gain in knowledge by watching each tape again.

The tapes are by Gordon and Carolyn Casper. Gordon is the former head of public services for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the largest genealogy library in the world. Carolyn Casper has a degree in genealogy. Together they've taught their research techniques to more than 5,000 students and hundreds more sign up every year.

There are now 10 tapes in the series and I sent for their brochure in December of 1998. I have not ordered them, but will.

Tape one includes home sources, published histories, record and note-keeping. Tape two covers census records and probate records. Tape three covers land records, military and vital records.

Tape four covers city directories, newspapers, cemetery and sexton records, fraternal society records, lineage society records, tax lists and genealogical and biographical indexes. Tape five covers passenger lists and passports and is instructed by Constance Potter a genealogy staff member of the The National Archives, Mid-Atlantic Region in Philadelphia.

Tape seven covers federal land records and National Archives maps. It is instructed by Dr. Richard Smith, Archivist for the National Archives Cartographic Branch. The last three tapes cover England and Wales. Tape one covers civil registration, two covers parish registers and three covers census and probate records.

They are instructed by Ryan Taylor and Anthony Hoskis. Ryan is a member of the genealogy staff at the Allen County Library. His library houses one of the finest genealogical libraries in America. Anthony is a Reference Librarian in the Smith Family Genealogy Center at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

These tapes were priced at \$200 for the set in December 1998. You will need to call for current prices and information.

The number is 1-800-347-6687, or mail to Video Knowledge, See RAWLS, Page 9A



BOBBY RAWLS

## Warning: HPV virus is spread even in 'protected' sex

QUESTION: We've all become aware of the AIDS epidemic, but I recently heard that a college friend of mine who used to sleep around has been diagnosed with something called HPV. I'm not exactly sure what it is, but it sounded serious. Are you familiar with this disease?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I am — and I'm afraid it's very serious. You've heard that HIV is deadly because it leads to AIDS, but the human papilloma virus (HPV) causes far more deaths among women in the United States each year. Thousands of American women die from it every year. It causes genital warts, and in some patients, leads to cancer of the cervix. In fact, it is estimated that 90 percent of cervical cancer cases are caused by HPV, and the virus itself cannot be eradicated once it is in the system.

A medical investigation of this virus was conducted at the

University of California at Berkeley in 1992. Averaging 21 years of age, all the young women coming to the campus health center for routine gynecological examinations for one year were tested for HPV. Would you believe that 47 percent of these female students were found to carry this virus? Every one of them will suffer painful symptoms for the rest of her life, and some will die of cervical and uterine cancer.

The most disturbing news is that HPV can be transmitted while the male is wearing a condom. The virus lurks around the portion of the genitalia that is not covered by the condom.

This is one of the reasons some of us object strenuously to the campaign to get young people to have "protected sex." It gives them a false sense of security. There is no such thing as safe sex when it occurs promiscuously and out-

side the marital relationship.

Abstinence before marriage is the only safe way to go.

QUESTION: You obviously have a great empathy for kids who are in the junior-high years

rejected and ridiculed by their peers. Have you always felt that way about that age group, which many adults don't like to be around?

DR. DOBSON: My concern for early adolescents dates back to the years I spent teaching in junior high school. I was only 25 years old at the time, and I fell in love with 250 science and math students. The day I left to accept other responsibilities, I

fought back the tears. Some of the kids were hurting badly, and I developed a keen sensitivity to their plight. Let me illustrate how I saw them.

Years later, I was sitting in my car at a fast-food restaurant, eating a hamburger and french fries. Then I happened to look in the rearview mirror. There I saw the most pitiful, scrawny, dirty little kitten on a ledge behind my car. I was so touched by how hungry it looked that I got out of my car, picked up the kitten, and tossed it to the ground. Before this kitten could reach it, a huge gray tomcat sprang out of the bushes, grabbed the morsel and gobbled it down. I felt sorry for the kitten, who turned and ran back into the shadows, still hungry and frightened.

I was immediately reminded of those kids I used to teach. They were just as needy, just as deprived, just as lost as that lit-

tle kitten. It wasn't food that they required; it was love and attention and respect that they needed, and they were desperate for it. And just when they opened up and revealed the pain inside, one of the more popular kids would abuse and ridicule them, sending them scurrying back into the shadows, frightened and alone.

We, as adults, must never forget the pain of trying to grow up and of the competitive world in which many adolescents live.

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. Mo. 64111; (816) 932-6600



DR. JAMES DOBSON

## Improving your health begins with being aware of problems

By DR. GUY OWEN  
Columnist

One of the major obstacles to improved health behavior is awareness. If you don't perceive a problem, there is no motivation to change. This second article in my series on wellness will highlight the importance of a health assessment as your first big step toward improved health.

First, the distinction between an evaluation and an assessment should be pointed out. If lab scores are also explained to you as they relate to accepted health norms, this would be an assessment.

The purpose of the health assessment is to determine any health risks or problems, provide information needed to design a safe but efficient wellness plan, provide baseline scores that can be used to set health goals and for future

comparisons of progress, determine if you need to see your physician for further tests or for recommendations prior to increasing your level of activity, and hopefully provide you with the needed motivation to begin making changes.

The health assessment should include a medical history and health status determination, a lipid (fats) and fasting blood level, a body composition estimate of fat and lean tissue, an estimate of current level of physical activity, and a determination of your current aerobic and neuromuscular fitness levels. With these results you can be categorized into one of three health classifications — apparently healthy, at increased risk for disease, or currently with a disease or health problem needing medical supervision.

This classification system

enables the health professional to design both a safe and efficient plan of wellness for you. The first two sessions of the Dora Roberts Wellness entry classes are devoted to health assessment.

Now you are ready to follow a three-step approach to better health, starting with a thorough health assessment, followed by changing poor health behaviors and for your final step, begin developing an environment at work, play or home that is more conducive to good health.

In our next issue we will begin to cover changing health behaviors. The first will be nutritional habits with special attention given to "fad diets" and nutritional supplements.

Best of health for Y2K.  
Guy Owen, Ph.D., is Program Coordinator at Dora Roberts Wellness Center.

## ODDS-N-ENDS

LAKE WALES, Fla. (AP) — Cold War nostalgia now comes in a can.

Chalet Suzanne Foods Inc. is selling water that was canned in 1962 in response to the Cuban missile crisis. The food company was commissioned to can the water at a time when some feared nuclear war was inevitable.

The cans are being sold for \$15 apiece to raise money for the Cold War Museum in Virginia. About 300 cases — 12 cans each — of the 4,000 original cases remain.

"We've kept this in our plant for years," said Eric Hinshaw, a co-owner of the company. "In the past, we let friends take it with them for camping trips."

The water — packaged to Navy and NASA specifications — was canned by Hinshaw's parents from the well of the Chalet Suzanne Restaurant and Country Inn. It was part of the official Nuclear Attack Survival Kit.

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) —

Unsure of what to get her grandmother for her 106th birthday, Christina Rude decided to just send a card.

But she didn't stop at just one card. She decided to send her grandmother, Mary Akers, 106 cards.

The Poulsbo, Wash., woman originally wanted to have the cards postmarked from towns with "Mary" in their names, places like Maryknoll, N.Y., Marysville, Wash., and Marysvale, Utah.

But there didn't seem to be enough "Mary" towns to get the job done, so she turned to Plan B.

She scoured the atlas for towns with unusual names like Novelty, Mo., Miracle, Ky., Purchase, N.Y., and Best, Texas. She enlisted the help of family members to get the cards out in time to 106 postmasters so they could get the unusual postmarks.

Most of the cards arrived in time for Mrs. Akers' 106th birthday on Nov. 6. Mrs. Akers appreciated the effort.

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### SCHOOL NEWS

Forsan High School's annual induction ceremony for National Honor Society was Tuesday evening. Members were selected for the society based on their high standards in scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Inductees were: Dustin Baker, Taylor Bristow, Kim Cain, Julia Cox, Codi Graves, Jarrett Hopper, Megan McDiffitt, Allison Miller, Leanne Miller, Dustin Morgan, Andy Neel, J.D. Newton, Kristen Newton, Natalie Nichols, Michael Rowden, Sylvia Roy, Angel Serrano, Chelsea Shults, Samantha Stapp and David Stone.

Present senior members of NHS attending the ceremony were: Ashley Alexander, president; Stacey Anderson; Javier Becerra, treasurer; Jessica Hogg; Kyle Newton; Jessica Paredes; Leslie Patterson; Tiffany Sayles, secretary; and Derek Wash, vice president.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A HELPING HAND, LOCAL charity to assist the community's needy, needs a donation of a dependable used car to assist a working mother of three children. The gift would be tax-deductible. For more information, call 263-4410.

COAHOMA ELEMENTARY PTA FALL Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 13, from 5:30 to 10 p.m., in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

### THE LAST WORD

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Survival of youngest heart surgery patients improves substantially

ATLANTA (AP) — The survival rate among children undergoing heart surgery has improved by one-third since the early 1980s, even though doctors are operating on younger and sicker patients.

While heart surgery is routine for adults, the operations are much more difficult in the very young, whose plum-size hearts and delicate condition make complications common.

"We have had a very significant improvement in mortality," said Dr. James Moller of the University of Minnesota. "In the youngest age group, this has occurred even though more complicated operations are being performed."

Moller presented the latest data Tuesday at a meeting in Atlanta of the American Heart Association. The figures were compiled by the Pediatric Cardiac Care Consortium, made up of 48 hospitals in 25 states and two Canadian provinces. The statistics covered 51,000 operations on children up to age 18 between 1982 and 1997.

Moller said that since 1982, overall mortality among the heart surgery patients has fallen from 9.6 percent to 6.2 percent. In babies under a year old, it has fallen from 20 percent to 11

percent. And in the youngest patients mortality has dropped from 26 percent to 17 percent.

Heart problems are the most common serious birth defect. In the United States, about 32,000 babies are born with these problems annually, and one-quarter of them need treatment, usually surgery.

Most of these difficulties involve either obstructions in the heart's valves and arteries or abnormal patterns of blood flow through the heart. Surgery can involve patching a hole, tying shut an opening or surgically widening a valve.

Dr. Alain Serraf of Marie Lannelongue Hospital in Plessis Robinso, France, said doctors often wait until babies grow to at least 2,000 grams — 4.4 pounds — before attempting surgery. His team studied 59 babies with a variety of heart defects over the past decade who weighed less than 2,000 grams. Among those in whom doctors delayed surgery, 22 percent died, compared with 14 percent of the babies who underwent immediate surgery.

"All of these babies gain weight" after their surgery, Serraf said. "And after one to two years, their weight is completely normal."

## ATTIC

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speaker, and Footie meows," Barefoot said.

The cat seems content most of the time to roam the shop, and is ready to go home with

Barefoot at the end of the day. When they get in the car, Footie always takes her spot on the dashboard, often surprising other motorists who must crane their necks to figure out what she is.

Barefoot said running the shop can be challenging, especially with a high volume of merchandise and on Saturdays, when customers who must stop.

But what she enjoys most

about her business is the chance to meet so many people.

"Not one person comes in this shop that I don't find out about," she said. "That's just me. I just like people. They are my survival kit."



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**Advance ticket for Steers' pl**  
Tickets for Saturday night playoff game between Big Spring's Steers and Brownwood Lions are on sale at the Big Spring Administration Center. Tickets purchased in advance are priced at \$6 for students and \$8 for the general public. The game will be available from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium in Angelo.

**Little League slates its 'Su**  
The Crossroads Little League Football team scheduled its "Super Bowl" game for Friday afternoon. The game will be held at 7 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium. The Division II game will feature the Panthers and the Packers and the

**YMCA registers for its basket**  
The Big Spring YMCA is now registering for its sixth grade for the year. The program includes a T-shirt, individual award and a YMCA youth membership. The registration fee is \$15. Basic program will pay \$25 and will pay \$32. For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-1000.

**T&WD officials hunt recomme**  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are hunting for deer in the Big Spring area. No special hunting license is required for hunters. Hunters are required to tag their deer with an antler tag from a valid hunt. TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty mended that hunters harvest of deer per 800 acres buck per 1,700 acres. For more information, contact McGinty at (915) 267-1000.

**YMCA offering racquetball les**  
The Big Spring YMCA is currently offering free racquetball lessons for adults and young adults. The hour-long lessons are offered on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Nov. 20. For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-1000.

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**TODAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**  
7:30 p.m. — Sands Mustang Wildcats, six-man football game at Klondike.

**ON THE**

**Radio HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**  
7 p.m. — Sands Wellman Wildcats, off game, KBST-FM.

**Television COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
7 p.m. — North Carolina, off game, KSTP-TV.

### IN BRIEF

#### Advance ticket on sale for Steers' playoff game

Tickets for Saturday's bi-district playoff game between Big Spring's Steers and the Brownwood Lions are now on sale at the Big Spring ISD Administration Building. Tickets purchased in advance are priced at \$3 for students and \$6 for adults. All tickets at the gate will be \$7. BISD officials said tickets will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. The game is scheduled for a 1 p.m. start Saturday at Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo.

#### Little League football slates its 'Super Bowls'

The Crossroads Little League Football Program has scheduled its consolation and "Super Bowl" this weekend. In Friday's consolation games, the Division I Steers and Buffs will square off at 6 p.m., while the Division II Buffs will play the Longhorns at 8 p.m. Saturday's championship games were rescheduled as night games, as well, allowing players and their families to attend the Big Spring Steers' playoff game in San Angelo that afternoon. The Division I Super Bowl will have the Bulldogs facing the Panthers, while the Division II game features the Packers and the Cowboys.

#### YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in kindergarten through the sixth grade for its youth basketball program. The program fee includes a T-shirt, individual player award and a full service YMCA youth membership for January and February. YMCA full members may register for the program for \$15. Basic program members will pay \$25 and non-members will pay \$32. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### T&WD official releases hunt recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have suggested harvest recommendations for the general deer hunting season which continues through Jan. 2 in Howard County. The legal bag limit for Howard County is four deer with no more than two of them being bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, but both antlerless deer and bucks must be tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license. TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres. For more information, call McGinty at (915) 795-2238.

#### YMCA offering free racquetball lessons

The Big Spring Family YMCA is currently offering free racquetball lessons to adults and youngsters 10 and older. The hour-long sessions are offered on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon through Nov. 20. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

### AREA GAMES

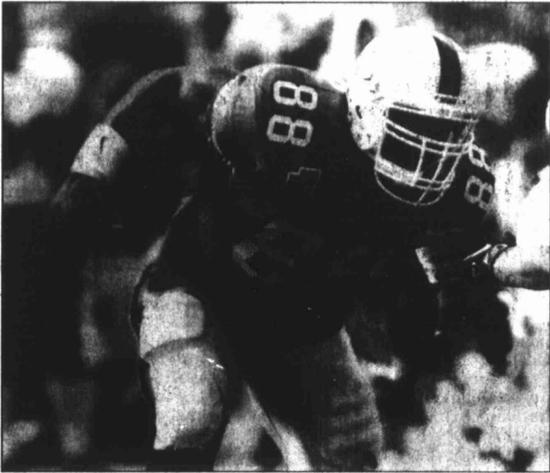
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**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**  
7 p.m. — Sands Mustangs vs. Wellman Wildcats, bi-district play-off game, KBST-FM 95.9.

**Television**  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
7 p.m. — North Carolina State at North Carolina, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Hurricanes coaches say 'Bubba' is simply the best



Courtesy photo/J.C. Ridley

Big Spring native Daniel "Bubba" Franks, pictured here in action during the 1998 season, has become one of the highest-rated college football players in the country and drawing plenty of attention from NFL scouts.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — The toughest part of Miami Hurricanes practice has nothing to do with running sprints or doing sit-ups. It's having to tackle tight end Bubba Franks.

It's a dubious honor that few players — if any — would voluntarily undertake.

Franks, a 6-foot-6, 260-pound junior from Big Spring, is Miami's second-leading receiver with 30 catches for 364 yards and four touchdowns.

The 19th-ranked Hurricanes expect Franks to play a major role Saturday against No. 2 Virginia Tech.

"He's a big target, a quarterback's dream," Miami quarterback Kenny Kelly said. "We try to base our offensive game plan around getting him the ball. And when we do, good things seem to happen."

Especially lately. Franks has 15 receptions for 232 yards in Miami's past three games — all wins. He also has scored a touchdown in each outing.

He was Kelly's favorite target in a come-from-behind win over Boston College on Oct. 23. Franks caught six passes for 78 yards, including the game-tying touchdown pass.

The following week, West Virginia double-teamed Franks in the first half, using a linebacker and a safety to slow him down. It worked for a while.

Franks was held without a catch until the third quarter. Then he had five for 74 yards, including

a one-handed stab.

"He's playing so solidly and so consistently," coach Butch Davis said. "He's blocking extraordinarily well and he's making extremely difficult catches with guys draped all over him. Obviously, when you start catching balls with success, defenses start paying attention to you."

So does the NFL.

Daniel Franks — nicknamed Bubba because that's what he called his bottle as a toddler — is a projected first-round draft pick if he leaves college after his junior year. Before the season, Sports Illustrated dubbed him one of 10 players the NFL wants now.

Franks said he often talks to former Miami tailback and Indianapolis Colts rookie Edgerrin James about playing in the NFL. He doesn't plan to make a decision about his future until January.

"It's always in your mind; it's something to think about," Franks said. "But you can't think about it too much or it'll affect your performance. That's something I'm going to look at the end of the season and go from there. I can't really make a decision now because we're still playing football."

As for NFL comparisons?

"I'd like to compare Bubba to someone in the NFL, but I'm not sure there's a tight end with his

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## Bufs, Coyotes poised again

### Borden County, Stanton keeping playoff runs alive

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

When Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes open their runs in the state's school-boy football playoffs Friday night, it may seem to many that things never change.

The Buffs and Coyotes, after all, have been the Crossroads Area's most successful teams over the past three seasons.

In fact, they seemed to almost mirror one another.

Both claimed state championships in their respective divisions in 1997 — Stanton taking the Class 2A title with a perfect 16-0 run, while Borden County was just as perfect in putting together a 15-0 march to the six-man football crown.

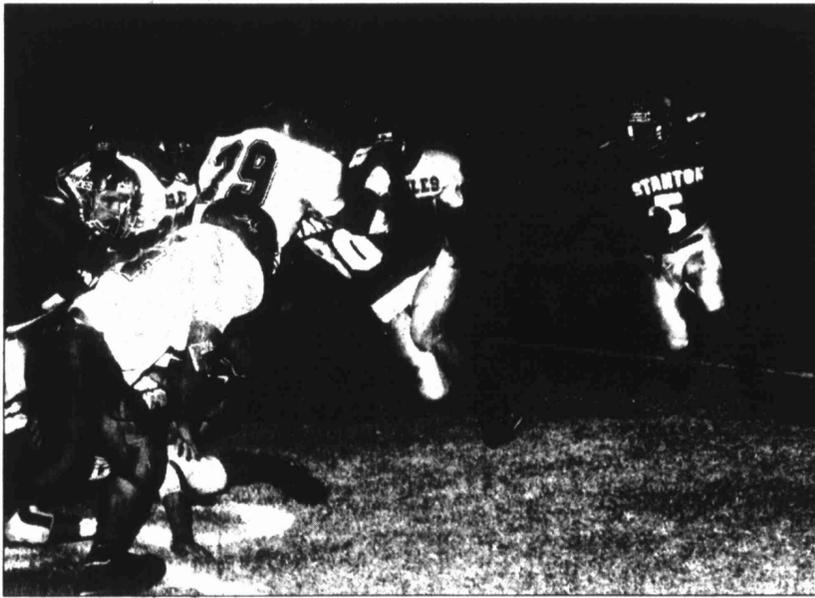
They continued to stay in step last season, both opening the season as the state's No. 1-ranked teams in their divisions, only to lose on the same night and finish as once-beaten runners-up in their districts.

And when the 1998 playoffs arrived, the Buffs reached the Class 2A, Division II semifinals before bowing out with a loss to Celina, while the Coyotes advanced to the six-man championship game for a second straight season, surrendering their title to Trinidad. Both losses occurred on the same weekend.

It therefore seems in keeping that the Buffs and Coyotes would open their 1999 playoff appearances at the same time — Stanton stepping onto the field in Levelland at 7:30 p.m. Friday in a bi-district rematch with Farwell's Steers, while the Coyotes will square off with Meadow's Mustangs at Klondike High School in Patricia.

This time around, however, the Buffs and Coyotes enter the playoffs in somewhat different positions.

Stanton opens the postseason with a perfect 10-0 mark as the District 3-2A champion, while the Coyotes and 8-2 and finished as runner-up to Sands in



HERALD photo/Jim Florro

Stanton running back Jeremy Hull (5) sweeps left as teammates Blaine Smith (7) and Brady Cook (80) provide blocking in the during the Buffs win over defending District 3-2A champion Seagraves. Hull, who has rushed for 1,495 yards to date, is one of the reasons Stanton heads into Friday's bi-district playoff game against Farwell's Steers with a 10-0 record.

District 6 six-man competition.

When the season opened, few could have expected the Buffs to be unbeaten going into the playoffs, since Stanton opened the year with just one starter returning on both offense and defense from their 13-2 campaign the year before.

But the Buffs didn't rebuild, they reloaded.

Still, even Stanton head coach Mark Cotton admits being somewhat surprised that the Buffs escaped the regular season unscathed.

"I thought by the time we got to district play we'd be a pretty good football team, but I have to admit I expected us to take a lump or two before we got there," Cotton said following the Buffs' workout Wednesday.

"When you play hard, good things happen to you, though," he added, stressing that tradition has been a big part in the Buffs' success this season. "We've got a sign mounted up in our fieldhouse that says 'Tradition Never Graduates.'

We pointed that out to these kids at the start of the season and they've taken to that like ducks to water."

Much of the Buffs' success this season can be attributed to the play of quarterback Will Harris and running back Jeremy Hull.

Harris, who took over the Stanton offensive reigns replacing graduated two-time all-stater Kyle Herm, draws lofty praise from his coach.

"Will's really stepped in there well ... done a great job of running our offense," Cotton noted. "Most importantly, he's made good decisions. He doesn't let people load up against us in one particular area."

Harris, despite missing almost all of one game and much of another due to an injury, has passed for almost 1,000 yards, employing eight different receivers.

That has kept Stanton's opponents from loading up to stop Hull, a junior, who has rushed for 1,495 yards this season.

Hull, who had an impressive 1,000-yard season as a sophomore operating behind a seasoned offensive line a year ago, hasn't missed a beat this year, even though that offensive front had to be completely rebuilt this season.

"Our linemen deserve a lot of credit for what we've been able to do ... they're always the unsung heroes," Cotton explained. "And that's one of the most impressive things about Jeremy. He's just a special young man. He's a great team player ... the first to give his linemen credit and thank them for the job they do."

The Buffs' ability to balance their running and passing game will be of primary importance Friday when they face the Steers, Cotton says, because Farwell's defensive scheme is designed to stop opponents' running game and force them to throw the football.

Offensively, the Steers

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## Aikman maintains he'll return

IRVING (AP) — Troy Aikman better get ready. It's almost time for Leigh Steinberg to give him "The Speech."

After suffering two serious head injuries in eight days, the Dallas Cowboys quarterback has undergone a battery of tests to determine whether any brain damage has been done and, if so, how bad it is.

Should doctors discover find anything wrong, Steinberg won't hesitate to tell Aikman to retire. It may not even take that much for the agent to tell his top client enough is enough.

"That's a decision for later Tuesday. We'll just have to see how he does, how he progresses."

Cowboys coach Chap Gailey said Aikman has not yet been ruled out of Sunday's game against Green Bay. Steinberg, however, said: "It doesn't strike me as being a huge probability that he'd play after suffering two head injuries in eight days."

Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin will miss the Packers game. Should Aikman also sit, it would be the first time since Smith joined the league in 1990 — a span of 152 regular-season games — that none of Dallas' so-called triplets are in the lineup.

Gailey said he assumes Aikman will be out only a week, but Steinberg said it's too soon to know. He said Aikman was still having side effects Tuesday when he underwent a diagnostic exam and an MRI.

Aikman's sixth concussion of his 11-year career came Monday night when Jerry Ball sacked him in Dallas' 27-17 loss to Minnesota.

It actually might have been Aikman's seventh concussion, considering how woozy he was after Jeff Burris hit him the previous Sunday against Indianapolis. Aikman briefly returned to that game and the team never labeled it a concussion.

What's most worrisome is that Ball didn't hit Aikman as hard as Burris did, yet Aikman

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## Shaq, Barkley ejected from Lakers-Rockets game after brawl

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shaquille O'Neal and Charles Barkley had different takes of the scuffle that led to their ejection from the Lakers-Rockets game.

O'Neal said Barkley instigated their brief wrestling match because Sir Charles was frustrated by Houston's 0-5 start.

"He did one of his Charles-like things; he just didn't want to play tonight," O'Neal said after Los Angeles beat the Rockets 89-88 Wednesday night in Houston. "Obviously, he is frustrated the way his team is playing. He wasn't doing much and his team is 0-5."

Barkley claimed Shaq started it all. "I can't let him hit me and get away with it," Barkley said. "My grandma would be mad at me if I let him get away with it. I had to defend myself."

O'Neal and Barkley were ejected following their second-quarter tussle, which started after O'Neal blocked Barkley's layup attempt.

The ball went out of bounds, Barkley retrieved it and then got a slight shove from O'Neal. Barkley then threw the ball at O'Neal and the two grappled each other to the floor as players and coaches from both teams rushed to stop it from escalating.

"For whatever reason, Charles was upset and instigated it," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It sure changed the complexion of the game. It was an exciting game after that."

Glen Rice scored 24 points as the Lakers improved to 5-1. Rookie Steve Francis led the Rockets with 26 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

In other NBA games, it was Seattle 109, Washington 95; Detroit 110, Boston 92;

Phoenix 104, New Jersey 89; Charlotte 117, Milwaukee 111; Orlando 110, Philadelphia 105; Vancouver 102, Atlanta 97 in overtime; and San Antonio 99, Los Angeles Clippers 94.

### Pistons 110, Celtics 92

Jerry Stackhouse scored 30 points as the rested Detroit Pistons finally won after losing their first four games.

After playing four games in five nights, the Pistons had three days off before playing the Celtics. It showed as they had plenty left in the fourth quarter to avoid squandering a big lead for the second straight game.

Paul Pierce led Boston with 26 points.

### Sonics 109, Wizards 95

Reserve Vernon Maxwell scored 24 points, and Gary Payton added 20 points and tied a career high with 17 assists as

Seattle won at Washington.

The SuperSonics improved to 4-1 by beating the Wizards for the 20th time in 24 meetings.

Richard Hamilton scored 15 points, and Isaac Austin and Juwan Howard had 14 apiece for Washington, which has dropped four straight since winning its opener.

### Suns 104, Nets 89

Penny Hardaway scored 25 points as the Phoenix Suns won at New Jersey, their fourth straight victory.

Phoenix hasn't lost since dropping its season opener at Denver. The Nets fell to 1-4.

Tom Gugliotta scored 18 points for the Suns, and Jason Kidd added 15. Stephon Marbury led the Nets with 27 points,

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

Table listing the top 25 college football teams in the Associated Press poll, including Florida State, Virginia Tech, and Tennessee.

NFL STANDINGS

Table showing NFL standings for the American Conference (East, Central, West) and National Conference (East, West).

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Table listing the top 25 high school football teams in the Associated Press poll, including Midland Lee, Lewisville, and Austin Westlake.

MLS PLAYOFFS

Table detailing MLS playoff results for the Eastern and Western conferences, including the semifinals and finals.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing various player transactions across different sports, including baseball, basketball, and football.

MEN'S TOP 25

Table listing the top 25 men's college basketball teams in the Associated Press poll.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

Table listing the top 25 women's college basketball teams in the Associated Press poll.

UIL VOLLEYBALL

Table showing UIL volleyball playoff pairings and results for Class 3A, including West Texas and Grand Falls-Royalty.

UIL CROSS-COUNTRY

Table listing local qualifiers for the 1999 UIL State Cross Country Championships.

RODIO LEADERS

Table listing the top performers in the All-Around Cowboy rodeo event.

PLAYOFFS

Continued from page 1B. Bobby Avery's way of thinking, his Coyotes have also fared much better than most thought would be possible. 'They like to take the ball and hold onto it,' Cotton explained.

AIKMAN

Continued from page 1B. felt much worse after Ball's blow. 'I'm sure the previous week had something to do with it,' Gailey said.

FRANKS

Continued from page 1B. tenaciousness and versatility," said tight ends coach Bob Czuzinski. Franks attributes his versatility to the basketball court.

based on his team's performance in recent weeks. 'We're playing good football right now,' Avery explained. 'People are beginning to step it up a little... just like it means a little more.'

long-term effects, and by then it's usually too late to do anything about it. 'The brain is the last frontier of medical research,' Steinberg said.

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NBA

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 10. (Report also available on Web at www.tfwfishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and black Power Worms fished in 2 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Hybrid strippers are good on cut baits. Catfish are slow.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 67 degrees; 1008.27'; Black bass are good on chrome/blue Rat-L-Traps, Carolina-rigged chartreuse/pepper Ring-Frys and Pumpkin Scoundrel worms fished on the points and flats. Crappie are fair, but small, on minnows fished over brush piles in 20 foot holes. White bass are fair, but scattered, vertically jigging Horizon Perch Minnows and casting 1/8oz. Tiny Traps. Striped bass are slow to fair drifting live bait or casting 3" Golden Eye Lill' Fishie (schooling activity). Channel and blue catfish are fair on worms, live bait and liver. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines with live bait.

**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.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 68-72 degrees; Black bass are slow on topwaters and motor oil Texas-rigged worms fished along the edge of the hydrilla. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on jigging spoons fished in 25 to 40 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigging 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 clear; 67 degrees; Black bass are fair on top waters fished early and late and on crankbaits fished during the day. Alabama Spotted bass are fair on crankbaits fished on long faces near the dam. No reports of small mouth bass. Crappie are fair on minnows fished from the crappie dock and on brushy flats near creek channels. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows, perch, shrimp and stink bait fished in 20 to 25 feet across from the boat ramp. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; 65 degrees; 9.5' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits fished on the west end of the dam and on points and creek channels in the state park. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 12 to 14 feet near the derricks and docks in the state park. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese bait, punch bait and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish to 53 pounds are good on trotlines baited with gold fish and perch on the south end of the lake. The only accessible boat ramp is in the state park.

**BRADY:** Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; 14' low; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 8 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in brush in 10 to 12 feet. White bass are good on crankbaits fished in 2 to 4 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait fished in 4 to 10 feet. No reports on yellow catfish.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are poor on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are good on shrimp. Red fish are poor on shrimp and shad. FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 70 degrees; 16.5' low; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Crappie are good on small minnows and white jigs fished in 10 feet on the east side of the dam. No report on sand bass. Hybrid strippers are good on shad, perch and chicken liver fished in 3 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are fair on shad and perch fished in 3 to 5 feet. Yellow catfish are poor.

**HEBARD CREEK:** Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are good on buzzbaits fished around duckweed. Crappie are good on small minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet around brush piles. White bass are good on small spinners and minnows. No reports on hybrid strippers. No reports on channel catfish. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

**KEMP:** Water slightly stained; 69 degrees; 9.5' low; Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 10 feet. Sand bass are good on minnows and jigs. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are poor on jigs and sassy shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good trotlines baited with goldfish. No reports on yellow catfish.

**NASWORTHY:** Water stained; 65 degrees; Black bass are fair on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in the gator weed and around docks. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished from crappie houses. White bass are poor on small chrome and blue Rat-L-Traps fished on Alvin's point. No report on redfish. Hybrid strippers are poor on shad netted crankbaits fished under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers in the hot water slew fished at night. Yellow catfish are fair on droplines baited with perch.

**NOCOMA:** Water stained; 70 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are fair on chartreuse crank baits and top waters fished around docks and brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on shad and chartreuse jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and nightcrawlers fished in 18 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

**OAK CREEK:** Water clear; 66 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass to 9.4 pounds are excellent on plastic perch, top waters and Rooster tails fished on top to 10 feet. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 15 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good on stink bait, cut bait, gold fish, minnows, liver and worms fished in 5 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish to 37 pounds are excellent on goldfish, liver, minnows, stink bait, carp and cut bait fished in 12 to 14 feet.

**O.H. IVE:** Water clear; 67 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits fished on grassy flats and points (few being caught on top waters). Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the hydrilla in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are fair to good on minnows and slabs at night under lights fished along river channels. Catfish are fair on worms and stink bait fished in 15 feet.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained; 64 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are fair on spinners and Pop R's early and on Power worms fished in 5 to 10 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet. Striped bass are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 10 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

**SPENCE:** Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters and crankbaits fished on flats near structure. White bass are good on small crankbaits and minnows fished on sand bars. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs with pink heads fished near rock bluffs and rock points with trees. Striped bass are good on cut shad fished in 20 to 22 feet near the gravel pit. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and stink bait fished in Cedar cove in 10 feet. No report on yellow catfish.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on minnows fished shallow. F. apple are poor on minnows and jigs fishing the shoreline near structure in 4 to 8 feet. No report on white bass. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Channel catfish are good on punch bait and cheese bait fished in 5 to 6 feet. Blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad fished in 5 to 6 feet.

**SWEETWATER:** Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps fished in 3 to 6 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 6 feet. No report on white bass. Blue and channel catfish are good on shrimp and worms fished in 5 to 6 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

**TWIN BUTTES:** Water stained; 67 degrees; 35 feet low; Black bass are fair on large worms and jigs pitched in cover up Middle Concho and Spring Creek. White bass are fair on minnows and spinners with some schooling action. No report on crappie. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on perch, shad and minnows. Caution advised on all remaining boat ramps.

**WHITE RIVER:** No report available.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Billy Bear Gets His Bearings

Where Am I?

Billy Bear was fast asleep when his father carried him into his new home and put him to bed.

Daddy Bear had been promoted, and the family was transferred to Bear Town, Kansas. Billy Bear was so tired from packing and saying goodbye that he slept all the way on moving day. Billy Bear was very puzzled when he woke up. He wanted to find out where he was. He wanted to get his bearings.

WHERE AM I?



Daddy Bear decided it was a good time to give Billy a lesson in geography. Geography is the study of the Earth and the living things on it, and why and how and where they are.

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"This is a photo of our new house from outside," said Daddy.



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1. You are in a room.  east to west: 12 feet	2. Your room is in a house.  east to west: 40 feet	3. Your house is on a lot.  east to west: 50 feet
4. Your lot is in a neighborhood.  east to west: 2 miles	5. Your neighborhood is in a city.  east to west: 10 miles	6. Your city is in a state.  east to west: 400 miles
7. Your state is in your country.  east to west: 2,807 miles	8. Your country is part of a continent.  east to west: 4,000 miles	9. Your continent is on the Earth.  around the equator: 24,900 miles

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Geography Awareness Week is Nov. 14-20

Meet Jessica Biel



Since 1996, Jessica Biel (pronounced "beel") has been one of the stars on the show "7th Heaven." Jessica, 17, was born in Ely, Minn. Her friends and family call her Jessi. "7th Heaven" is her first TV show.

She has also been in several movies, including "I'll Be Home for Christmas" with Jonathan Taylor Thomas, and "Ulee's Gold." She also works as a model.

Jessica is a senior in high school in Los Angeles. She hopes to go to college on the East Coast. She has a little brother. Some of her hobbies are playing soccer and snowboarding.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Tasty Taco Dip

You'll need:

- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1/2 envelope taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- Vegetables such as carrot sticks, sliced peppers, broccoli or cauliflower

What to do:

- Place onion, green pepper and tomato in a microwave-safe casserole.
- Cover and microwave on high 2 1/2 minutes.
- Stir in taco seasoning mix. Mix well.
- Microwave on high 1 1/2 minutes or until bubbly.
- Stir in sour cream. Mix well.
- Serve with chopped vegetables. Makes about 2 cups.

TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of geography are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: GLOBE, MAP, GRID, LONGITUDE, LATITUDE, NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST, STATE, CITY, CONTINENT, COUNTRY, NEIGHBORHOOD, ROOM, LOT, ABSOLUTE, WORLD.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are learning about geography. See if you can find:



- ruler
- word MINI
- peapod
- cat
- bread loaf
- canoe
- letter D
- comb
- banana
- pumpkin
- horseshoe
- pie
- apple

Bearing In on Maps

Billy's dad wanted him to know more about how to locate people, places and things. Daddy Bear pointed out that many maps have grids with lines going in two directions.

**Absolute location**  
By using the grid of Billy's neighborhood, he could find out the absolute or exact location. For example, Billy Bear's house is absolutely located at D-2. Find the letter D on the sides. Find the number 2 at the top and bottom. With your fingers, trace along the rows of squares until the two rows meet. Billy's post office is located at A-2. Billy's drugstore is located at B-4.

**Bear Town index**  
Can you find these other locations?

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Riding ring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic table	<input type="checkbox"/>
Billy's swings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire station	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grocery store	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer field	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answers: C-3, A-4, B-4, B-4, D-2.

**Relative location**  
Relative location is how a place is related or connected to another. For example, the barn is between the riding ring and the soccer field.

**Cardinal directions**  
North, south, east or west tells us which way. Can you fill in the blanks?  
The swings are \_\_\_\_\_ of the post office.  
The airport is \_\_\_\_\_ of the drugstore.  
The lake is \_\_\_\_\_ of the picnic table.  
The fire station is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Latitude and longitude**  
We also use grids to find out where we are on Earth. These imaginary lines are called parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude.

**Parallels of latitude**  
• run from east to west.  
• are separate circles.

**Meridians of longitude**  
• run from north to south.  
• meet at the North and South poles.

When we put these together, we cover the Earth with a net, or grid.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 12:**  
Be aware of your need to be the driving force in your life. Navigate with a firm hand and make what you want happen. You often find others negative and touchy, but you can coax them around problems. Neighbors and relatives play significant roles in your year. If you are single, a relationship takes off in late spring or summer. Your chosen paramour has a jovial nature. If attached, your relationship renews with the passage of the seasons. You can make it a lot better with a little effort and attention. CAPRICORN knows how to draw you out.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Build a project using established guidelines. A conservative, logical approach brings kudos. Emphasis is on your image, long-term projects and building with an eye to the future. Clean up your desk and balance your checkbook. Tonight: In the limelight.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Take an overview, if possible. Don't get plugged into a limited or rigid point of view. It's important to expand rather than close down. Openness makes a big difference in how you visualize. Schedule a class or workshop; increase your vision. Tonight: "Escape" needs to be your motto!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
You might not always understand others, their choices or their actions. Become a psychological detective; dig out information; seek out new resources. Your intuition is right on with a partner or a money matter. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Spend time with a dear friend.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Defer to others; don't gripe about a must meeting. Your ability to understand others will be heightened if you observe instead of react. Let others play out their ideas. Popularity peaks; you are easygoing. Don't lose sight of your main goals. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
You feel burdened by your current responsibilities and work. Stay in touch with what you want and expect from others. You might need to call in the troops in order to complete work. Co-workers push your buttons and pitch in. Remember, you are part of a team. Tonight: TGIF with friends.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Remain sensitive to another, even if he is contrary and you feel he has tunnel vision. Utilize your energy and move forward on a creative project. Don't worry as much about getting agreement from others. Be your own person. Tonight: Party the weekend in.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Deal with associates, finances and domestic security. You might be pushing yourself off the deep end. Listen to others; get feedback, even if you don't like it. No one can make your life better or more productive than you can. Take responsibility. Tonight: Cocoon.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Establish communication with a touchy person with whom you might not always agree. Your abilities to take an overview and to establish priorities make you a winner. Don't take another's attitude personally. Recognize a grump when you see one! Tonight: Out and about.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
You deserve to see results for your hard work, whether professionally or at the gym. Know that whatever you put your mind to, you can have. Increase your security and financial well-being. Understand that others sometimes covet your free-spirited attitude and strength. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
You are sure of yourself; nevertheless, be smart and check out an idea, even if you think it won't work. Suspend judgment and explore. Taking a situation and turning it upside down helps you see the world from another perspective. Tonight: Use that high magnetism to draw in what you want.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Take a break from it all. Do only what you must. You are overly tired and driven. Another does care a lot, but he has an odd way of showing it. Screen calls, complete work and get a head start on your weekend. Make "recharge and renew" your mantra. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Listen to feedback. Discuss what you want from another, even if it is difficult. Use an important meeting to network and expand your immediate circle. There is no such thing as knowing too many people. Working with others is your strong suit. Tonight: Join the gang.

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**Driver resents chauffeuring widows who need a lift**

**DEAR ABBY:** Never did I think I'd be writing to you, but for the past few years I have been plagued by widows who cannot drive. However, most are not shy when it comes to expecting neighbors to drive them to church, to shop, to the doctor or the dentist, to senior affairs, etc.

What in the world were these women — and their husbands — thinking in years past? It's a well-known fact that women usually outlive their husbands. Did they think a chauffeur would automatically appear when the husband died? Or were the husbands stubborn male chauvinists who refused to accept the fact that they might go first?

I loved your item re: Who would a man rescue if both his mother and his wife were going over the falls and he could rescue only one? You humorously wrote, "... it's so important for women to know how to paddle their own canoes." Amen! Healthy ladies: LEARN TO DRIVE!

Thankfully, the new generation has all girls and women learning to drive early. Those no-drive widows are such a pain. — WIDOW-DRIVER IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR WIDOW-DRIVER:** I have another saying for you: "You don't have to run to the fire every time you hear a siren." Perhaps your pain would be less if you made yourself less available. I'm sure those nondriving widows would try harder to arrange other transportation if they could hear what you're saying under your breath!

Another thing to consider: Not all older widows are good candidates for learning how to drive.

**DEAR ABBY:** With regard to the letter from "Bound and Boiling," I just want to reassure the three young women

who spent the night bound and gagged in the fast-food restaurant that, as a political scientist who has studied crime and violence for more than two decades, I am firmly convinced that they did the right thing in not resisting.

The risks involved in resisting an armed robbery far outweigh those of not resisting.

As the old-military axiom goes, "Great courage is required to take a seemingly unheroic action." — ERNEST H. EVANS, LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

**DEAR ERNEST:** I agree. It takes presence of mind to remain calm in an emergency, and to weigh whether heroism is prudent.

**DEAR READERS:** This wonderful poem, written as the closing remarks for a friend's speech on Memorial Day at a veterans cemetery, was sent to me by the author's wife, Marie C. Middleton. I think it is fitting to print it to honor Veterans Day. Read on:

**A SOLDIER'S PRAYER**  
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Lord, bless the wives who grieve alone,  
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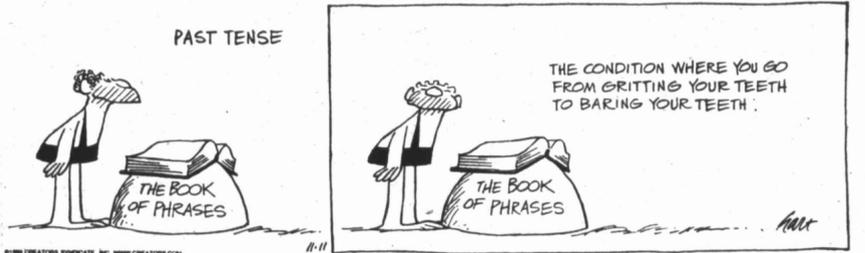
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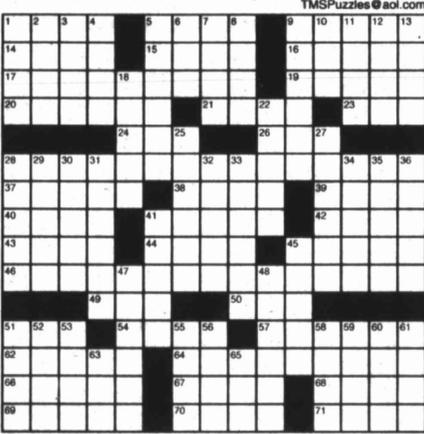
50 days left in the year. This is Veterans Day in the United States, Remembrance Day in Canada. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I ended with the signing of an armistice between

the Allies and Germany. On this date: In 1620, 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed a compact calling for a "body politic."

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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In 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who had led a violent insurrection, was executed in Virginia. In 1889, Washington became the 42nd state. In 1921, President Harding dedicated the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery. In 1939, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on network radio. In 1965, Rhodesia proclaimed its independence from Britain. In 1966, Gemini 12 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. aboard. In 1972, the U.S. Army turned over its base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese army, symbolizing the end of direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War. In 1992, the Church of England voted to ordain women as priests. In 1993, a bronze statue was dedicated in Washington, D.C., honoring the more than 11,000 American women who served in the Vietnam War. Ten years ago: In a telephone conversation with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, East German leader Egon Krenz ruled out any possibility reunification. Five years ago: A suicide bomber killed three soldiers at an Israeli military checkpoint in Gaza. One year ago: President Clinton ordered warships, planes and troops to the Persian Gulf as he laid out his case for a possible attack on Iraq. Iraq, meanwhile, showed no sign of backing down on its refusal to deal with U.N. weapons inspectors. Israel's Cabinet narrowly ratified a land-for-peace agreement with the Palestinians. Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., is 84. Author Kurt Vonnegut Jr. is 77. Comedian Jonathan Winters is 74. Jazz singer-musician Mose Allison is 72. Jazz-country musician Hank Garland is 69. Country singer Narvel Felts is 61. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is 59. Singer Jesse Colin Young is 55. Rock singer-musician Vince Martell (Vanilla Fudge) is 54. Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller is 48. Pop singer-musician Paul Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 47. Rock singer-musician Andy Partridge (XTC) is 46. Singer Marshall Crenshaw is 45. Rock singer Dave Alvin is 44.