

TUESDAY

October 19, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Fund established to help Steadham's cover funeral costs

The family of Michael Steadham is in desperate need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. As a result, an account has been established in Steadham's name at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family meet those costs. For more information, interested persons may call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

Victim Services seeks donations of old cell phones

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Victim Services is in need of old cell phones. The cell phones can be reconditioned and programmed for use by victims to call for help in emergency situations. To donate old cell phones, batteries and chargers for Victim Services, drop them at the following locations: the Big Spring Herald, KBST, the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office, West-Tex Communications, Professional Pharmacy and The Medicine Shoppe. For more information, call Victim Services at 263-3312.

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Supreme Court orders new look at redistricting

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court told a lower court Monday to review a redrawing of Texas' congressional districts that may cost Democrats up to six House seats, but the order won't affect the Nov. 2 elections. The justices' one-sentence statement gave Republicans a short-term victory because the new district lines — engineered by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas — should help the GOP gain seats and extend its 10-year hold on the House. Republicans currently control the chamber by 227-205, plus an independent and two vacancies,

Texas Democrats declare win, GOP still supports voting map

By APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN — Republican lawmakers in Texas voiced confidence in the legality of newly drawn congressional districts despite Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling, cheered by Democrats, that ordered a lower court to reconsider its approval of the map. "The court's decision has no impact on the current election," said Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., head of the House GOP campaign organization. "As I see it, the Democrats lose several incumbents come Nov. 2." But in the longer term, Monday's order breathes fresh life into Democratic court challenges to the Texas redistricting plan. Democrats say the new lines were drawn to defeat Democratic lawmakers by putting them in the same districts as other incumbents or giving them thousands of new or Republican constituents. "Any time you have an illegal process, you're likely to get illegal results," said Gerry Hebert, an attorney for Democrats in the suit. "Today's decision sets the

The order is seen as a victory by Democrats but will not affect the Nov. 2 elections, which are being conducted under the new GOP-leaning districts. "We get another bite of the apple here, and for those who believe the map was unfair to Texas voters both racially, ethnically and constitutionally, See REACTION, Page 3A

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE



Big Spring Police Cpl. Art Denlinger and Officer Clint Sheets discuss a case with Emergency Service Senior Chaplain Ken Childress and Sgt. Tony Everett on Tuesday at the police station.

New Emergency Services Chaplain Corps providing helping hand in times of crisis

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer
Public servants like police officers, firefighters and emergency medical staff respond to people in crisis every day. But who helps them during their time of crisis? Emergency service chaplains are the answer. They serve those who serve the public and their families during difficult or painful situations— personnel from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD), the Big Spring Fire Department, the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Big Spring Emergency Medical Services

(EMS) staff and the public. But a little more than two years ago, there was no such resource. That's before the Rev. Ken Childress began a voluntary ministry after being called as the associate pastor at the Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene. While Childress is no longer associated with Community of Hope, his ministry to the public is still active. Furthermore, it's expanding; thanks to the efforts of the Emergency Service Chaplain Corps (ESCC). The newly-formed corps is being supported by heads of the agencies it serves because they've seen the

incredible need that the corps fulfills. "We have used chaplains many times, not only for help in dealing with cases, but also for help when a tragedy strikes our department," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. Other public servants also use chaplaincy services. "We've used the chaplain before for crisis debriefing," said Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "We want to continue to use them in the future to care for victims and complainants so that our officers can do what they need to do at the scene." See CHAPLAINS, Page 3A

College trustees OK new degrees

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer
Two new degree options, two new job opportunities and an increase in contact hour numbers highlighted Monday's trustee meeting at Howard College. The board began its meeting by approving an abatement request from Alon USA, then approving a resolution extending the time to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure from the county. Trustees approved the addition of the associate of arts in teaching to the college's degree offerings. This degree, adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, allows the community college to offer specific math, education and early childhood courses required in a teaching degree from a university. The board also approved a nurse educator program from the University of Texas at El Paso. This program enables registered nurses to earn their master of science in nursing degree through distance learning at Howard College. "We are so excited about being able to provide this increased opportunity in these different areas," said Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president for educational programs. Trustees learned the Lubbock Christian University program offering a bachelor of science See COLLEGE, Page 3A

Social Security benefits to increase 2.7 percent next year

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON — More than 47 million Americans receiving Social Security will get a 2.7 percent increase in their monthly checks next year, but much of the increase will be eaten up by higher Medicare premiums. The Social Security Administration announced the cost-of-living adjustment Tuesday, and the increase will start showing up in checks in January. The latest increase was the largest since benefits rose by 3.5 percent in 2001. A 2.1 percent increase went into effect at the beginning of this year. The annual cost of living adjustment, or COLA, is based on the rise in the government's Consumer Price Index from the July-September quarter of last

year through the third quarter of this year. The \$25 will mean that the monthly check for the average Social Security retiree will rise from \$930 this year to \$955 next year. The average retiree will see only a little over half of that increase because the government announced last month that monthly Medicare premiums for doctor visits are going up by \$11.60 a month next year, a record in dollar terms. Under law, no Social Security beneficiary will get lower benefits than that person is currently getting even if the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment does not cover the entire cost of the Medicare premium increase. Advocates for the elderly said that protection still means that millions of Social Security bene-

ficiaries at the low end of the benefit scale will see no gain at all this year because the COLA increase will be eaten up by the Medicare premium increase. The 2.7 percent benefit increase will mean that the average retired couple will see their Social Security benefits rise from \$1,532 a month currently to \$1,574 next year, a gain of \$42 per month. John Rother, policy director at AARP, formerly the American Association of Retired Persons, said retired people were not only getting hit by higher Medicare premiums but also faced the prospect of soaring heating bills this winter. "That means that many people will have no ability to keep up with inflation," Rother said. The cost of living adjustments announced Tuesday will go to more than 52 million people.

That includes 47 million people receiving Social Security benefits; the rest receive Supplemental Security Income payments that go to the poor. The standard SSI payment will go from \$564 per month to \$579 per month for an individual and from \$846 to \$869 for a couple. The average monthly Social Security payment for disabled workers will increase from \$871 currently to \$895 next year. In the closing days of the presidential campaign, Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry has accused President Bush of planning a surprise second-term effort to privatize Social Security, saying such a move would be a "disaster for America's middle class." The Bush campaign has called the charge "flat inaccurate." Social Security will face a funding shortfall beginning in 2018.

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Obituaries

Esperanza (Hope) Gill

Esperanza (Hope) Gill died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at a local medical center.

A mass will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent's Catholic Church with the Rev. Santiago officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

Esperanza was born Jan. 1, 1951, to Petra (Martinez) and Jose Reyes in Colorado City. She graduated from Westbrook High School in 1969. Esperanza received her cosmetology license in 1973. She was a retired hairdresser.

Esperanza was preceded in death by her father, and her husband, James N. Gill Jr.; stepdaughter, Denese Parrish and a grandchild, Addrienne Thomas.

Survivors include her mother, Petra Reyes, of Big Spring; a stepson, James N. Gill III of Houston; four stepdaughters, Delores Thomas of Abilene, Felecia Brooks of San Antonio, Louise Jamison of Katy and Carolyn Gill of Houston; five brothers, Juan Castellano of Sweetwater, Eliodoro Reyes of Westbrook, Ernest Reyes of Vincent, Ricky Reyes of Midland and Mike Reyes of Big Spring; two sisters, Emerlinda Reyes of Big Spring and Erlinda Juarez of Austin; a sister-in-law, Gwendlyn Keith of Ashboro, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two sons-in-law; and many nieces and nephews who loved her very much.

The family will receive friends at 1957 N. Mockingbird Lane in Abilene today and Wednesday.

Paid obituary

Jack Cook

Jack Cook, 76, of Stanton, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, in an Odessa hospice house. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton with Van Pendergrass pastor, and J.D. Kelly officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born April 1, 1928, in Stanton and married Mary Beazer July 14, 1951. She preceded him in death July 11, 1998. He then married Patsy Odum Aug. 22, 2002. He was an active member of Downtown Church of Christ and served two terms on the Stanton City Council.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Cook of Stanton; his son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Sherry Cook, of Stanton; his two daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Homer Crim of Garden City, Kan., and Judy and Danny Fryar of Stanton; one sister, Corene Manning of Stanton; two brothers, Fred Cook of Littlefield and Wayne Cook of Stanton; 12 grandchildren, six great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice of Midland, 901 Missouri, Midland 79701 or the American Cancer Society, 2504 W. Wadley, Midland 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Take note

CORNERSTONE CHURCH BUILDING FUND BARBECUE FUND-RAISER is set for 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Chicken, ribs, sausage and brisket available, along with potato salad, beans, bread and desert. Tickets are \$5 for one entree, \$6 for two or \$7 for three. Dine in at 12th and Owens streets, pick up and delivery available. Call 263-3072.

A COME AND GO RECEPTION HONORING THE REV. WANDA HILL OF COAHOMA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is from 2-4 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited. Call 393-5264 in the afternoon for more information.

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES COMMUNITY MEETING at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 21 in the Howard County Library community room. Featured speaker is the Texas Attorney General. Free and open to the public.

BENEFIT TO HELP WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES OF CURTIS JAMES is set for Nov. 13 at Grant's Country Store, North Service Road of I-20, east of the refinery. Call 263-0011 for more information.

BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION MEETING FEATURES ARTIST CHRISTY RAY demonstrating solar painting with watercolor. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of the Howard County Library.

THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266 is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - Keep Big Spring Beautiful is seeking teams to clean up areas of the community Saturday. Call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444 to sign up a team and make lunch reservations; The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is seeking donations of nonperishable food items to be given to the Adult Protective Services Advisory Board and Meals on Wheels. Call Nancy Jones at 264-2397 for more information.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **ANNETTE CHAVARRIA**, 36, of 195 Wasson, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.

• **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ**, 19, of 3304 Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

• **COURTNEY JO GASKIN**, 29, of 1514 Sycamore, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 39, of 1205 Lancaster, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant.

• **ROGELIO BELTRAN**, 19, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **DAVID HUMPHREY III**, 39, of 1607 Lark, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 3600 block of Connally.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 4200 block of Walnut.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 700 block of 13th Street.

- in the 1800 block of Monticello.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1300 block of Kindle.

• **DEADLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1400 block of Tuscon.

• **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• **JUANITA M. ARANJO**, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of tampering with governmental records - license/seal/certificate/permit.

• **GREGORY ALLAN MCDANIEL**, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of expired driver's license, speeding - 83 mph in a 70 mph zone and violation of a protective order.

• **ROBERT RAMIREZ**, 36, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check - two counts, theft by check and violation of parole.

• **MODESTO MATA CORTEZ**, 34, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Support groups

TUESDAY
□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY
□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY
□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

SATURDAY
□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5-6 p.m.

MONDAY
□ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels. Enter through the north door. Covered dish dinner. Call 398-5522 for more information.

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Bulletin board

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TODAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
• Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
• Taste of Home Cooking in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 available at the chamber of commerce.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-10-13-29.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-18-26-35. Bonus Ball: 14.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 2-4-1

Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Highs 85 to 90. West winds 10 to 20 mph.
Tonight - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds near 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable after midnight.
Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday night - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.
Friday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.
Friday night - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.
Saturday - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.
Saturday night - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.
Sunday - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.
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stage for a court to ultimately find that this map was illegal."

Monday's order ships the case back to a three-judge federal panel in Texas. However it rules, the case seems likely to end up before the Supreme Court again.

"I see this as the Supreme Court punting right before the national

election," said Richard Hasen, an election law expert at Loyola Law School. "It buys the Supreme Court another term before it has to rethink the issue."

Texas' new district map already helped prompt Democratic Rep. Jim Turner to retire. Thirteen-term Democratic Rep. Martin Frost is pitted against Republican Rep. Pete Sessions, a four-term veteran, in a new GOP-leaning district. Democratic Rep.

Charles Stenholm, another 13-term veteran, is fighting for his political life against freshman GOP Rep. Randy Neugebauer in a district in which two-thirds of the voters are new to Stenholm. And Democratic Reps. Max Sandlin, Nick Lampson and Chet Edwards also face difficult fights from challengers, though Edwards may well win.

"This decision puts a spotlight on redistricting and how West Texas was gerrymandered," said Stenholm. "This will remind voters of how power brokers in Washington and Austin redrew these lines without considering the impact on West Texas."

Republicans saw just the opposite. DeLay spokesman Stuart Roy said the order was "a highly technical court decision that suggests no problem with the existing map." And Tina Benkiser, chairman of the Texas Republican Party,

said the new lines correct an imbalance in which 56 percent of the state's votes in 2002 went to GOP House candidates, but Republicans won less than half the state's House seats.

"Something was very wrong," Benkiser said.

At the dispute's center is DeLay, one of Congress' most powerful Republicans and a man whom Democrats have tried to cast as a symbol of GOP extremism.

The Constitution

requires states to draw new congressional districts every 10 years to reflect population shifts measured by the census. Texas state legislators failed to pass a new map for the state's 32 House seats in 2001, after the new census numbers were available, so a federal court drew up a plan.

Republicans won control of the state legislature in the 2002 elections and, with DeLay's encouragement, started crafting another map in 2003.

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this is a victory, because it means our legal challenge is still alive," said Gerry Hebert, an attorney for Democrats.

Republican Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott called the high court's ruling a "routine procedural step" in light

of a ruling in another state's redistricting case. Abbott said his office is confident that a three-judge panel will reaffirm its decision that the redistricting plan is constitutional.

"We're confident — as we have been all along — that our map will withstand judicial scrutiny," said Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, a Midland

Republican who last year led the chamber through a bitter battle to pass the map.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry called three special legislative sessions last year to try to achieve congressional redistricting, which was pushed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. Democrats staged two out-of-state boycotts to break a quo-

rum and halt a vote on the map. In the end, Republicans won with new districts they hope will give them as many as six additional seats in the state's congressional delegation.

"We're reviewing the (court's) decision but the important fact for Texans to know is that the November elections are going forward and they

should go vote," said Robert Black, a Perry spokesman.

Those who opposed the Republican-drawn map said the court's ruling proves that the districts are unfair to Texas voters.

"This is a victory for representative democracy in this state and in particular the minority populations across Texas," said

Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas NAACP. Bledsoe represented a group of black plaintiffs in the case. "We are encouraged that the highest court in the land has agreed that the abuse of democracy for purely partisan gain will not be the law of the land, no matter what Tom DeLay or any politician from any party may say."

COLLEGE

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in organizational management to Howard College students has been successful with nine students graduating last May, another 20 students currently in the program and 20 waiting to begin.

"With these numbers, we will have more than 80

students graduating with bachelor's degrees in the next four years," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

The college's number of students decreased slightly but due to the increase of students participating in Internet courses, the college's contact hours have increased.

The board approved catalog and handbook

changes regarding a change in the wording of the returned check fees charged by the college. The catalog will now convey that the college will pass on to students the fee charged by the county for returned checks.

Wording changes were also approved that indicate the college will now pay employees who are out-of-town on business

up to \$7 for breakfast, \$8 for lunch and \$10 for dinner. An increased mileage reimbursement of 35 cents per mile will also be amended in the handbook.

The trustees announced that Terry Hanson is now the executive director for correctional studies faculty and Mike Yeater is now the executive director for workforce development.

Due to increases in workforce programs, a records management clerk and workforce development secretary positions are now available at the college.

The board approved the bookstore contract bid to the Texas Book Company. The college voted to stay with Tangent for its vendor of record for computer equipment.

Sparks will meet with other college presidents and board members while attending the Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators conference Nov. 25-26.

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CHAPLAINS

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Fire Marshall Carl Condray said, "When one of our own is injured or killed, chaplains are a much needed resource for our department."

At present, the corps has Childress as its senior chaplain and five brand new associate chaplains who can meet the needs of those who serve the county and city and their families.

Associate chaplains Matthew Warren, the director of Young Life; the Rev. Kevin Parker, senior pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church; the Rev.

Joel Miller, senior pastor of North Birdwell United Methodist Church; the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, senior pastor at the Church of God; and the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, senior pastor at Berea Baptist Church, have just completed an extensive training program in order to provide assistance, proper response and protocol to both agencies and citizens.

The five will be honored at a graduation ceremony set for Tuesday, Oct. 26, during the Big Spring City Council meeting which begins at 5:30 p.m.

Serving as an emergency service chaplain is nothing new for Childress. He began a

chaplaincy program in Simi Valley, Calif., 19 years ago. To understand police officers, Childress walked in an officer's shoes by completing training at the Los Angeles Police Academy.

After his move to Big Spring two years ago, police and sheriff's departments learned of his experience and he was asked to help start a chaplaincy program in Howard County.

"I believe the chaplaincy program provides a support staff for city and county employees and their families," said Childress. "Our services are completely free and confidential. Sometimes officers feel that they

can't open up or express emotion even after dealing with the worst situations. We want to be there to bring healing and comfort to people experiencing crisis and turmoil."

When it was learned that Childress was leaving Community of Hope, a group of concerned citizens began taking steps to preserve the chaplaincy he had begun.

The result was the formation of the ESCC, which has filed for non-profit incorporation with the state of Texas. It has also filed for 501(c)3 status with the Internal Revenue Service.

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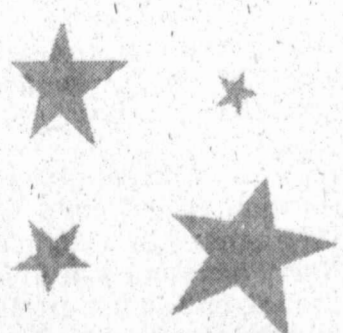
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I was born a very long time ago. And I live very, very far away. It gets lonely up here sometimes. It is then that I wish I was a little person, just like you. I see you playing with all of your friends. I wish I had someone to play with.

I see you even in the daytime when you can't see me. I see you going to school. I wish I could go to school. I want to learn all of

the things that you learn in school.

I see you when your mommie gives you a hug. I wish I had a mommie to hug me. I would love to give her a hug back. I will never know a mommie or a daddy.

I see you when you are in your yard, playing on your swing. I wish I had a swing to play on. I could swing from star to star and hug all of the other stars that are up here with me.

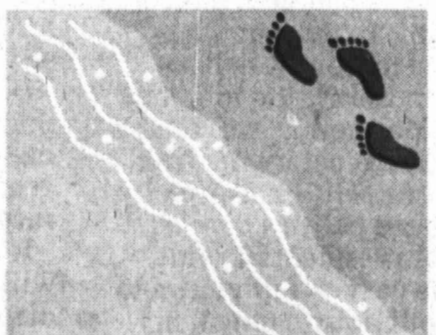
I see you when you go shopping with your uncle. I wish that I had an uncle to take me shopping. I can't even go shopping by myself. For I am a star and I can't. I must stay where I am.

I see you when you go to the park. I wish that I could go to the park and play on



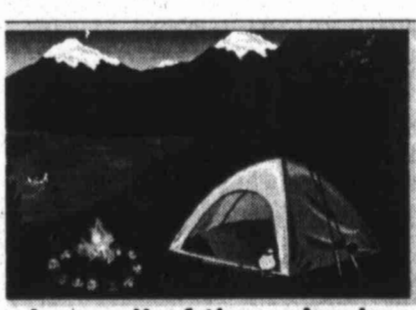
the sliding board. I would love to have a picnic on the picnic tables. That looks like so much fun! But, I can't!

But wait, you can't see all of the things that I can see. I can see all of the earth's oceans. They are so beautiful to look at them from up here. The water looks blue,



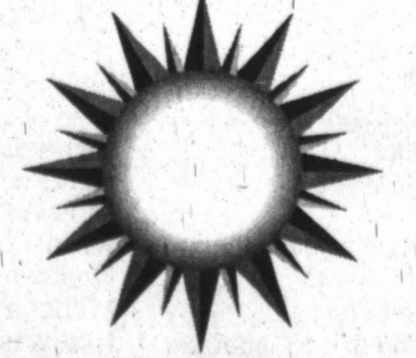
like you have colored it with a soft color crayon. Who colored the oceans? Did you?

I see all of the mountains on earth. Did you color them, too? They are green and they look like they are trying to reach up to me just to say "hello." They are very pretty. I like to look at the mountains.



I see all of the animals on earth. I love to watch the animals. They are fun to watch. Do you get to see animals? Do you like animals? What is your favorite animal? I love them all!

The whole earth is such a beautiful thing to see. I wish that you could see it the way I do. For I can see it all at the same time. It looks



like a round ball from here. Did you know that the earth was round?

I love to watch the rivers flowing slowly to the oceans. I love to watch the snow on the mountaintops when it melts. It makes a little river of its own, finding its way to a big river, so they both can flow down to the ocean, together.

Now that I think about it, I don't think that I would



want to trade places with you or anything. I love it up here too much. And the next time that you go outside on a very dark night and look up into the sky, look for me. My name is Sammy Star and I will see you and I promise that I will wink at you.

Will you smile and wink back at me?
Good Night!

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OTHER VIEWS

DeLay has used his three strikes on ethics issues

If the U.S. House of Representatives had a "three strikes and you're out" rule, Majority Leader Tom DeLay would be moving back to resume his pest exterminating career in Sugar Land.

The House ethics committee handed DeLay two back-to-back reprimands within a week for violating the chamber's ethics rules. While the official sanction, admonishments, is the mildest the panel can impose, two of them in so short a time nonetheless suggest that a senior House leader has so little respect for the chamber's rules that he does not deserve to hold his high office.

The two penalties last week came in addition to a third rebuke the ethics committee imposed on DeLay in 1999.

"It is unprecedented for a member of the House to be admonished for improper conduct by the ethics committee on three different occasions," said Wertheimer of Democracy 21, an ethics-watchdog group, told the Houston Chronicle. "House Republicans will simply have no public credibility if they allow Mr. DeLay to continue functioning as the second-highest official in the House of Representatives."

Earlier, "the panel admonished DeLay for offering a political favor to a fellow Republican lawmaker if he voted for a Medicare prescription-drug bill. In 1999, DeLay was privately rebuked by the committee for improperly pressuring trade associations not to hire Democrats," the Chronicle reported.

The third rebuke said that the Sugar Land Republican had created an appearance "of giving donors special access on pending energy legislation and using the Federal Aviation Administration to intervene in a Texas political dispute." The Associated Press reported.

The admonishment for misusing the FAA resulted from DeLay's forcing the 78th Texas Legislature to redraw the state's congressional districts last year, although doing so was not required until after the 2010 census. When most Texas House Democrats fled the state at the end of the regular session to deny the chamber a quorum, DeLay sought the FAA's assistance to track them down — a heavy-handed action that also violated U.S. House rules, according to the ethics committee.

The panel delayed action on an additional complaint against the majority leader pending the outcome of a Travis County investigation of alleged violations of Texas election laws. Last month, three of DeLay's fund-raising associates were indicted on multiple felony counts. Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle has not ruled out the possible indictment of DeLay, as well as his close ally, Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

In addition, the FBI and a U.S. Senate committee are investigating allegations against two other close associates of DeLay. They are accused of defrauding Indian tribes who had engaged them for lobbying services they allegedly did not deliver. The two DeLay associates also steered political donations from some of those tribes to causes allied with the majority leader.

If DeLay is indicted in Travis County, he would have to step down as majority leader at least until he is tried. If he were to be acquitted, he then could resume his post.

But we have to agree with the House Democrats calling for DeLay to resign as majority leader now. He is enveloped in a cloud of sleaze that taints both his party and the House. He has shown that he has no respect for House rules. He sets the wrong example for his party and for all members of the House. He has proven himself unfit to continue to lead his party in the House.

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The wrong stuff works for Bush

Hey, I thought George W. Bush won debate No. 1, not on style but with his arguments. That's in part because I have grown used to "nucular" and the many "ums" that speckle his sentences. I have made myself accept that Bush is not Cicero, so I grin and bear Bushisms, such as "Science is important, but so's ethics." Most important, what Bush said in the first go-round worked for me, while Sen. John Kerry's remarks didn't sit well next to his record.



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My verdict on debate No. 2? Again, Kerry had the better vocabulary, more fluency on the issues and a better speaking style. Still, Kerry failed to change my mind about either him or Bush. Kerry was smoother but not convincing.

Kerry was best on health care. I don't see how he would pay for it — he says by dumping the Bush tax cut for top income earners, but he uses that pot to pay for every rainbow. However, I do like Kerry's plan to have the government pay for catastrophic health-care costs. It would help employers, reduce the disincentive to hire more workers and reduce the burden on families struggling to absorb rising health-care costs, too.

Kerry was clever on the Kyoto global-warming treaty. Bush invoked Kyoto, noting that "it would have cost America a lot of jobs. It's one of these deals where in order to be popular in the halls of Europe, you sign a treaty."

Kerry was on his game. He noted

Kyoto was "flawed." Then, he hit Bush for just saying goodbye to a flawed treaty rather than trying to negotiate fixes.

Kerry always hits Bush not for what he does but how he does it. That gets old. In debate No. 2, Kerry largely dumped "wrong war," "wrong way" and "wrong time" phrases, so I have to figure someone in Camp Kerry figures those lines sound hackneyed. Like a parody, Kerry illustrates how shamelessly he will bash Bush for doing what Kerry says he would do — only better.

The pundits predicted Bush would not do as well talking on domestic issues. Certainly, Dubya fumbled his answer on stem cells. (As in: "Science is important, but so's ethics.")

On the other hand, Bush gave great answers about the deficit, federal spending and the economy. Asked about his unconscionable failure not to veto a single spending bill, Bush noted, "We're at war, and I'm going to spend what it takes to win the war."

And later: "I am not going to shortchange our troops in harm's way, and I am not going to run up taxes that will cost this economy jobs." I still think Bush should have vetoed a spending bill, but he has a point.

At the end of the debate, a woman asked Bush to name three mistakes he has made. Nice try, lady, but Bush is not going to give Camp Kerry any more ammo. In fact, while Kerry faults Bush for not admitting his mistakes, Kerry doesn't really admit he made any. You see, the savvy senator was "misled" by Bush, so he voted for the "wrong war" at the wrong time because the wily Bush snowed him.

A new report by intelligence analyst Charles Duelfer, which

lays out that Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction — the big Bush mistake — demands a column of its own, and I'll write on that later. Right now, I would like to return to the Kerry line on the war in Iraq. Hint: It works best for people with no memory.

Kerry told the St. Louis crowd that he voted for the Senate resolution to authorize force in Iraq — only after he went to talk with U.N. Security Council members. "I talked to all of them to find out how serious they were about really holding Saddam Hussein accountable. I came away convinced that if we worked at it, if we were ready to work at letting Hans Blix do his job and thoroughly go through the inspections, that if push came to shove, they'd be there with us," he said.

This is part of the Kerry "last resort" fable about how he thought Bush would only go to war as a last resort after exhausting all U.N. venues. The problem is, before the vote, Bush had told the United Nations that the body could be either irrelevant or a real peacekeeping body and enforce its resolutions.

The Senate resolution makes no mention of a "last resort." It was a muscular document that repeated Bush's call that "the Security Council resolutions will be enforced, and the just demand of peace and security will be met, or action will be unavoidable."

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Bush becomes more presidential

How do you tell a president of the United States that he needs to be more presidential in his last debate?

"We didn't need to tell him," Karl Rove, Bush's chief political guru, told me. "He knew. He's a competitor, and he worked on it."

And for much of the debate in Tempe, Ariz., Wednesday, Bush did look more presidential.

But will it be enough to undo the damage these debates have done to him? Based on focus groups, polling and interviews with voters across the country, it seems apparent the three presidential debates diminished Bush and enhanced Kerry.

Before the debates began, the Bush campaign operated under one premise: "In the campaign thus far, the more voters have seen of John Kerry, the less they like him." Matthew Dowd, Bush's pollster, told me before the first debate. But in politics, especially the overheated politics of hard-fought presidential campaigns, it is easy to fall victim to one's own publicity campaign.

The Bush campaign did what presidential campaign almost always do: They created a caricature of their opponent, and through ads and speeches painted Kerry as a weak and vacillating liberal, who would probably be out windsurfing the next time Al Qaeda attacked our shores.

The problem for Bush is that this was not the Kerry most Americans saw during the debates.

"They saw a Kerry who is formal and presidential," Bob Shrum, one of Kerry's top advisers, told

me. "He looked like a commander in chief. He had stature, and he was likeable." Added Steve Elmendorf, a senior Kerry aide: "John Kerry won this election at the first debate. Voters saw John Kerry standing next to George Bush, and they saw the caricature of Kerry was not true."

Not everyone saw the debates that way, of course, including Rove, who thought Bush scored a decisive victory in the final debate. "He was in the zone," Rove said.

Rove also promised that Bush would not do what candidates usually do in the last weeks of a campaign: endlessly repeat their stump speech rather than risk making any mistakes.

"Over the next 20 days, you will see different speeches on a cluster of issues targeted to different states," Rove said. "The final debate was a fantastic end to that phase of the campaign, and we are now beginning the final phases. And George Bush is a strong closer."

He will need to be. The "bounce" that Bush got out of his nominating convention has all but disappeared, as many polls show the race a virtual tie.

It may turn out that the debates will be viewed as a separate and distinct chapter apart from the rest of the campaign. Going into the debates, Kerry suffered from an inability to do what all challenger campaigns must do: make the election about the incumbent.

But Kerry effectively used the debates to do just that: With a relentless litany of facts and figures that he summoned effortlessly from memory, Kerry repeatedly placed Bush on the defensive.

And Kerry also used the debates to make the campaign about Iraq. At his own convention and through the withering attack of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth in August, Kerry seemed trapped

in the tangled web of the Vietnam War. At the debates, however, Kerry made his central issue the war in Iraq and continued to paint Bush as a man who "rushed" to war.

In addition, Kerry's long and craggy face and sonorous speaking style helped him look presidential to millions of Americans who were viewing him for the first time. The first debate, at which Kerry was at his best, and Bush his worst, drew the largest audience: 61 million viewers.

And as Laura Bush told her husband, he spent too much of the debate slumped over the lectern and scowling. (A photograph of Bush taken at that debate appears to show some kind of device under his suit jacket, touching off rumors that he was receiving secret coaching during the debate. If true, the Democrats ought to hope that coach continues in his job.)

Debates do not necessarily determine the outcome of elections, however. While many analysts concluded that Gore lost his three debates against Bush in 2000, Gore went on to win the popular vote by more than 540,000 votes. But the Kerry campaign, who now feels Kerry has finally been introduced to the public in a positive way, is not depending on his debating skills to win the election.

"There are two central pillars to this campaign," says Kerry pollster Mark Mellman. "The Iraq mess and the squeeze of the middle class. And it's not either/or. John Kerry will kill terrorists and reduce health care costs!"

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Many years later, fears linger over deadly Spanish flu gene

By Susanne Quick
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MILWAUKEE — It doesn't take much to turn a mild strain of flu deadly, according to a scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his international team of researchers. Indeed, it appears it took just one gene to make the 1918 Spanish influenza virus into one of the most lethal and pernicious pandemics in history.

And researchers fear the gene could still be floating around — lying low, waiting for the right moment to strike again.

Their research is published in last week's issue of the journal Nature.

The flu of 1918 is notorious for its lethality. Killing at least 20 million people worldwide, it appeared to do so indiscriminately, felling not only the very young and old but also those in their prime.

This particular strain of the flu is — and was — unparalleled in its severity and scale; and each year, health officials cross their fingers in hopes that nothing like it will appear again.

That is because influenza is a highly infectious disease. Transmitted through the air, it can pass easily from person to person, making it difficult to contain. And in this day and age — with modern air travel, a larger population, more people moving to densely populated cities and flu viruses evolving at faster rates — if a strain of flu as virulent as that of the 1918 pandemic were to cut loose, the results would be devastating.

With a possible avian flu pandemic brewing in



KRT PHOTO/William Meyer/Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel
Gena Januszewski (center), who lives in South Milwaukee and works in Brookfield, Wis., looks away as she gets a flu shot from Georgia Hahn (right), a licensed practical nurse with Covenant Healthcare, at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield, Wis., on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004.

Asia, the fear is especially acute this year.

Yoshihiro Kawaoka, a virologist at UW-Madison and the University of Tokyo, thinks he and his team might have fingered the 1918 culprit: a gene that controls a protein called hemagglutinin.

And in so doing, they hope to help researchers understand what makes some strains — such as the 1918 strain — more

virulent than others.

"I think it is clear that the 1918 hemagglutinin enhances virulence in mice," said Adolfo Garcia-Sastre, a microbiologist at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, who was not involved with this report.

And it might suggest that it does the same thing in humans, he said. Although, he added, "it is important to try different

animal models to pinpoint what is actually

happening with this protein.

During the late 1990s, scientists were able to extract the 1918 flu's genetic material from the frozen remains of some of its victims.

Analyzing the material, they were able to sequence the virus and map a couple of genes they believed contributed to the strain's malignancy — including the one that codes for hemagglutinin, a protein that enables the virus to enter and infect cells.

In order to identify whether this gene was involved, Kawaoka and his colleagues tested it.

First, they engineered strains of human flu that cause mild reactions in mice.

Then they rebuilt the viruses, taking out the strains' own genes for hemagglutinin and replacing them with the 1918 form.

The results were dramatic.

In a creepy, almost *deja vu*-like manner, the mice exposed to these strains exhibited the same symptoms people did in 1918: severe inflammation and hemorrhaging of the lungs.

This was a clear indication that the lethality of this particular strain was not just the result of societal factors in 1918 — a lack of

modern medical care and antibiotic and the already weakened state of many of its victims because of World War I — but inherent virulence.

And Kawaoka believes that this gene is still around.

Analysis of the 1918 hemagglutinin gene indicates that it originated in birds. And because viral proteins such as this one are fairly conservative in form, it is likely it still exists — circulating among the viruses of our feathered friends.

Fortunately, both Kawaoka and Garcia-Sastre say the avian flu currently wreaking havoc in Southeast Asia does not have this gene.

Even if it did, although Kawaoka's work has firmly established the cause of the virulence, the way it works remains unclear.

But once researchers have figured that out, Garcia-Sastre said, they can begin to predict which emerging viruses are likely to become more lethal.

And scientists can engineer vaccinations that target those mechanisms.

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Military's single mom's have hard time saying good-bye to their children

By KIM NORTH SHINE

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DETROIT —Ricci Moore is a single mom. She's also a soldier.

Until now, it never came down to mom vs. military. Motherhood was Moore's primary mission. But she became Sgt. Moore fulltime when she boarded a bus to Fort McCoy, Wis., before sunrise last week, trading her job as sole provider for 9-year-old Joey for a tour of duty in Iraq.

Moore, with the Michigan National Guard's 1225th Combat Support Battalion, could be gone for up to two years and probably won't see her family during that time.

After several weeks training in Wisconsin, Moore, 40, will ship out for Iraq with thousands of troops.

She'll have administrative duties, probably doing payroll, rather than going on combat patrols. But, Iraq is a theater of action without front lines. The enemy can come with



KRT photo/Roman Blanquart
Sgt. Ricci Moore carries her bags to the bus that left the Detroit Light Guard Armory enroute to Fort McCoy, Wis., where she will train before being deployed to the Middle East.

rocket launchers on donkey carts, suicide car-bombings or artillery shells rigged in roadside booby traps.

Joey, his mom and their extended family said good-bye a few short hours before her bus left the Detroit Light Guard Armory, where the battalion is based, with about 25 other soldiers. The good-bye came at the

Detroit home of Moore's sister Pam Shaw, who has become Joey's temporary parent.

Joey didn't want to let his mom go. He buried his face in her Army shirt and cried. She cried, too, promising between tears that she'd be calling for a ride home from the airport before they knew it.

The tearful farewell was exactly what Moore did not want.

During her final minutes with her family Sunday night, they prayed for strength and for protection and for the speedy passage of time.

The family, led by strong, closely bonded women —big on nicknames, affection and blunt honesty — comforted the kids and each other.

The sobbing went on until Shaw, a k a Gram-Gram, finally cut it short "Just go, Ricci. Just go."

She did, leaving Joey in his aunt's lap. His lanky legs hung over his aunt's while he cried on her shoulder.

"It'll be OK," she told Joey. "Whenever you need

a hug, Gram-Gram is here. I have more hugs than you'll ever need."

Marching off to active duty, Moore is also stepping off in faith that her son, the son she's taught to respect a "college fund over cars" and "engineering over athletics," will be OK.

Finding a stand-in mom for Joey, whose father has never been involved in his life, was one of the most difficult preparations Moore had to make in the weeks before her departure.

Moore and other Guard members going on full-time duty must take leaves from jobs, get physicals and notify landlords and mortgage companies. And then there is planning for the worst — appointing a power of attorney and updating life insurance.

Unlike most soldiers, these single, sole-provider

parents face the additional task of finding someone to care for their children.

They must submit for approval family care plans showing where their children will go, how they will be financially supported and what will happen should they not make it back.

Single-parent soldiers represent a growing part of the military.

"We're seeing more and more people in this situation. It's a hard situation, but they are some of our best soldiers, our hardest-working soldiers because they're used to having to work hard," said Lt. Col. Henry Cason Jr., who commands Moore's battalion.

As he was introduced to his soldiers' children following a send-off ceremony at the armory, Cason had to walk away to compose himself as he, too, teared up.

"I feel an enormous sense of responsibility for these men and women and for their families," Cason said.

At the armory, several single parent soldiers, mainly moms, are in similar circumstances.

Sgt. Priscilla Swan's 15-year-old son, Shenandoah, will live with her brother's family. She's asked Oak Park School District counselors to help keep an eye on him. "This is such a hard age," said Swan, 36. "They're part baby and part grown up."

Sgt. Venice Hawkins, 36, is leaving three teenagers with her sister. They will stay at their own home, unlike most of the soldiers' children who must relocate.

"This is when you find out how much you've really taught them," Hawkins said before she left for Wisconsin almost two weeks ago.

Trying on swimming apparel

Something no self-respecting woman should do

I did something the other day that no self-respecting woman should ever do.

I tried on swimming apparel.

Normally sane, I couldn't resist the price tag. It was a bad experience, (what else), which I later attributed to bad lighting, fat mirrors and ghostly pal-



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my brain sent me into a depression, which in turn led me to a craving for fast food.

I drove directly to the local fast food place, stared at the red button, fought with myself and finally ordered a large diet soda.

I wondered over and over what had I been thinking. First of all, it's almost winter. There's also the tiny fact that these wretched things are not wearer-friendly. In fact, they aren't any type of friendly.

Secondly, I don't have a pool. And I'm not going anywhere that

might have a pool.

I now know I can't entertain thoughts of buying something of this nature just because it's cheap.

I'll steer clear of bathing suits and stick with my usual style — outfits that fare well even in the event that there's bad lighting, fat mirrors and ghostly pal-

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IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season in November.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Ragball tournament set for early Nov.

A ragball tournament has been set up to help raise money for Relay for Life.

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park. Registration will take place that Saturday at 1 p.m.

The teams are made up of five men and five women and it costs \$10 per player to participate.

For more information, contact Angel at the bus barn at 264-4108.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls in volleyball, basketball, track, training and cheerleading are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

Rangers, Stars owner Hicks retires early

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Hicks, multimillionaire owner of the Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars, has reportedly told investors of the buyout firm he co-founded that he will retire on Jan. 1, three months ahead of schedule.

Hicks' retirement party is planned for Tuesday evening at a private home, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"It just feels right," Hicks, the 58-year-old chairman of Dallas-based Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Inc., told the newspaper in a telephone interview Monday. "I want to start the new year with a fresh focus."

Hicks made the announcement to investors for the firm's annual partners' meeting, which began Monday at the Four Seasons Resort in Las Colinas.

In March, Hicks had announced that he would step down in a year from Hicks Muse, one of the country's largest buyout firms.

Hicks said then he wanted to spend more time on his sports teams, real estate holdings and with his family.

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Lady Steers secure second after five-game win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Big Spring volleyball coach Revis Daggett said if Lubbock Estacado comes to play volleyball, they are a very scary team. And she had a feeling they would come ready to play Saturday at home against the Lady Steers.

Unfortunately, Daggett was right as Big Spring needed more games than expected to defeat Estacado as they returned home with a five-game victory, its first of the year.

"It was a nail biter," said Daggett. "That was our first five-game win of

the year, but a situation like that could help us in the playoffs."

Big Spring (22-16) won the match 25-18/20-25/23-25/25-14/15-3.

"We won the first set easily," Daggett added. "Then we checked out and they started to play ball."

After Estacado began to play ball they took a two games to one lead before Big Spring outscored them 40-17 in the final two games.

The victory improved the Lady Steers' district mark to 7-2 and secured a second place District 4-4A record, trailing only

undefeated Lake View. Senior Shannon Higgins led the Lady Steers with 17 points on 12 kills, three solo blocks and two aces. She also contributed 22 set assists and 13 digs.

Senior Stefani Scott scored 12 points on 10 kills, two assisted blocks and one ace and had a team-high 33 digs. Juniors Carmen Lewis and Raegan Ritchey also contributed in the scor-

ing. Lewis had 10 kills, one ace and 28 digs, while Ritchey's balanced attack featured five kills, one solo block, three assisted blocks, two aces and a team-high 33 digs.

Senior Cycelye Tuitt, who played in just two games on the night, recorded five kills and two assisted blocks, while junior Brenn Swinney added six kills of her own. Sophomore Katy Abner recorded 32 digs and two aces, while senior Kendal Adams added 22 set assists, 16 digs and three aces.

Big Spring's final district match will take place

tonight in Plainview. The team then plays in a warm-up match before the playoffs begin. The warm-up match will be played next Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Big Spring against Midland Christian.

The postseason begins Oct. 29, but Big Spring's first round opponent has not yet been determined. They will either play Canyon Randal or Pampa near the Lubbock area. However, the Lady Steers will not know for sure until Oct. 27 because that is when the two team's district season ends.



ADAMS

Astros get on rookie's Back(e) before Kent's blast ends it in ninth

By JOEL ANDERSON
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Brandon Backe was almost perfect, the most improbable postseason hero for the most unlikely playoff team.

Now Backe and the Houston Astros are a win away from an incredible upset.

Backe's one-hitter in a career-high eight innings and Jeff Kent's three-run homer in the ninth sent the Astros to their third straight win in the NL championship series Monday night, 3-0 over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Houston now holds a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series, and needs only one more win for the franchise's first World Series appearance in 43 years of existence.

Thing is, the Astros wouldn't even be here if not for the 26-year-old Galveston native, who dreamed of taking the mound for his favorite childhood team on nights like this.

"I can't really describe what happened out there tonight," he said. "When you feel as good as I did out there and felt in the rhythm that I was in, you just feel like nobody can hit you."

Only one person in St. Louis' powerful lineup did: No. 7 hitter Tony Womack.

Backe outdueled St. Louis' Woody Williams in the greatest game of his career, making a run at history by taking a no-hitter into the sixth inning before allowing the single. He left the game after the eighth, handing the ball to closer Brad Lidge with a scoreless tie.

Lidge got three quick outs, and Kent sent Jason Istringhausen's pitch deep to left in the bottom half of the inning for the win.

None of it would have been possible without Backe.

"Backe did a phenomenal job," Kent said. "He's able to keep himself focused. He's not caught up in the hype of the playoffs."

After the right-hander retired his first 13 batters, he walked Jim Edmonds with a pitch in the fifth. Backe still didn't allow a hit until his 78th pitch, when Womack sent a grounder through the gap between first and second.

The crowd groaned, but gave him a spirited standing ovation before he took the mound again to face Larry Walker.

Backe walked him on the next at-bat, prompting a brief huddle on the

mound with pitching coach Jim Hickey and catcher Brad Ausmus.

"I was concerned as we got deeper in the game and the crowd kept getting into it more and more," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "When he gave up the hit, I was concerned. Sometimes hitting can turn into a frenzy when something like that happens."

But showing poise uncommon for someone new to the pressures of October, Backe retired the next seven batters to complete only the third postseason start of his career.

Once it was over, he pumped his fist and shouted as he sprinted from the mound to the dugout.

Mostly a reliever in the past, he emerged as the Astros' third starting pitcher in late August after spending two months with Triple A New Orleans.

The minor leagues never seemed so far away.

In two weeks, Backe pitched the Astros to a wild-card berth with a clutch performance in the regular-season finale, won the first postseason start of his career in Game 3 of the division series against Atlanta, and now has put Houston one win away from its first NL pennant.

Backe has become something of a Houston fan favorite, an excitable guy from a nearby coastal city who is incredibly demonstrative on the mound.

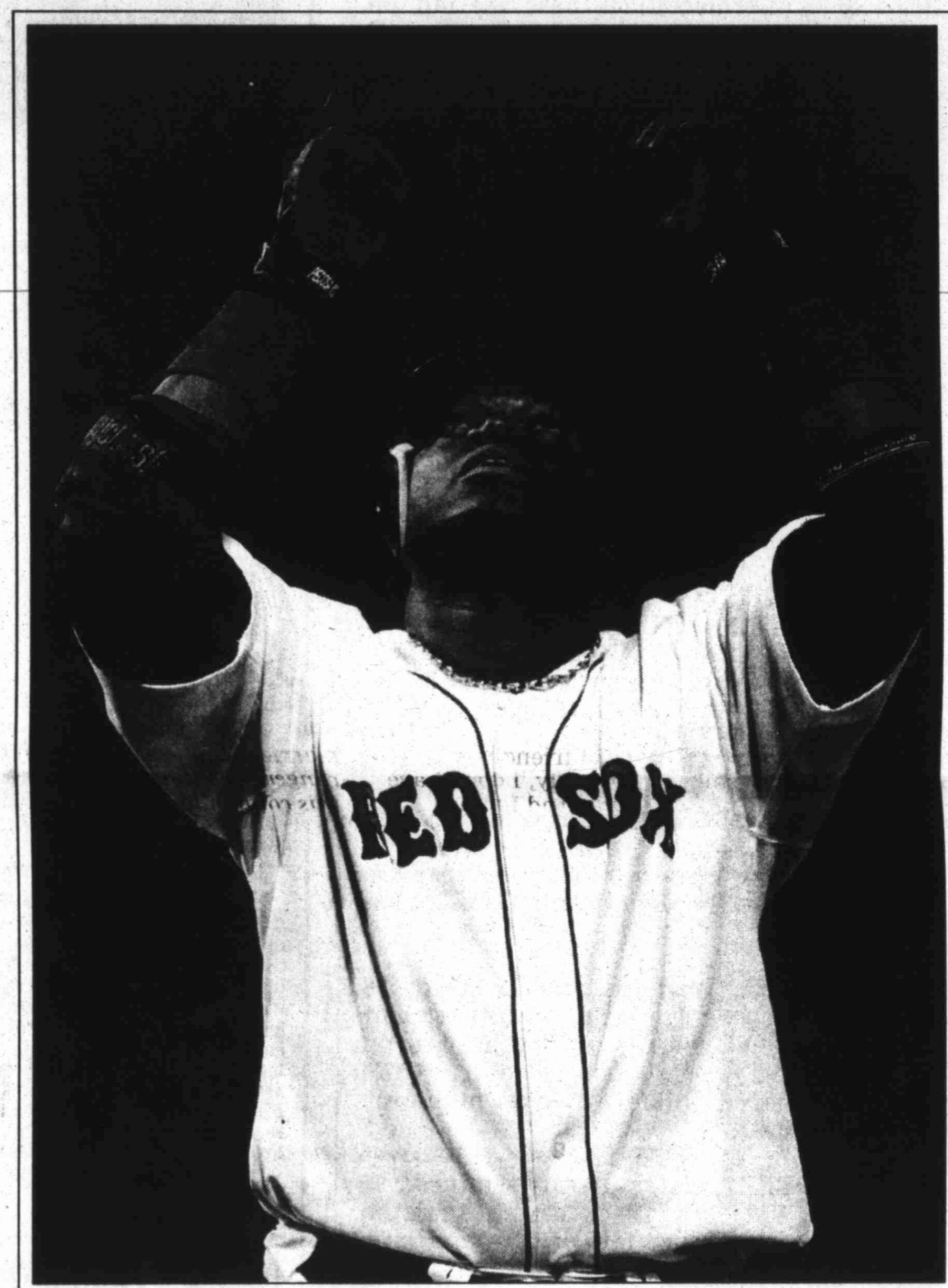
"I have a lot of energy and it's obvious to everybody," Backe said. "I kind of fall back on the crowd, to tell you the truth. They help me out, keep me going."

Fans started chanting "Back-e, Back-e" in the fifth and got much louder in the sixth, as Backe continued to dazzle them.

However, the most noise probably came from Sec. 122 of Minute Maid Park.

Wearing a red No. 41 T-shirt, clutching a rally towel in one hand and a beer in the other, Harold Backe was a bundle of nerves during his son's special night. He stood throughout much of the night, holding a home-made sign that read: "Backe Bee Hot Today."

"I'm so strung out, I can barely control myself," he said. "Brandon and I are connected — I can't explain it. This is exactly what I expected him to do."



KRT photo/Paul J. Bereswill, Newsday
Boston's David Ortiz looks up to the sky as he crosses home plate in the eighth inning of game 5 of the ALCS at Fenway Park Monday night.

Coahoma gears up for district run

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Coahoma cross country team traveled to Abilene Saturday for one final warm-up run before the district meet in Colorado City Monday, Oct. 25.

The team broke off into four-person teams at Nelson Park and each person ran one mile during the race.

Stephen Ewing, Coahoma's only member of the boy's team, teamed up with two runners from

Abilene. Ewing ran the first and fourth legs of the race and led his team to a first place finish in their division.

Ewing opened with a 5:27 and the had a closing mile time of 5:21.

The girls team split into six different teams for this meet and each team finished in the top-10.

Monica Moreljon, Britnee Nix, Krista Kerby and Sterling Gee took third place, while Sarah Bartlett, Sarah Collom, Tara Bradley and Caylea Wood took fourth.

The team of Sini Laurikkala, Chelsea Gonzales, Tiffany Reid and Liz Conley placed fifth, while Brianna Thurman, Vickie Cortez, Kayla Gutierrez and Christi Rich placed seventh. The team of Janice Gonzales, Drew Wells, Kelsea Wood and Shawny Richters took eighth and Jessica Pittman, Sarah Dunn, Tessa Williams and Heather Sheppard's team placed ninth.

The district meet in Colorado City has a tentative 9:30 a.m. start time.

Cowboy colors not sported at polls

ARLINGTON (AP) — A warning to Dallas Cowboys fans who plan to vote in this North Texas city: Leave your team colors at home.

Polling places are no place for fan gear, election officials say.

Elections Administrator Robert Parten said Monday that anyone sporting a Cowboys logo at an Arlington voting site will be told to cover up their allegiance to the team if they want to cast a ballot.

He said he ordered the

prohibition because of a provision on the Arlington ballot that asks whether taxpayers should help pay for a \$650 million Cowboys stadium in their city.

"Anytime you go into a polling place and what you're wearing shows something that's on the ballot, that's electioneering," Gayle Hamilton, assistant elections administrator for Tarrant County, said.

State law prohibits voters at the polls with clothing, jewelry or badges

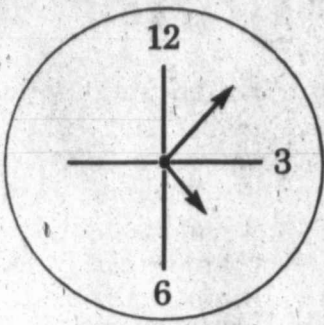
that promote or denounce a candidate or proposition on a ballot.

Parten said in an election year, the big blue star that's a fixture at Texas Stadium may also be considered a political statement in favor of the proposition.

For those who don't obey the prohibition, election officials have ordered smocks like those worn in hospital exam rooms that Arlington residents can wear to cover their Cowboys paraphernalia in the voting booth.

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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 6-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored soft plastics spinnerbaits and black/blue jigs along structure. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water muddy (upper end of lake); 71 degrees; 7.8-foot low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits and big jigs in 5 - 10 feet near rocky areas and flooded vegetation lines. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows suspended in 12 - 14 feet near dericks. White bass are good on shallow flats in 3 - 8 feet on shad-imitation crankbaits and jigs with inline spinners. Blue and channel catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits in shallow water and flooded vegetation.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 78 degrees; 6.73-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 77 degrees; 9.4-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 17.3-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits, watermelon jigs, and soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on jigs and live bait. Catfish are fair on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees. Black bass are fair on black/chartreuse jigs and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 27-foot low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 29-foot low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and soft jerkbaits and dark greens soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 31-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small crankbaits.

Ortiz gives Boston at least one more

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — David Ortiz lifted the ball into center field on the 471st pitch of the night, and for the second time in 22 1/2 hours, the Boston Red Sox poured out of their dugout to celebrate an improbable ending.

With another game that seemed it would never end, Boston's season just won't end.

Ortiz's RBI single off Esteban Loaiza with two outs in the 14th inning Monday night gave the Red Sox a 5-4 victory over the New York Yankees and pulled them to 3-2 in an AL championship series that is testing the endurance of players and fans alike.

The Red Sox, one inning away from elimination Sunday night, now are one game away from climbing out of a 3-0 deficit and forcing an anything-can-happen Game 7.

This time, Boston was six outs from elimination before Ortiz's leadoff homer off Tom Gordon and Jason Varitek's sacrifice fly off Mariano Rivera tied it 4-4 in the eighth.

The next six innings were agonizingly tense, filled with a double play, three passed balls in the same inning, two Red Sox runners thrown out trying to steal second and 10 runners left on base.

When it was over, the teams had played back-to-

back marathons that totaled 26 innings and almost 11 hours — 5 hours, 2 minutes on Sunday and 5:49 Monday — the longest by time in postseason history.

In one pass through the Yankee lineup, Boston pitchers struck out Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, Hideki Matsui, Jorge Posada, Ruben Sierra and Tony Clark.

But after the ball nearly got away from Varitek again, popping out of the catcher's glove but staying near the plate, Wakefield escaped by striking out Sierra on a 70 mph knuckler.

Johnny Damon started the winning rally by drawing a one-out walk, and Manny Ramirez

walked with two outs. Ortiz, who won Game 4 with a two-run homer in the bottom of the 12th inning, then fouled off eight two-strike pitches, including one that just missed being a home run down the right-field line, before dumping a soft single into center field.

Half the Red Sox ran to greet Damon coming home; the others mobbed Ortiz halfway to second base.

Injured ace Curt Schilling is slated to start for the Red Sox in Game 6 against Jon Lieber.

Both teams could surely use the rest after three games in Boston that saw 1,973 pitches, 82 hits and 29 pitching changes over 35 innings.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The sun and Saturn

love. It may feel temporarily wonderful to have someone be infatuated with you, but it usually gets old fast. After all, who wants the responsibility of making someone else's life decisions?



Joyce Jillson

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships add to your life in unexpected and delightful ways. Make note of the graciousness you come upon so you can later acknowledge it well. Anticipate a slight (and fleeting) dip in your confidence this evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be considering your friendships very carefully. After all, you treat the ones you love so well, you simply don't deserve to be subjected to someone's using behavior. Try not to take others' actions too personally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Aim for what you want. You're incredibly secure now. Beware of people who bother you with their "temporary" problems -- all the time. Tonight, do more than you were asked to do. You'll win the heart of someone worthy!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not quite time to lay down the law in a relationship, ask for a raise or put down the payment on that new car. But the research you do will help you immensely when it is that time -- and you won't have long to wait!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're filled with bravado -- like an invincible

8-year-old who doesn't yet know enough about

the world's limitations (and therefore is spared by many of them!). You make fairly sound decisions when you shoot from the hip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People in your midst have earned a pat on the back, and you're just the one to give it. Have no ulterior motives. Delight in the good news of family and friends, even though you're feeling as competitive as it gets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll stumble onto an endeavor that could turn into something you're passionate about. For this reason, you may be willing to start at the bottom. But you may not have to. Investigate options before saying "yes" too quickly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Dominating people are part of the equation at work. It's probably easier to let them have their little show of authority and then do whatever you want since these folks care more about getting attention than about being right.

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Annie's Mailbox®:
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I applaud your response to "Struggling with Weight in Texas," who worried that she would pass along her weight problems to her child. You also asked your readers who'd kept the weight off for at least two years to write and tell you how they did it.

I joined Weight Watchers (weightwatchers.com) and lost 60 pounds in seven months. I've kept the weight off for nearly three years. With all of the crazy choices and deprivation diets these days, it's nice to know that I can still enjoy food on this program. I simply make better choices. Being active also is very important.

I hope that the writer has taken some steps toward becoming healthier with her daughter. I know it helped me show my two young boys how happy their mother is by choosing the fruit over the cookies. -- Happy Mom in Washington

Dear Happy Mom: We were gratified by the hun-



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

dreds of letters we received from readers offering their success stories to help others lose weight. Here's more:

From Waupun, Wis.: I belong to TOPS -- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (www.tops.org). I have lost 75 pounds and have kept it off for 26 years. I couldn't have done it without the fellowship of other members. We discuss what helped during the week and what didn't work. We do not hand out a diet. What works for me may not work for someone else. TOPS is very reasonable; membership is \$20 annually (\$25 in Canada), plus chapter dues.

Nevada: I am 5 foot 2 inches, and reached near-

ly 180 pounds in graduate school. However, for the last four years, I have maintained a much healthier 125 pounds. I initially lost the weight by dieting -- high protein, low fat and low carbs (along with multivitamins and lots of colorful fruits and vegetables). I've kept the weight off through exercise. I've been riding horses for 30-60 minutes three to five times a week, along with all the work around the barn, yard and gardens.

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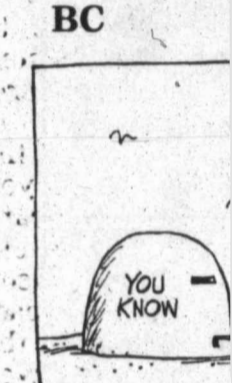
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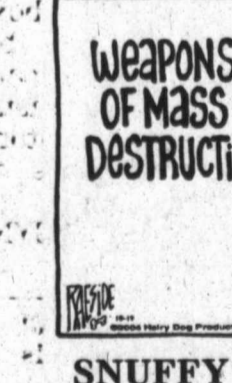
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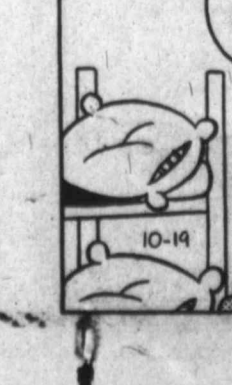
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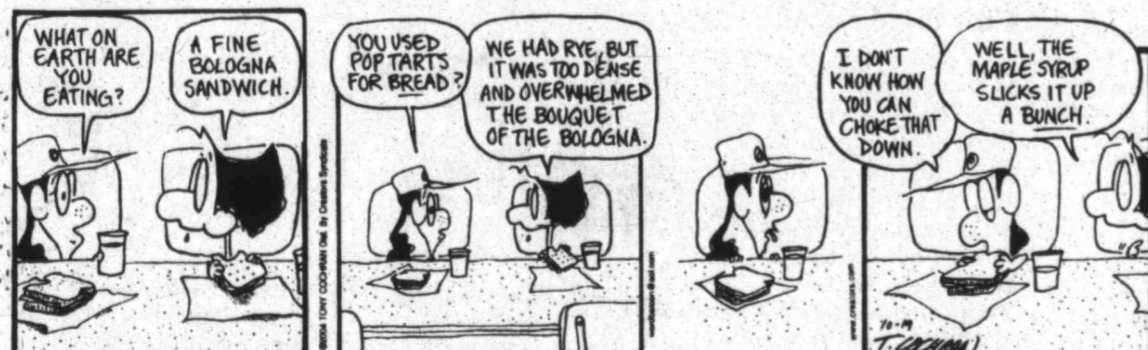
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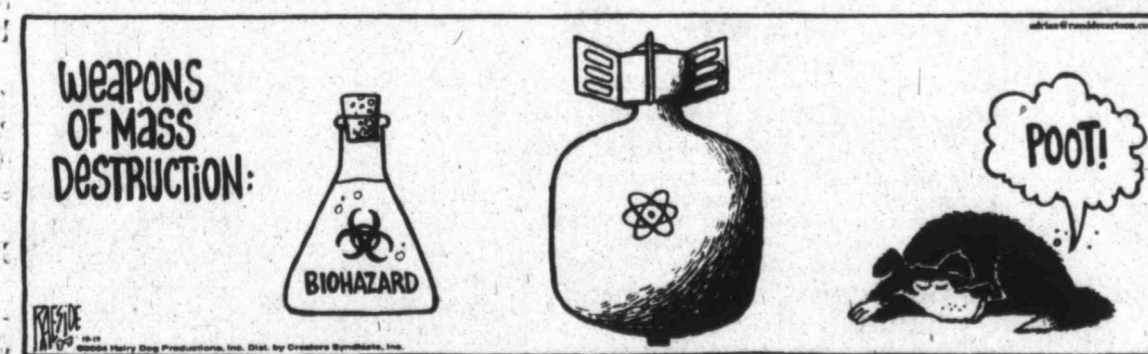
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 19, the 293rd day of 2004. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.

In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1944, the Navy

announced that black women would be allowed into Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (the WAVES).

In 1944, the play "I Remember Mama," by John van Druten, opened at the Music Box Theater on Broadway.

In 1950, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

In 1951, President Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

In 1960, the United States imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value.

Today's Birthdays: Former ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 86. Columnist Jack

Anderson is 82. Author John-le Carre is 73. Artist Peter Max is 67. Actor Michael Gambon is 64. Actor John Lithgow is 59. Former National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland is 59. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 59. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 52. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger (World Party) is 47. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 44. Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 39. Actor Jon Favreau is 38. Amy Carter is 37. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 35. Comedian Chris Kattan is 34.

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 53 Reporter's question | 4 Night before | 32 New drivers, mostly |
| 1 Receded | 56 Actress Garr | 5 Least shallow | 34 "Woe is me!" |
| 6 Ginger cookie | 57 Impromptu jazz performance | 6 Back of a boat | 35 Face feature |
| 10 Walk the floor | 60 Former Ugandan leader | 7 Dapper | 38 Working |
| 14 On top of | 61 Forget to include | 8 From __ Z | 42 Increases, as a price |
| 15 "Later!", in London | 62 Male relative | 9 Device in a booth | 44 __ Claire, WI |
| 16 Steam appliance | 63 Residence | 10 Recipe phrase | 45 Foundation |
| 17 Noisy plaything | 64 Flying mammals | 11 Vicinity | 47 Confess to a crime |
| 19 Bookish one | 65 Nudges | 12 Midwest crop | 48 Ticks and fleas |
| 20 Superlative suffix | | 13 Finishes | 49 Colorado neighbor |
| 21 Ocean liner destination | | 18 Region | 50 Jules Verne character |
| 22 Pie nuts | | 23 Cup handle | 51 Quick haircut |
| 24 Copper-coated coin | | 24 Salty solution | 53 Candle center |
| 25 "So there!" | | 26 Picture puzzle | 54 Needle need |
| 26 Correct, as a manuscript | | 27 Chris of tennis | 55 Wallet stuffers |
| 29 Small crown | | 28 Parish priest | 58 Physicians' grp. |
| 33 Dislodge, as a tenant | | 29 Underground chamber | 59 __-cone |
| 34 Economist Greenspan | | 30 Clamor | |
| 36 Golfer's cry | | 31 Oversight | |
| 37 At one's __ and call | | | |
| 38 Martini garnish | | | |
| 39 Beget | | | |
| 40 Russian river | | | |
| 41 Back of the neck | | | |
| 42 Bricklayer | | | |
| 43 Thoroughfares | | | |
| 45 Farm machines | | | |
| 46 Scrooge's cross word | | | |
| 47 Not together | | | |
| 49 Not factual | | | |
| 52 Office furniture | | | |

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How We Elect Our President

The Electoral Vote

On Nov. 2, 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."

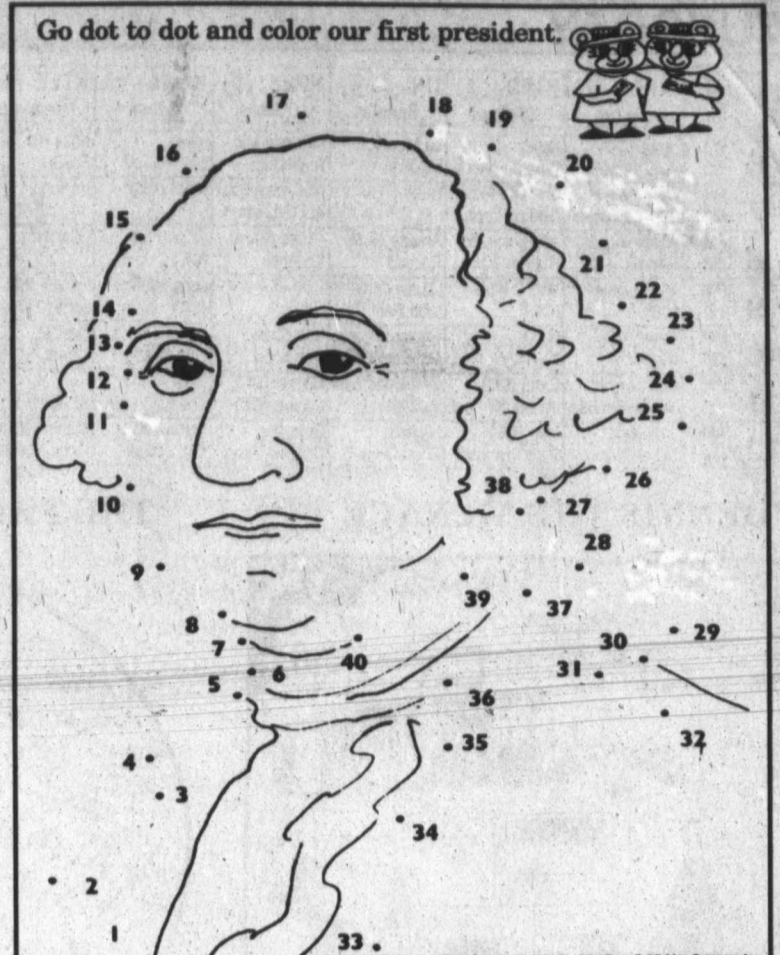
The Constitution sets down the rules for electing a president. Each state is allotted a certain number of votes. These votes are called "electoral votes." Today, the total number of electoral votes for the whole country is 538.

In most states the winning ticket wins all of that state's electoral votes.* This is called "winner takes all."

*In Maine and Nebraska, the electoral vote may be split between the candidates.

Electoral votes for each state and the District of Columbia

Alabama	9	Louisiana	9	Oklahoma	7
Alaska	3	Maine	4	Oregon	7
Arizona	10	Maryland	10	Pennsylvania	21
Arkansas	6	Massachusetts	12	Rhode Island	4
California	55	Michigan	17	South Carolina	8
Colorado	9	Minnesota	10	South Dakota	3
Connecticut	7	Mississippi	6	Tennessee	11
Delaware	3	Missouri	11	Texas	34
District of Columbia	3	Montana	3	Utah	5
Florida	27	Nebraska	5	Vermont	3
Georgia	15	Nevada	5	Virginia	13
Hawaii	4	New Hampshire	4	Washington	11
Idaho	4	New Jersey	15	West Virginia	5
Illinois	21	New Mexico	5	Wisconsin	10
Indiana	11	New York	31	Wyoming	3
Iowa	7	North Carolina	15		
Kansas	6	North Dakota	3		
Kentucky	8	Ohio	20		
				TOTAL	538



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Warm Apple Cider
Chilly fall days are good days for sipping cider.

You'll need:
• 1 quart apple juice
• 5 whole cloves
• 1/4 cup brown sugar
• 4 cinnamon sticks

What to do:
1. Combine the apple juice, cloves and brown sugar in a large pot.
2. Heat on medium heat for 10 minutes, then on low heat for 15 minutes.
3. Remove the cloves.
4. Pour cider into four mugs and add a cinnamon stick to each for stirring. Serves 4.

Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

Write the number of votes for each state on the map and in the boxes. After the election, color in the states that voted for the Republican ticket. Use another color to shade in the states that voted for the Democratic ticket.

270 ELECTORAL VOTES ARE NEEDED TO WIN.

Site to see: www.archives.gov/federal_register/electoral_college

This is how the states and the District of Columbia voted in the 2000 election. Compare how they vote in this year's election.

AL...R	CA...D	DC...D	ID...R	KS...R	MD...D	MS...R	NV...R	NY...D	OK...R	SC...R	UT...R	WV...R
AK...R	CO...R	FL...R	IL...D	LA...R	MA...D	MO...R	NH...R	NC...R	OR...D	SD...R	VA...D	WI...D
AZ...R	CT...D	GA...R	IN...R	KY...R	MI...D	MT...R	NJ...D	ND...R	PA...R	TN...R	TX...R	WY...R
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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Priest Holmes

Height: 5-9 Birthdate: 10-7-73
Weight: 213 College: Texas

Put a football in Priest Holmes' hands, and then watch the fireworks. The Kansas City Chiefs running back is one of the most explosive players in pro football. He led the NFL in touchdowns last season with 27, gained more than 1,000 yards (1,420) for the third year in a row, and caught 74 passes.

Holmes learned a lot about outmaneuvering opponents playing chess, a game he teaches youth in Kansas City. He also improved his strength by lifting the fender of a car and pulling the auto!

Some skeptics doubted Holmes would make it as a pro. He wasn't drafted after a respectable career at Texas, but signed as a free agent with Baltimore eight years ago. Holmes worked hard and became a superstar who shines on and off the football field.

Meet Holly Hunter

Holly Hunter was a star on the stage at an early age. She won the lead role as Helen Keller in her fifth-grade play and has been acting ever since.

When she finished high school, Holly studied drama at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. After college, she met a playwright in a stalled elevator in New York City. The playwright ended up offering Holly parts in some of her plays.

Holly later moved to Los Angeles, where she got roles in many films. She is the voice of "Elastigirl" in the upcoming movie "The Incredibles."

Holly, 46, grew up in Conyers, Ga. She is the youngest of seven kids. She enjoys playing the piano.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Stanley: What kind of music do astronauts like to listen to?
Irene: Rock-et-roll!

June: Why don't astronauts relate well to other people?
Frances: They are not down-to-earth!

Eric: Where do astronauts keep their sandwiches?
Wally: In their launch-boxes!

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

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

Each state is allotted a number of electoral votes equal to the number of members it has in the U.S. Congress.

For example: Maine has two senators and two representatives, so it has a total of four electoral votes.

The political party in each state nominates a set of electors equal to the state's number of members of Congress.

IF A STATE HAS FOUR PEOPLE IN CONGRESS, IT WOULD HAVE:

- four Republican electors, who would be expected to vote for the Republican ticket.
- four Democratic electors, who would be expected to vote for the Democratic ticket.

Republican ticket **Democratic ticket**

Bush Cheney Kerry Edwards

Other political parties and independent candidates nominate a set of electors, too.

Counting electoral votes
We usually know who the winner is on election night by counting the electoral votes. However, there are other steps to make it official.

In December, the winning electors, or special voters from each state, meet in their state capitals and cast their votes.

These electoral votes are put into sealed envelopes and sent to the president of the U.S. Senate. On Jan. 6, he opens the envelopes. He reads the results before a meeting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

If there is a tie, or if no one gets as many as 270 electoral votes, the House of Representatives must decide who will be president. Each state has only one vote in this situation.

This has happened only twice in our country's history.

TRY 'N FIND
Words and names that remind us of the Electoral College are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used more than once. See if you can find: VOTE, ELECTORAL, CONSTITUTION, NOMINATE, CANDIDATES, DUTIES, TEAM, DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, TICKET, MEMBERS, CONGRESS, SEALED, ENVELOPE, PRESIDENT, WINNER.

ENCOURAGE YOUR PARENTS TO VOTE!

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Mini Spy ...
Mini Spy and her friends are going to vote. See if you can find:
• man in the moon • word MINI • strawberry • boomerang

VOTE!

- carrot
- kite • lips
- pencil
- tooth
- bell • key
- heart
- umbrella
- teapot
- olive • sock
- sailboat
- butterfly
- number 7
- ruler
- ladder

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