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Mayors establish regional group

By ANDREA LAMB
Staff Writer

Hereford Mayor Wes Fisher was one of 17 Panhandle city mayors who took a big step Thursday in chartering a Panhandle League of Mayors—a move to draw attention to the Panhandle area in the state legislature.

Representing the Texas Municipal League Region II (the Panhandle), the mayors adopted articles of association which will provide the foundation for the mayors league.

The articles say the league will, among other things, "conduct research in any area of concern to Region II cities" and "represent Region II cities' interests before legislative and administrative bodies."

The league eventually plans to incorporate cities in West Texas and the South Plains which are apparently feeling the same snub from the Texas legislature that the Panhandle area has been feeling.

According to the Texas Municipal League, the 104-county area covering El Paso to Abilene up through Amarillo represents 41 percent of Texas counties, yet it only represents 18 percent of the state House of Representatives and 19 percent of the Texas Senate.

But the Panhandle League of Mayors intends to concentrate on the Panhandle for now.

"We feel like this is an area that has been overlooked (in the state legislature)," said Fisher in an earlier interview. "We would like to see more money used here for community development, highways and this sort of thing."

Fisher, along with Pampa Mayor David McDaniel and Panhandle Mayor Les McNeil, will make recommendations for the association's operating procedures.

According to a story in Friday's *Amarillo Daily News*, financing for



Hereford Mayor
Wes Fisher

the league will be based on charging a minimum fee with an added per capita charge.

One of the major concerns of the league will be hiring a lobbyist who will represent the region at Austin.

Spearman Mayor Ralph Blodgett, who was appointed as advisory member to the panel, said hiring a lobbyist could be very effective for the area.

"If you have a good lobbyist that understands the art of compromise and has good credibility, he can do a lot of good," said Blodgett, a former president of TML. "We need someone who understands the difference between a frivolous request and something that really matters."

The coalition will estimate costs of hiring such a lobbyist which, according to Blodgett, could run up to \$300,000 a year but Fisher said the money shouldn't be a factor since the lobbyist would represent the many municipalities in this area that would contribute to his salary.

ED study shows area decline

By JOHN BROOKS
Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County and Hereford should not have to work too terribly hard to regain the "boomtown" prosperity of the 1960s and early 1970s but could experience a steady decline in growth and prosperity if "nothing" is done, according to a study reviewed Thursday night by the Economic Development Strategy Council and its advisory committee.

The panels met together at the Deaf Smith County Library to review the study prepared by the Department of Rural Sociology at Texas A&M University. The study used historical trends, raw data from Hereford, the county, and the surrounding area, and a database model prepared by TAMU that presents economic scenarios that differ depending on community intervention.

"It looks grim for us if things stay the same, if there's no intervention," said Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, the EDSC executive director. "If there is some intervention, good things are in store for the community."

The study compares Deaf Smith County with the other 24 counties in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and mirrors Hereford's data with figures from Pampa, Borger, Levelland and Plainview (cities of similar size); Dalhart, Perryton and Tulia (because of their similarities to Hereford); and Canyon (because of its proximity and likely interconnections with Hereford).

Comparing the figures, the study indicates:

—The economy in all of the counties has declined, but Deaf Smith County's economy has declined the least:

—A steady loss of manufacturing firms;

—Retail trade and service business has declined sharply;

—Deaf Smith County's per capita income is the lowest of all of the counties;

—The level of education is among the lowest in the region;

—The county has experienced a steady outmigration over the last two decades;

—The county has had rapid changes in its labor force, and in 1981, 1982, 1985 and 1987 Deaf Smith County had the highest average annual rate of unemployment of any county in the region, and Hereford had a higher unemployment rate in 1987 than any of the comparison cities;

—Deaf Smith County and Hereford show wider fluctuations in gross sales than other areas.

Some of the data is supportive of economic development prospects, including the low per capita income and the availability



Study point

Rumaldo Garcia, left, listens as John Perrin makes a point while discussing the overall plan being considered during a Thursday meeting of the Economic Development Strategy Council and its ad-

visory committee. The group examined a trend analysis compiled by Texas A&M University that showed what Hereford could become, depending on economic development efforts.

of raw products that would support several industries. The study says, however, "The year-to-year fluctuation in agricultural income suggests the need to diversify the economic base of the region."

"Perhaps the most negative aspect of the area is the generally low level of education in the population," the study says.

That need should be addressed with the planned adult learning center in Hereford.

The study shows several changes in the county's population, including decline. The TAMU study and a similar survey by the Texas Water Development Board projects the county's population at around 20,500 in 1990 and 19,000 by the year 2000. The most pessimistic projection shows a Deaf Smith County population of only 16,000 in the year 2000.

About 50 percent of that population could be Hispanic, the TAMU study shows, based on historical data.

The most recent patterns of economic and demographic change indicated the need for additional development," the study concludes. "If these are projected

to the turn of the century, it is evident that continuation of the economic trends of the 1980s would result in additional decline in the employment and population base of the area and would likely lead to related declines in the business and service structure of the area.

"There are, of course, alternative futures that would bring extensive growth to the area. In fact, if the area could return to levels of growth approximating those of the 1970s, its economic and service base could grow rapidly.

"Changing the present trends and enhancing the area's bases for growth is essential, if the area wishes to experience future economic growth and development."

"This study gives us different scenarios," said EDSC member John Perrin. "If we intervene as a community, it shows where we can go—and we might do better than the best scenario indicates."

"Forty percent of our population is under the age of 18, and that says a lot about the needs of our education system. The only way to keep our young people is to provide jobs."

"If the community does not invest in itself, the community can expect a decline in the business and service sectors," said Eichner. "The community is not in the position of being able to stand still without experiencing a decline in the things that make a community a community."

That study will be combined with data derived from a county-wide survey, also conducted by TAMU. The survey was wrapped up a week ago, and the data garnered from the survey will be discussed in a public meeting April 26 at 7 p.m. at the library.

"The process is still evolving," said Eichner. "The goals and objectives are still fairly raw. The community interest groups participated well in the process, and this plan is going to be a community-wide plan—a consensus."

"A lot of the things we have learned through the meetings we've held have reinforced Dr. Steve Muddock's, the TAMU expert who has headed the study, and survey conclusions, and there have been a lot of parallels between the interest group conclusions and Muddock's conclusions."

Police look for 'scam' group

By ANDREA LAMB
Staff Writer

Two well-dressed men impersonating plain clothes detectives are part of a burglary scam targeting Hereford's elderly and persons living alone, according to Hereford Police Lt. Pat Michael.

"Two elderly ladies (807 Knight St. and 500 W. Park Ave.) got calls around 9 a.m. (Thursday) from this man saying he was detective so-and-so from the Hereford Police Department," said Michael, who investigated a similar scam last year. "The guy then says he and his partner picked up a suspect near her house with her name, address and phone number written on a piece of

paper."

Michael said the man then tells the person he needs to run a home security check. The two women didn't fall for the scheme this year, but a woman took the bait last year and got taken.

Once she consented to the check, a man in a suit and tie showed at the door, flashed a fake badge, and pretended to check all the locks and windows.

Michael said the man told the elderly lady to pull out all the jewelry. He placed the jewelry in an opaque, plastic jug, saying he was soaking the jewelry in a solution to prepare it for marking in case it is stolen.

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Demo duo duels in East

By LAURA KING
Associated Press Writer

Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis, now in a one-on-one fight for the Democratic presidential nomination, worked to win labor support in the industrial states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. And both fired anew at embattled Attorney General Edwin Meese.

Sen. Albert Gore Jr. abandoned his presidential bid on Thursday, vowing to do all he could to help put a Democrat in the White House.

"The nominee is going to be Michael Dukakis or Jesse Jackson. I'm going to do everything I can to help them. The only man I want to stop is George Bush," Gore said at a Washington news conference, with his family at his side.

The Tennessee senator suspended his campaign, technically remaining a candidate to permit his delegates to attend the Democratic National Convention. Gore, who had not won a primary or caucus since Super Tuesday, March 8, ended his effort more than \$1.5 million in debt.

On the Republican side, Bush was coping with the kind of scheduling glitch that either of his Democratic rivals would envy — it looked as if he would clinch the number of delegates



Gov. Michael Dukakis

needed to nominate a little sooner than his staff had thought.

Aides to the vice president had been planning to celebrate the big moment on May 3, the date of primaries in Ohio, Indiana and the District of Columbia. But they made it clear that the development would be more than welcome whenever it came.

Delegate counts maintained by

both The Associated Press and the Bush campaign indicated Bush could secure the 1,139 needed to nominate in the next few days. He now has 1,058 to 17 for Pat Robertson, Bush's only remaining rival, according to the AP count.

Minnesota Republicans were selecting 15 delegates this week. Nevada Republicans will choose another 20 on Saturday. And there are 78 delegates at stake in Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary.

"At this point it's pretty much concluded... The race is over," Robertson said Thursday in Nevada.

Even though he has given up on the nomination, the former television evangelist expressed determination to make his mark on the GOP in Nevada, his supporters were dominating the state convention and bidding for top state party posts.

Jackson was campaigning today in Pennsylvania, where polls have suggested he is running well behind Dukakis. In Tuesday's primary, 178 delegates are at stake.

"I always run against great odds," Jackson said.

Campaigning in the northwestern Pennsylvania city of Erie, Jackson courted blue-collar workers with a call for "economic justice."

"Profits are up, wages are down,

factories are closing, and workers are abandoned... He told a crowd of about 4,000 people in a downtown park who braved a cold wind off nearby Lake Erie.

Jackson also renewed his criticism of Meese, who is the target of a year-long criminal investigation and under pressure from some quarters to quit. The attorney general said Thursday there is no factor he knows of "right now that would cause me to resign."

"I want a Justice Department that stands for justice... an attorney general that goes back and forth to court as a prosecutor for the people and not as a defender for himself," Jackson said.

Dukakis slammed Meese as he campaigned in Cleveland on Thursday. Ohio's primary follows Pennsylvania's by a week, and offers 159 delegates.

Like Jackson, Dukakis highlighted labor issues. He was visiting an auto plant in Ohio and a steel plant in Pennsylvania today.

"We have a Labor Department and an NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) that won't stand up for America because we have got an attorney general who couldn't tell the difference between antitrust and antitrust," Dukakis said.

Local Roundup

Police arrest one

The Hereford Police Department arrested a 25-year-old man Thursday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Other reports include trespassing in the 800 block of East Third Street and assault in the 300 block of Lake Street in which a child slapped a parent.

The Deaf Smith County sheriff's office arrested a 43-year-old man Thursday on two arrest warrants for assault by threat and for disorderly conduct.

Fifteen citations were issued.

'Little Miss' Pageant Saturday

The 1988 Little Miss Hereford Pageant will be held Saturday evening at the Hereford High School auditorium.

The "Cutest Miss" division will begin at 5 p.m., and the Miss Petite, Little Princess and Miss Junior High divisions will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 per person and are available at the door.

The pageant is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Weather

Thursday's high was 84 and this morning's low was 49, according to KPAN. The Weather Bureau calls for fair but cooler temperatures tonight with a low in the mid 40s. West wind 10 to 20 mph. Saturday will be mostly sunny but cooler with a high in the lower 70s. Southwest wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty with lake wind advisories to be required.

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Babbling Brooks

By JOHN BROOKS

I have been scoped and lived to tell about it.

I underwent arthroscopic day surgery Monday at Deaf Smith General Hospital to remove some torn cartilage from my left knee.

Heh, heh, heh-day surgery. They're not going to keep me here very long, so it must be a simple thing, eh?

Dr. James Herbertson, one of the biggest assets this area has ever had, explained to me how the surgery was going to be done. He pulled a rubber knee from his pocket and showed where the cartilage was in the knee, where the scope would go in through incisions to allow him to look around, then cut the bad cartilage free and suck it out of the knee.

Very simple procedure.

I showed up at the hospital at about 7 a.m. Monday and the nurses soon had an IV started on me. They gave me a little shot of something that made me feel like a million dollars, and a few minutes later I was being wheeled toward the operating room.

"We're going to give you a little shot of pentothal," said CRNA Carolyn Kubacek. "You'll feel a little burning."

Next thing I know it's about 10:30 and I'm back in the recovery room. Best sleep I've had in days—probably since my tonsillectomy back in '62.

"How do you feel?" asked a nurse.

"I need to go to the bathroom," I mumbled. To the amazement of all, I walked to the bathroom. Course, Dr. Herbertson had laced my knee with a little local anesthesia to block the pain, and that, I found out a few hours later, helped a LOT.

I hopped back from the restroom and into bed and waited for the good doctor to come back. He did, and decided I'd see how his Monday morning humor was going.

"How do you feel?" asked Dr. Herbertson.

"Fine," I said. "But how long will it be before I regain feeling and mobility in my left foot?"

He doubled up his fist, then grinned.

He explained that I would feel a lit-

tle pain later on, and gave me a prescription, then said I could leave now or hang around and eat hospital steak fingers. Never wanting to miss a lunch, I decided to stay.

"You know," said one of the nurses, "we have some guys playing golf the next day." I was optimistic.

Three hours later, the optimism and the local anesthesia were gone.

My best friend used to be Joe Dean, but now it was codeine, as in Tylenol No. 3. I exceeded the prescribed dose a little. I knew Monday night I wasn't going to be reserving any tee times Tuesday or Wednesday.

I have survived, though, and my knee, which I have suffered with for about 25 years, thanks me immensely.

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I don't get to watch much daytime TV, and it's probably a good thing.

Best thing about daytime TV is the Cubs are on most afternoons at 1 p.m. The Harry Caray-Steve Stone-Dwayne Staats Comedy Show that is Cubs baseball is the best part of daytime TV.

The worst part is the 90-minute "Courts" segment on Channel 10 from 4:50-5:30 p.m. It's Divorce Court followed by Superior Court followed by The People's Court.

The People's Court is just fine, but Divorce and Superior courts are TERRIBLE. Superior Court is not much different than Judge Wapner, just more poorly done. Divorce Court, however, is terrible.

And too there is the difficulty Channel 10 has with starting and stopping the video tape machines. I counted seven times in each 90-minute block over three days that they cut off a commercial or a public service spot in the middle. I mean they just stopped it. It's simple incompetence.

It's enough to make you want to take another Tylenol No. 3.

If you see me over the next few days, I'm not doing a "Chester" (from "Gunslinger") imitation. I'm just a little stiff-legged.

And numb from daytime TV.

American Investments Abroad

Where the money is



Source: Commerce Department

The United States had more than \$1 trillion in public and private assets invested overseas in 1986.

Woman hides after alleged abduction and gang rape

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) — Indictments against 10 men will not repair the shattered life of a 19-year-old woman who remains in hiding with her family since she reported being abducted and gang raped last month, friends say.

"They have to get out of San Diego," said Richard Yaeger, a friend of the victim and her 23-year-old husband. "They'll never be able to come back here."

The couple and their two children, ages 16 months and four months, have lived in a secret location in Corpus Christi, since shortly after she reported the March 26 abduction and rape by as many as 20 men, Yaeger said.

A grand jury on Thursday indicted 10 men on charges of sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping.

The young mother returned to San Diego to testify before the grand jury Thursday, and was led out of the courthouse with her head and face covered by a black shawl.

Some of the defendants have said the victim was a willing participant.

"She enjoyed it," said one unidentified defendant in a report on Corpus Christi television station KIII.

The woman said the four-hour series of assaults began at a cockfight at a ranch. She said her attackers urged onlookers to join in the attack. Bystanders ignored her pleas for help and some did join her attackers, she said.

The woman said she was taken to two other locations and raped there.

"These people here are acting like the victim and her family are in the wrong," Yaeger said, adding they have been threatened several times since the incident.

But Dot Barnette of Crisis Services in Corpus Christi said more than \$8,000 has been donated to the family, along with a job offer for the unemployed husband.

"I would say that the response from the community has been fantastic, particularly with individuals," Ms. Barnette said.

Those testifying before the grand jury Thursday included the woman, her husband, some of the defendants and several witnesses, said Rodolfo Gutierrez, a Duval County assistant district attorney.

He said a 12-year-old boy was among the witnesses testifying.

"I believe the grand jury made the right decision, based on the evidence that was presented to them," Gutierrez said.

The grand jury handed up 12 indictments, Gutierrez said.

Charged with sexual assault are: Roel Torres, 24; Ruben Vela Jr., ?? and Jose Carlos Briones, 29.

Charged with sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping are: Orlando Garza, 23; Corando Perez, 23; Alejandro Bear, 21; Roberto Garcia, 21 and Felipe Chew, 28.

Roberto Perez, 25, was charged with sexual assault and two aggravated kidnapping charges, because he is accused of taking the victim to a third location to rape her.

Sidro Solis, 26, was charged only with kidnapping.

Gutierrez said the 10 men probably would be rearrested today.

House already approved

Reagan may veto new trade laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation overhauling America's trade laws is headed for quick Senate action after rolling through the House with more than the two-thirds majority needed to override a threatened presidential veto.

"I sincerely hope that will not be necessary, that in the end the president will sign the bill," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said after the 312-107 House vote Thursday in favor of the measure.

Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., told reporters he

plans to start debate today and shoot for final passage early next week.

Byrd again warned that an administration favorite — the pending free-trade agreement to phase out tariffs between the United States and Canada — could get entangled in any Reagan veto.

There has been talk in the Senate of a filibuster to stall the agreement. But Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont, said Thursday night that it "is clear that there are at least 60 votes to stop the filibuster."

Reagan said Thursday that he will veto the bill if it arrives on his desk with a provision to require all but the smallest employers to give 60-day notice of plant closings and large-scale layoffs.

Business groups have fought the plant-closings provision on grounds it would dry up capital for investment, frighten off customers and cause economic stagnation. Unions are calling for the measure, saying that notifying employees about to lose their jobs is the only humane thing to do.

In recent days the dispute over plant closings has overshadowed the centerpiece features of the bill,

Hospital Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Kreis Gallagher are the parents of a girl, Kasi Jordan born April 21, 1988. She was 8 lbs. 0 oz. and 23 inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Martinez are the parents of a boy, Ruben Jason, Jr. born April 20, 1988.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Diaz are the parents of a girl, Yvette Allison born April 20, 1988.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.
Robert Baum, Victoria Bedolla, E. E. Bishop, Cynthia Casarez, Anna Castillo, Brian Cherry, Gregoria Contreras.

Michael Davies, Marie DeLeon, Kathy Gallagher, Grl Gallagher, Frances Guynes, Mary Huckert, Beatrice Lewis, Eusebia Mancha, Helen Marchman, Diana Martinez, Boy Martinez.

E.W. Messer, Lupe Morales, Robert Nichols, JoAnn Noyes, Grl Noyes, Maribel Perez, Boy Perez, Mary Rose, Willie Shreve, Wayland Smith, Maria Telles, F.J. Walterscheid.

Local childrens' pets named for uniqueness

Melissa Limas's parrot, "Bandito", was named Best of Show and "Sebastian", a beagle puppy owned by Jeremy Gonzales, was the People's choice trophy winner at the annual pet show held April 16 by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

60 pets were entered in the tenth annual show, held at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

Pets and owners winning ribbons included:

Biggest Feet: 1. Ishito, Daniel Limas; 2. Ming chow, Jeremy Reiter; 3. Smokey, Brandon Gresham.

LONGEST TAIL: 1. Blue Bell, Scott Fritz; 2. Tigger, Amanda Weaver; 3. Saki, Jimmy Owens.

LONGEST EARS: 1. Thumper, Cody Curtis; 2. Max, Frank Rodriguez; 3. Rascal, Michelle Chand.

MASTER MOST TRAINED BY PET: 1. Poco Bandito, Libby Brockman; 2. Cricket, Nikki Reed; 3. Halley, T.J. Myers.

WAGGIEST TAIL: 1. Wilma, Jason and Dustin Hampton; 2. Spot, Jeremy Bird; 3. Zero, Tonya Bird.

LARGEST PET: 1. Ishito, Limas; 2. Max, Frank Rodriguez; 3. Abby, Eric Weaver.

FLUFFIEST: 1. Chino, Chris Limas; 2. Sir Lancelot, Rosie Andrade; 3. Saki, Jimmy Owens.

BEST DISCIPLINED: 1. Casey, Jeremy

torney general, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Burns told Reagan that Meese had violated the standards of ethical conduct for executive branch employees spelled out in a 1965 executive order and that if other Justice Department attorneys had acted as Meese has, "they would be bounced (fired)," the source added.

The ethical standards, among other things, say that employees should avoid any action which could create the appearance of using public office for private gain, giving preferential treatment to any organization or person or making a government decision outside official channels.

"The president was very attentive, listened to the story, got up and Meese came in" after Burns and Weld left, said the source.

Asked about the outcome of the meetings, another administration source familiar with the discussions said: "As you can see, there was no change."

In an interview published in today's USA Today and conducted before word of his meeting with Reagan became public, Meese said the president continues to express his "total support."

Brock; 2. Smiley, Melissa Limas; 3. Penny, Matthew Northcutt.

BEST PERSONALITY: 1. Spottie Dot, Michael Power; 2. Tigger, John David Fulgham; 3. Lord Chauncey, Heather Kowaleski.

MOST UNUSUAL PET: 1. Sebastian, Gonzales; 2. Quack, Cindy Stream; 3. Henry, Jeremy Brock.

MOST UNUSUAL NAME: 1. Noodle, Melissa Huffines; 2. Ballpark, Nicolas and Jaelyn Paschel; 3. Zorbar Acobar, Julie Jorde.

MOST COLORFUL: 1. Bandito, Limas; 2. Smiley, Limas; 3. Bluebell, Fritz.

MOST TALENTED: 1. Bandito, Limas; 2. Tigger, Fulgham; 3. Casey, Brock.

Hsie vying for TX school board

Lubbock businessman Monte Hsie visited in Hereford Thursday to promote his candidacy for election to the State School Board of Education for District 15, which includes a large part of West Texas.

Hsie, a financial consultant, served as president of the Lubbock school board for 7 of his 12 years in the elected position. He was also an adviser to the State Board for two years. A West Texas native, Hsie will run on the Republican ticket.

District 15 includes much of the Panhandle and South Plains area. It is bordered on the southwest by Ector and Andrews



Bicycle safety needed for summer time

(AUSTIN, Tx.)—As the weather gets warmer, two-wheel traffic on neighborhood streets gets heavier. Swarms of kids, intent on cramming as much fun as possible into a day, descend on roadways throughout the state, paying more attention to thrills than safety. Since children ages 6 through 12 are at the greatest risk for bicycle accidents, Texas Safety Association asks the parents of these freewheeling, unguided missiles to work with their children in observing a few simple safety rules.

In conjunction with National Safety Council's American Bicycle Safety Month, April 1-30, TSA offers the following safety advice:

- Stop before riding into a road from a driveway, sidewalk, alley, or parking lot. Look for traffic and enter the road only when it is clear.
- Always ride on the right side of the road with traffic, staying as close to the side as possible.
- Obey stop signs, yield signs, and traffic lights. Kids under 12 should

"Then the other guy involved called the house saying he was also with the police department, asked to make sure detective so-and-so was there, and while all this was going on, the 'plain clothes detective' pulled the switcheroo with an empty plastic jug and took off with the jewelry," said Michael.

The two men have cooked up

the perfect scheme, said Michael, because patrolmen Roy Don Receptor and B.J. Reyes are trained in crime prevention and actually do home checks for Hereford citizens.

"The difference is our officers don't ask the detailed questions that these two guys do such as 'Do you live alone?', 'Where is your jewelry?', and 'How much

jewelry do you have?' We never get that deep," said Michael.

Michael said that if such a person calls, ask the person's name but don't play along and ask the person to perform the security check.

"Just look up the police department's phone number in the phone book and call us immediately," said Michael.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft of several water heaters taken from a local business. These heaters are new and all were 30-gallon capacity except for one 40-gallon capacity water heater.

They are all State brand and the following serial numbers can be found on the water heater's identification plate:

- model no. CV 40 NRT4; serial no. E87552053 (40 gallon)
- model no. CV 30 NRT4; serial no. J87682174 (30 gallon)
- model no. CV 30 NRT4; serial no. J87682172 (30 gallon)
- model no. CV 30 NRT4; serial no. D87727932 (30 gallon)
- model no. CV 30 NRT4; serial no. D87727935 (30 gallon)
- model no. CV 30 NRT4; serial no. D87727941 (30 gallon)
- model no. CV 30 NRT4; serial no. D87727851 (30 gallon)

Anyone giving information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible for the Crime of the Week will receive a \$300 reward. Anyone having information may contact the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers at 364-2583 or 364-CLUE.

Any information regarding a crime may be given on the Clue Line. Anyone giving information leading to the arrest and indictment in a felony case may be eligible for a reward of up to \$300. The caller may remain anonymous.

Anyone needing more information pertaining to the identification and wanting more details may call the Clue Line.

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Lifestyles

Church News

MISSION BAPTISTA (201 Country Club Drive)

Christian child care for infants to preschoolers is now being offered at the church every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Cost is \$6 for all day and \$4 for half a day. Each child needs to bring a sack lunch and a nap blanket.

For reservations call 364-0040 or 364-1574.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (410 Irving)

The Rev. Derrel Evins will bring the messages from the Bible and a special sermon for children through age 12 Sunday morning. Sunday school for all ages begins at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. The call to worship will be presented by Marilyn Bell playing the piano.

Also, Sunday, a covered dish luncheon will be held at noon. Visitors are welcome.

The U.M.W. salad supper and program is set for 7 p.m. Monday.

Sunday evening worship is at 7 and choir practice at 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The W.M.U. Centennial Celebration is planned from 7-9 p.m. May 12 at First Baptist Church.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

(401 Country Club Drive)

The Ladies Ministries will sponsor a rock-a-thon from 6-10 p.m. today in the fellowship hall of the church. The public is invited to attend.

Proceeds will be used to purchase air conditioning for the church.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH (Route 4)

Evangelist Windell Taylor and musician Larry Capranica will be featured during a revival set at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 25-29.

Monday is adult night; Tuesday, good neighbor night; Wednesday, children's night; Thursday, youth night; and Friday, family night.

The public is invited to attend.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The CYC young people will be presenting the musical, "Heart To Change The World", during the Sunday morning worship service.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

There will be an all church board

and spouse dinner at the Garth Merricks' house at 3 p.m. May 7.

New members will be welcomed and a Baptism service will be held Sunday, May 1. Anyone that would be interested in baptism or joining the church, please contact the Rev. Bob Huffacker or the church office.

Youth minister Ted Taylor has resigned and will be going to Phoenix, Ariz., to fill the youth minister position.

Jim Haile and Susie Merrick will be giving a concert at 7:30 p.m. May 20 at the church. Make plans now to attend.

Merlee McWethy is directing the children's choir for children four years old through the second grade. They meet each Sunday at 5 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Naomi Hare, a member of First United Methodist Church who spent years as a missionary in Peru and then in Mexico, will be the guest speaker to youth of the church at their Sunday afternoon meeting.

Senior and Junior High groups will meet together for a snack supper at 5 p.m. Afterward Miss Hare will talk informally of her experiences and answer questions.

First UMC Youth Fellowship groups have had programs and discussions this month on the question of abortion, with film showings as the basis. Dr. Howard Johnson and two attorneys, Earnest Langley and Terry Langehennig, have assisted with their professional viewpoints on the matter.

One weekend was spent by Junior High girls at a Christstyle Retreat for youth of the entire Northwest Texas UM Conference, at Ceta Canyon. Robin Roth, director of youth activities in the church here, accompanied Jill Ruland, Carrie McElroy, Cassie and Taylor Brooks, KyAnne Lindley, Cristina Moore, Dusty Saul, Jill Robinson, Ashley Hardt, Jennifer LeGate, Marissa Reyna and Ana Romero to the retreat.

All youth residents of the Hereford community who are not involved with a church group are cordially invited to the Youth Fellowship meetings at First UMC beginning at 5 p.m. each Sunday, also Wednesday evening Bible Study for Junior High ages and the senior High Sharing Group, in homes of members, as well as Sunday School classes at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.



Artist Of The Month

Mrs. Larry (Cheryl) Henderson is displaying some of her pencil sketches at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce this month. A resident of Hereford for the past two weeks, she is the mother of T.J., age nine; Amy, age seven; and Jennifer, age five.

Public invited to attend 1988 Little Miss Pageant

The public is invited to attend the 1988 Little Miss Hereford Pageant, sponsored by the Women's Division, Saturday evening in the Hereford High School auditorium.

This year the pageant will be divided in two segments. Cutest Miss contestants will compete at 5 p.m. and the three remaining division contestants will be presented at 7 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$2 per person and may be purchased at the door. There will be 95 girls competing in the four divisions: Cutest Miss, preschool and kindergarten; Miss Petite, first grade through third

grades; Little Princess, fourth through sixth grades; and Miss Junir High, seventh through ninth grades.

Serving as escorts for the contestants will be Garrick McPherson, Cameron Betzen, Chuck Landeman and David Radford.

Emcee duties will be shared by John Stagner and Judge Tom Simons.

School Lunch Menus

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TUESDAY - Donut, assorted juices, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Little smoke sausages, toast, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY - Cinnamon toast, diced pears, milk.

FRIDAY - Bacon, pancake and syrup, assorted juices, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY - Tacos, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, Spanish rice, sliced pears, cinnamon roll, milk.

TUESDAY - Rotini spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, buttered carrots, sliced peaches, cornbread, butter, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pizza, green salad with ranch dressing, buttered corn, celery sticks, fruit cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken strips and gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, gelatin with fruit and topping, sugar cookie with pink icing, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY - Fish nuggets and tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, carrot sticks, assorted desserts, hot bread, milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY - Burritos with cheese

sticks, green beans, buttered corn, peanut-butter cookies, milk.

TUESDAY - Pizza with mozzarella cheese, mixed vegetables, pineapple tidbits, ice cream, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Barbecue on buns, coleslaw, tator tots, cherry cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey spaghetti, broccoli with cheese, buttered corn, apple crisps, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY - Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, brownies, rolls, milk.

MOSQUITO HAS A DEADLY BITE

WASHINGTON (AP) - A mosquito bite is just a nuisance to most people, but it can kill your dog if the mosquito is carrying heartworm larvae, says the American Heartworm Society.

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Taiwan subject of program given to LAE Study Club

La Afflatus Estuio Club members met Tuesday in the home of Virginia Beasley with Mary Williamson serving as co-hostess.

Those present read the club collect and recited the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Roll call was answered by each member giving her favorite quote.

Club meets

The Hereford Whiteface Good Sam Club met April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center with 38 members and seven visitors present.

A potluck supper and visiting was featured as several members were welcomed back after spending winter in warmer climates.

Plans were finalized for a camp out set in Black Mesa, Okla., May 13-15.

The next meeting is set for May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

President Jennie Terrell conducted the brief business meeting and the program was given by Etoile Manning on Taiwan.

The next meeting will be the club's spring luncheon May 3. Installation of officers will also be held in Canyon at the Hudspeth House.

Those present included Bea Hutton, Manning, Eva Gilliland, Emily Suggs, Aileen Montgomery, Lola Jewell, Williamson, Terrell, Lydia Hopson, Louise Kinsey, Della Stagner, Beasley, Pet Ott and Opal Elliston.

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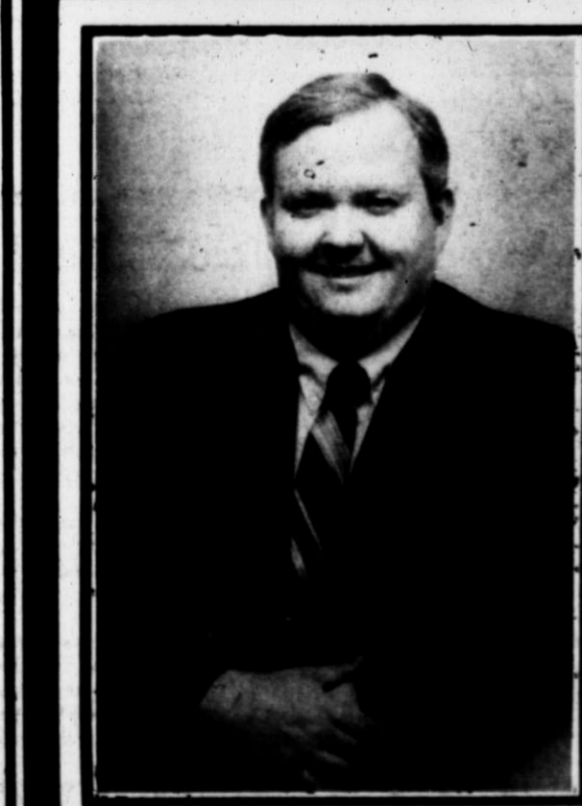
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Sports



Heaton rounds third base

Hereford junior varsity baseball player J.T. Heaton races home for a run on a double by teammate Shane Kapka in the first inning of Thursday's game against Clovis. Later in the game, when Hereford trailed Clovis 8-6, Heaton hit a three-run double in the sixth for the game-winning hit. Hereford defeated Clovis 10-8. (Brand photo by Gary Christensen)

Heaton hits game-winning double

Herd JV rallies for 10-8 win

It was an "up and down" game at home Thursday for the Hereford High School junior varsity baseball team — leading 4-0, trailing 8-4, and finishing on an "up" to defeat Clovis 10-8.

Hereford gained its 4-0 lead in the first inning. Clovis gained the lead for the first time, 5-4, in the fourth inning, and increased the lead to 8-4 in the fifth inning before Hereford rallied with two runs in the fifth inning and four runs in the sixth inning.

The game-winning hit was a bases-loaded double by J.T. Heaton, which erased an 8-6 Clovis lead and gave Hereford a 9-8 lead. Hereford loaded the bases on two walks and a hit batsman.

Shane Kapka drove home an insurance run with a sacrifice fly for the 10-8 lead.

The HHS defense achieved an unusual double play in the bottom of the seventh. A grounder was fielded near third base and the ball was thrown to second base for the first out of the inning. The throw to first base got past first baseman Fidel Ceballos.

Ceballos retrieved the ball, and noticing that the Clovis runner had started to second but changed his mind, outran the opponent to first base and tagged him out. The Clovis head coach was ejected after arguing the call.

Clint Cotten, who pitched a com-

Summer adult volleyball planned at 'Y'

Summer volleyball leagues for men and women are planned at the Hereford and Vicinity YMCA.

Leagues will include "AA," "A," and "B" divisions. Entry fees are \$9 for each YMCA member on a team and \$17 for each YMCA non-member on a team. The registration deadline is April 28.

Game days will be Mondays, Tuesdays and possibly Thursdays for co-ed divisions. The league season will be eight matches plus a single-elimination tournament.

League competition will start on May 2. For more information on the volleyball league and the league rules, contact the YMCA at 364-6990 or pick up a registration form at the YMCA.

plete game for Hereford, got the next batter to fly out into left center field and end the game. Cotten had two strikeouts, allowed six hits and walked eight batters.

Hereford's Kyle Andrews led off the bottom of the first inning with a triple down the third base line, and later scored on a wild pitch.

With a runner on base on an error, Kapka hit an RBI double. Jared Victor hit what appeared to be a foul pop up, but the wind blew the ball into fair territory. As a result of the Clovis first baseman losing the ball in the wind, Victor had an RBI single.

Victor stole second base, and advanced the rest of the way on wild pitches to make Hereford's lead 4-0.

Clovis scored two runs in the second inning on a walk, double and triple. In the fourth inning, Clovis took the lead, scoring runs on a groundout and single. Clovis took the lead, 5-4, when a runner took off from third base when a pickoff throw was made to second base.

'Y' volleyball leagues for teenagers set

Six volleyball leagues for high school and junior high school students are being organized at the Hereford and Vicinity YMCA.

The leagues will be high school boys' league, high school girls' league, mixed high school league, junior high boys' league, junior high girls' league, and mixed junior high league.

Playing days will be Mondays for boys' leagues, Tuesdays for girls' leagues, and Thursdays for mixed leagues. The season will be for six weeks, beginning on May 2-3 and 5.

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Before a supposedly weak draft

Lots of dealing affects NFL 'grab bag'

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — For a draft supposedly lacking in just about everything, there sure has been a lot of action at the top.

Two trades already have affected the top 10 of Sunday's NFL grab bag, and more deals are being discussed. That's what happens when, as most scouts claim, there is little beyond the top 15 or so players.

"It's not one of those knockout drafts," according to the George Young, general manager of the New York Giants. "But everybody should be able to find somebody to satisfy

1-4A standings

Team	District	All
HEREFORD	9-1	16-1
Lubbock Dunbar	8-3	14-9
Lubbock Estacado	7-4	12-8
Canyon	6-4	11-8
Dumas	5-5	9-9
Levelland	5-6	8-12
Pampa	5-6	10-8
Borger	2-9	7-14
Frenship	1-10	1-14

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS: Hereford, 10, Lubbock Dunbar 6; Lubbock Estacado 11, Canyon 10 (8 innings); Pampa 9, Frenship 0; Borger 9, Levelland 1; Dumas, open.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS: Lubbock Estacado 19, Frenship 2; Dumas 6, Borger 2; Lubbock Dunbar 6, Levelland 0; Hereford, open.

THURSDAY'S GAME: Pampa 5, Canyon 4.

SATURDAY'S GAMES: Hereford at Pampa (1 p.m.); Lubbock Estacado at Dumas; Frenship at Borger; Lubbock Dunbar at Canyon; Levelland, open.

them." The Atlanta Falcons already have. They selected and reached contract agreement with Auburn linebacker Aundray Bruce with the top pick.

Kansas City, apparently worried it would not get Nebraska defensive lineman Neil Smith with the No. 3 choice, was willing to surrender its second-round pick in order to swap places with Detroit in the opening round. The Chiefs feared the Los Angeles Raiders, their AFC West rival, were poised to deal with the Lions for the No. 2 pick.

On Thursday, the Raiders made a deal, sending defensive end Sean Jones to Houston for the No. 9 selection. That gives Raiders owner Al Davis two chances in the first nine, one of which he is expected to use for a game-breaking wide receiver.

He won't have any trouble finding one. Flanker and split end are considered the deepest spots in the draft, with the Raiders eyeing Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, Miami's Michael Irvin and South Carolina's Sterling Sharpe.

Picking sixth, the Raiders should get one of them.

Other standout receivers are Anthony Miller of Tennessee, Marc Zeno of Tulane, Brett Perriman of Miami, Wendell Davis of Louisiana State and Aaron Cox of Arizona State.

Tight end Keith Jackson of Oklahoma is another certain first-rounder in what shapes up as an offense-minded early draft.

Only Bruce, Smith and defensive back Bennie Blades of Miami and Rickey Dixon of Oklahoma figure to stem the tide of offensive selections in the top 15.

"Dixon and Blades should go real early," said Mike Hickey, player personnel director of the New York Jets. "Blades is a Ronnie Lott. We see him in the Pro Bowl as a safety in the first year if he wants it. He's a rough hombre.

"The only negative Dixon has is he hasn't played the corner much, but

there are not a lot of 170-pound safeties. He has the hands and the speed."

Hickey and several other personnel directors like what they see at running back. Most highly regarded are Lorenzo White of Michigan State, Brad Muster of Stanford, Gaston Green of UCLA and Craig Heyward of Pitt.

Heyward is an underclassman who was declared eligible for the draft by the league when he applied — and threatened to sue the NFL if he was denied entry.

Unlike the past few years, when at least one standout quarterback was available — beginning with the Elway-Marino-Kelly-Eason-O'Brien-Blackledge Class of '83 — none are likely to go in the opening round.

Kelly Stouffer, who was taken sixth overall last year by the Cardinals, who couldn't sign him, would be the first quarterback taken on Sunday if he hasn't signed with anyone. But Seattle was close to a deal with the Cardinals that would

send Stouffer to the Seahawks. The top-rated passers this year are Chris Chandler of Washington, Don McPherson of Syracuse, Mike Perez of San Jose State and Todd Santos of San Diego State.

Other than Bruce, the best linebackers appear to be Ken Harvey of California, Clifford Charlton of Florida, Ken Norton Jr. of UCLA and Chris Spielman of Ohio State.

The draft will be spread over two days, with ESPN televising the first seven hours on Sunday.

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By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

First there was Monday night football. Then there was Monday night baseball. Now America gets Monday night golf.

The Desert Scramble, a pay-per-view event, gives national television exposure to a popular golf club diversion next Monday night. It also matches four of the sport's most charismatic players.

Greg Norman and Ian Woosnam will be paired against Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino in the 18-hole, \$300,000 event over the Cochise Golf Course at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, Ariz. There are a couple of intriguing twists to the best-shot, stroke-play match.

First, there is the wrinkle that allows each team the option of playing its best ball for each shot, an innovation that greatly reduces the price of a slice.

That means if one of Trevino's drives drifts and Nicklaus puts the ball in the middle of the fairway, the team can ignore the wayward shot and concentrate on the good one. Nicklaus would then hit his second shot and Trevino would follow, playing his second shot from Nicklaus' best-ball position, rather than where his own ball landed.

That format favors the tape-measure drivers, which means you should keep an eye on Norman, one of the game's best long hitters. You can expect Woosnam, a golfing shrimp at 5-foot-4, to be playing his partner's drives at almost every hole.

"We'll be well ahead of them," said Norman, winner of last weekend's Heritage Classic. "What will be important is the type of second shot we hit, where and how we hit it."

Norman and Woosnam are the visitors in this match. That's because Nicklaus has what amounts

to the home-course advantage. He designed the 7,045-yard, par-72 Cochise layout, which sits in the Sonora Desert and is bordered on two sides by the Tonto National Forest.

"Jack likes it a lot," Norman said. "I haven't seen it yet. I'll play it Sunday. One time around is plenty to get the feel of a golf course. Your caddy has the yardage and the lines off the tee. That's not a worry."

Norman likes the whole idea of this out-of-the-ordinary event.

"It should be interesting," he said. "We need injections of new things in golf now and then, things like the Skins Game and this. The public likes to see something different. Amateurs play scrambles all the time in club competitions."

"It'll be a lot of fun. But we're playing for \$125,000 so we'll be serious at the right time."

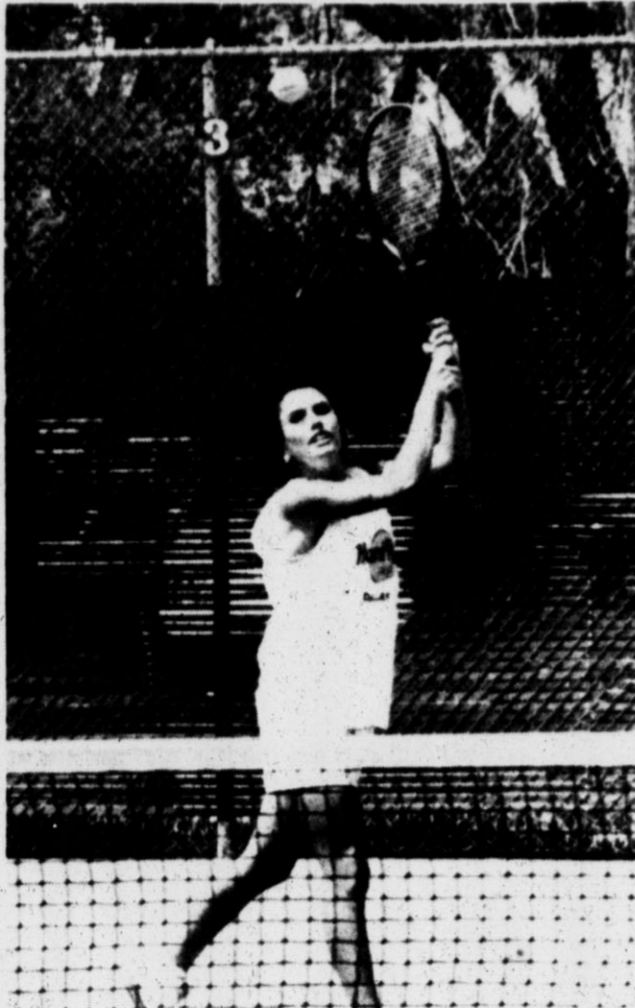
That won't be all the time, of course.

"Oh, we'll stick the needle in when we can, I expect," Norman said.

When they do that, viewers will be able to hear it because the golfers will wear microphones. This will allow the fans to eavesdrop, almost like listening in when a pitcher and catcher talk over a bases-loaded situation in baseball. The mikes also will provide instant instruction as the players consider their options and strategies at each hole.

Nicklaus and Norman got the choice of partners for the Scramble. Nicklaus picked Trevino, one of golf's most familiar players and a man whose game was developed on desert courses, while Norman went with Woosnam, the 1987 world player of the year.

Each winning golfer in the Scramble earns \$100,000 and each loser gets \$25,000. There is also a bonus \$50,000 prize for a one-hole match at No. 18. The pay-per-view price is \$12.95.



Preparing for regional tournament

Hereford High School tennis players Kevin Hansen, in the left photo, and Wendy Connolly, in the right photo, are getting ready for the regional tournament in Brownwood Monday and Tuesday. Hansen won the

District 1-4A boys' singles title, and Connolly teamed with Bridget Baker to win the district girls' doubles championship. (Brand photos by Gary Christensen)

Another road win for San Antonio

Spurs edge Rockets 117-116

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Mitchell is hoping the San Antonio Spurs' recent road successes will carry over into the NBA playoffs where they will face the defending world champion Los Angeles Lakers in the first round.

"We've been hoping to play well on the road going into the playoffs. This is a big win," said Mitchell after his shot in the last second gave the Spurs a 117-116 win over the Houston Rockets Thursday night.

"We just had a recent road stretch where we won three out of five, so this win gives us even more confidence on the road," Mitchell added.

The victory gave the Spurs a 4-2 advantage over the Rockets this

season, the first time they have won the season series with Houston since the 1983-'84 season. The win snaps a nine-game losing streak in Houston dating back to Jan. 25, 1985.

"To win a season series against a team like this means a lot," San Antonio coach Bob Weiss said. "How we play now is important to me. There are some things I want to work on before we get to L.A."

Mitchell's game-winning shot came as the buzzer sounded and followed a blocked shot by Akeem Olajuwon that bounced into Mitchell's hands.

Olajuwon had blocked a Rick Wilson layup as Wilson drove the lane.

"Akeem went up and got it, and he blocked it right to me. I couldn't have asked for it any better," Mitchell said. "I felt like I had time to go up and shoot a good shot and not rush, and I did."

"They got too much penetration," Houston coach Bill Fitch said. "Everybody watched Akeem make the play, but Mitchell still had to make a great shot."

"He was in the right place at the right time," Olajuwon said. "I timed the play well, I just blocked the shot to the wrong side."

Houston was led by Olajuwon, who recorded the third triple-double of his career.

Olajuwon equaled his season scoring high with 38 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, and blocked a team season-high 10 shots.

San Antonio was led by Alvin Robertson with 24 points, Frank Brickowski with 19 and Petur Gudmundsson with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Houston played without starting forward Rodney McCray, who was suffering an allergic reaction.

"The problem tonight was that he broke out in hives. He ate some food about noon and apparently there was an allergy problem," Fitch explained.

San Antonio led 32-27 at the end of the first quarter, but the Rockets outscored the Spurs 10-2 to open the second quarter and moved ahead 37-34. The Spurs then went on a 9-0 spree to lead 43-37, but Houston came back to lead 62-56 at the half.

Trailing 72-64 midway through the third quarter, the Spurs went on a 13-2 scoring run to take a 77-74 advantage. San Antonio was ahead 89-85 at the end of the third quarter.

NBA standings

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division			
	W.	L.	Pct. GB
y-Boston	57	23	.713 —
New York	37	43	.463 20
Washington	37	44	.457 20½
Philadelphia	36	44	.450 21
New Jersey	18	63	.222 29½
Central Division			
y-Detroit	53	27	.663 —
x-Atlanta	49	31	.613 4
x-Chicago	49	31	.613 4
x-Milwaukee	41	39	.513 12
x-Cleveland	40	40	.500 13
Indiana	37	43	.463 16

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Midwest Division			
	W.	L.	Pct. GB
x-Denver	53	27	.663 —
x-Dallas	51	29	.638 2
x-Houston	45	35	.563 8
x-Utah	45	35	.563 8
x-San Antonio	31	49	.388 22
Sacramento	23	57	.288 30
Pacific Division			
y-L.A. Lakers	60	20	.750 —
x-Portland	51	29	.638 9
x-Seattle	43	37	.538 17
Phoenix	28	52	.350 32
Golden State	20	60	.250 40
L.A. Clippers	17	63	.213 43

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y-clinched division title

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Detroit 99, Washington 87
San Antonio 117, Houston 116

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Indiana at Detroit
Cleveland at Chicago
San Antonio at Dallas
New York at Milwaukee
Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix
Denver at Portland
Utah at Seattle
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Milwaukee at New Jersey
Atlanta at Washington
Philadelphia at Cleveland
New York at Indiana
Los Angeles Lakers at Denver
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Knepper, Astros shut out Braves 8-0

HOUSTON (AP) — There seems to be no explanation to the turnaround in Houston pitcher Bob Knepper this season so Manager Hal Lanier doesn't try.

Knepper pitched six shut out innings Thursday night in helping the Astros blank Atlanta 8-0 in another solid performance for a Houston starting pitcher.

Knepper, who lost a career high 17 games last season, extended his record to 2-0, and lowered his earned run average to .095.

Houston pitchers have gone six or more innings in all 14 games this season.

"There is no explanation, he just had one of those off years in 1987," Lanier said. "He's an outstanding pitcher so we know he'll win a lot of games."

Alan Ashby hit a 2-run double in the fourth inning and Denny Walling got three hits and drove in two runs to support the combined six-hitter by Knepper and reliever Ernie Camacho.

"The way our starting pitchers are going you don't need that many runs but it was good to get some runs in the middle innings," Lanier said.

Houston's Mike Scott shut out the Braves 1-0 on a 4-hitter Wednesday night.

The Braves left town with 19 consecutive scoreless innings against the Astros.

"I'm happy to have a 2-0 start in any season," Knepper said. "Last year was just one of those years."

The Astros got three runs in the fourth inning on Ashby's double and Walling's single off starter Kevin Coffman, 0-2.

Kevin Bass drove in another run in the fifth off reliever Jim Acker and three more runs scored in the sixth on Walling's triple, a sacrifice fly by Rafael Ramirez and Terry Puhl's steal of home plate.

Puhl's eighth inning double scored the final run.

The Braves didn't get a runner past second base.

The Braves had three innings ended by double plays.

"We hit the ball hard against Knepper," Braves Manager Chuck Tanner said. "We were driving the ball and swinging well, it was just at somebody."

Coffman held the Astros through three innings before erupting for three runs.

"It's real frustrating to cruise for three innings and then give up one hit and it's all over," Coffman said.

Major league standings

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East Division	
Cleveland	12 3 .500 —
New York	12 3 .500 —
Boston	10 5 .667 2
Detroit	7 6 .538 4
Milwaukee	7 7 .500 4 1/2
Toronto	7 7 .500 4 1/2
Baltimore	6 15 .286 12
West Division	
Oakland	10 6 .625 —
Chicago	8 7 .533 1 1/2
California	7 8 .467 2 1/2
Kansas City	6 8 .429 3
Texas	6 8 .429 3
Seattle	6 10 .375 4
Minnesota	4 9 .308 4 1/2

Thursday's Games
Boston 12, Detroit 3
Milwaukee 7, Baltimore 1
Oakland 6, Chicago 3, 13 innings
California 11, Seattle 6
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Boston (Hurst 2-4) at Milwaukee (Higuera 2-4), (n)
Toronto (Flanagan 2-4) at New York (Rhoden 1-2), (n)
Cleveland (Swindell 3-4) at Minnesota (Blyleven 1-1), (n)
Oakland (Ontiveros 1-1) at Chicago (McDowell 1-1), (n)
Baltimore (Morgan 0-2) at Kansas City (Gubicza 2-1), (n)
Detroit (Alexander 1-1) at Texas (Kilgus 2-4), (n)

Seattle (Trout 1-1) at California (McCaskill 1-1), (n)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	
Pittsburgh	10 4 .714 —
New York	9 5 .643 1
Chicago	7 7 .500 3
Montreal	7 7 .500 3
Philadelphia	5 9 .357 5
St. Louis	4 10 .286 6
West Division	
Houston	10 4 .714 —
Los Angeles	9 4 .692 1/2
Cincinnati	9 7 .563 2
San Francisco	9 7 .563 2
San Diego	4 9 .308 5 1/2
Atlanta	2 12 .143 8

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 6, 12 innings
Chicago 6, Montreal 2
St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego at Los Angeles, 2, p.p.d., rain
Houston 8, Atlanta 0
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Chicago (Schiraldi 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Drabek 2-4), (n)
Montreal (Perez 2-1) at Philadelphia (Gross 0-1), (n)
Cincinnati (Jackson 2-1) at Atlanta (Z-Smith 1-2), (n)
New York (Darling 1-1) at St. Louis (DeLeon 1-1), (n)
Houston (Ryan 2-4) at San Diego (Jones 1-1), (n)
Los Angeles (Valenzuela 1-2) at San Francisco (Downs 0-2), (n)

Major league leaders

By The Associated Press AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING (37 at bats)—Banks, Boston, .447; Slaughter, New York, .439; GBell, Toronto, .423; RHenderson, New York, .415; Winfield, New York, .411.

RUNS—RHenderson, New York, 18; Canseco, Oakland, 16; Winfield, New York, 16; McGwire, Oakland, 15; DWhite, California, 14; Lansford, Oakland, 14; Yount, Milwaukee, 14.

RBI—Winfield, New York, 24; Canseco, Oakland, 17; Faglar, New York, 14; RHenderson, New York, 14; Brett, Kansas City, 13; Slaughter, New York, 13.

HITS—Lansford, Oakland, 27; RHenderson, New York, 27; Winfield, New York, 23; GBell, Toronto, 22; CDavis, California, 21; Molitor, Milwaukee, 21.

DOUBLES—Tartabull, Kansas City, 9; Mattingly, New York, 7; Renteria, Seattle, 7; Boggs, Boston, 6; GBell, Toronto, 6; GWalker, Chicago, 6; RHenderson, New York, 6.

TRIPLES—McLemore, California, 2; Reynolds, Seattle, 2; Schu, Baltimore, 2; Wilson, Kansas City, 2; 30 are tied with 1.

HOME RUNS—Canseco, Oakland, 6; Winfield, New York, 5; Yount, Milwaukee, 5; 10 are tied with 4.

STOLEN BASES—RHenderson, New York, 13; Canseco, Oakland, 6; Carter, Cleveland, 5; McLemore, California, 5; Molitor, Milwaukee, 5; Moseby, Toronto, 5; Pettis, Detroit, 5.

PITCHING (2 decisions)—15 are tied with 1.000.

STRIKEOUTS—Clemens, Boston, 44; Langston, Seattle, 34; Morris, Detroit, 30; Cuddeh, Cleveland, 24; Leiter, New York, 23.

SAVES—Eckersley, Oakland, 7; Hennehan, Detroit, 5; Williams, Texas, 5; LSmith, Boston, 4;

Reardon, Minnesota, 4; Righetti, New York, 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING (37 at bats)—Strawberry, New York, .378; McReynolds, New York, .368; Dawson, Chicago, .362; Bream, Pittsburgh, .357; Galaraga, Montreal, .357.

RUNS—Clark, San Francisco, 16; BHatcher, Houston, 14; Larkin, Cincinnati, 13; Schmidt, Philadelphia, 13; 4 are tied with 12.

RBI—GDavis, Houston, 17; Bonilla, Pittsburgh, 14; Brooks, Montreal, 14; Daniels, Cincinnati, 14; Bass, Houston, 13; Parrish, Philadelphia, 13.

HITS—Larkin, Cincinnati, 23; Bonds, Pittsburgh, 21; Butler, San Francisco, 21; Dawson, Chicago, 21; Galaraga, Pittsburgh, 20.

DOUBLES—Bonds, Pittsburgh, 7; Bream, Pittsburgh, 6; Galaraga, Montreal, 6; Hayes, Philadelphia, 6; Palmeiro, Chicago, 6; Sabo, Cincinnati, 6; Treadway, Cincinnati, 6.

TRIPLES—Coleman, St. Louis, 3; VanSlyke, Pittsburgh, 3; Bonds, Pittsburgh, 2; Butler, San Francisco, 2; Walling, Houston, 2; Webster, Montreal, 2.

HOME RUNS—Carter, New York, 6; GDavis, Houston, 6; Bonds, Pittsburgh, 5; Strawberry, New York, 5; 4 are tied with 4.

STOLEN BASES—Larkin, Cincinnati, 9; Raines, Montreal, 8; EDavis, Cincinnati, 7; Young, Houston, 7; AHall, Atlanta, 6; Coleman, St. Louis, 6.

PITCHING (2 decisions)—9 are tied with 1.000.

STRIKEOUTS—Scott, Houston, 31; Ryan, Houston, 28; Gooden, New York, 22; Perez, Montreal, 21; Sutcliffe, Chicago, 21.

SAVES—Robinson, Pittsburgh, 3; Myers, New York, 3; Orosco, Los Angeles, 3; Worrell, St. Louis, 3; 5 are tied with 2.

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Committee chairmen named

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Committee chairmen were appointed. They were play day, Yvonne Horton and Cathy Bode; building, Pat Goforth; tournaments, Theresa Albracht and Lois Jones; sandwiches, Joy Stagner; and telephone, Pat Goforth and Mary Harman.

It was decided to have a cookout after the golf lessons on April 29 for women taking lessons and members of the association. Also, playdays will begin the first week in May on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

Members also discussed the May 7 tournament.

Those present included Simmons, Norma Coffey, Bernice Deel, Joyce Aycock, Stagner, Martha Jones, Cindy Earley, Helen Ann McWhorter, Hartman, Revelia Skypala, Claudia Wilson Nance Perren, Lois Jones, Ransy Hamilton, Horton, Bode, Rose Marie Robinson, Dorothy Charost, Ann Combs, Mary Shelton, Albracht and Goforth.



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