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History lives in recordings

By JOHN McMILLAN Staff Writer

Historical archives for Gray County could greatly benefit if the oral history collection here were expanded, records-keepers say.

"In a lot of libraries throughout the country, oral history is a very excellent means of keeping with the history of a community, and I think it would be great to get it started," said Dan Snider, director of Lovett Memorial Library.

The Lovett Memorial Library currently has no oral histories of Gray County, according to Snider, who said he has not taken any steps to develop such an oral history collection. Snider added that his library would "love to house this kind of material ... especially since we've got the microfilm now.'

A project is under way by The Pampa News and the Friends of the Library to microfilm issues of The Pampa News dating back to the 1920s. The microfilm is kept at the library and Snider said an oral history collection would be a nice complement to the microfilm collection.

Anne Davidson, curator of the White Deer Land Museum, said she knows of 28 oral history tapes of individuals in her museum and six tapes of historical marker ceremonies relating to Gray County. "...We need many more than we have," Davidson said. "We surely

"I would like to see more oral histories, I really would," agreed Darlene Birkes, chairman of Gray County Historical Commission. "I also era, I'd like to see (oral histories) and Mrs. R.J. Sailor, all three of



(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegers) These oral history tapes are from the White Deer Land Museum. More oral history tapes about Gray

son is an important feature in capturing our history."

The oral history tapes at White death. Deer Land Museum include an interview about five years ago with Emmett LeFors, who was living in Gray County when it was organized, and an oral history tape on Louis using a tape recorder at the museum, Allen, a Pampa High School graduate who did charitable work in children's hospitals:

Oral history tapes in the White Deer Land Museum collection include approximately 10 interviews conducted by Darlene Birkes along with Girl Scouts in 1976 for the Bicentennial Celebration. Among those tapes are interthink that since we're in the video views with Lee Harrah and Mr.

County residents are needed, local historians say. combined with more video work. I whom were early pioneers of Gray really feel that seeing them in per- County; and Joe Shelton, one of the residents of this county who

had lived here the longest until his

The oral history tapes are kept in a locked vault in the White Deer Land Museum, and the general public is allowed to listen to the tapes Davidson said.

Davidson expressed support for expansion of the county's oral history collection, saying, "I think we should have every interview that we can possibly get today. We can also be of strong value to should not lose a one of them. These people are very important to the history of Gray County. ... If we station in life ... is historical, and could just get on tape the early his- anybody can with (historical) profit tories that these people know first- set the older people down and tape hand, it would be very valuable to record their lives," he said.

have in our museum and in our

Davidson said she has discussed the possibility of doing more oral history tape interviews with a few elderly residents of Gray County who are familiar with the county at the turn of the century. The museum curator said she places an emphasis on doing oral histories of elderly people because the historical records of Gray County from earlier eras are 'very sketchy.'

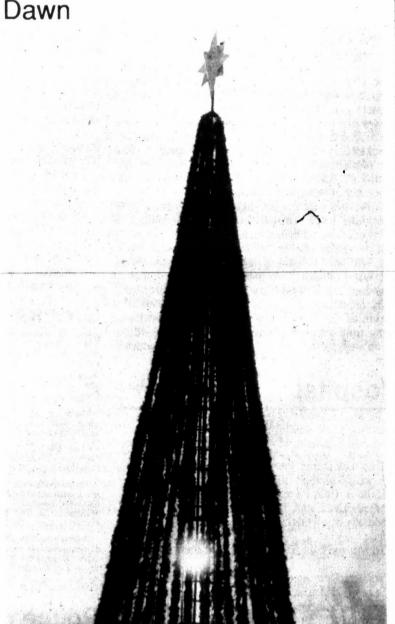
The recent formation of an advisory board to the White Deer Land Museum is expected to foster application for grant monies that would permit compilation of oral history tapes for Gray County, Davidson

"They will be more qualified to apply for grant money," the museum curator said.

The 11-member advisory board, appointed by the Gray County Commission in November, is composed of Mary Sturgeon, Jim Greene, Debbie Stokes, David Fatheree, Sandra Waters, Jay Johnson, Anita Bell, Creta Arrington, Claudie Phillips, Larry Franklin, and Ray Duncan. The first meeting of the advisory board is expected to be held in January 1993.

Pampa resident John A. Mead, a former anthropologist who is doing history research on his relatives in Gray County, noted that taped histories of people who aren't well known in the county genealogists.

'Anybody, no matter what their



(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegers)

The sun breaks through fog early today to shine through the Christmas tree at Coronado Park on Hobart Street. Today's forecast calls for sunny skies and warmer temperatures.

Jobless claims up

number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits rose week, which did not include filby 22,000 in early-December, the first increase in four weeks, the government said today.

The Labor Department said first-time applications for unemployment insurance totaled 347,000 during the week ended Dec. 5, up from a revised 325,000 the previous week. The original estimate for the week ended Nov. 28 was 324,000.

"The rise was mainly the labor situation. result of the return to a normal workweek after a shorter reporting period the prior week due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday," the report said.

Still, it was the 11th straight week that claims remained below 400,000, which many analysts believe is the threshold between an improving or deteriorating employment situation.

The department reported earlier that the jobless rate dipped to 7.2 percent in November from 7.4 percent a month earlier and the recent peak of 7.8 percent last June. At the same time, it said 105,000 new jobs were created last month.

jobless claims excludes layoffs in the construction and claimants using a special emer- service industries and in manugency unemployment program.

The department said 25,582 tion for the other states. individuals in 50 states, Puerto Columbia filed new claims under individual state figures are not.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The the emergency program. That was up from 20,709 the previous ings from Oklahoma and the Virgin Islands.

> The emergency program numbers, unlike the regular claims figures, are not seasonally adjusted.

Because of the volatility of the weekly claims, many analysts prefer to track a four-week moving average that smooths out the erratic changes and is considered a more reliable indicator of the

The average was 352,000 during the period ended Dec. 5, down from 361,750 a week earlier and the lowest since it reached 350,250 on June 9, 1990.

Forty-six states and territories reported increases in their weekly claims, while seven reported declines.

States reporting the largest increases were California, 27,970; Pennsylvania, 12,892; Tennessee, 7,562; North Carolina, 7,510, and South Carolina, 7,337.

States registering the largest decreases were Wisconsin, 6,001; Colorado, 763; Massachusetts, 548; Louisiana, 145, and Arizona, 110. Wisconsin said However, the number of initial its decline resulted from fewer facturing. There was no explana-

The national figures are adjust-Rico and the District of ed for seasonal variations, but the

Marines deliver food beyond Baidoa and French troops struck out from Baidoa's residents, who gave the chaos reigned in the streets until last tee of the Red Cross for the severely

too weak to greet them.

Rising tension was reported elsewhere in Somalia, and aid workers urged the troops to secure even more of the chaotic Horn of Africa coun-

they would contribute troops to the U.N.-sponsored relief operation.

In Baidoa, eight U.S. military vehicles, including Humvees and armored personnel carriers, and three French armored vehicles escorted CARE trucks carrying in a bright shawl squatted outside enough to feed about 7,500 people her hut while a couple of journalfor a month.

Dozens of vehicles carrying relief agency workers and journalists row, potholed path that passes for a road, and photographers sat atop the wheat sacks piled in the backs of CARE's 10 trucks.

The mercy mission to the villages, all within 30 miles of Baidoa, eating," she said. stopped first at Bonkey and Busley, which received their first deliveries and had one blind eye. in two weeks.

trucks were attacked, and five bandits were shot to death in a gun battle with CARE's Somali guards. The 460 sacks of food destined for the starving were lost.

said he expected no violence today.

where many inhabitants appeared tral Somali town Wednesday, stood along the road out of town and waved as the convoy passed. Some troops tossed chocolate candy to the children.

The reception at the receiving villages was low-key. Villagers, dressed mostly in rags, stood silent-Germany and India announced ly as troops and journalists swarmed amid their mud huts. One man wandered aimlessly, holding up a swollen index finger oozing with infection in the apparent hope someone would tend to it.

In Busley, a thin woman wrapped ists plied her with questions. Finally the woman, who would not give her name, told them: "I'm too hunjockeyed for space along the nar- gry. I don't feel like doing interviews.

Another Busley woman, Fatuma Mabile, said she was pleased to get the relief food. "If we didn't get this food, I would go to sleep without

Mabile, 30, looked more like 60,

"I've worked with refugees The last time CARE attempted a before, but this is a whole lot worse convoy to Bonkey, on Dec. 3, its than I expected, 2 said Marine Staff Sgt. Marwan Binni of Oceanside. Calif., before the convoy left the airport. "It seems like Africa is condemned."

Civil war has combined with famine CARE spokesman James Fennell and disease to kill more than 350,000 Somalis since President Mohamed "They've gone out with a fairly Siad Barre was ousted nearly two well-armed group," he said. "If years ago. An estimated 2 million there are any bandits out there, more are still at risk of starvation.

BAIDOA, Somalia (AP) — U.S. they're keeping their heads down." Government has disintegrated and ter run by the International Commit-Baidoa today, escorting tons of Americans and French a tumultuous week, when the foreign troops relief food to four nearby villages welcome when they arrived in the cenarrived to help restore order and secure food shipments to the hungry. But there were more signs today

of rampant lawlessness where the troops have yet to tread.

spokeswoman Nina Winquist. She said one person died, believed to have been one of the bandits. On Wednesday, a prominent Mus-

malnurished. Five to eight people

were wounded, said Red Cross

Violence raged in the central town lim leader in Bardera was shot to of Bardera, 60 miles south of death, along with his 10-year-old Baidoa. On Monday night, a gang of niece, Winquist said. The man was



A Somali child, dwarfed by a U.S. Marine, watches as a convoy pulls into Baidoa Wednesday.

State releases sales tax rebates; city shows increase higher amount of sales tax rebates \$2,289.54 check which was 72.06 area counties sales tax checks check of \$729.63. However, Skel- \$3,075.13 check this month over

By ANGELA LEGGETT Staff Writer

The city of Pampa recorded a

HOW CAN IT BE ALMOST CHRISTMAS WHEN I STILL HAVEN'T SEEN THE GREAT PUMPKIN?



8 shopping days to Christmas

this year compared to 1991.

\$81,151.30. For the year, Pampa is \$21,747.98. 16.66 percent above last year's

Pampa reported a 2 percent current rate as a result of an increased monthly tax returns. rate from 1 percent to 1.5 percent in July and from 1.5 percent to 2

percent on Oct. 1. This city of Lefors reported no payment this month, and is 10.68 percent ahead of last year's pay-

received \$7,075.16 this year.

percent above last year's December received this month. This month, Pampa received a check of \$1,330.66. For the year, \$169,130.74 check which was McLean is 14.53 percent above last year's December check of having received a total of

payments of \$1,359,619.53, receiv- to Texas cities and counties include down 7.95 percent having recorded ing a total of \$1,586,104.15 this taxes collected on October sales \$24,470.18 last year and and reported to the Comptroller in \$22,524.60 in payments this year. November by businesses filing

received last December. Counties \$70,449.54 which is 31.02 percent received a total of \$11.2 million, a 20.3 percent increase over the \$53,769.68. ments of \$6,392.23, having December 1991 rebates of \$9.3 mil-

The city of McLean received a Following is the breakdown of increase from last year's December

Carson County

108.41 percent higher than last year's payments of \$18,989.56, \$1,065.04 check this month, a \$13,562.87 this year. decrease of 27.7 percent over the last December's check of increased 25.739 percent with its Please see TAX, Page 2 This month's sales tax payment \$1,473.04. For the year, Groom is

> The city of Panhandle received \$5,552.35 for October sales tax Texas cities received \$94.6 mil- which is an 85.88 percent increase lion in sales tax payments, up 17.9 over last December's amount of percent over the \$80.2 million \$2,987.04. This year's total is higher than last year's figure of

> > The city of Skellytown received a \$920.06 check for a 26.10 percent

lytown is 11 percent above last last year's December check of year's payments of \$12,218.52 \$2,445.78. For the year, White The city of Groom received a having received a total of Deer is down 1.06 percent having received \$34,337.15 in payments The city of White Deer has over last year's \$34,704.54.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DAVISON, Mary Strickland — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.

McCLELLAND, Margaret Holt — 10:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church. NICKEL, K. Loren 'Nick' — 2 p.m.,

Church of Christ, Lefors.

Obituaries

MARY STRICKLAND DAVISON

SHAMROCK - Mary Strickland Davison, 84, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Denton, pastor of the Eleventh Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Davison, born in Lonsdale, Ark., was a longtime Shamrock area resident. She married J.W. Strickland in 1929; he preceded her in death in 1962. She married R.L. Davison in 1967 at Amarillo. She owned and operated Strickland Supermarket. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, J.W. Strickland Jr. of Arlington and James Strickland of Oklahoma City; a daughter, LaRue Wall of San Antonio; two stepsons, Mickey Davison of Grand Prairie and William Davison of Irving; two stepdaughters, Pat Word of Hillsboro and Elizabeth Lavender of Brandon; two sisters, Reba Dorsey of Shamrock and and no citations were reported. Sally McAlister of Lonsdale, Ark.; two brothers, Bill Tarvin of Cuba, Mo., and R.C. Tarvin of Portland, Ark.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and six great-stepgrandchil-

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Tom Jack Duree, Pampa Johnable Method Ellis, Pampa Lillie B. Holt, Pampa Myrtle Lee Leigh, Pampa Melody Sue Rodgers, Pampa Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. Timm Rodgers of Pampa, a boy. Dismissals

Yolanda Dominguez and baby girl, Pampa Susan L. Johnson, Pampa Joy Maye Cooper (extended care), McLean Walter E. Elliott (extended care), Lefors SHAMROCK

HOSPITAL Admissions Sue Bench, Pampa Bobbie Ritchardson, Shamrock

Dismissals Larry Bailey, Shamrock Juaiaun Stokes, Shamrock

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Arrests WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16

Donald Mark Mundell, 22, 1005 N. Somerville Ave., was arrested on a charge of failure to offer identification. He was released on bond.

Bobby Ray Tillmon, 46, 1136 Prairie Drive, was arrested on a charge of theft by check and bond forfeiture. He was released on bond.

Troy Britt, 29, 1024 Prairie Drive, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

Christopher Floyd, 38, 1145 Varnon Drive, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

Karen Kay McLain, 33, 621 Yeager, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She was released on

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16

3:38 p.m. — Three units and four firefighters responded to a structure fire on U.S. 60 west of Pampa. The fire was out on arrival.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16

9:15 a.m. — In a hit and run accident, an unknown vehicle collided with a 1992 Ford van driven by Denise Lozano, 2104 Lynn, in the 1200 block of Hobart. No injuries and no citations were reported.

12:33 p.m. — A 1992 Chevrolet driven by Paul Edward Clay, 1029 Mary Ellen, and a 1986 Oldsmobile driven by Annie Glover, 1516 Hamilton, collided at Kentucky and Hamilton. Glover was cited for failing to yield right of way. No injuries were reported.

TODAY, Dec. 17 12:20 a.m. — A 1979 Chevrolet driven by Penny Layne Cole, 2904 Rosewood, collided with a brick pillar and concrete light pole pillar at the Northgate Inn in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. Damage was estimated at \$2,050 to the pillars. No injuries

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Cabot O&G16 1/4	dn 1/8
provided by Wheeler-Evans of	Chevron69 3/8	up 1/8
Pampa.	Coca-Cola40 3/4	up 1/8
Wheat3.15	Enron47	up 1/8
Milo3.41 Corn4.08	Halliburton29	dn 1/4
	HealthTrust Inc18 1/8	dn 1/4
	Ingersoll Rand30 3/4	up 1/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:	KNE28 1/4	NC
	Kerr McGee44	up 1/8
	Limited27 3/4	up 3/4
water o	Mapco54 1/8	up 1/8
Ky. Cent. Life. 9 NC Serfco 33/8 NC Occidental. 177/8 dn 1/8 The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation: Magellan 61.75 Puritan 14.93	Maxus 6 3/8	NC
	McDonald's47 1/2	up 1/8
	Mobil62	dn 1/8
	New Atmos22 5/8	dn 1/8
	Parker & Parsley14	dn 1/8
	Penney's76 1/8	up 3/8
	Phillips24 7/8	up 1/8
	SLB58	up 1/4
	SPS31 1/4	up 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock	Tenneco36 5/8	up 1/4
Market quotations are furnished by	Texaco59 7/8	up 1/8
Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Wal-Mart64 1/4	up 1/8
Amoco50 7/8 up 1/8	New York Gold	338.70
Arco112 5/8 up 7/8	Silver	
Cabot45 1/4 NC	West Texas Crude	19.41

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16 Allsup's Convenience Store, 1025 W. Wilks,

reported theft under \$20. Scott Love, 1709 Williston, reported burglary of

1992 Ford pickup. Tricia Bradstreet, 506 Roberta, reported disorderly

Denise Lozano, 2104 Lynn, reported a hit and run to a 1992 Ford van in the 1200 block of North

Arrests WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16

Sonia Patricia Mulanax, 27, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She was transferred to Gray County Jail and released on bond.

Patti Lynn Williams, 33, 1540 N. Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of telephone harassment. She was transferred to Gray County Jail and released on bond. Dennis Woods, 29, 1912 Coffee, was arrested in

the 1000 block of Crane on three warrants. Penny Cole, 22, 2904 Rosewood, was arrested in the 2100 block of North Hobart on a charge of public

intoxication. Thomas Daniel Short, 29, 1008 Crane, was arrested in the 2200 block of North Hobart on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was booked directly into Gray County Jail.

Correction

Hobart.

The name of Joshua Paulson was inadvertently omitted from the Pampa Middle School sixth-grade A-B honor roll. The Pampa News regrets any inconvenience the omission may have caused.

Man sentenced in mother's slaying GREENVILLE (AP) — A Camp- visit after the attack, asked his sister mentally abused Michael Peek.

bell man has been sentenced to 50 whether "he shot her where he was years in prison for slaying his moth- aiming — between the eyes." er, whose body was hidden in a closet at her home.

Michael Wayne Peek received the sentence Wednesday from state District Judge Paul Banner. Peek had pleaded no contest Oct. 28 in the murder of Molly Coker of Campbell.

Peek, 23, testified Wednesday that he shot Ms. Coker in the face as she entered her home June 15. He said he then wrapped her head in a plastic bag and "stuffed" the body into a bedroom closet.

The woman's daughter, Shiela Burden of Quinlan, found her body two days later. Ms. Burden went to the home after Ms. Coker had been reported absent for work at Sherwood Medical by Neal Stewart, the personnel director.

Ms. Coker had worked at Shervood for 15 years Ms. Burden said Peek, during a jail

ed that Ms. Coker had physically and other rules.

The defendant testified that he had moved out of his mother's house a Billy Peek, the defendant's brother, month before he shot her because he and other defense witnesses contend- could not obey a 2 a.m. curfew and

Police look for robbery suspect

A white male is listed as the suspect who stole money Wednesday and fled from Minit Mart, 1106 Alcock, police officials reported in a news release today.

"At approximately 7:20 p.m. a white male entered the Minit Mart and after getting a candy bar approached the counter," stated Det. Morse Burroughs. "After the clerk rang up the sale and the register opened, the suspect reached across the counter and grabbed between \$80 to \$100 in \$20 bills from the register drawer."

The male is described as being approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall with blond hair. He weighs about 160 pounds and has a mustache.

The suspect then fled on foot to a waiting vehicle, Burroughs said. The incident was reported by

James Earl Lewis, 82, of Pampa. "An investigation will continue

into the incident," Burroughs said. Anyone with information can contact the Pampa Police Department at 669-5700 or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

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Tax

Hemphill County

The city of Canadian received a \$9,620.46 check this month, a 6.35 percent increase over last December's check of \$9,045.93. For this year, Canadian is down 10.72 percent, having recorded a \$137,171.30 to date amount, over last year's \$153,642.35 in payments. Roberts County

The city of Miami is down 7.31

percent with its check this month of 26.86 percent with its check this \$988.90 compared to last December's check of \$1,066.88. Miami is down 0.46 percent this year, receiving \$16,574.71 compared to last year's amount of \$16,651.13

Wheeler County

The city of Mobeetie recorded no payments this month, but for the year is 19.96 percent below last year's payments, having received \$2,583.58 over last year's payment of \$3,228.02.

The city of Shamrock is up \$50,702.52 amount.

month of \$12,151.60 over last year's amount of \$9,578.82. For this year, Shamrock is up 33.35 percent, having received \$171,912.42 over last year's

amount of \$128,916.96. The city of Wheeler is up 3.59 percent with its \$2,667.73 payment this month over last year's amount of \$2,575.21. Wheeler is down 1 percent for the year, having received 50,194.98 over last year's

Sign of the times



The home of Cory and Ginger Ferdon, 2110 N. Russell, spells out the sentiment of the season.

Group forming 'Republicans for Choice'

AMARILLO — A group of the Scene of the Crime." The name 'closed-minded.' in an effort to give a voice to fellow Republicans in the area.

The group states that the voice in Republican politics is being denied right, consisting of approximately 25 percent of all Republicans.

Republicans joined nearly 100 prochoice Republican Party activists from

Amarillo Republicans announced referred to the recent national conplatform.

The National Republican Coalition for Choice was founded in the wake of the Webster ruling in 1989 to the state Legislatures.

From Dec. 4 to 6, eight Amarillo coalition, told the group, "After the specter of the shameful Republican three and a half years. National Convention and its platthroughout the United States at a strategy form, coupled with the party's lead-Choice, was billed as "A Return to lican Party as 'intolerant' and tus in this country.

"We pro-choice Republicans are the formation of a new group called vention, where the Republicans determined to change that percep-Panhandle Republicans for Choice adopted a punitive religious-issues tion by returning our party to its roots.

Crisp began her political career in the Arizona Republican Party in 1961. She became Republican to them by the radical religious which sent the abortion issue back. National Committeewoman in 1972 and was elected Co-Chair of the Mary Dent Crisp, chair of the Republican National Committee in 1977. She held that position for

At the 1980 Republican National Convention, she warned the Repubmeeting in Houston to plan a campaign. ership embracing the radical right lican Party that its position on abor-The meeting, organized by the and the religious extremists, the vot-tion would undermine the party's National Republican Coalition for ers increasingly describe the Repub- ability to gain a majority party sta-

Wednesday's drawing has two winning tickets

lotto drawing held Wednesday night, ning \$1,107 each. Another 13,182 won \$3 each. officials said today.

The identities of the winners weren't immediately known, officials said. Holders of the tickets are required

to claim their winnings in Austin. The tickets must be validated through the lottery's security sys-The locations of the retailers

were in Houston and the Hill Country. The six numbers chosen in the

who sold the winning tickets

random drawing were 14, 23, 24, 31,

AUSTIN (AP) — Two winning Lottery officials said 315 people matched four and won \$54 apiece, tickets were sold in the \$15 million matched five of six numbers, win- while 202,436 matched three and



Wednesday's winning numbers are: 14-23-24-31-38-42

City briefs

WATER WELL Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.

FRANKS TRUE Value, 626 S. Cuyler has the Best Price in town on Go-Carts for Christmas. Sales and repairs. 665-0510. Adv.

AEROBIC CLASSES offered by Texas Physical Rehab, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$20 month. Come join us and get in shape! For more information call 669-0218 or 669-1242. Adv.

NEW KIRBYS with Power drive. Wholesale prices until December 24, 121 Cuyler, 669-2990. Adv.

ORDER YOUR Fruit baskets in addition to our quality fruits and nuts. We can add jars of honey, roasted peanuts and old fashioned Christmas Candy. Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

ESTEE LAUDER has arrived at Images Downtown, 669-1091. Adv.

LOTS OF Poinsettias are in mini deliver. Watson's Feed and Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

GOLF AND Apparel Sale Continues at the Pampa Mall. New merchandise added. December 17, 18,

ALL CHRISTMAS decorations 20% Off. The Hobby Shop. Adv. SNOW REMOVAL (Snow Blower). Residential, commercial.

Eugene Taylor 669-9992. Adv. KITCHEN AIDE Mixer, heavy duty, hardly used. \$150. Epperson's, Limits this weekend. Adv. 665-8258. Adv.

SHOP EARLY at Mom n Me! We'll be closed December 19-26. 221 N. Gillespie, Wednesday - Saturday 12:00-5:30. Adv.

PAMPA SENIOR Citizens Christmas Dance Friday, December 18, Sponsored by ESA Sorority.

JO AND Helen will have their size up to large bush type. We Jewelry in Pampa Mall all day Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 18, 19, 20, 21. Good Christmas Gifts! Adv.

T-SHIRTS & More downtown Pampa, Chicago Bulls fitted hats, Dallas Cowboy, Colorado Rockies, Miami and many more. Florida Marlin shirts, Adv.

ROLANDA'S JUST Received new shipment of Root Votive candles and Room Sprays. Adv. LOST INJUN will be at City

PECAN SPECIAL, shelled \$4.95 lb., cracked \$3.25 lb. Epperson's, Hwy. 60 east 2 miles. Will deliver 5 lbs. or more in Pampa.

SALE CALL'S Antiques, each day until Christmas, 618 W. Francis. Collector marbles, knives, pocket watches, more. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear and not as cold, with the low in the upper 20s and southerly winds 10-20 mph. Friday, sunny, breezy and warmer, with a high in mid-50s and southerly to southwesterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Lake wind warnings will be posted on area lakes on Friday. Wednesday's high was 29 degrees; the overnight low was 11 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Friday, sunny, breezy and warmer. Highs in the 50s. Friday night, becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of snow late. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast: Saturday, cloudy and colder with a chance of snow. Highs in the 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the teens. Highs in the lower to mid-30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the teens. Highs mid-30s to lower 40s. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in the upper 20s to mid-30s. Friday, partly cloudy, windy and warmer. Highs in the mid-50s to around 60. Friday night, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the lower to mid-30s. Extended fore-

chance of rain. Highs in the 40s. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Permian Basin: Tonight, clear. Lows in the lower to mid-30s. Friday, partly cloudy, windy and warmer. Highs in the lower to mid-60s. Friday night, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the mid-30s. Extended forecast: Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s.

South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Low in the 40s, 30s Hill Country. Friday, mostly cloudy. High in the 60s to near 70. Friday night, cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Low in the 40s and 50s. Extended forecast: Saturday, cloudy with a chance of rain. High in the 60s. Sunday, cloudy with a chance of rain. Low in the 30s Hill Country, 40s south central. High in the 50s. Monday, mostly cloudy with rain ending. Low in the 30s. High in the 50s. Texas Coastal Bend: Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Low in the 40s and 50s, near 60 coast. Friday, mostly cloudy. High in the 60s and 70s. Friday night, cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Low in the 50s and 60s. cast: Saturday, cloudy with a Extended forecast: Saturday, cloudy

with a chance of rain. High near 70. Sunday and Monday, cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain. Low near 50. High near 60.

North Texas - Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. A chance of showers east. Low 34 east to 41 west. Friday, variable cloudiness. Windy west and central. High 62 to 68. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers east. Low 39 west to 49 east. Extended forecast: Saturday and Sunday, generally cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s. Highs in the 50s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Low in the 40s. High in the 50s. BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, increasing clouds northwest with mostly fair skies east and south. Lows from 5 to 20 mountains with 15 to 30 lower elevations east and south. Friday, mountain snow showers north and west. Partly cloudy and breezy south and east. Highs in the 30s to mid-40s mountains with 40s to mid-50s elsewhere. Friday night, turning colder statewide with showers and mountain snows spreading east and south. Lows from 5 to 20 mountains with 15 to 30 lower ele-

vations east and south. Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly fair. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 50 to 55.

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An Army UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, shrink-wrapped in white plastic for protection against salt air and painted with the face of Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer, waits for loading aboard a Navy ship at the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne, N.J., Wednesday. Military equipment from Fort Drum will be shipped to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope from this military port.

Open house planned Friday for Justice of the Peace office

PANHANDLE — The new office Angela Wise was approved as jailof the Justice of the Peace in Groom er/dispatcher, as was Doug Muir. for bids on a new road grader for will hold an open house from 8:30 The salary for these positions was set Precinct 1. a.m. to noon Friday.

new office which was recently ren- work on Tuesday. ovated, it was announced at the regular meeting Monday of the Carson County Commissioners

The office is located on the west side of Groom on old Route 66.

\$18,436.32. Sandy will begin Jan. 1. tion.

at \$12,000 annually for each posi-The public is invited to view the tion. They were scheduled to begin

> Elected officials from the Nov. 3 10 a.m. Jan. 4 in the commissioners' courtroom.

Due to the retirement of Joe and commodities in Carson County need Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1 for the Helen Garcia and reorganization of to re-certify in February. Proper holidays. jailers, the court approved the identification is needed to obtain employment of Sandy Rogers as jail- commodities along with weekly, 9 a.m. Dec. 21. er/deputy and set the annual salary at monthly or annual income verifica-

The court approved advertising

A bid from George Stevens for \$200 was accepted by the court for a

1979 Ford Futura. Bids on auto liability insurance general election will be sworn in at for the county are scheduled to be

opened Jan. 11. The annual Christmas party is In other business it was scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 21 announced that people who receive and the courthouse will be closed

The court is scheduled to meet at

All members were present, and the minutes were read and approved.

Stores still accepting food stamps

A random survey of local conversion many sodas and snacks and not nation's 70,000 convenience stores. nience stores show they are still enough milk and bread, according to accounting for 4 percent of \$40.1 accepting food stamps despite 900 reports. stores that are no longer allowed to accept the stamps.

Many of the stores affected are in California, the South and Southwest with the rest sprinkled across the

They will no longer be able to stamp rolls in September. Food reauthorization continues into

Approximately 300 to 350 Circle K Corp. of Phoenix, officials said.

accept them because they sell too stamps represent big money for the 1993.

billion in sales last year. Nationwide there are about

stores affected were owned by 1,400 fewer stores that can redeem food stamps today than before the reauthorization effort A record 26.4 million Americans began this spring. More stores are - one in 10 - were on the food expected to be disqualified as the

FDA suggests French abortion pill could receive U.S. license

United States, the Food and Drug Wyden, D-Ore., Administration says it may not require further tests if a company seeks to sell the abortion pill RU-

Wednesday, said clinical trials of the drug already conducted in Europe "may well be sufficient to permit an approval." adequate review" of the drug by the federal agency.

The move was hailed in Congress as all but inviting the French manu- licensee. facturer of the drug, Roussel Uclaf, to apply for permission to market sel Uclaf officials for not seeking the intense political debate over the drug, or to license a U.S. compa-

move that could speed the introduc- blocks to permitting this drug into political objections to the drug. tion of non-surgical abortions in the the United States," said Rep. Ron

> advocate of the drug, said the FDA's statement means non-surgical abortion procedures may become availquickly as the manufacturer comes forward with an application for its use in this country.

However, the FDA has thus far received no application from Roussel Uclaf, or from any would-be

"With this letter, the FDA is American company to market the tive.

The FDA position was described Wyden, the leading congressional Scheman, deputy FDA commissioner for external affairs.

Scheman, in a telephone interview, asserted that the FDA had not The FDA, in a letter released able in this country "almost as changed its position on the drug and continues to invite an application for

> has banned the importation of RU-486 by individuals, and the Supreme Court has upheld the ban.

Advocates say its introduction in Wyden has been critical of Rous- the United States could transform FDA approval for sale of the drug in abortion by presenting women with the United States or finding an a new and more accessible alterna-

clearing a path for quick approval, drug. He has accused the company Moreover, they say its use would

there currently are no abortion facilin a letter to Wyden from Carol R. ities. In addition, it would provide an alternative to abortion clinics that have become focal points for

aggressive anti-abortion protests. Wyden is chairman of a House subcommittee on small business regulation. Its staff director, Steve Jenning, said the FDA statement However, the Bush administration represented a major shift in position and reflects a more receptive political mood following the election of President-elect Clinton, who has backed a scientific evaluation of

> "Six months ago they were arresting people at the border" with the drug, Jenning said. "The importance of today's message is we've removed just about every barrier we

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a and is removing the regulatory road- of stalling out of concern about allow women to undergo non-surgi- can think of on this side of the statement that it has no plans to marcal abortions in many areas where Atlantic. ... Now the decision is ket the drug. quite obviously and totally in the lap of the manufacturer."

> in testing and marketing the drug in the United States. They are Cabot Medical of Langhorne, Pa.; Gynex of Vernon Hills, Ill.; and Adeza ment. Biomedical of Sunnyvale, Calif.

Celanese. Advocates of RU-485 say they suspect the German company's conservative executives are behind enter the U.S. market.

"In 1985, Hoechst-Roussel deter-

mined that it had no interest in RU-Wyden says at least three U.S. 486 because it did not fit in with the companies have expressed interest company's product line and scientific and product expertise," Hoechst Celanese said in a written statement issued before the latest FDA state-

The drug is currently available in A German company, Hoechst Britain, France and Sweden. It is A.G., is parent to both Roussel used primarily as a method of abor-Uclaf and a U.S. company, Hoechst tion for women in the first trimester of pregnancy.

The drug is an antiprogestin, or hormone inhibitor, that prevents a Roussel's apparent reluctance to fertilized egg from attaching to the uterine wall. In addition to terminat-Hoechst Celanese and its affiliate, ing pregnancies, the drug holds Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals promise as a treatment for certain Inc. of Somerville, N.J., said in a forms of cancer.

Social Security cards required

Taxpayers filing federal income tax returns need Social Security numbers for any claimed dependent age one or older, according to information from the Pampa Social Security office.

in filing returns

With the cooperation of state officials and hospital employees, many infants have Social Security numbers before they leave the hospital because in most states the application process is tied into the birth registry system.

Parents of children who do not have numbers should contact their local Social Security office.

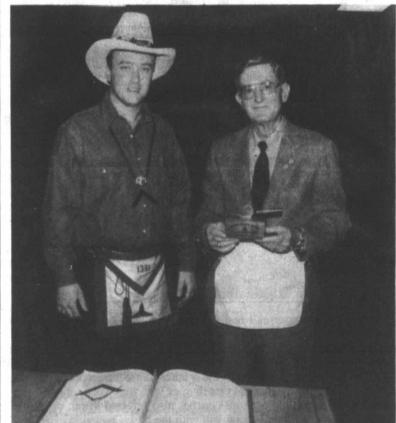
With the completed application, they must provide evidence of the child's age, identity and U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status.

An official birth certificate is acceptable evidence of both age and citizenship for a person born in the United States. For a foreign-born individual, a foreign birth certificate and a U.S. immigration document may be used to establish age and lawful alien status.

The Social Security Administration stresses that getting a Social Security number is a free service. There is no charge to obtain Social Security cards.

To get information about obtaining Social Security numbers for dependent children, call 1-800-772-1213 or contact the Social Security office at 125 S. Gillespie, 669-1010.

Golden Trowel Award



Donny Snow, left, worshipful master of Top O' Texas Lodge #1381, awards the Grand Lodge Golden Trowel to Johnny A. Chronister. The Golden Trowel is the lodge's formal recognition of a man for his devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his lodge.

Man enters innocent plea in shooting death

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A man who fatally shot a Japanese exchange student who came to his door has pleaded innocent to manslaughter.

Rodney Peairs, 31, entered the plea Wednesday in state District Court. He claims he thought the student, 16-year-old Yoshi Hattori, was an intruder.

Hattori and an American host were looking for a Halloween party when they knocked on Peairs' door Oct. 17. Peairs came to the door with a gun and told the boys to freeze, but Hattori, who spoke little English, apparently didn't under-

stand, moved forward and was shot. Judge Michael Ervin set the trial for March 15. If convicted, Peairs could be sentenced to up to 40 years

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Texas DPS warns travelers to be cautious

ty (DPS) is warning travelers to be said cautious during the holiday season.

upon us and people will be traveling the streets and highways in abundance. With the increase of traffic comes the increase and danger of more accidents.

"Christmas is a very special time Cawthon, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "We, the TDPS, want to urge everyone traveling our streets and highways to use extreme care, so that they will arrive at their destination safely.'

The best thing drivers can do is adjust their attitudes, as they sit down behind the wheel of vehicles

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Texas Department of Public Safe- and as safety belts are fastened, he will have all available troopers

"Without a good attitude we can-Christmas, one of the most cele- not be a defensive driver," Cawthon that are driving in excess of the brated holidays of the year, is nearly said. "Defensive driving is the key speed limit and those that drink to arriving at our destination accident free.

He said that a lot of people celebrate the holidays by drinking alco- ty belt, he said. holic beverages in excess.

working this season and they will be especially watchful for those drivers while driving," stated Cawthon. The best defense you can have

inside a vehicle is to wear your safe-"Remember your chances for sur-

"If you drink, don't drive and if vival, if involved in an auto crash, for all of us," said Major V.J. you drive, don't drink," he said. are 25 times greater if you can "Drive friendly, the Texas way. We remain inside your vehicle," he said.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher Publisher

J. Alan Brzys Managing Editor

Opinion

Lawmakers must live by same rules

In a private workplace, somebody charged with sexual harassment can count on running a courtroom gauntlet. Federal laws and regulations provide expansive opportunities for harassment lawsuits, even if the charges are vague or subjective.

But when a member of Congress, as is now the case with Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon, is charged with very specific acts of boorish aggressiveness toward women in his congressional offices, don't worry about his being hauled before a judge and jury, either civil or criminal. Indeed, there isn't even any assurance of a thorough investigation by his peers.

Whatever the merits of the charges against Packwood, his immunity from the kinds of legal sanctions that would fall on mere mortals in the private sector is a reminder of the bumper crop of double

The bottom line is that our nation's lawmakers are a law unto themselves. Congress has shielded itself not just from the full weight of sexual-harassment regulations, but from practically every major measure touted as protecting humans rights over the past quarter-century. These include the Occupational Safety and Health Act, requiring safe working conditions; the minimum wage laws: and the Equal Pay Act, guaranteeing women the same rate of pay as men in the same jobs.

The double standard keeps marching on. When Rep. Pat Schroeder of Denver introduced her bill to force all but the smallest businesses to grant employees unpaid family leave, there was just one tiny omission: The rule wouldn't apply to Congress.

Lawmakers also have exempted themselves from the Freedom of Information Act. And the special prosecutor statutes? They can't be used to bring a congressman to justice, only members of the execu-

'The standard rationale for this two-track morality is that the separation of powers bars the executive branch from enforcing civilrights and related laws against Congress. But such fastidious concern about checks and balances hasn't kept Congress from citing the Freedom of Information Act in demanding files from the president. Separation of powers doesn't mean you can't lock up a congressman for embezzlement; why should it make other laws a dead letter

James Madison, the "father" of the Constitution, declared that it was critical that lawmakers submit to the laws they enact, in order to create "between (legislators and people) that communion of interests and sympathy of sentiments ... without which every government degenerates into tyranny." The good sense in that sentiment becomes more obvious all the time.

Until our lawmakers are required to begin abiding by the edicts they impose on the rest of us, our liberties are imperiled by their immunity and their arrogance.

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Anti-porn myths get new sponsor

"One in three American girls will be sexually molested by age 18," announces the headline in an ad that has been running in major newspapers across the country. "Isn't it time we got rid of the instruction manual?"

The Meese Commission on Pornography may be mercifully defunct, but the impulse it reflected to stop people from looking at dirty pictures — is not. The latest incarnation of the anti-pornography movement is a new women's organization called the "Enough is Enough!" Campaign, which blames raunchy magazines and videos for child molestation, rape, AIDS, organized crime, murder and Princess Di's lousy marriage.

Actually, it doesn't mention Charles and Diana, but it's hard to see why not. There is a as much reason to blame "Wanda Whips Wall Street" for the royal troubles as for all those social problems. Enough is Enough, whose national committee includes such big names as Susan Baker (wife of the secretary of state), Margot Perot (wife of Ross) and the wives of 17 governors, has deployed a platoon of half-truths and non-truths in the service of one transparent objective: to stop adults from reading and watching what they choose.

The bait for the hook is the supposed prevalence Dallas" on out. of child pornography — which no one defends, which the Supreme Court has exiled from constitutional protection and which is about as easy to find as Jimmy Hoffa.

The coalition claims there is an "extremely pervasive" underground child porn industry in the United States. So why can't the authorities seem to Cardozo Arts and Entertainment Law Journal that by 1978, when the first federal law on the subject prefer leaving the smut to others. All the others ask



Stephen Chapman

took effect, "the production and commercial distribution of child pornography in the United States had been virtually eliminated.

The ads ask ominously, "Why ... is it still legal to possess child pornography in 21 states?" A campaign spokeswoman amends that figure, saying it's more like 16. But the issue is largely irrelevant anyway. All 50 states have made it illegal to produce or distribute the stuff, as has the federal government.

Enough is Enough would be harmless if it merely wanted a crackdown on child pornography. In fact, it wants to stamp out every trace of "hardcore" pornography, which it defines broadly enough to include everything from "Debbie Does

One of the revelations that is supposed to shock is that "there are far more outlets for hard-core pornography than there are McDonald's restauplaces where you can rent videos of naked people fornicating to their hearts' content.

While this may be bad news to people who disfind anyone to prosecute? New York attorney like erotica, here is some good news: No one is

is to be left alone to enjoy what they like. Enough is Enough refuses to leave them alone. It

says what they like is disgusting: "rape, bondage, group sex, torture, incest and bestiality." But scholarly studies (yes, there are scholarly studies of these things) have found that violence is rare even in Triple X erotica. A spokesman for the Adult Video News — the campaign's source on the number of pornography outlets - says that these practices are "virtually non-existent" in adult videos.

The ads claim with alarm that "vaginal intercourse between one man and one woman" constitutes only 10 percent of the action in pornographic fare. Am I the only person who can think of several other ways in which a normal male and female can find gratification?

The group's crucial argument is that pornography breeds rape and child molestation. But the bulk of serious academic research on the issue finds absolutely no connection between non-violent sexual material, no matter how juicy, and sexual crimes. Most academic experts doubt there is any such effect even from violent pornography — and that if there is an effect, it comes from the violence, not the sex.

The approach taken in the campaign, says University of Chicago law professor Albert Alschuler, "is like saying we've found that Wheaties laced with cyanide causes death, so we need to ban Wheaties." Why does a movie featuring a scene of consensual rants." By this, the group means there are lots of bondage upset the Enough is Enough folks so much more than a movie featuring 200 scenes of non-consensual homicide? Why does it bother some people to see a man's genitals but not his guts?

Those are the questions for their shrinks to Lawrence Stanley wrote in a 1989 article in the going to strap them into a La-Z-Boy and make answer. But if we can tolerate films of people them watch it. They can choose the videos they killing each other, we ought to be able to tolerate films of people loving each other.



Today is Thursday, Dec. 17, the 352nd day of 1992. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago - on Dec. 17, 1892 (New Style) - the dress rehearsal for "The Nutcracker Suite" by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was staged in St. Petersburg, Russia, in the presence of Czar Alexander III, who, the composer later recalled, was "full of compliments." (However, the ballet was poorly received by the press and public when it premiered the follow-

ing night.) On this date:

In 1777, France recognized American independence.

In 1903, the Wright Brothers — Orville and Wilbur - staged the first successful powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, N.C.



Just pronounce my name correctly

Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team, might as well give up and get out of the game as many have suggested because the Speech Police, ever-vigilant, has her number.

Marge Schott has been accused of saying all sorts of insulting, racist and politically incorrect things, and in these sensitive times, that makes you dead meat, hang freedom of speech. It was probably a bad idea anyway.

Not only that, but now the Rev. Jesse Jackson is involved and, once that happens, you might as well pack your bags.

The Rev. Jackson, it said in the paper, wants to speak at baseball's winter meetings in Louisville. The Rev. Jackson wants to speak everywhere

because I really think he likes to hear himself talk. If he's not allowed to speak, news reports say, he is threatening to call for a boycott of all opening day games next spring.

Bye, Marge. I bring all this up because I, unlike many others, have learned to cope with being offended. Maybe this will be helpful to a few of Marge Schott's targets.

I received a letter recently regarding my stance on not allowing gays in the military that referred to me as an imbecile.

I was terribly offended. I went to school for 16 years, so nobody would think I was an imbecile.



Lewis Grizzard

I took courses I really hated, such as botany and geology, so that if I were ever asked to speak on those subjects I'd know a little something about them, but I've still been called an imbecile.

Another critic wrote me a letter and called me a particular kind of ant that rhymes with hiss.

Various high-school coaches also referred to me that way when I struck out with the bases loaded in baseball or missed two free throws that would have won a basketball game.

But I thought after I became an adult nobody

would call me that again. I was wrong.

The New York Times magazine quoted a man who called me odious.

I never met the man, but he still called me odious.

I looked up that word in the dictionary and beside it there was a picture of that type of ant I

was talking about earlier.

Recently, in Entertainment Weekly, I saw a review of a book I wrote.

The review quoted an unnamed editor calling me — and get this one — "a horny little moron."

Where did that come from?

There certainly is nothing in the book that would portray me as sex crazed, and if calling me an imbecile wasn't enough now they're calling me a moron. Here's how I cope and let the insults slide. It's got to do with baseball also.

Former Georgia Tech football coach, Pepper Rodgers, a dear friend, was trying to console me when I first began writing this column and somebody called me a jerk or worse.

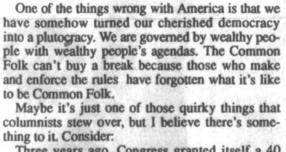
Pepper said he came to bat in a high-school game and the catcher said, "Well, look who we have here, the great Pepper Rodgers. Know what they're saying about you?

Pepper asked, "What?" "They're saying you really think you're something. They're saying you're a real hotdog.' Pepper replied, "Really? Know what they're say-

ing about you?" The catcher asked, "What?"

"Nothing," answered Pepper. Just pronounce my name correctly and I can take

I'me to stop pampering the pols



Three years ago, Congress granted itself a 40 percent pay hike with automatic cost-of-living adjustments - a misdeed for which every last yeasayer should have been summarily recalled - and will be pulling down an annual salary of \$133,644 now entrenched at the very top of the top income bracket, making nearly six times more than the average American.

Think about it: Every tailor, teacher and trucker you just elected to Congress is now — ipso facto because congressional pensions also come with rich. How long will it be before they are worrying more about their stock portfolios than about plant closings displaced workers?

The people who execute the laws are equally well treated. Millionaire George Bush is pulling down \$200,000 a year. Wealthy Dan Quayle is making \$166,200 a year. Members of the Cabinet several of whom are millionaires - make

We also retire them as royally as we pay them. Secret Service protection and another \$2.2 million enough to care.



Joseph Spear

According to the National Taxpayers Union, 33 of the congressional incumbents leaving office this year will immediately start drawing pensions in excess of \$50,000 annually. Rep. Les AuCoin, Dwhen the latest COLA kicks in this January. Put Ore., who lost a race for the senate, stands to another way, the people who write the laws are receive \$2,898,360 in benefits during his lifetime. Rétiring Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, will receive an estimated \$2,742,802. Sen. Timothy Wirth, D-Colo., stands to receive \$2,456,205.

> cost-of-living adjustments. When was the last time you heard of a private-sector pension with a COLA? They are practically non-existent.

five of them come Jan. 20 - the most ex-presi- they would get. dents alive at once since 1862 — and it will cost us

for staff, office space, transportation and pensions. Richard Nixon will receive congressional and presidential pensions totaling \$183,844. Gerald Ford's combined pensions will amount to \$228,021. Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan will get \$143,800 each. George Bush will pull down at least that amount, plus whatever he has coming for his years as a member of congress and as vice president. Does this not give you pause? Ronald Reagan

gives speeches at \$50,000 a pop and is a millionaire several times over. Gerald Ford charges at least \$15,000 per talk, has been on the boards of nearly two dozen companies and probably pulls down \$2 million a year. George Bush listed his holdings last year at \$1.29 million, and he owns a \$2.19 million beach house in Maine.

Why are the plebeians paying so much to keep the moneyed men in luxury? I would not deny a pension to a retired president or lawmaker who needs it, but if they are already millionaires - and And guess why the bennies are so high? It's especially if they are exploiting their former positions for handsome returns — why should the taxpayers be pinched for more? Why don't we subject them to an Annual Earnings Test, just like Common Folk are means-tested for Social Security ben-And what of former presidents? We will have efits? The more they earn,t he less federal money

Really, it's the principle of the thing. In a democmore than \$20 million next year to keep them in racy, we are supposed to be led by people who are the regal style to which we have accustomed them. our approximate equals. I don't suggest starving We will cough up an estimated \$18.5 million for them, but I do suggest keeping them hungry

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Thanks to a \$5,000 grant awarded by the Tech-Prep Statewide Professional Development Consortium of Texas, West Texas State University's Division of Education will be given the opportunity to integrate tech-prep contents and methods into teacher education curriculum.

The statewide consortium is affiliated with Texas A&M University and is funded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency and the

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Middle schoolers earn honor choir spots

School six grade students, selected by audition, participated in the regional Sixth Grade Honor Choir on Nov. 7.

Participating were Maurey Bell, Kaci Cooper, Christa Crane, Russ DuBose, Stephanie Ensey, Tiffany Erpelding, Jenny Fatheree, Rose Fruge', Valerie Holt, Lori Lindsey, Laura Mouhot, Jeannette Silva, Shawna Snapp, Aubrea Ward, Kelly Beesley, Holly Brooks, Matthew Brown, C.C. Chervenka, Jonna Coward, Jennifer Frogge, Amanda Johnson, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Zane Powers, Thann Scoggin,

directed by Billy Talley, Tascosa Quarles, Meredith Hite, Melodee High school choral director, and accompanied by Jennifer Scoggin, Pampa Middle School six grade choir director.

students, chosen in regional auditions in Canyon on Oct. 17, partici- Devin Lemons, Blane Northcutt, pated in the all-region choirs on

Participating were Suzanne Gattis, Amber Degner, Sondra Wright, choral director. Carson Turner, Mindee Stowers, Angela Sims, Annie Geiser, Tish Hadley, Candi Terry, Nicole Mea- assistant choral director and direc-Jennifer Mackie, Erin Mulanax, son, Desiree Friend, Beverly tor of music for TEXAS; Danny Schiffman, Faustine Curry, Amy Stacey Sehorn, Casey Shock, Hahn, Stacey Eubank, Sarah Kellen Waters, Valerie Lee and Landry, Jessica Lemons, Cherith choral director from Killeen.

Twenty-nine Pampa Middle Brent Story. The regional choir was Huss, Kristina Carr, McKinley Marlow, Deena Bridges, Kristi Carter, Bethany Valmores, Alicia Hall, Sharon Williams, Lana Richmond, Christa Mouhot, Crystal Thirty-eight 7th and 8th grade Fondren, Jo Nell Parsley, Brad Allen, Wade Bruce, Nick Shock, Ryan Bruce and Daniel Wilson.

They are all students of Suzanne Wood, Pampa Middle School

The three choirs were directed by Jerry Perales, Borger High School Detrick, choral director of Fort Worth; and Tommy Haygood,

From ABC to CCCC in education

By CAROL DEEGAN **Associated Press Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Self-esteem how much they love them. is important in a child's development, says educator Anne Wescott children. Dodd, and parents and schools must

One way to think about this process, Dodd said, is in terms of the four C's: care, confidence, compe- control over what happens to them," tence and control. An increase in any one of the four C's tends to raise the

"To foster real self-esteem, teachers must create classroom environments where all children feel they are valued and provided with enough support and encouragement to be Education" (The Noble Press, ty, San Bernadino.

grouped by ability; that children learn through cooperation and collaboration; and that mistakes are a learning experience, said Dodd, a recent panel discussion sponsored by possible. Child magazine.

schools: to work with their children And children have to be informed of riage strong.

aged parents to:

- Love their children and show

- Love learning, which, in turn, work together to foster this "pride in encourages children to love learning.

'If your children feel cared for, capable and confident, they'll also have a sense that they have some she said. "They'll be able to confront the routine challenges of life rather than be overwhelmed or paralyzed by them."

Also appearing on the panel: Charles E. Schaefer, professor of psychology at Farleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey, and successful," said Dodd, author of Edward Teyber, professor of psy-"A Parent's Guide to Innovative chology at California State Universi-

The three panelists answered ques-This means children are not tions from parents and professionals about education, infant sleep problems and divorce.

Teyber, a child-clinical psychologist, said parents in the midst of a teacher at Bates College and the divorce must shield their children University of Maine at Augusta, at a from parental conflict as much as

Parents need to establish custody Dodd urged parents to become and visitation rights. Fathers must to be totally absorbed by a newborn, involved with their children's stay actively involved in family life. but parents need to keep their mar-

and their teachers. She also encour- what is going to happen as a result of the divorce, he said.

"Divorce is an adult decision," said Teyber, author of "Helping - Read, write and talk to their Children Cope with Divorce (Lexngton). "It's permanent."

Schaefer said "new parents" fall into predictable "stress traps," including "putting the baby to sleep" by patting or rocking, overreacting to infant crying and neglect ing the marital relationship.

Three-week-old babies can fall asleep on their own, without their parents' help, he said. Babies who are allowed to fall asleep by themselves will be able to go back to sleep by themselves when they awaken during the night. And babies, like adults, awaken three or four times a night.

As for infant crying, Schaefer said the normal 2-week-old infant cries two hours a day, while at 6 weeks of age, the same child cries three hours a day, most typically in late afternoon and early evening.

This is a normal "fussy" period, he said, and if the child's basic needs have been met, there is no harm in letting him or her cry for brief periods to release inner tension.

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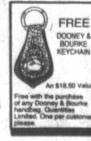
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Earning spots in area choir were front, left, Cody Wagner, Amy Rains and Jennifer Mays; back, left, are Scotty Gamble and Tracy Bruton. Not pictured is Soña

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earned spots in area choir at auditions on Dec. 7 in Amarillo.

Named were Jennifer Mays, first soprano; Soña Solano, second soprano, Tracy Bruton, first alto; 🚍 Amy Rains, second alto; Cody Wagner, first bass; and Scotty Gamble, second bass.

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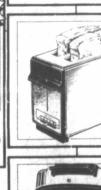
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Clinton turns to Riley for education post

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) close to the situation report.

Clinton was expected to make official two other appointments — veterans and housing secretaries — at an afternoon news conference today.

lead the Department of Housing and sub-Cabinet level appointees. Urban Development, and Vietnam head the Department of Veterans Affairs, the sources said.

bility of additional selections.

Last week Clinton made public 11 top-level appointments before taking said he hoped to fill out his domestic tion to national security posts.

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Two sources said Clinton offered the education job to Riley on Sun- appointments in the august setting of day, but Riley did not immediately Arkansas' Old Statehouse. But with accept because of some reluctance that site booked for Christmas events, to leave his law practice and move workers were busy late into the night to Washington. One source said dressing up the spartan press center Riley later notified Clinton that he in a shut-down department store for would accept the position.

Riley, elected a Southern governor a longtime friend and key transition the president-elect's belief in the aide as he assembles his domestic importance of improving education policy team, choosing former South opportunities. During his two terms Carolina Gov. Dick Riley to head as governor, he pushed through an the Education Department, sources education reform package financed by an increase in the state sales tax.

Riley, 59, joined Clinton in helping to found the Democratic Leadership Council, a group that sought to move the national party closer to the center. Former San Antonio Mayor Last month, Clinton tapped him to appointment as secretary of agricul-Henry Cisneros was his choice to lead the transition team's search for

The appointments of Cisneros and veteran Jesse Brown was picked to Brown would bring more minorities that they did not know if Clinton into the Clinton Cabinet, which the president-elect has promised will Aides did not rule out the possi- reflect the country's diversity. Cisneros would be Clinton's first Hispanic appointment and Brown would be the second black selected a break to focus on this week's two- for the Cabinet. Earlier appointday economic conference. Aides ments included the selection of nio's tourism and convention busi-Democratic Party Chairman Ronald ness. A Democratic source conpolicy team and then turn his atten- Brown as the nation's first black commerce secretary.

Clinton announced last week's today's Cabinet announcements.

President-elect Clinton is turning to alongside Clinton in 1978, shares all or most of his Cabinet slots pledged to try to work out family before Christmas. Among the other appointments said to be taking the Agriculture Department. His appointment would put a third black

> in the Cabinet. A source in Washington said that Espy, 39, had been given informal notice from transition aides that an ture was coming, most likely on Friday, but Espy had not heard from Clinton. Transition aides cautioned had chosen Espy, who has publicly

lobbied for the position. Cisneros, 45, was the first Hispanic mayor of a large American city, serving 1981-1989. He was credited with coordinating government and private efforts to boost San Antofirmed Clinton had tapped him for

term, citing a desire to enter private thereafter, Cisneros acknowledged director and transition aide Sam an extramarital relationship with a Berger for national security adviser.

Clinton has said he hopes to fill political fund-raiser. Last year he problems with his wife.

Brown, 48, executive director of shape, Rep. Mike Espy, D-Miss., is the Disabled American Veterans, is a considered the top contender to head former Marine whose right arm is partially paralyzed from a gunshot wound he suffered in 1965 while on patrol in Vietnam. He is known as a crusader for improved health benefits for disabled veterans. Two sources in Washington said his appointment would be announced

> Other appointments appeared to be taking shape as well.

> Banker William Daley, brother of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, and former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard were seen as leading contenders for secretary of transportation.

Outgoing Colorado Sen. Timothy Wirth was a contender for energy secretary and leading candidates for interior secretary were former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt and Rep. Bill Richardson of New Mexico.

Top contenders for Clinton's In 1988, Cisneros announced he national security team include Wiswould not seek re-election to a fifth consin Rep. Les Aspin for defense secretary and transition director business and to attend to family con- Warren Christopher for secretary of cerns, including the medical needs state. Oklahoma Rep. Dave McCurof his young son, John Paul. Shortly dy was seen a candidate for CIA

Richards fights for civil rights

job to have the courage to speak thing by it.' up about the problem.

historically have been oppressed men and women in their everyday to have the gumption and the dealings. nerve to professionally deal ... been treated inappropriately,' Richards said at a civil rights conment and corporate representatives.

She said people facing such behavior should take their concerns to top managers in a "nongovernment agencies.

'Try to get in each other's shoes," she said.

Richards cited the type of sexuguy" at an agency expresses him- killing us," she said.

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann self inappropriately to female co-Richards is encouraging those workers. She said excuses are who face discrimination on the made that, "He doesn't mean any-

She said that there's still a "I am asking those of you who learning process going on among

"You're dealing with real sensiwith situations when you have tive stuff here. You're dealing been slighted, when you have with simple human dignity. Sure we want you to think we're cute. Sure we want you to think we're ference Wednesday for govern- nice. But we want you to treat us with respect," she said.

Richards urged partnerships among government agencies and businesses, and she stressed that policymakers must bring mingriconfrontational" way. And she ties and others to the table when urged "sensitivity training" at discussing programs that affect their communities.

"The truth is that we are well past the time when we can afford to leave huge blocks of our popual harassment that occurs when lation out of the mainstream ecosomeone who is known as a "nice nomically. It is stupid, and it is

Poll shows how country splits on gays in military

are split evenly over lifting the ban Pentagon. on homosexuals in the armed forces, but those who would exclude gays because you have forced associa- upon the cohesiveness of the units someone who is gay or lesbian. are more likely to be entrenched in tion," Cheney said recently. He said and our combat capabilities." their opinion, an Associated Press he endorsed the view of uniformed

Forty-five percent said lesbians and gay men should be forbidden from joining, while 44 percent said they should be allowed into the military. The rest were not sure or would not answer the question.

The same split occurred when Americans were asked how to treat those already in uniform who are discovered to be homosexual: 44 percent said the military should continue discharging homosexuals, 46 percent said that practice should stop.

Among those who are gay or know someone who is gay, 55 percent say the armed forces should allow homosexuals. But 55 percent of those with no personal connection say the armed forces should forbid homosexuals.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points for the poll of 1,005 adults by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants.

Most of those polled who would exclude gays from the military said they were strongly committed to that view. Only one in six said they might change their mind. Twice as many of those who would allow gays into the military said they might reconsider.

The poll was taken Nov. 18-22, shortly after several widely publicized comments by senators and top generals expressing misgivings about President-elect Clinton's campaign promise to lift the ban. Clinton has set no timetable for doing so, but his promise has been kept in the news by court cases in which gay servicemen are seeking reinstate-

The United States is one of a shrinking number of industrialized nations to ban homosexuals from its armed forces. Among those that have dropped such bans recently are Canada and Australia.

In general, 76 percent said they think homosexuals should have equal rights in job opportunities, and only 16 percent opposed such

Gay rights advocates say the ban is simply job discrimination, and is especially unfair because many lesbians and gay men have given honorable service to the military.

Clinton contends it is a waste of time and money for the military to expel homosexuals, but that inappropriate sexual conduct - gay or straight — should not be tolerated.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney says he does not consider gays a security risk, and that they are wel-

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Israel orders hundreds deported in retaliation

expelled today and bused them before dawn to the Lebanese border, handcuffed and blindfolded.

The Supreme Court temporarily stayed the order.

The government move, unprecedented in its swiftness and scope, was in retaliation for the killings of five police and soldiers by Muslim. extremists in the past two weeks.

After issuing its stay, the counfrom Israeli human rights activists trying to block the expulsion who argued that the normal appeals process was being circumvented.

"The government is operating like thieves in the night," civil rights outside the hearing. "This was a deceitful and undercover operation."

The court has never overturned an expulsion order.

carrying the handcuffed Palestinians Nissim Toledano earlier this week. slated for deportation waited at the Israeli-Lebanese border. The Pales- trooper slain by Hamas activists in a tinians had their eyes covered with woolen hats or white blindfolds.

Israel radio reported that the Arab

deportation orders were carried out. Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman of the expulsions would be "a death blow" to peace talks.

The United States has in the past condemned deportations of Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as a violation of human rights.

Israel has expelled 73 Palestinian peace process." try's high court convened and heard activists since the start of the fiveyear Palestinian uprising — and then only after months of appeals.

Many of the Palestinians slated for deportation this time are members of the Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas, which has tried with a attorney Leah Tzemel told reporters campaign of violent resistance to bring an end to the peace talks.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pledged a merciless war against Hamas after the group kidnapped and As the court debated, 30 buses killed Israeli policeman Sgt. Maj.

> Toledano was the fifth Israeli two-week long campaign of shooting attacks.

The killings caused an uproar in

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel delegations to the Washington peace Israel, and Rabin's center-left gov- Sarid of the left-wing Meretz bloc ordered 418 Muslim fundamentalist talks threatened to stay away from ernment was under pressure to activists from the occupied lands today's negotiations if the two-year respond. Earlier this week, the army rounded up at least 1,300 Palestinians. Most were suspected of the Palestinian delegation, told CNN involvement with Hamas, but some were believed affiliated with the fundamentalist Islamic Jihad.

A government statement said the deportations were a response to "the murderous acts of terrorism whose purpose is to attack residents of the state of Israel and sabotage the

The statement said the expulsion orders were limited to a period of two years and targeted activists who either carried out attacks against Israelis or incited such violence. No names were provided.

Officials said relatives of the activists would have 60 days to appeal, and should it turn out someone was falsely accused, he would be allowed to return immediately.

The deportation orders had the support of both liberals in the Rabin government and hawkish opposition

"It's either Hamas or us. It's either Hamas or the peace process. It's either Hamas or moderate Palestinians," Parliament member Yossi

told the radio.

But Sarid said the crackdown will only be effective if Israel makes greater concessions to moderate and drops its refusal to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Health Minister Haim Ramon, a dove in Rabin's Cabinet, said that should the high court block the deportations, the government would seek to "create a legal framework that will allow taking such a step."

three-judge panel that the expulsion order should be upheld because the government decision was nearly unani-Palestinians in the autonomy talks mous and the buses were at the border.

ernment and the law will become a laughing stock," he said.

Civil rights lawyers argued that the government acted illegally, giving the order in the middle of the night and ignoring the appeals process.

The last deportations of Palestini-

In the Supreme Court hearing, Attor- an came in July, when six were ney General Yosef Harish told the expelled to Jordan for three years as part of a compromise ending a fourday army siege on the West Bank university of An-Najah.

The United States and human "If we return the buses, the gov-rights groups oppose the use of deportation as a violation of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which prohibits "individual or mass forcible transfers as well as deportation," from occupied territory.

Israel says the law does not apply to the West Bank and Gaza.





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Women names fading in cabinet selections

ton's administration could end up state of high anxiety." looking more like America than some feminists would like, with men greatly outnumbering women at the most ror," reporting the daily state of play prestigious level of government.

appointees, only two of his 14 Cabinet secretaries appeared likely to be women: Donna Shalala, already nominated to head the Department of Health and Human Services, and a female attorney general at the helm of the Justice Department.

'One has the feeling that the train there aren't enough women on board," said Jane Danowitz, execu- Democratic interest groups. tive director of the Women's Cam-

paign Fund. head the Environmental Protection ception in 1984 that the feminist Agency and the White House Coun- community had pressured Walter cil of Economic Advisers. He also Mondale into choosing a female was expected to nominate a woman surgeon general, possibly as early as today, and could still name a woman as trade representative.

Feminists say they're excited about those appointments, particularly the ground-breaking CEA crat," Rockman said. nomination, but don't see them as substitutes for Cabinet posts.

"Cabinet-level has a certain status. It is defined. And however you want to slice it, we have only one result is a high-pressure balancing act. woman in what has traditionally been called a Cabinet-level job," Danowitz said Wednesday. "There man said. "Somebody is going to get seems to be no excuse, frankly."

Harriett Woods, president of the National Women Political Caucus, said she was told some of her lists to head the Agriculture and group's recommended candidates lack administrative experience.

That galls her.

does Bob Reich have as an adjunct professor at Harvard?" Woods said of the labor secretary-designate, an appointment she, nevertheless, praised.

Clinton made a widely publicized campaign pledge to have an adminis-tration that "looks like America" and his communications director, George Stephanopoulos, said Wednesday that "we're not done the top four along with the secre-

But speculation for all but one of political figures with ties to Clinton.

names circulated except for attorney we had in mind.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bill Clingeneral," said Woods. "I'm in a

The political caucus has started issuing a scorecard called "The Mirin the baldest statistical terms. As Clinton prepared to name more Appointees and rumored appointees are classified by race and gender.

"It's an attempt to make clear what we are seeing," Woods said. "We are responding in an appropriate and professional way, which is to keep track."

Some see the feminist complaints as self-defeating, possibly prompting a backlash as Clinton walks the is leaving the station, and right now line between balancing his nominees and trying to seem independent of

Bert Rockman, a presidential specialist at the University of Pitts-Clinton has named women to burgh, recalled the damaging perrunning mate.

"Clinton is a very politically sophisticated character who realizes that if you look like you're caving in to these constituencies, you're dead - particularly if you're a Demo-

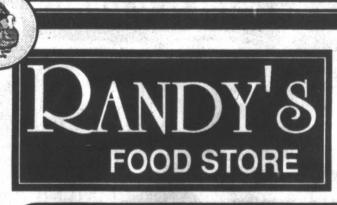
On the other hand, he added, feminists and other groups are key elements of the party and Clinton is sympathetic to many of them. The "There are only so many jobs that can be split so many ways," Rockoffended somewhere along the line."

As the transition process began, women were rumored to be on short Labor departments as well as HHS and Justice. But gradually the names at Agriculture and Labor disappeared "What administrative experience and were replaced by others, all men.

"It's not a question of right or wrong," Woods said. "It's just that each of these opportunities seems to

There was some feeling that a woman attorney general would go a long way toward smoothing ruffled feathers. That job, never held before by a woman, is considered one of taries of state, defense and treasury.

But few held out hope of a numerthe 10 Cabinet posts that remained ical breakthrough, even beyond the after Clinton's appointments last week two women secretaries currently has centered on men, most of them serving in the Bush administration." As Danowitz put it, "The picture "We're not seeing any women's we're beginning to see is not the one



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If his sister comes, she will want to bring her lesbian lover, and I don't think I could enjoy myself with the two of them showing their affection at the dinner table. I am not saying that I am intolerant of his sister's lifestyle; I just don't care

to be in her company My husband told me that if I have to put conditions on his birthday celebration, I should stay home.

Abby, does he sound like a husband who is committed to his marriage if he would tell his wife to stay home rather than ask his sister not to bring her lesbian lover? Sign me ... HURT WIFE

DEAR HURT: Your husband sounds like a man whose head and heart are in the right place. I agree with him: If you have to put conditions on his birthday party, you should stay home.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to air a gripe most people who work in restaurants have, but seldom air.

It's people who come into an establishment knowing that it will close in a few minutes. On some occasions, our manager has gone as far as blinking the lights, but that hasn't always worked.

Often, employees are finishing last-minute duties such as cleaning up, stocking the shelves, checking the orders and receipts, cleaning off the counter and tables, the floors, rest rooms, etc. They do everything short of honking a bullhorn, but as long as the door is open and the lights are on, people come in any-

Well, when working with the public, the customer always comes first, but shouldn't there be a little consideration for the shopkeepers and restaurant owners — especially when the "hours" are posted on the

Please print this, Abby. And you

may use my name. EZEKIEL LEE JOHNATHON

WARD, CRESCENT CITY, CALIF. DEAR MR. WARD: The person who owns the establishment has the right to handle the above situation however he or she wishes. The employees are in charge if the owner is not present, but the owner should make it plain how the latecomers should be handled.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a suburban area on 1 1/2

When I go out to do yard work or down the road 500 feet to get the mail, I always lock the door to our house. If my husband is working in his shop — 200 feet away — I lock the door anyway.

He gets upset because he has to unlock the door to enter. Abby, am I too concerned about our safety? Too apprehensive?

DEAR TACOMA: No! Your husband should be grateful that you take no chances. I have heard from literally thousands of people who regret having been too trusting or careless. But not from anyone who regrets having been too cau-

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Please hug Mrs. Clause from me. You'll know you're at my house by

the cookies by the tree. I love you, Zaca T. Wilson of Amarillo

Dear Santa Please send me a jeep and trailer. Cody Brown of Pampa

Dear Santa,

Is it cold at the North Pole? I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday. Please make it to coln Logs, a Dallas Cowboy football suit and a work bench with tools like my daddy's I hope Pampa Rudolph's foot will feel good. I will have a treat waiting for you.

Love, Brady Plunk of Pampa

ies and milk waiting for you when Beast necklace and an ironing Pampa you get here

Love, Cody Plunk of Pampa

Dear Santa, Hi, how are you this season, fine I

hope. I am fine My mommy is writing the letter to

you for me — my name is Holly. car to ride in, Cabbage Patch Baby, Skates, Little Mermaid Doll, Little Troll Doll with clothes, Puppy Surprise, stirrup pants and Dalmatian Stencils for Magma Doodle.

us and hearing our needs. We will figure. be a good little girl and we know you will be watching me and I will try my best and do what Mommy and Daddy tell me to. Our wish for my house. I would like a set of Lin-this season is peace and all happiness for all.

Love, Holly Rummerfield of Ho!

Dear Santa,

My name is Justin Adam Lane and my sisters name is Krysta Nicole Lane. We have been a good My mom said that I have been boy and girl this year. I would like of the time! Would you please try to good this year. I hope you can find the claw, tools, games, tapes, bullets bring me a Magic Copier? Please try my house on Christmas. I would for my play gun, pool table, and a to bring my brother, Timothy, a Pampa like a Nerf Bow and Arrow, a Wash- batman tent. My sister Krysta would Pound Purry. Santa, come on Christington Redskin football suit and a like a Barbie Jeep, bubbles, babys, mas and get here soon!

fishing tackle box. I will have cook- baby cloths, perfume, Beauty and board. Thank you.

Love, Justin Lane and Krysta of

Dear Santa.

How you doing Santa? How is the mas Eve. weather at the North Pole? Here is my Christmas list for this year: a I want for Christmas: a Barbie real pig with eyes, a real dog with eyes, a real cat with eyes, Game Siprograph, Little Mermaid Shoe genie, cowboy game with a bad guy on our team and a cowboy and an Indian, remote control fire truck, deep dive Batman, fire batman, arc-Thank you Santa for listening to figure, dune-face figure, catwoman you very much. I love you!

> Thank you Santa. I love you, Jake Budrick of

Dear Santa Claus. Have a Merry Christmas! Ho! Ho!

Here is a joke: Why does your beard grow long? Because you've been out in the weather too long!

Santa Claus, I have been an inbetween good and bad boy this year. Momma says I'm pretty good most

Your friend, Jeremy Smith of

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Kenny Smith. My mom is writing this for me. I am 4 3/4 years old. I will be 5 on Christ-

Please bring me a big magnet fishing game. I want some new colors, colorbook, gloves, toothbrush, turtle (Teenage Mutnat Ninja) cards. Also I want a new tent and ball. I would like a bubble sword too. I want lots of candy, nuts, apple and orange in my stocking too. I will tic batman, penguin figure, joker leave you cookies and milk. Thank-

Love, Kenny Smith of Pampa

I am Amie Nicole Smith. I an 3 1/2 years old. Grandma is writing this for me. I want a Tonka truck like my uncle Kenny has. I also want mittens for me and my sister Elizabeth. She is 19 months old now. Please bring sister a baby doll and also bring my brother Michael (he's almost 7 months old) some baby toys. I know you will bring us goodies for our stockings too!

I love you! Amie N. Smith of

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk too!

Estrogen and breast cancer not always linked

By DANIEL Q. HANEY **AP Science Writer**

BOSTON (AP) — Estrogen pills ease older women through the change of life. The medicine smooths out their hot flashes and mood swings. It keeps their hearts healthy and their bones strong.

Yet many are afraid of it. The reason is the dark side of this useful and powerful hormone the possibility that it will cause

'You can talk to women about their hearts and bones. But their primary fear is the risk of breast cancer," said Dr. Janet Henrich of Yale University.

Dozens of studies over the years have looked at the possible link between estrogen replacement and this form of cancer. The results are dismayingly confusing.

Some seem to suggest that taking estrogen after menopause raises the risk of this terrifying disease, which strikes about 180,000 U.S. women annually. Others find no connection. Some even hint that estrogen somehow prevents breast cancer.

Now, experts have begun to try to life and beyond.

make sense of these conflicting reports. Their findings should be reassuring for the millions of

women who are at the change of the meta-analyses, said he tells simply too inconclusive and incon-

mone can make women feel dramatically better. Dr. William Dupont of Vanderbilt University, who conducted one of rich said the results of studies are

an increased risk of breast cancer,"

She and several other experts say

that women can take estrogen for

five years and perhaps longer with-

out putting themselves at higher

said Henrich.

risk of the disease.

The emerging consensus sug- in their place, he would take estrogests that a few years of estrogen gen and not worry about it.

use almost certainly does not cause menopause and if she is symp-In a recent report in the Journal tomatic, I will encourage her to go of the American Medical Associa- on estrogen and stay on as long as that the risk of breast cancer is tion, Henrich reviewed 24 studies she wants," Dupont said. and three so-called meta-analyses, Women who have a family histo-

reports that try to combine the ry of breast cancer are often disresults of smaller, inconclusive couraged from taking estrogen. However, Henrich said her review "In women who use estrogen for found "surprisingly little data" to short periods of time, most of the show estrogen is bad for them, evidence indicates that there is not either.

> risk of endometrial cancer, perhaps the risk may be higher because tenfold. However, this cancer is rare doctors often prescribe different and highly curable if detected early. types and doses of estrogen.

Two other effects of estrogen have led some to recommend life- cause breast cancer, experts say the long use of estrogen after treatment may well save more lives About 75 percent of menopausal menopause. Studies have shown than it takes by reducing the hazwomen experience symptoms of that women who take the hormone and of heart disease and osteomenopause, and for some they are may cut in half their risk of heart porosis. severe. Typically they include hot disease, the biggest killer of both flashes, vaginal dryness, poor sleep, women and men. Estrogen also benefits, experts caution that trouble concentrating and tearful- appears to ward off osteoporosis, the brittle bone condition that leads The symptoms result from the to broken hips and other disabling fractures in old age.

body's sudden sharp drop in estrogen production. Replacing the hor-Whether longer use of estrogen raises the risk of breast cancer is unclear. While some suspect it may modestly increase the hazard, Henmenopausal women that if he was sistent to say for sure.

Dr. Karen Steinberg of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and "When my wife reaches Prevention in Atlanta conducted another of the recent meta-analyses. She said her results suggest about 30 percent higher than usual

after 15 years of estrogen use. "I am convinced there is a slight increase in risk" after longtime use, she said.

However, she said that much of the increase found in her analysis results from including statistics Estrogen can also increase the from European studies. In Europe,

Even if estrogen does sometimes

But despite estrogen's apparent women's fear of breast cancer must still be weighed when deciding how to cope with the symptoms of menopause.

"If a woman will feel afraid every day that she will develop breast cancer, then she should not take estrogen," said Steinberg. "If she feels horrible, then she may want her quality of life improved by estrogen."

Pen pal network created to support American troops

Somalia in east Africa this week, said. "Food package mailings are masses there. local businessman, Al Rohde is setting up a "pen pal" network back

Rohde, a former city councilman and a World War II Marine combat camerman veteran, launched the "Operation Restore Hope Pen Pal Network" this week, designed to link Texans with troops deployed to the famine-stricken country. Through the network, patriotic Texans can correspond with troops, sending letters, videos, holiday and

new year's greetings. "The Operation Restore Hope Pen Pal's network will first encourage mailing of holiday cards, videotapes, photographs and cassette

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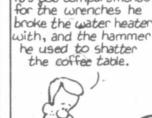
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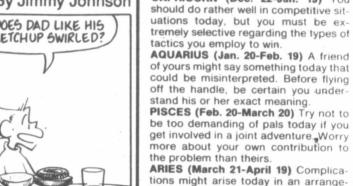


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accommodate one another through compromise TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Move slow-



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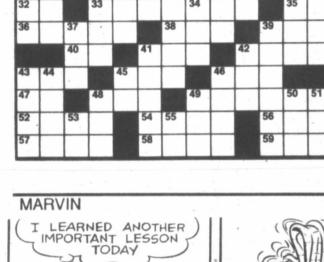
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do so. Instead, look for small reasons to praise them. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your probabilities for personal gain are encouraging today, but there is also a chance

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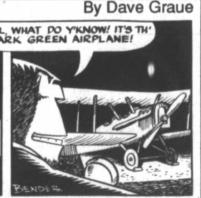




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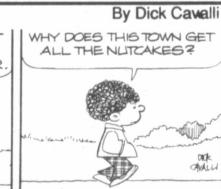
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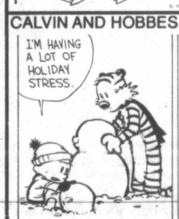
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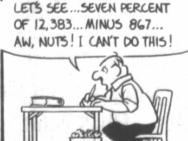
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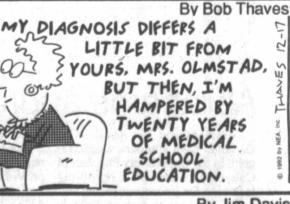
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Southwest Outdoors By Mel Phillips



Unwritten rules of pheasant hunting

Oh My Aching Feet,

...toes, knees, thighs, and other places that I don't remember ever hurting before. Each year hundreds of us city boys can't wait for pheasant season to begin, and in less than two hours of walking in the snow and mud, we can't wait for the day to end. The weight of mud that a hunter can tolerate on his boots while continuing to hunt is inversely related to age and experience.

The ideal pheasant hunt consists of a group of approximately ten hunters that alternate as walkers and blockers. It is necessary to have a line of walkers slowly move through the corn or milo stubble in order to force the quick running birds down the filed. The blockers wait at the end of the field and act as a human fence to keep the pheasant from escaping. When the walkers and the blockers work in tandem, the hunting can be awesome.

The unwritten rules of the game dictate that the younger hunters will walk every field. The middle age hunters will alternate between walking the fields and acting as blockers. The elder statesmen will either block or sit in the suburban drinking Irish coffee and swapping lies about previous hunts, good birddogs, and old girlfriends.

The thrill of watching the birds run down the field creates an air of anticipation unequalled in other kinds of hunting.

Did I mention that only the brightly colored cocks can be shot while the drab hens are legally protected? The challenge is to quickly identify the sex of the bird and shoot it before your buddy can accomplish the same task. Courteous sportsmen use a shout of "HEN" to warn the others in their party not to shoot hens.

The first pass through the stubble occurs at first light when every pheasant initially looks like a drab hen. It is not uncommon to hear your buddies cry "HEN" and just when the bird is out of range, to implore, "It's a cock, shoot him, shoot him!"

Like the University of Texas football team getting ready for the Aggies, next year I will be better prepared. No matter what the wether conditions, I am going to be in such great shape that while others desperately clamor to be blockers, I will walk every field. But, for the rest of 1992, if you need an extra blocker, give me a call and I just might leave the warmth of my suburban.

Flemons leading Red Raider surge

LUBBOCK (AP) — Where The Raiders earlier this month there's Will, there's a way, Texas won their first regular-season tour-Tech basketball coach James Dick- nament title since 1978.

Senior forward Will Flemons, the 1992 Southwest Conference player of the year, is taking charge as the ton. Red Raiders surge to a 4-1 start. They play at home tonight against Midwestern State.

Flemons is scoring an average 19 conference with more talent, more points per game.

But the 6-foot-7 Flemons says he's been feeling less pressure to game at a time. We're not a domiscore, partly because of freshmen nant team.' bench standouts Koy Smith, Lenny Holly and Jason Sasser.

said. "If they get a little rattled, I calm them down.

Flemons said he tries not to think about the SWC coaches naming him to Texas Tech's 73-65 loss last co-player of the year with Texas' Terrence Rencher.

get the team involved and keep win- utes Flemons sat out with four ning," said Flemons.

ish third, behind Texas and Hous-'That ranking is probably too

week. "There are other teams in the

And a preseason poll of the SWC

coaches picked Texas Tech to finhigh at this point," Dickey said this

experience. "It's very important to take one

Players' on-court chemistry, hard work and will to win are pleasing. "They've got talent they don't he said. But Dickey, a self-proknow how to channel," Flemons claimed stickler for discipline, points to weak rebounding and free-

Missed free throws contributed week to Texas-El Paso. Tech hit 14 of 29 from the foul line and scored "My main concern right now is to just five points during the five minfouls.

throw shooting.

Back at practice



Heisman Trophy winner Gino Torretta returned to his first practice Wednesday since winning the award last weekend. Torretta quarterbacks the University of Miami team.

Pampa's Ryan named to Texhoma Classic all-tourney team

Pampa was named to the girls' all- Pampa head coach Albert Nichols. tournament team at the Texhoma Roundball Classic last week in Law-

Ryan scored 42 points in three tournament games as the Lady Harvesters placed third in the tourna-

"This was a true all-tournament nament for us." team because only five players were selected. Alana is really doing a good Class 5A's third-ranked Amarillo the negative. job for us. She's leading the team in High, 64-34, Tuesday night.

Cam McDowell is averaging 10

points over her last three games

Fort Elliott (10-1) vs. Hedley

Groom (10-1) at Clarendon

Senior post player Alana Ryan of both scoring and rebounding," said

Eisenhower, 39-34.

"Eisenhower beat Del City by 10 points in the finals, so we played the game. We weren't making our opened the year with a 75-43 win them closer than anybody," Nichols added. "It was just a real good tour-

"We just gave Amarillo High too by the Texas Association of Basketmany second and third shots. Their Pampa's only loss was to eventual bench is awfully deep and they were buried Amarillo High, 59-34, Tuestournament champion Lawton running a lot of players in and out of day night for the second lopsided the lineup against our young kids. I loss the Harvesters have inflicted felt like we gained something from back door cuts and that gives us over Amarillo High. something, among other things, to Both Pampa teams travel to Garden work on. We're going to try and

ball Coaches,

upon the Sandies this season. Pampa

City, Kan. Friday night for a basket-The Lady Harvesters (6-5) fell to look at the positive side and forget ball doubleheader. The girls' game tips off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the The Pampa boys, ranked No. 10 boys' contest.

McLean boys need confidence booster

McLean at White Deer, 8 p.m.

Friday night looking to turn their play, the better we get." season around.

At 1-9, the Tigers need a win and a win against the Bucks would be an added bonus. They've already lost to White Deer twice this season, but by just five points each time.

Game of the Week

"From the start of the season, we knew we had a long way to go, because we lost a lot from last year. But our kids keep working and they're improving every day,' McLean coach Jerry Miller said.

In fact, they've improved enough to have beaten Fort Elliott in the Samnorwood tournament last weekend for their first victory. They then lost by five points to Samnorwood, the eventual champs.

White Deer is now 6-3 after dropping two games in the Sunray tournament last weekend. Coach Clay Richerson said he's working on getting his team to respect all of their opponents, especially ones they've beaten. "We've beat them twice and I told our kids that it's tough to beat any team three times in a season, especially when the first two games were so close."

The last time the two teams met was in the first round of Miami's Tomahawk Classic on December 3rd. Both teams started slow and the Tigers led 9-8 after the first quarter. White Deer took a one-point halftime lead and went ahead 50-41 after three quarters. But McLean rallied in the final period behind Christian Looney's 16 points, but the Tigers fell short, 67-62

"We have to stop Christian Looney," Richerson explained. He ended up with 38 points in the last game and Richerson is quite aware of it. Duane Coffey will be the one responsible for Looney, but a double-team isn't out of the question according to the Bucks' coach.

"Duane is our quickest player and the most capable of guarding Looney, but just because we key on him doesn't mean we can forget about the other guys," Richerson

Tom Pennington is the Tigers next leading scorer and will have to step up if McLean is going to change their direction. "We need a more balanced attack and Tom definitely needs to be effective for us," Miller said.

Wes Hall, Groom

Tigers to a third place finish in the

Samnorwood Tournament. The 6-

But Miller is optimistic about the McLean travels to White Deer rest of the season. "The more we

He added, "We need a confidence booster right now and our kids know they can win if they execute

Other Friday Games:

Boys Kelton (7-3) at Allison

Junior Brian Kirkland is averaging over 20 points a game over the past three games and Kelton has 20 points. won four of their last five.

Miami (3-6) at Wheeler (2-7) Miami is the only team Wheeler has beaten this year. Wheeler won their last meeting 47-44 on December 10th at Wheeler. Andrew Neighbors is averaging 16 points and more than 10 rebounds over Miami's last three games. Wheeler's Phil Wiggins is averaging 15 points and four rebounds over his last three games and scored 20

Fort Elliott (6-5) vs. Hedley Fort Elliott beat Hedley 70-58 last weekend at Samnorwood. Jimmy Nelson had 25 points for the Cougars in that game and is averaging 17.5 points and 11.2 rebounds over the last four games.

points in Wheeler's latest win over

Groom (4-5) at Clarendon

Groom lost the first meeting on December 1, but has won three of their last four games. Besides Hall being player of the week, sophomore Bo Burgin scored 13 points against Miami Tuesday.

Canadian (5-3) vs. Beaver,

The Wildcats have won three of their last four games. J.K. Hester averaged 13 points in three games last weekend, while Chris Lee led the way in their last game with

Girls White Deer (5-4) vs. McLean (3-

White Deer won their last meeting at the Miami tournament and has won two of their last three games. Rachel Kotara is averaging 14 points and six rebounds in that span. McLean has lost two of their last three, but Mindy Magee is averaging 15 points in those

Samnorwood Tournament. Fillingim

Area Players of the Week

foot-4 Hall scored a game-high 34 four games and had a game-high 25

points and blocked three shots in the points against Samnorwood Friday.

on December 1st. Misty Homen led Miami (5-3) at Wheeler (5-5) Miami is coming off a big victo- the way in that game with 20 ry over Groom on Tuesday night. points.

Canadian (6-2) vs. Beaver, and scored 15 in their victory Tues- Okla.

Canadian was off Tuesday after winning the Wheeler tournament last weekend. Myrlah Jaco aver-Lindsey Fillingim is the player of aged just over 14 points in their the week, but Diedre Dukes was the three victories at Wheeler and high scorer Tuesday night versus Veronica Armendariz was at 14 Samnorwood. She had a game-high points even.

Kelton (1-9) at Allison

Kelton is averaging just 13 points Groom will try to rebound from in their last two games, but did have their loss on Tuesday against a good second half Tuesday night Miami. They beat Clarendon 55-41 against Higgins.



(Staff photo by Dan Wiegers) White Deer senior Chris Estes (15) takes a shot in a recent game. Estes and the Bucks will be action Fri-

Pirates shooting for championship season

By DAN FROMM **Sports Writer**

The Lefors Pirates may not win defense. They District 11-1A this year. They jumped out to may not even win a game in their an early lead district, but they still could have a against the successful season.

Boys basketball coach Richard Moore just measures success differently than most coaches. He has to. Only eight players came out for the Lefors basketball team this year and one of them had never played before. "We just try to work with what we've got, but it's hard to run an offense in practice when you don't have enough

players to defend it," Moore said. After going 0-48 over the past two seasons. Moore tried to make Lefors' schedule a little easier. He scheduled mostly junior varsity teams for the first part of the season. Now, going into their Christmas break, the Lefors Pirates are 5-2. "They enjoy winning and they know they can win, but against a good team, it's a lot

tougher," Moore said. That's what the undefeated (4-0) Pirates found out when they met Kelton in the first round of the Samnorwood tournament last weekend. Kelton was 4-2 going into that game and now at 7-3 they appear to have a legitimate boys ball club about three years shot at winning the district. They beat Lefors 49-33, but the Pirates team then.' outscored them 23-15 in the second half.

"We were able to play with them in the second half," Moore can play with some pretty good teams, but some nights we just in trouble.

Moore added, "Our school size has a lot to do with it. Kelton and us are speculated, "The new prison in the smallest schools in the district." The Pirates began their season

with a 61-33 victory over White night, they faced the Bucks again and for the first time in a long time, they were playing a team they had already beaten. Before the game, Moore explained, "We don't know that will be a problem."

Instead, the Pirates had to over- to do this season.

come their usual weaknesses: turnovers and

Bucks and won

easily 62-32.

"We work on

our fundamentals in practice and we're improving," Moore said. "We have to keep our offense simple, because most of our kids haven't played a lot of basketball and they can't

handle anything complicated." But the Lefors Pirates are definitely improving and that's the goal for Moore's team "If we win ten games, it would be a heckuva season," Moore said. "If the kids just work on their fundamentals and get better, it'll be a good sea-

"It's been a while since we've had a competitive ball club,' Moore added. He's been the boys coach for the past five years, but from 1970-74, Moore coached girls basketball at Lefors. In '73, his team went 33-5 and lost in the regional finals. So Moore knows about winning, it's just been a

"We had a pretty competitive ago. We had five seniors on the

Now, with three seniors on the team, the future for Moore and the Pirates isn't too promising. "We have two junior high kids said. "When we play well, we that might help, but we won't be able to replace Andy Swires."

Swires is the Pirates leading don't shoot well and then we're scorer. He also led the team last year and without him, the Pirates will need a new leader. Moore Pampa may bring in a couple of families." Moore added that he recently heard a rumor about a Deer's junior varsity. Tuesday family from Amarillo with seven kids who were moving to town.

"That's enough to scrimmage against," Moore said with a smile. It would also afford his players the opportunity to pracwhat overconfidence is, so I doubt tice against a full-court press, something they haven't been able

University Interscholastic League suspends football coach

Tigers first-round win over Allison. AUSTIN (AP) — The University School football coach and athletic After starting the season 1-4, the Lindsey Fillingim, Fort Elliott Groom Tigers went 3-1 this week and Sophomore Lindsey Fillingim a large part of their success is due to averaged 16.9 points and 10.2 rebounds, leading Fort Elliott to a 3-1 in three cases, including a one-year junior Wes Hall, who averaged 27.2 record and second place finish in the suspension for a coach found guilty points and 15 rebounds in leading the of soliciting grade changes for play-

> also stole the ball nine times in those ers. ed former Brownsville Porter High

day night, hosting McLean.

tive Committee has issued rulings year for soliciting grade changes for 1993. three football players.

> Zavaletta, whose ruling was handed down by the District 32-5A after his suspension.

Interscholastic League State Execu- coordinator Gus Zavaletta for one coach in the UIL again Dec. 17, football players in games on con-

In other State Executive Commitafter the District 31-5A Executive on Saturday.

Zavaletta will be eligible to Committee determined that he used secutive days.

Students are allowed to play in tee action, McAllen Rowe High one football game per week. School football coach Camilo Rodriguez was found to have used Executive Committee, will also be Rodriguez was given a public repristudents in a junior varsity game on The UIL on Wednesday suspend- forced to serve probation for a year mand and three years probation Friday and then in a varsity game



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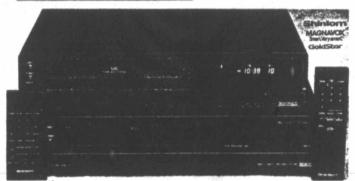


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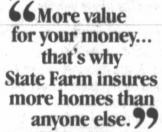
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