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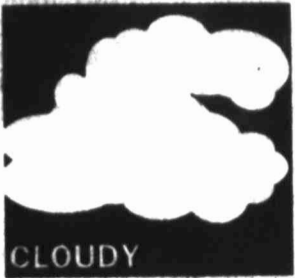
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Tonight:



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Symphony starts a new concert season Saturday

The four-concert season of the Big Spring Symphony begins Saturday with a performance that will include the Big Spring Symphony Chorus and Big Spring High School Meistersingers.

The symphony will be conducted by Rob Hunt of Midland.

Ticket information is available by calling the Big Spring Symphony Association and Guild office, 264-7223.

Women vets to be honored here Thursday

Women Veterans Day is planned for Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry.

Programs are planned to honor and aid women who served in the armed forces.

There will be an opportunity to register in the women's primary care clinic, and information about the rights of veterans.

For information or to register, call Linda Zeigler at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, 264-4830.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ The Howard County Appraisal District meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. today has been postponed.

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

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

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It's Bush... it's Gore... it's...

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida election officials were ordered to begin a recount of nearly 6 million votes Wednesday with the stunningly close presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore in the balance.

Florida's secretary of state said the recount should be finished by the end of the day Thursday. Both national parties were sending teams of lawyers to monitor.

At last count, Bush led Gore by 1,655 votes in the unofficial Associated Press count with all Florida



BUSH **GORE**
precincts reporting but an unknown number of absentee ballots yet to be counted. Some vote counts had the margin slightly higher or closer.

The vote totals showed

Bush and Gore with roughly 49 percent apiece, and Green Party candidate Ralph Nader with 2 percent.

The pressure on the recount was intense because Florida, with its 25 electoral votes, will decide the winner of the presidential election.

Election supervisors in the state's 67 counties were ordered to start the recount as soon as possible Wednesday. With the vote difference less than 0.5 percent, an automatic recount

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Bush wins big in Texas but all eyes on Florida

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

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Howard County Republicans cheered the news that Gov. George W. Bush had won Texas, but could do little more than hope that he would carry the nation this morning as all eyes were waiting for results from a recount in Florida.

"I think George Bush still has a chance to win the election," said Rae Judd, chairman for Bush

campaign in Howard County. "We are going to be optimistic to the end."

Judd knows George Bush personally, having worked on his first campaign.

"He can make this country strong again and bring integrity back to the White House," she said.

Tuesday night at the GOP headquarters, sup- See **LOCAL**, Page 2A

Walker pulls upset in Howard County sheriff's race

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

There's a new sheriff in town.

Democrat Dale Walker, a former

deputy who wasn't even a candidate in the March primaries, received 54 percent of the vote Tuesday to unseat Republican incumbent

William "Bill" Jennings. "I want to thank all of the voters who came out in large numbers and voted," Walker said Tuesday where he was gathered with friends at College Heights Baptist Church. "We set a record for early voting and the overall turnout on a miserable night for the election. I think the citizens have spoken with a clear message."

At his home, a very somber Jennings said he was happy with the job he has done during his term in office.

"I am proud of the job I have done the last four years," said Jennings. "I am proud of my hard-working employees I have had the last four years and I wish the very best for the citizens of Howard County and maybe we can continue to go forward. That is my wish for Howard County."

After the early ballots were counted, Jennings trailed by nine votes. As each box came in, the mar-

gin grew. Walker won by substantial amounts in some polling places and took 18 of 21 boxes overall. When the final count came in, the challenger received 5,287 votes to his opponent's 4,296.

Walker was surrounded by close to 100 supporters when he received the news of his victory.

"This would not be possible if it were not for you all," Walker told the group. "This is not something I did, but what you did. I will treat all people with equal dignity and respect, equality in law and will provide service to all people equally."

Walker thanked the voters who turned out despite the freezing rain to cast their ballots.

"I want to reunite the community with the sheriff's office," he continued. "I want to thank Bill Jennings for keeping this a very clean race. It is important that two Christian men were running for the office. Lastly, I want to thank

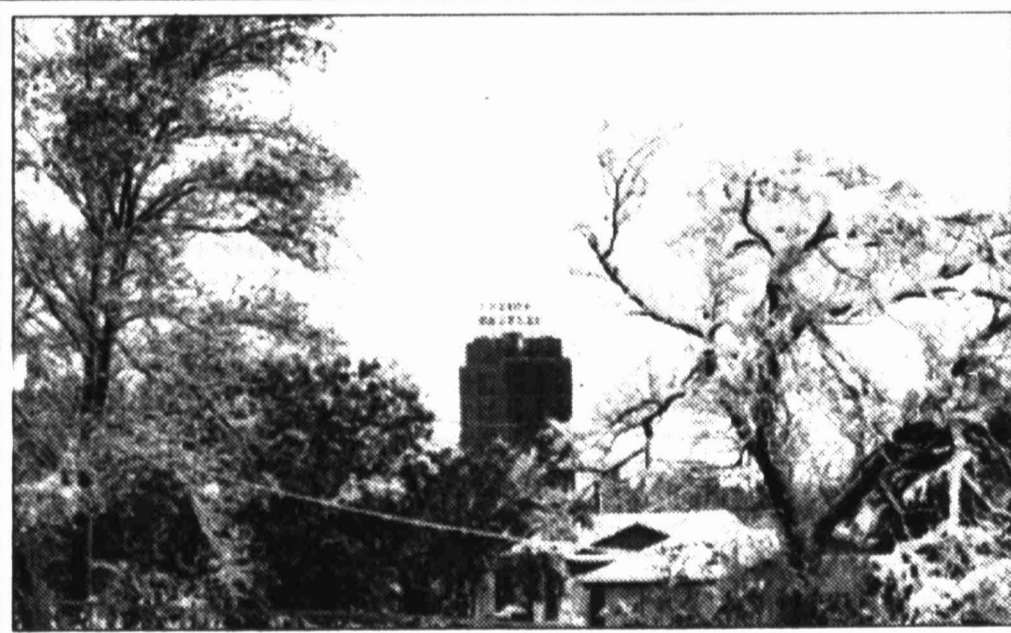
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Dale Walker shares a jubilant moment with his wife, T.J., after hearing that he was elected Howard County sheriff Tuesday night. Walker, a former Howard County deputy, won by 5,287 votes to 4,296 over current sheriff William "Bill" Jennings.

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S RESULTS

WALKER	JENNINGS		WALKER	JENNINGS	
2,720	2,711	Early vote	169	129	18th & Main Fire Station
249	53	Northside Fire Station	371	199	Wasson Road Fire Station
161	25	Anderson Kindergarten Center	133	109	Elbow School
20	17	Wesley Yater residence	173	84	BSHS Library
14	11	Prairie View Baptist Church	154	134	11th & Birdwell Fire Station
43	13	Knott Fire Station	149	72	Jonesboro Road Fire Station
178	158	Washington Place School	63	36	Salem Baptist Church
152	117	Goliad Middle School	21	17	Luther Baptist Church
95	100	Kentwood Older Activity Center	4	12	Vincent Baptist Church
255	180	Coahoma Community Center	122	75	Sand Springs Lions Club
41	44	Forsan School	5,287	4,296	Total



At left, the Settles Hotel is framed between wintry branches this morning after three inches of snow turned the local area into a winter wonderland. At right, Lacie Sterling took time to enjoy the snow falling Tuesday night after accompanying her mother, an election official, to the courthouse. Big Spring received one-tenth of an inch of rain.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody and Debbie L. Jensen



Eighth graders get close look at judicial system

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

More than 50 Howard County eighth grade students got a closer look at our country's justice system Tuesday during a mock trial staged by a group of local attorneys.

Robert Miller organized the event, which brought students from Coahoma, Forsan and Big Spring schools to the Howard County Courthouse. They participated in and witnessed the trial of "Sam Sleuth," a lawyer who brought a prohibited weapon into the building.

"They see it all, all the elements from the arrest to the indictment, trial and assessment of punishment," Miller explained. This is the second year for the mock trial event; last year's version won several awards from the Texas State Bar Association.

Local attorney Rick Hamby played the role of Sam Sleuth, who was represented in the trial by attorney Don Richard. District Judge Robert Miller, District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and others also volunteered their time, often acting as themselves.

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Local attorney Robert D. Miller speaks to Kendal Adams of Big Spring Junior High School, Chelsea Griffin of Coahoma Junior High School and Kayla Spence of Forsan Junior High School before the mock trial begins.

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OBITUARIES

Irene Harris

Graveside service for Irene Harris, 72, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, was 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2000, at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

She died on Saturday, Nov. 4, in Lubbock.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1928, in San Angelo. She was a homemaker and a resident of Lubbock for many years.

Survivors include: two daughters, Beverly Johnston of Houston and Andrea Dunn of Post; one son, Marvin Andrew Harris Jr. of Abilene; one sister, Verda Kelly of Lubbock; one brother, Burl Chandler of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Ysrael "Sonny" Franco

Rosary for Ysrael "Sonny" Franco, 58, Ackerly, was 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service was 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park with military honors.

He died Sunday at University Medical Center in Lubbock after a short illness.

Mr. Franco was born on Dec. 14, 1941, at Eclecto and had lived in the Ackerly-Big Spring area more than 35 years. He married Patricia DeLaCruz on Dec. 31, 1992, in Lamesa.

He was the owner of Sonny's Welding Shop in Ackerly. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include: his wife, Patricia, of Ackerly; a son, Mickey Franco of Pasadena; two daughters, Priscilla Preuit of Satellite Beach, Fla., and Jennifer Franco of Ackerly; three brothers, Ishmael Franco and Robert Franco, both of Ackerly, and Ray Franco of Lubbock; five sisters, Fidelma DeLosSantos and Rachel Zarate, both of Ackerly, Manuela Ancira, Linda James and Oralia Ortiz, all of Lubbock; and two grandchildren, Derek Franco of Pasadena and Carli Preuit of Satellite Beach, Fla.

Pallbearers will be Alden Franco, Allen Franco, Ray Franco, Kevin Ortiz, Bernabe Martinez and Benne Martinez.

Mr. Franco was preceded in death by his parents, Erasmo Franco and Maria Cantu Franco; and one brother, Albert Franco.

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

Paid obituary

Maria Santos Castillo

Rosary for Maria Santos Castillo, 89, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She died Monday at her home after an illness.

Mrs. Castillo was born June 19, 1911, at Villa Aldama, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. She was the daughter of Ramon Pelayo and Cruz Guerrero Pelayo. Her family came to the Corpus Christi-Taft area when she was a child and to the Big Spring area in 1949. She was a homemaker and member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. She married Refugio Torres in 1929 and he preceded her in death in 1943. She married Jesus Castillo in 1949 and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include: three daughters, Maria Pena and her husband, Doroteo, of Lubbock, Delia T. Cevallos and Sylvia Mendez and her husband, Edward Mendez Sr., all of Big Spring; two sons, Ruben P. Torres Sr. and his wife, Josie Torres, of Big Spring and Ricardo P. Torres Sr. of Concord, Calif.; a brother; three sisters; 20 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and 45 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Castillo was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and three grandsons.

Pallbearers will be Adam Rodriguez, Larry Torres, Ralph Mendez, Refugio Pena, Edward Vela, Edward Mendez III, Michael Mendez and Rudy Torres.

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Gladys B. Harrison

Graveside service for Gladys B. Harrison, 93, Las Cruces, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Harrison died on Nov. 6.

She was born in Ardmore, Okla., in 1907. She married Oreece B. Harrison in 1926 and he preceded her in death in November 1975. She had lived in Las Cruces, N.M., since 1977.

She is survived by: two daughters, Norma Jean Newton of Stephenville, Bonnie Sue Smith of Las Cruces; one brother,

Johnny McGee; sisters, Velma Richardson, Louise Richardson, both of California, and Maxine Anderson of Big Spring; four grandchildren; 15 great and great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Corinne Faye Croker

Funeral service for Corinne Faye Croker, 79, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, in a local hospital.

Pat Bruton

Graveside service for Pat Bruton, 54, Big Spring, is 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Bruton died on Monday, Nov. 6, at a Lubbock hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1945, and had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He owned and operated Southwest Detail, and prior to that had worked a number of years at Piggly Wiggly and Safeway. His hobbies were horses, antique cars and car shows, model cars and collecting Southwest memorabilia.

He is survived by several cousins.

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porters came and went as results came in, expressing their support for Bush for similar reasons.

"His integrity is the number one reason we support him," said Tony Lester. "I believe he can swing the pendulum back to more conservative values and hopefully bringing back teaching traditional values in school."

"His integrity and decency is why we are supporting him," said Margarita Durand-Hollis. "I hope we can get decency back into the White House."

In Howard County, the Bush/Dick Cheney ticket received 6,667 votes compared to just 2,744 for Al Gore/Joe Lieberman.

Meanwhile, other races were clearly determined Tuesday night. It didn't take long for it to be announced that U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was re-elected. In Howard County she won by a near 70 percent majority, with 6,827 votes to 2,485 for Gene Kelly. Libertarian candidate Mary J. Ruwart got only 111 and Green Party candidate Douglas S. Sandage received 42.

Also re-elected was U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm. The Democrat from Stamford, who recently moved to Abilene, received 5,760 votes in Howard County to Darrell Clements' 3,327 votes.

Charles Matthews and Michael L. Williams, both Republicans, were returned to the Texas Railroad Commission. In Howard County, Matthews won 5,743 to 1,209 over Libertarian

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Carolyn Fields, while Williams won 5,722 to 1,234 over Libertarian Anthony Garcia.

Other winners in Howard County were Nathan Hecht, Supreme Court Place 1; Priscilla Owen, Supreme Court Place 2; Al Gonzales, Supreme Court Place 3; Sharon Keller, Court of Criminal Appeals; Charles Holcomb, Place 1 Appeals Court; and Barbara Parker Hervy, Place 2 Appeals Court. All are Republicans.

Woodie Howell was elected Pct. 1 Constable in an unopposed race. Re-elected unopposed candidates were State Rep. David Counts (D), 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson (R), County Attorney Mike Thomas (R), Tax Assessor Kathy Sayles (R), County Treasurer Teresa Thomas (R), and county commissioners Emma Brown (D), Pct. 1, and Bill Crooker (R), Pct. 3. Others were Place 1 Peace Justice Bennie Green (R), Pct. 2 Constable J.B. Hall (D) and Pct. 4 Constable Mark Winn (D)

MOCK TRIAL

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Students made up the grand jury and jury, which could not reach a verdict in the case. Because of the "hung jury," students were able to see Moore assess punishment and explain the elements of probation and community supervision.

Miller two changes to this year's event greatly improved it over last year's — the addition of Coahoma and Forsan students, and the work of a court reporter to keep a transcript.

"The kids also had more time to ask questions and they asked some very good questions," Miller said. Attorneys, Wilkerson, and other staff gave an overview of their work, education and the path they took to their career.

After the trial, students got an up-close look at a cell in the Howard County Jail, which they described as surprisingly stark.

The entire event was broadcast on KBST; later, the station donated its fee back to the mock trial program to help fund future events.

The trial was planned to take place about the time of national Law Awareness Week, which is observed next week.

Miller said the event will definitely be repeated in the future, and he hopes it will continue to grow. "This is a way for these students to find out what a real jury trial is all about," he said. "It's not what they see on TV."

"They did enjoy it; it was a living education," said Bill Tarleton, Big Spring Junior High School principal. "They got to see the process in action."

Occasionally, the students might have been bored with the proceedings. But Miller said that was all part of the plan.

"Some parts of a trial can

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

do this right." In each county, a three-member canvassing board made up of a county judge, the chairman of the county commission and the local elections supervisor, recount the votes. The "makeup" of the canvassing board is supposed to insulate the process from politics, Roberts said.

SHERIFF

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Walker wasn't the first Democrat to be on the sheriff's ballot in Howard County this year. In a bizarre turn of events, the original candidate, Javier Becerra, was disqualified after voting in the Republican primary.

After that incident, Jennings, who defeated police officer David Mohn to win the Republican nomination, appeared to have an open door to a second term in office.

That changed, however, when the Howard County Democratic Party nominated Walker — a former deputy under Jennings. He campaigned tirelessly and gained support from a wide spectrum of the county.

"He is going to bring integrity and the spirit of the law to the office," said supporter Vernell Early.

"I never voted until this election," said Larry Witkowski. "The first thing I did was to vote for Dale Walker, then vote for the presidency."

Walker, who doesn't take office until January, said he will be a sheriff for the people.

"I will bring forward integrity and professionalism with a cost-effective service to the citizens of Howard County while providing integrity and very caring service," he said.

Staff writer Carl Graham contributed to this article.

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was triggered under state law.

"They've been up all night so they might not get to work right at 8 a.m.," said Clay Roberts, director of the state Division of Elections. "We think it's important that the people of Florida have an answer as quickly as possible. But also we think it's important that we

Representatives of both national parties were headed to the state.

Results in for elections across area

HERALD Staff Report

Randy Cozart swept all 13 boxes to win the Martin County sheriff's job Tuesday by a two-to-one margin.

Cozart, a deputy and the Republican candidate, defeated Democrat Miles Tollison 1,305 votes to 644.

Cozart thanked the voters. "I feel real good about the win," he said. "I want to thank the voters of Martin County for showing their support of me during the election. I will continue doing the job they expect out of me."

In other Martin County races, Democrat Kathy Hull defeated Republican Cathy Teveni for tax assessor/collector, 1,608 to 324.

Jesus "Sonny" Garza, Democrat, won the Precinct 1 commissioner's seat, defeating Kyle Averitt 337 votes to 176. And the Precinct 3 commissioner's race was won by Republican Bobby Kelly, 432 votes to 122 for Kevin Kyle Shoemaker.

In Shoemaker County, the only locally contested race was that of County Commissioner, Precinct 3. Republican Hugh Schafer outgained his write-in opponent Gary Jones by a 77-69 vote.

In Mitchell County, the only contested race was also for the County Commissioner, Precinct 3. It went to incumbent Wendy Inman, a Democrat, by a total of 384 votes to challenger Larry Johnson's 300. Johnson was running on the Republican ticket.

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Binnie Cogburn, 85, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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TV networks, newscasters, papers left befuddled by election forecasting

NEW YORK (AP) — TV networks declared George W. Bush the president-elect, then took it back during a bizarre night of election coverage that left everyone, including newscasters, flabbergasted.

Newspapers across the country didn't have it any easier. They pushed back deadlines, slowed press runs and planned extra editions.

With the presidential race coming down to the wire and deadlines looming, many papers went to bed — prematurely declaring Bush the winner, even as Florida's crucial votes were still being counted.

"BUSH WINS!" the bold

red headline screamed from the New York Post.

"BUSH TRIUMPHS," proclaimed The Charleston Gazette in West Virginia.

After holding out most of the night, The New York Times' Web site around 3 a.m. finally declared: "Bush Captures the White House."

About an hour later, the Times' site pronounced the race "tight."

The Times said it released about 100,000 newspapers with headlines saying Bush "appears" to have won. The first paragraph said Bush "was elected the 43rd president of the United States by one of the tightest margins in history."

The Associated Press did

not declare a winner early Wednesday, despite TV network projections.

In Chicago, both papers hedged their bets. The Sun-Times avoided the subject with the lead headline, "Hillary Wins," and the Tribune said, "As close as it gets."

In downtown Raleigh, N.C., Clyde Wagner was scooping up copies of The News & Observer with the headline "Bush Wins." The paper said more than half the press run used that headline before it was replaced with "Bush Leads."

"I don't know if these will be collector's items, but I'm trying," Wagner said.

Democrats hold on in House

AUSTIN (AP) — The battle for control of the state Legislature ended in a stalemate.

Democrats and Republicans fought hard for single-party control over the Texas Senate and House of Representatives.

Neither party could cross the line in the political sand. When the dust settled Tuesday night, nothing had changed.

Republicans still hold a 16-15 majority in the Senate. Democrats remain supreme in the 150-member House with 78 seats.

In the end, both parties said they triumphed.

"Texas Democrats scored a huge victory by holding on to our majorities in the Texas House and congress-

sional delegation and breaking even in the races for the Texas Senate," said state Democratic Party chairwoman Molly Beth Malcom.

"The Republicans were planning to ride Gov. George W. Bush's coattails to control of the Texas House," she said.

By not relinquishing its hold on the Senate, the GOP flexed its muscle, said state Republican Party spokesman Robert Black.

"The bottom line is Republicans continue to gain ground," Black said.

Each party controlling one chamber sets up the likelihood of bitter partisanship when lawmakers redraw legislative and congressional voting districts next year.

And the majority parties control legislative leadership.

By keeping their Senate majority intact, Republicans kept their grip on the chamber that would select a new lieutenant governor if Bush wins the White House.

If that happens, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry will ascend to the governor's office and the Senate will choose one of its members to replace him.

In the House, the Democrats ensured Speaker Pete Laney would retain his post if he chooses to keep it.

Laney, a popular leader among the House membership, faced an uncertain future if Republicans had claimed a slim majority there as well.

Fluoride a big winner in Abilene

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Antonio and Abilene residents have said "yes" to fighting tooth decay, clearing the way for fluoridated water to come to drinking taps.

The proposition carried by a margin of 54.2 percent to 45.8 percent in Abilene. In San Antonio, the margin slipped as Tuesday night wore on. But the issue was still leading by a margin of 52.5 percent to 47.5 percent early today, with 94 percent of the votes counted.

For decades, public health officials have promoted fluoridation as a cheap, easy way to prevent tooth decay.

"I think we just kind of

caught up with the times," said Dr. Glen Hall, president of Abilenians for Better Dental Health.

But opponents have said fluoridation is little more than a disguise for dumping industrial waste into the water supply.

It was the third time the proposition has been on the ballot in San Antonio, where voters rejected fluoridation in 1966 and 1985. Abilene voters turned out in record numbers in 1964 to pass an ordinance to ban fluoride.

Kay Turner, 53, a San Antonio small-business owner and part of an anti-fluoride group called the Bexar Safe Water

Committee, said the issue isn't dead.

"We might be a lot behind. It doesn't matter. We waged a campaign with less than \$20,000. We've been blacked out by the media, and the fact the other side didn't just smush us means the truth stands for something," Turner said.

Texas' other metropolitan areas — Houston, Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth — already fluoridate. El Paso has naturally fluoridated water.

"It looks good," San Antonio Mayor Howard Peak, a proponent of fluoridation, said as fluoridation took the early lead.

East Texas first-grader honored as local hero

PALESTINE (AP) — An East Texas first-grader who flagged down help after the car carrying his grandmother and brother slid off a road was recognized for his bravery.

Robby Oden's grandmother was knocked unconscious in the wreck during a thunderstorm on Texas 19.

The 6-year-old stood on the highway lanes and waved his arms until a motorist stopped.

"To me, it's amazing that he knew to get out of the car and get help," his mother, Brandy Oden, said.

The boy, his brother Riley

Oden, and his grandmother Kathy Oden had left the boy's parents house around 2:25 p.m. Friday in a neighboring community and were heading toward Palestine when the vehicle hydroplaned and slammed into a metal iron fence on the driver's side of the car.

Riley Oden's car seat was knocked over during the collision, pinning him upside down in the seat. After Robby couldn't pull his little brother from the car or rouse his grandmother, he remembered what his parents had told him about electric door locks on cars,

manually unlocking them and emerging into driving rain.

He held out his thumb, but cars kept passing him by.

So he walked onto the road and raised his hands above his head as a car came in sight. The car passed him but turned around and came back. Robby cried, "call the police, call the police."

When Mrs. Oden and her husband visited Robby's grandmother in the hospital, she was in intensive care and unable to talk.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 9:

You react in an unexpected way to family and security. You do not often see eye to eye with those close to you. Know what you want from others, but don't demand that they meet your expectations. Learning to be flexible becomes primary to your success, as many opportunities will drop in your lap next summer. Be a team player with co-workers. If you are single, romance puts a twinkle in your eye. You meet someone special and fun. Don't push this relationship into developing too fast. If attached, nurture your significant other. As a result, your relationship strengthens. ARIES works well with you.

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)

**** Unexpected events work in your favor. You like change and flexibility. Understand what is happening with a friend who could be somewhat quirky and unpredictable. Your abilities to understand people and to be caring make others want to work with you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Follow your instincts about an unpredictable boss or authority figure. You might feel as if you are constantly making adjustments for someone. Your understanding and laid-back attitude inspire another to be more easygoing or caring. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Reach out for another. A meeting, be it at work or with friends, provides insights. News might encourage you to take a different action than you had wished. Don't fight the inevitable, but focus on the possibilities. Others support you in your decisions. Tonight: With friends, at a favorite place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Work with another, even if this person is financially or emotionally unpredictable. You look to the results, while this person is looking out for No. 1. Use the art of diplomacy until you can disengage without a problem. Tonight: Enjoy the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Make an effort to touch base with someone at a distance. Information you hear from an associate might not be accurate. Do your own research. Check facts and figures. Learn not to react, but to pull back. As a result, you will gain tremendously. Allow a loved one to share more with you. Tonight: Have fun, your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Unexpected developments at work could stress you out. Listen to another carefully and share more of what you want and expect from a co-worker or partner. You know what works. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Someone shares his feelings and opinions with you. You could be at your wits' end as you try to convince this person to follow another path. Count to 10 and mellow out. Know that others find you a bit unpredictable as well. Let others display their true colors. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Dig into work. A family member or close friend could be shaking you up, as you might not be doing what he wants. Listen carefully to feedback. You might need to make an adjustment if you want to court this person's favor. You know what you are doing. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You can deal with instability better than most. Follow through on your long-term objectives. Understand that another

just might not be up to snuff and cannot sort through a problem quickly. Show your caring through strong action. Another responds. Tonight: Enjoy a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might be stunned by an expenditure, but ultimately it is worthwhile. Listen to another and get feedback. Realize that what you think works might not agree with another's point of view. There might be many ways to solve a problem. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your unpredictability works for you, but sometimes not for others. Steer a clear path with the knowledge of where you want to go. Make calls and reach out for others. Listen to someone who often has pearls of wisdom. Your smile wins another over. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You could be stunned by financial news. Allow another to pitch in and help. Accept an invitation that might be connected to your work. Others come to you. Listen to suggestions from a special friend. Tonight: Your treat.

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Astronomer Carl Sagan (1934), musician Tom Fogerty (1941), novelist Ivan Turgenev (1818)

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OUR VIEWS

Election proves all votes count

As we continue to watch a historic contest unfold in our presidential election, the votes have been tallied closer to home. Howard County's only contested race was won by a challenger, a man who wasn't even a candidate during the March primaries. Dale Walker, a former deputy, will take the office of Howard County sheriff in January.

The most common excuse for apathy is "My one vote won't make a difference." This race should be an example for anyone who has ever used that excuse.

Walker won the race with 5,287 votes to his opponent's 4,296. A little subtraction tells us he won by less than 1,000 votes; in other words, each and every vote mattered in that race.

The same can be said for our presidential race, where Al Gore and George W. Bush are locked in one of the tightest contests in history. We may not know anything for a day or more while votes are being counted and recounted.

In that case, again, each vote mattered. Once the votes are cast and the ballots are counted, the time arrives for cooperation. The time arrives for people to put aside their separate beliefs and work with their chosen leaders, not for or against them.

While Republicans and Democrats remain equally unsettled about who the next president will be, we have our answers. Locally, at least, the voters have spoken definitively and their message stands.

The time is now, then, to get behind our leaders, put aside differences of political party or ideology and roll up our sleeves. We must work together for a better community, city and country.

OTHER VIEWS

Although the Union Pacific Railroad disputes a contention by the Texas Railroad Commission that the UP's rail from Arlington to Fort Worth is worn out, if there's error to be made, it should be made on the side of caution.

The rail currently consists of two main lines running from Fort Worth to Dallas through the heart of Arlington and Grand Prairie, with maximum speeds of 60 mph for freight and 70 mph for passenger traffic. One set of rails was replaced 41 years ago, the other 35 years ago.

Concern increases with the realization that the Union Pacific routinely ships chemicals such as propane, anhydrous ammonia, sulfuric acid, chlorine and other potentially dangerous substances along the route. A derailment involving chemicals might well be calamitous.

Although derailments along the Arlington-Fort Worth section have been few — one in the 1800s and apparently only two in the 1900s — the most recent involved the derailment of an Amtrak train in Arlington on Dec. 20, 1998. The Amtrak at the time was only traveling 38 mph.

Nevertheless, 28 people were injured.

That event alone would be cause for fretting, but state inspectors also recently walked the Fort Worth-to-Arlington track, finding 162 defects including defective railroad ties and broken joint bars. Joint bars connect sections of rail.

Union Pacific reportedly has repaired the problems, but state inspectors now contend that the lines are simply reaching their life expectancy and need to be replaced.

And although such repairs definitely would make a dent in the Union Pacific bottom line, there's also the harsh reality of what a serious derailment could mean in the midst of the crowded Metroplex.

The recent derailment of a Union Pacific train carrying acrylic acid and dichloropropane in Eunice, La., for instance, resulted in the evacuation of 2,000 people. A similar event here in the wrong place could result in injury or evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

The recommendation? Safety first, bottom line second.

THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Playing the race card one more time

Johnnie Cochran is about to play the race card once again. The lawyer who used race so effectively in winning an acquittal for O.J. Simpson, despite overwhelming evidence of his client's guilt, has now jumped on the reparations bandwagon.

Cochran and a group of successful trial lawyers will meet in Washington later this month to discuss strategy in a class action suit they will file against the government and private companies for their role in perpetrating and profiting from slavery.

But average black Americans shouldn't hold their breath waiting for any real benefits to come their way. Even in the unlikely event that Cochran and his colleagues are successful, the lawyers would rake in millions, while the plaintiffs divide the crumbs, as they do in most class-action lawsuits.

The subject of reparations for slavery has gained new popularity in recent

months, spurred by a book published earlier this year titled "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks." The book's author, Randall Robinson, is no crank, but rather the influential president of TransAfrica and the man who successfully led the movement for economic sanctions against South Africa's apartheid government in the 1980s.

Nonetheless, the quest for reparations for slavery has about it the smell of exploitation. Cochran, Robinson and other high-profile blacks associated with this new movement stand to benefit from speaking and professional fees, book sales, and the notoriety that comes with TV appearances to push their program. But what about ordinary African Americans? Unfortunately, the reparations argument perpetuates the image of blacks as victims, as pernicious and self-defeating a stereotype as even the most virulent racist could concoct.

John H. McWhorter, a young black linguistics professor at the University of California, Berkeley, calls it "the cult of victimology." McWhorter's new book "Losing the Race: Self-Sabotage in Black America" argues powerfully that black leaders have

transformed victimhood "from a problem to be solved into an identity itself." This leads, in turn, to the need to magnify every racial slight into evidence of apocalyptic injustice. McWhorter cites dozens of examples of successful black professionals who still insist on being treated as victims. But victimology, McWhorter warns, stems from a lethal combination of "an inherited inferiority complex with the privilege of dressing down the former oppressor." And it is precisely this odd psychological combination that makes the reparations debate a dangerous one.

Reparations would divide Americans into oppressors and oppressed. In order to justify reparations for crimes committed some 135 years earlier, it is necessary not only to identify present-day victims but current victimizers, as well.

Are all blacks victims? Is Oprah Winfrey a victim, despite her millions and her undeniable success and fame? What about Tiger Woods — is he only a partial victim because he is part Asian and white as well as black? Or Hakeem Olajuwon, whose ancestors remained free in Africa? And what about the vic-

timizers? Are the descendants of the men who gave their lives in the Civil War to end slavery guilty, too? Are the grandsons and granddaughters of Italian and Polish immigrants, who came to America long after slavery was abolished, culpable nonetheless? What about the Mexican and Chinese immigrants who just arrived within the last decade? Will everyone be taxed to pay out reparations — including blacks? And who will determine how much each victim is owed?

But most importantly, do Johnnie Cochran and his fellow trial-lawyers really believe that the problems that still plague the black community will in any way be solved by reparations? Will reparations find responsible, loving fathers for the 70 percent of black babies born out of wedlock each year? Will reparations stop young black men from killing and maiming each other on the street? Will they close the skills gap between black and white high school graduates or help a single black child to read?

Or will the talk of reparations simply pump up more business for a group of already successful and wealthy black lawyers like Johnnie Cochran?



LINDA CHAVEZ



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World's most beautiful cave

I visited Sonora Caverns for the first time about 30 years ago. I went through with a bunch of Boy Scouts. We followed the young guide, who told us the history of the cave as he led us through the underground wonderland.

At the time, it was only the second or third cave I had ever been in. I've toured dozens of caves since then, but none compares to the beauty found at Sonora Caverns. I've been back many times with family, friends and foreign guests.

Photos of Sonora Caverns brought Jack Burch to Texas from Oklahoma in 1956. "Some of the cave publications at the time were calling it the most beautiful cave in the world," says Jack. "I just had to come and see it."

That proved to be a real task. Not just anybody could get in the cave. He had to go see a cave explorer in Abilene, Bart Crisman, who had the key

to the property where the cave was located.

"He questioned me thoroughly before he would let me see the cave," says Jack.

The location of the cave was known to just a handful of cave explorers.

"They called it Secret Cave," says Jack, "and they wouldn't even name the county where the cave was located."

The cave was first discovered in 1900.

"The entrance was just an 18-inch hole that animals used. People wouldn't go in it. But local ranch hands started fooling around with it. One of them got a crowbar and removed a big rock from in front of the hole. Another told me he had to chisel out some limestone to get inside the cave."

After seeing the cave and its potential, Jack Burch and a partner leased the land where the cave was located and started developing it. That was a big job. "We announced that we would have it open by July 17, 1960. We started working on it March 10. That 18-inch hole was out there in the woods."

"There was no power there, no house, no water well, no nothing. We worked 17-hour days, seven days a week to develop the

first quarter-mile of the cave. And in four months, we had it ready to open. "Two thousand people went through there the first day of operation."

Getting light down into the cave was a big deal.

"At first we were using Coleman lanterns and our carbide lights from our helmets. We finally had the electric company put us in a work light so we could work."

The formations inside the Caverns of Sonora are artistically lighted so visitors can see the veins inside the orange, white and yellow stalactites (from the top) and stalagmites (from the bottom). Some are very small. One special one looks like a butterfly. One room where weddings have taken place looks like something Disney's imagination might produce.

One room in the cave is full of helictites and is not open to the public because it is so fragile.

"Helictite is a formation that grows perpendicular to the base. They'll grow sideways. I know of a helictite that has grown three feet long. It grows about one inch in a hundred thousand years."

Jack still runs the place and loves to go into the caverns.



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By BETH MITCHELL
Correspondent

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Our own Private Ryan

Paratrooper took 'luck of the Irish' onto battlefields of World War II

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series about veterans, since Saturday will be observed as Veteran's Day, while Thursday is Women Veteran's Day. The stories, appearing today, Thursday and Friday, are meant to highlight the accomplishments of servicemen and women now living in our area.



Above, John Ryan is second from left in the back row with this group of fellow soldiers in October 1944. At right, Ryan is shown on Dec. 4, 1944, shortly before he was wounded and earned the Purple Heart. Far left, the former paratrooper Ryan moved to Big Spring in 1997.

By BETH MITCHELL
Correspondent

We can thank "Big Red," the former Avinell Yates of Big Spring, for bringing home our own Private Ryan.

The World War II paratrooper would not meet his future wife until much later. But his story starts on Feb. 9, 1943.

Uncle Sam, looking for a nice Catholic boy, found John M. Ryan, 20, in Manville, R.I. He worked as a "fixer" at the local textile mill. What Uncle Sam didn't know then was how lucky those Irish boys can be.

Johnny Ryan went from his mother's house in Manville to Fort Devens, Mass., and on to Fort Bliss in Texas, where he was assigned to the 112th Anti-Aircraft Company. To be a paratrooper in World War II, you had to volunteer,

and although folks tried to convince Ryan otherwise, he had made his choice.

From Fort Bliss, he was shipped back to New Jersey and on to Europe. For four weeks he trained in Naples, Italy, to be a paratrooper.

His "office" was a C-47 with 12 men on each side and just one door. Ryan was the 11th man to hear the words, "Stand up, hook up, in," and out you went, with a push from the next guy in

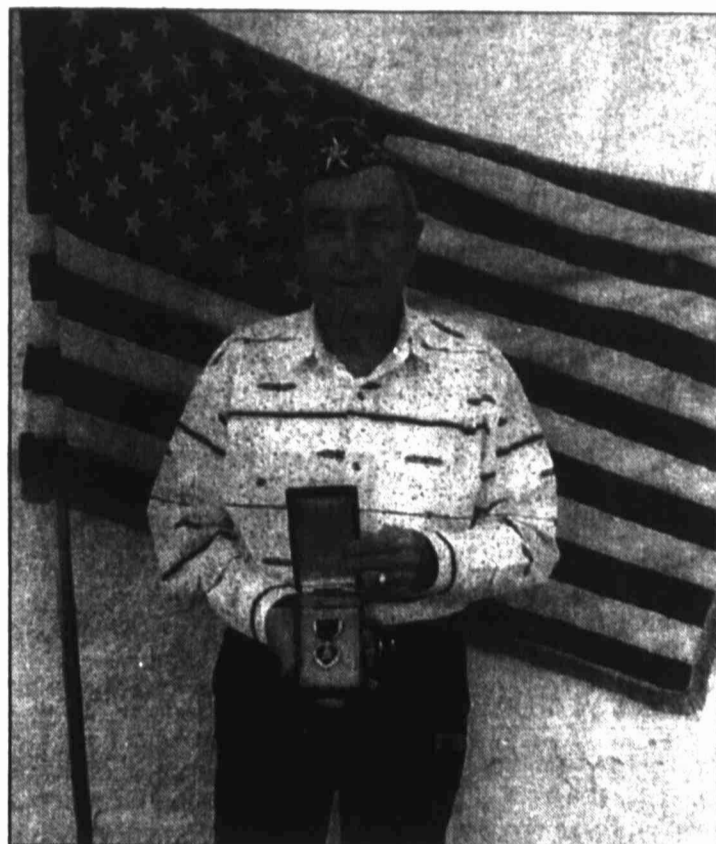


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line.

After the fifth jump you were qualified, and on Sept. 2, 1943, Ryan became part of Company H 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He would not return to the states until Aug. 20, 1945.

Christmas 1944 was spent in Belgium, and on Dec. 27, Ryan earned a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action. He was hit in the shoulder, but



doctors told him he was lucky.

He was also lucky that a severe case of frostbite did no permanent damage to his toes.

During those years, Ryan would send half his pay home to his mother. He didn't know she was saving it for him, so he could buy a car upon his return. Also saved for him at home was his job at the textile mill that included five raises —

that old Irish luck in action again.

Ryan would meet Avinell in 1976 when both were bus drivers in Arlington, Va., for the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Both retired from the company. Since Avinell's parents had left her the family farm in Big Spring, in 1997 she came home.

And with her, of course, came Big Spring's own Private Ryan.

Pecan time

Entries due Dec. 3 for annual show

The Howard County Extension Service is sponsoring a Pecan Food Show in conjunction with the Annual Pecan Show to be held on Dec. 5, at the Howard County Courthouse.

Entries for the Pecan Food Show will be accepted at the Howard County Extension office located in the basement of the County Courthouse on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 8 to 10 a.m. No late entries for the Pecan Food show will be accepted.

Any Howard County resident is encouraged to enter the Pecan Food Show.



DANA TARTER

Entries for the Pecan Food Show will be accepted in two divisions: Youth Division — in school or 18 years of age or younger; and Adult Division — out of school or 19 years of age or older.

Within each division there will be five classes which will include: Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Candies and Breads. An individual may enter one or more classes but may have only one entry in each class.

The food exhibited must be prepared by the exhibitor. Mixes may be used as an ingredient in a recipe. Mixes may not be used by themselves. Pecans must be included as an ingredient in the actual dish and not only in the icing or for decoration. Pecans used for food items do not have to be grown by the exhibitor.

An entry will consist of one whole cake, pie or loaf of bread, eight pieces of candy or eight cookies. Cakes and pies may be in the exhibitor's container, cookies and candy should be exhibited on a paper plate. All entries must be covered with transparent wrap with the name and address of the exhibitor on the bottom of the container. Each entry must be accompanied by the recipe, handwritten or typed on a 3X5 inch index card.

Recipes will not be returned and will be available upon request to the public.

Entries will be judged between 10 a.m. and noon. The entries will be on display from noon until 3 p.m. An exhibitor may donate his or her dish to be tasted following the closing of the Pecan Food show.

If an exhibitor prefers to pick up their entry, they should include a notecard with their entry that states, "return to exhibitor." Entries should be picked up at the Howard County Extension office in the basement of the County Courthouse by 5 p.m. or they will be discarded.

If you would like more See **PECAN**, Page 6A

Bandera man lassos visitors to the Lone Star State

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It doesn't take a rope and a whip to get foreigners to visit Texas, but they sure help.

The traditional tools of cowboys are public relations devices in the gifted hands of Kevin Fitzpatrick, a triker roping who serves as an international ambassador for the Lone Star State.

The 42-year-old Bandera resident this year has cracked bullwhips at Canadians and lassoed Swiss conventioners on trips arranged by the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Texas Department of Economic Development.

And the word is that Fitzpatrick's friendly demeanor and playful antics have only enhanced the international love affair with the American cowboy.

"He really ropes them in," quipped Gwen Spain, of the state economic development agency.

And Gerlinde VanWerd of the convention and visitors bureau said there's more to Fitzpatrick than fancy tricks and cowboy looks.

"People really like him," she said. "He's very personable. He smiles and talks to everybody."

She keeps a camera handy to provide keepsakes for those subjected to Fitzpatrick's hands-on roping style.

"Usually you can tell who to rope, and there's ways of roping someone where you can be polite," he said.

But, he added, "You have to be careful about who you rope. Women are very touchy about their hair, and people with glass-

es." Fitzpatrick said he loves meeting new people and promoting Texas, a job for which he isn't paid. Only his expenses are covered.

While on duty, he doesn't develop a thick drawl, feign having bowlegs or put on other airs to fulfill expectations of the cowboy image.

"I'm always myself," he said. "I've always been a polite person and had manners. I don't dip or chew or smoke or cuss."

It doesn't hurt that he comes from the Hill Country city that bills itself as "The Cowboy Capital of the World." And folks here are happy to call him one of their own.

"Kevin is not just a show cowboy. He's a real cowboy. He keeps his horses, he ropes on his range and he's got cattle," said Patricia

Moore, of the Bandera County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Fitzpatrick honed his skills working at festivals, rodeos, dude ranches and parties around Texas over the past two decades.

His horse, Wet, is a big part of his local act, but doesn't make the out-of-country tours.

"I can get on a horse seven different ways, like they do in the movies," Fitzpatrick said in a rare display of self-promotion.

He's impressive nonetheless performing solo, whether jumping through roomy lassos, rolling lassos across his shoulders or dancing as lassos whirl around his feet.

Clay Conoly, a dude ranch manager, called Fitzpatrick a natural choice for cowboy ambassador.

"He even drinks Lone Star Beer. God help him," he said.

Computer class gives inmates chance to learn marketable skills

DALLAS (AP) — Nicola Hurst's students arrive on time and pay close attention during class.

They sit in neat rows and wear identical uniforms with "Dallas County Jail" on the back.

Her computer class, like others at Lew Sterrett Justice Center, is full of motivated students.

"I don't want to lose my chance to learn something," said Michael Moore, 26, who is in jail on drug charges. "Hopefully, I'll use it to my benefit when I get out."

For more than 25 years, instructors from El Centro College downtown have taught classes at Dallas County jails.

The courses used to be tra-

ditional offerings, such as English, government and math.

But in the last four years, El Centro has shifted its focus at the jail almost entirely to computer classes, hoping to give inmates a marketable skill when they're released.

"Part of it was changing with the time. It's good to be able to say, 'I'm proficient in a certain software application. I've taken a course in it,'" said Jane VanDeventer, director of jail education for El Centro.

"We have some exceptionally bright students," said Ms. VanDeventer, who has taught inmates for 15 years. "Just because they're in jail doesn't mean they're not bright."

Inmates can complete a series of classes including word processing, spreadsheets and Web page development to earn a computer user or a computer technician certificate. Credits can be transferred to a college if inmates decide to continue their education once they leave jail.

About 1,300 county inmates a year take classes in the jail, and there's usually a long waiting list, Ms. VanDeventer said.

Only inmates convicted of nonviolent offenses are allowed to take the courses. The computers they use in class are not wired for connection to the Internet, she said.

Terence Wallace is taking three computer classes.

"I used computers before, but this is an opportunity to stay active without losing pace with technology," said Mr. Wallace, 31, who was convicted of insurance fraud. "Technology is moving exponentially by leaps and bounds."

Many inmates who sign up for the free courses have no computer background. Many haven't been in a classroom for years.

"It was a little bit overwhelming at first," said Debbie Avery, 47, a former inmate who is completing work for an associate's degree at El Centro's main campus. "A couple of times I wanted to cry because I thought, 'How is this stuff ever going to sink in?'"

"That lasted about two

months, then a light bulb went off in my head, and it was easy as pie."

Dennis Boyd, 49, said he's trying to catch up with his children.

"I've got a 7- and 8-year-old who know more about computers than I do," he said.

Ms. Hurst starts her classes by putting a "thought for the day" on the board.

"An unproductive day is an unhappy day," a recent one said.

She began her lecture to students, who were starting a new class, with a series of questions.

"The computer is made up of two major sections," she said. "Can anybody tell me

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Spike Lee joined a panel of educators and media professionals for a discussion of race and the media.

The 43-year-old filmmaker's latest box office release, "Bamboozled," spoofs fame, fads, rap music and race, opens next month in New York.

The movie stars Damon Wayans as Pierre Delacroix, a Harvard-educated network TV writer, and the only black writer on the staff.

Delacroix' brash boss orders him to develop a hip TV program about urban blacks or lose his job. In response, the frustrated Delacroix develops a contemporary blackface comedy, "Mantan The New Millennium Minstrel Show." Delacroix hopes the show will be a bomb, but to his dismay it becomes a hit.

"In the new millennium, you don't have to wear blackface to be part of a minstrel show or to be a minstrel act," Lee told the audience Monday night at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

LETTERS FROM HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive "letters from home." Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry, or e-mail to: bsherald@xroadstx.com. Addresses should be submitted in writing.

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More older women living in poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women comprise more than two-thirds of impoverished Americans ages 55 and over and their percentage only increases among older age brackets, the Census Bureau says.

Those numbers are in large part because women have longer life expectancies than men, analysts caution. Still, the Census report on Americans age 55 and over, being released Wednesday, again spotlights the greater economic vulnerability of older women, says John Rother, legislative director of the American Association of Retired Persons, the country's largest organization for older people.

Nationally there were about 24.7 million men and 30.6 million women over age 55 in 1999, but the male-to-female ratio dropped steadily with age, the Census Bureau says. In the 55-to-64 bracket, there were 92 men for every 100 women; the ratio fell to 49 men for

every 100 women in the 85 and over bracket.

"Women have life expectancies six years longer than men," says John Haaga, analyst with the nonpartisan research group, the Population Reference Bureau. "In any group of older Americans, the older you go, the more women you will have."

About 5.6 million, or 10 percent of all Americans age 55 and over, lived in poverty in 1998 the Census Bureau says. Nearly 3.7 million of them were women. Among the 1.7 million Americans of ages 75 and over who are living in poverty, 1.3 million were women.

"Almost any way you look at it, women as they get older are disadvantaged compared to men," Rother says. "That goes a long way to explain why many women are concerned about the future of Social Security."

Past Census Bureau reports on older Americans looked at people 65 and

over. This report was expanded in response to increasing requests to take a broader look.

"But there's a particular problem for the older women in poverty now in that a lot of them have social security benefits as survivors, but a lot of them didn't accumulate their own savings and pensions," Haaga says.

Other findings:
—Of the 9.4 million employed men over 55, nearly 19 percent worked in executive, managerial or administrative jobs, more than any other category. Of the 7.7 million women over 55 who are still working, 25 percent were in administrative support or clerical positions, more than any other category.

—Nineteen percent of men over 55 were widowed, compared with 32 percent of women.

—37 percent of the 55 and over population lives in the South, more than any other region.

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what they are?"

"Hardware and software," an inmate answered.

"What is a CPU?" asked Ms. Hurst, one of eight El Centro instructors at the jail.

"Central processing unit," one man answered.

"It's the brains," another said.

Inmates who take classes generally have a better attitude and fewer behavioral problems, said Charles Fawns, director of inmate programs for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

"Some are really ready to make a change," Mr. Fawns said.

Each class meets for nine hours a week and has about 20 students. Because of the compressed schedule, courses can be completed in six or seven weeks. Classes are conducted year round in two labs equipped with new computers purchased by the Dallas County Community College District.

Male and female inmates attend classes separately. Jailers can monitor classes from a hallway, but officials say the inmates are rarely disruptive.

"Most people who are involved in the program know what a good deal it is," Mr. Fawns said. "So they're not going to act up and get thrown out of class."

"If somebody is not cooperating and not showing up for class, we make room for somebody else."

Some inmates said they now like school for the first time.

"If I could stay here all day, I would," Mr. Wallace said. "I'd eat breakfast, lunch and dinner here."

Part of the appeal, inmates acknowledge, is getting out of their cells.

"This is a very constructive way to spend time," said Cherie Babcock, 38, who is in jail on organized-crime charges. "It's the best opportunity I've been offered."

Life on 'Dog Wagon' mixes black humor, stark reality of life

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Donald Quick goes hunting every weekday morning. His tools are a pitchfork and a shovel. His quarry are the deer, possums and squirrels — and sometimes dogs and cats — that end up flattened on city streets.

Quick's is the thankless task to scrape up road kill. Co-workers call him the "Dog Man"; his van is the "Dog Wagon."

"I am the road kill king," Quick says. His fleeting smile reveals Quick's most important tool: morbid humor. It breaks the stress of seeing the small carcasses each day and wondering what awaits at the next pickup on his clipboard.

It also belies how seriously he takes his work. A born-again Christian whose truck radio is tuned to gospel music, Quick admits he gets sad retrieving so many dead animals — 3,000 total a year, many of them pets. The number includes animals picked up from veterinary clinics.

He shakes his head as four stray dogs wander by. "I'll probably have one of them by the end of the day," he says. "Maybe two."

"I think the job is pretty much what you'd imagine," says Shane Parker, county maintenance engineer for Durham County. "If you've ridden down the road and seen a dead animal that's been run over a few times and it's decomposing, imagine how you'd feel dealing with it. It's not pleasant."

Nor is it particularly safe. Quick handles dead animals that might have rabies or other diseases. He does it with cars and trucks rushing by, risking the same fate as the animals.

Quick's philosophy of detached humor is a required outlook for a job that once involved getting a long-dead animal untangled from a soccer net in a city park. Or scooping up a dead pet as its owner watched from a few feet away.

He recounts the time a man pulled up in his car and asked him, "Do you do that all day long?" I said, "Yep." He said, "Man, you've got a hell of a job."

The reaction is common. Few people can refrain from asking at least a few questions, he says.

Quick handles dead animals that might have rabies or other diseases. He does it with cars and trucks rushing by, risking the same fate as the animals.

Most days, it takes only a few hours to fill the back of his truck with animal carcasses, bagged garbage and other road debris that will be dumped at the city landfill.

"I don't think the average person living in Durham gives much thought to what happens to a dead animal on the side of the road," says Chris Boyer, superintendent of the Roadway Appearance Division of the city's Public Works Department. "This is one job that people don't always realize that their tax dollars pay for."

"We would be happy to pick up fewer animals. We'd prefer no animals died."

Unfortunately, business is brisk for Quick. He averages a dozen animals a day.

"I think it says that there's a high level of irresponsibility among pet owners," says Cindy Bailey, administrator of the Durham County Animal Control and Animal Shelter. "They don't always consider the pet as part of the family. They consider it disposable property. If they come home and the pet is dead in the driveway or in the road, they can have another one by sundown."

Quick joined the Public Works Department in January 1999 and spent his first 10 months on litter control. When a supervisor asked if he would be willing to serve a stint on the "Dog Wagon," Quick agreed, figuring he'd do the job for six months.

His idea of a good day — picking up 10 or so corpses that are in one piece and no false alarms — would qualify as the worst sort of torture for most people.

But it pays \$9.58 an hour. It's a public service. And someone has to do it.

ODDS-N-ENDS

NEW YORK (AP) — A little more than halfway through the New York City Marathon, a runner's thoughts can drift to all sorts of things and lack of oxygen can make one a little giddy.

Terry O'Brien, of Moore, S.C., had a something special on his mind other than completing the 26.2-mile road race through the streets of New York. He was hearing wedding bells.

At mile 16, the 36-year-old O'Brien, pulled out a ring and dropped to one knee in front of Janelle Billingsly, 30. The pair had just celebrated their fourth year of dating.

"I was caught completely off guard," Billingsly told the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg, S.C.

Billingsly said O'Brien's sweaty, disheveled appearance didn't sway her answer — "I said yes. I most definitely said yes." And before she knew it, her betrothed was off and running again. There were still 10 more miles to be run.

"Up until the 16-mile mark I was kind of giddy," O'Brien said. "Then I realized I had 10 more miles to go. It was kind of tough."

Despite the breather, O'Brien finished the marathon in 3 hours, 55 minutes.

How on Earth did he come up with the proposal idea? He says he was inspired during a training run.

"You have an awful lot of time to think about stuff when you're running 20 miles."

CHICAGO (AP) — Talk about overdue books. The Field Museum of Natural History recently returned 10 volumes to the American Museum of Natural History in New York — 92 years late.

It seems a researcher from the New York museum took the books with him when he accepted a job at the Field Museum in 1908. American Museum officials suspect anthropologist Bertholt Laufer was using the books for research when he was hired away.

"He was a scrupulous individual, so I'm sure he intended to return them, but somehow he didn't," said Princeton University bibliographer Soren Edgren, who was hired by the American Museum to determine the exact content of its Laufer book collection.

They were returned to the New York museum this fall.

Smoking as teen linked to anxiety in adulthood

CHICAGO (AP) — A study suggests teen smokers are prone to anxiety disorders in adulthood, adding to a growing body of research implicating cigarette use as a cause rather than a result of emotional upheaval.

Confounding the conventional wisdom, the study of nearly 700 adolescents found that those with disorders such as generalized anxiety, panic attacks and agoraphobia were not more likely to take up smoking as adults.

On the contrary, those disorders were more common in adults who had smoked heavily as teens.

Teens who smoked 20 or more cigarettes daily were more than 15 times more likely to develop panic disorder as adults, nearly seven times more likely to become agoraphobic and more than five times more likely to develop generalized anxiety disorder than

teens who smoked less or not at all.

The findings were published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. They follow a study in October's issue of the journal Pediatrics suggesting that smoking may be a cause of depression in teens.

The authors of both studies theorize that nicotine may upset the central nervous system. Smoking's damaging effect on the body's ability to use oxygen may also play a role, said the authors of the anxiety study, led by researchers at Columbia University.

Johnson and colleagues interviewed 688 teens age 16 on average in 1985-86, and again in 1991-93, when they were 22 on average.

The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

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information concerning the Pecan Food Show or the Pecan Show, please call the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

The Pecan Food Show is held annually in conjunction with the Pecan Show, as an effort to promote the production of pecans in Howard County. Entry in the Pecan Food Show is open to any Howard County Resident. For more information, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service-Howard County at 264-2236.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County extension agent — family and consumer science.

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IN BRIEF

Steers Hoops Club to meet Tuesday

The newly formed Big Spring High School Steers Basketball Booster Club will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night in Steer Gym.

Head coach Bryan Ellington said the meeting is open to parents and fans of Steers' basketball teams from freshman through varsity.

Quarterback Club meets Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center's meeting room.

Film from Friday's game with Frenship will be reviewed and the Steers' upcoming trip to the playoffs will be discussed.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

International LL's ragball toumey set

Big Spring's International Little League will hold a coed ragball tournament on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18.

To participate, players must be at least 13 years old. Entry fees are \$10 per player and there must be at least 12 players per team — six male and six female.

Sign-up begins at 6 p.m. on Nov. 17 with the first game scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Denise at 756-2841 or 263-1945, Raymond at 263-3811 or Delbert at 263-2631.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Acquired RHP Gary Glover from the Toronto Blue Jays for LHP Scott Eyre. Released INF Craig Wilson.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Named Dan Rohn manager of Tacoma of the PCL.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Wade Boggs hitting coach, Hal McRae bench coach and Terry Collins infield and bullpen coach. Announced Darren Daulton will join the staff as catching instructor.

TEXAS RANGERS—Named Larry Hardy pitching coach.

National League

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Named Greg Gross bench coach, Richie Hebner hitting coach and John Vukovich third base coach.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Mike Sandoval assistant athletic trainer.

BASKETBALL

BOSTON CELTICS—Signed G Rick Brunson.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed LB Ryan Taylor on injured reserve. Placed LB Doug Colman on the practice squad. Signed WR Drew O'Connor to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS—Promoted defensive assistant Don Clemons to linebackers coach.

NEW YORK JETS—Waived S Kevin Williams. Signed S Nick Ferguson.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Placed TE Cory Geason on injured reserve. Activated TE Matt Cushing.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Moved RB Jonas Lewis from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed LB Edward Thomas to the practice squad.

ON THE AIR

Television

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs, TNT.

PRO HOCKEY

6 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins, ESPN.

Maddux wins 11th NL Gold Glove

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Greg Maddux not only can throw the ball, he can pick it up, too.

The Atlanta Braves' right-hander won his 11th consecutive Gold Glove on Tuesday, extending his record for National League pitchers. Only Jim Kaat, with 16, has won more.

Ken Griffey Jr. failed to win in his first season with Cincinnati after 10 in a row with Seattle Mariners.

San Francisco Giants first baseman J.T. Snow won his sixth straight, and Braves outfielder Andruw Jones won his third in a row.

Cincinnati second baseman Pokey Reese won for the second straight year and Philadelphia third baseman Scott Rolen won his second overall.

Colorado's Neifi Perez was selected for the first time at shortstop, replacing the Mets' Rey Ordenez, who had won three straight but

missed most of the season because of a broken arm.

Mike Matheny of the St. Louis Cardinals won at catcher.

Jim Edmonds of the Cardinals and Steve Finley of the Arizona Diamondbacks joined Jones as outfield winners. It was Edmonds' first NL Gold Glove following three in the AL with the Angels.

Finley won for the second straight year and fourth time overall.



Courtesy photo
Grady's Clint Schulke (30) and Jud Opeppard go for the football after Schulke's hit on an unidentified loop player caused a fumble. Loop had 11 fumbles in Grady's 46-0 win. Grady improved to 5-3 on the season.



HERALD photo/John H. Walker
Big Spring Steers baseball player Clint Bamert signs an early national letter-of-intent with Southeastern Conference and NCAA baseball power LSU. Looking on (from left) are his parents, Don and Teri, and Steers baseball coach Pat Loter. Bamert chose LSU over Arizona State, Florida, Clemson and others.

Jones worried about Aikman's future

IRVING (AP) — After giving Troy Aikman a new offense and a new star receiver, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones came into this season figuring the quarterback would play anywhere from three to six more years.

Now, Jones wonders whether Aikman will be back next year.

"We all want to be very realistic," Jones said Tuesday. "The best way to express our feelings now is that we're concerned."

Aikman's back is the latest reason for concern. He received a second round of painrelieving injections on Monday in hopes of easing the lower left side of his back. The gains made by the

first series of shots were lost when he was slammed to the turf by Jacksonville's Tony Brackens.

Aikman was to try practicing today in hopes that he can play Sunday.

Whenever he returns, there's the fear that another big hit will again trigger the pain. He must go 10 days between shots and can have no more than three rounds in one year.

Should Aikman, who turns 34 in two weeks, decide to retire after this season, the already salary-cap-strapped Cowboys would be in bad shape.

"We have always operated with Troy on the basis with in the contract and the cap rules that we will work in

the best interest of the team," Jones said. "We've got a lot more the season to go. I don't have to speculate on what's going to happen with Troy's contract at this time."

Although Jones said no drastic moves are planned, he hinted that under certain scenarios he might be willing to consider an overhaul.

"One thing I've always said is that if we have a chance, a small chance, of making the Super Bowl, I will put the team on the field as best I can to win that year," Jones said. "If we've got to bid some time and get in position to put together a team for a Super Bowl in later years, I know how to do that."

Bulls tickets go unsold in Chicago for first time since 1987 season

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the first time in more than a decade, the Chicago Bulls failed to have a sellout.

A total of 399 tickets went unsold Tuesday night as the Bulls were dropping an 88-83 decision to the Washington Wizards.

"We anticipated a sellout, but I'm afraid the election and other factors worked against us," said Steve Schanwald, the Bulls executive vice president of business operations. "It's been a great 13-year run, and we can't say enough about the great and loyal support we have received and continue to receive from our fans."

The game was so poorly played that those who chose to stay home appeared to have made the right choice. The Wizards missed their first 15 attempts and shot a dismal 13 percent in the first quarter.

Chris Whitney added 17 for the Wizards. White had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Rookie Khalid El-Amin led the Bulls with 21 points, scoring 13 in the fourth quarter. Elton Brand added 15 points and 14 rebounds.

In other NBA games, Houston defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 84-74, Phoenix beat San Antonio 100-81, Portland stopped Atlanta 97-88, New York beat Milwaukee 103-89 and Toronto routed Boston 105-

75. The Bulls' announced crowd of 21,312 ended the NBA's longest active streak at 610 consecutive sellouts. The stretch, which began Nov. 20, 1987, was the third-longest in NBA history.

Only the Portland Trail Blazers (814) and the Boston Celtics (662) had longer runs.

Rockets 84, Lakers 74
Steve Francis scored 14 of his 23 points in the second half, and Cuttino Mobley led a fourth-quarter surge for Houston at home.

With the Rockets leading 58-52 to start the fourth quarter, Mobley scored seven points as they built a 72-62 lead with 6:20 left. An 11-4 run by Los Angeles, led by Shaquille O'Neal's four free throws, made it 76-73, but the Rockets followed with six straight free throws to pull away.

Suns 100, Spurs 81
Shawn Marion scored 23 points to lead five players in double figures as host Phoenix knocked San Antonio from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Tony Delk had 20 points and Clifford Robinson added 15 for the Suns, who led by as many as 20 in the fourth quarter en route to their fourth straight win.

Blazers 97, Hawks 88
Steve Smith scored 22 points and Greg Anthony added 17 as Portland sent winless Atlanta to the worst

start in its history. Jason Terry had 21 points and Lorenzen Wright 18 for the visiting Hawks, who fell to 0-5.

Atlanta cut an 18-point third-quarter deficit to five when Jimmy Jackson hit a pair of free throws with 35 seconds left after Portland's Rasheed Wallace was whistled for two technical fouls for arguing a no-call.

Damon Stoudamire then hit a pair of free throws, and after Terry made only one of two, Smith added a pair from the line to give Portland a 94-86 lead.

Nicks 103, Bucks 89
Allan Houston scored a season-high 24 points and teamed with Latrell Sprewell to spark a first-quarter surge that led New York to victory.

Glen Rice had 18 points as the Knicks beat the Bucks for the sixth straight time and fourth in a row at Milwaukee.

Lindsey Hunter had 23 for Milwaukee, including seven 3-pointers to tie his career-high set twice before.

Raptors 105, Celtics 75
At Toronto, Vince Carter scored 23 points, and the Raptors scored a franchise-record 41 points in the third quarter.

Antonio Davis had 24 points and Corliss Williamson 21 for Toronto, which lost to the Celtics last Friday after blowing a 21-point lead.

Olympics

USOC bickering rocks American organization after Salt Lake scandal

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

American athletes had barely returned from Sydney with a respectable 97 medals, and already another Olympic competition was under way.

Unlike the Summer Games, this had nothing to do with who could run faster or jump farther. It was a bitter struggle for the soul of the U.S. Olympic movement, with the control over the riches of the U.S. Olympic Committee at stake.

The preliminaries ended last week with the removal of chief executive officer Norm Blake, a corporate turnaround artist who lasted only nine months after being brought in to reform the bloated and cumbersome USOC organization.

But the chaos within continues. There are questions about the stability of the new team of managers brought in by Blake, and a contested election next month will go a long way toward deciding its future.

The upheaval even scared away former presidential candidate and Olympian Bill Bradley. Two sources within the USOC, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he was set to become the organization's new chairman before taking a closer look.

Instead, veteran volunteer Sandy Baldwin, who sells real estate in Phoenix, is favored to become chairwoman next month in a race against lawyer and fellow USOC board member Paul George.

"I feel very good about my chances," said Baldwin, whose popularity among athlete representatives has made her a powerful USOC figure.

It was Baldwin who helped oust Blake from the \$500,000 a year job he took over in February with what was then the unanimous backing of the USOC executive board and a mandate to reorganize the convoluted funding structure that doles

out money to 33 Olympic sports.

Blake was in Sydney when Baldwin sent a letter to USOC board members questioning his ability to run the organization and raising concerns about spending and revenues in an upcoming 2001-2004 budget that will approach \$500 million.

"It was an underhanded thing to do," Blake said.

He fired off a letter of his own to Baldwin expressing "my disappointment for the lack of respect that you have demonstrated for me."

But with Baldwin gaining support, Blake knew what was coming.

"She told people if she won her first act would be to fire me," Blake said.

Not that Blake had not done enough firing of his own. He got rid of some 40 of the 500 USOC employees in Colorado Springs, including nearly all the top managers except for Scott Blackmun, who replaced him on an interim basis, and USOC media director Mike Moran.

The corporate slash-and-burn tactics extracted a price in an organization that survived for years despite its bumbling ways. Morale was so bad in USOC headquarters that workers referred to Blake as Norman Bates, the deranged killer in the movie "Psycho."

"People came here to retire, maybe. I'm not sure," Blake said. "People were comfortable and not necessarily as accountable as we wanted them to be."

The Athletes Advisory Council, which has 20 percent of the seats on the USOC board, had two contentious meetings with Blake during the summer over the plan.

Bill Stapleton, a Houston sports agent who chairs the AAC, bragged to the Salt Lake Tribune after Blake's resignation that the athletes had flexed their political muscle.

Atlanta Braves' Rafael Furcal named NL Rookie of the Year

ATLANTA (AP) Rafael Furcal arrived at spring training as a non-roster teenager wearing No. 78.

He finished the season as the best rookie in the National League.

Furcal, who batted 295 with 40 steals for the Atlanta Braves, was a runaway choice as NL Rookie of the Year on Tuesday. He got 25 of 32 first-place votes. "There were a lot of other rookies who had great years, and for me to win this means my hard work has paid off."

The only player listed on all 32 ballots, Furcal got 144 points.

Rick Ankiel of the Cards, who gained notoriety during the playoffs by throwing five wild pitches in one inning, was second with 87 points. He got six firsts, 17 seconds and six thirds.

Mets outfielder Jay Payton was third with 37 points, followed by Philadelphia outfielder-first baseman Pat Burrell with 10 and Houston catcher Mitch Meluskey with seven.

In 1999, Furcal split his season between Class A Macon and Myrtle Beach. He made the switch from second base to shortstop while stealing 96 bases, making him one of the best prospects in baseball.

Still, the 19-year-old speedster was given little chance of making the Braves when he was invited to the big-league camp as a non-roster player.

Even Furcal had his doubts.

"I don't know about that," he said in the early days of spring training. "I'll play hard every time I get a chance."

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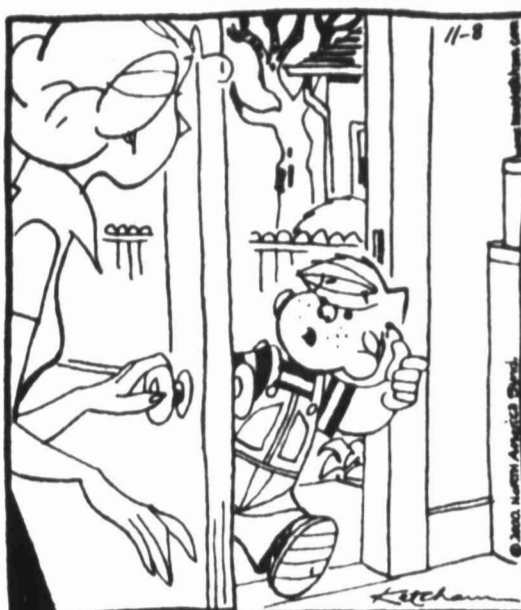
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6:30 PM	News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Judge Judy	Wishbone Zaboonafo	Early Edition	News (CC) Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Louisa de Amor	Movie: Drink (CC)	Marital Law (CC)	(2*) Movie: Arthur (CC)	Love	Royal Diaries	News John Hagege	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Outbreak
7:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	Malcolm-Mid Normal, Ohio	Living Edens (CC)	Movie: Final Ascent	Bette (CC) Welcome-N.Y.	Be a Millionaire	Titans (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not	Mujeres Enganadas	(40) Movie: The Duke of Hazzard	Reunion (CC)	Movie: Little City (CC)	Notting Hill (CC)	Movie: Witness	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Attack and Capture	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs	Space Explorer
8:30 PM	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	Street (CC)	Napoleon (CC)	Movie: Jackie Bouvier	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	West Wing (CC)	WCW Thunder	Laberintos de Pasion	Treasure House (CC)	Reunion (CC)	Movie: Little City (CC)	Soul Food Resurrection	Oz (CC)	Hour of Healing	Investigative Reports (CC)	Ultimate Guide	Egypt Uncovered	no Spurs NBA	Asteroid Impact
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10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lexer (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not	Zorro (CC) Micky Mouse	Roland Martin	The Hot Spot	Movie: Heartbreak	Promise Church	Biography (CC)	Attack and Capture	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	Asteroid Impact		
11:30 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Blind Date Suddenly	Nature (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	WCW Thunder	Wacky Zoo	Outdoor World Secrets-Hunt	(11:50) Movie: The	Ridge (CC)	Faith Pleases God	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Ultimate Guide	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	Asteroid Impact		
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On this date:
In 1837, Mount Holyoke Seminary, a college exclusively for women, opened in South Hadley, Mass.
In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.
In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, the "Beer-Hall

Putsch."
In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for the presidency.
In 1933, President Roosevelt created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed.
In 1942, Operation Torch began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.
In 1950, during the Korean conflict, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.
In 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.
In 1988, Vice President George Bush won the presidential election, defeating Michael Dukakis.

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans winning a majority in the Senate while at the same time gaining control of the House for the first time in 40 years.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Norman Lloyd is 86. Actress June Havoc is 84. Heart surgeon Dr. Christiana Barnard is 78. Jazz singer Chris Connor is 73. Singer Patti Page is 73. CBS newsmen Morley Safer is 69. Singer Bonnie Bramlett is 56. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 51. TV personality Mary Hart is 49. Playboy Enterprises chairman and chief executive Christie Hefner is 48. Actress Alfre Woodard is 47. Singer-songwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 46. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 39. Actress Courtney Thorne-Smith is 33.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Rob of "St. Elmo's Fire"
- Timeworn
- Glance over
- Hemley sitcom
- Egg-shaped
- Tempo
- Duct register
- Gets under control
- Fire power
- Place one's stake
- Standoff
- Lustrous fabric
- Opens, as a lock
- Abbott or Collyer
- Weight class
- The whole time
- Trying experience
- Ooze
- Truant GI
- Eisenhower
- Nincompoop
- Female sheep
- David Stern's org.
- Knights' titles
- Small shot
- 49 39th president
- Give rise to
- Baltimore player
- Beam
- Fight off
- Hand dryer
- Moral mistake
- Philosopher Immanuel
- Profligate
- Fully grown
- "Dies"
- Complexion damage
- Stopwatch
- Diminutive ending
- Bridges or MacFarland
- Run-down
- Greek letters

DOWN

- Molten flow
- Auspice
- Hid out
- Informal alliance
- Alluvial acreage
- Be of use to
- Conference badge
- Broke bread
- Fewer
- Pancake flipper
- Had one's bubble burst
- Wile E. Coyote's supplier
- Dodge model
- Arabian outerwear
- Calls to Mary?
- gin fizz
- Capital of Idaho
- Adam of "Chicago Hope"
- The Netherlands or Belgium
- International prize
- Angry look
- Docking place
- British peer
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- Take for granted
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- "Bill" the Science Guy
- Stacked (up)
- Little terror
- Bonkers
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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How We Elect Our President

The Electoral Vote

On Nov. 7, voters will vote for the president and vice president of the United States.

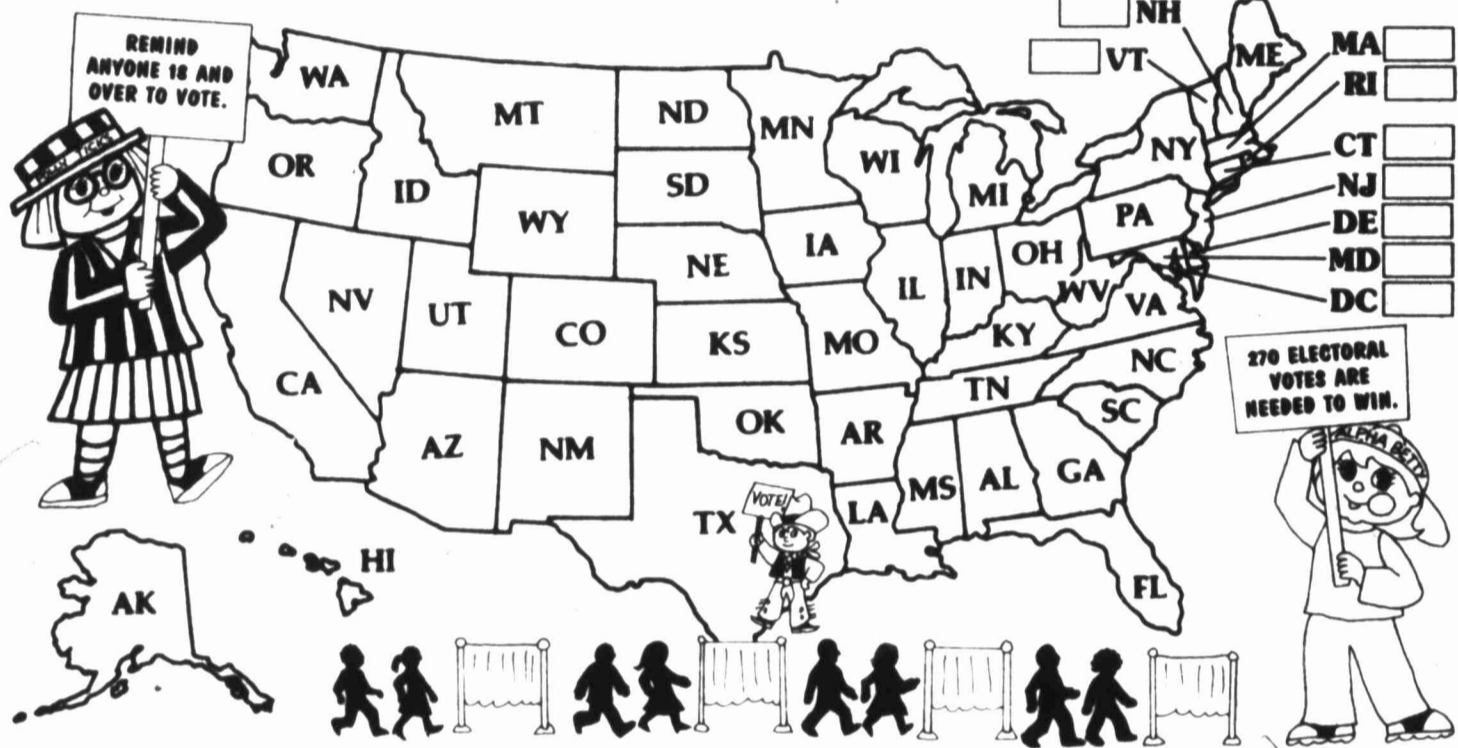
The candidates for president and vice president from each party run as a team. They are on the same "ticket."

The Constitution sets down the rules for electing a president. Each state is allotted a certain number of votes. These votes are called "electoral votes." Today, the total number of electoral votes for the whole country is 538.

The winning ticket in each state wins all of that state's electoral votes. This is called "winner takes all."

Write the number of votes for each state on the map. After the election, color in the states that voted for the Republican ticket. Do not shade in the states that voted for the Democratic ticket.

Alabama	9	Louisiana	9	Oklahoma	8
Alaska	3	Maine	4	Oregon	7
Arizona	8	Maryland	10	Pennsylvania	23
Arkansas	6	Massachusetts	12	Rhode Island	4
California	54	Michigan	18	South Carolina	8
Colorado	8	Minnesota	10	South Dakota	3
Connecticut	8	Mississippi	7	Tennessee	11
Delaware	3	Missouri	11	Texas	32
District of Columbia	3	Montana	3	Utah	6
Florida	25	Nebraska	5	Vermont	3
Georgia	13	Nevada	4	Virginia	13
Hawaii	4	New Hampshire	4	Washington	11
Idaho	4	New Jersey	15	West Virginia	5
Illinois	22	New Mexico	5	Wisconsin	11
Indiana	12	New York	33	Wyoming	3
Iowa	7	North Carolina	14		
Kansas	6	North Dakota	3		
Kentucky	8	Ohio	21	TOTAL	538



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Q: What did the Eskimo say when he got home?
A: There's **sn**ow place like home!

Q: What goes **sn**ap, crackle, pop?
A: A firefly with a short **sn**ort.

Q: What did the **sn**ail say to the turtle?
A: "How can you afford a shell like that?"

Go on an SN word hunt. What other words can you find using the SN blend? What sound do you hear?

Rookie Cookies Recipe

Microwave Chow Mein

You'll need:

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 (4-ounce) can mushroom pieces
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/4 green pepper
- 1/2 cup rice
- 1 cup water

What to do:

- Place beef and onion in a large, microwave-safe casserole. Microwave on high 3 minutes or until beef is brown. Stir every minute. Drain.
- Add remaining ingredients. Mix well.
- Microwave on high 20 to 30 minutes or until rice is soft. Stir every 5 minutes. Serves 4.

Polly Ticks' Guide to ... How We Elect Our President

KIDS! YOU MIGHT WANT TO READ THIS WITH YOUR PARENTS OR TEACHERS. THIS IS KIND OF COMPLICATED.

The Mini Page asked our expert, Polly Ticks, to help us all find out more about how our president is elected.

Electoral votes

We elect our president and vice president by what we call "electoral votes." There are a total of 538 of these votes. This number is based on the total number of members of Congress.

Senators 100
Representatives 435
From the District of Columbia ... 3

ELECTORAL TRY 'N COLLEGE FIND

Words that remind us of the electoral college are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ELECTORAL, VOTE, PRESIDENT, CANDIDATES, PARTY, TEAM, TICKET, CONSTITUTION, RULES, STATE, NUMBER, TOTAL, WIN, GROUP, DUTIES.

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Counting electoral votes

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A site to see: Adults might want to click on www.fec.gov, then click on "Elections and Voting" to find out more about the elections.

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- umbrella
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- question mark
- bell
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