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No action taken on McWhorter's board status

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

At a special meeting Monday night, Hereford ISD trustees discussed the status of Trustee Cherry McWhorter, but took no action on whether or not she should remain on the board after moving from District 1.

The question of Mrs. McWhorter's status was raised when she sold her District 1 home and moved into a residence on Fir Street, which is located in District 5.

Mrs. McWhorter was elected as District 5 trustee in May 1995.

On Sept. 26, 1995, the board -- acting on a motion by Mrs. McWhorter -- approved a resolution

changing the district's trustee configuration from one with five single-member districts and two at-large representatives to one with seven single-member districts.

As a result, the home where Mrs. McWhorter lived at the time was changed from being in District 5 to being in District 1.

To resolve whether or not she should remain on the board after leaving her district, the board requested a legal opinion from Judy Underwood of Walsh, Anderson, Underwood, Schulze and Aldridge, the Austin-based firm hired to handle the lawsuit over districting.

The board on Monday was presented a letter from the firm that

was written by Joe B. Hairston, who handled the matter since Underwood is on a Pacific cruise until April 29.

"It is my opinion," Hairston wrote, "that under the authority of (Texas Education Code, Section) 11.052(e) and the Consent Decree (creating the seven single-member trustee districts), a board member who is elected from a single member district in which she resides, and who subsequently moves out of that single member district, as a matter of law has vacated the office."

Board president Jim Marsh protested Hairston's opinion, noting that, "I requested that we get an opinion in writing from Mrs. Judy Underwood," and not from another

member of her law firm.

Marsh then told Superintendent Charles W. Greenawalt to contact Underwood next week for her to submit a written opinion on the matter.

Regarding the controversy surrounding her status, Mrs. McWhorter explained, "I have not moved out of the district to which I was elected," explaining that "I'm still in District 5, which is where I was elected," despite the fact that board action changed trustee district boundaries and she lived in District 1 from last September until earlier this month.

In other business, trustees interviewed two candidates to serve

as school district attorney.

Paul Lyle of Plainview resigned last month from serving as the district's lawyer.

On Monday, T. Alan Rhodes, representing the Amarillo firm of Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein and Johnson, spoke to the board about wanting to represent the district, as did Canyon attorney C.T. Wimberly.

In a letter presented to the board Monday, Rhodes notes that his firm has three attorneys who are members of the Council of School Attorneys of the State Bar of Texas and of the National School Board Association Council of School Attorneys.

The firm represents the Region 16 Education Services Center, as well as

20 other Panhandle school districts, including the Amarillo Independent School District.

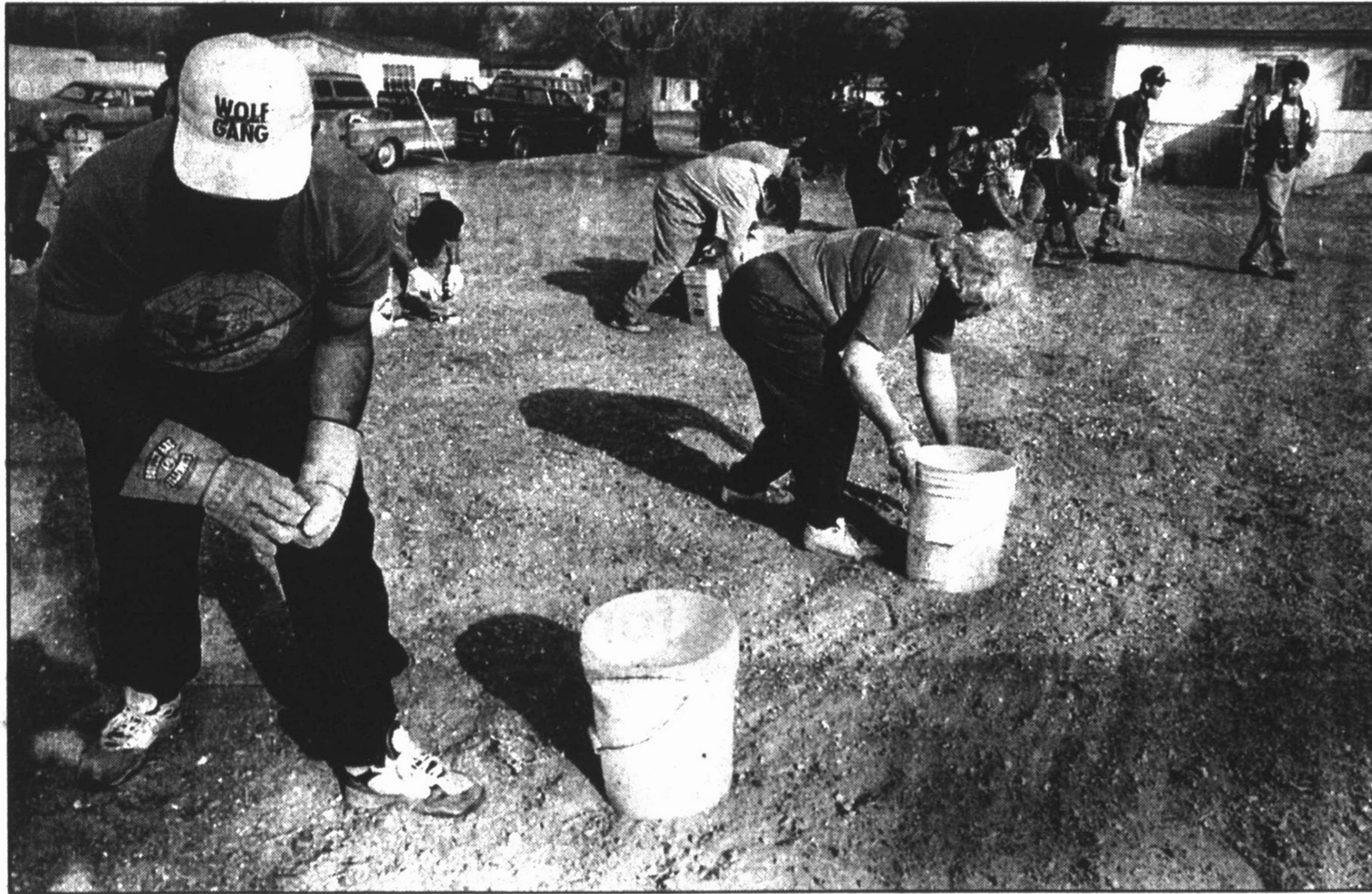
Wimberly, who is in solo practice in Canyon, was introduced to the board by Trustee Randy Tooley.

Greenawalt said Wimberly has no experience in public school law and his only school experience is in representing a private school in Houston.

Trustees are expected to make a decision on which attorney to hire at their regular board meeting at 6 p.m. today.

Also on Monday, district auditors Pat McGinty and Greg Lake appeared

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'Lot' of work going on

Hereford Beautification Alliance volunteers are shown here collecting rocks, debris and trash from the Dishman lots on West U.S. 60 on Saturday as part of cleanup efforts here. After

the lots are cleared, grass will be planted. Buildings located on the property were torn down recently as part of an effort to improve the appearance of the community.

County officials get new phone numbers

Telephone numbers of many Deaf Smith County officials changed Tuesday, in conjunction with distribution of new directories by Southwestern Bell Telephone.

County Judge Tom Simons announced that listings in the directory will reflect changes in numbers for offices.

Some county offices, however, will continue with numbers in use for a number of years, Simons said.

A saving of approximately \$9,000 per year will be effected with the Plexar telephone system.

New numbers have 363 prefixes. Calls to a 363 number may be transferred to other offices, Simons said, noting there previously has not been that capability.

"This allows us to handle calls between offices instead of asking the caller to dial another number," Simons pointed out.

A recording will be placed on the former county numbers to advise callers of the change, the judge advised, and to cause the least inconvenience possible to callers.

County commissioners receive plea for funding

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

A funding crunch for services for low income and elderly persons was taken to Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court Monday, with a plea for contributions from the county to maintain certain programs.

Celia Serrano of Panhandle Community Services asked Commissioners' Court to contribute toward funding for programs.

In correspondence from Johnny Raymond, executive director of Panhandle Community Services, Commissioners' Court was advised the Energy, Nutrition, Temporary Emergency Relief Program is being eliminated and the commodity surplus food program has been stopped.

Raymond said he expects a 45 percent reduction in weatherization and energy programs.

He asked the county to consider providing \$5,000 for programs.

PCS provides services for elderly and low income families in 26 Texas Panhandle counties.

The request for funding assistance was received, but no action taken by commissioners. County Judge Tom Simons said the request would be considered when work begins on the county's budget for the next fiscal year.

An agenda item on the county's no-burn policy was not discussed. Simons said the policy will be on the county's agenda routinely but action is not required unless dry conditions abate and the policy may be rescinded.

A request from New Mexico Natural Gas to cross a county road with a pipeline was approved. The line will cross County Rd. HH.

Farm bill creating confusion between tenants, owners over rental contracts

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The new farm bill is supposed to make paperwork easier, but it is creating confusion and anger among farmers and landlords trying to work out rental agreements.

"Somebody erased the board for us," said Ted Glaub, a professional farm manager from Jonesboro, Ark., who largely represents owners of cotton and rice land in the Delta region.

Because of its sharp break with past farm programs, the bill President Clinton signed earlier this month has changed how farmers and landowners

figure rental payments. Record-high prices for many crops have worsened the problem by inflating land values.

The issue is a huge one, because 43 percent of crop land is rented or leased, in arrangements that let farmers farm and investors, heirs or retired farmers find someone to work their land profitably.

But land owners reportedly have raised rents considerably in some places, effectively kicking some farmers off the fields.

Carl Langley, a rice farmer in Hampshire, Texas, said he lost the chance to farm 1,500 acres because the landlord raised his cash rent for 1,500 acres from \$68,000 to \$115,000. At the same time, he was told to plant soybeans, a crop that costs less to grow. Moreover, the new farm bill limits the total government payments he can receive to \$40,000 - down from \$50,000.

Jerry Sparks, executive vice president of the Dayton State Bank in nearby Winnie, Texas, said several area farmers were given leases that set rent at \$45 an acre if the farm bill didn't pass and \$75 if it did.

"That's just blatantly taking advantage of the new bill," he said.

The farm manager in Langley's

Trade deficit shows dip of 17.1 percent in Feb.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. trade deficit shrank by 17.1 percent in February, reversing part of a huge increase the month before, as American exports of services climbed to an all-time high.

The Commerce Department said that the deficit in goods and services decreased to \$8.2 billion in February, compared to a revised January deficit of \$9.9 billion.

The improvement was certain to be hailed by the Clinton administration, under increasing fire in an election year for what opponents contend are failed trade policies that have cost millions of American jobs.

Even with the February improvement, the deficit for the first two months of this year is running at an annual rate of \$108.4 billion. That is little changed from the 1995 imbalance of \$111.5 billion, the worst showing in seven years.

The bad performance in 1995 reflected a terrible first six months of the year followed by gradual improvement in the second half. The deficit in December 1995 was down to \$7 billion.

Trade is likely to be a key political

case, Eland Investment Corp. of Houston, refused immediate comment.

Some land owners also may be in for a shock when it comes time to collect their shares of crop proceeds, said Glaub, many of whose clients are renting land without a formal agreement yet.

The new farm bill changed things because payments are no longer linked to movements in crop prices or, for that matter, to growing a specific crop. Farmers get a series of fixed-but-declining payments based on past subsidies.

What's also new is that the owner can still collect the government money if no one farms the land. Before the new law, rental rates factored in government payments, everyone knew which crop had to be grown, and a crop had to be grown.

As in the past, landowners can't collect government money directly if someone is farming the land, unless landowners share in the risks, basing rent on a share of the crop proceeds. As in the past, landowners still can charge a fixed cash rent and let the farmer get all the government money.

Candidate forum to air tonight

A "Meet the Candidates Forum" held recently for candidates in the May 4 municipal elections will be aired on Hereford Cablevision Channel 19 at 7 p.m. today.

Residents will be able to hear from most of the candidates for city commission, school board and hospital district board -- as well as county candidates in the November general election -- speak about important issues, qualifications and goals.

After tonight, the forum will be aired on Thursday and Monday, then May 1 and 3.

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Local Roundup

Sunny, very warm and (still) breezy

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 64 degrees on Monday, with a chilly overnight low Tuesday of 37 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, look for mostly clear skies, a low of 45-50 degrees and west winds of 10-20 mph. For Wednesday, the forecast is calling for mostly sunny, breezy and very warm, with a high near 95 with southwest winds of 15-25 mph and gusty. And no, there isn't any rain in the forecast.

News Digest

WASHINGTON - Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate say they are determined to give President Clinton legislation that would assure health insurance for workers who lose or switch jobs and help the mentally ill.

WASHINGTON - Responding to accusations by three former employees, Philip Morris denied it manipulated the nicotine content of its cigarettes and criticized a government review of tobacco industry practices.

WASHINGTON - In alphabetical or political pecking order, D, for Dole, comes before G, for Gingrich. But not when Democrats are talking. They prefer it the other way around, seeking to capitalize on voter misgivings about the Republican Congress and especially the speaker of the House.

WASHINGTON - The new farm bill is supposed to make paperwork easier, but it is creating confusion and anger among farmers and landlords trying to work out rental agreements.

BEAUMONT - An attorney for Quadro Corp. says the company is likely to appeal a federal judge's ruling permanently barring the manufacture or sale of a device supposedly able to detect drugs, guns and golf balls.

PASADENA - J. Frank Dobie High School has snared its second national Academic Decathlon title - despite having no formal program. The sheer dedication of a handful of students propelled the Pasadena school into the highstakes competition held in Atlanta over the weekend.

FORT WORTH - The Fort Worth City Council is trying to do something about a growing feline population, but hundreds of residents have called in to complain that a "cat leash law" would be a cat-astrophe.

HOUSTON - Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Victor Morales says his wife must only pay \$9,000 of her long outstanding college scholarship grant, although documents he showed reporters indicated she still owes \$27,000.

HOUSTON - A trial over \$250 million in insurance claims stemming from the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster will not proceed until at least Thursday while the Texas Supreme Court considers a request to separate two key issues.

Emergency Services

Weekend emergency services reports contained the following information, which is typically collected at 7 a.m. each day for the previous 24-hour period.

HEREFORD POLICE

Tuesday

Class B theft was reported in the 200 block of Sunset and in the 600 block of Avenue G.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of West Third.

Officers issued seven traffic citations.

There were two minor traffic accidents reported.

Monday

A 23-year-old male was arrested in the 300 block of Country Club Drive on a district warrant for violation of probation.

A 24-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue I on city warrants for speeding, no drivers license and violating promise to appear.

A 39-year-old male was arrested for Park and Avenue D for public intoxication.

A 25-year-old male was arrested in the 1100 block of East Park Avenue for no insurance and expired motor vehicle registration.

An incident was reported of an individual throwing trash from his vehicle in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

A runaway was reported in the 200 block of Avenue H.

Class A assault was reported in the 200 block of Lake Street.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1700 block of East First and in the 800 block of Blevins.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of East 15th, in the 100 block of Avenue H and in the 100 block of Pine Street.

Thefts were reported in the 400 block of Ranger, the 400 block of Hickory, the 200 block of Greenwood, the 200 block of Hickory and the 200 block of Avenue E.

Aggravated assault charges were filed in the 100 block of Avenue H.

Officers issued 21 traffic citations. There were two curfew violation citations issued.

There was one accident reported with no injuries and one reported with injuries.

Sunday

A 25-year-old male was arrested at Park Avenue and Avenue F on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

A 33-year-old male was arrested at 15th and Avenue F for failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle inspection.

A 20-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee on a warrant for bond forfeiture.

A 26-year-old male was arrested in the 300 block of South Texas for domestic assault.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at U.S. 60 and Main Street on warrants for speeding and violating promise to appear. He also was issued instantened citations for expired

motor vehicle inspection, expired motor vehicle registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Incidents of threats were reported in the 200 block of Avenue C and in the 300 block of Avenue B.

A runaway was reported in the 100 block of North Centre.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Star.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Avenue D.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of East 13th Street. Assault was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Officers issued 18 traffic citations. There was one accident with injuries reported.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

Weekend

A 24-year-old male was arrested for burglary.

A 28-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

A 38-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

A 36-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication and possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

A 40-year-old male was arrested on a capias warrant on a motion to revoke.

Criminal trespass was reported. Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces was reported.

A report was filed of a person driving while intoxicated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monday

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 1:32 p.m. to a grass fire on Holly Sugar Road.

Firefighters were called out at 9:02 p.m. to a CRP fire that consumed about 20 acres at County Road DD and County Road 14.

Sunday

Firefighters were called out at 3:56 a.m. to a wreck rescue at Lakeview and Causey Lane.

Firefighters were called out at 3:36 p.m. to a vehicle fire in the 700 block of Blevins.

Firefighters were called out at 5:31 p.m. to a Dumpster fire in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Firefighters were called out at 7:31 p.m. to a wreck rescue at Avenue D and Park Avenue.

Saturday

Firefighters were called out at 1:37 p.m. to a grass fire in a vacant lot in the 500 block of Gracey.

Friday

Firefighters were called out at 5:10 p.m. to a wreck rescue in the 300 block of Avenue H.

Firefighters were called out at 11:47 p.m. to a CRP fire that consumed about 50 acres at County Road 14 and County Road FF.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Guadalupe Almanza, John Angel Cota, Ruby Hudgens, Pamela Rose Mitchell, Bernice B. Reed, Connie Soto and infant girl.



Kiwanians of the Month

The Hereford Kiwanis Club recognized Kiwanians of the Month for the first quarter during a meeting last week. David Wagner, left, is co-chairman of the membership committee; Sharon Ruland is the news bulletin editor; and Dr. Guy Greenfield is spiritual aims chairman. Jim Robinson, co-chair of the membership committee, is not pictured.

Test vote apparently means little in term limits amendment issue

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate is taking a test vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to impose term limits on lawmakers, ready by all accounts to scuttle the measure despite its popularity with the public.

"There are those in both parties who would like to avoid this," GOP Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming said Monday, referring to a proposal that strikes at the heart of Congress' cherished seniority system.

Several lawmakers said they doubted supporters would gain the 60 votes needed to cut off debate and bring the matter up for a vote. That would leave the next move up to Majority Leader Bob Dole, who suggested Monday that might be the end of the issue for the year.

"The freshmen are telling me they just want one vote," he said of the first-term Republican lawmakers who led the charge for the measure. "We can have more if they want them."

The proposal would limit senators to two six-year terms and House members to six two-year terms, effective after three-quarters of the states had ratified the amendment. There currently are no constitutional limits on lawmakers' tenures, and members of Congress accumulate power as they accumulate seniority and rise toward subcommittee and committee chairmanships.

Several public opinion polls have indicated widespread support for term limits, and some states attempted to impose them on their own congressional delegations, an approach ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The House voted 227-204 in favor of a term limits amendment last year,

but that was well short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

House rejection made the Senate debate largely symbolic, held in part to satisfy lobbying groups who favor the proposal and wanted a vote as fodder for advertising campaigns in 1996 and beyond.

"The idea that politicians are going to just give us term limits on a silver platter is a very mistaken idea and the American people are going to have to drive this process every step of the way," said Paul Jacob of U.S. Term Limits.

Most Democrats oppose term limits, but few of them spoke out during Senate debate.

Instead, they sought to amend the proposal to make it retroactive - a provision designed to undercut senior Republicans such as Dole, first elected in 1968, and GOP Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who is 93 and seeking his seventh term this fall.

Rather than have to vote on retroactivity, Republicans used parliamentary tactics to deny Democrats an opportunity to offer their proposal.

In debate Monday, Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said passing term limits "would do more to restore the dignity and esteem of the Congress with the American people than anything else."

Thompson said passage also would help bring the deficit under control. He said that under the current system, lawmakers who are free to run as many times as they like end up "saying yes to any and every spending measure that comes down the pike."

Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., was the only lawmaker to speak against

the measure Monday.

"This whole thing is based on the assumption that every man and woman who seeks public office does so not to serve the public good ... but to feather his own nest," he said. He said the measure is "the height of pandering. This is not a serious debate."

Judging teams qualify for state competition

Deaf Smith County 4-H Horse and Livestock Judging Teams advanced to state competition following wins at the Panhandle District 4-H Judging contest held recently at West Texas A&M University.

The state competition will be held during Texas 4-H Roundup in June at Texas A&M University.

The senior horse judging team composed of Tommy Mather, Courtney Crawford, Meredith McGowan and Loretta Camp scored a convincing win over second place Randall County.

Tommy Mather was high point individual in the contest. Deaf Smith County member Loretta Camp was second. Amy Perrin, who judged as a senior individual in the contest, was third and Courtney Crawford was fifth. The team won both the halter and performance judging.

Terri House also competed in the senior competition. The team is coached by 4-H leader Ed Crawford.

The senior livestock judging team composed of Ted Peabody III, Erin

Producers asked to use CRP acreage

WASHINGTON (AP) - Farmers should take some idled land out of a conservation program and grow much-needed grain crops, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says.

But despite the encouragement to grow more, Glickman said he would resist calls in the grain trade for freeing all acres from the Conservation Reserve Program, which currently idles 34.4 million acres.

Though many acres could be farmed with proper conservation plans, others still run a high risk of causing wind erosion if brought back into production. "There will be no Dust Bowl on my watch as secretary," Glickman told the spring meeting of the National Association of Agricultural Journalists.

The reserve program, created in 1985, gives landowners monthly rental payments under 10-year leases. The newly enacted farm law allows for early release of some land as long as the environment is not threatened.

The department says 1 million to 2 million acres could be farmed this year as a result.

"Today, I want to be more explicit and encourage farmers, to the extent their land meets the CRP early out requirements, to plant more row crops," Glickman said. Noting the greater freedom farmers have to grow different crops under the farm bill, he said, "it is their duty and responsibility to use it wisely."

Glickman also said the Farm Service Agency, which operates farm subsidy programs, will continue to run the Conservation Reserve Program, despite its conservation function.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service will run other conservation programs, including new ones created by the farm law. Glickman pledged that the resources agency would work in cooperation with farmers, easing some of the antagonisms of the past decade.

Auckerman, Sy Olson and Brent Carlsson placed second in the district competition placing just seventeen points behind defending champion Hansford County.

The team placed second in the sheep, swine and beef cattle judging, and was third in oral reasons. Sy Olson was fourth place individual overall, fifth in swine and fourth in beef cattle.

Brent Carlsson was ninth place individual overall and fifth in sheep. Erin Auckerman was tenth in overall individual placings and third in sheep. Chris Hardcastle also participated in the contest as an individual.

There were two livestock judging teams competing in the district contest. The team of Jerad Johnson, Kylee Auckerman, Joanna Olson and Jarod Hudgens placed sixth in the overall competition. The team was second in cattle and seventh in swine judging. Jerad Johnson was fourth place individual in the overall contest.

The team of Trey Bezner, Justin Johnson and Trae Blain was seventh in the sheep judging contest. Coaches for the livestock team were 4-H leaders Steve Olson and Ted Peabody and extension agent Dennis Newton.

McWHORTER

before the board to answer questions posed to Greenawalt by Tooley in relation to alleged inconsistencies between the district budget and October 1995 financial statements.

McGinty explained that a reported \$126,142 discrepancy between projected revenues from an August 1995 workshop and the September budget report came mainly because of a state-mandated change in classifying \$105,000 in technology money and in errors in entering budget figures into the computer system.

Another suspected error, McGinty said, was created when a business office employee mis-entered a \$60,000 item, which created a \$120,000 mistake that was then partially corrected, leaving a \$60,000 budget error.

McGinty, Greenawalt said, has agreed to serve on a committee to help the district hire a new business manager.

Former Comptroller Norm Smith left the district in January, at which time the board directed Greenawalt to seek a new business manager who is a Certified Public Accountant and who has school finance experience.

After McGinty explained that a CPA was not necessary in a private job like the school district post -- and after Greenawalt explained that several applicants for the position are either certified by the Texas School Business Association or are working toward that certification -- they agreed to allow six candidates to be interviewed, including only one CPA.

All six current trustees were present for the meeting -- Marsh, McWhorter, Tooley, Roy Dale Messer, Raul Valdez and Ron Weishaar.

Obituaries

JESSIE O. HERSHEY

April 20, 1996

Jessie Ophelia Hershey, 81, of Hamby, a former Hereford resident, died Saturday in Abilene.

Services were held Monday at Hamby Church of Christ with burial in Hamby Cemetery, by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mrs. Hershey was born in Hamby. She was a member of Hamby Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold C. Hershey.

Survivors are a son, Marvin Hershey of Abilene; a daughter, Pat Muir of Abilene; a brother, Loring Box of Pecos; two sisters, Myrtle Robinson and Ora Griffith, both of Abilene, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

SHARMA R. WILLIAMS

April 20, 1996

Sharma R. Williams, 21, of Amarillo, former Hereford resident, died Saturday in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Carlsbad, N.M., Cemetery with John O'Neal of Southsides Church of Christ officiating. Arrangements are by Denton-Funchess Funeral Home of Carlsbad.

Born in Hereford, Sharma Williams grew up in Hereford and Carlsbad. She was a graduate of Carlsbad High School in 1993 and played trombone in the school band.

She had lived in Amarillo for about two years, working as office manager of a retail clothing store.

Survivors are her mother, Dianne Straight of Carlsbad; her father, Raymond "Butch" Williams of Hereford; three brothers, Brad Fowler of Las Cruces, N.M., Shane Fowler of Clovis, N.M., and Chad Williams of Carlsbad; a sister, Presha Goodman of Carlsbad; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bradley of Carlsbad and Boots and June Davis of Hereford.

JOE BOWERS

April 22, 1996

Joe Bowers, 68, died Monday at the VA Medical Center in Dallas.

Funeral services are scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Christian Assembly Church of Hereford with Bro. Milford Grisham, associate pastor, officiating. Burial arrangements are pending with Giiiland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Bowers had retired from Holy Sugar, where he had served as a supervisor. He was born Aug. 27, 1927 in Merkel. He married Clela Lovell in 1947 in Fort Stockton. They moved to Hereford in 1963 from Tucumcari, N.M.

Survivors include his wife, Clela; two daughters, Pat Cupell of Amarillo and Debra Kalkman of Colorado Springs, Co.; and five grandchildren.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$18 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 9, 11, 39, 42, 44 and 49.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$25 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-8-6 (five, eight, six)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-1-5 (nine, one, five)

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Lifestyles

Freeman, Crofford honored with bridal shower in Black House

Jana Michelle Freeman, bride-elect of Cory Blane Crofford, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday in the E.B. Black House.

The couple plans to be married May 17. Greeting guests with the honoree were her mother, Jenny Freeman; the

mother of the prospective bridegroom, Billie Crofford; and his grandmothers, Evelyn Crofford and Erma Bain.

Amber Mason presided at the guest registry.

Refreshments of cake, nuts, mints and punch were served by Lori Crofford, sister of the prospective bridegroom, and Marci Goldsmith, cousin of the prospective bridegroom.

The refreshment table was covered with an antique lace cloth, centered with a bouquet of spring flowers in the bride-elect's chosen colors of cranberry and white, and featured silver appointments.

A country blue canister set was the gift from hostesses Claudia Smith, Kim Hollingsworth, Peggy Fitzgerald, Debbie Foerster, Debbie Keyes, Linda Mason, Karen Goldsmith and Pat Goforth.



Bridal shower held

A bridal shower honoring Jana Michelle Freeman, bride-elect of Cory Blane Crofford, was held Sunday in the E.B. Black House. Greeting guests were, from left, Evelyn Crofford and Erma Bain, grandmothers of the prospective bridegroom; Billie Crofford, mother of the prospective bridegroom; the honoree; and Jenny Freeman, mother of the bride-elect.

Bay View elects officers

Bay View Study Club elected officers for the 1996-1997 year during a meeting April 18 at Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Officers elected were Lois Scott, president; Lou Davis, vice president; Margaret Bell, recording secretary; Sue Sims, corresponding secretary; and Judy Mitts, treasurer.

Ruth Newsom announced a tree will be planted by Los Ciboleros Chapter DAR in Dameron Park at 4:30 p.m. on April 26 to commemorate Arbor Day.

Betty Rudder, program chairman, introduced Amy Gililland who is a member of the Amarillo Little Theatre board. Gililland gave a brief review of ALT's upcoming production of *Phantom* with performances scheduled May 2-18.

Gililland then introduced Loren Strickland, music director of Amarillo Little Theatre and artistic director of ALT Theatre for Children project. He sang several selections from *Phantom*.

Hostesses Lois Scott, Kathryn Ruga and Virginia Garner served refreshments to guests Claudia McBrayer, Leona Schichagen, Ann Carroll, Gililland and Strickland and members Beth Burran, Roberta Caviness, Mary Fraser, Nancy Hays, Nancy Josseland, Helen Langley, Ruth McBride, Ruth Allison, Lois Gililland, Davis, Mitts, Newsom and Rudder.

'Right to vote' topic of talk

"Women's Right to Vote" was the title of the program given by Aileen Montgomery to the La Afflatus Estudio Club.

Montgomery's presentation began with the first women's meeting in 1851 to the adoption of the 19th Amendment in Texas in 1917.

Opal Elliston led the club collect and president Louise Streun presided over a brief business meeting.

The meeting, held at Something Special, was attended by Della Stagner, Emily Suggs, Mary Williamson, Roxie Phipps, Alberta Higgins, Annie De Lozier, Virginia Curtsinger, Virginia Beasley, Montgomery, Streun and Elliston.

The annual luncheon and final meeting of the club year will be held May 7 at Something Special. At that time new officers will be installed for a two year term and plans made for the coming year.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I recently met a young lady, and we had a date that went well. We made plans to meet the next week and spoke on the phone in the interim.

One evening, while "Lee" and I were talking, she clicked off for call waiting and never came back on the line. After a few minutes, she called and wasn't sure why I'd been cut off. We talked further, and she had to click off for call waiting again. Once more, I was talking to a dial tone. An hour passed, and I became

worried. I tried to call her back, but there was no answer. Knowing Lee had call waiting and an answering machine, I gave the police her phone number, and they went to her home to check and see if she was OK. She was.

Lee left a message on my machine the next day, saying she did not appreciate the police coming to her house and she thought calling them was very odd. She said she did not want to see me again.

Ann, was I out of line? -- D.D., Vista, Calif.

Dear D.D.: Yes, you were out of line. If you were truly concerned, you should have gone to her place yourself rather than launch a police investigation. You came to some radical conclusions on the basis of an unreturned phone call. Your poor judgment cost you -- big time. Sorry.

Dear Ann Landers: I've been following your columns on the plight of the unemployed middle class in America, and I find them provocative. When you asked Secretary of Labor Robert Reich for suggestions, I knew I had to write.

Please tell your readers that the government is not the answer to their unemployment problems. Here's what I would do if I were in those people's shoes.

First, I would look at what I have to offer. The advertising executive who was laid off after 23 years must have several contacts and many talents he could put to work on his own. The son with degrees in business and accounting could surely find opportunities to utilize those skills, helping people with their taxes and bookkeeping. He could offer his services as a consultant to new businesses. People should tap into their talents and their hobbies. Someone who likes to scuba dive could sell scuba equipment or become an instructor.

I recently met a guy who was a paramedic for 19 years. He was tired of the fast track and decided he needed a change. He now sells medical equipment to ambulance services and hospitals in the Midwest, works out of his home and is very

successful. He told me he now has his confidence back and can do anything he sets his mind to.

Several years ago, my wife worked for an ad agency on the verge of bankruptcy. She struck out on her own. She hustled to get accounts, worked out of our house, hired freelance people for the creative work and developed a lucrative business.

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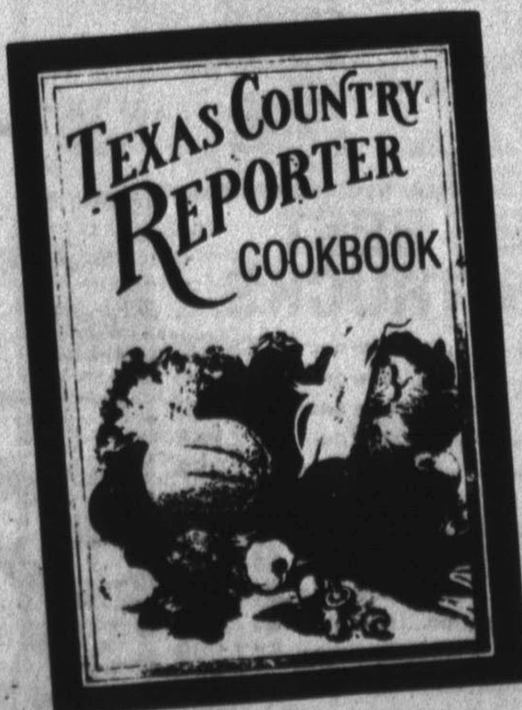
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Sports

Herd boys' golf team second at regionals

The boys' field at the Region 1-4A Golf Tournament was looking up at District 1-4A after the first day, as Borger led the tournament and Hereford stood in second place.

Borger totaled 304 and Hereford shot 306 Monday at San Angelo's Riverside Municipal Course. Those two led a tight pack, as seven more teams were within 18 strokes of the lead.

The Hereford girls' team totaled 363 and were tied for fifth place, 20 strokes off the pace set by Andrews.

The tournament was to conclude today with another round on the same course. The top two teams' advance to the state tournament.

All five Hereford boys shot rounds in the 70s Monday. David Sims led the way at 75, followed by Jeremiah Baros at 76, Justin Griffith at 77, and Tom Munoz and Keith Riley both at 78.

Sims was tied with five others for sixth place in the medalist standings, and Baros was tied for 12th. Snyder's Page Patterson shot the day's best round at 70, and Pampa's Phil Everson was tied for

second at 72.

Krista Beville led the Hereford girls by shooting 88. She was followed by Jacque Bezner at 90, Jami-Bell at 92, Stephanie Bixler at 93 and Amy Killingsworth at 94. Beville was tied for 14th in the medalist standings. Dumas' Jamie McInturff led the field at 74, followed closely by Borger's Sarah Moore at 77.

Following are the complete team standings:

Boys: 1, Borger, 304; 2, Hereford, 306; 3, Granbury, 309; 4, Big Spring, 310; 5 (tie), Waxahachie and Snyder, 312; 7, Lamesa, 313; 8 (tie), Andrews and Stephenville, 322; 10, Arlington Heights Blue, 327; 11, Everman, 331; 12, Arlington Heights Gold, 370; 13, Canutillo, 385; 14, El Paso High, 466.

Girls: 1, Andrews, 343; 2, Borger, 346; 3, Snyder, 349; 4, Fort Stockton, 350; 5 (tie), Hereford and Stephenville, 363; 7, Lamesa, 381; 8, Brownwood, 417; 9, El Paso High, 480; 10, El Paso Jefferson, 488; 11, Waxahachie, 491; 12, Arlington Heights, 497; 13, Midlothian, 509.

Harrison wins at qualifiers' meet

Hereford's Jamie Harrison won two races at a regional qualifiers track meet Friday in Abernathy.

Harrison won the 3,200-meter run in 12:32.10 and the 1,600 run in 5:39.10.

Harrison, Jessica Mejia and Kristin Fangman all competed in Abernathy

to stay in top form for the Region 1-4A Track Meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday in San Angelo.

Mejia finished second in the 800 run with a time of 2:33.03. Fangman was third in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.85.

Rockets start playoffs in foxhole

GALVESTON, Texas (AP)--The two-time defending NBA champion Houston Rockets are hurting, written off by some, uncertain and without home-court advantage as the playoffs begin this week.

In other words, they're right where they're used to being.

"One of the characteristics I'm not really happy about is we're probably the best trench team in modern basketball -- being pushed into the corner down in that foxhole," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said as his team headed to Galveston Monday for three days of preparation before Thursday's first-round playoff opener at the Los Angeles Lakers.

Tomjanovich, whose team averted elimination repeatedly a year ago en route to a second straight NBA crown, said his goal would have been to avoid starting out from behind.

"Let's not get down there," he said. "But right now, because of injuries, we're already in the foxhole, just like last year."

Mario Elie, Sam Cassell and Robert Horry -- the heart of last season's title winner -- on the shelf.

"I've conditioned myself to come to the arena or to the practice floor not knowing what to expect," Tomjanovich said. "All these things you just have to be prepared for and you deal with them."

Houston finished the regular season Sunday with a victory over Phoenix to wind up 48-34. That's one game better than a year ago but 10 games off the pace of the 1994 championship team.

Still, Tomjanovich thinks this year's club is better with the addition of Mark Bryant, who has given them toughness up front, and Eldridge Recasner, an additional outside shooting threat.

"If we're healthy, I'd say on paper ... you have to feel you're better," he says. "But talent and potential really means nothing in getting the prize."

"The first year we didn't have an explosive offense. We have more options now than we had on the first championship team. Right now, we have to get back to the team that does what it takes to win."

McWhorter, Robbins make finals

Lockmiller, Carr fall in semis of regional tennis tourney

Hereford's Natalie McWhorter and Paige Robbins advanced to the girls doubles championship match at the Region 1-4A Tennis Tournament by knocking off Andrews' Leeper and Smart in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-3, this morning in San Angelo.

McWhorter and Robbins were to play the Sweetwater duo of Lewis and Pennington today, starting shortly before noon. It's the same Sweetwater pair that McWhorter and Robbins have beaten twice this year, at tournaments in Fort Stockton in February and Levelland in March.

The Hereford pair are seeded No. 1 in the tournament and they're playing like it, although Herd coach Ed Coplen said they're not playing as well as they can.

"They haven't played as well as they did at district (tournament)," he said, calling from San Angelo.

"They're a little tense. The girls they've been playing have been playing up, because they knew they were playing the No. 1 seeds."

Hereford's other entry at the regional tournament lost in the semifinals today. The boys doubles team of B.J. Lockmiller and Andrew Carr fell to Andrews' John Armstrong and Mitch Gray, 6-0, 6-2. Armstrong and Gray are the defending Region 1-4A champions.

Lockmiller and Carr will play the third place match today. If they win and the Andrews team wins in the finals, the Hereford pair will play the finals loser for the right to go to the state tournament.

That's called a playback match, and it's why Robbins and McWhorter haven't clinched a return to the state tournament. However, the seniors will clinch their second trip with a

win in the finals.

Both Hereford pairs won their matches Monday.

Robbins and McWhorter had a bye in the first round since they were seeded. In the second round, they beat Snyder's Laura Gonzales and Michelle Spencer, 6-2, 6-4.

Lockmiller and Carr started off by upsetting the No. 4 seeds, Nart Chavunworn and Jason Odum of Waxahachie, 6-2, 6-1. In the second round they beat Manuel Gonzales and Ben Lawson of Levelland, 6-3, 6-4.

All eight of the entries from District 1-4A were perfect on Monday and reached today's semifinals, although Coplen said that the girls doubles team from Sweetwater beat Randall's Hollye Hodges and Nicole Munoz to get to the finals.

Coplen was worried about seeding,

since it's usually tough for the northern districts to get respect at the seeding meetings. Those fears turned out to be unfounded, as six of the district's representatives were seeded.

The district girls really got some respect. McWhorter and Robbins were seeded No. 1 and the Randall pair was seeded No. 2. In singles, Dumas' Emily Johnson was the top seed and Borger's Lacey Jordan was second.

Wednesday scrambles starting up

The Wednesday Night Scramble will tee up a new season beginning Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Pitman Municipal Golf Course, according to Dave Kaesheimer, golf pro.

Golfers interested in participating in the four-person scramble can sign up at the pro shop. The nine-hole scramble will be held each Wednesday afternoon during the summer. Handicaps are used to assign players to teams. For more information, call 363-7139.

Annual green fees and locker rents will be due May 1. For amounts of fees and rents, stop by or call the pro shop.

Canyon holds off Herd, 6-4

The Canyon baseball team took a 4-1 lead Saturday in Canyon, and Hereford never could catch up. Canyon ended up with a 6-4 victory.

Hereford falls to 0-8 in District 1-4A and 4-18 overall. Canyon improved to 4-4 and 8-13.

Hereford led briefly after scoring a run in the first inning, but Canyon tied it with one run in the second and took a 4-1 lead with three in the third.

The Herd scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to keep close, but Canyon scored single runs in the fifth and sixth to keep the lead. Canyon's Justin Ziegler shut out

the Herd in the seventh to collect the complete game victory. Eric Ambold pitched the entire game for Hereford.

No others details were available. Hereford coach Pete Rodriguez could not be reached for comment.

In other District 1-4A games, Randall defeated Borger, 2-1, and Dumas beat Pampa 5-4.

Randall holds onto the district lead with a record of 7-1, 16-8 overall. Dumas is second at 5-2 and Borger is third at 5-3.

In today's games, Dumas is at Hereford, Randall visits Caprock and

Canyon plays at Borger. All of the games are at 4:30.

The winning hit in the first game of the 1954 World Series between the Giants and Indians was a pinch-hit homer by Dusty Rhodes of the Giants. It traveled 260 feet.

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Rodman wins NBA's 'T' title

By CHRIS SHERIDAN AP Basketball Writer

Michael Jordan wrapped up the scoring title weeks ago. Ditto for Dennis Rodman and the rebounding title, John Stockton for the league lead in assists, Gary Payton for steals, etc.

The only battle to go down the final day was the technical foul title, and Rodman, the league leader in hair colors, got a piece of that one, too.

Rodman was slapped with his 29th "T" for arguing his fifth personal foul early in the fourth quarter of Chicago's 103-93 victory at Washington, tying him for the league lead with Charles Barkley of the Phoenix Suns.

All the other statistical titles were wrapped up weeks ago.

Michael Jordan became the scoring champion for the first time in three years and Rodman won his fifth straight rebounding title, joining Wilt Chamberlain as the only other player to capture the rebounding crown with three teams. Rodman also won the honor with Detroit and San Antonio.

He grabbed 11 rebounds for Chicago in just 24 minutes against the Bulls on Sunday, lowering the average from 14.94 to 14.88. David Robinson of San Antonio finished second with a 12.2 average.

Jordan won his eighth scoring title, scoring 26 points in just 24 minutes against Washington to lower his average from 30.43 to 30.37 - still more than three points ahead of Hakeem Olajuwon's average of 26.9.

Jordan won the scoring title for seven straight seasons until retiring after the 1992-93 season.

"It was an individual goal," Jordan said. "I didn't want to put forth so that everyone would look at it in a critical way. I wanted to do it internally, individually to prove I could still play this game."

Stockton of the Utah Jazz led the league in assists for the ninth straight season, although his average of 11.2 was his lowest since the 1986-87 season - his third in the league.

Dennis Scott of Orlando finished with 267 3-pointers after breaking John Starks' record of 217 over a month ago. Tim Legler of Washington, the 3-point shootout champ at

All-Star weekend, had the best percentage - .522.

Mauumoud Abdul-Rauf of Denver, who missed the season's final three weeks because of a foot injury, had the best free throw percentage (.930) for the second time in three years. Abdul-Rauf missed only 11 of 157 attempts. Among players with 300 or more attempts, Terrell Brandon of Cleveland had the best percentage (338 of 381, .887).

Gheorghe Muresan of the Washington Bullets had the highest field-goal percentage (.584).

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Maddux returns to form, shuts down Dodgers

By The Associated Press
 Greg Maddux may be back in a groove, and that's bad news for National League hitters. Maddux pitched his first complete game of the season Monday night, allowing eight hits as the Atlanta Braves beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-1.

He threw strikes on 77 of 108 pitches, got 17 groundball outs, struck out seven and walked none.

"Tonight I located my fastball better and pitched down better than I have," said Maddux (3-1), who has won four straight Cy Young Awards.

His pitching and the hitting of Ryan Klesko--whose two-run homer tied him with Florida's Gary Sheffield for the NL lead with nine--helped Atlanta to its sixth win in eight games following a 5-7 start.

"Sometimes one run is all he (Maddux) needs," said losing pitcher Tom Candiotti (1-2), who gave up four runs and six hits in five innings. "If he gets two or more, he'll lock the door on you."

The Dodgers have lost four in a row, and are 1-5 on their seven-game road trip.

Astros 11, Giants 8
 At San Francisco, Rick Wilkins homered, doubled and singled twice, driving in two runs and scoring three times for Houston. The Astros also took advantage of five Giants errors. Orlando Miller added two doubles and two RBIs for the Astros, who have won five of six. Shane Reynolds (3-1) won his third straight road start, allowing five runs and nine hits in six innings. Shawon Dunston made four

errors on ground balls at shortstop, and first baseman Mark Carreon had a throwing error for San Francisco.

Pirates 9, Phillies 3
 At Philadelphia, Jacob Brumfield hit a two-run homer and drove in a career-high four runs as Pittsburgh stopped a three-game losing streak. Danny Darwin (2-2) allowed three runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He also had a two-run double and a single, his first hits since Aug. 16, 1990. Pittsburgh had 16 hits, three each by Charlie Hayes, Jeff King and Brumfield. Terry Mulholland (2-2) lasted only 3 1-3 innings, giving up six runs and eight hits.

Padres 5, Marlins 3
 At Miami, Andy Ashby (3-0) pitched a seven-hitter and drove in

the tie-breaking run with a sacrifice fly to snap Florida's four-game winning streak. Scott Livingstone had a solo homer and an RBI single for San Diego, while Sheffield hit his ninth homer for the Marlins. John Burkett (1-3) gave up eight hits and four runs in seven innings.

Expos 8, Cardinals 0
 At Montreal, Rheal Cormier pitched a three-hitter and Henry Rodriguez homered twice and drove in five runs as the Expos won their fourth straight. Cormier (1-1) struck out nine and walked none in his first career shutout. Rodriguez, starting in left field in place of injured Moises Alou, hit a two-run homer in the third off Donovan Osborne (1-1) and a three-run drive in the seventh off T.J. Mathews.

Mets 5, Reds 1
 At New York, Paul Wilson shut down Cincinnati on three hits in eight innings for his first major league win. Wilson (1-1), making his fourth big league start, struck out five and walked two. Doug Henry pitched the ninth for his second save. Mark Portugal (0-3) remained winless in four starts, allowing all five runs and 11 hits in eight innings, but his ERA dropped from 6.60 to 6.14. Jose Vizcaino hit a two-run homer and Lance Johnson had three singles for the Mets.

Rockies 4, Cubs 2
 At Chicago, Marvin Freeman pitched seven strong innings as Colorado beat the Cubs despite Ryne Sandberg's 250th career homer. Freeman (2-2), a Chicago native, allowed four hits and improved his career record against the Cubs to 5-1, including 4-0 at Wrigley Field. Curtis Leskanic pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save. Sandberg hit his fifth homer of the season in the first, becoming the 10th major league player with 250 homers and 250 steals.

Orioles have bad day in Cleveland

By The Associated Press
 Jacobs Field is no friend to the Baltimore Orioles. Many think Cleveland and Baltimore will wind up playing in the AL championship series. If that's the case, the Indians figure to be confident against the Orioles. Monday night's 6-3 win made it eight straight for Cleveland against Baltimore at the Jake.

"It's difficult when you're always behind," Baltimore manager Davey Johnson said after his team's fifth straight loss overall. "It puts pressure on each at-bat. You're less aggressive. We're trying to do too much in certain situations and not playing within ourselves."

Cleveland has won four straight overall and nine of 10. Jim Thome broke a 3-3 tie with a sixth-inning homer off Scott Erickson (1-1) on a 3-0 pitch.

"When I get a 3-0 count, I try to hit the lights. That's my theory," Thome said.

Consecutive doubles by Omar Vizquel and Kenny Lofton later in the inning finished Erickson. Cleveland added a run in the eighth on a balk by rookie Brian Sackinisky.

In other games, Toronto routed Seattle 16-7, Chicago beat Texas 12-4, California beat Detroit 6-5, Oakland beat Milwaukee 6-2, Boston beat Minnesota 4-1 and New York beat Kansas City 6-2.

At Cleveland, Charles Nagy (3-0) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings, striking out four and walking one. Jim Poole pitched two scoreless innings, and Jose Mesa worked a scoreless ninth for his fifth save in five tries.

Blue Jays 16, Mariners 7
 Joe Carter had a grand slam and five RBIs, and Ed Sprague had two

homers and five RBIs at the Kingdome.

Carter, who had three homers and nine RBIs in the series, connected in the fifth off Tim Davis for his eighth career grand slam.

Tony Castillo (1-0) pitched three scoreless innings. Ed Hurtado (1-3) allowed four runs and two hits in 2 1-3 innings after starter Sterling Hitchcock gave up five runs and eight hits in 2 1-3 innings.

White Sox 12, Rangers 4
 Harold Baines and Robin Ventura hit consecutive homers in the sixth, and Ventura and Danny Tartabull hit back-to-back homers in the eighth as visiting Chicago stopped the Rangers' five-game winning streak.

Baines' three-run homer gave Chicago an 8-2 lead against Bobby Witt (2-1), tagged for nine runs and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Alex Fernandez (3-1) allowed three runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings, striking out 10. Matt Karchner finished for his first career save.

Athletics 6, Brewers 2
 Carlos Reyes (2-3) allowed one run and two hits in five innings before leaving with stiffness in his right shoulder.

Pedro Munoz and Geronimo Berroa each hit two-run homers as Oakland stopped visiting Milwaukee's seven-game winning streak. Ricky Bones (1-3) gave up four runs and five hits in five innings.

John Briscoe got his first save, retiring Matt Mieskie on a bases-loaded grounder. Attendance was 6,021, the smallest crowd in the majors this season.

Red Sox 4, Twins 1
 Wil Cordero had three hits and drove in three runs, leading visiting Boston to its fourth win in 19 games this season.

Aaron Sele (1-1) allowed just four hits in six innings, outdueling Rich Robertson (0-4), who gave up three hits through six before Boston rallied.

Heathcliff Slocumb pitched the ninth for his third save.

Orioles have bad weekend in Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)--It's far too early to tell whether the Texas Rangers' hot start will lead to anything but some rather meaningless early season team records.

But no matter what happens the rest of this season, Texas can always look back fondly at this past weekend, when the Rangers reduced Baltimore's pitching staff from the AL's best to batting practice fodder.

Texas scored 43 runs in racking up victories by scores of 26-7, 8-3 and 9-6. The Orioles' ERA climbed from 3.00 to 5.00 as the Rangers hit .388 with 20 extra-base hits. They had 10 home runs, including two grand slams.

"I never thought we'd score this many runs against this team," said Dean Palmer, who went 6-for-11 with four homers, six runs scored and 11 RBIs in the series and on Monday was named the AL's player of the week.

"We just weren't leaving very many guys on base like we were earlier this season. We can't keep this up for a full season, but this team is going to score some runs."

The Rangers previous best scoring stretch was in 1987, with 45 runs in four games.

The three-game sweep was the third of the season for the Rangers, who have baseball's best record at 13-5 despite losing 12-4 Monday night to Chicago. Texas ended a five-game winning streak and slipped to 11-2 at home.

"If you look back over our three series at home -- sweeping Boston, New York and Baltimore -- it's got to get you and your fans excited," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

"We want our players to enjoy what's happening, but remember it's not the destination, just part of our journey."

The Rangers probably will never forget the way they battered the Orioles on Friday night, when 16 of their 26 runs came in the eighth inning. Baltimore manager Davey Johnson was so despondent he forced backup infielder Manny Alexander to pitch for the first time in his life.

Texas became only the 11th team in modern history to score 26 runs and the first in the AL since the Chicago White Sox in 1955. The 16-run eighth was the second-most runs scored by a team in one inning since 1900.

The game was so full of highlights and records that it took an entire 8-by-14 sheet of paper to list them all. Without a doubt, it was the most memorable night at The Ballpark since Kenny Rogers' perfect game in 1994.

The eight runs Saturday seemed mild in comparison. Sunday's nine runs were special because six were driven in by Palmer, who appeared to be having a breakout season in 1995 until suffering a season-ending injury in June.

His huge output this weekend

ended any lingering doubts about the re-attached tendon in his left arm.

"I think there were a few people who were skeptical if I was going to be as strong as I was before," Palmer said. "I don't think there's any reason to doubt it now."

With his tremendous weekend, Palmer joined Texas' amazingly large .300 club.

Entering Monday night's game against Chicago, six of the first seven batters in the Rangers' everyday lineup were hitting at least .306. The only exception was Mickey Tettleton, and he led the majors with 21 walks.

"When you have one hot guy in the lineup, they pitch around him," Oates said. "When you have five guys (who are hot) like we do right now, it seems like somebody is on base every inning."

Besides Palmer, other Rangers who had big weekends included Ivan Rodriguez (6-12, three RBIs, five runs) Will Clark (5-10, seven RBIs, two homers), Darryl Hamilton (6-for-15, six runs) and Juan Gonzalez (two homers, eight RBIs).

Not to be overlooked is that Texas also had a big weekend at the gate.

The Rangers were among the teams whose attendance took the biggest hit because of the 1994 strike, and they've been the slowest to recover. Their numbers were down in all of 1995 and have been slowly improving this season.

This series drew 125,998 fans, the most since Aug. 2-4, 1994.

Texas has sold 345,189 tickets for the first 12 games of this season, an average of 28,766 per game. That's nearly 6,000 ahead of last year's pace.

Angels 6, Tigers 5
 Jorge Fabregas hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth off Mike Christopher (0-1), and Jim Edmonds and Chili Davis hit two-run homers as California rallied to complete a 6-0 homestand. Detroit has lost six in a row.

Mike James (4-1) retired five straight batters and Troy Percival struck out the side in the ninth for his seventh save in seven chances.

Yankees 6, Royals 2
 David Cone (3-1) won despite lasting just five innings, and Tino Martinez hit a two-run double as the visiting Yankees sent Kansas City to its sixth straight loss.

New York had 14 hits, three each by Wade Boggs, Derck Jeter and Joe Girardi.

Cone (3-1) allowed four hits, walked five and struck out six. Kevin Appier (1-3) gave up five runs and nine hits in seven innings.

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Death claims friend of Winnie the Pooh

Christopher Robin Milne never liked role in father's book

LONDON (AP) - Christopher Robin Milne, immortalized as the young friend of Winnie the Pooh in the children's stories of his father, A.A. Milne, has died, the Times of London reported Monday. He was 75.

The newspaper said Christopher Robin Milne died on Saturday, but did not say where he died or give the cause of death.

Milne was born in London in 1920, and was known as an adult to resent the melding of his real childhood and the fictional one in his father's tales.

In 1924, Alan Alexander Milne, already well-known for his light hand at literature and fiction, published a book of verse inspired by his four-year-old son, "When We Were Very Young."

His son's affection for a bear named Winnie at the London zoo became the model of hugely successful children's books - "Winnie-the-Pooh" (1926), the verses "Now We are Six" (1927), and "The House at Pooh Corner" (1928). The stories were later brought to film by Disney.

Pooh made his entry in the first

book being dragged down a staircase by Christopher Robin, backwards, on his head.

"It is, as far as he knows, the only way of coming downstairs, but sometimes he feels that there really is another way, if only he could stop bumping for a moment and think of it."

"Anyhow, here he is at the bottom, and ready to be introduced to you, Winnie the Pooh."

In photographs, it was clear how closely A.A. Milne modeled the fictional Christopher Robin on his son: the same wide, inquisitive brown eyes, the same carefully cropped mop top, the same gingham smock.

But the grown Christopher Milne displayed a tendency to counter his father's wishes: he dropped out of Cambridge in 1939 and enlisted in the army; he was wounded in Italy during World War II.

He married his cousin Lesley de Selincourt in 1949 - again, not his father's choice for his bride - and became a bookseller, settling in Stoke Fleming on England's southwestern coast.

He endured countless parents pressing Pooh books into his hands and asking for an autograph; in return he asked for a donation for his favorite charity, Save the Children.

In private, he pursued his passion for carpentry, building special furniture for his daughter, who suffered from cerebral palsy.

His father died in 1956, and he remained silent about the effect of the series' immense popularity on his life until 1974, when he published "The Enchanted Places." It was followed by "The Path Through the Trees" in 1979 and "The Hollow on the Hill" in 1982.

Milne described his father as a man who used his small son's youth to stave off his own middle age.

"When I was three, my father was three. When I was six, he was six ... he needed me to escape from being 50," he wrote.

He said his father kept his only child at a distance: "His heart remained buttoned up all through his life."

He also resented the confusing

of his childhood with popular legend: he could not remember whether it was the real or fictional Christopher Robin who invented the game of "pooh-sticks," dropping sticks from a wooden bridge into a flowing stream.

Nonetheless, he was not averse to exploiting his own name when he thought the cause was worthy: he backed campaigns against deforestation invoking the lands that housed his father's creations.

Besides Pooh, other characters were based on stuffed animals belonging to a childhood friend, Anne Darlington. In December, Darlington sold two of the toys, Kanga and Roo, at auction to a teddy bear museum.

At the end of "The House at Pooh Corner," A.A. Milne leaves boy and bear in a pine wood - the tale is over because Christopher Robin is about to go to school.

But, the father wrote, "Wherever they go and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest, a little boy and his bear will always be playing."

Explanations sought on ballot box opening

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) - Officials in Tom Green County want explanations for several voting problems in recent elections.

The latest blunder occurred when Elections Administrator Lela Breckenridge opened a ballot box and removed two entries after officials discovered two voters were given the wrong ballots for the city and school board election.

According to the state election code, opening a ballot box without following a strict set of procedures is considered a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000 and up to a year in prison.

"We're going to have to look into this and get to the bottom of it," County Attorney Tom Goff said. "We cannot afford a taint on the election process, especially come November."

District Attorney Steve Smith said last week an investigation already has begun. Smith and Goff likely will get together to decide whether to take action against Ms. Breckenridge or other election officials.

Other problems stem from an April 9 runoff election.

At one polling station, a handful

of voters were turned away because they had not voted in the March primary. That was not a prerequisite.

Also, a number of mail-in ballots were returned to the elections office the day after the election. Ms. Breckenridge said she did not count how many ballots came in too late, although it was known that only 304 mail-in ballots were received on time out of the 743 that were mailed.

Mail-in ballots became a hot issue in Precinct 1, where Alfredo Hinojosa defeated Herbert Acevedo in the Democratic seat for justice of the peace by just nine votes.



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TUESDAY APRIL 23

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: My Little Pony *** G	Inside Out	Grand Canyon	Annie Lennox	Movie: Any Which Way You Can PG						
News Ent. Tonight	3rd Rock	Wings	Frasier	Larquette	Dateline					
News Hour With Jim Lehrer	Nova	Frontline	Persepective	Decisions						
Videos	Videos	(:05) 100 Years of Olympic Glory								
News	Wh. Fortune	Roseanne	Coach	Home Imp.	Dana	Murder One				
Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Movie: Payoff (1991) Keith Carradine, Kim Greist. ***								
News	Home Imp.	Rescue 911	Movie: The Hunt for Red October (1990) Sean Connery. ***							
Roseanne	Simpsons	NAACP Image Awards	Xena: Warrior Princess	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted				
Sportsctr.	Stanley Cup Playoffs	Conference Quarterfinal Game 4 -- Teams to Be Announced	Baseball	Sportscenter	Baseball					
Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza					
Movie: To Sir With Love	Poltergeist: The Legacy		(:35) Movie: The Puppet Masters Donald Sutherland. 'R'	Red Shoe	Softly Paris					
Movie: A Little Princess	Movie: Soul of the Game Deway Lindo.	(:45) Comedy Hour		Sex Bytes	Movie: Terminal Justice					
(5:30) Movie: Ski School 2	Movie: Disclosure (1994) Michael Douglas, Demi Moore.	(:15) Movie: Boulevard Rsa Dawn Chung. *** 'R'								
Movie: Penny Serenade (1941) Cary Grant. ***	(:15) Movie: My Favorite Wife (1940) Cary Grant. ***									
Dukes of Hazzard	Look Back: Ralph Emery	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News	Look Back					
Bay. 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Mysterious World-Wind	Planet of Life	Next Step	Bay. 2000	Wild Disc.			
Equalizer	Biography	Movie: Driven to Distraction (1990) John Thaw.			Law & Order	Biography				
Commish	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The Haunting of Lisa (1996) Cheryl Ladd.			Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries				
Pro Beach Volleyball	This Is the PGA Tour	Boxing Prime Championship Series	Press Box	Fame	Outdoors					
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Moses (1996) Ben Kingsley, Frank Langella. ***	Movie: Moses (1996) Ben Kingsley, Frank Langella. ***								
Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Boxing Chris Byrd vs. Samson Po'ala		Silk Stalkings	Highlander				
Marisol		El Premio Mayor	Primer Impacto Noc.	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Hoy Daniela				
Vietnam	Crusades	Winds of War		Year by Year	Crusades					
RPM 2Night	Stanley Cup Playoffs	Conference Quarterfinal Game 4 -- Teams to Be Announced	NHL 2Night	Extreme	RPM 2Night	NBA 2Night				

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Movie: Trading Mom PG	Pool	C. Brown	Quack	Kids Incomp.	Mickey	Darwin	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	
Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones		Maury Povich		Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News	
Body Elec.	Woodshop	Time Goes	Painting	With Health	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Dudley	
(12:05) Movie: ** Duplicates (1992)	Garfield	Flintstones	Scoby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Little House on the Prairie	Videos	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News			
News	Perry Mason	Gerardo	Warner	Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Ricki Lake	News	CBS News			
Griffith	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Taz-Mania	Eek!stravag	Batman	Rangers	Full House	Fresh Pr.		
Latin Futbol	Yachting: Antarctica	Timber	Racehorse	National Aerobics Champ.	Destination Extreme	Up Close	Sportsctr.			
(12:00) Home & Family	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	Wild Animal	Family Challenge	Newhart	Shade				
Movie: The Lotus Eaters	Movie: Harmony Cats Kim Coates. 'NR'	(:10) Movie: Zorro, the Gay Blade PG	(:45) Movie: Homecoming Anne Bancroft.							
Movie: Nat'l Christmas	(:45) Movie: Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead **	Lifestories: Families	Movie: Forrest Gump Tom Hanks. PG-13							
(:45) Movie: A Dangerous Place Ted Jan Roberts. 'R'	Movie: The Gate Stephen Dorff. PG-13	Movie: Amore! Jack Scalia. ***	Movie: Forrest Gump Tom Hanks. PG-13							
(12:00) Movie: *** Female (1933)	Movie: Another Dawn (1937) Errol Flynn. **	Movie: Air Raid Wardens (1943) Stan Laurel. ***								
Wildhorse	VideoPM	Dukes of Hazzard	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance						
Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Wings		
Equalizer	McCloud				Mike Hammer	Remington Steele	Quincy			
Designing	Movie: Kids Don't Tell (1985) Michael Orlowitz. ***	Spenser: For Hire	Cagney & Lacey	Supermtk	Designing					
Horseworld	Rodeo	Thorghbrd	Fat Burner	Remington	Beach	Fast Pitch	NBA Action	Transworld Sport		
Starz	CHiPs	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Kansas City Bomber (1972) Raquel Welch. ***	In the Heat of the Night						
Gullah	Gummy	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets	Chipmunks	Tiny Toon	Looney	Clarissa	Rugrats
People's Court	Live With Love Connection	MacGyver	Highlander: The Series	Renegade						
Morelia	Como Tu, Ninguna	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero					
Real West	Vietnam	History Showcase	Tenko	First Flights	First Flights	Real West				
Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	RPM 2Night	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conf. Quarterfinal Game 4 -- Teams TBA	NHL 2Night	Flex Appeal	Outdoors				

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Pool	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Cmr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	My Little	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:
Today				Leeza		Gerardo	Gordon Elliott	Our Lives		
Literary	Literary	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Katie-Orbie	Barney	Puzzle Place	Dupree	
Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	B. Hillbillies	Griffith	(:05) Matlock	(:05) Perry Mason	Movie:			
Good Morning America			Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee		Montel Williams	News				
News			Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels	Gerardo	News			
This Morning			George & Alana		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
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Family Challenge	Waltons	700 Club					Home			
Movie: Manny's Orphans Richard Lincoln	(:35) Movie: Twelve Hours to Kill **	Movie: Homecoming Anne Bancroft.	Movie: The Lotus Eaters							
Movie: Yor, the Hunter From the Future	Movie: Forrest Gump (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. *** PG-13	Jack Benny: Comedy	Movie: Nat.							
Movie: She's-Bradway	Movie: Stay Tuned John Ritter. ** PG	Movie: Look Who's Talking *** 'G'	(:10) Movie: Hard Times Charles Bronson							
Movie: Animal Kingdom	Movie: Captured (1933) Paul Lukas. ***	Movie: The Petrified Forest (1936) ***	Movie: Private Detective							
(Off Air)	VideoMorning									
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Press Box	Workout	Training	Get Fit	Ab Sculptor	TurboSwg	Pro Beach Volleyball	Josue Cuervo	Gold Crown	Horseworld	
(6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	Charlie's Angels	Starz			
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Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Faerie Tale Theatre	Movie: White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf *** PG	Movie: Still Crazy Like a Fox ***	Hardy Boys	Zorro						
News	Ent. Tonight	Academy of Country Music Awards	(:35) Tonight Show							
News Hour With Jim Lehrer	New Explorers	Natural Passion	Jr. League	Loons	Tony Brown	Charlie Rose				
Videos	Videos	Movie: Return From Witch Mountain (1978) ***	(:05) Movie: The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag (1992)	Movie:						
News	Wh. Fortune	Ellen	Drew Carey	Grace Under	Faculty	Primetime Live	News	Selinfeld	Nightline	
Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Sister, Sis.	Parent	Wayans	Unhappily	News	Night Court	Simon & Simon		
News	Home Imp.	Catch a Rising Star	Kindred: The Embraced	Hercules-Jrns.	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted			
Roseanne	Simpsons	X-Files	Major League Baseball Cleveland Indians at New York Yankees	Major League Baseball: Cubs at Padres						
Sportsctr.	Major League	Baseball Cleveland Indians at New York Yankees	Major League Baseball: Cubs at Padres							
Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza					
Movie: On the Set	Movie: Legends of the Fall Brad Pitt. *** 'R'	(:15) Movie: The Favor Harley Jane Kosak. *** 'R'	Movie:							
Movie: Forrest Gump	Movie: Black Rain (1989) Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia.	Tales-Crypt	Strangers	Tracey	To Love or Kill					
Movie: Procedure 769 'NR'	Movie: Night of the Demons 2 ** 1/2 'R'	(:35) Movie: Soft Decelt Patrick Bergin. 'R'	(:15) Movie: Lethal Weapon 2 *** 1/2 'R'							
Movie: The Band Wagon (1953) Fred Astaire. ***	(:15) Movie: The Philadelphia Story (1940) Katharine Hepburn. ***	Movie: Adventure-Robin								
Dukes of Hazzard	The Road	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News	The Road					
Bay. 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Invention	Next Step	Planet of L'te	Next Step	Bay. 2000	Wild Disc.		
Equalizer	Biography	American Justice	20th Century	Law & Order	Biography					
Commish	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Murder So Sweet (1993) Harry Hamlin. ***	Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries						
Cycling	Billiards Dallas Million Dollar Challenge	Preview	Astros	Major League Baseball: Astros at Dodgers						
In the Heat of the Night	NBA Playoff Preview	Slam Fest	Movie: Glengarry Glen Ross (1992) Al Pacino. ***	Movie:						
Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Working Girl (1988) Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford. ***	Silk Stalkings						
Marisol		El Premio Mayor	Fuera	Lente Loco	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Hoy Daniela			
Air Combat	Crusades	Winds of War	Year by Year	Crusades						
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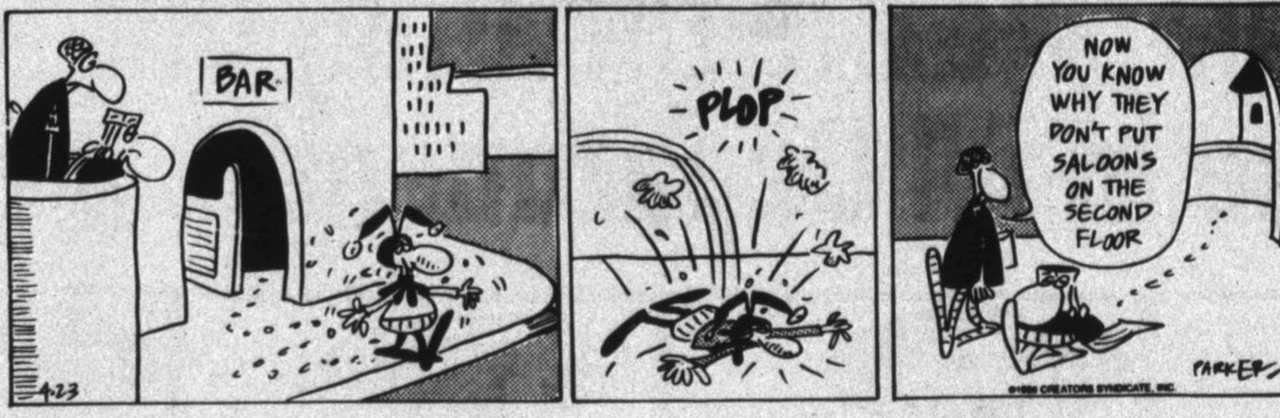
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out resumes and waiting for the phone to ring isn't very creative. Use your imagination and sell yourself. Be willing to take a chance. The opportunities are endless. -- A Reader in Agana, Guam

Dear Reader in Guam: How right you are. I'm sure your letter will motivate many readers to re-evaluate their assets and be more aggressive about helping themselves. Surely nothing is to be gained by waiting until the wolf at the door has pups. Thanks for the shove.

Dear Ann Landers: Several years ago, my aunt developed lung cancer. She was a three-pack-a-day person. I was very fond of her and stopped by frequently to see how she was doing. One morning when I opened the front door, there she sat with two lit cigarettes in her mouth, three cigarettes burning in an ashtray and two more between her fingers. She was fumbling with the pack trying to get another one out.

I looked at her husband and asked, "What in the world is she doing?" He replied, "She doesn't know what she's doing." The cancer had gone to her brain. Within a week, that dear woman was dead.

I hope this letter helps some young smokers decide to quit. -- Phillipsburg, N.J.

Dear N.J.: So do I, but don't bet the rent. Young smokers are convinced they are indestructible and it will never happen to them. Can you stand one more letter on the subject?

Dear Ann Landers: Have you noticed an increase in the amount of smoking that is being shown, not only on TV but in the movies, too?

Just the other night, on a program about a Chicago hospital, I saw the chief of staff smoking a cigar and a female doctor smoking a cigarette. To a lot of TV viewers, these are real people and, in this case, respected doctors. I'm sure some folks think, "If they smoke, can it really be all

that bad for me?"

More and more, we see the "good guys" on TV smoking. This sends a message to millions of people that it must be OK, not to mention fashionable. I realize the tobacco companies are all-powerful, but do they have enough clout to get so much free TV exposure? -- Concerned Citizen in California

Dear Concerned: This is not about clout. The cigarette companies deny that they are doing product placement, but it wouldn't surprise me to find out they still have a lucrative financial arrangement with TV and movie producers.

It is a known fact that cigarettes kill over 400,000 Americans every year. The vast majority of nicotine addicts will tell you they started to smoke when they were 15 or 16 years of age. Addictive personalities, those who have tried everything, will tell you it is easier to get off cocaine than cigarettes.

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Gem of the Day (Credit Woody Allen): Two elderly women at a Catskill mountain resort are talking.

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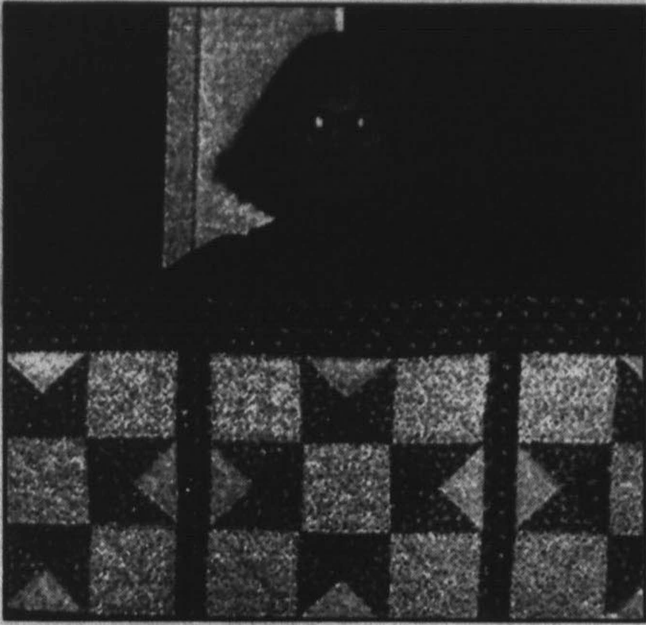
La Plata Study Club met in the home of Mildred Fuhrmann recently. Ludie Greeson introduced Justin Crider and Christie Haney who presented the program to members present.

Crider gave a prose reading from the book "Ransom of Red Chief", and Haney presented a dramatic reading from "The Last Flapper."

President Nelda Fortenberry welcomed guests, Joyce Aycock, Norma Jean Gripp, Earlene McCreary and Paula Walker.

Members present were Betty Mercer, Rosemary Shook, Dorothea Prowell, Betty Taylor, Norma Jean Gripp, Mozelle Neill, Lois Mitchell, Fortenberry and Greeson.

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Special programs

In recognition of National Library Week, volunteers presented special programs at St. Anthony's School, Walcott, Community School and Nazarene Christian Academy. Clockwise, from left, Rebecca Walls reads to a class, Brenda Ramsey gives a talk on quilting, Pat Montgomery shares one of her grandson's favorite stories and Jessie Ann Davis relates her love and knowledge of the moon.



Hints from Heloise

PICTURE ARRANGEMENT
 Dear Heloise: Here is a time-saving hint I found useful.

My two large bookcase units had to be moved while the floor was being refinished. I had spent a long time arranging books and artifacts in a pleasing arrangement on the shelves, but it all had to be removed because of the weight.

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Wyche FCE Club hears program

The program for the Wyche Family Community Education Club was given by Carol Sartain at a meeting held in the home of Camelia Jones.

Sartain's program was titled "Sweeteners. Instead of Sugar I Use..."

Kay Behrends led the prayer and Pledge and Jones read a poem titled "I Like to Walk with Grandma," written by Jan Roat.

Following the program, Jones and co-hostess Carol Worthan served refreshments to Thelma Auten, Mary Lou Aven, Vada Batterman, Virgie Duncan, Dorma Kirby, Jo Lee, Marie Maxwell, Coreen Odom, Audrey Rusher, Behrends and Sartain.

Allen presides over meeting

With president Barbara Allen presiding, the Hereford Study Club elected officers for the coming year at its regular meeting in Southwestern Public Service Reddy Room.

Officers elected were Joan Yarbro, president; Elizabeth Hellman, vice president; Doris Bryant, secretary/reporter; Jean Ballard, treasurer; Jeane Dowell, corresponding secretary; Betty Martin, historian; and Barbara Allen, parliamentarian.

The program for the meeting was a demonstration by Marie Klein on the art of making strudel.

Club members were treated to a taste of strudel Klein had made earlier, which was served with other refreshments by Jeane Dowell and Betty Martin.

Those present were Willie Braddy, Morgan Cain, Elizabeth Cesar, Hazel Ford, Carol McGilvary, Nedra Robinson, Bessie Story, Mary Stoy, Evelyn Wilson, Virginia Winget, Gladys Selliff, Dowell, Bryant, Yarbro, Hellman and Ballard.

New Arrivals

Donann and Rich Mason of North Lima, Ohio, are the proud parents of a daughter, Raienne Laniece, born March 14.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19-3/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Joe Don and Ann Cummings of Hereford. Paternal grandparents are Dick and Marge Mason of Columbiana, Ohio.

Maternal great-grandmother is Olive Caraway of Stratford. Paternal great-grandmothers are Vivian Rupert of New Waterford, Ohio, and Blanche Mason of Columbiana.

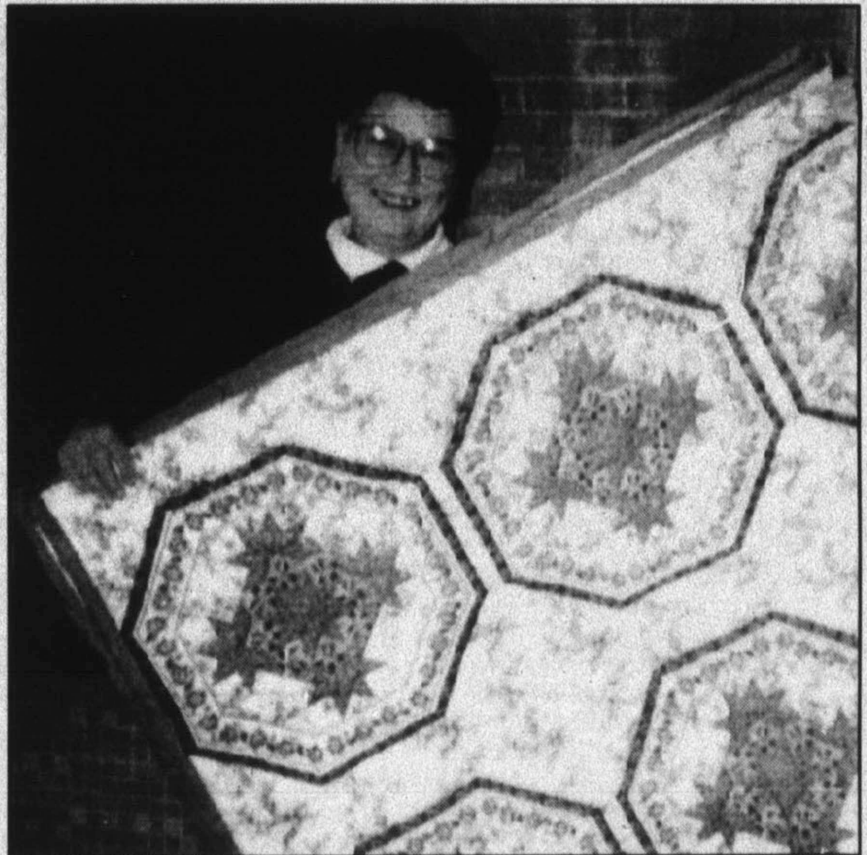
Friends 4-H gives talks

The Friends 4-H Club met recently at the Nazarene Christian Academy. Alyssa Hill lead club members in a pledge and Jessica Weishaar recited the 4-H motto.

Members participated in preparing and presenting an illustrated talk. First as individuals and then as teams.

On May 16 the club will hold its last meeting. Project reports will be filled out at this meeting.

Members present were Wendy Haun, Brynne Huffaker, Amanda Smith, Laci Black, Kristin Huffaker, Hill and Weishaar.



Quilt winner

Kay Behrends, member of Wyche FCE Club, was the winner of this quilt at the recent Tasting Bee.

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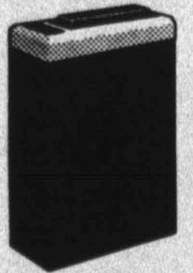
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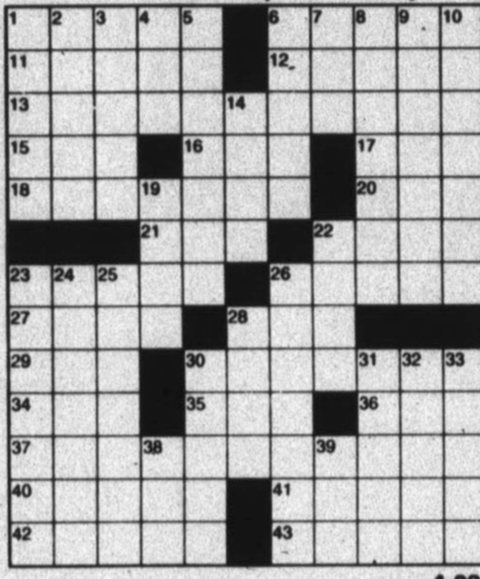
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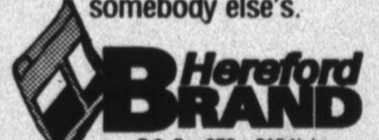
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Researchers looking for substitute for noses

'Mr. Spock's tricorder' dream of scientists eyeing better way to smell

EDITOR'S NOTE - What they're looking for here is a device to do a nose's job. Not just an ordinary snout, but a supersensitive sensor to sniff out things like drugs and bombs, spoiled meat and fleeing fugitives. So far, though, Fido has not been offered a buyout.

By **MICHAEL PEARSON**
Associated Press Writer
AUBURN, Ala. (AP) - There's a simple premise behind what Larry Myers does for a living: If you can smell it, you can find it.

Myers is the founder of Auburn University's Institute for Biological Detection Systems, an oddball assortment of veterinarians, chemists and physiologists chasing the ultimate in detection devices - an artificial nose.

"We want Mr. Spock's tricorder. Push a button and at 100 meters you find a Klingon carrying a 'Mark Seven' phaser," says Myers, who is among the leaders in the field of odor-sensor research.

For now, that tricorder is little more than a stack of gleaming chips tucked away in a laboratory drawer.

But soon, such a tool could be hanging from the belts of police, arson investigators and food-safety inspectors.

"The technology that they're working on would suggest quite reasonably that, within three to five years, we'll have some workable sensors ready to use," says Robert C. Wilson, a veterinarian, pharmacologist and the institute's current director.

Such devices might find wide use

in places that attract bomb-toting terrorists. Police could detect drugs, bodies and bombs stashed in cars, while food inspectors could easily test food and water for contamination.

The implications for revolutionary advances in public safety and the food industry are astounding. But so, too, are the possibilities for abuse: Such machines could determine whether a woman is ovulating, without a physical exam - or even her knowledge.

"The American way is to be uncomfortable with broad searches," says Glen Marx, a sociology professor who studies police surveillance from his office at the University of Colorado in Boulder. "One of the traditional protectors of American liberty is that it has been impossible to search everyone. That's getting not to be the case."

Myers founded the Auburn institute in 1989 with three missions in mind. He wanted to improve the ability of drug and bomb dogs to do their work. He wanted to expand science's understanding of the basic physiology of smell. And he wanted to use that knowledge to create an "artificial biosensor," what Myers calls a "nose on a chip."

Myers recently resigned from the institute to focus on his work with dogs. But he's still very much involved in the work on artificial biosensors at Auburn, where the approach is totally different from anything ever seen before.

Take, for instance, AromaScan. About 200 copies of the sensor have

been sold to industries and researchers at about \$50,000 a piece.

It's a desktop machine based on a bank of conductive plastic chips sensitive to specific classes of chemicals, called volatiles, that evaporate into the air.

As air is sucked into the machine, chemicals pass over the sensor surfaces and produce changes in the electrical current flowing through them. Those current changes are logged into a computer attached to the system, and the unit is then programmed to recognize odors based on their electrical signatures.

The company that makes AromaScan boasts it "emulates the human nose." The Food and Drug Administration and university researchers who use it say that's not quite the case.

The machine does work in a limited way. It's good at picking out things that don't belong where they are - such as crude oil in fish exposed to spills.

But it just isn't sensitive or smart enough to figure out when food has begun to spoil, says Walter Staruszkiewicz, a research chemist in the FDA's seafood lab in Wash-

ington, D.C. That's because it focuses on volatiles, not the organic compounds that arise when flesh decays.

"It technically has possibilities," Staruszkiewicz says. "But as things stand today, you're basically working in the dark. It's very much like looking at a snowstorm against a white sky and trying to see the flakes."

Researchers at Auburn want to abandon the plastic sensors in favor of proteins that trigger the animal smell response.

When odors drift into an animal's nose, proteins sensitive to that smell trip a series of changes in what's called the olfactory bulb. Those changes release additional chemicals that travel to the brain and are interpreted as smell.

Auburn researchers have already proved that thin layers of such chemicals carried on metal chips can signal the presence of nearby compounds. The first sensors detected potassium, and Myers says sensors for lead in water, among other things, would be easy enough to make.

Now the trick is to learn more about how animals identify odors, isolate additional smell-sensitive chemicals

and figure out ways of putting them on chips.

By using biological compounds - cloned odor receptors, odor-sensitive mucus, and proteins that set off the smell reaction - the researchers hope to get past the background interference that plagues today's smell detectors.

They also expect to load a single fingernail-size chip with thousands of odor receptors, enough to create a sensor that's nearly as sensitive as a dog's nose, Myers says.

Wilson isn't so sure. "We're not ready for a competition with the dogs," he says. And when that day comes, "being a veterinarian, I suspect the dogs might win anyway."

Still, the promise remains the same: a hand-held machine that would be able to identify any odor from any source - without being told in advance what to look for.

Myers - who has been called in to help the Army, the U.S. Customs Service and other agencies solve detection problems - says using such sensors to look for drugs and bombs is fine. But what he's really excited about is the ability to sniff out contaminated foods.

"The drugs, bombs and mines are the topics everyone wants to discuss, and they are certainly quite important," he says. "But so is food processing, food safety and water safety."

Among the things Myers says the Auburn sensor could detect are antibiotics, Salmonella and strains of E. coli in food, lead in water and pollutants in the air.

"The list could go on and on," he says.

Myers, who has no financial stake in the research, believes the technology is potentially worth billions. Food makers, importers and others would love such a tool.

So would police, says Col. Mike Robinson, director of the Michigan State Police and chairman of the technology committee for the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The first step would be to install sensors in airports and other high-traffic areas prone to drug trafficking, he says. Then patrol officers would get their own units.

"I don't think it will ever replace dogs in all situations, but there are certainly a lot of applications because dogs have their limits," he says.

Study eyes chemicals that make canines react to particular odors

By **MICHAEL PEARSON**
Associated Press Writer
AUBURN, Ala. (AP) - Puffing odor after odor into the snouts of some 60 test dogs, researchers at Auburn University are trying to discover what Spot smells when Spot smells pot.

It's part of a research project to test the limits of the vaunted canine sense of smell, about which surprisingly little is known.

Hunters, police and prison wardens have long known that dogs have a knack for sniffing out the hidden - stashed drugs, buried bodies and quarry of all kind, from foxes to fugitives. Now researchers at Auburn's Institute for Biological Detection Systems are trying to unlock how.

The secret is isolating the chemical code that gets a dog thinking. "Aha! This is what I'm looking for!"

Drugs, bombs and bodies all give off fumes comprised of dozens of different compounds, and it's

anyone's guess which ones get a dog's attention.

The idea is to break that code, then develop methods to better train dogs.

One suggestion: "Pseudo-scents" that accurately mimic the smell of marijuana, a bomb, or even a dead body.

Some such scents are already on the market, but institute founder Lawrence Myers suspects they may be based more on simple chemistry or what humans smell than what dogs smell.

Researchers know that dogs have about 10 times more odor-sensitive hairs in their snouts than humans. But that's about all they know. Why dogs are more sensitive than us to some smells and not others - the smell of nail polish, for instance - remains a mystery.

So they are going to elaborate lengths to isolate interesting odors, trying to figure out which of the hundreds of chemicals in say, cocaine, stand out to a dog's nose.

One project records physical responses - such as changes in brain waves - sparked by familiar scents.

Another has dogs sniffing at decreasingly small concentrations of odor to see which ones provoke a response.

Researchers know dogs can smell some odors when there's just one particle floating around in a billion particles of air. But it's unlikely that is the lower limit, Myers said. The machines used in this research can deliver doses of odor down to one part in a quadrillion - that's one followed by 16 zeroes.

Researchers are planning to mix and match different chemicals to create complex odors - such as those given off by marijuana or bombs - until they find out which combinations dogs recognize.

It's a laborious process, but one that should show which compounds dogs are sensitive to, and at what levels. That's important because how

dogs perform on the job is of little help, Myers said.

It's because drug and explosives samples are rarely pure. Some dogs may pick up on volatile chemicals that aren't present in every sample. Myers even knows of one drug-sniffing dog that ignores drugs, searching instead for the telltale smell of plastic bags used to hold them.

In many respects, the work - under way for seven years now - is just getting started. It could take another 10 years to unlock the secret's of Spot's nose.

But Myers' research has already paid off. He tells of work that led to the realization that at least 19 diseases affect the dog's sense of smell, and that some 35 percent of detector dogs have temporary problems smelling.

"That's bad news if you're following a bomb dog," Myers said, reaching for a Far Side cartoon depicting a gaggle of oblivious hunters being dragged on by a dog thinking, "I can't smell a damn thing."

Keeping an eye on Texas

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Bombeck dies after transplant; columns reflected family's life

By **MARTHA IRVINE**
Associated Press Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Erna Bombeck's humor rang true because she was the frazzled housewife we all knew, the mother who told us to pick up our sneakers, who car-pooled and cleaned with an eye for the joys in the drudgery.

"I can't let go of being a housewife. You have to be part of it," she once said. "You've got to empty the garbage, swish out the toilet bowls. Doing the laundry keeps you humble."

When Bombeck wrote about washing the dog, picking her kids up from school or changing diapers, it wasn't stictic. She'd been there.

"It was just as advertised - wonderfully human chaos, dogs and laundry," said Ellen Goodman, who as a young reporter was sent to interview Bombeck 25 years ago at her home in the suburbs of Dayton, Ohio.

"It was a real break, a real change of the era," Goodman said, "because, before that, the truth of domestic life in all of its pleasures and horrors and humor and frustration had been kind of a dirty little secret."

Bombeck, who in her books and columns poked fun at real life and gave a voice to suburban housewives everywhere, died Monday at the age of 69 from

complications from a kidney transplant.

Yet her wit lives in a string of best-selling books, with titles that revealed her unique way of looking at the world: "The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank," "If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?" and "Family - The Ties That Bind ... And Gag."

Much of her work, however, was enjoyed as clipped newspaper columns, sent to a friend or relative, or taped on refrigerators across America.

Bombeck was an Ohio housewife when she decided she would write a humor column about married life in the suburbs. Knowing the editors of the Dayton Journal Herald would not hire someone with little experience, she began writing a \$3-a-week column for the editor's neighborhood newspapers in 1965.

Within a year, she was writing two columns a week for the Journal Herald, and a few weeks later, she was syndicated. Her columns appeared twice a week in about 600 newspapers.

Bombeck also was a correspondent on ABC's "Good Morning America" for 11 years and wrote a short-lived 1980 television comedy, "Maggie."

"She wrote about what she knew and that was being a housewife. The good, the bad, the ugly and the smelly. The reality of

it," said Ponce Cruse Evans, author of "Hints From Heloise."

Added former "Good Morning America" host David Hartman, "Whether she was talking about one sock in the dryer, pantyhose, or clothes on the stairs, if you have children it was impossible to read her without saying, 'That's us.'"

While gentle, self-deprecating humor was Bombeck's trademark, she also applied her light touch to weightier issues.

Her book "I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to go to Boise" dealt with children surviving cancer. She donated a \$1.5 million advance fee for the 1989 to cancer research - three years before Bombeck was diagnosed with breast cancer.

A short time after undergoing a mastectomy, her kidneys began failing from a hereditary disorder called adult polycystic kidney disease. She underwent dialysis four times a day at her home and underwent the transplant early this month at the Medical Center of the University of California at San Francisco.

Bombeck is survived by her husband of 47 years, Bill; daughter Betsy; and sons Matthew and Andrew. Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

Said longtime friend "Family Circus" cartoonist Bil Keane, who is dedicating his strips this week to Bombeck: "There's a lot of laughter going on in heaven."

Movie business brings money, employment to Texas residents

By **MICHAEL HOLMES**
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - In Texas, the movie business means lights, cameras and ... money.

Some 6,500 Texans were employed in the film and video industry last year, with nonlocal producers spending \$150 million here, according to a new study for the Texas Department of Commerce.

But Texas needs a first-class film school, a Hollywood office, new sound stages and backlot, plus other improvements if the "Third Coast" is to become a major player in the movie business, the study said.

"Though Texas remains a popular site for location filming, many other states are aggressively pursuing the filmed entertainment industry," said the study prepared by the University of North Texas' Center for Economic Development and Research.

California leads the industry, with an estimated \$5.5 billion in production outlays last year.

Texas, which counted a record 63 film and video productions in 1995, saw a total economic impact from the business of about \$1 billion, the study said.

Other states also see the advantages. They have established film commissions and some are trying to lure producers with tax breaks and cash subsidies.

"Film and video is often perceived as a glamorous, high-profile business. Perhaps it is. But more importantly, it represents economic development and job creation opportunities for Texas and its communities," the study said.

A number of changes would help improve the state's standing, the study says, including:

- State funding to create a first-tier, university-based film and video school.

"Texas does have two reasonably good film schools," the study said, citing North Texas and the University of Texas-Austin. "But neither is in the top tier." It said several other states, including Florida and North Carolina, are pushing to build top-rated film programs.

Texas also should seek to train sound stage, backlot and post-production technicians.

- Increase Texas' presence in the burgeoning Latin market for filmed entertainment.

By 2026, it is estimated that 40 percent of Texans will be of Hispanic ethnicity. "There are already dozens of film and television production companies aiming at the Latin market. At present, most of the production ... is occurring in Miami and San Juan. Why not Dallas, Houston or San Antonio, which each have huge Hispanic populations and the requisite facilities and talent to boot?"

- Construction of sound stages, buildings inside which scenes can be filmed, and an outdoor backlot.

Compared with some other states, Texas "is critically short of state-of-the-art sound stages," the study said. "But the most serious current inhibitor to extension of filmmaking in Texas is the absence of a backlot." The cost, estimated at \$7 million to \$10 million, could be paid with a private-public partnership arrangement, it said.

- Boost the Texas Film Commission budget and open a Hollywood office. The study suggested raising

the budget by \$400,000, to \$1 million annually, with part of the increase used to put a full-time representative in Hollywood "whose charge would be to keep abreast of film and video developments and 'schmooz' with the players."

- Provide easier access to financing for film and video start-up companies.

"One of the perennial problems facing filmmakers in Texas is securing working capital for movie or video production. Texas' banks have little or no experience with the industry and very rarely make loans.

Courthouse Records

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State vs. Felix Gonzales, 24, evading detention; 75 days probated one year, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, April 17.

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St. vs. Gilbert Blea Jr., judgment on plea of guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, five years' probation, \$500 fine, April 15.

State vs. Rafael Carrillo Jr., order deferring judgment and granting probation on guilty plea to aggravated assault with deadly weapon, eight years' probation, April 15.

State vs. Jeffrey Alan Boldon, order revoking probation for possession of controlled substance, amphetamine, nine years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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State vs. Jeffrey Alan Boldon, judgment on plea of guilty to burglary of building, two years state jail, probated five years, April 15.

State vs. Enrique Lucero Olmos, order deferring judgment, grant probation on plea of guilty to aggravated assault with deadly weapon, seven years' probation, April 15.

State vs. Brian Rodriguez, agreed order modifying probation, April 15.

State vs. James Willie Vaughn, judgment on plea of guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, eight years' probation, \$500 fine, April 15.

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