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Bush tax plan called 'voodoo economics'

White says bipartisan doubts have stalled governor's plan

AUSTIN (AP) - In some of the harshest criticism yet of Gov. George W. Bush's property tax plan, the Texas Democratic Party chairman says it is too little, too late.

"There was a lot in the Bush proposal that was spin and hype and politics as usual," party chief Bill White said Tuesday.

White described as "voodoo economics" Bush's \$2.8 billion plan to lower school property taxes by raising sales taxes, creating a new business tax and spending a \$1 billion state budget surplus.

He criticized Bush for raising the issue in mid-1995, but not spelling out details until Jan. 28.

Calling it "tax redistribution," White said Bush's plan wouldn't help many middle class Texans but would help the wealthy and large, capital-intensive corporations.

"There is absolutely no justification ... why we would raise the sales taxes on someone who was struggling to get by in order to give somebody (property) tax relief on an expensive second home, or to dramatically lower both the franchise and property taxes of a big, multinational corporation selling for export," White said.

"That is bad public policy, it has no public support, there's no justification for it and yet, that's what Bush's plan did."

A number of lawmakers have described the Republican governor's proposal as dead, lacking the votes to pass the House and Senate. Two special legislative committees, both headed by Democrats, are looking at alternatives.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes accused the Democratic Party chairman of trying to inject partisan politics into the debate. Bush's plan also has drawn fire from state GOP Chairman Tom Pauken, who objected to new sales and business taxes.

"Most Texans know that the governor's plan is a net tax cut of \$1 billion," Ms. Hughes said. She said opinion polls have backed Bush.

"This is something that benefits virtually every Texan, whether they are senior citizens struggling to keep their homes, working families struggling to make their house payments or renters struggling because property taxes keep their rents going up," she said.

Bush said he remains confident lawmakers will act.

"I picked the plan that I thought would be best to long-term fund our

schools and substantially reduce school property taxes. I have laid out my plan and it has been fully debated," the governor said.

"I stand by what I said on Day One: If someone has a better idea about how to achieve our objectives, I look forward to hearing about it. This is a healthy process."

White said bipartisan doubts stalled the governor's proposal.

"What the governor did was submit a proposal that did not give middle class tax relief, was tax redistribution and hit many Texans harder. He did not develop a public consensus beforehand. And then he put it in the hopper at the last minute. So the people in the Legislature, on a bipartisan basis, stopped that," White said.

In other tax developments:

- The House property tax committee continues to look at exemptions to state taxes, including the sales tax and business franchise tax. The committee is moving toward drafting a bill to eliminate many of the exemptions, while leaving food and medical services untaxed.

The committee also is considering expanding other taxes, including the cigarette tax and the gasoline tax. The current cigarette tax would go from 41 cents a pack to 61 cents a pack, making it one of the highest in the nation. The gas tax would go from 20 cents a gallon to 30 cents a gallon.

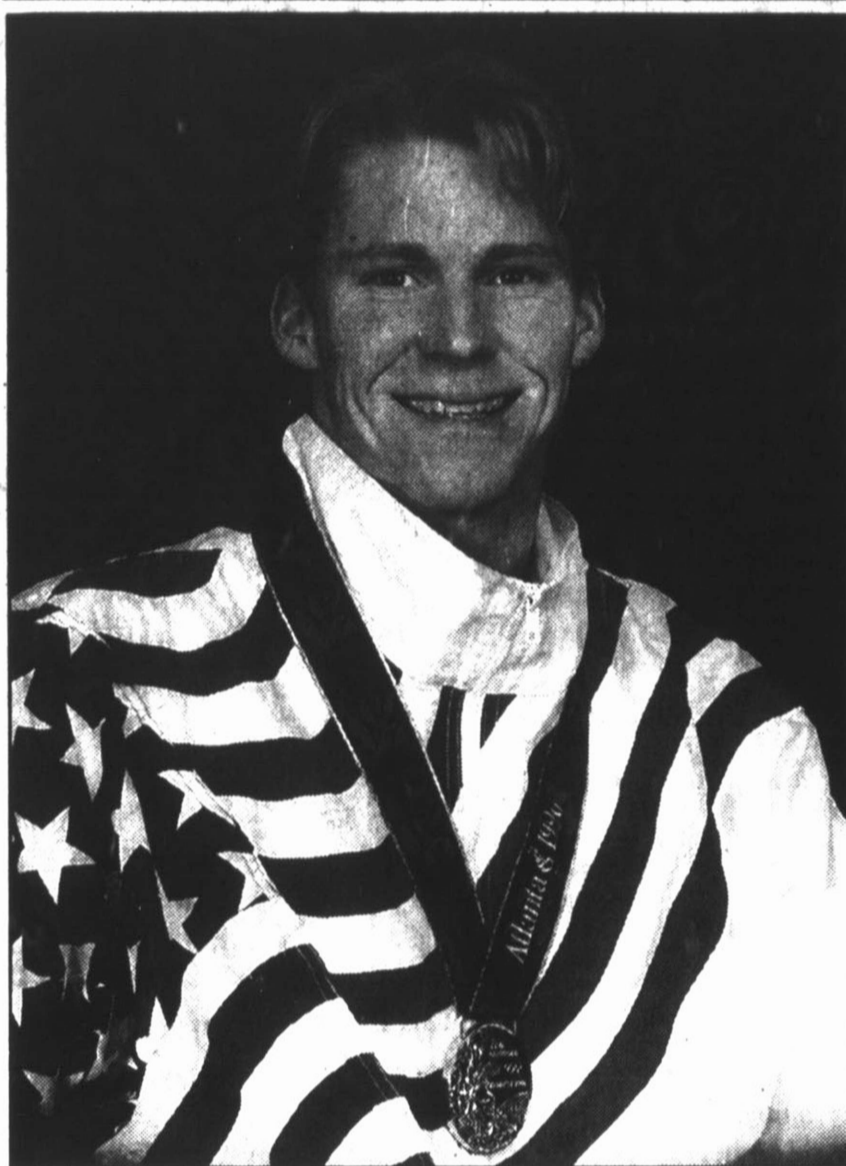
- Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said he was preparing an approximately \$3.1 billion bill to raise the cigarette tax, repeal numerous sales tax exemptions and expand the business franchise tax.

"I've said all along that the biggest problem ... in what was being considered was that half-cent sales tax increase. That caused members on both sides, Rs and Ds as well as House and Senate members, the biggest agony that we heard," Armbrister said.

- Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said many of the longstanding tax exemptions "may have worn out their usefulness over this period of time."

- Common Cause, a consumer advocacy group, said a state personal income tax would be the best way to cut property taxes and provide reliable public school funding. It said the net effect of such a change would mean that 60 percent of all Texans would pay less in overall taxes.

Bush said he would veto any legislation calling for a personal income tax.



JOSH DAVIS

Tax plan overhaul not likely this year

WASHINGTON (AP) - A dramatic overhaul of the tax code isn't in the cards this year, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer says, and one reason is Republican disagreements over competing tax plans.

"The first hurdle that we need to get over is unifying the Republican party behind one concept," Archer, R-Texas, said in an interview Tuesday.

"And that means (House Majority Leader) Dick Armey and I basically are going to have to get together and resolve our differences. That's a major piece that's got to be put in place."

Army, R-Texas, favors a 17 percent flat tax on all income, but Archer advocates a plan that goes much further, eliminating the income tax in favor of a consumption tax on goods and services. Army and Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., planned to reintroduce the flat tax proposal today.

The lack of agreement means Archer will seek to build support for his plan this year, with an eye to possibly considering legislation in 1999.

"I think it's going to be very difficult to do that in this Congress," he said.

Archer's recognition that the current Congress probably won't pass major tax reform legislation didn't surprise analysts, who view the effort to balance the budget in the next five years as a major focus for Congress and the pivotal tax-writing panel that Archer leads. President Clinton's budget plan promises moderate tax relief, but details haven't been released yet.

The Ways and Means chairman took aim at the Clinton budget, citing "intense opposition" from both parties to three proposals in the Clinton plan to boost revenues.

Archer referred to plans to extend a temporary payroll surtax to finance an unemployment insurance fund; to require investors to use "average cost" accounting to figure their profits or losses from stock or mutual funds trades; and to repeal favorable tax treatment for U.S. exports, known as the export source rule, even if the goods are primarily manufactured domestically.

The three proposals are the biggest elements in Clinton's plan to close corporate tax loopholes and would raise \$15.2 billion over five years. The Ways and Means Committee planned a hearing today on these and other revenue-increasing provisions in the Clinton budget.

To Archer, the payroll surtax "will be intensely unpopular on a bipartisan basis" because the unemployment fund is solvent; the average cost proposal would needlessly complicate capital gains tax calculations for individuals; and the export source rule threatens to make U.S. exports less competitive abroad.

The Clinton administration counters that the payroll surtax helps the unemployment insurance fund remain strong even during a recession, the average cost accounting method halts accounting abuses and the export source rule gives U.S. multinationals an unfair advantage.

Archer's criticism is the latest friction to develop between Congress and the White House over the budget. The GOP has called on the White House to submit a revised budget that contains a net tax cut and doesn't increase the deficit. The administration says its budget shows a \$17 billion surplus in 2002, while the Congressional Budget Office calculates a \$69 billion deficit by then, citing less optimistic economic projections.

The flat tax bill is H.R. 1040.

More than 500 expected

Chamber banquet set here Thursday

"Working Together for Progress" will be the theme when the annual Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet is held Thursday night in the HISD administration building.

The event could also be billed as a "gathering of champions", as Olympian Josh Davis will be guest speaker; World Champion roper Steve Purcella will be recognized, and Hereford's Citizen of the Year will be presented a special plaque.

The banquet starts at 7 p.m. New chamber officers and directors will be introduced, as well as the new executive vice president, Don Cumpton, who assumed the manager's post Jan. 1.

Cumpton announced this morning that 500 tickets had been sold for the event, and he was having about 50 more tickets printed. "No one will be turned away," he added.

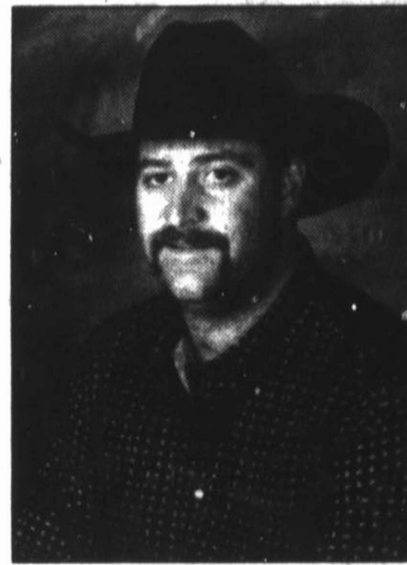
Immediately following the banquet, a reception will be held in a large area across the hall from the banquet room. Interested persons can meet and congratulate the speaker and award winners.

Davis, the guest speaker, won three gold medals in swimming at the 1996 Atlanta games. He has a "Hereford connection," since his wife, Shantel, is a HHS graduate who went on to play volleyball at the University of Texas. Davis was a swimmer at UT.

Purcella, header, and his partner, Steve Northcutt of Odessa, won the team roping at the National Finals Rodeo in December at Las Vegas, Nv.

The chamber's new slate of officers is headed by Wade Easley, president; Sid Shaw, vice president, and Jeff Brown, treasurer. New directors are David McDonald, Chris Leonard, Mark Collier and Andrea Schlabs. Mark Andrews remains on the board to fill out Cumpton's unexpired term.

Holdover directors are Easley,



STEVE PURCELLA

Brown, Scott Hall, Diane Beavers, Jimmy Bell, Suzanne Finch and Shaw. Elvira Enriquez is the new Women's Division president.

Past recipients of the Citizen of the Year award, in alphabetical order:

Milton Adams, Jimmie Allred, Lynton Allred, L.B. Barnett, Lyle Blanton, Gene Brock, Caudie Ola Brown, Hugh Clearman, Jim Conkwright, Ray Cowsert, W.E. Dameron, Margie Daniels, Rev. Don Davidson, Bill Devers, Argen Draper,

Bud Eades, Dr. Lena Edwards, Wayne Evans, Clint Formby, Shirley Garrison, Fr. Raymond Gillis, Betty Henson, Bob Josseland, D.C. Kinsey, Earnest Langley, Wayne Lawrence, Rocky Lee, Doug Manning, Carl McCaslin, Dr. A.T. Mims, Speedy Nieman, Bobby Owen, Earl Phillips, John D. Pitman, Faye Plank;

Dub Reeves, Helen Rose, A.J. Schroeter, Henry Sears, Ed Skypala, Jewel Smith, Mrs. Earl Springer, Della Stagner, George Warner, Larry Wartes, Raymond White, S.O. Wilson, Rev. Russell Wingert, James Witherspoon, Don Zimmerman.

Rain heavy in South Texas

By The Associated Press
Unless you were in West Texas on Tuesday, odds are you got wet. The forecast calls for more of the same Wednesday.

Most of South Texas got soaked on Wednesday. Rainfall was rather heavy in some areas, especially in the deep south and the middle coastal areas.

The blame goes to an upper level low pressure system moving slowly east.

North Texas was still getting

dumped on by a front that crept in Sunday. Overcast skies and high clouds hung around where rain didn't.

It could've been worse: exactly seven years before, the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport soaked up more than two inches of rain within 24 hours.

In West Texas, skies ranged from mostly sunny to cloudy across most of the region. However, some parts got hit by pockets of light rain and scattered showers caused by some low-level moisture that had moved up into the region from the south.

Palestinians take case to U. N. General Assembly

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Palestinians took their case to the U.N. General Assembly today, asking it to speak out against a planned Jewish neighborhood in historically Arab east Jerusalem.

The move came despite Israeli warnings that any attempt to bring international pressure would only harm Middle East peacemaking. But a Syrian newspaper said the debate provides a "unique opportunity" for Europe to take a stand against Israel and save the peace process.

Arab ambassadors to the United Nations asked for the General Assembly debate, scheduled for this morning, after the United States vetoed a European-sponsored resolution in the Security Council criticizing Israel for the planned 6,500-unit Har Homa housing project.

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson cast Friday's lone veto because Washington prefers to keep Arab-Israeli issues out of the United Nations.

The United States contends that involving the 185-member United Nations, whose majority comes from the Third World, only encourages strident rhetoric that hardens positions at a time when compromise is needed.

The United States and Israel find themselves isolated on the issue.

Virtually all other major U.N. members, including the Europeans, Japanese, Latin Americans and Africans, believe the United Nations should take a stand against Har Homa

as a threat to Middle East peace.

Palestinians see Jewish construction in east Jerusalem as a threat to their hope to make the district the capital of a Palestinian state.

Captured from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East War, east Jerusalem now has a slight Jewish majority following Jewish building and settlement in that part of the city.

Representatives of at least 20 countries have asked to address the General Assembly today, and most are expected to demand that Israel reverse its decision. The Israeli mission to the United Nations said that acting Ambassador David Peleg will speak.

General Assembly resolutions are non-binding, and the Israelis routinely ignore U.N. declarations on relations with the Arabs.

Arab diplomats said they thought the General Assembly session was important to demonstrate the breadth of international opposition to the policies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

In a commentary today, the Syrian newspaper Tishrin said that "in light of the American passive stance," the Arabs were looking to Europe to take a strong stand against Israeli settlements to "salvage the peace process and put it back on the right track."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has suspended most contacts with the Israeli leader and King Hussein of Jordan declared that his trust in Netanyahu had vanished.



Checking the guest list

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative Manager Steve Louder, right, and members of his staff look over the guest registration list at Tuesday's annual meeting in the Bull Barn. A total of 1,580 members and guests went through the food line. The co-op issued \$1.5 million in capital credits at the meeting.

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Local Roundup

Skies becoming cloudy

Hereford reached a high temperature of 76 degrees and an overnight low of 41 degrees. For Wednesday night, look for partly cloudy skies with a low in the middle 40s. The winds will be from the southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Thursday will be mostly sunny with a high near 75, becoming breezy in the afternoon. The winds will be from the southwest to west at 15-25 mph and gusty. The five-day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and highs in the upper 50s.

Crimestoppers sets fund-raiser

The Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers will hold a oil and filter change fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at Stevens Chevrolet-Olds-Aurora-Geo for a \$15 donation. Call Stevens to make an appointment. Proceeds will benefit the operating fund of Crimestoppers.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Wednesday:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 19-year-old male arrested for public intoxication.
- 26-year-old female arrested for domestic violence assault.
- 45-year-old male arrested for domestic violence assault.
- Phone harassment reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.
- 27-year-old male warned not to return to residence in 100 block of Avenue H.
- Burglary of a business reported in the 100 block of West 3rd.
- Damage to a vehicle reported in the 200 block of Catalpa.
- 22-year-old male treated and

released from Hereford Regional Medical Center for wounds.

- Damage to a bicycle reported in the 200 block of 16th Street.
- Charges of carrying a prohibited weapon filed on a 13-year-old Hereford Junior High School student.
- Damage to a vehicle reported in the 100 block of Avenue E.
- 18 traffic citations issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Responded to grass fire in Jay Hills, north of 16th Street.
- Responded to storage shed fire at 822 Avenue K.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- 20-year-old female arrested for violation of probation.

News Digest

STATE

AUSTIN - In some of the harshest criticism yet of Gov. George W. Bush's property tax plan, the Texas Democratic Party chairman on Tuesday bashed it as too little, too late. If Texans do get property tax relief, it will be because Democratic legislators ride to the rescue, party chief Bill White said.

HARLINGEN - Two years after Tejano singing sensation Selena was gunned down by her former fan club president, a movie about her life and death is set to premiere. The film's soundtrack, featuring never-released songs by the singer, was in music stores Tuesday.

WASHINGTON - An attempt by Congress to overturn President Clinton's decision to certify Mexico's cooperation as a full-fledged partner in the war on drugs could be "counterproductive," Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Tuesday.

HUNTSVILLE - Betty Rounsaville readily admits to being nervous this week. The man convicted more than a decade ago of killing her only child - the 25-year-old daughter who was the center of her life - had an appointment Wednesday with the Texas executioner.

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush needs knee surgery on cartilage loosened up by years of jogging. The procedure, scheduled for Wednesday, will keep him from running in the Capitol 10K race in early April, a race in which he is the only governor to have run. "I'm disappointed because I was intending to break the governor's record," he joked.

WASHINGTON - The future of Amtrak's Texas Eagle passenger rail service through Texas, Arkansas and Missouri rests with Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Tuesday. Texas Eagle service from St. Louis to San Antonio is scheduled to be terminated May 11 absent a financial bailout by any of the affected states. A proposal has been floating in the Texas Legislature to do just that, but has been stalled pending a sign whether Bush is on board.

NATION/WORLD

WASHINGTON - Benefiting from a revolt by Republicans against their leaders, senators who will investigate political fund raising won broadened authority to look at practices such as huge "soft money" donations that are not usually illegal.

ABERDEEN, Md. - Claims by five women recruits that the Army tried to pressure them into saying they were raped by their superiors will cast doubt on the entire military sex scandal, according to a retired investigator.

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WASHINGTON - During the time that his old friend Webster Hubbell was under criminal investigation by Whitewater prosecutors, President Clinton knew that two longtime political supporters had hired the former associate attorney general, the White House acknowledges.

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Promise Keepers announce plans to participate in mass meeting of men in October

Promise Keepers of Hereford has announced plans to participate in the "Stand In the Gap: A Sacred Assembly of Men," to be held in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 4, 1997. The Promise Keepers organization is calling together a mass meeting of men with the expectation of Christians of all denominations, races and socioeconomic groups to convene for a day of prayer and confession of sin, according to Randy Phillips, PK president. The event derives its theme from Ezekiel 22:30: "I looked for a man among them who would build up the

wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none." Promise Keepers is a Christian men's movement calling all men to reconcile with God and each other in the name of Jesus Christ. At the present time, Hereford Promise Keepers is working with other groups in the Texas Panhandle to coordinate travel to Washington. Men interested in participating and traveling as part of a group may call either the Nazarene Church or the First Baptist Church to place their name on the reservation list.

According to Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison Congress must find way to build on progress between U.S. and Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) - It could be "counterproductive" for Congress to overturn President Clinton's decision certifying Mexico as a cooperating ally in the war on drugs, says Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Instead of decertifying Mexico in the wake of U.S. disappointment over Mexico's high-level corruption and pervasive law enforcement failures, Congress should find a way to build on the progress between both

countries, the Texas Republican said Tuesday.

Mrs. Hutchison is readying an alternative to decertification measures pending in Congress - something that would allow lawmakers to vent their displeasure with Mexico's anti-narcotics efforts but wouldn't carry the sting of decertification and its possible economic sanctions.

"I'm looking for an alternative that would send a clear signal that

business as usual is not good enough," she told reporters, adding that she was mulling over several options. "We have got to deal with the situation we have before us in the most positive and productive way and try to keep the momentum going."

A draft resolution obtained by The Associated Press suggests Mrs. Hutchison is proposing a non-binding measure that calls on Mexico to:

requests for drug traffickers wanted for prosecution here.

- Implement effective money-laundering legislation.

- Allow U.S. law enforcement to carry weapons while engaged in counternarcotics operations across the border.

Such actions would limit the siege mentality along the U.S.-Mexico border, where drug traffickers operate with seeming impunity, terrorizing ranchers, Mrs. Hutchison said.

"We are seeing our borders become like the Wild West, where it's almost a lawless kind of atmosphere," she said.

With sentiment running high in the House in favor of decertification - and a vote there likely this week - Mrs. Hutchison said she remains "cautiously optimistic" that she can sell an alternative to her Senate colleagues.

Last week, the House International Relations Committee voted overwhelmingly in bipartisan fashion to overturn Clinton's decision on Mexico.

Mrs. Hutchison, who joined several other senators in the White House residence Monday night to discuss certification with President Clinton, said it appears the administration is focusing its lobbying efforts solely on the Senate.

Rep. Clay Shaw, the Florida Republican whose decertification proposal will be voted on in the House, believes he "easily" has the support of a majority in the House, his spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The question is whether decertification backers in either the House and Senate can muster the two-thirds necessary to override a presidential veto.

During a news conference Monday, Clinton said Mexico had met the requirement for certification.



Entertaining DSREC members

The Dixie Melody Boys provided entertainment for the annual Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative annual meeting Tuesday evening at the Bull Barn. The event drew 1,580 members and guests. Members reelected three directors - Donald Wright, Clarence Martin and Clark Andrews. Door prizes valued at more than \$1,000 were presented.

Senate Democrats win broader authority

WASHINGTON (AP) - Benefiting from a revolt by Republicans against their leaders, senators who will investigate political fund raising won broadened authority to look at practices such as huge "soft money" donations that are not usually illegal.

It was an extraordinary victory Tuesday for Senate Democrats, who arrived at the Capitol believing Republican had the votes to focus the investigation on Clinton administration indiscretions during the 1996 campaign.

The dramatic turnabout came in the Republicans' closed weekly caucus. Majority Leader Trent Lott and his leadership team discovered that rank-and-file members - as many as 10 by some accounts - thought the party's position for a narrow probe was politically indefensible.

Among those arguing that side was Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee, whose Governmental Affairs Committee originally supported on a bipartisan basis a wide-ranging investigation.

The dissidents also told Lott that the probe he sought - into only illegal activities in the 1996 presidential and

congressional campaigns - may have prevented an inquiry into allegations that President Clinton has been selling access with White House sleep-overs and coffees for major donors. Those perks may be legal, even if they look bad.

Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said it was "one of the biggest turnabouts I've experienced."

Once Lott capitulated, the Senate expanded the scope and approved \$4.35 million for the governmental affairs panel probe in a pair of 99-0 votes.

With the former Democratic National Committee co-chairman, Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, voting present, the expanded scope included improper as well as illegal activities surrounding the 1996 elections.

That language satisfied Democrats' demands for an inquiry into "soft money" - the large contributions made to both parties by corporations, unions and wealthy individuals.

For the 1996 election cycle, Republicans took in \$141 million in

this category, while Democrats raised \$122 million.

The probe also would encompass the role of tax-exempt organizations.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, who spoke in favor of expanding the scope of the investigation, said, "I just thought it would be very difficult for us to try to justify the position in which we weren't including the word 'improper.'"

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who publicly broke ranks with his leaders just before the caucus, said the Republican scope was too narrow and "filled with booby traps." He also disagreed with setting a Dec. 31 date for ending the probe.

Despite their victory, Democrats likely would have to endure an investigation of the White House donor events; donations to Democrats from foreign sources; allegations that China tried to influence U.S. elections with donations; and a \$50,000 campaign check brought to the White House and handed to Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief of staff, Maggie Williams.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who also supported a broader probe, told reporters the narrow scope sought by his leadership could have prevented looking at the \$50,000 check.

"If you said, 'Maggie Williams, you come over and testify,' they say 'No, that's not illegal,'" McCain

Army sergeant faces rape, sodomy charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - An Army sergeant raped, sodomized and fondled potential recruits at a local recruiting station, five women have told a court-martial panel at Fort Sam Houston.

The testimony came Monday in the trial of Sgt. 1st Class Brett Wright, 37, who faces eight charges, including sodomy, rape and sexual misconduct. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison, dishonorable discharge, reduction in rank and loss of all pay and benefits.

Two of the women are still in the Army, two have been discharged and the fifth never enlisted.

One woman said Wright told her to undress at the recruiting station so he could take her body measurements and later raped her in a room at the Westlakes Recruiting Station in December 1995.

"He pushed me on the ground on my stomach. My face (was) on the carpet," said the 23-year-old former soldier as she retold how Wright raped her. "I kept telling him to stop. I was yelling, but he just laughed and said (the other recruiters) had left for the day."

Wright, former commander for three recruiting stations in San Antonio, became the subject of a criminal investigation last June after two women filed sexual-harassment

complaints with the Criminal Investigation Division at Fort Sam Houston. He has been placed on administrative duties.

Officials say the women had gone to Wright's recruiting station to look into Army careers.

In addition to the charges of rape, sodomy and sexual misconduct, Wright faces charges of sexual intercourse, sodomy by force, use of illegal drugs, theft of government property, making false statements and violation of a lawful order.

The defense claims that the witnesses' testimony is inconsistent with earlier sworn statements and that they have motives to lie.

One woman said she let Wright touch her bare legs because she feared she would be unable to join the Army if she complained. Another said she engaged in unwelcome sex with Wright at her home.

A third victim, who said Wright fondled her breasts in the recruiting station, also said Wright called her at home to ask if she wanted to engage in sex with multiple partners.

The women admitted they never reported the sexual harassment until a criminal investigation was launched last year after the initial complaints.

"I was ashamed," one woman explained.

Obituaries

FRANCES ALVENA COMER

March 9, 1997

Frances Alvena Comer, 74, of Gans, Okla., died Sunday. Her daughter, Jackie Smotherman resides in Hereford.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Agent Funeral Home Chapel in Sallisaw, Okla., with the Rev. Robert Palvado and Rev. L.C. Jones officiating. Burial will be in the U.S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith, Ark.

Mrs. Comer was born Aug. 14, 1922. She married John Henry Comer in 1950. He preceded her in death in 1989. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Jackie Smotherman of Hereford, Becky Williamson of Mabank, and Robin Chambers of Marshall; four sons, Jim Marsh of Granbury, Joe Comer of Vian, Okla., Charles Comer of Gans, Okla., and Wesley Comer of Columbus, Kan.; two sisters, Margaret Cline of San Ramon, Calif., and Nellie Jones of Lufkin, 27 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.



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

3-4-0
(three, four, zero)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

15-19-22-25-27
(fifteen, nineteen, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-seven)

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Lifestyles

Northwest Honor Choir performs for Delta Kappa Gamma Society

The members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were entertained recently by the Honor Choir of Northwest Elementary School.

Jeanie Conway, music chairman, introduced the group comprised of fourth, fifth and sixth graders directed by Joan Latham. The choir sang several selections, including "This Is

My County" and "Sing a Song of Peace" as a partner song, and a "Peace" round. They also sang "This Land Is Your Land" with the members and concluded the program with the "Soft Shoe Song" and "Celebrate."

President Nina Brown conducted the business meeting. Jean Beene discussed the narrative that is being

written to detail the 40 year history of Delta Xi. When finished a bound copy will be sent to the archives in Austin. This will be a continuing project for each biennium. Beene reported that 47 pages had been written covering 14 years. The remaining years were assigned to groups for the research which will then be turned over to the writing committee for completion.

Membership chairman, Francie Farr, read the names of those nominated for membership and gave the voting procedure before ballots were handed out. Those selected will be invited to the luncheon on April 7.

Receiving Achievement Awards were Jean Beene for her dedicated work on the history of Delta Xi and Alta Mae Higgins for being named FCB Club Woman of the Year.

Sue Powell asked members to remind those eligible for scholarships that applications for the upcoming semesters must be returned by March 17. Applicants must meet the following criteria: a female graduate of Hereford High School or Friona High School; working toward certification in education; and a college junior or senior. For more information contact Sue Powell at 357-2577 or 363-7620, ext. 332.

The meeting was adjourned with the 42 members present singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

HRSEA makes plans for Thursday seminar

Hereford Retired School Employees Association met at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center for their regular meeting and lunch.

Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church, was a special guest and brought an inspirational message to the group. Charles Duvall led the group in prayer.

During the business meeting, Betty Mercer and Margaret Bell were selected to attend the state retired teachers annual meeting in Corpus Christi in April.

Carl McGilvary, the legislative chairman, urged members to keep up with the news during the legislative session and to stay in contact with their representatives.

Plans were made for the Silent Auction that will be held in April. All members are to bring an item to be auctioned off at the next meeting. All proceeds will go to the local HRSEA treasury.

Mary Dziuk was the lucky member

who won in the "Share the Pot" activity.

Plans were made for the meeting Thursday at the Community Center for any school employee needing information about retirement. A speaker from the Texas Teacher Retirement System will be there at 4:30 p.m. to speak on "What Teacher Retirement Means to You."

Teachers from Vega, Dimmitt, Friona and Hereford have been invited to attend. A question and answer session will also be held. Refreshments will be served.

Anyone employed by a Texas school and planning retirement in the next few years should attend.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on March 12:
Admissions: Nora Lawhon.
Discharges: None.

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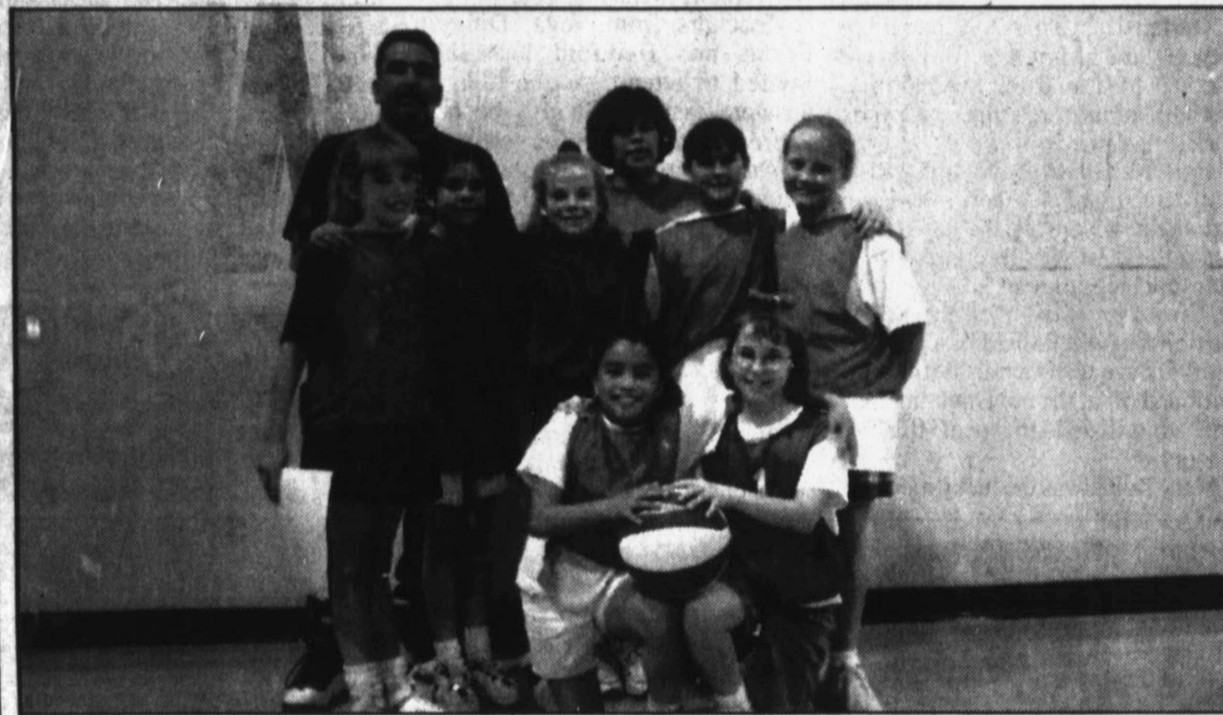


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Sports



CITY CHAMPS — The Lakers claimed the YMCA 13 & Under boys championship this past weekend with a 24-21 win over the Seminoles. Members of the Lakers include (front row, left to right) Jacob Armendariz, Jeff Jesko, Tavares Colvin, (back row) Gilbert Luna, Edward Villareal, Scott Murray, Frankie Childers, R.J. Rodriguez and Coach Roy Rodriguez. Not pictured are Ricky Martinez and assistant coach Chuck Garcia



EAGLE PRIDE — The Eagles claimed the YMCA 10 & Under crown this past weekend with a 14-12 win over the Cowgirls. Members of the Eagles are (front row, left to right) Betzaira Jimenez, Jaelyn Paschal, (back row) Stephanie Shaw, Savannah Valdez, Ashley Williams, Amanda Wall, Trinity Power, Coach Freddie Valdez and Coach Gloria Jimenez. Not pictured are April Vera and Kelee Hoffman

Whitefaces looking for consistency in Amarillo

By Tommy Wells
Managing Editor

The Hereford Whitefaces will get a chance to wash away the memories of last weekend's 'Debauch in Dumas' quickly. The Whitefaces are slated to open their third tournament in as many weeks Thursday afternoon when they take to the field for the opening round of the Crown of Texas Baseball Classic in Amarillo.

It couldn't have come at a better time for the Herd, according to head coach Pete Rodriguez.

"We want to go to this tournament and play good baseball," he said. "We don't want to play like we did in Dumas, and throw the ball

around. Wins and losses don't mean anything until next Tuesday, so we just want to come out of this knowing we can play good defense and have some consistency."

Pitching woes and errors played havoc with the Whitefaces' hopes of a third place finish in the Dumas Tournament. Hereford surrendered eight runs in the first inning against Guymon, Oklahoma, and then, after a brief rally, saw a couple of errors lead to nine more runs for Guymon - a team they had beaten in the tournament opener - and a 17-12 loss for themselves.

Jeremy Urbanczyk provided the Herd with its biggest highlight of the game when he belted a three-run homer in the bottom of the second

and cut Guymon's lead to 8-7.

The good thing about moving into the Crown of Texas Baseball Classic for the Herd is familiarity - both past and future. The Whitefaces will be in the tournament with several teams they've already seen, including Borger, Dumas, Leveland, and Lubbock. It also gives them a chance to see District 1-4A opponents from Canyon and Randall - a point extremely important since Hereford opens its 1-4A schedule this coming Tuesday.

Crown of Texas games are scheduled to be played at fields at Amarillo High, Randall, Tascosa and at Canyon's Conner Park. The championship game is slated to be played at 1 p.m. at the Tascosa High field.

Eagles rally to clip Cowgirls in YMCA finale

The Eagles may not be America's Team, but you'd be hard pressed to tell them they aren't one of the best YMCA teams in America.

Especially after this past weekend. Savannah Valdez scored six points and Betzaira Jimenez added four more this past weekend and helped carry the Eagles to a thrilling 14-12 come-from-behind win over the Cowgirls. More importantly, however, the win gave the Eagles the 1997 bragging rights in the YMCA 10 & Under girls division.

The championship probably seemed like a distant dream for the Eagles in the first quarter as the

Stars, Lakers also claim YMCA crowns with thrilling victories

Cowgirls answered the opening buzzer with a flurry. The Cowgirls, behind Carrisa Hicks' lead, knocked down four shots from the floor in the first period and sailed into the second holding a two-point lead, at

8-6. Hicks scored four of her team-high six points in the opening period. Valdez led the Eagles with four points.

The road to the title didn't get any easier in the second for the Eagles. The Cowgirl defense held the Warbirds scoreless in the frame.

The Eagles, to their benefit, also turned up the defensive intensity in the second. They held Hicks and the Cowgirl offense scoreless as well.

The Eagle offense found its stride in the third. They picked up baskets from Valdez, Jimenez, Jaelyn Paschal and Trinity Power in the

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Hereford Junior High School Track

Hendershot, Louder shine in High Plains All-Star game

SEVENTH GRADE
 Team Totals - 1. Borger 173, 2. Pampa, 102; 3. Canyon, 68; 4. Hereford, 5; Westover, 59; 6. Muleshoe, 53; 7. Dumas, 27; 8. Marshall, 26; 9. Dimmitt, 16.
 2,400 - 1. Fatheree, Pampa, 9:55.31; 2. Barrett, Muleshoe, 10:02.00; 3. Tefertillos, Westover, 10:38.36; 4. Bass, Westover, 10:46.12; 5. Jordon, Pampa, 10:47.02; 6. Bonner, Westover, 11:00.48.
 400 Relay - 1. Borger, 55.62; 2. Pampa, 57.31; 3. Canyon, 57.64; 4. Westover, 58.59; 5. Hereford, 60.38; 6. Muleshoe, 61.28.
 Triple Jump - 1. McClellan, Borger, 31-11 1/2; 2. S. Theil, Canyon, 28.9; 3. Benson, Westover, 27-6 1/2; 4. Janovee, Borger, 27-2; 5. Field, Westover, 26-5 3/4; 6. Pierce, Westover, 26-5.
 800 - 1. Crox, Hereford, 2:44.27; 2. Rodriguez, Dimmitt, 2:46.14; 3. Granados, Dumas, 2:49.86; 4. Holland, Dumas, 2:52.19; 5. Thiel, Canyon, 2:52.69; 6. McClaskey, Canyon, 2:53.27.
 Shot Put - 1. McDonald, Marshall, 27-2 1/2; 2. Benson, Westover, 26-8 1/2; 3. Ford, Pampa, 25-1 1/2; 4. Vasquez, Hereford, 24-4; 5. McMurray, Dumas, 24-0; 6. Alford, Borger, 23-8.
 300 Hurdles - 1. Janovee, Borger, 56.75; 2. Northcutt, Pampa, 57.40; 3. Alford, Borger, 57.74; 4. Baker, Canyon, 57.75; 5. Field, Westover, 58.51; 6. Felan, Muleshoe, 58.72.
 200 - 1. Covalt, Pampa, 29.65; 2. Forrest, Borger, 30.41; 3. M. Brown, Hereford, 30.46; 4. Fowler, Borger, 30.53; 5. Trevino, Westover, 30.81; 6. Carpenter, Muleshoe, 31.04.
 High Jump - 1. Gartin, Muleshoe, 4-4; 2. Owens, Dumas, 4-4; 3. Roberts, Borger, 4-4; 4. Alford, Borger, 4-4; 5. Pierce, Westover, 4-2; 6. Thiel, Canyon, 4-2.
 1,600 Run - 1. Thiel, Canyon, 6:17.84; 2. Crox, Hereford, 6:17.87; 3. Fatheree, Pampa, 6:27.36; 4. Barrett, Muleshoe, 6:32.42; 5. Kline, Canyon, 6:37.28; 6. McCloskey, Canyon, 6:37.29.
 1,600 Relay - 1. Borger, 4:41.41; 2. Pampa, 4:51.90; 3. Westover, 4:59.52; 4. Canyon, 4:59.78; 5. Hereford, 5:04.90; 6. Muleshoe, 5:09.04.

100 Hurdles - 1. Weis, Marshall, 18.55; 2. Janovee, Borger, 19.06; 3. Thiel, Canyon, 19.95; 4. Gonzales, Muleshoe, 20.09; 5. Tabor, Hereford, 20.54; 6. Magby, Muleshoe, 20.57.
 100 - 1. Saule, Borger, 14.09; 2. Gartin, Muleshoe, 14.25; 3. Stowers, Pampa, 14.30; 4. Fowler, Borger, 14.40; 5. Medrana, Dumas, 14.78; 6. Clay, Westover, 14.87.
 800 Relay - 1. Borger, 2:00.16; 2. Pampa, 2:04.75; 3. Hereford, 2:07.24; 4. Muleshoe, 2:08.09; 5. Westover, 2:09.56; 6. Dumas, 2:12.93.
 Discus - 1. Barrientez, Hereford, 70-10; 2. Anders, Borger, 65-8; 3. McDonald, Marshall, 64-2; 4. Reyna, Hereford, 63-10; 5. Garcia, Canyon, 63-3; 6. Landeros, Dumas, 62-4.
 Lomh Jump - 1. Sauls, Borger, 13-8 1/2; 2. McClellan, Borger, 13-1 1/2; 3. Janovee, Borger, 12-8; 4. Carpenter, Muleshoe, 12-3 1/2; 5. W. Owens, Dumas, 11-10; 6. Thiel, Canyon, 11-8.
EIGHTH GRADE
 Team Totals - 1. Canyon, 109; 2. Borger, 96; 3. Valley View, 88; 4. Hereford, 83; 5. Pampa, 69; 6. Muleshoe, 49; 7. Dimmitt, 47; 8. Marshall, 24; 9. Dumas, 23.
 2,400 Run - 1. Alarcon, Muleshoe, 9:53.90; 2. Swanson, Valley View, 10:06.69; 3. Bustamante, N/A, 10:23.75; 4. Gutierrez, N/A, 10:28.34; 5. Schumacher, Hereford, 10:52.38; 6. Bullard, Hereford, 10:53.08.
 400 Relay - 1. Canyon, 54.23; 2. Hereford, 55.00; 3. Valley View, 55.09; 4. Pampa, 55.74; 5. Dimmitt, 57.52; 6. Muleshoe, 57.55.
 800 - 1. Garcia, Dimmitt, 2:42.22; 2. Reece, Hereford, 2:42.23; 3. Paoge, Borger, 2:44.18; 4. Odom, Pampa, 2:47.38; 5. Rains, Pampa, 2:48.74; 6. Longer, Valley View, 2:49.06.
 100 Hurdles - 1. Graham, Borger, 16.76; 2. Blessingame, Borger, 17.45; 3. Quintana, Marshall, 17.96; 4. Watson, Borger, 17.99; 5. Myers, Marshall, 18.10; 6. Fangman, Hereford, 18.47.
 High Jump - 1. Watson, Borger, 4-10; 2. Torres, Muleshoe, 4-6; 3. Yosten, Hereford, 4-6; 4. Tipps, Muleshoe, 4-6; 5. Paton, Pampa, 4-6; 6. McCullough, Pampa, 4-6.

100 - Thomas, Hereford, 13.35; 2. Johnson, Canyon, 13.38; 3. James, Canyon, 13.66; 4. Cunningham, Borger, 13.84; 5. Simpson, Canyon, 14.18; 6. Torres, Muleshoe, 14.26.
 Discus - 1. McIntyre, Valley View, 92-3; 2. Hernandez, Muleshoe, 81-5; 3. Grice, Dumas, 79-5; 4. Hastings, Hereford, 77-6; 5. Newhouse, Pampa, 76-3; 6. Thiel, Canyon, 73-3.
 Triple Jump - 1. Patton, Pampa, 29-6; 2. Casas, Dimmitt, 29-0; 3. Odom, Pampa, 28-6 3/4; 4. Hutcherson, Canyon, 27-10 1/2; 5. McCullough, Pampa, 27-4; 6. Renteria, Valley View, 27-1.
 Long Jump - 1. Johnson, Canyon, 14-3 1/2; 2. Sherrord, Valley View, 14-0 1/4; 3. Norman, Dimmitt, 13-7; 4. Torres, Muleshoe, 13-5 1/2; 5. Casas, Dimmitt, 13-2 1/4; 6. Heathington, Muleshoe, 13-1 1/2.
 800 Relay - 1. Canyon, 1:57.47; 2. Valley View, 1:58.34; 3. Borger, 2:01.59; 4. Pampa, 2:02.41; 5. Dimmitt, 2:02.94; 6. Hereford, 2:05.30.
 Shot Put - 1. Mobbs, Pampa, 31-10 1/2; 2. Cunningham, Borger, 30-5; 3. T. Thiel, Canyon, 29-4; 4. Myers, Marshall, 28-5 1/2; 5. Maez, Marshall, 28-1; 6. Payne, Dumas, 27-11.
 400 - 1. Yosten, Hereford, 66.14; 2. Mosley, Valley View, 67.53; 3. Thiel, Canyon, 68.17; 4. Norman, Dimmitt, 69.15; 5. Mejia, Dumas, 69.40; 6. Baker, Dumas, 69.65.
 300 Hurdles - 1. Graham, Borger, 52.64; 2. Schilling, Hereford, 54.90; 3. Quintana, Marshall, 55.30; 4. Crown, Canyon, 55.45; 5. Vick, Dimmitt, 56.63; 6. Myers, Marshall, 57.00.
 200 - 1. Patton, Pampa, 29.88; 2. Watson, Borger, 29.93; 3. Norman, Dimmitt, 30.10; 4. Sauls, Borger, 30.14; 5. Snell, Valley View, 39.38; 6. Baker, Dumas, 30.44.
 1,600 Run - 1. Thomas, Valley View, 6:20.84; 2. Alarcon, Muleshoe, 6:33.51; 3. Bustamante, Dumas, 6:37.45; 4. Rouse, Valley View, 6:37.62; 5. Branch, Canyon, 6:44.62; 6. Gutierrez, Marshall, 6:44.66.
 1600 Relay - 1. Canyon, 4:43.51; 2. Hereford, 4:45.93; 3. Borger, 4:47.84; 4. Valley View, 4:48.24; 5. Pampa, 4:49.75; 6. Muleshoe, 4:50.75.

**By Tommy Wells
 Managing Editor**
CANYON - If anyone had any questions concerning the caliber of basketball play for the Community Christian Warriors, they got their answers this past Saturday.
 It was a resounding!
 Chris Hendershot and Jantzen



Chris Hendershot



Jantzen Louder

Louder each turned in excellent outings in the inaugural High Plains Christian Athletic Association All-Star Game, which was played in front of a small crowd in the West Texas A&M University gymnasium.

The North, despite double-digit performances by both Hereford standouts, claimed a hard-fought 71-70 victory.
 "It was a lot more fun than just a regular season game," said Hendershot, who finished as the South's second-leading scorer. "There were a lot more skilled players in it."
 The game featured players from Community Christian, Faith Temple

of Portales, Plainview Christian, Amarillo Bible Heritage, San Jacinto and Amarillo Victory Academy.
 Hendershot helped the South stage a late rally that almost toppled the North. The six-foot sophomore knocked down six of his 14 points in the final frame by sinking two three-pointers.
 Louder, a 6-foot-1 junior, finished the contest with 12 points.

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frame and took control of the game by outscoring the Cowgirls by a commanding 8-2 clip.
 The Eagles held a 14-10 lead heading into the fourth quarter.
 Brynne Huffaker gave the Cowgirls a chance in the final minutes. She pushed home a shot in the fourth, cutting the Eagles' lead to 14-12.
Scores by Quarters
 Cowgirls 8 0 2 2 - 12
 Eagles 6 0 8 0 - 14
 Eagles - Savannah Valdez 3 0-0 6; Betzaira Jimenez 2 0-0 4; Ashley Williamson 0 0-0 0; Amanda Wall 0 0-0 0; Stephanie Shaw 0 0-0 0; Jaclyn Paschal 1 0-0 2; Trinity Power 1 0-0 2.
 Cowgirls - Carrisa Hicks 3 0-0 6; Cynthia Segovia 0 0-0 0; Lucinda Carrizales 0 0-0 0; Kealie Fellhaven 1 0-0 2; Amber Maes 0 0-0 0; Kara Landers 0 0-0 0; Amanda Dorado 1 0-0 2; Brynne Huffaker 1 0-0 2.

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 The Lakers, after watching the Seminoles tie the game at 16-16 in the third quarter, nailed down their title by outscoring the 'Noles by an 8-5 clip in the fourth quarter.
 Scott Murphy and Edward Villareal also chipped in points for the Lakers in the final frame. Childers finished as the game's high scorer, netting seven points.
 Villareal finished the night with six points, while teammate Gilbert Luna added five.
 The Seminoles had four players contributing four to their effort, including Raul Delgado, Jesse Rangel and Brian Laing.
 The Seminoles took the early advantage in the contest, outscoring the Lakers by a 6-4 margin in the first quarter. Delgado, Laing and Jacob Lantz all pushed home baskets in the opening minutes for the Seminoles.

son, Callie Hansard and Isabel Ontiveros, held the Rockets scoreless during the first stanza.
 The defense didn't work in the second quarter, though. The Rockets' offense ignited itself in the second quarter and exploded for nine points and took a 9-6 lead into the intermission.
 Melissa Brown, after a shot by Veronica Perez had put the Rockets on the board, highlighted the 9-2 run when she pulled up and buried a 3-pointer just seconds into the second period. Both Perez and Brown added another basket later in the run.
 The Rockets managed to hold the Stars at bay in the third by matching basket-for-basket. Celeste Guzman pitched in a short jumper for the Rockets, while Porras led the Stars' effort.
 The Rockets held an 11-8 lead heading into the final frame.
 The Stars shone brightly in the fourth. Gerber pushed home a shot from the inside, and Stubbs notched a basket and then sealed the win by hitting the front end of a one-and-one opportunity from the free throw line.

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Stars 13, Rockets 11
 Kalli Gerber and Melissa Stubbs erupted for five unanswered points in the fourth quarter and helped lift the Stars rally to claim a 13-11 win over the Rockets in the 13 & Under girls championship game this past weekend in YMCA basketball action.
 The Stars claimed their 1997 championship honors with a solid second half effort. The Stars, who trailed by as much as six points in the first half, pounded out a 7-2 run in the final two frames to claim the win.
 The Stars drew first blood in the contest. Adriana Porras and Gerber each managed to push home baskets in the first quarter and lead their team to a 4-0 advantage.
 The Stars' defense was the main focus in the first quarter. Gerber, along with teammates Megan Stubbs, Juanita Davis, Abby Horrell, Celeste Louder, Jordan Davi-

Scores by Quarters
 Stars 4 2 2 5 - 13
 Rockets 0 9 2 2
 Celeste Guzman 1 0-2 2; Sabrina Garcia 0 0-0 0; Veronica Perez 2 0-0 4; Melissa Brown 2 0-0 5; Taylor Tankersley 0 0-0 0; Yvonne Garcia 0 0-0 0; Raquel Vasquez 0 0-0 0; Kristie Miller 0 0-2 0; Ashley Carroll 0 0-0 0.
 Stars - Adriana Porras 2 0-0 4; Kalli Gerber 2 0-1 4; Melissa Stubbs 1 1-4 3; Megan Stubbs 0 0-0 0; Juanita Davis 0 0-0 0; Abby Horrell 0 0-0 0; Celeste Louder 1 0-0 2; Jordan Davison 0 0-0 0; Callie Hansard 0 0-0 0; Isabel Ontiveros 0 0-0 0.
Lakers 24, Seminoles 21
 Frankie Childers scored twice from the field in the final minutes

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Faith-based organizations to deliver welfare services to needy Texans

Governor Bush touts new package of bills

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - A package of bills that would allow faith-based organizations, such as churches and synagogues, to help deliver welfare services to needy Texans is being touted by Gov. George W. Bush.

Under the bills, faith-based organizations - on a voluntary basis - would become part of a voucher system in which needy Texans could redeem state certificates for welfare services such as day care.

"These bills will empower private charities and churches and synagogues to take a more active role in solving some of our society's toughest problems," Bush said Tuesday.

To maintain their religious

autonomy, the faith-based organizations would be accredited, not by the state, but by private organizations with standards equal to or exceeding those of the state, according to the legislation.

Critics said they feared the bills were playing on the social conscience of churches while failing to realize that churches don't have the ability to provide major welfare assistance.

Other concerns included a lack of oversight in such programs as day care.

"There is a kind of implication in much of the welfare reform debate that if the churches were doing a better job, we wouldn't have this problem or that if the churches step up to the plate, it will take care of the problem," said Dianne Stewart,

director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

"But we cannot rely on those organizations to solve this problem," Bush said the state is not trying to shirk responsibility.

"I take strong exception with defenders of the status quo who say that this is just a government attempt to dump welfare caseloads on churches and synagogues," Bush said.

"This is a government attempt to change someone's life in an active way. If faith-based organizations are not anxious to participate, no problem. That's their choice. Government funding is not going to go away. The idea is to provide a voucher that is redeemable at a church," Bush said.

American Atheists Inc., a group that actively opposes any marriage between church and state, opposed the bills.

"I wouldn't say it's blurring the lines of church and state. This goes beyond that and makes a jigsaw puzzle out of that line," said the group's director Spike Tyson.

"What they are proposing is for a religious organization to get tax money and use it, and they don't have to pay taxes. They get a free handout. That is an absolute violation of

church and state."

Bush said, "We are absolutely convinced that this is constitutionally sound."

Some churches have taken exception to the proposal.

"We are doing a great deal, and we have always done a great deal," said John McCarthy, bishop of the Austin Catholic Diocese.

Teresa Nira, director of parish ministries at St. Louis Catholic Church in North Austin, said her church can't afford a professional

social services staff.

"We are not a social service agency," she said. "That's the way it is for many churches."

The resolutions advocating faith-based programs in prison are SCR44 and HCR132; the faith-based chemical dependency bills are SB1070 and HB2481; the faith-based child care bills are SB1071 and HB2482; the faith-based liability exemption for doctors bills are SB1105 and HB2480.

Amtrak officials set deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) - Amtrak wants to know by Saturday whether Texas will provide the money necessary to keep the Texas Eagle running beyond its May 11 shutdown.

But state Sen. Bill Ratliff, who is coordinating a bailout package that could keep the Eagle afloat, said Tuesday that the Legislature is "a couple weeks at best" away from considering the Amtrak relief.

"If (Amtrak officials) have to have an absolute ironclad decision by Saturday, that's a problem," said Ratliff, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

Amtrak officials said the deadline is necessary to give them time to notify employees, passengers and affected cities in the event the St. Louis-to-San Antonio route is terminated.

"It's sort of important for us to know internally where we are going," said Debbie Hare, Amtrak's senior director of government and public affairs.

The deadline, communicated in a Jan. 24 letter to Gov. George W. Bush, was news to Ratliff.

The Mount Pleasant Republican said he learned of the deadline Tuesday from U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has been working to salvage the rail service.

Ratliff is sponsoring a plan that would keep the Eagle running through Oct. 1 with a \$5.6 million loan to Amtrak. Given the added time, Amtrak is committed to finding new revenue sources to make the money-losing Texas Eagle financially viable.

Before including the loan in a broader emergency appropriations package, Ratliff said he is awaiting certification from State John Sharp that it wouldn't count against the state's budget and that adequate repayment guarantees have been made. Under the terms of the deal, Amtrak would have to repay the loan by 1999.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday,

Mrs. Hutchison said Ratliff's proposal was "in limbo" pending Bush's decision whether to support it. The Eagle's survival "really hinges on the governor's decision on the loan," said Mrs. Hutchison, R-Texas.

Bush is awaiting details of the agreement, including how the loan would be repaid and what collateral Amtrak would pledge, said gubernatorial spokesman Ray Sullivan.

Termination of the Eagle would leave Dallas-Fort Worth, the nation's ninth largest metropolitan area, without passenger rail and would deprive Arkansas of its passenger rail service. Other affected cities would include Austin, Marshall, Longview, San Marcos, Temple and Texarkana.

Mrs. Hutchison, who chairs the Senate surface transportation subcommittee, has made little secret of her belief that a \$5.6 million loan or grant would be a sound business decision for Texas.

Television

WEDNESDAY												MARCH 12											
6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	
2	Yogi & Space Bears		(35) Movie: The Last Starfighter 'PG'		(15) Movie: Tron (1982) Jeff Bridges, David Warner. 'PG'																		
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Newsradio	Chic. Sons	Wings	Just Shoot	Prince Street	News	(35) Tonight Show														
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	(05) Zach	(05) Alex	(15) John Teah: The Avalon Concert				Tony Brown	Charlie Rose														
5	Videos	Videos	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Houston Rockets																				
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Grace Under Coach	Drew Carey	Arsenio	Primetime Live		News	Seinfeld	Nightline													
7	Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Hercules-Jrmys.	Xena: Warrior Princess	News	WiseGuy				Heat													
8	News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Temporarily	Feds	EZ Streets		News	(35) Late Show														
9	Roseanne	Mad-You	Figure Skating Battle of the Sexes on Ice			Hercules-Jrmys.		Mad-You	Cops	Real TV													
10	Sportstr.	College Basketball: NIT First Round - Teams TBA		College Basketball: NIT First Round - Teams TBA						Sportstr.	Basketball												
11	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911		700 Club		Holocaust															
12	Movie: Death Becomes		Movie: Dead Man's Gun Frank Whaley.			(15) Movie: Last Man Standing Jeff Wincott. ** 'R'																	
13	Real Sports		Movie: The Rookie Clint Eastwood. ** 1/2 'R'			Tracey	San'ers	Movie: Profile for Murder 'NR'															
14	Movie: Dr. Jekyll-Ms.		Movie: Friday the 13th, Part 2 Amy Steel			Movie: The Crush Cary Elwes. ** 'R'																	
15	(5:00) Movie: Picnic (1956)		Movie: Elmer Gantry (1960) Burt Lancaster, Jean Simmons. ****			Movie: Judgment at Nuremberg (1961) ****																	
16	Dukes of Hazzard	Life-Oak Ridge Boys	Prime Time Country	Road		Dallas		Dukes															
17	Wings	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Chopper Power		Wild Discovery		Discover															
18	Equalizer	Biography	American Justice	20th Century		Law & Order		Biography															
19	Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Nightmare in Columbia County (1991) ** 1/2		Living	Mysteries	Mysteries															
20	FOX Sports News	College Basketball: NCAA Division II Championship	NBA Action	Big 12 Show	FOX Sports News																		
21	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The Principal (1987) James Belushi, Louis Gossett Jr. **	(20) Movie: Taps (1981) Timothy Hutton. ** 1/2																				
22	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched												
23	Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Tall, Dark and Deadly (1995) **						Wings	Wings	Stalkings												
24	Bandida Mentira	Maria la del Barrio	Sentimientos Ajenos	Fuera	Lante Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocada															
25	Air Combat	Newsreel-News	True Action Adventures	Weapons at War		Year by Year		Newsreels															
26	RPM 2Night	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at New York Rangers				NHL 2Night		Auto Racing	NBA 2Night														

THURSDAY

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2	Chip 'n' Dale	Mermaid	Pooh	Mickey	Wonderland	Pooh Cnr.	GummiB	Care Bears	My Little	Mermaid	DuckTales												
3	Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives														
4	Writers	Writers	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Concert													
5	B. Hillbillies	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	S's Co.	Mama	Griffith	Griffith	(05) Matlock															
6	Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Cary & Marilyn: Friends	Medicine Woman		News															
7	BugsDaffy	Animanics	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest		In the Heat of the Night	Geraldo Rivera														
8	This Morning			Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	College Basketball																	
9	Quack Pack	Bobby	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper		K. Copeland	Paired Prog.	Gunsmoke												
10	Sportscenr.	Sportscenr.																					
11	Father Dowling Mysteries	Waltons			700 Club			FIT TV	Rescue 911														
12	Movie: Pajama Party Tommy Kirk. **				Movie: Does This Mean We're Married? (05) Movie: Summer Camp Joe Fierbery. (45) Movie: 100 Rifles 'PG'																		
13	Movie: Bug's 1001 Tales				Movie: Necessary Roughness Scott Bakula. 'PG-13'																		
14	Movie: Breakout Charles Bronson. 'PG'				(40) Movie: Superfights Brandon Gaines. (15) Movie: Heartstones (1984) Mary Tyler Moore, James Garner.																		
15	Movie: Mighty Joe Young (1949) ***				(45) Movie: The Sea Hawk (1940) Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall. ****																		
16	(Off Air)				VideoMorning			Dallas	Aleene's Crafts	Wildhorse													
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Housesmart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home															
18	Columbo			Lovejoy Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy		Equalizer															
19	Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters	Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Designing													
20	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Women's College Basketball															
21	Scooby Dooby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Spenser: For Hire	CHiPs	Thunder															
22	Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegria	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World													
23	Mighty Max	Sonic	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Jericho Fever (1993)	Stephanie Zambalst ** 1/2	Major Dad	Claude	USALive															
24	Gros T.V.	El Chavo	Cheperrito	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Dos Mujeres Un Camino	Bajo un Mismo Rostro	Pecado															
25	Classroom		History Showcase	Real West		Movie: The Confession (1970) Yves Montand, Simone Signoret. ***																	
26	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Perfect	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe												

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
2	C. Brown	Pooh	Donald	Movie: Heathcliff-Mvie	Plutopia	Puss Cafe	Tale Spin	DuckTales	Chip 'n' Dale	Goof Troop	
3	Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury		Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News		
4	Body Elec.	Bridge	Keeping Up	Savor	In the Prime	Painting	Wishbone	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Magc Bus
5	(12:05) Movie: *** Mr. Destiny (1990)		JonQuest	Flintstones	Brady	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
6	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Afterschool Special	Rosie O'Donnell			News	ABC News		
7	News	Streets of San Francisco	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell				
8	(11:10) College Basketball	College Basketball: NCAA Tour. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA		Am.Journal	Hard Copy	News					
9	Gunsmoke	Little House on the Prairie	Matlock	Batman	Spider-Man	Beetleborgs	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Simpsons		
10	Ski World	Sr. PGA	Inside PGA	Tennis ATP Champions Cup - Early Rounds		Sportscenr.		Up Close	Sportstr.		
11	(12:00) Home & Family		ShopDrop	Shopping	It Takes Two	Bloopers	Before They Were Stars	C. Burnett	C. Burnett		
12	(11:45) Movie: 100 Rifles	(45) Movie: Robin of Locksley Devon Sawa. ** 'PG'			Movie: Speed Zone! John Candy. * 'PG'						
13	Movie: My Mother's	Movie: Bugs Bunny's: 1001 Rabbit Tales			Movie: Amazing Grace and Chuck Joshua Zuehlke. 'PG'						
14	Movie: Armed and Dangerous 'PG-13'	Movie: Making the Case for Murder			(45) Movie: Circle of Friends Chris O'Donnell. 'PG-13'						
15	Movie: Mogambo (1953) Clark Gable, Ava Gardner. ***				Movie: Somebody Up						
16	Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance					
17	Home	Housesmart!	Interior Mot.	Start	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Bay, 2000	Next Step		
18	Equalizer	Columbo	Lovejoy Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy						
19	Nurses	Movie: Spenser: Ceremony (1993) Robert Ulrich. ** 1/2	L.A. Law	Comish	Supermkt	Debt					
20	Basketball	Big 12 Show	NBA Action	Swimming and Diving	Speed	Speed	Speed	Texas 500	Texas A&M		
21	Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie: The Burning Hills (1957) Tab Hunter. ** 1/2							
22	Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon	Muppets	Chipmunks	Gadget	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Clairissa	Tiny Toon
23	USALive	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	PGA Golf Honda Classic - First Round		Renegade			
24	(12:00) Pecado de Amor		Luz Clarita		Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero			
25	Movie: Combat at Sea		Real West		Movie: The Confession (1970) Yves Montand, Simone Signoret. ***						
26	Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	NBA	Motorcycle Racing Daytona 200				Photo Safari	Auto Racing		

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2	Movie: DuckTales: Movie	Jungle2	(45) Movie: The Hobbit ** 1/2			(05) Movie: The Liberators ** 1/2		Aretha Franklin			
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Suddenly	Seinfeld	Naked Truth	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show		
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	(05) Antiques Roadshow				Keeping Up Appearances		Computer	Charlie Rose		
5	Videos	Videos	(05) Movie: Uncommon Valor (1983) Gene Hackman. ** 1/2			(20) Movie: Flight of the Intruder (1991) **					
6	News	Wh. Fortune	High Incident	Vital Signs		Peter Jennings Reporting	News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
7	Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Sister, Sis.	Sister, Sis.	Jamie Foxx	Wayans		WiseGuy	Heat		
8	News	College Basketball: NCAA Tour. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA				College Basketball: NCAA Tour. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA					
9	Roseanne	Mad-You	Marlin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Mad-You	Cops	Real TV		
10	Sportstr.	Legends of Hockey	World Cup Skiing	Cheerleading		Baseball	Sportscenr.		Strongman		
11	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911		700 Club		Holocaust			
12	Movie: Does This Mean	Movie: Fatal Combat Jeff Wincott. 'R'			TysonHoly	Movie: Men of War Dolph Lundgren. 'R'		Movie: Fortunes of War 'R'			
13	Movie: Necessary R.	Movie: Nick of Time Johnny Depp. ** 'R'			Movie: DNA Mark Dacascos. 'NR'	Movie: Paradise Lost: Child Murders					
14	(5:30) Movie: ** Only You	Movie: For the Moment Russell Crowe. 'PG-13'									



Scouting for food

Scout Pack 53 from Nazarene Christian Academy participated in the Boy Scout food drive Saturday to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for Hereford Community Food Bank. Pictured with den leader Mary Beth Messer are Hank Messer, Preston Ward, J.A. Hyer and Carson Ward.

Panhandle setting for mysteries written by Amarillo housewife

By MELLA McEWEN
Midland Reporter-Telegram
MIDLAND, Texas - There's murder on D.R. Meredith's agenda. But don't call the police; it's only for her next novel.

Ms. Meredith, an Amarillo housewife and mother of two, has gained recognition for two series of mysteries set in the Texas Panhandle. "I've always liked mysteries," she explained. "I've always read them, though I wasn't a Nancy Drew fan. I started out with Agatha Christie."

She puts the beginning of her writing career at the winter of 1977-78 when she and her husband were living in Dumas with their infant daughter and toddler son.

"It was just after Christmas," she recalled "and we got our last snow in May. I never got to leave the house except to go to the grocery store or to the doctor."

One night when her husband came home, both children were asleep, and she had just finished a stack of mysteries.

"He suggested I write one myself. Well, most mysteries are set in New York or Los Angeles or San Francisco. He suggested I set it in the Panhandle. So I made the lead character a sheriff, put the body in the barbecue pit and someone bought it."

That character, a Dallas native

named Charles Matthews, sheriff of Crawford County, was featured in a series of five novels.

She also wrote two historical novels, "A Time Too Late" and "The Reckoning."

At present, Ms. Meredith is developing a series centered around a woman justice of the peace, a character who has appeared in several of her short stories. The first book has been submitted to a publisher.

She is also developing a third historical novel set in the Texas Panhandle.

"We get a lot of books set around Austin and San Antonio and there are even historical novels set in South Texas - Austin, San Antonio, even Dallas-Fort Worth, or some innocuous West Texas setting," she said. "There are lots and lots of westerns set in Texas, but there's not much set around my area. I live here and I think it's interesting; there's a lot of real good history here."

She is part of a history of female mystery writers, including such authors as Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers and Mary Roberts Rinehart and even current best selling authors such as Sue Grafton and Patricia Cornwell.

"There are lots of female writers in the mystery field," she pointed out. "It's at least 50-50 between male

and female. It's always been a field women have felt comfortable in."

Ms. Meredith, whose first name is Doris, publishes her novels under her initials because "when I was first published, I wanted to get away from the gender thing," she explained. "I didn't want people reading me because I was female or not reading me because I was female."

"Of course, now it doesn't really make a whole lot of difference. In fact, when an author uses initials these days it's as likely to be a man writing a female character as it is a female writing a male character. If I was just beginning to publish today, I don't know if I would use my initials."

Ms. Meredith plans to share her experiences writing and publishing mystery novels during a visit to Midland, where she will take part in the Women Mystery Writers' Festival beginning March 15 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

"I can't teach participants how to write in an afternoon. But I can give advice or some ideas or some encouragement. Sometimes it's a matter of defining what it is the author is trying to do."

At a workshop, she will include some of the more important ingredients of a mystery novel: treating suspense, ways to cast suspicion and the importance of characterization. Ms. Meredith, known for the unique ways her victims are "done in," won "Oppie" awards for best mystery novel in 1984 and 1985.

She was one of three Texas mystery writers who participated in the Governor's Sesquicentennial Conference on the Literary Arts and was featured in Texas Monthly magazine for its in-depth study of Texas mysteries and the people who write them, "Partners in Crime." Also, Texas Almanac named her one of the state's 10 best mystery writers.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, she has been a teacher, librarian and bookseller.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: After my father passed away, Mom offered my brother the downstairs apartment of her home. Mom lives upstairs and agreed to let him live on the ground floor for the first year rent-free. After that, he was supposed to start paying rent.

It is now seven years later, and my mother has yet to see a full month's rent. She is a very good-hearted person and believes my brother when he tells her things are tough and he can give her only a few bucks here and there.

Mom is 73 and working two jobs. She has four other children who are struggling, but we all manage to get by and try to help her a little. This slick brother will be 40 soon. If he lived anywhere else, his landlord would have thrown him out by now, but because it's Mom, he thinks he can get away with it.

I hope you will print my letter so my brother will see it and maybe it will shame him into shaping up. -- Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Long Island: Moochers like your brother are generally shameless. I'm printing your letter, however, on the outside chance that it might make a dent. Meanwhile, it would be helpful if someone could make your

mother see that she is crippling your brother even more by allowing him to get away with such shameless freeloading. Make the effort.

Dear Ann Landers: Last September, I attempted suicide. My whole life was a mess. I was unconscious for three days and almost died, but thank God, I lived.

The very first people to arrive at my home after the 911 call were three wonderful firemen from Engine 1441, along with a wonderful officer from the Dublin, Calif., police. These four men worked hard to save my life. The firemen kept me breathing until the paramedics arrived. The police officer kept curiosity seekers away from my home and consoled my daughter and a friend. My daughter told me how caring and compassionate they all were.

Three months later, I wrote a letter thanking all of them for working so hard to save my life. Ann, I was not prepared for what happened next.

The three firemen took time out of their busy schedules to come to my house with a Christmas card and a plant. I have never been so amazed in my life. These complete strangers cared enough to go out of their way to show kindness.

Newspapers tend to print only the

negative about the police and fire departments. Please let your readers know how kind and gentle the men and women are who protect and serve their various communities. -- Forever Grateful in California

Dear Grateful: What a splendid tribute to the firemen and policeman who helped save your life. These extraordinary people perform acts of heroism every day and think nothing of it. Bless them.

Dear Ann Landers: Several months ago, I broke off my engagement to my fiance. I was going away to school and rarely found time to write letters, much less visit. I was also having family problems and couldn't take the stress of maintaining a serious relationship.

Here's the dilemma. My family problems have been resolved. I have graduated from college and have a good job. I want him back.

After I got my life on track, I realized how much I missed him. I still love him, Ann, and want to marry him. How do I apologize for what I did? Is there any way I can fix this? -- Raleigh, W.Va.

Dear Raleigh: The best way to "fix" a broken relationship is to be totally honest, make no excuses and just ask for forgiveness. Good luck.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, March 12, the 71st day of 1997. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 12, 1947, President Truman established what became known as the Truman Doctrine to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

On this date: In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1912, in Savannah, Ga., Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America.

In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

In 1933, President Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1938, the Anschluss took place as German troops entered Austria, completing what Adolf Hitler described as his mission to restore his homeland to the Third Reich.

In 1939, Pope Pius XII was formally crowned in ceremonies at the Vatican.

In 1940, Finland and the Soviet Union concluded an armistice during World War II. (Fighting between the two countries flared again the following year.)

In 1969, Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman in London.

In 1993, Janet Reno was sworn in as the first female attorney general.

In 1994, the Church of England ordained its first women priests. Ten years ago: A federal judge in Washington dismissed lawsuits by Lt. Col. Oliver North seeking to stop an independent counsel's investigation of his role in the Iran-Contra affair. The musical "Les Miserables" opened on Broadway.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council stood firm in its demand that Iraq comply totally with Gulf War cease-fire resolutions, rebuffing an

appeal for leniency from Saddam Hussein's special envoy, deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz.

One year ago: Republican Bob Dole swept the seven Super Tuesday primaries, gaining a virtual lock on the GOP presidential nomination.

Thought for Today: "The follies which a man regrets most in his life are those which he didn't commit when he had the opportunity." - Helen Rowland, American writer, journalist and humorist (1876-1950).

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Members still being sought

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a membership drive which will continue through March.

The Women's Division sponsors a number of community activities including the Little Miss Hereford Pageant, an annual style show, Christmas lighting contest, Beauty Spot of the Month, Featured Artist, the Sneak Preview Night held prior to the "Eat-Your-Heart-Out-Neiman-Marcus" Fun Breakfast, and "Woman of the Year."

They are also responsible for decorations for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The current member of the Women's Division who signs the most new members during the drive

Club meets at Gilbert home

Veleda Study Club met in the home of Betty Gilbert.

Frances Crume led the club collect and welcomed the guests, Thelma Lamb and Marcella McLain.

Roll call was answered with "Who's your favorite First Lady and why?"

The program for the meeting was a group discussion of the question "If you were selecting a career now, what would you choose?"

Last year's scrapbook was passed around for everyone to enjoy. The next meeting will be March 24 at the Deaf Smith County Museum.

Members present were Marcella Bradley, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Della Hutto, Joyce Ritter, Clovis Seago, Norma Walden, Margaret Zinser, Gilbert and Crume.

Be a good neighbor. Be alert for vandalism or break-ins. If you see anything unusual around a residence or business, call the police.

will receive a Brighton purse from the Pans Cage.

The names of all new members will be included in a drawing for 25 Hereford Bucks.

Winners will be announced at the quarterly meeting April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center.

Applications for membership are available at the Chamber office, 701 N. Main, or from any Women's Division member.

Actually not every member of the Lane family said "Yahoo" when they won LOTTO Texas. One or two of them may have said "Yippee."

Prize: \$10,789,254.90*

Winning Numbers: 1 3 10 18 19 46

Their System: Number of grandchildren, 1. Her age, 3. Her birthday, 10/18/91 (91 became 19) and Lou and Burch's age when she was born, 46.

First Purchase: Five new trucks.

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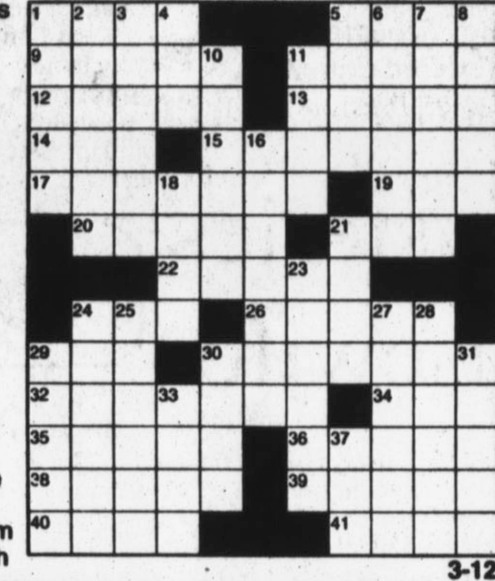
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 -- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

6. WANTED

Ironings Wanted-Openings for 3 more customers. Call 364-7480. 33737

8. HELP WANTED

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3-12 CRYPTOQUOTE
 MGG XJH DMSL PJ AJ
 JI PLGLSUCUJI UC OL
 XJHTCLGY, QTJSUALA, PDMP
 UC, PDMP XJH DMSL M
 CLGY PJ OL.—HIVIJEI CJHTZL
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: **WOMEN HAVE THEIR FAULTS; MEN HAVE ONLY TWO: EVERYTHING THEY SAY, EVERYTHING THEY DO.—ANONYMOUS**

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please tell me how to get rid of boils, besides the use of erythromycin. — Mrs. S.B.

ANSWER: "Once in a blue moon" boils come to a head and drain with little more than a warm, moist compress. To eradicate recurrent multiple boils, it usually takes an all-out attack.

It can be a long journey, but you can make a start.

Boils represent staphylococcus infections run amok from safe havens where the germs had been hanging out.

The nose, of all places, affords all the requisite features—the warmth, the moistness and the seclusion.

Bactroban ointment applied to the nostrils with a cotton applicator could be all you need. Use it twice a day, applying a coating to about a half-inch into each nostril. Do that for five consecutive days, and cross your fingers.

For a long-smoldering boils invasion, nothing substitutes for a total body counterattack, beginning with a full body wash with an anti-germ soap such as Hibiclenz. Repeat the bath daily for up to three weeks, changing washcloths, towels and bedsheets daily.

Throughout all that, you should try to eliminate the boil-former's chief failing: the finger-nose transmission of staph germs.

One reader wrote in response to that suggestion; she wore thin cotton gloves day and night to help her overcome the reflex habit. Remember, the same germs can hitch free rides to all parts of the body.

Your doctor seems to have committed some heavy artillery to the battle: erythromycin, an anti-staph antibiotic. Other antibiotics can be effective as well.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a slight cancer of the prostate. They want to try a procedure where they shoot little iodine pellets into the cancer area. No guarantees against aftereffects, however. Please discuss how the procedure works and what results I could expect. — R.T.

ANSWER: The radioactive pellets are no bigger than grains of rice.

The idea, designed to selectively kill cancer cells, was popularized in the early '70s, but it had its problems. The surgeon had to make an incision in the lower abdomen to get to where he wanted to insert the tiny seeds, guided by eyeball survey.

By the '80s, ultrasound and computer mapping permitted precise placement via a relatively painless penis probe done as an outpatient.

Rare side effects compare to those of any similar surgery. They include possible rectal wall injury, some later urination discomfort and perhaps impotence. I am sure your surgeon will discuss those rare possibilities with you.

Selection of patients who are eligible for the radiation therapy hinges on the relative cancer size and whether it has spread. A small, confined target area is best.

FOR B.P.: For cold urticaria — cold-induced hives — you should swaddle yourself with layered clothing on a cold day. Wear a ski mask.

An antihistamine such as cyproheptadine or doxepin is frequently prescribed for the problem.

Diet is not involved.

A cold-urticaria patient should avoid sudden immersion, as diving into cold water. A dangerous reaction could occur.

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE

Panhandle Community Services Housing Authority is seeking private rental properties to be placed on the Housing Assistance Program. Rental addresses and landlord contracts will be listed for qualified families seeking rental assistance. All units must meet HUD Housing Quality Standards. Contact PCS local office: 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite E, Hereford, Texas. (806)364-5631. AN EQUAL HOUSING AGENCY.

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11. BUSINESS SERVICES

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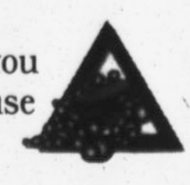


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