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## Blood drive Saturday at Big Spring Mall

The Big Spring Mall is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday inside the mall, north of Santa Fe Sandwiches from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Donors will receive a T-shirt and a \$5 mall gift certificate, said mall manager Kathy Lusk.

Lusk encourages anyone interested to call 267-3852 to make an appointment. Making an appointment will help speed the donation process.

Walk ins will not be turned away, Lusk said, but their donation time may take a little longer to process.

Donors must be 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds, be in good health, carry proof of identification and know the names of any medication they have taken in the past 30 days.

The Big Spring Herald will hold a blood drive on Aug. 10, and the United Blood Services bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Wal-Mart on Aug. 28.

## WHAT'S UP...

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 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.

□ Texas Workforce Center, 6 p.m., free seminar on career opportunities with StarTek

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

### FRIDAY

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

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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## City agrees to look at assisting Main Street with funds

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring City Council will consider assisting Main Street Inc. with some funds when it contemplates the 2000-2001 budget again in August.



CHURCHWELL

Council members agreed Tuesday to consider granting the not-for-profit corporation \$10,000 a year for a two-year period.

In other action, the council approved hiring Tim Green as municipal court judge. The council also gave Mayor Russ McEwen authority to negotiate a start date and salary from Green, who is currently employed by the adult probation office. The municipal court judge's position will

be full-time, it was noted.

The council also agreed to allow Howard County Appraisal District to retain excess funds from 2000 and apply them as a reduction in the city's payments for 2001. Those were the only key items for the council, who spent most of the short open session discussing the needs of Main Street.

"We don't have a lot of ways to make money," Main Street director Tommy Churchwell told the council.

"We do have a little downtown property, but there is not much income from those."

Main Street is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the downtown area.

It does have some funds available to allow business to locate in the downtown area, but those monies cannot be used for general cleanup of buildings. Churchwell noted. That's why Main Street is solicit-

ing funds from the city, Howard County Commissioners Court and Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

Part of the money would be used for asbestos surveys at Howard House and the Petroleum Building, estimated at \$5,000 each. The rest of the funds would be used for various cleanup projects, though Churchwell assured the council it would

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## Big Spring VA Medical Center celebrates its 50th anniversary

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Some 150 people attended Tuesday's 50th anniversary celebration at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring.

"I think it is wonderful that so many turned out to show the support of our VA," said Cary Brown, chief executive officer of the West Texas VA Health Care System. "I'm just tickled to death."

"In 1944, Joe Pickle made a motion to send a delegate to Washington to get a VA hospital here," said Smith Jenkins Jr., VAMC network director of VISN 18. "The VA system has now activated 550 outpatient clinics."

The Big Spring VAMC has six clinics — San Angelo, Abilene, Fort Stockton, Stamford, Odessa and Hobbs, N.M.

"Several other surrounding areas had bid for a VA



HERALD photo/Gina Garza  
Joe Pickle speaks on the history of the Veterans Administration Medical Center to the crowd gathered at the 50th anniversary celebration on Tuesday afternoon in the outpatient clinic.

medical center and it was a tremendous battle," said Pickle. "We celebrated groundbreaking on Feb. 2, 1948, and in 1950, we were open for business."

According to Pickle, the outside of the VA hasn't changed but the inside has.

"There have been many buildings added, and of course, the greatest change has been the addition of outpatient clinic," he said. "One of the things that hasn't changed is the compassionate, caring staff of the VA."

Pickle added that one of the greatest tributes we could do for our veterans is to take care of them.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine what we would have today," he explained.

Following Pickle's address, Darryl Powell,

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Roger Roewe, left, presents Cpl. James L. Barnhill the National Defense medal, the United Nations medal, the Korean Service medal with two bronze pins, the Good Conduct medal, the Combat Infantry badge and the Purple Heart during the VAMC 50th anniversary celebration on Tuesday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza



## BSISD's Spencer named outstanding administrator for trades and industries ed

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Loren Spencer, career and technology (vocational) administrator for Big Spring schools, was named the state's 1999-2000 outstanding administrator for trades and industries education.

The announcement and award presentation were made during the Trade and Industrial Teachers Professional Development Conference in Corpus Christi last week. This award is made annually to an administrator nominated by teachers from each of the 13 regions in Texas.

"We are extremely proud of his award and the work that he does in the interest of the students and the school district," said Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent.

Each year, the Texas Industrial Vocational Association, in conjunction with its related honor society, Iota Lambda Sigma, receives nominations for recognition of outstanding teachers and administrators who have provided service to career and technology education and the students served by those programs.

Spencer has been active on local, state and federal initiatives in career and technology education for many years. He began his 36th year in education this summer and 33 of those years have been with the Big Spring Independent

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## Apache Bend

### City allowed to speed up process of tearing down dilapidated apartments

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

The Apache Bend Apartments, a home only to cockroaches, mice and a few unfortunate humans for the past few years, will soon be coming down.

City Manager Gary Fuqua informed Big Spring City Council on Tuesday that the city will be able to conduct an emergency demolition of the site beginning Aug. 5.

Council members didn't mince words in their response.

"Go for it," said councilman Oscar Garcia.

"Knock it down," echoed Mayor Russ McEwen.

Apache Bend's problems go back several years, since at least 1997 when it was no longer qualified to house clients served by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Earlier this summer, tenants at Apache Bend had all been given eviction notices requiring that they vacate



FUQUA MCEWEN

the premises by July 15. Despite the poor condition of the complex — rotting roofs, bug infestations and structural problems — the few tenants who were still living there a month ago said they paid between \$255-275 per month for two-bedroom units.

"The sad thing about this is the realization that there were actually people still living there," McEwen said Tuesday night.

The city's board of adjustments and appeals targeted the apartment complex for demolition earlier this month and Big Spring Fire

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## Jury finds Oroasco guilty of driving while intoxicated

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury deliberated for two hours Tuesday before finding Hermenejildo Oroasco III, 34, of 1011 N. Bell guilty of felony driving while intoxicated.

Oroasco was handed a 15-year sentence after a plea bargain agreement between prosecuting attorney Hardy Wilkerson and defense attorney Don Richard. Oroasco will be sent to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice unit to serve his sentence.

Oroasco was charged with a third offense of driving while intoxicated, a felony charge, after being indicted for the offense on Jan. 27.

A second trial began in 118th District Court this morning before Judge Robert H. Moore III. On trial for sexual assault of a child is Verlin Wayne Harrington.

Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr is the prosecuting attorney in the case.

The defense attorney is Novert Morales of Midland, Harrington, 25, of 5700 Cedar Road, was indicted April 6 on one count of sexual assault on a child.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham  
These 4-H members are lined up and ready to take water and goodies to the drought-stricken residents of Throckmorton. A water rally project by the members produced around 600 gallons of water and several hundred dollars in cash. Members who departed for Throckmorton early this morning were, from left, Teryn Bibb, Deanna Carlisle, Sarah Haney, Meagan Kothmann, Kadden Kothmann, Terrell Bibb and Trevor Bibb.

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MAIN STREET

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not be used for demolition of the Howard House.

"No, we're not going to be using this money to take the Howard House down. We think we can get that money through grants, donations and other fundraisers," said Churchwell.

He did point out, however, that demolition of the old Howard House — which directly west of the Settles Building — is a major part of the group's plans.

"We need to get ride of the Howard House and use that site for parking. At that point, we can look into redoing the first two floors of the Settles with grant monies and other funds," he said.

While the Howard House is dilapidated and needs to come down, the Petroleum Building has value, Churchwell said.

"The Petroleum Building has potential, but before we can do anything with it, we have to have an asbestos study conducted," he told the council.

Churchwell said he believes that with funds granted from the city, county and Moore Development, the downtown area can be made attractive again.

"We feel like within the next two years we'll have all these properties cleaned up and then can begin to market downtown," he said.

The corporation also owns the Railroad Plaza, lots at 107-109 Second St., 103-105 Second St., lots where the Permian Building stood, the Railroad Museum and another lot on Main Street between Dahmer's and the former Dunlap's store.

SPENCER

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School District. This school year, Spencer will begin his 17th year as career and technology administrator.

"Mr. Spencer has been a longtime educator for our district," Murphy added. "He does an excellent job in the field technology and has seen a lot of changes in this area."

Spencer holds degrees from Sul Ross University and East Texas University as well as additional certifications from Southwest Texas State University and Sul Ross.

Twenty years ago, Spencer was honored as the outstanding trades and industries teacher for the region from the same group. Spencer's responsibilities include overseeing career education efforts in grades K-12 and working closely with principals and other administrators.

This involves being current on the work world requirements and additional educational needs so that programs can be tailored to benefit the needs of students as they move beyond school into a global workplace that is changing daily.

"I appreciate the recognition that I have received, but realize that without the excellent support from teachers, administrators,

school board, parents and especially students that the efforts put forth to improve programs would not work," said Spencer.

CITY

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Marshal Burr Lea Settles had officially declared the property unsafe.

City officials had wondered, however, how they would be able to tear down the series of 24 individual buildings, including an office. It is expected that all contain asbestos.

"We thought we wouldn't be able to do it because of the cost of asbestos removal," said Fuqua. "We have found a way that allows us to move in and demolish it without conducting the typical asbestos surveys. So it looks like we can save a lot of money. This news is really exciting."

What city staff discovered is a provision allowing for an emergency demolition of a structure or structures that meet certain criteria.

"If there are four apartments or less per unit, it can be considered residential property. Also, if they all have one address — in this case they are all at 120 Air Base Road — it is considered residential property under Texas Department of Health guidelines," said Kenny Davis, city building inspector.

The city will have to follow guidelines. The material must be kept wet to limit any airborne particles. A city fire truck will be at the demolition site to take care of that. The material will also have to be properly disposed at the landfill.

"We basically have to treat it like it all contains asbestos, and we are prepared to do that," said Davis.

The city is also expecting some help from county maintainers and other equipment.

As for the future of the 14-acre site, Fuqua said ideas are in the works.

"If the apartments are demolished and the site cleaned off, the owner has said she is willing to give the property to someone," said Fuqua. "One idea is to take the cost of the labor and fuel we use and ask Moore Development to reimburse us. Then they (Moore Development) would take possession."

VA

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VAMC chief of staff, made a presentation to Cpl. James Barnhill.

"Cpl. Barnhill served in the U.S. Army from November 1952 to November 1954 during the Korean Conflict," Powell said. "He was wounded and after recovering, Barnhill returned to his unit and front line combat."

According to Powell, Barnhill did not receive his medals during active duty and through the efforts of his wife, Janel, with Heidrun Covington, and the office of U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, he was presented with them on Tuesday.

Barnhill received the National Defense medal, the United Nations Medal, the Korean Service medal with two bronze pins, the Good Conduct medal, the Combat Infantry badge and the Purple Heart.

"I feel okay," said

Barnhill. "We had been working on this a while and really didn't get anywhere, but Stenholm's office came through. It's really great."

NAACP calls for reparations for lynchings

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — The NAACP is calling on the City Council to consider making reparations to the black community for the 1906 lynchings of three black men on a downtown square.

"It's about so much more than just money," said Rosemary Stewart-Stafford, a member of the NAACP's local chapter. "Money changes things and it's a very powerful force, but the real issue is the inability by public officials to issue a public apology."

Cheryl Fischer, a board member with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, offered no specific proposal on what the city should offer. But she said reparations are being discussed in communities across the country.

There was little discussion of the proposal at Monday night's council meeting. Afterward, however, Mayor Lee Gannaway was blunt.

"I think it's totally absurd," he told the Springfield News-Leader. "I can't think of too many things much more ridiculous than that."

On Easter weekend 1906, three black men were dragged out of jail to the town square by a mob of about 7,000 people, many of them fueled by alcohol and the rumor that a white woman had been raped.

BRIEFS

**THE GRAND OPENING** OF the VFW Post 2013 bar and lounge is planned this weekend, starting with live music from 8 p.m. - midnight Friday and 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday at 500 Driver Road.

The Gamblers, country and western, rock-n-roll and blues band, will perform. Cost is \$4 for singles and \$7 for couples.

Regular hours for the lounge will be 10 a.m. - midnight Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday and noon-midnight Sunday.

The community is invited to support the VFW Post. For more information, call 270-5985.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING** Education and Workforce Training at Howard College plans to offer a variety of fun and educational classes for the Fall such as Line Dancing, Quilting, Philosophy for Fun and maybe even Yoga. To suggest other ideas for classes, call Continuing Education at 264-5131.

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** has resumed regular hours for immunizations. Shots will be given on Tuesdays.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a letter from the school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

**WEDNESDAY**  
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•HOME HOSPICE and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

**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.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

MARKETS

December cotton, 65.40 down 73 points; September crude oil, up 50 points, cash hogs \$1 higher, at 47 even; slaughter steers steady, at 67 even; August lean hog futures 66.40, down 65 points; August live cattle futures 66.60, up 5 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation  
Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Company Name and Market Value/Change. Includes AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Chevron Corp, Compaq Computer, Corzell Cos, Dell, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comms, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina, Unocal Corp.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 6,9,5

Cash 5: 4,7,24,35,37

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Table with 2 columns: Retailer Name and Lottery Numbers. Includes Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart Mexico, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

•LUIS RIOS JR., 34, of 800 Creighton, was arrested on a charge of fleeing police and driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

•JOE MORRIS HAYS, 44, of 1617 Harding, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

•ANGIE FRANCINE GOODBLANKET, 20, of Rural Route 1, was arrested on a charge of assault by threat and criminal trespass. (HCSO)

•ANGELA MARCELLA JACKSON, 18, of Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. (HCSO)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

•JOHN HILGER, 30, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•JOHN WATKINS, 46, no address given, was arrested on outstanding warrants.

•TERRY PARTLOW, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•SCOTTY BLAND, 21, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•DAVID BECHLEHIMER, 42, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700

block of Wasson.  
•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Langly.

•THEFT OF SERVICES was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

•STALKING was reported in the 1100 block of W. Fifth.

•THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, in the 1900 block of N. 87, in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 900 block of Willia, in the 1300 block of Hardy, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 300 block of N. Gregg and in the 1700 block of Wasson.

FIRE/EMS

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

**TUESDAY**  
11:33 p.m. — 700 block E. 15th, structure fire, fire was extinguished.

4:43 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:38 p.m. — Sixth and Lancaster, traffic accident, five patients transported to SMMC.

8:08 p.m. — 1600 block Settles, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:01 p.m. — Moss Lake Road and I-20, traffic accident, five patients transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 105  
Tuesday's low 76  
Average high 95  
Average low 70  
Record high 105 in 1940  
Record low 60 in 1933  
Precip. Tuesday 0.00  
Month to date 0.02  
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Group

WASHINGTON Children love to flicks, shoot-em-up video games, rock and rap television.

And in one of the definitive statements on violence in America, four national associations link violence in television video games and increasing violence in children.

"Its effects are and long-lasting groups say in a 'Moreover, proliferation of media violence lead to emotional zation toward real life.'

The joint statement from the American Association, the Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association

Cohen

WASHINGTON may no longer be expected the Pentagon a sufficiently rich tem of national defense by 200 Secretary Will told a Senate panel.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Cohen said two failures to show mock warheads with a land-based

Hous

WASHINGTON What Democrats calling the "Congress" did Tuesday, with passing 36 bills, them even have become law.

The legislation from a major jointly by President and House Speaker Hastert to help communities to the

Shortly before well after dinner approved a resolution importance of ing together.

The flurry of came in the before Congress the presidential and the month recess. Most bills were non-brought up and requires a majority.

With the approaching, have denounced of the GOP-led move on such patients rights, drugs for seniors and the mis-Republicans say "workhorse" C

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# Groups directly link media to child violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children love teen horror flicks, shoot 'em up interactive video games, hard-core rock and rap and risqué television.

And in one of the most definitive statements yet on violence in American culture, four national health associations link the violence in television, music, video games and movies to increasing violence among children.

"Its effects are measurable and long-lasting," the four groups say in a statement. "Moreover, prolonged viewing of media violence can lead to emotional desensitization toward violence in real life."

The joint statement by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was to be the centerpiece of a public health summit Wednesday on entertainment violence organized by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

"The conclusion of the public health community, based on over 30 years of research, is that viewing entertainment violence can lead to increases in aggressive attitudes, values and behaviors, particularly in children," the organizations' statement says.

Advocating a code of conduct for the entire entertainment industry, Brownback compared the statement to the medical community declaring that cigarettes can cause cancer.

"I think this is an important turning point," said Brownback. "Among the professional community,

there's no longer any doubt about this. For the first time, you have the four major medical and psychiatric associations coming together and stating flatly that violence in entertainment has a direct effect on violence in our children."

The Motion Picture Association of America and the National Association of Broadcasters refused to comment Tuesday on the medical associations' statement.

The four health professional groups left no doubt about their feelings in the statement:

"Children who see a lot of violence are more likely to view violence as an effective way of settling conflicts. Children exposed to violence are more likely to assume that acts of violence are acceptable behavior," it said.

"Viewing violence can lead to emotional desensitization toward violence in real life. It can decrease the likelihood that one will take action on behalf of a victim when violence occurs."

"Viewing violence may lead to real-life violence. Children exposed to violent programming at a young age have a higher tendency for violent and aggressive behavior later in life than children who are not so exposed."

Brownback said he hopes the statement will convince lawmakers that something has to be done about media violence. And, "I hope parents will look at this and say that they're going to have to police their children's entertainment violence content the same way they police what their children eat and other health issues."

# Concorde was delayed for mechanical concerns

GONESSE, France (AP) — The Air France Concorde plane that crashed and killed 113 people during takeoff had been delayed for last-minute maintenance on one of its engines, Air France said Wednesday as its fleet of supersonic jets was indefinitely grounded.

French forensic experts examined the charred bodies of the victims, mainly German tourists, to determine their identities as relatives began arriving in Paris a day after the crash.

"Today Germany is shaken," Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said at a service for the victims at a chapel in Hanover, Germany, on the grounds of the World's Fair. Pope John Paul II sent condolences.

In France, President Jacques Chirac was to attend an ecumenical ceremony later Wednesday in the town where the plane went down. He said "everything" would be done to determine the causes of the accident.

Air France said the crash of Flight AF4590 on Tuesday appeared to have been caused by a fire in one of the engines at the moment of takeoff. Experts said possible causes of the fire ranged from birds flying into the air intake to mechanical failure.

At a morning news conference, company spokesman Francois Brousse said the flight was delayed for several minutes before takeoff while work was done on an engine. Brousse did not say if the engine was the same one that caught fire or if the problem was related to the crash.

He said the work was done at the request of the crew.

"Our safety rules are such that if our crew has any hint of a problem, then this kind of intervention is automatic," Brousse said.

French Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gayssot on Wednesday ordered the indefinite suspension of all Air France Concorde flights. He said he wanted more checks, with an emphasis on the recovered black boxes — the flight recorders and cockpit voice recorder.

"When we know a sufficient amount about them, and when we're in touch with our British colleagues, we will be able to consider the decision to resume," he said. However, he said the future of the Concorde was "not in question."

The Ministry of Transportation said the two recorders were damaged but had been found.

# Cohen doubts missile defense will be ready by 2005

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may no longer be realistic to expect the Pentagon to build a sufficiently reliable system of national missile defense by 2005, Defense Secretary William Cohen told a Senate panel.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, Cohen said two consecutive failures to shoot down a mock warhead in space with a land-based intercep-

tor have raised doubts about the timetable.

"Perhaps it has called into question the realism of the date," Cohen said, noting that this was the view of retired Gen. Larry Welch, head of a panel that is advising the Pentagon on its national missile defense project.

Cohen repeatedly stressed, however, that both he and Welch believe the 2005 target date is "the date we

ought to continue to focus on," even if it eventually slips.

Cohen is due to make a recommendation to President Clinton — probably in mid-August — on whether to proceed toward a system of 20 missile interceptors and a new high-powered X-band radar ready by 2005.

It is possible that Cohen would recommend moving the start-up date to 2006 or

later. He gave no indication in his Senate testimony that he thinks this is necessary, although he pointedly left open that possibility by conceding under questioning that testing thus far has failed to show the system is technically feasible.

The 2005 date is important because, according to U.S. intelligence estimates, by then North Korea could have a missile capable of reaching the United States.

# House nears recess with flurry of activity — passes 36 bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — What Democrats are fond of calling the "do-nothing Congress" did something Tuesday, with the House passing 36 bills. Some of them even have a chance of becoming law.

The legislation ranged from a major bill pushed jointly by President Clinton and House Speaker Dennis Hastert to help out poorer communities to a trade bill that added a ban on dog and cat imports.

Shortly before midnight, well after dinnertime, it approved a resolution on the importance of families eating together.

The flurry of legislating came in the final week before Congress leaves for the presidential conventions and the monthlong summer recess. Most of Tuesday's bills were noncontroversial, brought up under a procedure that limits debate time, does not allow amendments and requires a two-thirds majority.

With the election approaching, Democrats have denounced the failure of the GOP-led Congress to move on such issues as patients rights, prescription drugs for seniors, gun control and the minimum wage. Republicans say its been a "workhorse" Congress that

has passed major tax cuts in defiance of threatened presidential vetoes.

Several of the House-passed bills have a real chance of affecting American lives. The Community Renewal Act, promoted by Clinton and Hastert, provides tax breaks and regulatory relief to 40 urban and rural communities left behind by the economic boom. Veterans are helped by several bills

improving disability benefits and making it easier to file claims and people with disabilities could see their service systems improved.

Another reauthorizes the Ryan White CARE Act that provides federal funds for AIDS prevention and treatment. The trade bill suspends or lowers duties on imports of AIDS and cancer drugs.

One highly political bill jumped on Vice President

Al Gore's hesitation in answering a question about executing pregnant women on death row.

Republicans hastily drew up and passed the measure making such executions unlawful.

Others were nonbinding and truly noncontroversial. In addition to urging families to eat together, the House praised Mexico for its recent elections and recognized the importance of

children in America.

On the crime front, the House voted for a mandatory life sentence for a second sex offense against a child, set up a procedure for trying military employees or dependents accused of crimes committed outside the United States and created a commission to coordinate federal anti-terrorism programs.

The residents of Guam got breaks on federal land dis-

posal, taxes and betel nut sales, while another bill makes it easier for American victims of terrorism to collect claims from terrorism-supporting nations.

The Senate moves at a more leisurely and cautious pace and many of the House-passed bills will never make it to the president's desk. The Senate, entangled over how to proceed, passed nothing.

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OUR VIEWS

4-H students making all of us proud

This morning, a group of 4-H members and adult leaders left Howard County heading northeast, trailer in tow. They are bound for Throckmorton, a dusty, community of 1,036 residents, whose plight has made national news.

Because of the drought, many Texas communities have been forced to ration water. That's no longer a viable solution for Throckmorton residents, however. Their water supply has all but dried up. Current estimates give the small town just 30 to 50 days before there is no water at all.

Fortunately, there is a solution. It's a 21-mile pipeline to the Graham water treatment plant in Elbert. An \$800,000 grant is paying for the pipeline; volunteers are providing the labor.

Meanwhile, to make sure residents have enough water, other volunteers — like the 4-H students from Howard and Glasscock County — are pitching in. The local group spent a hot Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot encouraging passersby to donate a gallon or two of water, or whatever change they could spare. Water is not the only need in Throckmorton. Additional materials to construct the pipeline as well as supplies for the volunteers are needed.

In all, the 4-H students collected 600 gallons of water and several hundred dollars in cash. They are also carrying with them "goodwill" batches of brownies and cookies.

We at the *Herald* are proud of these 4-H students for their willingness to come to the aid of those in need. Their 4-H leaders are to be commended for taking on a project that not only helps others, but also teaches our youth teamwork, compassion and responsibility. Of course, we have come to expect nothing less from 4-H.

This was a project of which we can all be very proud.

OTHER VIEWS

There's a simple lesson to be learned from the stunning, \$144.8 billion in damages that a Miami jury awarded last week to sick Florida smokers. ... It has to do with telling the truth, with being honest, forthright and willing to admit mistakes.

In a telling interview with the *New York Times*, jury foreman Leighton A. Finegan said jurors didn't have much trouble assessing punitive damages on cigarette manufacturers because the industry had lied repeatedly about the addictive and destructive nature of tobacco use.

Lies and deception serve no useful purpose. Most children learn that axiom at an early age. ... The jury award ... was

so astronomical as to border on the absurd. ... But it's not much of an overstatement to suggest that the award Mr. Finegan and colleagues imposed likely would bankrupt the tobacco industry, which operates lawful businesses in the United States.

And that could have a direct effect on every taxpayer. The award that Mr. Finegan and his fellow jurors meted out has tremendous emotional and moral appeal. Those intent on deception that harms the public should be exposed and held to account.

But at what price — and to whom?

THE ORLANDO (FLA.)  
SENTINEL

National missile defense makes sense

Opponents of a National Missile Defense (NMD) claim that 1) it will not work, and 2) it will instigate an arms race.

These statements are clearly incongruent. If it won't work, why would any other nation bother building it or bother counteracting it?



JACK ANDERSON

A Department of Defense "Bottom-Up Review" conducted in 1993 found that because of the threat of deliberate or accidental ballistic missile attack from the former Soviet Union or from the People's Republic of China, the United States needed to modernize its defense program.

The review concluded that a technology readiness strategy for NMD was the answer. This goal changed in 1996 when the Secretary of Defense directed that the NMD program be redesignated a Major Defense Acquisition

Program and gave the program a three-year deadline for the development of a functional, deployable system.

Current proposals for an NMD program call for a fixed, land-based, non-nuclear missile defense system with a space-based detection system made up of five elements: ground-based interceptors; battle management, command, control and communications; X-band radars; upgraded early warning radar; and defense support program satellites. The components would work together in response to a ballistic missile attack directed at the United States.

The deadline for the National Missile Defense program came at the end of 1999. In October of that year, the system was first tested. This initial test was successful. However, in another test on January 19, 2000 the system failed. Most recently, a third, on July 8, also resulted in failure.

The program was designed to protect the United States not only from threats presented by China and Russia, but also from those posed by Third World

countries such as Iran, Iraq and North Korea. A report released by an independent panel of retired military officers and weapons experts found that the program was feasible, but it doubted that the Pentagon could have it ready by the target date of 2005.

Not only is a national missile defense program possible, it is necessary. There is concern that such an initiative will lead to an arms race, and it is of note that under the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, both the United States and the U.S.S.R. increased their nuclear arsenals. The Soviet Union's actions were prompted by a desire to take advantage of the United States' vulnerability.

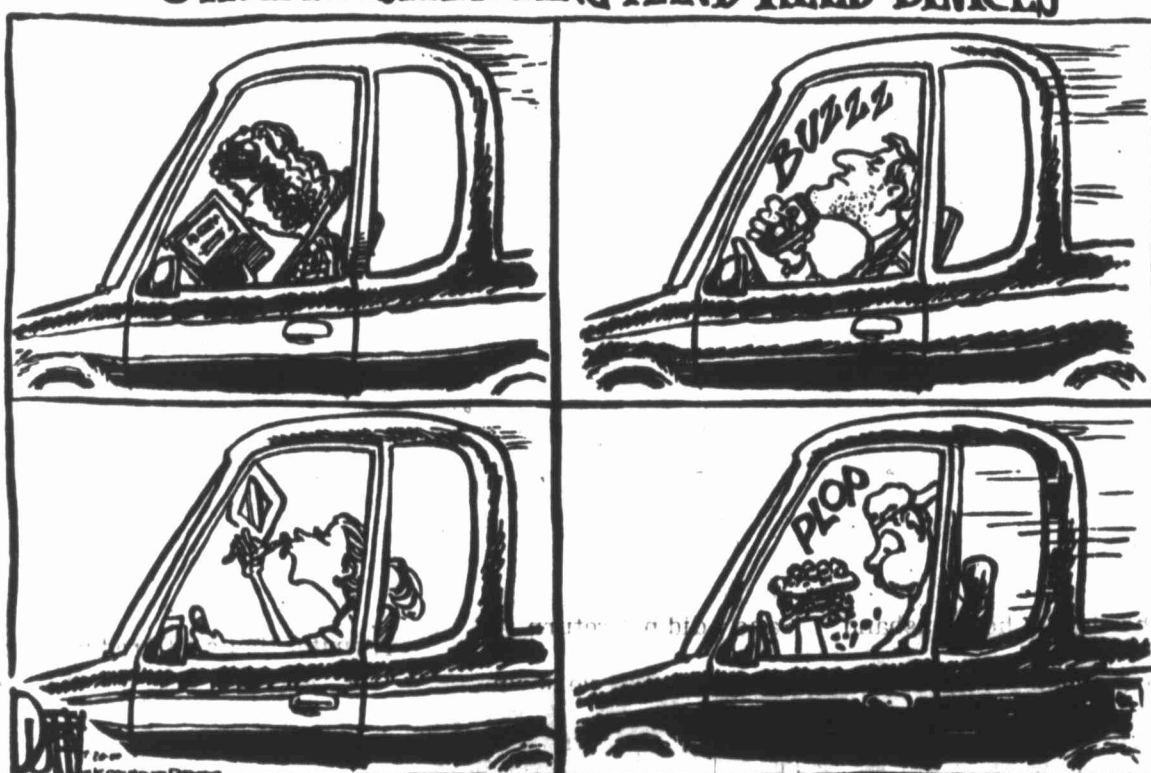
The United States reacted in order to "maintain the survivability of its retaliatory forces in the face of the Soviet buildup." While it is true that economic forces will hinder any of Russia's attempts to build a larger arsenal, there still remains a threat from China, which started modernizing its own ballistic missile programs in the 1950s. So why would NMD cause an arms race?

While the National Missile Defense program has received criticism from many top U.S. scientists as well as arms control advocates, Russia and China, many Clinton administration officials and members of Congress appear to support it. Defense Secretary William Cohen says that the failed tests themselves are "not dispositive of a recommendation to go forward."

Cohen further stated that a national missile defense system "is something I think is quite necessary, given today's spread of technology." Cohen described the proposed system as "something far more limited, designed to provide a limited amount of protection against a limited type of attack, coming from nations such as North Korea, Iran, potentially Iraq and others. This system is not aimed at Russia, it is not aimed at China."

Moreover, both Al Gore and G.W. Bush favor the program. Gore leans more toward Clinton's policy of a limited defensive system while Bush favors a much more ambitious one that would also protect U.S. allies.

OTHER DISTRACTING HAND-HELD DEVICES



History of Texas license plates

The idea of requiring an automobile to display its own individual insignia originated in New York in 1901. Back then, the 954 vehicle owners in that state were required to place the initials of the owner's name on the back in a conspicuous place.



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Some people painted the initials on the body of the car. Others painted the information on a piece of wood or metal and fastened it to the vehicle. Such a device evolved into our present day license plates.

Texas began the registration of vehicles in 1907. The law stated that owners of vehicles should register them with the county clerk, who would write their names in consecutive order in a book.

Numbers were issued in the order of their registration. The figures had to be at least six inches in height and displayed in a prominent place on the vehicle.

Owners paid the county clerk 50 cents for the registration. Only one plate was required and it had no date

on it. Some drivers had wooden plates with hand-painted numbers. Others went to a blacksmith shop and had a license plate made.

Iron frames covered with leather were becoming popular in larger cities so some northern firms started making the blanks and selling them in stores throughout the country.

Numbers made of aluminum (probably apartment-type figures) were attached to the leather by spread-type cotter pins. In 1916, ceramic numbers became popular.

The Texas legislature approved the establishment of a state highway department in 1917. One of the department's responsibilities was to handle vehicle registration. The annual registration fee was \$3 for each motorcycle and 35 cents per horsepower for a motor vehicle with a minimum fee of \$7.50. In addition to the license plate, a seal reading "Registered Motor Vehicle, Texas" had to be displayed on the radiator of each motor vehicle or the front of each motorcycle.

The same license plates were displayed year after year, but the radiator seals had to be replaced annually. The license plates were black with white numbers. "TEX" was written vertically on the right side of the plates. In 1920, the year-

ly renewal seal was changed from a round disk to a rectangular shape.

In 1923, all existing Texas plates were declared void and new plates were issued to all vehicles. In 1925, the year of issuance was printed on the plates. In 1928, plates were manufactured with one plate showing the word "Front" and the other plate showing the word "Rear."

Letters were first issued in conjunction with numbers on Texas plates in 1931. The letter A represented 100,000, B represented 200,000 and so forth. The manufacturing of the license plates was undertaken by the state prison in Huntsville in 1935 and continues today.

During World War II, no new plates were issued, but small metal tabs had to be attached to the plates each year.

In 1947 a shortage of license plates required the issuance of windshield stickers as evidence of registration.

In 1965, the issuance of personalized plates began and that triggered an avalanche of all sorts of license plates saluting various groups.

The new Texas plates are red, white and blue and depict a series of older-styles, a starry night sky, a man on horseback and tumbleweeds. All good Texas symbols.

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"Cry for the Child by Jeanette M. My tears are for you but not for them then for the future selves tho' God, our father not condone.

My dreams, the with fear for the future of their consciences seared they bear death's face.

Memories are all a yesterday of in our world so full of dumbness of betrayal and lence.

If a child had born since these things see then I would have all at Your feet, my me.

But now you have ed so many lives to I'll trust that you me to a life that divine. Glory to God!

"Lucky Is He" by Lou Did you ever see windswept hill and drink in the wild daffodil or pick wild much sweeter than or blow off the dandelion?

Did you ever walk woodland trail and stumble on of the timid blue or drink the f from a cold spring? Lucky is the person who has done these things

Did you ever whip-o-will Late in the evening all is still as he patiently the hour be late as he sends a his wandering mind

Parent

DODGE CITY — The parents room in their home give the execute killed their daughter. But it's been a gle over 11 years not been easy.

"It's a job you day," said Ruth. "It's something; it's practicing the claim to have." Ruth and her Bob, are Catholic not believe in punishment.

Their daughter Eesa Rains, was in July 1989 Braun, who's death in Oklahoma week for another all, Braun was five murders Texas and New

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### READERS' CORNER

**"Cry for the Children"**  
by Jeanette Marie Valle  
My tears are for our children  
but not for them alone  
then for the future of ourselves  
tho' God, our faults does not condone.

My dreams, they're filled with fear  
for the future of this race  
their consciences are seared  
they bear death upon their face.

Memories are all I have  
a yesterday of innocence  
our world so filled with dumbness  
of betrayal and of violence.

If a child had not been born  
since these things I had to see  
then I would have left it all  
at Your feet, not within me.

But now you have entrusted  
so many lives to mine—  
I'll trust that you still lead me  
to a life that's more divine.  
Glory to God!

**"Lucky Is He"**  
by Louise Burgess  
Did you ever stand on a windswept hill  
and drink in the beauty of the wild daffodil  
or pick wild cherries much sweeter than wine  
or blow off the head of a dandelion?

Did you ever walk down a woodland trail  
and stumble on to a covey of the timid blue quail  
or drink the fresh water from a cold mountain spring?

Lucky is the person who has done these things.

Did you ever listen to a whip-o-will  
Late in the evening when all is still  
as he patiently calls tho' the hour be late  
as he sends a message to his wandering mate?

Did you ever go swimming in a mountain stream  
or take a nap 'neath an evergreen  
and there, secure in your own little nook,  
relax for hours with your favorite book?

Did you ever go fishing from a boat in the bay  
and supper that night was the catch of the day  
as you cast with rod and reel and net  
and spend a day you'll never forget?

Did you ever stand beside a waterfall  
and gaze in wonder at the beauty of it all  
and feel the mist as it caresses your face,  
rare precious moments that time can't erase?

Have you walked barefoot in a field of fresh-plowed sod  
or gathered a bouquet of goldenrod,  
or captured a butterfly with soft velvet wings?  
I guess I'm just lucky, I've done all these things.

**"She"**  
by Lana Anguiano  
She loves the feel of sunshine upon her face.  
The sound of a child's laughter  
is music to her ears.  
She loves the feel of a raindrop  
falling upon her face.  
The sight of a fat little puppy or a fluffy kitten  
brings a smile to her face.

The place she calls home is her shelter from a world that is often cruel.  
She loves her grandbabies with all her being.  
The office where she works is full of things she loves:  
Pictures of family, tiny gloss angels,  
two little dolls sitting side by side  
in a tiny rocking chair,  
pretty flowers and gifts from family and

friends all blend together.

She loves life and lives each day to its fullest for she knows that life is truly a gift... the one she thanks daily for her gift of life is God above.

Written in honor of my dear friend Rita D. on her birthday.

**"The Lamp"**  
by Bernice Reed Jones  
One day I stood beside the road  
on a cold and winter day  
and saw a cabin standing just on up the way.

The trail was all grown up in weeds  
and I had to pick my way up to the tiny cabin there by an old oak tree.

A light glowed from the window  
as I stepped upon the porch  
I knocked but got no answer  
so I stepped inside the door.

An old lamp light a-glowing  
and I felt a presence there  
a paper on the table beside the rocking chair.

Somebody had once lived there  
and his life was incomplete  
so he left his light a-shining  
in the cabin by the tree.

The wind blew in the window  
and I saw the paper move the date upon the paper dated 1892.

I left out of the cabin and did not return  
but when I drive down that old road  
I know that light still burns.

Setting there beside the rocker  
with a paper there to read the lamp there in the cabin  
beside that old oak tree.



Pictured above are six generations who were among those present at the Choate family reunion June 30-July 2, 2000. From left to right are Ashley Ferguson, Michelle Choate, Carroll Choate, Merle Haygood, Trenton Crenshaw, Paul Patterson and Mark Choate.

The family association with Howard County began with W.T. Patterson (Uncle Billy) and Mary Melinda Earnest, who began ranching locally in 1893. All of the following and the six generations in the photograph were descendants of Patterson and Earnest. Their grown children were Mary Candice Gibbs Talbot, Zora Ann Patterson Johnson and John D. Patterson.

John M. Choate and Cora Zald Gibbs Choate and seven of their 11 children arrived in Howard County in 1920, and in Big Spring in 1925 as operators of the Stewart Hotel, formerly the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the first hotel in Big Spring. Choate family reunions were started in 1937 and continue biannually through present times. About 100 members attended the most recent reunion.

**"Hope and Dreams"**  
by Martha Anderson Peugh  
Down the rough, long, weary road?  
A fisherman gets happy  
Thinking about some shiny lure,  
Washing up his smelly boat,  
Or cleaning fish on a rocky shore.

The musician strokes his guitar  
And soon forgets his cares.  
If you listen you'll be singing  
And rocking in your chair.

A writer that's all tired up  
The pen takes things apart.  
And rearranges all the words  
That are flowing through his heart.

A trucker with a truck  
Is always thinking about his load.  
Is his truck going to make it

Everything is better  
Because the music flowed.  
The trucker's going to make it  
Because he's got another load.

The writer keeps on writing  
There's lots of words to write.  
The fisherman keeps fishing because  
Someday the big one's going to bite!

### In summer's heat, are sports drinks necessary for children?

Along with summertime, comes outdoor activities and high heat. If you are a parent or childcare provider, you may need to consider what type of drink to give to your child during all the extra activity this summer. Commercial sports drinks are a popular choice to quench the thirst of our children, but are they really necessary?

During exercise or play, the body depends greatly on, or carbohydrates to make energy. Unless a child is physically active for over an hour, the body's own carbohydrate stores (found in muscle and the liver) will be used as fuel. If a child is active for only a short period of time (less than 60 to 90 minutes), the extra calories found in commercial sports drinks are not necessary.

According to Lisa Barker, a dietetic intern at Texas A&M University, "Children normally need six to eight cups of water each day. During physical activity, it is important for children to consume even more water or fluid."

Encourage a child to drink water before, during, and after any physical activity. During a child's activity, be sure to keep water handy to help prevent dehydration or heat exhaustion. If a child refuses to drink water, then a tasty sports drink may be in order to help the child meet his or her fluid needs. To save money, make your own sports drink by mixing four tablespoons sugar and 1/4 teaspoon salt into 1/4 cup boiling water. Add two tablespoons lemon juice, and three 3/4 cups cold water and chill. This recipe make four one-cup servings for about five cents per serving.

Remember, water and sports drinks aren't the only sources of fluid for active children. Try bringing cold orange slices or watermelon cubes to their next outdoor event.

Barker adds that "another favorite choice to follow a game may be apple slices with peanut butter, or a tall glass of cold milk — a great source of calcium for their growing bones!"

These choices contain important vitamins and minerals that will help them grow and stay healthy, a winning combination — hands down!

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DANA TARTER

### Parents forgive daughter's murderer

DODGE CITY, Kan. (AP) — The parents have found room in their hearts to forgive the executed man who killed their daughter.

But it's been a daily struggle over 11 years. And it has not been easy.

"It's a job you do every day," said Ruth Hessman. "It's something you work at. It's practicing the faith you claim to have."

Ruth and her husband, Bob, are Catholics who do not believe in capital punishment.

Their daughter, Mary Mel Eesa Rains, was murdered in July 1989 by Gregg Braun, who was put to death in Oklahoma last week for another killing. In all, Braun was convicted of five murders in Kansas, Texas and New Mexico.

"I don't know about everyone else's Bible, but in ours it says 'Thou shalt not kill,'" said Ruth Hessman. "Nowhere does it say

"Unless..."  
At first, the Hessmans were consumed with grief and hatred.

Their daughter had taken a job at a Garden City convenience store to supplement her pay as a substitute teacher. She was working the overnight shift.

Braun walked in about 3:30 a.m. — just three hours after he had robbed another convenience store, kidnapped the clerk and killed her.

He took Rains from the store to an area just a few miles from where he had left the first clerk's body, and shot Rains in the back of the head.

Braun went on to commit murders in Pampa, Texas; Ardmore, Okla.; and Springer, N.M. He was executed for the slaying of a floral shop clerk in Ardmore.

"We feel that there's no deterrent in capital punishment," said Bob Hessman.

"Gregg Braun left Kansas, which did not have capital punishment at that time and went to three other states and all three had capital punishment. So he wasn't thinking about execution."

The Hessmans met Braun's parents shortly after the slayings. Then they began writing to Braun about four years ago.

"Knowing that he had reconciled himself with his Maker and worked on that — that was our main intent," Ruth Hessman said.

Braun responded to the letters until just before he was executed, apologizing for the murder. His last letter was also an apology.

Each day, the Hessmans suffer the loss of their daughter and remember they must forgive.

"It's a painful thing every day," Ruth Hessman said. "I'm just human, and some days it's worse than others."

### Scientists say using brain keeps it in working order

WASHINGTON (AP) — The brain is like a muscle: Use it or lose it.

That's the growing conclusion of research that shows fogged memory and slowed wit are not inevitable consequences of getting old, and there are steps people can take to protect their brains.

Mental exercise seems crucial. Benefits start when parents read to tots and depend heavily on education, but scientists say it's never too late to start jogging the gray matter.

People have to get physical, too. Bad memory is linked to heart disease, diabetes and a high-fat diet, all risks people can counter by living healthier lives.

In fact, provocative new research suggests these brain-protective steps, mental and physical, may be strong enough even to help influence who gets Alzheimer's disease.

"There are some things that, if you know you have a family history (of Alzheimer's) and you're just 20 to 30 years old, you can start doing to increase your protective factors," said Dr. Amir Soas of Case Western Reserve University Medical School in Cleveland.

It's also good advice for the average baby boomer hoping to stay sharp, or the mom priming her child for a lifelong healthy brain.

Most important: "Read, read, read," Soas said. Do crossword puzzles. Pull out the chessboard or Scrabble. Learn a foreign language or a new hobby.

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### FOOD IN THE NEWS

ROME (AP) — People around the world will be better fed by 2030 as food production outpaces population growth, but widespread hunger will persist, a U.N. food agency said Monday.

In a study, the Rome-based Food and Agricultural Organization said cereals will remain the world's staple food. Cereal production — half of which is for human consumption — is projected to increase by almost one billion tons by 2030 from the current level of 1.84 billion tons.

Crop production in developing countries is expected to be 70 percent higher in 2030, thanks in part to higher yields per acre as well as the availability of more arable land.

Despite these advances, as many as 580 million people will still be chronically undernourished 15 years from now and 400 million in 2030.

The FAO says the number now is around 800 million. The study said agricultural production, which over the last two decades has grown annually by 2.1 percent, will slow to 1.6 percent between now and 2015 and then to 1.3 percent by 2030.

But food supplies will still outstrip population growth, which is estimated to increase annually by 1.2 percent up to 2015, then drop 0.8 percent in the subsequent 15 years, FAO said.

The FAO also warned that increased agriculture and livestock production in developing countries could hurt the environment if deforestation, the use of pesticides and overgrazing are uncontrolled.

The report is at: <http://www.fao.org/es/esd/gstudies.htm>

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**THE GRAND OPENING OF** the VFW Post 2013 bar and lounge is planned this weekend, starting with live music from 8 p.m. - midnight Friday and 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday at 500 Driver Rd.

The Gamblers, country and western, rock-n-roll and blues band, will perform. Cost is \$4 for singles and \$7 for couples.

Regular hours for the lounge will be 10 a.m. - midnight Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday and noon-midnight Sunday.

The community is invited to support the VFW Post. For more information, call 270-5985.

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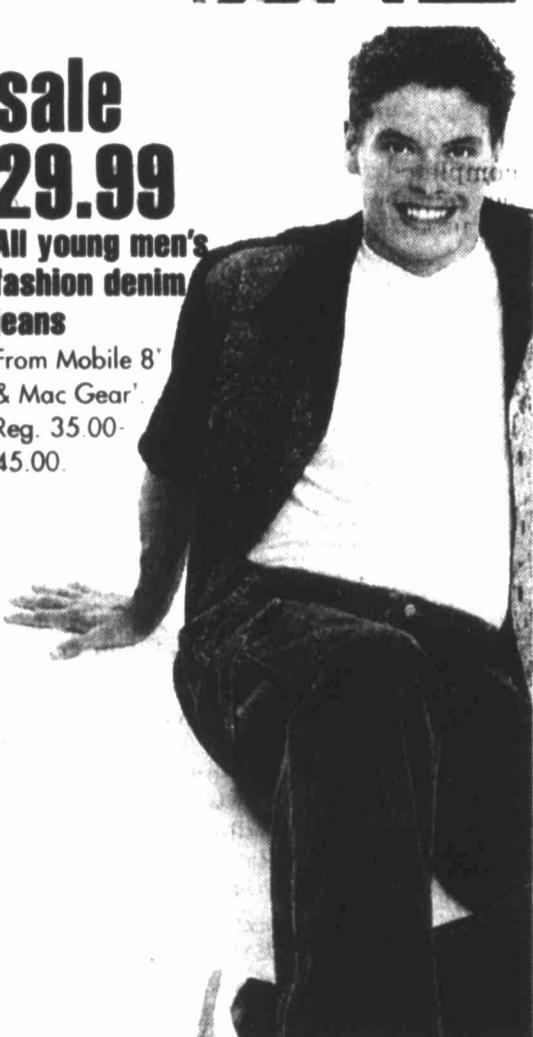
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### IN BRIEF

#### Marshall, Sharpnack win Monday's playday

Peggy Marshall and Patsy Sharpnack took first place at Monday's Playday at Comanche Trails Golf Course.

The duo recorded a 33 to win first place. That was just one stroke ahead of Glendene Williams and Daury Cockrell, who finished with a 34.

#### Gwyn helps Everman win national game

Big Spring's Christina Gwyn played a role in Tuesday's game between the Everman Cowgirls and the Nebraska Quakes at the AFA National Tournament in Shawnee, Kansas.

Playing second base, Gwyn doubled and scored the first run for the Cowgirls, which turned out to be important because they beat the Quakes, 2-1.

On Monday, Gwyn placed third in a speed pitching contest. Her speed was 60-plus miles per hour while the winner threw 63-plus miles per hour.

#### Comanche Trails City Championship slated

The City Championship at Comanche Trails Golf Course is set to run Aug. 5-6.

The tournament is not limited solely to members of Comanche Trails. In fact, members of either local golf course or a resident of Howard County are eligible.

However, one requirement is the fact that any man or woman wishing to participate must present a verifiable handicap.

The entry fee is \$35 per player. To enter, please call the pro shop at 264-2366.

#### Coahoma football camp set to start

The Coahoma football camp is set to run from today through Friday.

The camp is open to kids in Big Spring, Forsan or Coahoma entering from first through sixth grade. The camp will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. each day.

Cost of the camp is \$25. Signup for the event will take place today at the practice field.

Anyone needing further information may contact Bobby Lang at either 263-7510 or 425-3350.

#### FBI investigates threats to Landry

FBI files show that the agency twice investigated death threats against long-time Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry.

The papers were released by the government to Dallas television station WFAA, which submitted a Freedom of Information Act request.

One of the threats came during a game with the Los Angeles Rams in 1986, the station reported on Tuesday. An angry man who called seven times claimed Landry would be shot during the game. The coach left the stadium for a time and then returned wearing a bulletproof vest. The FBI also investigated a threatening anonymous letter in 1983.

Neither case was solved. Landry died Feb. 12 of this year from leukemia. He was 75.

He coached the Cowboys for 29 years, guiding Dallas to 270 victories.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television

**BASEBALL**  
6 p.m. — New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
7:30 p.m. — Anaheim Angels at Texas Rangers, FSN, Ch. 29.

## Hart named to replace Lewis as Coahoma baseball coach

By JOHN HASSELMEIER  
Sports Editor

COAHO-MA - Coahoma athletic director Robert Wood was looking to fill a rather high-profile job in the Coahoma Independent School District athletic department, that of baseball coach, when he thought of a young man who was on the Snyder

football team during part of Wood's stint there.

Wood placed the call to Brad Hart and on Monday night at the CISD board meeting, Hart was named the new head baseball coach at Coahoma High School.

He replaces Scott Lewis, who resigned after a two-year stint to take the head coaching job at Odessa Permian. Lewis led the Bulldogs to the Class 2A state tournament, the last time setting a new state record for that classification as that was the school's fourth consecutive trip.

Hart himself was quite the athlete at Snyder High

School before graduating in 1994. He was on the varsity for three years in both football and baseball.

The Tigers made the football playoffs his sophomore year as Hart started at guard. Across the field in bidistrict were the Pampa Harvesters, which sported a senior fullback/linebacker named Zach Thomas, who now plies his trade for the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League.

"I had to try and block him," Hart said. "He was pretty good ball player."

As for baseball, the Tigers have a rich tradition, but they never made it in Hart's

three years on the varsity. He played catcher and left field during his time on varsity, starting all three years.

"We were a little inconsistent, up and down a lot," Hart said. "We gave it a good run, but we got beat by Plainview the last game of the season to miss the playoffs."

"They only took two teams to the playoffs then," Hart said. "We were in a pretty good district with Frenship, Plainview, (Lubbock) Estacado. It was a strong district, especially with Frenship in there."

Those three years, incidentally, were the last three

for longtime coach Albert Lewis. Lewis, only the second coach in the history of the program, retired after Hart's senior year and still resides in Snyder.

After he graduated, Hart continued his baseball career at Hardin-Simmons — for a semester.

"It got to the point where it was either try to go to school or play," Hart said. "I guess I just kind got bummed."

He then transferred to Western Texas College in his hometown for two years and then transferred again.

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## 'Pudgeless' Rangers prevail, 9-6

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates says he's going to do things a little differently with All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez out for the season with a right thumb injury.

Oates is known to sit back and wait for the three-run homer, but he played hit-and-run twice in the eighth inning as the Rangers scored three times Tuesday night to break a tie and score a 9-6 victory over the Anaheim Angels.

"We've got our MVP, our No. 4 hitter, so we might have to gamble more and change how we approach the game," Oates said. "You're not going to replace him. Life goes on. But you're going to have to do things a little differently."

Pinch-runner Scarborough Green hustled across the plate with the go-ahead run in the eighth inning on an outfield over-throw and Gabe Kapler had a two-run triple later in the inning.

Rodriguez underwent a one hour and 20 minute operation Tuesday to repair three fractures at the base of his right thumb, an injury suffered in Monday night's 6-5, 12-inning loss to the Angels. Before Tuesday night's game, Oates spoke to several team leaders on the importance of remaining focused over the final two-plus months of the season.

"His injury has a huge impact on this club," said Rangers closer John Wetteland, who pitched the ninth for his 26th save after wasting a three run ninth-inning lead Monday night.

In the eighth, David Segui singled with one out off Mike Holtz (0-2) and Green came in to run. Green raced to third on Bill Haselman's hit-and-run single off Mark Petkovsek, and when left fielder Darin Erstad's throw to third eluded Troy Glaus, Green scored to snap a 6-6 tie.

Haselman went to third on Erstad's error, and Kapler drove in two runs with a triple on another hit-and-run call by Oates.

Kapler also homered and is in the midst of a hot streak with a nine-game hitting streak and three homers in his last seven games.

"I'm pleased with how things are going," said Kapler, who's added a leg-



Texas Rangers catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, shown above in a 1994 file photo is scheduled to undergo surgery after a suffering a broken thumb Monday. He is out for the season.

kick in an effort to improve his timing at the plate. "I still have a lot of work to do. I've gotten excited in the past so I don't want to jump to any conclusions."

Rookie Doug Davis (4-2) pitched 2-3 innings of one-hit relief for the victory. Davis had allowed 10 hits and eight runs in his previous 5 2-3 innings.

"He was in command," Oates said. "They didn't hit one ball well off of him."

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 387th career homer in the first inning for the Rangers. Palmeiro is in 37th place on the career list, two behind Johnny Bench.

Frank Catalanotto and Rusty Greer also homered for the Rangers, who had four homers and seven extra base hits.

Anaheim's Tim Salmon hit his 20th homer and 24th for his career against Texas, his most against any opponent. He has 23 against

Cleveland. Erstad maintained his blistering pace at the plate, going 3-for-5 with a triple and a double. It was the 13th time in 19 games he's had at least two hits.

Even though the Rangers are buried in the AL West standings, Angels manager Mike Scioscia said Texas is a team to be respected.

"That's a terrific offensive ball club over there," Scioscia said. "You can't take anything for granted with them. Even with Pudge out, there are still a very good offensive team. You start making mistakes and they'll make you pay."

Anaheim got a run in the first against Darren Oliver on Garret Anderson's RBI single.

Texas struck back with a three-run first against Seth Etherton as Catalanotto led off with a homer and Palmeiro hit a two-run blast, his 26th of the season.

## Johnson gets shelled as Cardinals win, 7-3

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Fernando Tatis grand slam isn't unusual. After all, he hit two in a single inning last year.

Randy Johnson getting chased after 5 2-3 innings. Now, that's something that doesn't happen too often as the Cardinals defeated the Diamondbacks, 7-3.

In other games it was Atlanta 6, Florida 5; New York 5, Montreal 0; Houston 7, Cincinnati 4; Chicago 8, Philadelphia 7; Los Angeles 6, Colorado 4; San Diego 3, San Francisco 2; and Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1 in 11 innings.

In the American League, it was the Yankees 19, Baltimore 1; Cleveland 10, Toronto 3; Boston 4, Minnesota 2; Detroit 6, Tampa Bay 4; Kansas City 6, the Chicago White Sox 1; Texas 9, Anaheim 6; and Oakland 8, Seattle 7.

Johnson (15-3) lasted just 5 2-3 innings in his shortest outing of the season, allowing five runs — four earned — and five hits with seven strikeouts.

He had completed six innings in 40 consecutive starts since a 10-4 loss to Atlanta on June 20, 1999. It was just the sixth time in 22 starts this season the Big Unit didn't reach double digits in strikeouts.

St. Louis rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the sixth when Mike Matheny hit a two-run homer off Johnson.

Placido Polanco singled, Edgar Renteria walked, Dan Plesac relieved and walked Jim Edmonds and Tatis connected off Russ Springer for his fourth career slam.

At St. Louis, Garrett Stephenson (11-6) gave up three runs and five hits in eight innings.

#### Braves 6, Marlins 5

Javy Lopez hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the sixth at Turner Field as Tom Glavine (12-5) gave up 11 hits — all singles — in 6 2-3 innings to win his fifth straight start.

Ryan Dempster (9-8) allowed only four hits and Florida outhit the Braves 15-6. But the Marlins stranded 11 runners and made five errors, tying a team record in that department.

Cliff Floyd homered in the ninth off Kerry Ligtenberg, who allowed a two-out triple to Derek Lee before striking

out Mark Smith for his ninth save.

#### Mets 5, Expos 0

Mike Piazza had three hits and two RBIs to back Glendon Rusch (7-7), who gave up three hits in seven scoreless innings for his first win in five starts since June 27. Dennis Cook and Pat Mahomes completed the five-hitter.

Piazza had an RBI single in the first off Dustin Hermanson (8-8), singled in the third and added another run-scoring single in the fifth as the Mets returned home for the first time since the All-Star break and snapped visiting Montreal's four-game winning streak.

#### Astros 7, Reds 4

Visiting Houston stretched a winning streak to four for the first time this year, overcoming a 4-1 deficit.

Sacrifice flies by Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman in the seventh off Scott Sullivan made it 4-3, and Mitch Meluskey tied it with an RBI double. Bagwell hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the ninth off Ron Villone (8-7).

Marc Valdes (2-2) pitched out of a threat in the eighth and pitched the ninth for Houston, which overcame a three-run deficit Monday for its first three-game winning streak.

#### Cubs 8, Phillies 7

Damon Buford drove in three runs, including a tiebreaking triple in the eighth off Chris Brock (5-5) as visiting Chicago won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Tim Worrell (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings, working out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth. Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

#### Dodgers 6, Rockies 4

Eric Karros hit a game-tying, three-run homer in the seventh off Masato Yoshii at Coors Field, and Adrian Beltre lined a two-run, tiebreaking single in the eighth off Jose Jimenez after Bobby Chouinard (0-1) walked the first two batters of the inning.

Chan Ho Park (11-7) allowed four runs — two earned — and seven hits in seven innings, sending

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## Golllee, Sergeant, it's already been a month here!

Today is a somewhat of a milestone for me as it marks exactly one month here as your sports editor. As Gomer Pyle might have said

"Gollleeeee, Sergeant!"

Milestones make me want to reminisce, so I'm going to, but not about the previous month here. A conversation with Chris Cole,

chairman of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce All-Sports Committee following Tuesday's meeting, spurred those juices.

Remember in 1989 when the Steers beat Monahans 20-19 in the Class 4A quarterfinals over in

Midland? Well, it just so happens Yours Truly was in attendance that day. I covered the game for the *San Angelo Standard-Times*.

That was in a stringing (correspondence) role. At the time, I was working fulltime for the *Brownfield News*.

I bring that up because, the night before, the Brownfield varsity girls basketball team, minus Sheryl Swoopes who had graduated the year before, played Lee there. I had some friends in Midland at the time, so I went down, covered the game and spent the night with them.

Then it was off the next day to Memorial Stadium. I'm one of those who likes to get there nice and early and I was just about the first one through the gate. That pressbox grew full by the time the game kicked off.

I've slept many times since then,

but as I recall the Steers scored on their first position on a keeper by quarterback Rance Thompson. Monahans fumbled the ensuing kickoff, Big Spring recovered and scored again. As I recall, people were still coming in and the score was 14-0.

However, Monahans would come back and forged a 19-14 lead. It grew late in the game and the Loboes were trying their darndest to hold on to that lead.

Finally, they were facing third down and short. Lobo quarterback Steve Ward completed a pass, but the receiver's knee accidentally touched the turf just short of a first down and the Loboes had to punt.

So it was time to put a drive together with a touchdown being of necessity. After converting a fourth-down on a fine extra-effort run by Jermaine Miller (as I

recall), Thompson went to the air. It was going long, long and it's dropped!

"No problem," said the Big Spring braintrust. A play very similar to that one happened and this time it was caught for a touchdown!

The game wasn't over yet, but there wasn't much time for Monahans to try and come back. Ward threw an interception to Freddie Rodriguez (as I recall) and Big Spring was on the way to the semi-finals!

One thing I remember afterward was going up to the young man who dropped it. From the angle I was at, I couldn't see the number and thought he'd caught it. However, he was honest and pointed me in the direction of Neal Mayfield.

Another thing I remember afterwards was finding out that the S-T had spelled "Hasselmeier" wrong!



JOHN HASSELMEIER

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this time to Angelo State University. He eventually got his degree in December. It was in kinesiology with a minor in physical science. From day one, he knew he wanted to be a coach. "It was a way to stay with the game, to stay active and involved and be around young kids," Hart said. "Working with kids is a challenge." As he was a December graduate, finding a coaching job wasn't very easy to find right off. Then, one day, Wood called and the rest is history.

"I'm pretty excited," Hart said. "It's a pretty good opportunity for a guy fresh out of college to get a head coaching job like that." Hart is well aware that his first head-coaching job is high-profile. "It's a challenge," Hart said. "It's good. The kids know how to win. They understand how to win. They understand what it takes to win and what it takes to get there, the work and commitment involved. "Of course, it puts me on the hot seat, also," Hart said. "I'm making no predictions. We're going to go out there and work hard and

we'll see what we get out of it."

**Comets take down Storm in WNBA**

HOUSTON (AP) — After a 2-2 road trip knocked the Houston Comets out of first place, some officials including coach Van Chancellor started talking like the three-time WNBA champion's dynasty was over. The Comets took it to Seattle in a major way by a 79-53 score Tuesday.

**HOROSCOPE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 27:**

You offer a lot and give a lot. Whatever you decide to do often becomes easier than you anticipate. Years of expansion and networking pay off. You don't need to push hard — others simply respond. An associate or partner still acts unpredictably. You are often confused. Just accept this person. If you are single, a friendship develops into more, or a new love relationship also develops as a friendship. If you are attached, you might have issues with your partner, but you aren't changing him. Focus on the total picture. Look at your goals as a couple. GEMINI is always a friend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

\*\*\* Jump up to an opportunity. Don't back off. Take a greater role in your immediate community. Follow a cherished hope. Brainstorming quickly brings better results. Add that extra touch and pizzazz, be it in words or actions. Intentions get muddled. Tonight: Have a good time.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

\*\*\* You help support the economy. Not only do you make money, but you spend it as well. You impress higher-ups with your ability to grasp the total financial picture. They trust your professional abilities; know when to pull out. You have personal expectations that conflict with work. Juggle. Tonight: Evaluate expenditures.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

\*\*\*\* Opportunity strikes when you extend past your normal limits, intellectually or professionally. Your style warms others up and brings you better results than even you could wish for. Unexpected developments trigger creativity. Tonight: Your actions help another smile.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

\*\*\*\* You know what you want financially, and you know how to get there. What seems like a day-dream can become a reality. Start acting rather than hypothesizing. Relationships build. Finances allow greater flex. Your purpose might work against another's. Talk. Tonight: Do something just for you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

\*\*\*\* Join others. Schedule meetings. Get together with your friends. You gain through groups and networking. Anticipate the unexpected from others. Nothing will change here. You inadvertently challenge another, whose reaction reflects this attitude. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

\*\*\* Buy time rather than react. Though you have a lot of insight, you might be wrong about a co-worker or a work-related issue. A boss passes along an interesting piece of information. You gain through developing this association on a deeper level. Tonight: Go out of your way for an older friend or associate.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

\*\*\*\* Your vision takes you down a new path. Make calls. Willingly jump on an opportunity that enhances your professional appeal and/or helps expose you to

other customs and ideas. Talk about your long-term objectives with a friend. Share news. Tonight: Go where the music is.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

\*\*\*\* You gain feedback from a trusted associate. Another's perspective about a professional matter might not be the same as yours. A boss makes an offer that seems too good to be true. Evaluate the terms and conditions with care. If you need money, ask for it. Tonight: Spend time with your best friend.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

\*\*\*\* Confirm everything you hear as well as all meetings. You quickly discover that what you say might not be what another hears, and vice versa. News involving a legal or written matter brightens your day. Another proves to be a big plus in your life. Tonight: Just ask.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

\*\*\*\* Discuss the implications of an adjustment at work. Another might not exactly agree with your decisions, but he supports you nevertheless. Remember, everyone expresses caring in their own way. Don't finalize any money agreements after noon. Tonight: Do something you love.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

\*\*\*\* By being spontaneous, you draw a lot of happiness and joy, and you also give others the same. Another might go overboard expressing his feelings. Know that communication means a lot. Others and their intentions could confuse you. Make no decisions. Tonight: Make it light and easy.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

\*\*\* Your actions result from deep caring. Others understand that you come from a place of real security and depth. An offer involving work and day-to-day living will benefit you. Break out of patterns. Remember what is ultimately important. Say no to a rut. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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**ROUNDUP**

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Colorado to its 17th loss in 20 games. Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

**Padres 3, Giants 2** Woody Williams (5-3) allowed two runs — on Ellis Burks' homer in the fourth — four hits and four walks in 6 2-3 solid innings at San Diego. He also singled and had a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 24th save, striking out pinch-hitter Felipe Crespo and retiring Russ Davis on a game-ending popout with Bill Mueller on third.

With the Padres trailing 2-1 in the sixth, Al Martin hit an RBI single off Kirk Rueter (7-6) and Phil Nevin scored when Burks overran the ball in right for an error.

**Brewers 4, Pirates 1**

Jose Hernandez hit a two-run single in the 11th off Jason Christiansen (2-8) as visiting Milwaukee stopped a four-game losing streak. Curtis Leskanic (1-2) pitched a perfect 10th and

Bob Wickman got his 15th save.

**Yankees 19, Orioles 1** Paul O'Neill had six RBIs, four hits and a homer, and Bernie Williams hit a grand slam as New York hammered Baltimore.

Derek Jeter, Ryan Thompson and Clay Bellinger also homered and Jose Vizcaino had four of the Yankees' season-high 20 hits.

An eighth-inning homer by B.J. Surhoff enabled the Orioles to avoid the worst shutout loss in franchise history. Baltimore's most lopsided defeat was by 19 runs, 26-7 at Texas in 1996. Andy Pettitte (10-6) allowed eight hits in seven innings to improve to 11-2 lifetime against the Orioles, including 7-0 at Camden Yards.

**Twins 4, Red Sox 2**

Joe Mays (6-11) pitched seven strong innings as Minnesota won its second straight over Boston after losing the first seven meetings of the season.

David Ortiz went 2-for-3 and drove in an insurance

run in the eighth. He is batting .500 (18-for-30) over his last eight games.

**Tigers 6, Devil Rays 4** Delivi Cruz, batting cleanup for the first time in his career, hit a two-run triple in the first inning that led host Detroit.

Cruz was the Tigers' No. 4 batter because Juan Gonzalez and Tony Clark are on the DL and Dean Palmer rested an ailing shoulder.

Willie Blair (7-2) won for the sixth time in seven decisions since he moved into the rotation June 6 and Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his AL-leading 28th save.

**Indians 10, Blue Jays 3**

Roberto Alomar returned to the lineup by hitting a two-run homer, and Cleveland scored seven runs in the eighth inning.

Toronto had its consecutive homer streak at home end at 22, one short of the AL record.

Alomar, who missed four games with a sore left ankle, homered in the first. He also doubled and scored a run in the fourth.

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The right fielder stopped the runner at second base, and my father shouted to the first baseman, "You should have made that play!"

Concerned that he would hurt the boy's feelings, I told Dad he shouldn't shout at the boy. My father then became angry with me and said the boy needs to know that he "screwed up" so he would "learn from his mistakes."

My father's loud lecture embarrassed me. I told him after he calmed down that I would be sitting in the bleachers. A few minutes later, I looked for him and saw that he was walking home. I had driven him to the game. We have not spoken since.

I feel it is the coach's responsibility to instruct the players. Parents who attend should be supportive, not negative. Was I wrong to defend the boy and "insult" my father? — FRUSTRATED LITTLE LEAGUE DAD

DEAR FRUSTRATED: The job of parents and grandparents at children's sporting events is to cheer them on. Your father's remarks were not helpful. They were hurtful to the first baseman's self-esteem. The boy couldn't help but know that he goofed.

Call your father and point out to him that he didn't

like being corrected in public — he got angry and walked home — so why would he think a young first baseman would appreciate being yelled at by a stranger? Perhaps that will help him view his actions in a different light. If it doesn't, buy him some peanuts and Cracker Jack — and leave him home.

DEAR ABBY: It's rare nowadays to find nice people willing to help a complete stranger. That's why I want to share this with you:

I live in Cheyenne, Wyo. I was seven months pregnant and was driving alone to Thermopolis, five hours away.

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I never expected to meet people willing to put themselves out for someone they didn't even know. In this age of distrust, it's reassuring to know that there are still wonderful people out there. — VALERIE GIBSON

DEAR VALERIE: Thank you for sharing your experience. As more and more people have written to me relating random acts of kindness, it is clearly apparent that generosity of

spirit is alive and well in our country.

DEAR ABBY: The letters about obscene phone calls reminded me of something that happened when I was a teen-ager.

A group of us would hang out at "Charlie's" house after school and on weekends. We'd play pingpong, cards, watch TV or just "shoot the breeze." One night, a boy named "Mark" began making obscene phone calls. He would dial random numbers, make a few crude remarks, and then hang up and laugh. We all wanted him to stop, afraid the calls could be traced and we'd all get in trouble. He refused. He said he was having too much fun to stop.

Another friend, "Clint," said he wanted to make the next call. Mark handed him the phone. Clint dialed a number, then quickly handed the phone back to Mark, saying, "I'm too nervous. YOU talk."

Mark took the phone and made his usual crude remarks. His face turned white as he heard a woman say, "Mark, is that you?" Mark slammed the receiver down and asked, "What number did you dial?" "Your home phone," Clint replied.

As the rest of us howled, Mark actually burst into tears. Perhaps it was a cruel lesson, but Mark never again made an obscene phone call. — STILL LAUGHING IN L.A.

DEAR LAUGHING: It may have been cruel, but the day your friend "talked trash" to his mother was a day I'm sure none of you will forget!

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and have written a poem. The facts in this poem are real. This happened to someone I know. — SAD FOR MY FRIEND IN L.A.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved with the completed crossword grid.

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The City of Big Spring is accepting applications for Jailer in the Police Department. Applications will be accepted until July 31, 2000. The City is also accepting applications for Mechanic Apprentice until August 3, 2000. For further information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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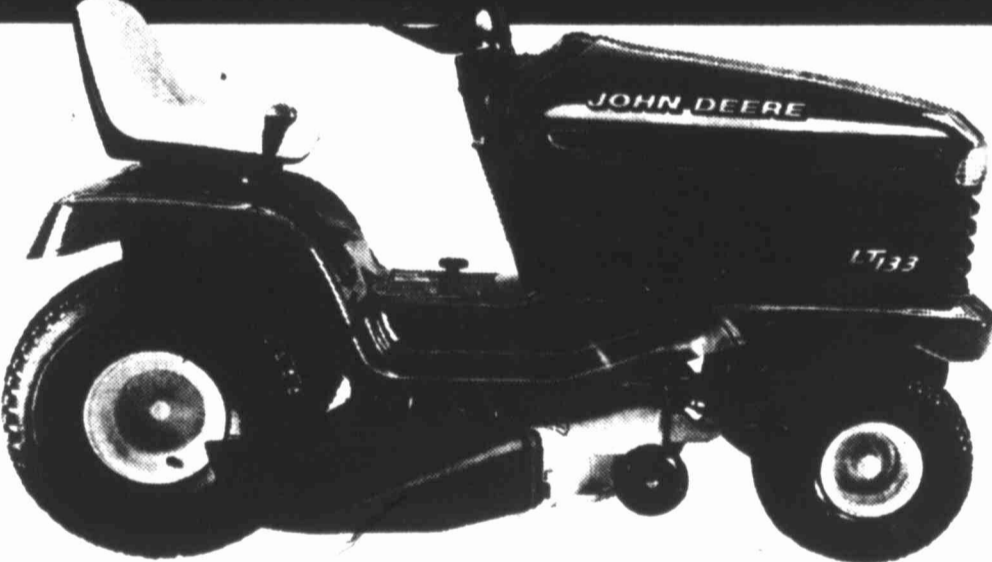
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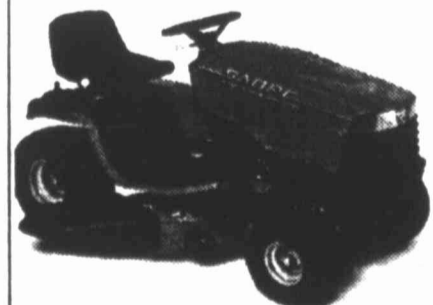


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## Polly Ticks' Guide to Political Conventions

**YOU CAN VOTE WHEN YOU ARE 18 YEARS OLD!**

Meet Polly Ticks, our Mini Page expert on the upcoming elections. Polly knows all about politics, the study of government and elections.

**Political parties**

A political party is a group of people who try to win elections and run the government. We have two strong parties in the United States.

Most Americans usually support either the Democratic or Republican Party.

However, people don't feel as loyal to their political parties as they used to. Many Democrats and Republicans vote for whichever candidate they wish.

Some people feel so strongly about an issue or candidate that they join a party other than the Democrats or Republicans. They are called independents.

There are other, smaller parties that will be holding their conventions, too. These parties are often called third parties.

Some candidates run with no party behind them. They rely on support from both parties and the independents.

**National political conventions**

National political party conventions are made up of delegates from each state.

The delegates:

- select the candidates, or people to run for president and vice president.
- carry out much of the party business.
- unite the party behind the candidates.
- usually have a very good time.

**The nominees**

We all know that the Republicans will nominate George W. Bush and the Democrats will nominate Al Gore. Both already have enough "committed" delegates, or those who must vote for them, to win.

George W. Bush, 53, is now serving his second term as governor of Texas. He is the son of former president George H.W. Bush. He and wife, Laura, have twin daughters, age 18.

Al Gore, 52, has served as U.S. vice president for two terms. His father, Albert Gore Sr., served as a U.S. senator. Al Gore Jr. was a newspaper reporter before he was elected to Congress from Tennessee. He and his wife, Tipper, have four children.

Both the Democrats and Republicans will be selecting a vice presidential candidate. The nominee for president usually selects his running mate, but the delegates to the convention must OK the choice.

### Dates and places

The Republicans will be meeting in Philadelphia July 31 through Aug. 3.

The Democrats will be meeting in Los Angeles Aug. 14 through Aug. 17.

**Delegates**

Number going to the Republican convention: 2,066 delegates; 2,066 alternates.

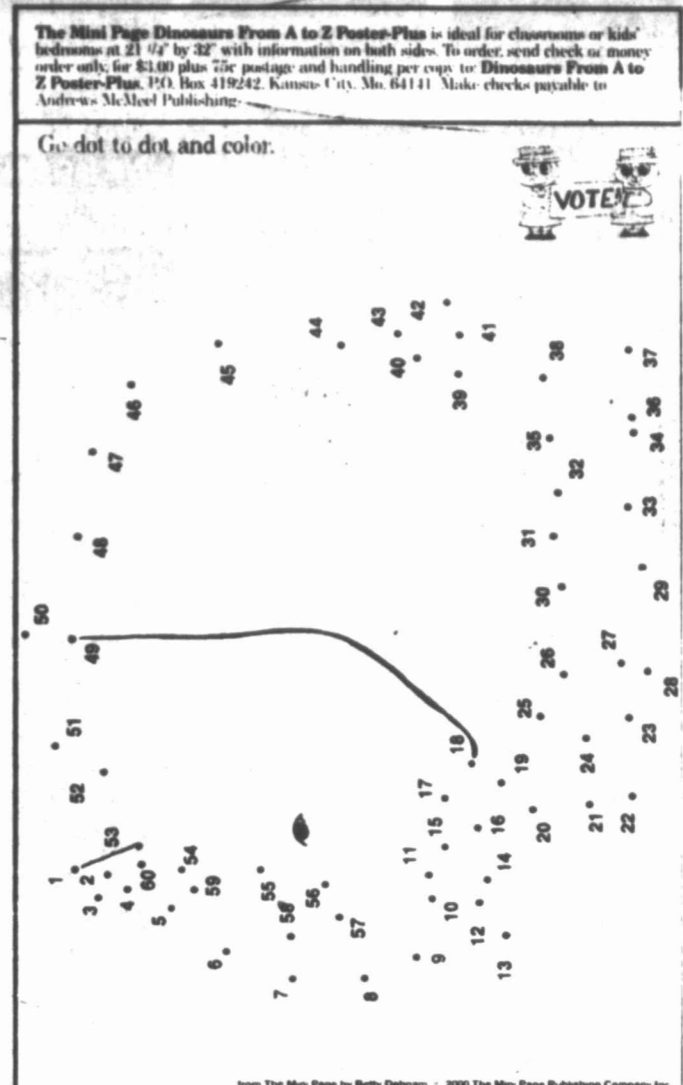
Number going to the Democratic convention: 4,368 delegates; 610 alternates.

**Plus ...**

The 15,000 members of the press will outnumber the delegates 3-to-1. The press will come from around the world.

Thousands of volunteers will act as guides, direct traffic, organize parties and carry out many behind-the-scenes jobs.

Thousands of guests will attend the events and the sessions.



### Rookie Cookies Recipe

#### Winning Eggs

**You'll need:**

- 4 pieces of bread
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons butter or margarine

**What to do:**

- Cut a hole in the center of each piece of bread. You can do this by pressing a glass down to form a hole.
- Place bread in a 12-by-8-inch baking dish.
- Break an egg into the hole in each slice of bread.
- Place 1/2 teaspoon butter or margarine on top of each egg.
- Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 10 minutes or until egg is set.

Serves 4.

### Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter X, as in the word extra.

**Q:** What did the tree say to the ax?  
**A:** I'm stumped!

**Q:** Shall I call you a taxi?  
**A:** Sure, I'm a taxi!

Angie: If you don't stop using that saxophone, I'll go out of my mind!  
Betty: It's too late - I stopped playing an hour ago!

Go on an X word hunt. What other words can you find with the letter X? What sound do you hear?

### CONVENTIONS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of conventions are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: POLITICS, CONVENTION, PARTY, DELEGATES, NOMINEE, VOTE, ALTERNATES, REPUBLICAN, WIN, DEMOCRAT, EVENTS, VOTING, RALLY, VICTORY, KEYNOTE, PRESS.

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are at the Republican convention. See if you can find:

- pig's face
- canoe
- elephant's head
- word MINI
- man in the moon
- two combs
- heart
- sailboat
- ruler
- donkey's head
- mushroom
- cherry

• number 3 • lemon

### Polly Ticks' Convention Q and A

**YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL WANT TO WATCH SOME OF THE CONVENTIONS ON TV.**

**NEXT WEEK, CHECK THE DATES AND THE TIMES IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER.**

**MP** How are the delegates chosen?  
**Polly Ticks** Delegates are elected at party meetings held in their state. How many delegates each state gets depends on the state's population and how well the party does in that state.

**WE HAVE TWO DEMOCRATIC SENATORS!**

**WE HAVE A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR!**

**MP** When we watch the conventions on TV, it looks like there is a lot of confusion and milling around.  
**Polly Ticks** That is true. However, each convention is carefully organized. There are thousands of people in a huge hall. Visiting and getting to know one another are a big part of the event. The party also wants to appear united. Many of the issues that might cause an argument are handled before the convention starts and not on national TV.

**I AM SO GLAD TO MEET YOU!**

**WE ALL AGREE!**

**MP** You see a lot of donkeys and elephants. How come?  
**Polly Ticks** The donkey has been the symbol of the Democratic Party ever since it first appeared in a political cartoon in 1828.

**MP** Who pays for the conventions?  
**Polly Ticks** The U.S. taxpayers pay some of the bill. The government gave each party \$12 million for the national conventions held four years ago. The delegates pay their travel and hotel bills. Big businesses and other groups pay for some of the parties and other events. The host cities, Philadelphia and Los Angeles, also have to raise money.

**The Mini Page thanks political directors Dan Gurley of the North Carolina Republican Party and Scott Falmer of the North Carolina Democratic Party for help with this issue.**

Look through your newspaper for news of the conventions.

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