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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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**TONIGHT THURSDAY**  
43°-46° 55°-60°

## UBS blood drive set in Coahoma

United Blood Services will hold a blood drive from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Coahoma Community Center.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. All donors must bring identification with them and know the name of any medications they have taken within the past 30 days.

Those who plan to donate are asked to call 394-4277 and make an appointment.

## Cooler weather is in the forecast

It's going to be cooler — but with a chance for some moisture — in Howard County the next day or so.

A cold front moving into Texas has snow forecast for the Panhandle and North Texas. It's not likely to get this far south, according to meteorologists with the National Weather Service in Midland. But the local forecast does call for a low in the mid-40s tonight with gusty winds. Thursday's skies will be mostly cloudy with a high between 55 and 60. A gusty north wind of 25 to 25 miles per hour will make it seem much colder, forecasters say. There is a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms tonight and Thursday.

Temperatures will warm up to the upper 60s on Friday, lower 70s on Saturday and mid-70s Sunday.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

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

### THURSDAY

□ Gilepsons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

□ American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

□ Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

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## Bush, Gore win overwhelmingly in Texas as well as Howard County

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

When it was close, it was close. But most races in Tuesday's primary elections weren't even close.

Texans and Howard Countians overwhelmingly chose George W. Bush and Al Gore to face off this November for the nation's highest office. Bush won the Republican nomination with 87 percent of the vote statewide, while Gore scooped up the Democratic nomination with 80 percent of

the vote.

The two candidates fared only slightly less favorable in Howard County — Bush had 84 percent of the Republican vote; Gore received almost 70 percent of the Democratic ballots cast.

Likewise, Bush appointee Michael L. Williams won the GOP nomination for Texas Railroad commissioner with 80 percent of the statewide vote over Andy Draughn. Howard County had it closer — 57 percent to 12 — but not much.

But when races were tight Tuesday, they were tight. No one knows yet, for instance,

who the Democrats will send up against incumbent U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in November. Gene Kelly took 36 percent of the statewide vote and will advance to the Democratic runoff. But just a handful of votes separated Charles Gandy and Don Clark, who each received 23 percent of the total. Bobby Wightman-Cervantes received 14.

Howard County was indecisive on the issue as well. Locally, Gandy received 178 votes to Kelly's 176. Clark got 126.

Hutchison was unopposed on

the Republican ticket.

Also unopposed Tuesday was U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Stamford. The longtime District 17 representative will face Darrell Clements in November. Clements polled 15,149 votes to win the GOP nomination over Shane Hunt, who had 14,230. Clements was the winner in Howard County as well, garnering 1,098 votes to Hunt's 802.

There were only two contested races in Howard County, and those were determined by lopsided votes in the Republican Primary. Incumbent Sheriff Bill Jennings took 65 percent of the

votes in winning the nomination over police detective Dave Mohn.

There was no Democratic candidate for sheriff, though Jennings could face an opponent in November if the county party appoints someone.

And out Forsan way, Boyce Hale defeated Butch Lesueur 24 votes to 5 for constable of Precinct 3. There was no Democratic candidate for that constable's post.

Tuesday's primaries set up another race of local interest.

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## Jennings wins Republican nomination for sheriff

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

A thankful William B. "Bill" Jennings won the Republican nomination for Howard County sheriff Tuesday by a 2-to-1 margin over Big Spring Police Department Detective David Mohn.

"I am very appreciative of all the support we had," said Jennings as he was hugging family members and shaking hands with supporters at his home. "I really appreciate the vote of confidence the voters of Howard County have given me the past four years. I am looking forward to the next four years for progress in the Howard County Sheriff's Office and all of Howard County."

Jennings received 65 percent of the vote and won at all of the 11 consolidated polling locations, those two were within a handful of votes. When early vote totals came in he had an already unsurmountable 1,023 to 444 lead. The final count was 1,820 for Jennings, 898 for Mohn.

"I congratulate Mr. Jennings on his victory," said Mohn. "He ran a good, clean, race and I compliment him for that. The public has spoken and we can live with it."

Detective Mohn said he was willing to work with Sheriff Jennings in any way he can. Jennings said he felt like he had done a good job the past four years and apparently the



Sheriff Bill Jennings gets a congratulatory hug from his wife Mary after the final results were in from the polls Tuesday. Jennings outdistanced opponent Detective Dave Mohn 1,820 to 898 in the Republican Primary.

voters of Howard County agreed with him.

"The commissioners court has really worked well with me during the past four years and I appreciate them," Jennings said. "I look forward to working with them in the future."

He has set some goals he would like to see in the future.

"First of all, I would like to continue improving the equipment we now have. I would also like to see improvements in the working conditions of my employees, continue to work within our budget restraints while understanding the limitations we have."

Jennings added that he would

like to see improvements in the jail.

"We have an old jail facility as everyone knows. It was built in 1952 and with any facility of that age there is a time you start to see problems," Jennings said. "We have to

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## Census

### Residents urged to get forms back in the mail

By **GINA GARZA**  
Staff Writer

The Census 2000 forms have arrived.

"We are excited they are going out," said Gary Fuqua, Big Spring city manager and chairman of the local Census 2000 committee.

Fuqua encourages people to fill out their census forms and put them in the mail as soon as possible.

"We are really suggesting people fill them out just as soon as they get them from the mailbox," he said. "If you put it off, it might get lost."

He said the reason it is so important to fill out the forms is to help with funding.

"We get funding from the government for things like day cares, schools, city and county," said Fuqua.

"We believe that an accurate count will show we have a population of more than 25,000 people," he said. "That means Big Spring would be entitled to more funds from the federal government."

"There is a helpline number available on the back of the form if you do not know how or need help in filling out your census," he said. "We will, however, be setting up help centers at Howard College and the chamber."

Fuqua also said he would be glad to help anyone who called him at his office.

"If you don't receive a form within the next few days, please call my office and we'll put a trace on it and get it to

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## Public hearing on water quality scheduled in Odessa

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

ODESSA — Water quality and dissolved solids in the E.V. Spence Reservoir will be addressed during a public hearing Thursday at 6 p.m. at Slaton Park here.

The hearing is a requirement of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

"Anyone who is interested in the quality of our drinking water and in having some public input to the state program designed to improve the quality of that water should make an effort to be there," said Chris Wingert, Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) assistant general manager. "The issues discussed at this hearing could affect oil companies, industries and other entities with permits to dis-

charge water into the Colorado River and its tributaries."

Wingert said the CRMWD first studied the problem of high dissolved minerals in the early 1950s. As a result, the Colorado River dam which impounds Lake J.B. Thomas was moved upstream to avoid the worst areas. But, he said, as the population in West Texas grew and more water was needed, Spence Reservoir had to be impounded downstream.

The runoff area of Spence includes streams that have elevated dissolved solids, and as a result, CRMWD has traditionally mixed the Spence water with that from other lakes and groundwater sources to improve the quality of water to member and customer cities.

In March 1999, Spence Reservoir contained water with dissolved solids of 2,900 parts

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## Entries are being accepted for art association show coming to Big Spring Mall

By **GINA GARZA**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Art Association will sponsor its annual Big Spring Area-Wide Juried Art Show March 27 through April 1, at the Big Spring Mall. The times will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Categories include oils and acrylic, pastel, water colors, graphics and mixed media and photography.

Best in Show will receive \$125; first place in each category will get \$100; second place categories receive \$60; and third receives \$40.

"This is open to anyone in the area who want to enter their art," said Sue Bagwell, member

of the Big Spring Art Association (BSAA). "The only requirement is that the painting must have been done within the past two years and be hangable with a wire hanger."

Warren Taylor, of Midland College, will be the juror.

"He is a well-known artist around here," said Bagwell.

All paintings will be for sale. Twenty percent goes to the BSAA and the rest goes to the artist.

"We started our Patron Program back up last year," said Judy Gibbs, member of the BSAA. "The BSAA used to have it years ago but for some reason stopped it."

"The Patron Program involves sending out letters to various businesses and individuals who might be interested in art and get them to donate money. At the end of the show, they get to pick out a painting

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Howard County EMS technicians Ron Phillips, Jay Holt and Damien Martel assist Heather Rich after her vehicle struck a pole near the Gregg Street Sonic Drive-In Tuesday. There were no serious injuries as a result of the mishap.

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# House GOP cools on idea of gas tax suspension

WASHINGTON (AP) — It seemed like the perfect Republican issue: temporarily roll back gas taxes to help motorists get through a steep price spike and heap criticism on Vice President Al Gore, whose 1993 vote resulted in the tax increase.

But the GOP is growing cool to a plan to suspend the 4.3-cent-a-gallon gas tax. Key Republicans, road builders and even truckers are concerned about the potential impact on highway, bridge and transit projects that depend on the tax.

"Let's not get bogged down on only one dimension of the problem — a short-term dimension that offers scant relief," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters Tuesday.

Republicans have taken to calling it the "Gore tax" because Gore's vote broke the

tie in the Senate vote seven years ago that raised federal gas taxes to 18.4 cents a gallon. But transportation projects are favorites on Capitol Hill, and some estimates conclude that temporarily suspending the tax would cost states \$7 billion for those projects.

In a memo to Senate staff, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association said the suspension, combined with a separate proposal for a one-year rollback of the 24.4-cent-a-gallon tax on diesel fuel, would cost highway programs an estimated \$10.3 billion. Some truckers agreed that would seriously damage critical road and bridge maintenance and construction plans.

"We think that's going in the wrong direction," said Todd Spencer, executive vice president of the Owner Operator

Independent Drivers Association. "Any money that is collected goes to highways, and highways need to be maintained and repaired."

Independent truckers are planning a protest at the Capitol on Thursday — the second this year — to demand action to lower fuel prices. But their top priorities are getting the U.S. government to press harder for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase supply, to oversee freight rates to ensure they are fair, and to release fuel from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Many lawmakers also questioned whether suspending the 4.3-cent tax would do any good or would even be noticed by consumers. For example, a motorist who drove 12,000 miles a year at 20 miles per gallon would realize savings of only

\$26, assuming oil companies actually passed on the tax cut to customers.

"I don't know if it has any effect on fuel costs," said Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, a member of the House GOP leadership. "Supply and demand is driving price right now."

Republican leaders are shifting their focus from gas tax legislation to criticism of the administration's efforts to persuade the OPEC countries to increase supply and improve U.S. domestic oil supplies.

Arney pointed out that the United States prevented Iraqi aggression in the Middle East and helped bail out Mexico during economic hard times and said: "It seems like our diplomatic relationships and our diplomatic standing with these OPEC countries is not what it ought to be."

# Supplements might help arthritis, analysis shows

CHICAGO (AP) — Two popular nutritional supplements won't cure arthritis but might have fewer side effects than traditional treatments, concludes an analysis of 15 studies published today.

But much of the research on glucosamine and chondroitin compounds is flawed and probably overstates their benefits so more study is needed to determine if they really help achy joints, according to the analysis in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The supplements are marketed as treatments for osteoarthritis, the degenerative joint disease that afflicts about 21 million people nationwide. They are sold in health food stores and became popular after being recommended in a 1997 book, "The Arthritis Cure."

"Overall, it seems probable that these compounds do have some efficacy in treating osteoarthritis symptoms and that they are safe," the authors wrote.

Dr. Timothy McAlindon, a Boston University rheumatologist and lead author of the analysis, said his conclusions are "a little more positive" than the "profound skepticism which has existed."

"I'm not actively recommending" chondroitin and glucosamine, "but I certainly don't discourage people from trying them provided they're cognizant of the available

data," McAlindon said.

Both supplements are synthetic versions of body substances that help build cartilage, the tough tissue that lines the joints. Laboratory studies have suggested they might promote cartilage growth, though whether they do in humans remains to be seen, McAlindon said.

The studies he analyzed compared the supplements with a placebo's effects on pain and mobility rather than measuring any changes in joints.

The authors evaluated six studies on glucosamine and nine on chondroitin published between 1966 and 1999. All involved patients with arthritis in the hip or knee.

Overall, the studies showed moderate to large benefits from the supplements. Chondroitin seemed to be the most effective.

But studies showing the biggest benefits were also the most flawed, McAlindon said.

Many failed to detail how the authors hid the identity of substances given to subjects — a crucial element in placebo-controlled studies.

"We also found evidence of publication bias," McAlindon said, referring to selective publication of the most positive results.

Most, if not all, of the studies were sponsored in some way by the supplements' makers.

The analysis was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

# Republicans to push \$1.8 trillion budget through House panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say their \$1.8 trillion budget for fiscal 2001 maps sensible levels of spending and tax cuts — and ensures a clash with President Clinton.

"We don't have a huge bunch of spending, we don't increase taxes, and we don't spend the Social Security surplus," House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said Tuesday. "I know he doesn't like that," he said of Clinton. "He wants bigger government and more spending."

The GOP package proposes at least \$150 billion in tax cuts from 2001 through 2005, about \$50 billion more than Clinton wants. Its \$307 billion for next year's defense budget is \$1 billion

higher than Clinton's plan. But its \$290 billion for domestic programs ranging from farm loans to energy conservation is nearly \$30 billion less than Clinton prefers.

Hoping to get a leg up in their election-year budget duel, White House officials gave the GOP package a scathing review on Tuesday, a day before Republicans were expected to push the budget through the House Budget Committee.

"The majority in Congress is poised once again to propose a budget based on irresponsible tax cuts that would require deep reductions in key priorities," White House Chief of Staff John Podesta said in a letter to House

Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

And White House budget chief Jack Lew and economic adviser Gene Sperling told reporters that, compared to this year's spending totals, domestic programs that Republicans are not protecting would face 10 percent reductions next year under the GOP plan. Those programs range from FBI agents to Superfund toxic waste cleanups.

"We're going to fight this policy because we think it is wrong," Lew said.

Republicans retorted that the administration was overstating the cuts. The White House ignored that billions in this year's budget for one-time

events like the 2000 census can be used for other programs, lessening the impact of the cuts, they said.

The GOP blueprint would boost spending over this year's levels for defense, schools, biomedical research, veterans health care and other programs. And like Clinton's proposal, it would set aside the \$978 billion in Social Security surpluses projected from 2001 through 2005 for debt reduction.

The Senate Budget Committee plans to vote on a similar plan next week. Congress' budget, which maps tax and spending changes to be made in later bills, does not need the president's signature.

# Texas killer spits up handcuff key during execution Tuesday

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted killer who twice escaped from his death row cell fought with guards to the end and stunned authorities during his execution by spitting out a small handcuff key.

"The secret, as of Wilkerson," Ponchai Wilkerson mumbled as he spit out the key while lethal chemicals flowed into his body, said James Brazzil, a chaplain who stood next to the inmate in the death chamber Tuesday evening.

Seven minutes later, Wilkerson was pronounced dead.

Wilkerson had struggled with prison guards all day.

Hours before the execution, guards had to use a Mace-like spray on Wilkerson when he refused to leave his cell at a prison near Livingston for the 40-mile trip to the Walls Unit in Huntsville.

Then, he refused to leave his holding cell near the death chamber and guards had to use additional restraints to bind him to the gurney for his execution.

The inch-and-a-half key that he spit out was a universal handcuff and leg restraint key, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald. Authorities didn't know how Wilkerson got it, but Fitzgerald said he didn't think it was intended to be used in an escape attempt.

"That's the nature of Ponchai — always messing with the system," he said. "It didn't work."

Wilkerson, 28, was executed for the 1990 murder of Chung Myong Yi, 43, in a Houston jewelry store where she worked. The slaying capped a month-long crime spree that included robberies and drive-by shootings that left at least one other person dead and three others wounded.

He had a history of escape attempts. On Thanksgiving night 1998, Wilkerson and six other condemned prisoners fled their cells.

One convict escaped — becoming the first inmate in 64 years to get out of the state's death row — but drowned in a nearby stream. Wilkerson and the five others gave up after guards shot at them.

On Feb. 21, Wilkerson, armed with a sharpened piece of metal fashioned from a typewriter part, slipped from his cell and helped hold a prison guard hostage before surrendering nearly 13 hours later. Earlier last month, Wilkerson fell to the courtroom floor during a hearing, refused to move and had to be dragged away by five bailiffs.

Another Texas inmate, Timothy Gribble, was scheduled to die tonight for abducting, raping and strangling a woman in 1987.

# Gov't Confirms: Engine Platinum May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON — Federal Consumer Protection describes the Platinum Gas Saver as "an effective fuel saving device which brings about more complete combustion and better gas mileage in automobile engines by means of platinum catalysis."

Their five year study concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer, National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston."

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the combustion process inside your engine.

Since platinum has the unique

ability to make non-burning fuel burn, the Gas Saver's platinum increases the percentage of fuel burning inside the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase.

Since unburnt fuel leaving an engine is pollution, that 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel in the tail pipe, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gas Saver adds platinum to engine combustion, 22% more of each gallon burns

inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

In addition to this study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

For further information call:  
1-800-LESS-GAS  
1-800-537-7427

# Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
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Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

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Several Big Spring players fared well in the Texas Junior Association tournament the weekend in Dallas.

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At the Ablement, Derek Alex Edgemon onships, DeHoy Boys division, was the 16-Boys

Vishal Shroff Boys semifinals Ferrell reached tion semifinals.

Michael Roffe 16-Boys consolation while Roshan out in the consolation finals.

**YMCA swim t  
new member**

The Big Spring Team is inviting interested in swim team.

Practices for the son begin at 6:30

Boys and girls ages of 5 and 14 one length of the gible to join the

The fee is \$20 members of the per month for n

For more info the YMCA at 26 Hughey at 267-2

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## Doherty says Irish needed extra day for facing Michigan

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When Michigan was passed over for the NCAA tournament three years ago, the Wolverines used it as motivation to win the NIT and beat Notre Dame in the process.

The question now is whether the Irish (18-14) are ready to return the favor.

Coach Matt Doherty admits it could be tough to fire up the Irish for their first-round NIT game against Michigan tonight after they barely missed their first trip to the NCAA tournament in a decade.

"I'm glad we're not playing today, personally," Doherty said Tuesday. "It'll give us another day to get it out of our system and enjoy playing another college basketball game."

"When you come down to it, we're playing a great program like Michigan on national TV."

In opening-round games Tuesday night, ACC teams were 2-for-2 as Wake Forest beat Vanderbilt 83-68 and North Carolina State beat Tulane 64-60.

In tonight's other first-round games, it's Georgetown at Virginia, Princeton at Penn State, Delaware at Villanova, Marquette at Xavier, North Carolina Charlotte at Mississippi, Bowling Green at BYU, New Mexico State at Arizona State, Long Beach State at California and South Florida at New Mexico.

The first round finishes Thursday with Massachusetts at Siena, Rutgers at Kent, Southern Illinois at Colorado, and SMU at Southwest Missouri State.

The next two rounds are at school sites, with the semifinals and final moving to New York on March 28 and March 30.

The Irish had visions of

playing in the NCAA tournament after big wins against Ohio State, Connecticut and St. John's. But losses to Miami of Ohio, Pittsburgh and Providence didn't help the cause.

Doherty complained the Irish were penalized for playing a tougher schedule than other teams that made the tournament and were rewarded more for the number of wins rather than the quality of those victories.

Asked if something didn't add up while he was looking over the list of teams that did make the tournament, Doherty said, "About five or six things didn't add up."

"You want to write letters and make phone calls. You want to shout from the top of the mountain, but you can't control that," he said.

### Wake Forest 83, Vanderbilt 68

Vanderbilt was unable to overcome the disappointment of being left out of the NCAA tournament, and Craig Dawson matched a career high with 19 points to lead the Demon Deacons to a surprise win at Nashville.

Wake Forest (18-14) next plays the South Florida-New Mexico winner. Vanderbilt (19-11) ended the season by losing seven of its final 10 games.

The Demon Deacons put the game away with a 12-2 run in the second half for a 57-44 lead with 12:22 left.

### North Carolina State 64, Tulane 60

Damien Wilkins scored 18 points, and the Wolfpack (18-12) got two clutch baskets in the final 2:27 to move into the second round against the New Mexico State-Arizona State winner.

Tulane closed its season 20-11, losing for only the third time in 11 games decided by five points or less.

## NFL hands down suspensions under new policy

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL is getting tougher with the off-field violence that has tarnished its image.

The league disciplined four players Tuesday under its anti-crime policy, three of them offensive linemen who were involved in a fight outside a bar last summer.

Matt O'Dwyer, now of the Cincinnati Bengals, and Jumbo Elliott of the New York Jets were each suspended for two games. Jason Fabiani of the Jets was fined \$14,000 for his involvement in the bar fight.

In addition, Denard Walker, a starting cornerback for the AFC champion Tennessee Titans, was suspended for two games after pleading guilty to assault on the mother of his son.

The league noted that players have been subject to discipline for off-field charges since 1997. The first year it was counseling, then fines.

The suspensions, the first the NFL has handed down for violence off the field, come after a season in which the NFL has been under fire for player conduct. Two, Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens and Rae Carruth, formerly of the Carolina Panthers, are facing murder charges.

"As an organization whose continued success depends on integrity and public confidence, the NFL simply cannot tolerate conduct that victimizes other individuals and results in a loss of respect for NFL players," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in a statement.

"Now we are raising the disciplinary standard in order to underscore that this type of behavior won't be tolerated."

Elliott, Fabiani and O'Dwyer, a former Jet, were arrested July 10, 1999, outside Bogart's, a team hangout.

The 6-foot-7, 305-pound Elliott, who recently announced his retirement, pleaded guilty to harassment and disorderly conduct. He was fined \$250 and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service.

Fabiani played a lesser role and received a lesser sentence. O'Dwyer pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and third-degree assault and was sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay \$4,373 in

restitution for kicking out a police car window.

Walker received probation after pleading guilty Aug. 11 to assault on Rhonda Lynn Chesser, the mother of Walker's 19-month-old son. She said Walker threatened, punched and tried to strangle her.

Walker told police that he and Chesser argued and "basically wrestled on the floor, with some punches thrown not to be harmful." He said he received "marks around my neck, with some minor scratches" in the fight.

The suspensions will take effect for the first two games of the 2000 season.

If Elliott decides to reconsider his retirement, he will sit out two games.

## Mavs find defensive toughness under Harris

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The idea behind hiring Del Harris as their defensive coordinator was simple for the Dallas Mavericks. They needed to give up fewer points and force opponents into bad shots.

That's just the way things went Tuesday night in Harris' first game in the job. Dallas limited Indiana to 33 percent shooting from the field in a 111-90 victory over the Pacers.

"Everybody who has the talent to play in the NBA can play defense," said Harris, former head coach of the Lakers, Rockets and Bucks. "Hopefully, this is something we can build on. Everybody took it upon themselves to improve on their defensive approach."

It really showed in the Mavs' work against Reggie Miller, who had only seven points, 12 under his team-leading average and just one better than his lowest scoring game this season. Miller has been bothered by a bruised right quad.

"We played defense, and when you do that, that gives you a chance to win no matter how you shoot," said Mavs guard Steve Nash, who drew the defensive assignment against Miller. "(Harris) had us aware of what we needed to do defensively."

Nash scored 21 points and Michael Finley had 16 points and 11 assists to help the Mavericks record their second-largest victory margin this season. It was Indiana's most lopsided defeat.

On a night when Sean Elliott returned to the NBA and San Antonio beat Atlanta 94-79, other results were: Toronto 85, Golden State 78; Orlando 107, Washington 98; Miami 108, Milwaukee 104; Philadelphia 98, Cleveland 97 in overtime; New York 91, Houston 85; Phoenix 107, Minnesota 100; the Los Angeles Clippers 110, Denver 106; and Portland 96, Sacramento 91.

### Spurs 94, Hawks 79

At San Antonio, Elliott returned to the NBA seven months after a kidney transplant. He played 12 minutes and shot 1-for-3 from the field, missing a 22-foot jumper and a layup in the third quarter. But with a quick step around defender Roshown McLeod, he brought wildly cheering fans to their feet with a dramatic dunk five minutes into the period.

"The biggest things that were in my way were my nerves," he said. "I think during the national anthem, I was trying to tell myself over and over 'Don't embarrass yourself.'"

David Robinson led San Antonio with 26 points, while Avery Johnson had 22 points and 10 assists and Tim Duncan had 21 points and 13 rebounds.

### Raptors 85, Warriors 78

Vince Carter shook off a sprained left ankle to score 23 points, 11 in the fourth quarter. Carter got tangled up with teammate Charles Oakley midway through the third quarter. He fell and stayed down for three minutes before a trainer and two teammates helped him off the court.

He returned to a huge ovation from the fans in Toronto at the start of the fourth quarter, with the Raptors down by five. The Raptors outscored Golden State 29-17 in the quarter for their ninth win in 10 games.

### Suns 107, Timberwolves 100

Penny Hardaway scored 26 points, and host Phoenix hit 24 fourth-quarter free throws. Hardaway was 12-for-12 from the line for the Suns, who won for the sixth time in seven games.

The Suns were a season-high 43-for-49 from the free-throw line. Three Timberwolves fouled out as Minnesota was whistled for 34 fouls, 16 in the final period.

Cliff Robinson added 24 points

for Phoenix.

### Magic 107, Wizards 98

At Orlando, five Magic players were in double figures. Monty Williams scored 19 points and Ron Mercer added 18 in his return from a five-game absence.

Mercer missed four games with an ankle sprain and then was suspended by the NBA for a game for fighting with former teammate George McCloud on Saturday.

### Heat 108, Bucks 104

Miami, sparked by first-time starter Bruce Bowen's two 3-pointers, tied a franchise record with its 12th straight home victory. Clarence Weatherspoon scored all 11 of his points in the fourth quarter, but it was Jamal Mashburn with 26 points and Alonzo Mourning with 22 points and 17 boards who led the way.

### 76ers 98, Cavaliers 87, OT

Allen Iverson scored 28 points despite a poor shooting night at Cleveland. Iverson went just 10-for-29 from the field, but scored four points in OT as the Sixers completed a four-game sweep of the Cavs.

Aaron McKie scored 20 points and George Lynch added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Philadelphia.

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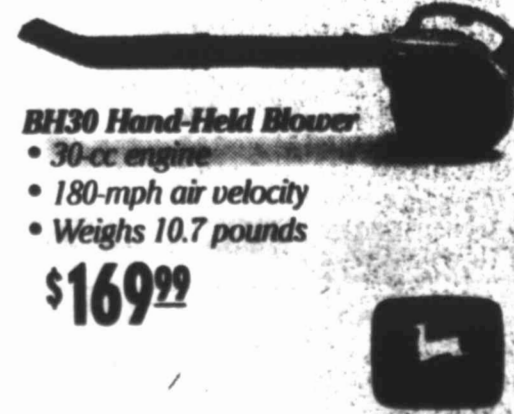
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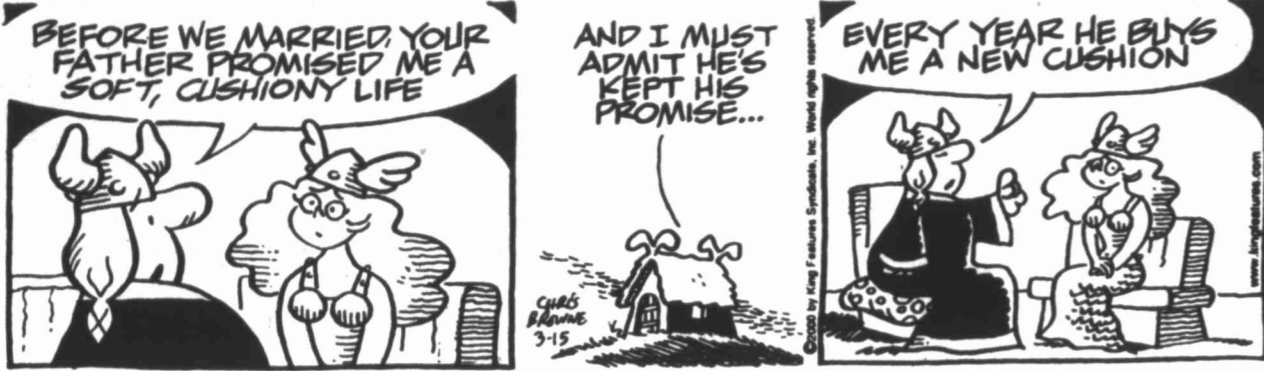


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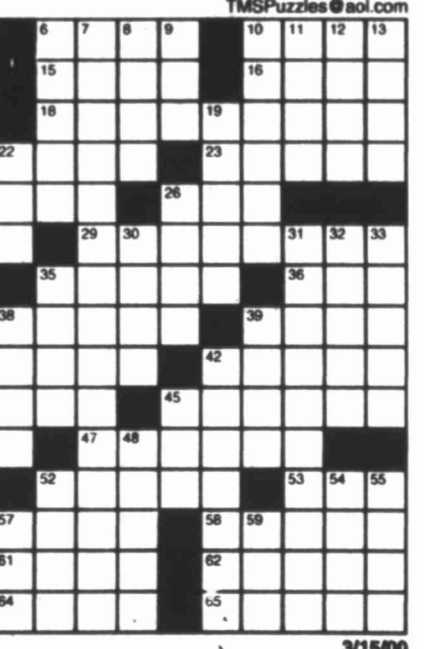
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Today is Wednesday, March 15, the 75th day of 2000. There are 291 days left in the year.

This is "Bizzard Day" in Hinckley, Ohio.  
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On this date: In 44 B.C., Julius Caesar was assassinated by Brutus and Cassius and other Roman notables.

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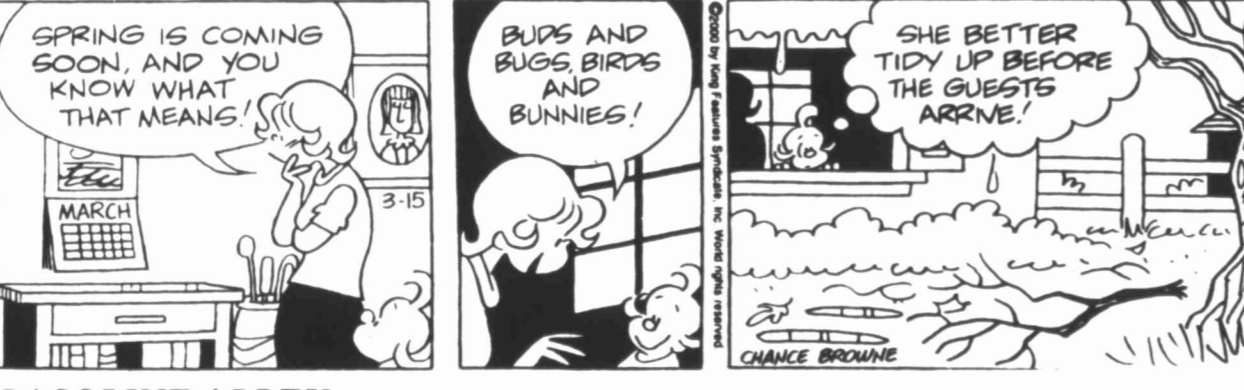


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