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## HISD, city election hopefuls file papers

The Hereford ISD trustee election got its first two candidates when one incumbent and one hopeful filed for spots on the ballot.

Meanwhile, the last eligible incumbent on the City Commission also has filed for election in the May 4 election.

On Monday, Lloyd Ames filed documents to run for the school trustee District 5 spot that is currently vacant.

Ames, who works for Hereford Cablevision, was the first candidate to file for the school district race. The District 5 seat was previously held by Joe Flood, who resigned. It encompasses an area of northwest Hereford.

Incumbent District 2 trustee Raul Valdez, who previously announced his intentions to seek re-election, filed his paperwork Tuesday morning.

Valdez was appointed to the school board in September 1992, then ran for a full term in May 1993. His district encompasses an area in the north central part of town.

Other school board seats open for election this year are: District 4, currently held by Ron Weishaar; and District 7, currently held by Board President Jim Marsh.

Marsh has announced his intention to run again, but has not filed his election documents. Weishaar was not available for comment this morning to say whether or not he will run again.

School board terms are for three years.

In the City Commission election, incumbent Place 2 Commissioner Eugene Condarco, who was appointed to the post last month, filed Monday for a place on the ballot.

He is seeking a full two-year term after being appointed to replace Nancy Griego, who resigned after being called up to active duty in the U.S. Army.

Previously filing for re-election to the Commission were: Wayne Winget, Place 4; and at-large candidates Carey Black, Place 5, and Roger Eades, Place 6.

The filing period for both city and school elections is 5 p.m. March 20.

Early voting will be held April 15-30, with the election on May 4.

## AG opinion lets districts utilize vans

AUSTIN (AP) - An attorney general's legal opinion clears the way for school districts to use their 15-passenger vans to take students to extracurricular activities.

Some school districts had said they were concerned over whether the education reform law would allow them to continue using the vans.

The law says groups of 10 or more students may be transported to and from extracurricular events in school buses; chartered buses; or in district-owned buses that meet the safety standards for vehicles owned by motor bus companies.

A different standard applies to groups of fewer than 10 students, who can be transported in passenger cars.

"The issue is the 15-passenger van. That's what everyone is concerned about ... There were a whole lot of questions from school districts about whether they could use large vans to transport students to events," David Anderson, Texas Education Agency general counsel, said Monday.

"As I read it (the opinion), it says you can use 15-passenger vans that the district owns for extracurricular transportation. That's sort of the good news for the districts," he said. Most vans meet the motor bus company standards, he said.

But if a school district wants to use the large vans for a regular bus route, then it would have to meet such additional safety standards as having a fire extinguisher, flashing lights, convex mirror and be painted yellow, Anderson said.

Ward Tisdale, spokesman for the attorney general, said Anderson's interpretation is correct.



## Club Woman of the Year

Nell Pope, right, was revealed as the 1995 Club Woman of the Year Monday during the Deaf Smith County Family and Community Education Annual Appreciation Luncheon. Presenting Pope with the award, sponsored by **The Hereford Brand**, is Becky Camp, Lifestyles editor. See story and related photo Page 3.

## Jump reported in property taxes levied during '95

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) - Property taxes levied by local government and school districts in Texas rose 4.7 percent in 1994 to \$15.44 billion, the state comptroller's office reports.

However, the comptroller said, for the first time since 1987, school districts reported raising taxes at a slower rate, less than 4 percent.

"For the preceding six years, school taxes have increased at annual rates ranging from 6 (percent) to 14 percent," the report said.

The property tax remained the single largest levy, with the state sales tax running No. 2 at \$9.8 billion.

A total of \$35 billion in taxes of all kinds was levied for 1994 government spending.

Citing rising property taxes, Gov. George W. Bush has been looking at possible ways of replacing the school levy. The latest report shows that need, Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Monday.

"This underscores the governor's concern that the property tax burden is too high and may be near the breaking point," Ms. Hughes said.

As for the slower growth in school taxes, she said, "Even a modest increase on top of an already big burden is overwhelming for some people."

In a preliminary analysis, a special tax study group outlined several options to Bush, including: a gross receipts tax on business revenues; a value-added tax, which is a form of indirect sales tax paid on products and services at each stage of production or distribution; and increasing or expanding the current 6.25 percent state sales tax.

Ms. Hughes said the study group

should have a final report ready by mid-March.

According to the comptroller's office, which looked at the most recent data available, the largest portion of property taxes - \$9 billion - was levied by school districts.

Of all taxing units, counties reported the largest percentage increase from 1993 to 1994 - 5.9 percent. Cities and special districts - including junior colleges, hospitals, utilities and flood control - showed a 5.5 percent increase.

School property taxes, levied by the 1,040 independent school districts, accounted for 58 percent of all 1994 property taxes.

Taxes by 968 cities reached nearly \$2.5 billion, or 16 percent of the total, while county taxes were \$2.3 billion, or 15 percent. Property taxes by special districts in 1994 topped \$1.6 billion, about 10 percent of the total.

The report found that the average of school tax rates reported rose about 3 cents in 1994 to just over \$1.35 per \$100 of value, the same amount of increase as in 1993.

The 1994 school rates ranged from a low of 46 cents in Allamore ISD in Hudspeith County to a high of \$2.03 per \$100 of value in Huffman ISD in Harris County.

Only 26 districts had rates of less than \$1 per \$100 of value. About 85 percent, or 879 districts, had tax rates ranging from \$1 to \$1.50. Another 134 districts had rates ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.03.

"Taxpayers in about 516 districts, or 50 percent of all districts, saw their tax rates rise in 1994," the report said. About 32 percent, 336 districts, didn't change rates, and another 187 reduced rates from the preceding year.

## Retail sales show dip

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - In one more sign that the overall economy weakened further at the beginning of the year, the government reported today that retail sales dipped 0.3 percent in January, the poorest showing in six months.

The Commerce Department said the weakness was centered at auto dealerships, where sales fell 1.2 percent, the first decline in this area since last July.

Analysts blamed much of the weakness on the severe winter blizzards that kept consumers out of the stores. They said this was one more factor supporting their view that the overall economy was barely moving forward as the year began.

Because of the weakness, many analysts are predicting that the

Federal Reserve, which has already trimmed interest rates three times in an effort to spur growth, will do so again. Many forecasters are predicting two more rate cuts this spring.

The Fed has cited diminishing inflationary pressures as a key reason it has been able to ease credit. The government also reported today that wholesale prices rose 0.3 percent in January.

Analysts discounted much of the January price increase, saying it was based on special factors such as heavy demand for energy during the cold winter.

The 0.3 percent drop in retail sales in January followed a 0.6 percent increase in December and a 0.9 percent rise in November. It was the biggest decline since sales fell 0.4 percent last July.

## County passes ban on outdoor burning

### Dry conditions, fire danger prompt action

By GEORGIA TYLER  
Staff Writer

A no-burn policy was passed by Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court Monday morning, in response to extremely dry conditions and fire danger in the area.

The policy limits outdoor burning of trash in Deaf Smith County to Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, if conditions are favorable. Wind speed should be no more than 10 miles per hour.

Farmers who want to burn off fields should consult with the fire marshal ahead of time, the commission suggested.

Commissioner Tony Castillo of Precinct 1 called for a delay in enacting the emergency order, saying he would like input from residents.

County Judge Tom Simons replied, "I think it needs to be done now."

A motion to implement the policy was offered by Commissioner Johnny Latham 4 and seconded by Commissioner Lupe Chavez of Precinct 2.

On the vote, with Commissioner Troy Don Moore of Precinct 3 absent, Latham and Chavez were in favor of the policy. Castillo abstained.

Asked by Chavez to vote on the issue, Judge Simons said he's in favor of the policy.

In other business, the commission adopted a mutual assistance agreement for emergency response, authorized advertising for bids for liability insurance for county officials

and law enforcement, received a personnel policy committee appointment report by Judge Simons and granted permission to advertise for a library assistant.

The no-burn policy may be rescinded at any time, if conditions warrant, Judge Simons said. He pointed out that 74 other counties in Texas and all of Oklahoma have similar restrictions.

Fire Marshal Spain said Randall County has a no-burn policy.

"They've had some complaints but not a lot," he pointed out.

Spain said farmers should notify the fire department in their area before setting field fires. "We have fire chiefs at Dawn, Bootleg and Hereford," he reminded.

State law permits a fine of \$1,000 or a jail sentence of six months, or both, for disregard of the no-burn order.

Simons emphasized that the no-burn order is temporary. "We can change it or drop it if we get enough rain," he said.

Spain also talked to the commission about the mutual assistance agreement for emergency response with surrounding counties.

He said the Cities of Hereford, Friona, Dimmitt and Canyon have agreed to an emergency response program.

The county agreement involves Oldham, Castro, Randall and Parmer,

as well as Deaf Smith. Oldham County handles fire response for the City of Vega, he noted.

"These agreements let us work together," pointed out Spain. "County lines will not be a barrier."

Spain noted that assistance such as that given last year when a tornado struck at Friona will be within the law with the agreements.

The Texas Legislature passed the Mutual Aid Act of 1995, giving cities and counties the authority to cross jurisdictional lines in emergency situations.

Emergency health personnel as well as law enforcement agencies also are included in emergency response.

"We need it for the protection of our people," Spain said. "It allows us to cross a county line legally."

Judge Simons said he has named five elective officials to the personnel policy committee. Commissioner Moore will serve as chairman. Others on the committee will be County Treasurer Nan Rogers, County Clerk David Ruland, County Tax Assessor/Collector Margaret Del Toro and Judge Simons.

County Auditor was asked to advertise for bids on insurance for county officials and law enforcement personnel.

A replacement for Joe Weaver at Deaf Smith County Library was authorized. Advertising will be placed for the position.

## Voters in three states head to polls in primaries today

By MIKE GLOVER  
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) - Republicans in three states are heading to the polls, with most of the attention focused on Arizona and the potential the GOP presidential race could become even more scrambled as it moves West.

With 39 delegates at stake today in the winner-take-all voting, Arizona held the biggest single prize of the campaign to date. Voters in North Dakota and South Dakota today will pick 18 delegates in each state.

Commentator Pat Buchanan, his campaign on a roll since winning the New Hampshire primary, banked on momentum to carry the day in Arizona. He stumped relentlessly across the state in the closing days, while rivals were already looking down the road to other contests.

"If we can break out of Arizona,

you're going to see an explosion," said Buchanan. "This train is going to be rolling."

Rival Bob Dole, fresh from shaking up his campaign team, was looking to get back on track after his stunning New Hampshire loss to Buchanan.

"I want to start winning," said Dole, who had his best bets in the Dakotas. He campaigned sparingly in Arizona, skipping a campaign debate and drawing fire from his rivals. Publishing heir Steve Forbes offered to pay his air fare back to Arizona, while ripping Dole's absence was a staple in Buchanan's stump speech.

Most polls showed Buchanan and Dole in a close race with Forbes in the Arizona contest. Forbes had built a broad lead in early polls, but that slipped away as he fared poorly in

early tests.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander was trailing in those polls. He was already pointing down the campaign trail, spending time in Georgia, where voters March 5 will pick 42 delegates.

Some were suggesting a mild rebound for Forbes, and he aired half-hour television spots across the state in an effort to boost his standing.

"We're not only going to do well in Arizona. We're going to win Arizona!" Forbes said Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Badly in need of a win somewhere, Alexander was banking on his southern ties in Georgia to get into the victory column.

"I'm a patient man," said Alexander, though it was far from clear that voters and contributors shared his patience.



## What's that on the window?

Roger Eades prepares to get into his car on Monday morning doing two things that haven't been done much here in a long time -- hold an umbrella and look at rain on his car. Actually, the umbrella was more in hopeful anticipation and the rain stopped after just a few minutes, replaced in the afternoon by high winds and blowing dust.

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# Lifestyles

## Pope receives distinguished honor during FCE appreciation luncheon

The announcement of Nell Pope as Family and Community Education "Club Woman of the Year" for 1995 was made during the Annual Appreciation Luncheon Monday in the Hereford Community Center.

Mrs. Pope was presented an engraved silver tray by Becky Camp, Lifestyles editor of *The Hereford Brand*, which has sponsored the award for 45 years.

member for more than 50 years but was unable to attend the luncheon. County council members who had 100 percent attendance at council meetings were presented with a charm bracelet and charm engraved with 1995. They were Maudette Smith, Jo Lee, Mariellen Homfeld and Nell Pope.

Receiving certificates for having 100 percent attendance at 1995 club meetings were Mariellen Homfeld, Alta Mae Higgins, Zadie Bettis and Kate Bradley of Bippus Club; Edna Marnell, Marilyn Smith and Nell Pope of Cultural Club; Tonic Vaughn of Draper Club; Loretta Urbanczyk, Maudette Smith and Dolores Broman of Ford Club, Naomi Brisendine, Evelyn Crofford and Edith Higgins of North Hereford Club; Carolyn Evers and Grace Covington of Westway Club; and Jo Lee of Wyche

Club. A special certificate of appreciation was presented to the Rotary Club to thank them for their support of, not only the FCE clubs, but also other community projects. Argen Draper of the Wyche Club made the presentation to Dennis Hicks, Rotary Club president.

The women of the Family and Community Education clubs hold the luncheon each year as a means of expressing appreciation to the Deaf Smith County Commissioners for their support of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service program.

Maudette Smith, FCE Council chairman and mistress of ceremonies, introduced the speaker for the luncheon Gavin Gadberry, attorney with Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein and Johnson of Amarillo. Gadberry extolled the virtues of the Texas Panhandle and attributed the success of Panhandle residents to their rural roots and beliefs.

Other nominees for the Club Woman of the Year honor were Alta Mae Higgins of Bippus Club, Tonic Vaughn of Draper Club, Loretta Urbanczyk of Ford Club, Martha Luch of North Hereford Club and Shirley Brown of Wyche Club.

The 1995 Club Woman of the Year has been a member of the Cultural FCE Club for 16 years. She has served in officer positions and has also served on the County Council.

In addition to her club work, Mrs. Pope is an active member of the Central Church of Christ and Hereford Senior Citizens.

She and her husband George have four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Bedtime habits can influence sleeping disorders, problems

By LYNN BULMAHN  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — If a good night's sleep always eludes you, see your doctor. But first, you might try adjusting a few bedtime habits to see if that helps you fall asleep more easily.

Besides counting sheep, there are several things people can do to help ensure a restful night's sleep. Here are tips from Sarah Head, a registered nurse with Concepts of Care, and Robert Gieski, coordinator for the Center for Sleep Disorders at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center:

\*Go to bed and get up at the same time every day.

\*Limit the activities you do in your bed. Don't use your bed as an easy chair to watch TV, and don't read in bed. You want to subconsciously associate your bed and your bedroom with sleep, relaxation and rest.

\*Too much caffeine can give you the wide-awakes. Don't drink coffee after 5 p.m., if at all.

\*Don't eat heavily, exercise or drink alcohol within three to four hours of bedtime.

\*How long are you staying in bed? Head knows of seniors who turn in at 7 p.m. Gieski said he's known seniors who sleep in, then lounge in their bed until afternoon. With so much time in the sack, it's no wonder they can't fall asleep the next night.

\*Naps are fine, as long as you limit the time you spend snoozing. While doctors actually recommend taking an hour's nap during the day, some elderly people snooze much longer than that. Then they find they can't

sleep a wink at night, Gieski said.

\*Get some exercise during the day. This will tend to make you tired by nighttime. Give yourself bonus points when you get out in the sunshine. Doing so helps your body's internal clock function better.

\*Deal with your stress, since it's often stress and worries that keep you from sleeping at night.

\*Is your bedroom too hot or too cold? Something this simple can interfere with your ability to sleep.

\*Still can't sleep? It's best to get out of bed, leave your bedroom and do something in another room.



## 50 or more year members recognized

Members of Deaf Smith County Family and Community Education clubs who have 50 or more years in extension club work were presented roses and certificates during the Annual Appreciation Luncheon Monday in the Hereford Community Center. Pictured are, front row from left, Leta Kaul, Pet Ott; back row, Vernis Parsons and Louise Axe. Not pictured is Tillie Scott who also has been a club member over 50 years.

## Ann Landers

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** Several weeks ago, my best friend, "Bryan" (he's 13), had an argument with his dad. His dad hit him on the back and made a black and blue mark. Bryan left home and ended up at our house for the night.

The next day, Bryan called his dad, and they straightened things out. He seems OK now, and I don't think his dad has hit him again.

Bryan's parents don't give him much supervision, and he gets to stay out as late as he wants. My parents like Bryan, and they take him everywhere with us. His parents never send him with any money when we invite him out to eat or to a movie. It seems they don't care where he is or what he's doing as long as he's not bothering them.

Do you think Bryan is being abused? If so, what should I do? Is there anyone I can contact who won't tell his parents that I was the one who called? Do you think I should stay out of it? I need your advice.--Florida Friend

**DEAR FLORIDA:** Bryan may be neglected, but it doesn't sound as if he is being physically abused. Please keep on befriending him. You and your family are his passport to a decent life. Bless you. And P.S. If Bryan's father hits him again, Bryan should talk to the school counselor.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** This is for all those grandparents who never hear from their grandchildren through out the year -- not even a letter of appreciation in response to a gift. I offer this suggestion: Next time you send a check to those ill-mannered grandchildren, DON'T SIGN IT. I guarantee you will receive a letter in the next mail.--John in Tequesta, Fla.

**DEAR TEQUESTA:** What a splendid suggestion! You have hit on a sure-fire idea that will definitely produce results.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** May I

say a word or two about parents who allow their young children to answer the telephone? They also think it is cute to have their 2-year-old record the message on the answering machine.

Too few children have been taught telephone courtesy of any kind. When the recorded message is incomprehensible, the caller isn't sure he has reached the right number. This can be one heck of a nuisance.

Please, parents, let your children know that the phone is not a toy. Teach them good telephone manners, or put the phone off limits until the kid knows how to use it properly. The call could be an emergency or an expensive long-distance message. Most 6-year-olds who race to answer the phone have no idea what courtesy is about. It takes the patience of a saint to stay cool under these circumstances.

There is enough frustration when attempting to reach business establishments with "press 1 for this" and "press 2 for that" without being forced to listen to little darlings on the other end of the line who can barely talk.

If you print this, Ann, I'll bet a few million families will get copies in the mail.--Frustrated in Seattle

**DEAR FRUS:** You're singing my song. I know of few things that annoy me more than trying, without success, to convey a telephone message to a preschooler. To those parents who are wondering if you could possibly be referring to their children, the answer is yes.

**Gem of the Day:** Guidelines for successful relationships are the same as for fishing. Keep the good ones, and toss the others back in the water.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most

requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

## La Afflatus elects officers

La Afflatus Estudio Club heard a program by Mary Williamson and elected officers at its regular meeting Feb. 20 in the home of Emily Suggs.

Williamson's program was on World War II in the Pacific. She gave an account of her experiences along with some interesting statistics. She also played recordings by Charles Lyles on the battle of Midway and Mark Koenig on the battle of Iwo Jima.

During the business meeting, presided over by president Louise Streun, a report was given by the nominating committee and the following officers were elected for two-year terms: Mary Williamson, president; Leola Cook, vice president; Roxie Phipps, secretary/treasurer; and Virginia Curtsinger, reporter.

In attendance were one guest, Trellis Jackson, and members Annie DeLozier, Alberta Higgins, Aileen Montgomery, Virginia Beasley, Phipps, Cook, Williamson, Suggs, Streun and Curtsinger.

The next meeting will be at Something Special with Opal Elliston as hostess. Beasley will bring the program.

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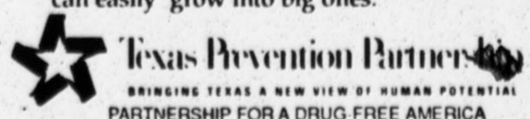
## America's Drug Problem Is Not As Big As You Think.



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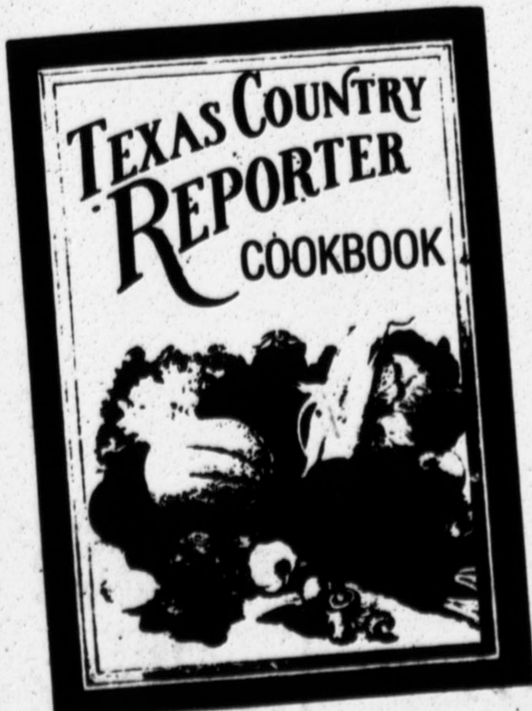
The truth is, it's never too early to start teaching your kids about the dangers of drugs.

If you are not sure how to talk to them, call the Texas Prevention Partnership at 1-800-269-4237 and ask for the free booklet called "Growing Up Drug-Free - A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call today because if you don't take care of little problems, they can easily grow into big ones.



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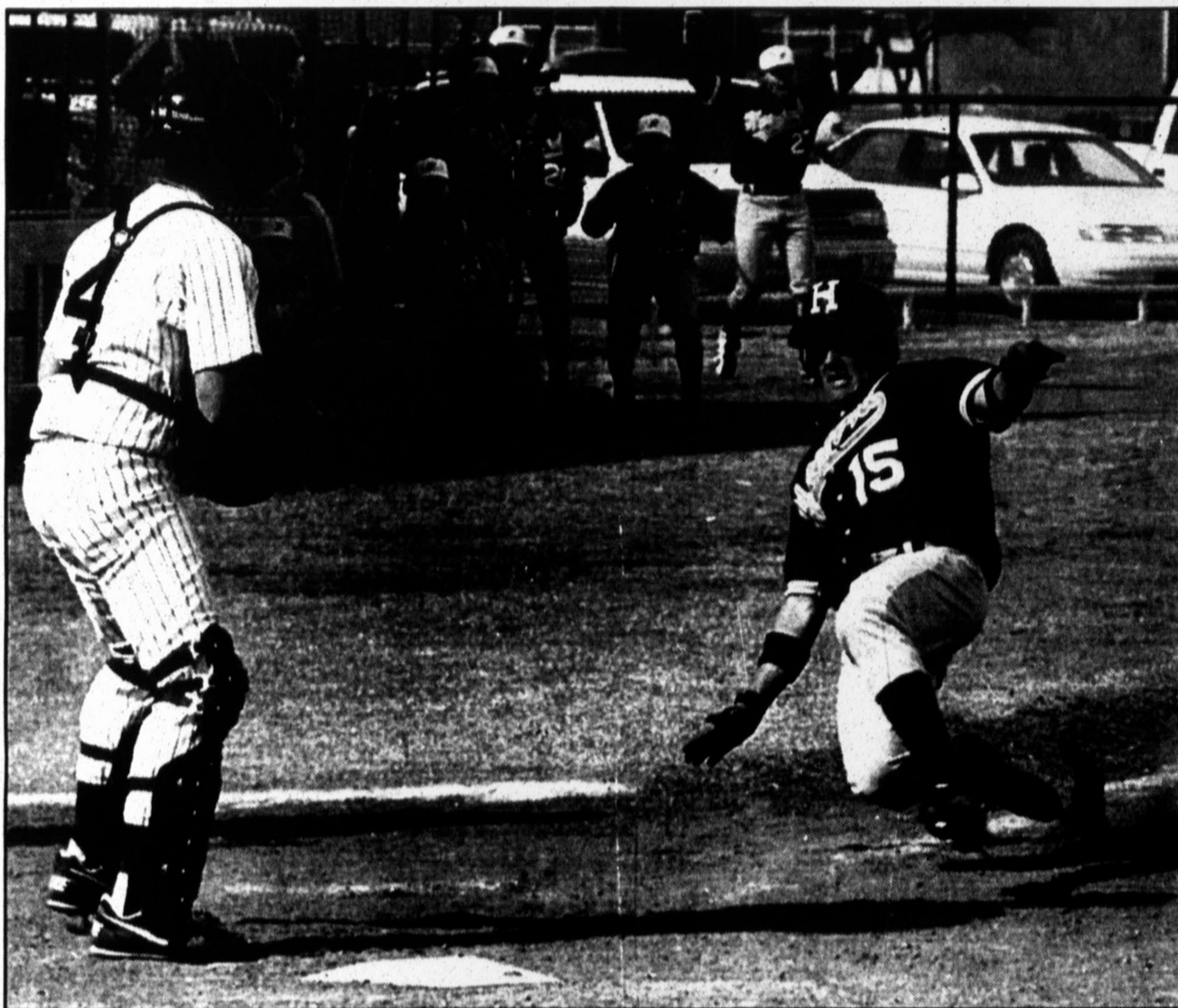
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# Sports



## ...and that's the ball game

Hereford's Wade McPherson slides into home plate as Herd players celebrate in the background. McPherson scored on a fifth inning bunt by Anthony Cervantez Saturday at Whiteface Field, giving Hereford a 14-4 lead over Tulia and ending the game by the 10-run mercy rule.

## Baseball team trounces Tulia

The Hereford baseball team won its second straight 10-run blowout Saturday at Whiteface Field and improved to 2-0.

The Whitefaces beat Lubbock High 18-8 in six innings in the Feb. 19 opener, then on Saturday stung the Tulia Hornets 14-4 in only five innings. Both games were ended early by the 10-run mercy rule.

Saturday's game was practically over after the first inning, when Hereford led 12-0. Tulia went down in order in the top of the inning. In the bottom half, the first eight batters Hereford sent to the plate all scored.

It was another good hitting game for Hereford, which went 18-for-37 in the season opener. The Herd went 8-for-25 Saturday, giving them a team batting average of .419. Tanner Murphy tripled twice in the first inning alone, and he finished 2-for-4. After two games, Murphy's batting average is .667; his slugging percentage is 1.444.

"That's one thing we've been working on is hitting," coach Pete Rodriguez said. "We wanted to put the ball in play, and that's what we've been doing. The key is they keep sitting back and hitting good pitches -

not swinging at bad pitches."

Ronald Torres led off the first with a single and Murphy drove Torres home with his first triple. Murphy's courtesy runner, Anthony Cervantez, scored on a balk. One out, two wild pitches, three walks, four errors and five runs later, Murphy tripled again, this time driving home two runners.

Another two walks loaded the bases for Aaron Sorenson, who plated one runner with a fielder's choice groundout. John Marty Galan then got a two-RBI triple when the ball bounced over the third-baseman's head and the left fielder couldn't stop it from rolling to the fence. Galan was stranded at third, but the Whitefaces led 12-0.

Eric Ambold, who pitched all six innings of the opener Feb. 19, started Saturday's game. With Herd leading 13-4 after three innings, Rodriguez took Ambold out to see some other pitchers. Joseph Artho and Sonny Perez each pitched a perfect inning.

"I wanted Artho to come in, and I also wanted to see Sonny throw," Rodriguez said. "We've got to get ready for (this) week. We go to Lubbock High (5:30 today), then we

go to the Levelland tournament. We're going to use three, four, maybe five pitchers."

Tulia got on the board with three runs in the second inning, managing four singles off of Ambold.

Hereford followed their 12-run first inning with a one-run second. Ambold walked, and courtesy runner Tate Head stole second and eventually scored on Murphy's fielder's choice groundout.

Tulia added a run in the third to make the score 13-4, and it stayed that way until the bottom of the fifth. Hereford needed a run to end it early.

Wade McPherson led off with a walk and went to third on Perez single. Cervantez laid down a perfect bunt and McPherson scored - although it wasn't a squeeze play.

"I told Wade if he bunts it, be ready to run," Rodriguez said. "He used his own judgement and ran."

There wasn't even a throw home.

## Boys' track takes 3rd at Randall

The Hereford boys' track team took third in its first meet of the season Saturday at Randall High School.

Only the Canyon ISD teams finished ahead of Hereford, which accumulated 71 points. Canyon won the meet with 156 points, and Randall was second with 120. Borger and Dumas were among the six teams behind Hereford.

"We're real happy with the way everybody competed. It was a real good meet for us," Herd coach Ron Young said. "We're extremely pleased with the times and the throws, considering the weather - it wasn't real good running weather. The varsity placed third, and that gives us a good indication that we're where we needed to be conditioning-wise."

Whitefaces won events involving speed and strength. Marquise Brown won the 100-meter dash with an official time of 10.91 seconds, and Joseph Martinez won the shot put with a throw of 50 feet, 4 3/4 inches.

Brown also helped two relay teams to second-place finishes. The 400-

meter relay team - made up of Brown, Raymond Gonzales, Todd Radford and Dwayne Thomas - ran it in 44.51 seconds. Three other runners joined Brown on the 1,600 relay team - Jacob Moreno, Miguel Carrillo and Henry Hernandez - and they ran it in 3:42.31.

Carrillo also scored second-place points in the 300-meter hurdles, running it in 43.15.

Moreno took third in the 400 dash, finishing in 54.15.

Hereford got four sixth-place finishes: C.J. Kubacak, high jump, 5-8; David Hicks, 110 hurdles, 16.50; Radford, 300 hurdles, 44.81; and Carrillo, 800 run, 2:15.84.

Hereford won the junior varsity division with 120 points - 15 ahead of Canyon.

"The JV won the track meet without scoring in six events, which is real good," Young said.

Hereford won seven events. Following are the results for the Hereford JV:

First: Michael Hicks, shot, 41-6; Miguel Huerta, 3,200 run, 11:48.33;

Tony Garcia, 800 run, 2:17.76; Mark Rodriguez, 100 dash, 11.3; Benji Salazar, 400 dash, 56.19; Inez Lopez, 1,600 run, 5:24.90; and the 400 relay (Rodriguez, Salazar, Chris Torres and Anthony Guillen) 47.43.

Second: Brandon Coleman, 3,200 run, 11:48.77; and the 1,600 relay (Guillen, Torres, Salazar and Rodriguez) 3:57.18.

Third: Huerta, 1,600 run, 5:35.5.

Fourth: Coleman, 1,600 run, 5:38.82.

Fifth: Sergio Saenz, 800 run, 2:27.48; and Dustin Brown, 110 hurdles, 21.58.

Sixth: Brian Thomas, shot, 37-2; and Bryan Matthews, discus, 118-0.

### TEAM TOTALS

Varsity: 1, Canyon, 156; 2, Randall, 120; 3, Hereford, 71; 4, Sanford-Fritch, 59; 5, Borger, 46; 6, West Texas High, 36; 7, River Road, 35; 8, Panhandle, 27; 9, Dumas, 21.

Junior varsity: 1, Hereford, 120; 2, Canyon, 105; 3, Sanford-Fritch, 74; 4 (tie), Randall and WT High, 69; 6, Borger, 54; 7, Panhandle, 51.

## Girls' track team is 3rd in Wolfforth

The Hereford girls' track team started the season with a strong third-place finish in the Class 4A division of the ABC-Tiger Relays, held Friday

and Saturday in Wolfforth.

Hereford, with 84 points, came in behind Big Spring (152) and Pampa (108) but ahead of eight others,

including five schools from District 5-4A.

"This was a good meet for us," Herd coach Martha Emerson said. "Big Spring and Pampa - as usual - have some very good athletes. And Estacado, Frenship, Snyder and Lamesa have quality athletes as well. We competed extremely well and I'm very pleased with the first meet results - individually and as a team."

Hereford's only first place finisher was Jamie Harrison, who ran the 800 meters in 2:34.1. Tarabeth Holmes got Hereford's only second place

(See GIRLS' TRACK, Page 5)

## Herd netters claim 2nd

Monahans edged the Hereford tennis team by a mere eight points to claim the championship of the Fort Stockton Panther Invitational, which was held Friday and Saturday.

The field of eight teams was very close - at least the top seven were. Monahans won with 95 points and Hereford was close behind with 87. Pecos and Sweetwater tied at 67, El Paso Austin had 65, and Fort Stockton and El Paso Burges tied at 57.

"This was a good tournament for us," Herd coach Ed Coplen said. "All the kids got to play four matches. The kids performed a lot better, just because they've had a lot of practice."

Class 1A Sanderson, in the field with five 4A schools and two 5A schools (both El Paso schools), scored only two points.

Hereford's girls' doubles team of Natalie McWhorter and Paige Robbins won the doubles bracket. They beat Kristina Wilbur and Stefanie Hill of Monahans, 6-0, 6-1.

Also in girls' doubles, Hereford's Rachel Bezner and Annie Hoffman won the consolation side of the bracket.

In boys' doubles, Hereford's Tyler Merrick and Scott Shaw lost in the finals to Galindo and Villanueva of El Paso Austin, 6-4, 6-0.

Hereford's Pete Vargas and B.J. Lockmiller lost in the fifth place match.

In boys' singles, Andrew Carr won his first two matches but ended up losing in the third-place match. Marcus Berend lost in the consolation match.

In girls' singles, Holly Weishaar lost in the fifth place match and Nichole McWhorter lost in the consolation finals.

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## Boys' hoops playoff pairings

By The Associated Press  
 Pairings for the UIL Region 1 boys' playoffs:

Class 5A

Quarterfinals  
 Abilene Cooper (23-9) vs. El Paso Eastwood (25-7), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Midland's Chaparral Center

Keller (21-11) vs. Euless Trinity (27-3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Haltom City's Thomas Coliseum

Lubbock Monterey (29-6) vs. El Paso Irvin (24-5), 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Midland's Chaparral Center

Fort Worth Dunbar (27-4) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (18-11), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Worth's Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Class 4A

Semifinals  
 Pampa (29-3) vs. Sweetwater (28-3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

Canyon Randall (21-13) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (28-7), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Plainview High School

Class 3A

Area  
 Tulia (22-7) vs. Graham (29-4), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Snyder's Scurry County Coliseum

Seminole (22-10) vs. Clint (12-17), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos

Dalhart (23-9) vs. Jacksboro (21-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Shallowater

Class 2A

Area  
 Gruver (25-6) vs. New Deal (29-4), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Palo Duro

Tuscola Jim Ned (21-9) vs. Haskell (23-6), 7:30 Tuesday, Abilene Cooper

Stratford (17-10) vs. Tahoka (24-6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon

Stanton (20-6) vs. Cisco (25-5), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene's McMurry

Class A

Area  
 Adrian (15-12) vs. Shamrock (16-4), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Caprock

Miami (20-8) vs. Nazareth (24-6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Tascosa

Lorenzo (25-5) vs. Smyer (22-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Cooper

Ackerly Sands (18-4) vs. Balmorhea (15-5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Odessa High School

Claude (24-6) vs. Groom (16-10), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Caprock

McLean (13-10) vs. Sudan (16-6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon Randall

Petersburg (13-15) vs. Plains (21-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Levelland

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# Herd golfers claim tourney title

The Hereford boys' golf team held off San Angelo Lakeview and won Fort Stockton's Blue Ribbon Classic by one stroke.

Hereford had led easily after totaling 320 in Friday's first round. Lakeview stood fourth at 336. On Saturday, Hereford slipped to 342 and

Lakeview shot 327, but it wasn't enough. Hereford's two-day total was 662; Lakeview's was 663.

"We played real well the first day and got off to a 10-stroke lead (over Fort Stockton)," said Herd coach Stacey Bixler. "We struggled a little the second day. We had some

penalties, and putting difficulties, but we won by one stroke."

Bixler couldn't immediately remember the last time the Hereford boys' team won a tournament.

"I don't know if we've won first in a varsity tournament," he said. "We've (had) some seconds and

thirds."

Hereford's Keith Riley claimed second in the individual medalist standings. He was tied for the lead after shooting 75 Friday, but he shot 83 Saturday for a two-day 158. Patrick Dolan of El Paso Irvin passed Riley, shooting 79-76-155.

Riley was one of four Hereford players whose scores soared Saturday.

David Sims finished ninth in the medalist standings, going 79-87-166. Hereford's other three players were: Justin Griffith, 84-87-171; Jeremiah Baros, 82-91-173; and David Farr, 89-85-174.

The Hereford girls' golf team didn't play over the weekend.

### TEAM TOTALS

- Blue Ribbon Classic**
- 1, Hereford, 320-342--662
  - 2, Lakeview, 336-327--663
  - 3, Fort Stockton, 330-353--683
  - 4, Ozona, 334-363--697
  - 5, McCamey, 351-355--706
  - 6, Iraan, 353-356--709
  - 7, Socorro, 344-368--712
  - 8, Alpine, 351-362--713
  - 9, Sonora, 349-367--716
  - 10, Colorado City, 355-362--717
  - 11, Reagan County, 356-366--722
  - 12, Kermit, 362-369--731
  - 13, Del Rio, 369-369--738
  - 14, Pecos, 366-376--742
  - 15, El Paso Irvin, 374-377--751
  - 16, Fort Stockton B, 384-370--795
  - 17, El Paso High, 404-391--795
  - 18, Fort Davis, 389-414--805
  - 19, Marfa, 421-397--818



## Golf tourney champs

Members of the Hereford boys' golf team show off the first place trophy they won at the Blue Ribbon Classic, held Friday and Saturday in Fort Stockton. The players are (left to right) Jeremiah Baros, David Sims, Keith Riley, David Farr and Justin Griffith. Riley, holding the team trophy finished second in individual play.

# Suns' Green sustains streak

By The Associated Press

A.C. Green kept his streak alive by the skin of his teeth.

A day after Green had two teeth knocked out by New York's J.R. Reid, Green extended his league-high consecutive-game streak to 785 by playing 68 seconds Monday night in the Phoenix Suns' 110-87 loss to the Utah Jazz.

"He shouldn't lose the streak because someone took a cheap shot at him," Phoenix coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said.

Green, listed as questionable, entered the game with 6:59 to play in the first period, took one shot, a

3-point attempt, and missed. He left the game, went to the locker room with 5:51 to play in the first period and returned to his hotel.

Fitzsimmons coached the NBA record-holder for consecutive games played, Randy Smith, for part of his career.

Fitzsimmons said he allowed Smith, whose record is 906, to play short stints as many as 10 times while Smith nursed a hamstring injury one season.

"I've seen A.C. play in games with a cast on when we really needed him to play," Fitzsimmons said. "I

thought it was the right thing to do to play him, even for a minute."

Reid was suspended for two games by the NBA and fined \$10,000.

"I'm sorry that it happened, but sometimes these things happen during the heat of a game," Reid said in a statement.

In other NBA games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat New York 114-96, Indianapolis beat Boston 122-119 in overtime and Detroit beat Sacramento 93-78.

Against Phoenix, Karl Malone scored 28 points for Utah, which led 26-15 after one quarter following an 11-4 run in the final 5:23. The Jazz led 52-32 with 3:41 left in the first half, and took their largest lead, 110-85, with 32 seconds to go.

John Stockton had 16 points and 11 assists for Utah, including the 11,000th assist of his career.

Charles Barkley scored 17 points and Danny Manning 16 for the Suns, whose four-game winning streak was stopped.

### Lakers 114, Knicks 96

Cedric Ceballos scored 27 points as Los Angeles beat New York for the first time since March 10, 1992. The Knicks had won seven straight over the Lakers.

Anthony Mason led visiting New York with 23 points. The Knicks trailed by 20 points early in the fourth quarter and got no closer than 12.

The Knicks played without Reid and the injured Patrick Ewing and Charles Oakley. Also out of action was Magic Johnson, who has skipped

three of the Lakers' last four games because of a strained right calf.

"I am really upset right now and I'm most upset since we're so short-handed," Reid said. "I've let my teammates down."

### Pacers 122, Celtics 119, OT

At Boston, Reggie Miller scored 39 points, including the game-winning 3-pointer with six seconds left in overtime.

The Celtics overcame an eight-point deficit with two minutes left in regulation to tie it on Rick Fox's free throws with 4.1 seconds to play. Boston led 119-117 in overtime when Miller ran through two screens to get open for the game-winning 3-pointer.

Rik Smits had 19 points and 13 rebounds and Antonio Davis scored 12 points with 12 rebounds for Indiana. Dino Radja scored 33 and David Wesley had 23 points with 10 assists for Boston, which lost its fifth straight.

### Pistons 93, Kings 78

Lindsey Hunter made three consecutive 3-pointers during a 14-0 fourth-quarter run as visiting Detroit sent Sacramento to its 11th straight loss.

Five straight points by Mitch Richmond helped the Kings close to 76-73 midway through the fourth. But the 3-pointers by Hunter provided the Pistons with an 88-73 lead.

Grant Hill scored 21 points with 10 rebounds and six assists. Newly acquired Billy Owens led the Kings with 21 points.

## TCU's Jacobs burns A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Jeff Jacobs' 12-footer from the left baseline with three seconds remaining gave Texas Christian a 91-89 victory Monday night over Texas A&M.

A&M's Derrick Hart, whose three-pointer at 0:15 had tied the game, almost pulled out the victory, but his three-point attempt at the buzzer rimmed in and out.

Anthony Burks scored a career-high 23 points to lead TCU (14-14,

5-8 Southwest Conference).

Damon Walker and Byron Waits added 20 points each for the Horned Frogs, and Jacobs had 11 points and 11 assists. Walker also had 11 rebounds.

Dario Quesada, who fouled out with 3:45 left, led the Aggies (11-14, 3-10) with 23 points. Tracey Anderson added 21 points, Brad Stricker 17 and Gary Nottingham 15. Kyle Kessel had 15 assists, tying a school record set by Tony Milton in 1989 and tied by David Edwards in 1994.

TCU overcame an 11-point deficit to lead, 52-51, at halftime, then fought back from an 8-point deficit in the second half. The game was tied 74-74 at 9:33, and the Horned Frogs led the rest of the way until Hart's three-pointer produced the 89-89 tie. A&M hit 59 percent (37-of-63) and TCU 52 percent (33-of-64) from the field, and the Aggies had seven 3-pointers to six for the Horned Frogs.

The big difference was at the free throw line. Although both teams were whistled for 19 fouls, TCU made 19 of 25 free throws to 8 of 16 for A&M. TCU held a 38-29 rebounding edge.

The Aggies had 34 assists, a SWC record for a conference game. A&M also had the previous record of 32, set in 1986 against Houston.

## Lady 'Horns enter AP poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
AP Sports Writer

Texas was running out of time to maintain its string of yearly appearances in The Associated Press women's basketball poll. Thanks to a big victory in front of a big crowd, that string is still intact.

With just two polls remaining, Texas made its first Top 25 appearance of the season on Monday. The Longhorns grabbed the No. 25 spot and now have been ranked at least once in each of the 20 years The AP poll has existed.

Tennessee is the only other school with that distinction. Louisiana Tech led the poll for the second straight week and the 12th time overall this season.

## GIRLS' TRACK

points by hurling the discus 105 feet and eight inches.

Hereford got points in many other events, though:

Third--Bethany Townsend, 3,200 run, 13:19.17; and 1,600 run, 6:10.9; Kristin Fangman, high jump, 5-0; Jessica Mejia, 300 meter hurdles, 52.82; and the 1,600 relay (Harrison, Mejia, Fangman and Kate Denison), 4:31.7.

Fourth--Mejia, 800 run, 2:38.2; Harrison, 1,600 run, 6:15.9; Monica Don Juan, 300 hurdles, 53.75; and the 400 relay (Don Juan, Denison, Crystal Mercer and Amy Andrews) 56.5.

Fifth--Michelle Brown, discus, 91-9; Erica Delgado, 3,200 run, 13:57; and 1,600 run, 6:22.5; and Lyndi Carlile, 400 dash, 68.2.

Sixth--800 relay (Don Juan, Mercer, Denison and Andrews) 2:00.9.

Team results: 1, Big Spring, 152; 2, Pampa, 108; 3, Hereford, 84; 4, Estacado, 68; 5, Frenship, 48; 6, Snyder, 43; 7, Lamesa, 42; 8, Grady, 16; 9, Levelland, 11; 10, Morton, 10; 11, Cotton Center, 1.

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### Walcott top spellers

Brice West, left, and Monica McCleskey will represent Walcott School in this week's Deaf Smith County Spelling Bee, which begins Thursday. West, a fifth-grader, will spell in the Junior Bee on Thursday. McCleskey, a sixth-grader, will represent the school in the Senior Bee on Friday. The winner of the Senior Bee will represent the county in the Regional Bee later this year for a shot at a trip to the National Bee in Washington D.C.

## Cancer victim relates humorous experiences

By LINDA JONES

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - It's hard to believe that Eileen Marin could find anything funny about cancer.

After all, since 1992, the single mother from Richardson has been diagnosed with colon cancer and two types of breast cancer. But despite her four years of constant hospital visits, six painful surgeries and related challenges, Ms. Marin has somehow managed to turn some of her suffering into funny sayings and light cartoons.

"The whole point is mixing humor with laughter and tears," says Ms. Marin, who fought wallowing in self-pity by writing her new book, "Chemotherapy Gives New Meaning to a Bad Hair Day." Her cancer is in remission.

The book, which is less than 100 pages in length, includes cartoons with happy-face characters putting positive and witty spins on the often tough experiences faced by cancer survivors.

A sampling: One cartoon depicts a patient in bed preparing to receive intravenous treatment. The caption: "All I want for Christmas is another good vein."

Another cartoon shows a woman who is bald, apparently from chemotherapy treatments, smiling and looking over her wig collection. The caption: "Decisions, decisions, decisions. Think I'll be a redhead today."

The cartoons, witticisms and serious words of advice account for about 50 pages of the book. The rest are blank pages designed to be used as a journal. "I think it's an important part of the healing process," says Ms. Marin, who has made her share of journal entries over the years.

The 48-year-old mother of an

18-year-old son is self-employed; she designs consumer-research studies for companies. She also published 2,000 copies of the book herself, after two publishers declined to do so. She believes they may have been uncomfortable about dealing with the subject in a humorous manner.

"I don't think they wanted to step on anybody's toes," she says.

Ms. Marin's friends encouraged her to write the book after she tried to cheer up other cancer patients she knew by writing them uplifting messages and sending gifts. Making them happy made her happy, which made her own situation easier to bear.

"Survivors know that they've all used humor of some sort. But nobody has ever really addressed it in the media," she says.

Those who might recoil at the thought of someone writing a humorous book about surviving cancer aren't thinking realistically, Ms. Marin notes. She says she hasn't written a humorous book about cancer, but rather a humorous book about the treatment patients must endure.

The Women's Health Boutique sells the book, which retails for \$11.50. This month, Ms. Marin will teach workshops for women cancer survivors at the retail store, which specialize in medical supplies for women. (For information on the workshops, call 214-235-5069.)

"We're all going to die," she says. "The gift of diagnosis for me and many other (cancer survivors) I've met is to fully appreciate and live one day at a time. And, to truly live life, you have to experience both laughter and tears."

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## Restaurant patrons say one thing, eat another

By MARTIN ZIMMERMAN

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS -- The recent demise of McDonald's McLean Deluxe hamburger is the latest evidence that restaurant patrons often say one thing and eat another.

Since the early '90s, restaurant chains have been experimenting with low-fat and low-calorie dishes. The motivation was twofold: Public health watchdog groups were regularly lambasting restaurant operators for serving up what one group called "a heart attack on a plate." And marketing surveys indicated a significant slice of the dining public wanted lighter, healthier fare.

So far, though, it hasn't worked out that way. NPD Crest, a suburban Chicago-based market research firm, regularly asks focus groups what they want on a menu -- and what they actually order.

"Their attitudes typically don't correlate with their behavior," said NPD's Bonnie Riggs. The focus group results -- and the experiences of restaurants ranging from McDonald's to Dallas-based Brinker International to Taco Bell -- point up an anomaly. At a time when food companies such as Frito-Lay and Nabisco are making millions on new lines of low-fat and no-fat products, restaurant patrons are shunning light meals.

"I feel like I'm getting gypped when I order them," said Philip Peters of Dallas, who was having lunch with friends recently at a local restaurant.

While there are some glimmers that restaurant patrons may be finally warming up to low-fat entrees, a much broader trend among chains such as Pizza Hut, Wendy's and Jack in the Box is to provide their customers with ever-bigger, ever-meatier and ever-cheesier pizzas and hamburgers.

"Without question, the chains are now going to the other end of the (nutritional) spectrum," said Raj Chaudhry, publisher of "Chain Update," a restaurant industry newsletter. "Jack in the Box is offering what looks like a half-a-steer burger."

Not that there haven't been some successes in the health-conscious category.

T.G.I. Friday's, the Dallas-based casual dining chain, suffered through four years of unspectacular sales of its low-fat dishes. But recent results have been appetizing, says Jody Mortenson, Friday's executive director of research and development. Sales of the chain's no-meat garden burger are now comparable to any nonhamburger sandwich on the menu, she says, and the chain's Pacific Coast tuna entree recently won kudos on a national TV report on restaurant nutrition.

"We got so many letters and telephone calls thanking us for putting those items on the menu that we just knew we were hitting a niche," Ms. Mortenson said.

Dallas-based Bennigan's has seen its Health Club chicken platter become one of its best-selling entrees.

Even so, recent history is littered with examples of low-fat food gone wrong.

The McLean Deluxe, with half the fat of a Big Mac, was supposed to revolutionize fast-food dining. Instead, it was a victim of slow sales

and "menu streamlining" by McDonald's.

Brinker unveiled its Guiltless Grill low-fat dishes with high hopes in the fall of 1993. The meals featured half the fat of the regular fare at its Chili's restaurants and were praised for their good taste -- but they have been slighted by diners.

"It's more than 10 percent of our menu, but less than 10 percent of our sales," Brinker spokesman Harry Day said of the offerings. "We sell more of any one of our burger items than all of Guiltless Grill combined."

Applebee's International, a casual

dining chain that has 17 restaurants in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, introduced light meals five years ago. Only in the past two years "have we finally seen the needle begin to move" on sales, says Ron Marks, Applebee's vice president of research and development. And even now, the light entrees are only "a nominal success," he said.

Taco Bell, a division of PepsiCo Inc., last March rolled out its Border Lights menu -- a collection of tacos and burritos with half the fat of the chain's regular offerings. Border Lights are now widely perceived as a flop by

industry analysts, an impression reinforced by the news that sales at Taco Bell units open for at least one year slumped four percent in 1995.

For now, at least, the company is sticking by the brand and says there are no plans to drop the line at this time.

Chains that specialize in light fare have also stumbled. For instance, Fresh Choice, a salad-making chain, has been closing units due to slow sales, including two in Dallas.

So what's the problem? Restaurant pros are puzzled by that question. Some say that people want to splurge when they dine out.



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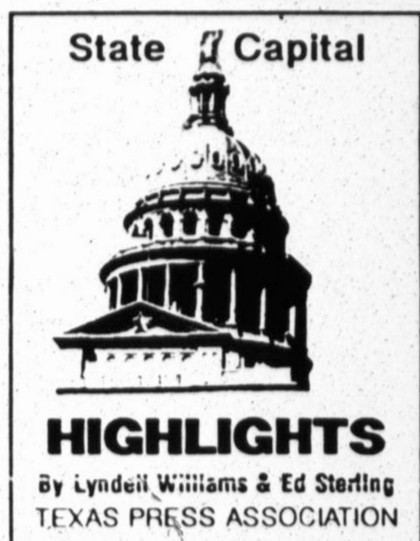
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead acted illegally in December 1994 when she shored up the state-run Texpool investment fund, according to a Texas attorney general's opinion made public last week.

Texpool lost an estimated \$2 billion when investors withdrew their deposits, concerned after news reports regarding similar investments in high-risk "derivatives" that caused the bankruptcy of Orange County, Calif.

Whitehead responded by using Treasury money to buy back some of the securities at book value, to prevent losses for Texpool members. The bailout cost Texas taxpayers about \$55 million, she said.

The non-enforceable opinion — requested by the director of the State Pension Review Board — was written by Assistant Attorney General Susan L. Garrison.

"The state treasurer's use of funds in the state Treasury in December 1994 to purchase Texpool funds at a price above the market value was not authorized by law," Garrison wrote.

Whitehead told the *Houston Chronicle* she acted only after she had been assured at a Dec. 9, 1994 meeting with three of Attorney General Dan Morales' staffers that her action would be "proper, legal, necessary and the best solution to prevent devastating losses for taxpayers at the local level."

Morales called Whitehead's char-

acterization of the meeting "untrue." He did not comment on possible consequences of the alleged violation of the state constitution.

About 1,400 local school districts, cities and other government entities invest cash for short periods in Texpool.

Complicating matters beyond the difference between "book value" and "market value" is the fact that Whitehead's office will be abolished Sept. 1, in accordance with a constitutional amendment passed in November.

**VitaPro Probe, Lawsuit**  
The state has filed a lawsuit seeking to invalidate the \$34 million contract between the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and VitaPro Foods Inc. of Montreal, Canada, the supplier of a soybean-based meat substitute used to feed Texas prison inmates.

According to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*, the contract — now under investigation by state and federal authorities — was approved without competitive bids by James A. "Andy" Collins.

Collins retired Dec. 31 from his \$120,000-a-year post as executive director of the TDCJ, but continued on the payroll through Jan. 31. In January, VitaPro hired Collins as a consultant at the rate of \$1,000 a day, said Yank Barry, the company's chief executive officer.

The state is seeking a refund of \$3 million already spent on the meat substitute, saying the purchase should have been made through its purchasing agency, the General Services Commission.

Last week, state Sen. Mike Monrrief, D-Fort Worth, accused Collins of lying to a Senate committee in October when he said under oath that his private business plans would not conflict with his state job. Texas law prohibits officials from conducting business with state agencies for two years after they have left office.

Allan Polinsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, ordered an investigation of the VitaPro contract after the arrest last month of Houston businessman Patrick Graham.

Graham, who allegedly master-

minded a foiled prison escape plot, was carrying a business card showing he was an independent salesman for VitaPro when he was arrested.

**Voters Guides OK at Polls**  
With early voting under way for the March 12 primary, Texans will at last be free to bring voter's guides, newspaper endorsements and other printed materials into the polls.

Prior law prohibited voters from bringing printed materials into voting booths, but did allow them to bring sample ballots and handwritten notes.

Houston lawyer David Furlow challenged the 93-year-old law and won a federal court decision overturning the law in November. The Texas Secretary of State decided not to appeal the ruling.

"It's not likely to adversely affect in the slightest degree what goes on in elections," Furlow said.

**Other Capital Highlights**

■ A Central Texas militia group is plotting to kidnap a federal judge, according to an advisory by the U.S. Marshal's Service, the *Houston Chronicle* reported last week. A memorandum dated Feb. 8 warned judges in the Houston-based Southern District federal judicial region, in which serve 18 federal district judges, six bankruptcy judges and 12 magistrate judges. These judges work in courthouses in Houston, Laredo, McAllen, Brownsville, Galveston, Victoria and Corpus Christi.

■ Austin State District Judge Joseph Hart fined John E. Furnace and his Manveltex Inc., of Brazoria County, a record \$915,000 in penalties for operating a water system so polluted that tap water would catch fire. The Texas Attorney General's Office investigated the case at the request of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Furnace drilled a water well in a region with many gas and oil wells without notifying the TNRCC or customers in the 47-home system served by his company.

# Film's unique perspective explores issues of Pantex

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer  
AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - The film opens with a black-and-white message of stark brevity: "The Cold War Ended."

It closes to the howls of Texas Panhandle wind and the warning - from a millionaire sitting in a field of half-buried Cadillacs - that nuclear dust from a hypothetical accident at the Pantex weapons plant could blow into fatal pandemonium.

"The Plutonium Circus" takes a wacky look at the pacifists, economy boosters, Pantex employees and others with something to say about the U.S. Department of Energy's facility northeast of Amarillo.

The 73-minute color documentary touches on the morbid and absurd en route to a lesson on nuclear disassembly.

"We've got this atomic bomb plant here which is just ruining the neighborhood, and it's something we don't need and we don't want," millionaire Stanley Marsh 3, creator of Cadillac Ranch, told the camera.

Marsh likens Pantex to a death factory and work-relief project.

Others offer more upbeat descriptions of the only site in America where 3,200 workers break down nuclear weapons and store the plutonium.

"We are doing our part for continued peace through the world," Pantex community relations manager Kevin Knapp told viewers. "What we do right here outside of Amarillo, Texas, has a global impact and we have a very positive effect on millions and millions of people."

The Energy Department has no official comment on what won the Best Documentary Feature award at the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin last year.

"The Plutonium Circus" has since played at theaters in Austin, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Future

sites include Dallas, Houston, Seattle and Chicago.

"Most people will think it's a scream," filmmaker George Ratliff predicted of audiences in his native Amarillo, where the movie is expected to open by early April. "It's going to be a scandal."

Ratliff, 27, said the project took seven months and \$50,000 to film.

He said he aimed to create a funny but neutral way to get word out about a facility that for decades was kept secret and boring. The more that people know about Pantex, Ratliff reasons, the stricter its monitoring.

"People from all sides of the political spectrum tell me they love the movie," he said. "People can pick and choose what they believe the truth is, opposed to most documentaries, which preach to you about what's going on and what you think."

Amarillo residents portray themselves on screen.

The cast includes a farmer, a rancher, an oilman and a cowboy poet. Bob Wills' "Right or Wrong" twangs along during footage of a mushroom cloud. Women tap dance at a steak house. A world traveler shows off his collection of rat traps and elephant guns.

"Amarillo to a lot of people seems very politically conservative and culturally conservative," science

fiction writer Don Webb observes for viewers. "But sometimes under those pressures, a lot of really interesting things blossom out."

David Whitten of Las Vegas-based Greycat Films, which released "The Plutonium Circus," said audience members tend to react in one of two ways.

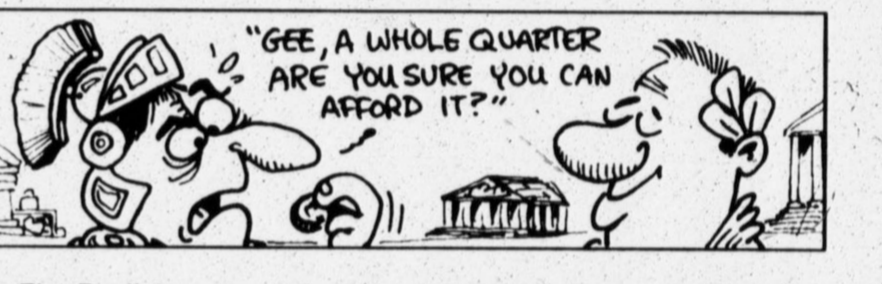
"Younger people and people with a well developed sense of humor find the film very entertaining," Whitten said. "People serious in their stand on nuclear weapons and all things nuclear and don't exhibit a good sense of humor, probably find the film irritating."

Whitten said the prevalent presence of comedy - opposed to fact-filled or preachy cinema - makes Pantex more broadly fascinating.

Amarillo comes off looking "like a uniquely Texas place, a mythical land bordering on some sort of 10-gallon Atlantis," he said.

Ratliff said he hopes those who see the film get concerned enough to pay attention to Pantex plutonium stored above the Texas Panhandle's main water supply. Yet, he said, most people get a laugh out of the show.

"It's a movie for entertainment. It should be playing next to 'Batman Forever,'" Ratliff said. "It's a movie that's fun."



The English custom of celebrating Boxing Day or the day after Christmas may have originated in ancient Rome where apprentice workers received money gifts in small boxes from their employer's customers.

## Cuban double agent gave Castro reports

By EVAN PEREZ  
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Juan Pablo Roque, the quintessential Cuban in a former fighter pilot who fled the communist island four years ago, said he dedicated his working against Castro.

Now, Roque admits he was a double agent who infiltrated Miami's exile groups, including as a pilot for Brothers to the Rescue, and gave information to the Cuban government.

Roque (pronounced ROH-kay) returned to his homeland Friday, a day before two Brothers to the Rescue planes were shot from the sky by Cuban MiGs, leaving four presumed dead. A third plane escaped.

Speaking on Cuban television Monday, Roque said he returned to reveal "the real character" of Brothers to the Rescue, which helped save thousands of Cubans who fled the island in rubber rafts and makeshift boats.

He accused the group's leaders of having ties to the CIA and flying over the island in the past to plan acts of

sabotage and "provoke an international incident, an incident that would ignite tensions between the U.S. and Cuba... That's what the extreme right in the U.S. wants."

President Clinton on Monday announced a series of actions designed to retaliate against Cuba, and the U.N. Security Council early today strongly deplored the downing of the planes.

Cuba said it was defending its airspace. U.S. intelligence officials said at least one plane, and perhaps all three, ventured into Cuban airspace, though the downing occurred over international waters.

The timing of Roque's return convinced exile leaders in Miami that it was no coincidence that when the small, single-engine civilian planes flew toward Cuba's coast, Cuban MiGs were waiting.

"It proves that this defector who used to fly missions for Brothers to the Rescue is part also of this premeditated crime," said Jorge Mas Canosa, president of the Cuban American National Foundation.



A committee of civic leaders will kick off a community fund-raising campaign, "Build on the Dream", February 12-26, which will benefit further improvements to the Hereford Aquatic Park site.

A campaign goal of \$40,000 has been set. All proceeds of this campaign will be directed to this park only, for the purchase of 100 large trees and the material expense for construction of a covered picnic pavillion, concrete picnic tables, benches and barbecue grills.

If you would like to share in this park improvement campaign by making an individual donation, please fill out the form provided below. All donations are tax deductible. The City of Hereford will provide a tax exempt receipt for all donations upon request.

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