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9/26 Je - progress report: All looked at an old and funny movie last night, which was good for her because her hiatal hernia is in revolt again, this time probably over self-imposed and unarticulated pressure to complete the typing of the last part of PM, which a friend coming, probably Tuesday, to read. You do not know of this hernia, remember, please. She is funny and needlessly sensitive about such things. However, while viewing, she got out her kit of needles and experimented with sizes of those to use on the border. The test runs of the border are, I think, prettier than the one she made. She appears to be fascinated by the Chinese character. And I saw the yarn. The yellow is, I think, a better and more attractive shade than the left-over yarn she used in the first one. What she has fixed upon is one that can't ravel, which, with a yarn that is designed for machine-washing and machine drying, which presents some advantages to the mother, is a good idea, if mere men can have opinions on such matters beyond their ken (typical male attitude?). I am disclosing no family secrets when I say that she seems to think you were torn between the Chinese character and the peace symbol, and she again said she could do both. When she did, I asked if mothers sometimes use scarves for babies. I gather it sometime happens, whether or not in your climate. So, drop me a hint if you think this is something the parents and grandparents would like. She may have enough yarn left over for a matching one. I have not made any inquiry. This is (a typical male?) presumption of possibility...Too bad Jim is not closer to my size, because while she was waiting to hear from you she started and has finished a sleeveless vest-sweater for me (a bid dashing, double-breasted and all that), and I now have three of these alone, one a blue one, not going well with what I have. As I recall, my chest is something over 40 inches...PR #2: I'm halfway thru editing PM I as of this minute. Since you haven't read (I can supply xeroxes should you ever have time), no point in going into...Heat on today first time this season. Hardly your last wx report. Best, HW