

Happy Thanksgiving

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HPD STEPs up car, child safety during holidays

"We're not doing this to be mean or make money for the city..."
Cpl. Terry Brown

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Staff Writer

Cpl. Terry Brown of the Hereford Police Department shakes his head as he talks about motorists' excuses for not wearing seat belts.

From wrinkling their clothes to cutting at their necks to not being able to look both ways with a safety belt, Brown said, motorists use many excuses to avoid receiving a citation.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, officers will not accept any excuses for seat belts, child safety seats or speed violations.

The police department received a grant to implement STEP, or Selected Traffic Enforcement Program. The program will be enforced Thursday through Sunday, he said.

STEP, which is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation, provides funds for officers overtime pay, gasoline for patrol vehicles and equipment, Brown said.

The state average compliance is 61 percent for child safety seats and 74 percent for seat belts, he said.

In the city of Hereford, Brown said, "We have such a lack of compliance."

The local average compliance is 31 percent for child safety seats and 56 percent for seat belts, he said.

The police department divided the city into four quadrants. Officers in marked and unmarked cars will patrol each quadrant, Brown said.

"There will be a zero tolerance on child safety seats, seat belts and speed (violations)," he said.

No warnings will be given, Brown said, officers will issue citations for traffic violations.

"We're asking the community to voluntarily comply," he said.

One motorist in compliance with the laws will be pulled over, Brown said.

"We're going to give them a turkey for turkey day," he said.

Officers have reported 285 accidents in Hereford since January. Of those accidents, motorists suffered

serious injuries in 53 major accidents, Brown said.

"We're not doing this to be mean or make money for the city, we're just trying to keep people from getting hurt," he said.

Brown provided these statistics on child safety seats, seat belts and speed:

-- Eighty-eight percent of fatalities in speed-related crashes occurred on non-Interstate highways, which means that only 12 percent occurred on highways.

-- Sixty percent of fatal or injury crashes occur on roads with posted limits of 40 mph or less.

-- Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 47 percent for toddlers.

-- Front seat lap and shoulder belts are about 65 percent effective in preventing moderate-to-critical injuries in light trucks.

-- Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 69 percent for infants.

-- As many as half of the child safety seats in use today are installed incorrectly without parents realizing it. Parents should always read the instruction manual.

-- Air bags can cause serious injury or death to infants in rear-facing child car seats.

-- Wearing safety belts is the easiest and most effective way of cutting the highway death toll.

-- On average, 1,000 people are killed every month in speed-related crashes.

-- Speed is a factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes.

-- Speed crashes cost society \$23 billion each year.

-- Speeding reduces the effectiveness of the vehicle's safety features.

-- Fuel consumption increases steadily with increasing travel speed above 45 mph.

-- If a motorist is driving 45 mph instead of 35 mph on a five-mile trip, he will save less than two minutes before arriving at your destination. On a longer trip of 25 miles, increasing speed from 55 mph to 65 mph saves a motorist only 4-1/3 minutes.

-- If a motorist was to crash into a barrier at 45 mph, the impact speed would be roughly the same as that reached after falling from a seven-story building.



Are you hungry, Pilgrim?

Four-year-olds in Vicky Barrera's Pre-Kindergarten bilingual class at Stanton Special Programs Center learned the proper attire of Pilgrims on Tuesday. The students, like Pilgrims long

ago, counted their many blessings before enjoying a turkey feast with all the trimmings. Schools will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Simpson defense remains idle despite damaging accusations

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) -- Bringing to a close the most dramatic stage in the civil case yet, O.J. Simpson stepped down from the witness stand Tuesday without any effort by his lawyer to undo the damage from two days of accusations from the other side.

Defense attorney Robert Baker had been expected to throw Simpson a round of sympathetic questions. But in a surprise move criticized by some experts, Baker said he will call Simpson back to the stand during the defense portion of the wrongful-death lawsuit next month.

As a result, the jurors headed home for a six-day Thanksgiving holiday carrying a final image of Simpson denying yet again that he stabbed to death Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. The trial resumes on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, a juror was removed after being accused of trying to contact attorneys in the case and one of their employees. The woman, an aspiring actress, said her only offense was to compliment a paralegal's tie.

Late Tuesday, the court released the transcript of telephone calls between Simpson and Detective Tom Lange during the slowdown Bronco chase in which Simpson says he's headed to his estate to kill himself.

"The first date I had with Nicole, very first date I had with her, the first night we ever went out... we went to that house. It was all in a shambles. I had just bought it. But that's where we went."

Lange pleaded with Simpson to throw his gun out the window.

"I'm just going to leave. I'm just going to go with Nicole," Simpson said.

Simpson said he had planned to kill himself at his ex-wife's gravesite but "you wouldn't let me."

At another point, Simpson said: "I just can't do it here on the freeway. I couldn't do it in the field. I went to do it at her grave. I want to do it at my house."

Portions of the transcript were read in court Monday.

On the stand, Simpson claimed he told Lange many times that he didn't kill his ex-wife. There are no such denials in the transcript. He does say, "All I did was love Nicole. That's all I did was love her."

Telling his story for the first time in front of a jury, Simpson was battered for two days with evidence, insinuations and accusations, from blood in his Bronco and mansion to a lie-detector that allegedly showed him being "extremely deceptive."

Despite rapid-fire questioning from a lawyer who was literally in his face, Simpson answered in calm, even tones, giving no flash of the explosive temper the other side had hoped to bring out. He answered with a series of "I don't know's" and a string of denials.

Among other things, Simpson said he couldn't explain anything from the location of any gloves he owned to how he got cuts on his hand — crescent-shaped gouges the plaintiffs say Ms. Simpson and Goldman made with their fingernails during a death struggle.

Baker's decision to postpone Simpson's "rehabilitation" in front of the jury came as a surprise.

"I think it's a bad idea," said the Wyoming defense attorney Gerry Spence. "You want to have your client tell his story as many times as possible, assuming he has a story to tell and can tell it effectively. He has

certainly shown he can tell it effectively."

But Loyola University Law School Dean Laurie Levenson called it a smart move on Baker's part. "This way, when they put O.J. on the stand," she said, "he will be well-packaged. He'll be surrounded by defense witnesses who will have done much of the explaining for him."

Asked about the risky strategy, Baker said: "Every pundit thinks they can read the minds of the jury. We'll see."

The day began with a twist reminiscent of Simpson's murder trial: Ann-Marie Jamison was removed from the jury by Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki, who accused her of trying to contact participants in the case.

Jamison said all she did was compliment the tie a paralegal for the plaintiffs was wearing. After the juror's dismissal, the paralegal, Steve Foster, wisecracked: "I think she's got good taste in ties."

In an only-in-L.A. touch, Jamison — a former bikini girl on TV's "Diagnosis Murder" who marched into the jury box on Halloween wearing a purple T-shirt with a bright orange message: "It's Halloween! Care to Go Bump in the Night?" — already had an agent and promptly booked a round of TV appearances.

Senator Bivins' office sets town hall meeting Tuesday

AMARILLO -- State Senator Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) will conduct a town hall meeting in Hereford at 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9 in the Community Center located at 100 Avenue C. All area residents are invited to attend.

Bivins will discuss the upcoming 75th Legislative Session and the bills he plans to introduce. He will also answer questions from constituents and solicit their views on state issues.

In January, the legislature is expected to address such issues as tax reform, redistricting, tort reform and

economic development. "I look forward to hearing from my constituents about what is important to them," Bivins said. "I believe we will have another successful session like we did in 1995."

Bivins is serving his third term in the Texas Senate. He is chairman of the Senate education Committee and also serves on the Finance and Natural Resources committees.

The legislature will convene Jan. 14, 1997 and meet through June 2, 1997.



Today's issue of the Brand is combined with our regular Thursday issue in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular publishing schedules will resume Friday, Nov. 29. The classified want ad deadlines for Friday's edition have been extended to 8 a.m. Friday. All other advertising deadlines will remain in effect. The Hereford Brand staff wishes our readers a safe and happy Turkey Day.

MONTHLY ACCIDENT REPORT FOR 1996

MONTH	MINOR	MAJOR	FATAL	TOTAL
JANUARY	13	09	00	21
FEBRUARY	32	09	00	41
MARCH	14	03	00	17
APRIL	20	10	00	30
MAY	37	02	00	39
JUNE	15	05	00	20
JULY	21	06	00	27
AUGUST	22	04	00	26
SEPTEMBER	25	01	00	26
OCTOBER	34	04	00	38
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				
TOTAL 1996				

Source: Hereford Police Department

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Local Roundup

Condition stable

Jessica Weishaar is reported in stable condition in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital after being thrown from a horse Friday. She suffered a broken hip and other complications. The Hereford Junior High 7th grader is the daughter of Ron and Jan Weishaar and granddaughter of Ed and Millie Barrett.

Holiday closings set

Deaf Smith County and City of Hereford employees will take a two-day holiday, Thursday and Friday, for Thanksgiving while state offices will follow suit but federal employees will have only Thursday for turkey. Banking institutions will be closed Thursday and no mail service will be available for the day.

Museum closed for holiday

The Deaf Smith County Museum will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular museum hours will resume Monday.

County library will be closed

Deaf Smith County Library will be closed Nov. 28 until further notice (approximately two weeks) for the Thanksgiving holiday and the installation of new carpet. The book drop will remain unlocked so that patrons may return books by their due dates and not incur overdue fines.

Chilly weather expected

Hereford recorded a high temperature on Tuesday of 47 degrees, with a low Wednesday morning of 19 degrees. Wednesday night will be partly cloudy and cold. Low will be in the 20s, with south winds from 5-15 mph. The forecast for Thanksgiving Day calls for mostly cloudy skies and warmer temperatures. High will be in the 50s, with southwest winds from 5-15 mph. Friday will be cloudy with a chance of freezing rain, sleet or snow. Highs will be in the 30s.

Emergency Services

Activities of law enforcement agencies reported Wednesday are:

- Hereford**
- Police Department**
 - 29-year-old man arrested for running a stop sign.
 - 22-year-old man arrested in the 100 block of Avenue I for driving with license suspended.
 - Report of welfare concern for a woman missing in the 200 block of 16th Street. Woman was later located in the 600 block of Avenue H.
 - Report of customer who drove off without paying for gasoline in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
 - Nine traffic citations were issued.
 - Report of one minor vehicle accident without injuries.
 - Fire Department**
 - Sent 6 miles east on Hwy. 60 in

reference to a motor vehicle accident.

- Sent south of R and P Feed Yard. Unknown fire.
- Sent to 419 Sycamore Lane in reference to smoke inside house.

Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department

- 25-year-old male arrested for parole violation.
- 30-year-old male arrested for theft over \$50, under \$500.
- 23-year-old male arrested for theft by check over \$20, under \$500.
- 34-year-old female arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Department of Public Safety

- 24-year-old female arrested for speeding and failure to appear.

State

DALLAS - The estranged wife of evangelist Robert Tilton could get part of his church's \$30 million in assets because a judge refused to separate the church property from the couple's divorce suit.

In an unprecedented ruling, state District Judge Bill Burdock on Tuesday turned down Word of Faith World Outreach Center Church's request to be released as a defendant in Tilton's divorce from Leigh Valentine Tilton.

The judge said the court has jurisdiction to consider assets, including the \$1.6 million former parsonage in suburban Addison, Texas.

Tony Wright, Ms. Tilton's attorney, hailed the ruling as a decisive step toward what could be a remarkable divorce settlement. J.C. Joyce, an attorney for the Farmers Branch, Texas, church, downplayed its significance and expressed confidence in eventual victory.

Both sides said they knew of no other case in which a church's property was contested in its leader's divorce. Observers said the ruling raises concerns about government intrusion into religious life.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alzheimer's patients are getting a second drug that fights the memory-robbing symptoms of the fatal brain disease - and may be taken by many more patients because it causes fewer side effects.

The drug Aricept, created by Japan's Eisai Co., won Food and Drug Administration approval late Monday. Pfizer Inc., which will sell the drug here, said it will be on pharmacy shelves in several weeks.

Aricept "provides another choice" for patients who cannot take Cognex, the only other Alzheimer's medication sold, said Dr. Zhaven Khachaturian of the Alzheimer's Association's Reagan Research Institute.

Some 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which has no known cause or cure. It afflicts mainly the elderly, robbing them of their memories and ability to care for themselves, and eventually kills them.

LAUGHLIN, Nev. (AP) - A former New Jersey prosecutor who jumped bail more than a week ago rather than to go to prison shot himself to death Tuesday in a casino hotel room after federal marshals tracked him down and kicked in the door.

Nicholas Bissell, who was convicted of skimming \$146,000 from his business to live a life of gambling and luxury, stuck a gun in his mouth and fired as officers tried to talk him into surrendering, marshals said.

The news stunned those who remembered him as a brash, often arrogant crimefighter proud of the millions in assets his office seized in drug cases.

Bissell, 49, had vanished on Nov. 18 while under house arrest, cutting off his electronic monitoring bracelet and leaving it on a kitchen counter along with what was characterized as a suicide note. The contents were not disclosed.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Entrance fees will double at Yellowstone, Yosemite and other popular national parks and will be charged for the first time at some federal wildlife refuges and recreation areas, the government said Tuesday.

The new and increased fees for admission, snowmobiling, boating and back-country camping will help raise an estimated \$30 million to \$50 million over three years for improvements at 106 sites managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The most significant increases under the trial program will occur beginning next year at four of the most-visited U.S. national parks - Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Grand Teton - where the cost of an annual pass per carload will go from the current \$15 to \$40.

The fee at those parks will rise from the current \$10 to \$20 per car for seven days. Fees at most other identified sites will range from \$2 per person to about \$20 per car.

Lottery director questioned

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Lottery Executive Director Nora Linares has come under fire in connection with a contract awarded to a close friend of hers four years ago by the company that operates the lottery.

Ms. Linares was questioned for more than two hours Tuesday by the three-member Texas Lottery Commission about how Mike Moeller, a friend and former boss of hers at the Texas Department of Agriculture, got a \$30,000 consulting job with GTECH Holdings Corp. in 1992.

The contract was awarded to Moeller just months after the Rhode Island company won a five-year contract to run the Texas Lottery. Moeller is currently serving time in a federal prison in a case stemming from his work with the Agriculture Department.

Two key revelations from Tuesday's meeting included:

- Moeller's contract with GTECH listed a New Mexico address belonging to a cousin of Ms. Linares.
- Ms. Linares took a trip last year to Santa Fe, N.M., with Moeller and Lena Guerrero, a lobbyist for Dittler Bros., the Texas Lottery's instant ticket manufacturer.

Ms. Guerrero lost her bid for re-election for the Texas Railroad Commission in 1992 after acknowledging during the campaign that she falsely claimed to have graduated from the University of Texas in 1980.

"Ms. Linares has been consistently an advocate for GTECH and its performance," Texas Lottery Commission chairwoman Harriet Miers told reporters after the meeting.

"I would hope it's been based on objective criteria. But that is obviously an issue that this commission has to look at as to whether there would be any other motives and we will be looking at that issue."

Ms. Miers said she wouldn't comment on her confidence in Ms. Linares to continue as executive director until more information from GTECH regarding Moeller's contract was made available.

GTECH officials told the commission Tuesday that they were still investigating exactly what Moeller did for them. They said Moeller's contract pertained only to work in New Mexico and not Texas. They said they disagree with Moeller's hiring and blame it on a former executive who has since been convicted on federal charges in New Jersey of defrauding GTECH in a kickback scheme.

GTECH recently had its 1992 contract to run the lottery extended for another five years without a

rebidding process. Ms. Linares has said her decisions regarding the company were based on its performance. She declined comment to reporters after the hearing Tuesday.

Moeller and Ms. Linares both have said she didn't know about the contract until recently.

In the contract Moeller had with GTECH, he listed an Alamogordo, N.M., address of a cousin of Ms. Linares.

Ms. Linares told the commission that several years ago, Moeller had asked her if she knew of someone whose address he could use temporarily for a business venture. She said she was unaware that the business venture involved GTECH.

"He told me he was doing business in New Mexico. I probably assumed it was business he was doing in regards to other stuff," Ms. Linares told the commission.

"Why, of all the people in the world, would he ask her for an address?" Ms. Miers said. "That's a question any logical person would have to ask. Was he her only friend?"

Ms. Linares' attorney, Charles Soechting, who also represented Moeller in a divorce proceeding last year, wouldn't comment on a report that Ms. Linares and Moeller are romantically involved.

"I'm not going to comment on that," Soechting said.

Ms. Miers said, "I think where we ought to be focused is did this behavior adversely affect the lottery. The focus on whether they were very close friends or romantic, I think misses the point."

Ms. Linares said the trip she took to Santa Fe in 1995 with a group of people that included Moeller, Ms. Guerrero and deputy lottery director

Zoann Atwood was a weekend vacation unrelated to lottery business.

"Why Mr. Moeller was on that trip along with other representatives of this lottery I don't have the answers to," Ms. Miers said. "It's something that definitely needs to be followed up on."

When asked about Ms. Linares vacationing with a lobbyist working for a company with interests in the lottery, Ms. Miers said, "The policy of the lottery is to be as careful as possible when it comes to the appearance of impropriety."

Moeller once was a top assistant to former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower. He worked as Ms. Linares' boss at the Agriculture Department before she went to work for the lottery in 1991.

Moeller was convicted of trading government contracts for political contributions for former Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower.



Fall weather

Hereford residents took advantage of the cooler, sunny weather this week. A cold front caused trees to shed their leaves: Here, Victoria Rodriguez, 3, has her hands full with her rake in the 100 block of Centre Street. Helping gather the leaves are Sylvester Ramirez, left, and her mother Rosie Rodriguez. The forecast calls for slightly warmer temperatures on Thanksgiving Day, with a high near 50 degrees.

HMO regulation scrutinized by Texas lawmakers

DALLAS (AP) - Texas lawmakers are preparing to saddle HMOs and the rest of the managed health-care industry with a series of proposed pro-patient laws.

In a report to be released next week by the Senate Interim Committee on Managed Care and Consumer Protections, legislators will recommend more than two dozen changes to the way managed-care organizations are regulated.

If enacted, the laws would be among the most pro-patient health-care rules in the country.

Much of the proposed legislation will circumvent attempts by health maintenance organizations to cut costs and reduce services.

The report will include proposals to improve patient access and treatment, to tighten financial-solvency requirements and to water down some of the competitive practices that have made HMOs so dominant. Other recommendations would make law a series of pro-patient rules that have already been enacted by regulators.

Lawmakers say the recommendations originate from five public meetings held around the state by the committee. Sen. David Sibley, a Waco Republican who led the panel, said "we're trying not to take sides as to whether physicians or HMOs will prevail. But ultimately I think it's going to end up being an uneasy peace."

HMO officials, whose industry has become the focus of constant criticism, say they aren't upset about any individual recommendation.

But taken as a whole, they say, the Senate committee's new rules could make their lives much more difficult and costly.

"The bottom line is that there's not one single item that really would cost us," says Geoffrey Wurzel, executive director of the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Association, a trade group.

"But there are a lot of individual items here," he said.

"And there's a big potential cost for all of these. So all tied together, they're a big concern."

The new laws would allow regulators from the Texas Department of Insurance to specify maximum waiting times in doctors' offices for scheduled appointments and a minimum doctor-patient ratio at a given HMO. TDI would also specify maximum distances patients would have to travel to get treatment, lawmakers said.

The new ordinances would open health-maintenance organizations to greater liability in malpractice lawsuits.

They would also transfer regulatory oversight for

quality-of-care issues to the Insurance Department from the Texas Department of Health, a move that in practice has already occurred.

Lisa McGiffert, a senior policy analyst at the Consumers Union Southwest Regional Office in Austin said, "There is no doubt that some people are really mad at HMOs."

"But this is a rational response to problems that have been identified with HMOs."

The industry was battered by pro-consumer legislation last session, and Wurzel says many of the recommendations appear to have their roots in the stormy debate over the

Patient Protection Act. The measure won the approval of the Texas House and Senate, but Gov. George W. Bush vetoed it, primarily because of the potential costs of a clause that would have allowed HMO members to "buy up" to a less-restrictive health-care plan.

Since the veto, many of the less-costly provisions of the act have been enacted through rules written by the Insurance Department. Some of the major legislative changes would codify those rules in state law, meaning that HMOs that didn't follow the law could be subject to lawsuits and not just to administrative penalties.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a parent of one of the volleyball players, I don't think anyone has enjoyed the last four months anymore than I have. I would like to say thank you to the players and coaches of the "State Champs."

The players and coaches effort know how I feel about their effort, and the people I really want to thank with this letter are the "fans." Without a doubt Hereford has the greatest fans in the world -- including those that no longer live here, that call to see how the team is doing or show up at the games wherever we are.

Ex-players have called my daughter to wish her good luck, or have written letters to be read to the team. The number of Hereford fans who showed up in Austin was incredible. Their support clearly overshadowed support offered to other teams represented in the play-offs.

This type of support comes from the heart and I know that our team performed better this year because of the "fans" tremendous support.

Thanks Whiteface fans.

Temple Abney

Dear Editor:

CONGRATULATIONS! State Champion Lady Whiteface Volleyball Team. We are so proud of you!

You overcame many obstacles on the road to the championship. You set

a goal and with dedication and perseverance, you accomplished it.

Along with your athletic and coaching abilities has been your poise and conduct as you represented Hereford High School and the community of Hereford. You displayed outstanding character and sportsmanship as you pursued your goal.

We deeply appreciate each of you, individually and as a team. Thanks for the memories.

Tommie Weemes
President
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Texas Lottery

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

14-15-20-26-28

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

7-5-6

Crime Stoppers

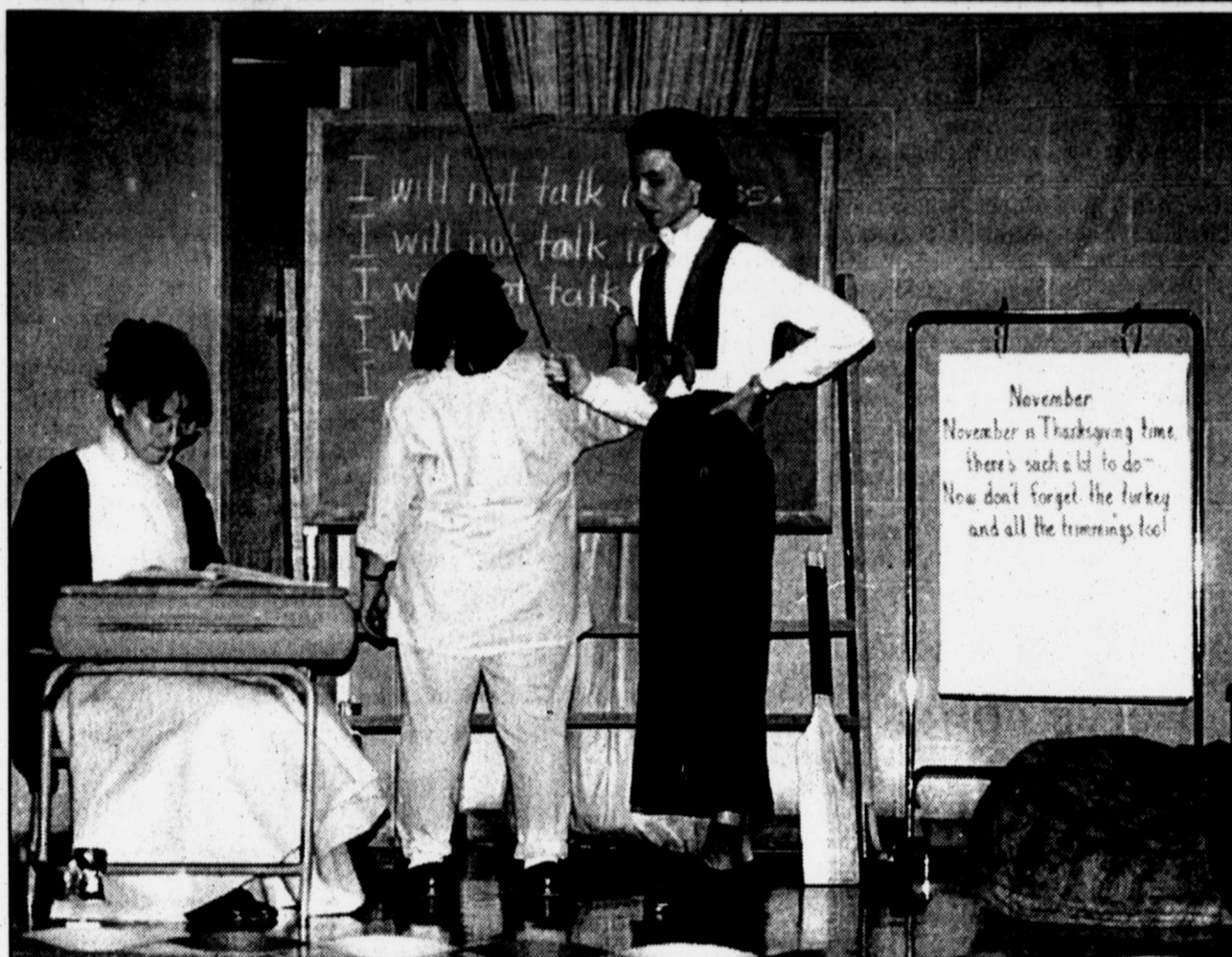
The Hereford Police Department is investigating the burglary of a storage building in the 800 block of Baltimore. The offense took place around Nov. 19 when more than \$2,000 worth of items were taken including a self-propelled lawn mower, rototiller and chain saw.

Anyone having information which leads to an arrest and indictment in the Crime of the Week can receive a reward of up to \$1,000.

Anyone having any information about the Crime of the Week or any other criminal activity is urged to call the CLUE LINE at 364-CLUE.

All callers may remain anonymous by using a code name or number.

Lifestyles



50's classroom at Aikman

Aikman School observed its 40th birthday Tuesday with a special assembly. Current Aikman teachers provided a reenactment of a classroom from 1956 when the school was built. The school was named after Ela Aikman, a Hereford teacher who died from leukemia. D.C. Martin was the first principal and remained until 1973. John Poindexter was principal until 1990 when Charles Lyles, present principal, assumed the position.

Senior Citizens

Kendall to be honored with birthday reception

MENUS
THURSDAY-Closed. Happy Thanksgiving.
FRIDAY-Closed.
MONDAY-Baked ham, northern beans, buttered broccoli, cabbage/carrot salad, whole wheat bread, mixed canned fruit, cookies; or beef ribettes, diet cookies.
TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, corn O'Brien, Waldorf salad, hot rolls, Boston cream cake; or baked chicken breast, green yellow squash, diet Boston creme cake.
WEDNESDAY-Polish sausage with barbecue sauce, cheese grits, blackeyed peas, coleslaw, cornbread, lemon pie; or smothered pork chops, mixed greens, D'zerta lemon pie.

ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY-Closed. Happy Thanksgiving.
FRIDAY-Closed.
SATURDAY-Closed.
MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.
TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., doll class 6-9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m.
 Quilting daily 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The children and grandchildren of Anna Mae Danforth Kendall will honor her with a birthday reception on the celebration of her 80th birthday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church Kenzie Parlor.



ANNA MAE KENDALL

Mrs. Kendall was born on Nov. 28, 1916 in Plainview. She had two sisters, Helen Danforth Patton, who died several years ago, and Katie Danforth Kendall who lives in Hereford.

She started school in Plainview, then moved to Los Angeles, Calif. for six years. Her family moved to Hereford in 1930.

Her father operated a feed mill and then built the Packard Mill. She worked for her father in the office and that is where she met her future husband, Ernest Kendall.

They were married Dec. 24, 1940. They had three children, Sherry, David and Kyle.

The Kendalls owned the full service laundry in Hereford for more than 20 years. Through the years they also owned the Vogue Dress Shop, the Colonial Motel, the Plains Motel and the Boot and Saddle Shop.

Mr. Kendall died in the fall of 1983 after a long illness. Mrs. Kendall still lives in Hereford and is very active with church and senior citizen activities.

Winget is presiding officer for Hereford Toastmasters meeting

Wayne Winget served as toastmaster and presiding officer at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters.

Imad Khuri served as timer and Dr. Nadir Khuri as AH counter and Grammarian.

As wordmaster, Herb Vogel introduced the word *crux*.

Topicmaster was Dan Hall. Topic speakers and their topics were Sharon Cramer, a replacement for Gibsons; Vogel, Holly Sugar and Hereford; and Clark Andrews, advantages of living in Hereford.

Speakers for the meeting were Mike Morrison and Linda Minchew. Morrison's topic was "If At First You

Don't Succeed, Get Back on the Horse," and was evaluated by Charles Minchew.

"I'm Just Ah..." was the title of Minchew's speech and it was evaluated by Clark Andrews.

Sharon Cramer served as general evaluator.

Linda Minchew was voted best speaker and Clark Andrews was voted best evaluator and best topic speaker.

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Ann Landers

Thanksgiving poem from reader

Dear Ann Landers: A few years ago, I attended a church service on Thanksgiving. It was unique and unforgettable. Instead of talking at length, the pastor took several cordless microphones and, with his assistants, went out among the members of his congregation and asked people what they had to be thankful for.

We heard the usual expressions of gratitude for jobs, health, peace, family, friends and so forth. When they approached me, I had no idea what I was going to say because life had dealt me several unexpected blows.

I shared how I had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis a few years earlier and was thankful because it taught me to be more compassionate toward people who were in worse shape than I.

I was thankful for having survived a vicious and bitter divorce that I did not want because it taught me so much about myself -- and others. After the divorce, I experienced several days of being really hungry because I could not pay my bills and buy food, too. I was thankful for those lean days because they taught me a lot about foolish pride and what was really important.

As I handed the microphone back to the pastor, I mentioned that I was certain we gain the greatest wisdom when things in our lives seem to be at their worst. I was most thankful for the wisdom I had acquired through this pain. Lord knows I now feel wise beyond my years.

Ann, even though my first wife is gone, my second wife is such a blessing that I know she is a gift from God. I never dreamed that I would be lucky enough to have a woman as wonderful as she is.

Please print this poem. I don't know who the author is, but the words express my feelings completely. -- Thankful in Muskegon, Mich.

Dear Thankful: Here is the poem. It brought to mind an old adage that has long been one of my favorites: Be careful what you pray for -- you might get it. I Asked God

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for -- but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

Dear Ann: While in a supermarket

yesterday, I tossed a large box of cereal into a cart I had grabbed in haste. Within seconds, I heard a woman scream, "You idiot! Why don't you look at what you're doing. My puppy is in that cart. You could have killed him!"

Everyone in the place stared at me. I felt like a criminal and left the store immediately. Now I'm sorry I didn't point out the large sign that said **NO PETS ALLOWED.**

I know where the woman lives. Should I write a note and tell her off? -- Mrs. Z

Dear Mrs. Z: No note, please. Let sleeping dogs lie. (This goes for puppies, too.) If the woman brings the puppy in again, the manager will probably say something. These days, it's risky to antagonize strangers.

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New Arrivals

Dago and Vicki Valdez of Fremont, Calif., announce the birth of their son, Austin Tyler, born Nov. 16.

He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are Sam and Vickie Valdez of Hereford and Rene and Virginia Delgado of Saratoga, Calif.

Great-grandparents are Jose and Mercedes Garza of Harlingen and Maria Delgado of Berkeley, Calif.

James and Nancy Andrews announce the birth of their son, Joseph Edward, on Nov. 1 in Devils Lake, N.D.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Jimmy and Ester Moreno of Hereford and Joe and Judith Andrews of Egeland, N.D.

Great-grandparents are Owen and Georgia Andrews of Hereford.

Concert set for King's Manor

A concert by the Hereford Chamber Singers will be presented at 3 p.m., Sunday Dec. 1 in the Lamar Room of King's Manor Methodist Home.

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Christmas at the museum

Theresa Ortho, left, and Leslie Gavina decorate a Christmas tree in the "parlor" of the Deaf Smith County Museum. Decorations abound throughout the museum in observance of the holiday season. As a special thanks to the residents of Deaf Smith County, a Christmas tea will be held in the museum from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 8 with refreshments, performances by local choirs and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
 Today is Wednesday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 1996. There are 34 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

On this date:
 In 1839, the American Statistical Association was founded in Boston.
 In 1901, Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.
 In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.
 In 1942, during World War II, the

French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.
 In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.
 In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.
 In 1973, the U.S. Senate voted 92-to-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who had resigned.
 In 1983, 183 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.
 In 1985, the British House of

Commons approved the Anglo-Irish accord giving Dublin a consultative role in the governing of British-ruled Northern Ireland.
 In 1989, 107 people were killed when a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian jetliner.

Ten years ago: Published reports said the FBI was investigating whether fired National Security Council aide Oliver L. North had destroyed papers from his personal files as the Iran-Contra affair began to unravel.

Five years ago: Israel signaled its anger with what it regarded as the highhandedness of the United States by rejecting an invitation to attend Mideast peace talks in Washington on Dec. 4. The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution paving the way for the establishment of a U.N. peacekeeping operation in war-ravaged Yugoslavia.

One year ago: President Clinton presented his case for sending 20,000 U.S. troops on a peacekeeping mission to Bosnia, saying in a prime-time address that "in the choice between peace and war, America must choose peace." House Speaker Newt Gingrich ruled out a 1996 presidential run.

Thought for Today: "Who does not thank for little will not thank for much." - Estonian proverb.

New member welcomed by Bay View Study Club

Bay View Study Club welcomed new member Yiota Malouf when it met Nov. 21 in the home of Lou Davis.

The business meeting was conducted by Lois Scott, president.

Betty Rudder, program chairman, reminded members that the next meeting will be Dec. 5 in the home of Elizabeth Witherspoon. This will be a guest day and the social committee will co-host.

Ruth Newsom introduced guest

speaker Peggy Hyer, one of six Master Gardeners in Deaf Smith County. Hyer presented the program on planting, feeding and cultivation of gardens for this area.

In attendance were Margaret Bell, Beth Burran, Jeannie Caison, Roberta Caviness, Helen Eades, Pat Fisher, Virginia Garner, Lois Gililand, Nancy Josseland, Helen Langley, Ruth McBride, Judy Mitts, Helen Rose, Sue Sims, Davis, Malouf, Newsom, Rudder and Scott.

Cooking Thanksgiving turkey is simple according to young chefs

By ROGER MUNNS
 Associated Press Writer
 DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Cooking the Thanksgiving turkey is a simple matter of cutting off the head, stuffing it with chocolate and baking for 65 minutes at 700 degrees. Or 45 minutes at 5 degrees.

Whatever. Cooking times may vary, but there is a never-miss method of knowing when the bird is ready to serve, according to members of Carey Tibbetts' inner-city second-grade class.

The turkey is done, said Jonathan Waters, "when the oven beeps." As part of a writing assignment, the 8- and 9-year-old chefs at Martin Luther King Elementary spelled out

the sum of all their culinary knowledge for the holiday centerpiece.

First things first. "You should catch the turkey," said Jonathan. "You should grab it by the legs," said Caitlin Perkins.

The head and feathers should be discarded, they all agreed, although Paul Monroe said he'd play with the feathers.

"Then put it in the trunk and drive it home," Caitlin said.

There was less consensus on the subject of stuffing the bird.

Alonzo Bell said "hot spices" would bring out the best taste. Ricco Mure said "vegetables and hot sauce."

Jacob Ashley said pumpkin pie is best.

Carla Hunt trumped them all. Stuff it with vegetables and chocolate, she said.

Then they simplified the art of

using the oven.

Ricco said four minutes at 500 degrees would do the trick, while Tyrone Morris opted for three minutes at 200 degrees.

Too low, said Nakeisha Evans, dictating 700 degrees at one hour and five minutes.

Too hot, said Trac Reed, setting his oven for bread-raising - 100 degrees - for 10 minutes. John Teter said he would turn his oven down not up, choosing 5 degrees for 45 minutes.

It's timing, not temperature, said Karissa Bell. The bird should go in the oven at 3 p.m. for exactly 23 minutes.

Caitlin also addressed the rest of the holiday menu.

"I have Thanksgiving at my grandma's house and I have cranberries," she wrote. "But I don't like cranberries."

Merry Mixers to observe holiday

Merry Mixers Square Dance Club will not meet Thursday as they observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be a business meeting on Dec. 5 to make preparations for the Christmas dinner and dance on Dec. 12.

Any former club members who plan to attend the Christmas celebration are asked to call Kay Behrends at 276-5534 or Juanita Brown at 364-2384 by Dec. 5 to make reservations.

Breast cancer screening set

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 E. Park, Hereford, on Dec. 13.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

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Okra pod Santa

Kay Behrends displays a Santa made from an okra pod along with other hand crafted items she will feature as she participates for the third year in Wesley United Methodist Arts and Craft Show to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Community Center.

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Sports

Schumacher's sharpshooting boosts Herd

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

Cory Schumacher got hot from outside Tuesday night, sparking the Herford boys' basketball team to a 79-51 win over Estacado in Whitefaces Gym.

Schumacher hit seven three-pointers - one short of a Herd record - and finished with 23 points Tuesday. He hit three of the treys in the first

quarter, helping Herford to a 22-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. Estacado never got closer than seven points after that.

"I just came out and hit my first one, and everything after that fell," Schumacher said. "What helped me was I prayed before the game, and God just answered my prayer. I haven't been shooting the ball well, and tonight I came out on fire."

While Schumacher was hitting from about 20 feet out, the Herd girls team drove about 20 miles to get their first victory of the year. The Lady Whitefaces edged Dimmitt, 50-45, Tuesday in Dimmitt.

For the Herd boys, Schumacher wasn't the only player playing well. Lots of things went right. The Whitefaces set a team record with 24 assists Tuesday, beating the old

record of 21 set in 1994 against Borger. The Herd also controlled the boards.

"The biggest key to the game was rebounding," coach Randy Dean said. "That's what we talked about before the game."

"We also did a good job of playing help defense," Dean said. "They had a nice post man, but they struggled shooting from the outside. That let us stay down on the post man and keep him from dominating."

The player Dean's referring to is Charles Woodruff, and the Herd limited him to 16 points.

Estacado had a six-point run early in the second quarter to pull within 29-22, but Herford's Bryant McNutt hit two straight inside shots, helping Herford to a 35-24 lead at halftime. The Matadors never threatened in the second half.

Ramley, 12; Briar Baker, 4; Sarah Ramey, 3; Catie Betzen, 3; Kari Barrett, 2; Makesha Rives, 2; Christina Kuper, 2; Tori Walker, 2; Staci Betzen, 1.

Both teams will play in tournaments this weekend.

The girls will actually play on Thanksgiving Day during the Friendship Turkey Classic, starting off with Odessa High at 11 a.m. Thursday in Wolfthor.

The boys will play in the Odessa Thanksgiving Hoopfest. They start off against Arlington Lamar at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Odessa High School.

The Herford girls' junior varsity team won its game, 53-43, over Dimmitt, Fortenberry said.

The Herd boys' JV lost to Estacado, 63-53, despite 16 points from Eric McNutt and eight from Bryan Matthews.

There was also a sophomore boys' game played against Estacado Tuesday in Hereford, and the Herd won that one, 47-46.

High scorers weren't available for the girls JV or sophomore boys games.

The players of the week for the boys' team were: McNutt, offense; Walker, defense; and Ryan Noland, academic.



Controlling the boards

Hereford's Jason Myers snatches a rebound away from two Estacado players during the Herd's 79-51 win Tuesday in Whiteface Gym.

Hollingsworth wins Brand Football contest

30 previous winners will vie for \$1,000 grand prize in final week

Kent Hollingsworth missed only seven out of 25 games in last week's Brand Football Contest, and he beat out two others who missed seven in the tie breaker to win the contest.

Vernon Carlisle and Dean Murphey both missed seven games and both - as well as Hollingsworth - picked Wheeler to beat Petersburg in a playoff game played Friday in Whiteface Stadium. Wheeler did win,

32-31. Hollingsworth's tie-breaker prediction totaled 42, so he was closer than Carlisle (40) and Murphey (20). Hollingsworth can collect \$35 from the Brand. Carlisle gets \$25 for second place and Murphey gets \$10 for third.

That's chicken feed, though. By finishing in the top three, Hollingsworth, Carlisle, Murphey

now have the chance to compete for \$1,000 cash against others who finished first, second or third in previous contests this season.

Those who are eligible for the \$1,000 grand prize contest this week are: Hollingsworth, Carlisle, Murphey, Dan Odell, Jim English, Bobby Baker, Curt Sherrod, Steven Kalka, Margaret Hall, Raelene Smith, Jackie Redwine, Harold Simons, Sherri Casey, Brenda Busby, Debbie Lewis, Kristi Murphey, R.L. Blakely, Rich Kendrick, Larry Watts, Dorothy

Grasnick, Cristin Leasure, Linda Adams, S.T. Loerwald, Jill Harrison, Jim Hillwig, Carole Collier, L.V. Watts, James Hernandez, Blake Busby and Regina Lewis.

There will be two entry boxes at the front door of the Brand offices. One is for grand prize contestants; the other is for contestants who haven't qualified for the grand prize but want one last shot at \$35.

The Brand offices will be closed Thursday, but they will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Smith may start game for Cowboys vs. 'Skins

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Emmitt Smith says there is always a first time for everything.

Being benched with a game on the line like he was Sunday was certainly a first for him since his high school, college and professional days.

Smith has a sore right ankle and his performance has been limited.

Smith could start in the Thanksgiving Day game against the Washington Redskins despite a gimpy right ankle. But Dallas Cowboys coaches could put Sherman Williams or Herschel Walker into the game if Smith doesn't produce.

"Emmitt doesn't have the quickness he's had in the past," coach Barry Switzer said Tuesday. "We could use both Sherman and Herschel."

Smith gained only 18 yards in 11 carries in the Cowboys' 20-6 loss to the New York Giants last Sunday. He has a sore ankle, but an MRI test was negative.

"If Emmitt is healthy enough on Thursday he will start," said running back coach Joe Brodsky. "This man has a lot of pride. He plays hurt all the time without telling anybody."

Smith was benched in the fourth quarter of the Giants loss in favor of the quicker Williams, who is not as good a blocker and has trouble running the correct pass route.

Williams has rushed 34 times for 160 yards this year. His average of 4.7 is exactly a yard better than Smith's 3.7 on 244 carries for 894 yards.

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Honoring the victors

A pep rally was held Tuesday at Hereford High School to honor the Hereford volleyball team, which won the Class 4A championship Saturday in Austin. Here, underclassmen members

of the team (seated) listen to the seniors at the podium: (left to right) Shonda Sossaman, Kari Barrett, Cassie Abney and Danielle Cornelius.

Baseball owners vote for labor rest

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer
CHICAGO (AP) - For the next four years, the only strikes in baseball will come from the pitcher's mound.

No more lawsuits. No more salary caps. Just pitching, hitting, running and catching.

Four long years of labor strife ended Tuesday when baseball owners dramatically reversed course and ratified the same collective bargaining agreement they rejected just three weeks ago.

"Baseball fans can finally look forward to five years of uninterrupted play," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "We can now work together to bring peace to the game."

Worn out by the most bitter battle in the history of professional sports, one that wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years, owners approved a contract that ensures labor peace through 2000 and possibly 2001.

It also ushers in a new era that includes interleague play and revenue sharing for small-market teams.

"We can start to grow the game," San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan said.

Approval came exactly one week after Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf shattered baseball's salary structure by signing Albert Belle to a record \$55 million, five-year deal. That contract provoked criticism from many baseball executives who felt betrayed.

While it appeared that momentum had been building for a deal in the days before Belle's contract, anger at Reinsdorf helped spark the 26-4 vote to ratify - three more than the three-fourths majority required.

"After many sleepless nights since August, I believed that it's in the best interest of all the parties to move forward," Selig said.

Owners rejected the deal 18-12 on Nov. 6, but Selig decided to call another meeting within hours after Belle's signing. During a meeting that lasted only a little more than two hours, 14 teams changed their votes after an appeal from Selig, who refused to take a position three weeks ago.

"Actually, it's good for the White Sox because it dooms the small-market teams," said Reinsdorf, one of the four votes against the deal. "If anybody was for the deal because of what happened with Belle, I didn't hear it."

Reinsdorf, according to one meeting participant who spoke on the condition he not be identified, questioned why owners were giving players more things like meal money and moving allowances.

San Diego Padres president Larry Lucchino and Mets president Fred Wilpon criticized Reinsdorf during the meeting. Lucchino, according to the source, accused the White Sox owner of leading teams astray with his hard-line stance.

Cleveland, Kansas City and

Oakland also voted against the five-year contract, which is retroactive to 1996 and runs through 2000. Players have the option of extending the agreement through 2001.

"We wish we would have gotten a better system, but you're not going to conquer the world in one negotiation," Philadelphia Phillies owner Bill Giles said.

Players and owners had battled since Dec. 7, 1992, when teams voted to reopen the previous labor contract. The sides took their fight to Congress, the courts and even the White House.

But with the eighth work stoppage since 1972, baseball alienated many of its longtime fans - some of whom still haven't come back.

The 232-day strike that began Aug. 12, 1994, wiped out the last 7 weeks of the 1994 regular season and the first 3 1/2 weeks of the 1995 schedule.

The strike was costly to both sides. Attendance has dropped 15 percent from pre-strike levels, players lost more than \$350 million in salaries, and owners have taken an \$800 million hit over a three-year span.

Union head Donald Fehr said Tuesday's vote was only the first step in the rebuilding process.

"Much work remains to be done," he said in New York. "With the conclusion of these negotiations, the dark cloud that has been hanging over the sport for far too long will dissipate."

Teams forced out commissioner Fay Vincent in preparation for their attempt to gain a salary cap and reverse more than two decades of player gains, which caused the average salary to rise from \$29,000 in 1970 to nearly \$1.2 million before the strike. Now that a labor deal is approved, Selig said the process of hiring a full-time commissioner will begin sometime in the next few months.

On the field, the most revolutionary

aspect is the start of interleague play for the first time since professional major leagues formed in 1871. It begins June 12, when the four NL West teams play the four AL West teams. The other divisions start the next day. Teams will play 15 or 16 interleague games next year, depending on their division.

Final approval from players is expected next week when the union's executive board meets at Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico. In the meantime, lawyers will start to formalize the outline agreed to Oct. 24 by Fehr and management negotiator Randy Levine.

The central provisions of the agreement are a luxury tax covering the 1997, 1998 and 1999 seasons, designed to slow the payroll rise among large-market teams, and revenue sharing, which will shift at least \$70 million a year from the large markets to the small markets in both 1996 and 1997.

Up to five teams will pay a 35 percent tax on the amount of their payrolls over \$51 million next season and \$55 million in 1998. In 1999, they will pay a 34 percent tax on the amount over \$58.9 million, and in 2000 the tax will disappear - a provision that many hard-liners sought to eliminate.

The final agreement was far from what the owners had sought in their initial proposal 29 months ago - a salary cap that at full effect would have limited payrolls to about \$44 million per team in '96.

In the end, Selig appeared both weary and relieved.

"This very difficult and painful process is now behind us," he said.

Astros lose Cangelosi to Florida for \$1 million

CHICAGO (AP) - As owners ratified a new labor agreement that will create up to 14 more free agents, outfielder John Cangelosi agreed to a \$1,075,000 contract with the Florida Marlins.

Alex Fernandez, Moises Alou and Jimmy Key will become eligible for free agency under the deal owners approved Tuesday.

In the meantime, several existing free agents agreed to deal, including Cangelosi and infielder Rene Gonzalez, who got a minor-league contract with the San Diego Padres.

Reliever Bryan Harvey, who missed most of the last two seasons after elbow surgery on his pitching arm, agreed to a minor-league contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Three players eligible for salary arbitration also agreed to deals:

- Outfielder Lee Tinsley, acquired by Seattle from Boston on Monday, agreed to a \$400,000, one-year deal.

- Mariners outfielder Rich Amaral agreed to a \$1.1 million, two-year contract that pays him \$550,000 per season.

- Chicago Cubs catcher Scott Servais agreed to a \$2.7 million, two-year deal that includes a \$200,000 signing bonus and salaries of \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million.

Cangelosi, 33, gets \$525,000 next season and \$550,000 in 1998. Last season, the switch-hitter played 108 games for the Houston Astros, hitting .263 and stealing 17 bases.

"To have an opportunity to play where you grow up, it's a good feeling to be where I'm at," said Cangelosi, whose parents, brother and an aunt live in the Miami area.

Gonzales, 35, would get a \$225,000, one-year contract if he makes the Padres' major league roster. He hit .217 in 92 at-bats with Texas last season with two homers and five RBIs.

Harvey, 33, missed all of the 1996 season as a member of the California Angels and most of 1995 with the Florida Marlins. He had 45 saves for the Marlins in 1993, and has 177 during his eight-year major league career.

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Tech's star RB is finalist for Doak Walker Award

DALLAS (AP) - Darnell Autry of Northwestern, Troy Davis of Iowa State and Byron Hunsford of Texas Tech were selected Tuesday named as finalists for Doak Walker Award, presented each year to the nation's best college football running back.

They were selected by the board of the GTE-SMU Athletic Forum from nominees submitted by former All-America and All-Pro running backs, sports journalists and other sports representatives.

The National Selection Committee will vote on a winner, who will be announced Monday. The award will be presented Dec. 3 at a banquet in Dallas, where retiring Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz is scheduled as the featured speaker.

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Nuggets' coach quits; Camby hurt

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer
A is for Ainge, B is for Bickerstaff, C is for Camby.

All three experienced the ABCs of having a really, really bad day.

Danny Ainge, coach of the Suns, saw his team remain the only winless one in the NBA as Phoenix lost 117-108 at Denver on Tuesday night.

Bernie Bickerstaff wasn't the opposing coach in that game because he didn't have his job at tipoff. Bickerstaff resigned as coach earlier in the day and was replaced by Dick Motta.

Marcus Camby had a problem that, at first glance, made Ainge's and Bickerstaff's pale by comparison. The 6-foot-11 Toronto Raptors rookie collapsed onto the court 90 minutes before tipoff at the SkyDome and lost feeling in his extremities for a while.

He was carried off on a stretcher with his neck immobilized, but by the end of the game he was back at the arena, walking under his own power and predicting he'd be back in a week.

"I couldn't feel anything. Everything went numb," said last season's college player of the year at UMass, who went down after making a spin move during warmups. "Then, in the ambulance, the feeling started to come back."

"All of Marcus's motor and sensory reflexes are intact," the Raptors said in a statement as they were losing 98-87 to Sacramento.

"He has been assessed by a neurosurgeon and neurologically appears normal."

In other games, Houston beat Portland 102-101 in overtime, Charlotte snapped Seattle's 11-game winning streak 95-85; the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Philadelphia 100-88, Atlanta drubbed Vancouver 101-80, Miami downed Golden State 107-88 and Dallas edged San Antonio 105-101.

The Camby incident shook the Raptors, who started horribly before absorbing their sixth straight defeat.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 18 points to lead five players in double figures for the Kings, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

"You put your life into perspective when you see Marcus Camby lying on the floor, lying in pain," Kings coach Garry St. Jean said. "You wish nothing but the best for Marcus."

Nuggets 117, Suns 108

The worst start in franchise history got worse as Phoenix dropped to 0-13.

The Nuggets, meanwhile, snapped a four-game losing streak in their first game under Motta, the third-winningest coach in NBA history.

"We get to celebrate this one for about 30 seconds," Motta said. "We had a couple of guys who were tight at the start of the game - and I was too."

Dale Ellis scored 28 points and Brooks Thompson came off the bench to add a career-high 26.

"Dick must have really gotten after their guys more than I did because they came out with a good effort," Ainge said. "They played with some urgency in the second half and came out looking like the defending world champions."

Rockets 102, Trail Blazers 101, OT

At Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon returned to action after missing a week to recover from an irregular heartbeat.

He scored 27 points and blocked Isaiah Rider's potential game-winning shot at the end of overtime. Charles Barkley came up with the rebound, his 14th to go along with 30 points, as the Rockets tied the Bulls for the best record in the league (13-1).

"I don't care if they fine me or not," said a bitter Kenny Anderson, who led all scorers with 32 points for Portland. "Rider got fouled on the last play and it was obvious. The refs took the game away from us."

Lakers 100, 76ers 88

At Philadelphia, Shaquille O'Neal had 23 points and 20 rebounds and went 5-for-6 from the foul line down the stretch after missing his first six attempts.

Eddie Jones also had 23 points and added eight steals, six rebounds and six assists.

The 76ers turned the ball over 23

times - nine times in the third quarter alone.

Mavericks 105, Spurs 101

At Dallas, Chris Gatling came off the bench to score 26 points, including two clinching free throws with 1.5 seconds left. George McCloud added 22 points and Jim Jackson 21 for the Mavericks.

Hornets 95, SuperSonics 85

At Charlotte, it was the third straight time that a team with an impressive streak had it broken at the Hive.

The Knicks and Pistons both had five-game road winning streaks snapped in Charlotte last week. The SuperSonics came to town having won eight in a row on the road and 11 in a row overall.

Heat 107, Warriors 88

At San Jose, Calif., Dan Majerle hit six 3-pointers and scored a season-high 23 points and Alonzo Mourning added 22 points and eight blocked shots.

The Heat won their fifth straight road game, one short of the club record, and dropped the Warriors to 1-6 at home.

Hawks 101, Grizzlies 80

At Atlanta, a crowd of only 6,957 was on hand at the Omni.

Led by Dikembe Mutombo's 21-rebound, 14-point performance, the Hawks built an 18-point lead in the first quarter and cruised from there. Atlanta even made it into triple figures for the second time this season when Donnie Boyce hit a 19-foot jumper at the buzzer.

No. 1 Cincinnati upset by Xavier

By The Associated Press
For one night, at least, the nation's No. 1 team wasn't even the best team in its own city.

Top-ranked Cincinnati was beaten by crosstown rival Xavier 71-69 Tuesday night on Lenny Brown's 15-foot jumper at the buzzer.

"I told the players, 'Savor it, enjoy it,' it's one they'll be able to tell their grandchildren about," Xavier coach Skip Prosser said.

Xavier (2-0) got its final chance when Cincinnati's Charles Williams drit led the ball out of bounds with 5.4 seconds left. The Musketeers then rebounded the ball to Brown, who pulled up at the foul line and hit a floating jumper.

"The biggest shot of my life," Brown said.

Danny Fortson's free throw put Cincinnati ahead 68-63 with 1:28 left, but the Bearcats (1-1) let the lead slip away.

"We've not been working hard enough," Williams said. "We probably did get a little bit of a big head being No. 1. We thought that being No. 1, we could slide by on the little things."

Cincinnati's loss opened the door for No. 2 Kansas to take over the top spot in the rankings.

Kansas scored the last 17 points of the game to beat California 85-67 at the Maui Invitational. If they can beat Virginia on Wednesday and San Diego on Sunday, the Jayhawks should move up to No. 1.

However, coach Roy Williams isn't thinking about rankings right now.

"I didn't find out until after the game," he said of Cincinnati's loss. "It wouldn't have made any difference if I had known."

After five lead changes in three minutes, Kansas (3-0) finally pulled away from Cal (1-1) with the 17-0 run.

"We tried to wear them down," Williams said. "I don't know if we did though. Maybe we just executed better since we are an experienced team."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 4 Utah 60, Utah State 41; No. 7 Michigan 87, Ball State 63; No. 9 Iowa State 87, Alcorn State 58; No. 11 Arizona 88, Northern Arizona 70; No. 15 Fresno State 85, Santa Clara 77; Virginia 75, No. 17 Massachusetts 68; No. 24 Minnesota 76, West Virginia 61; and No. 25 George Washington 77, South Florida 65.

No. 4 Utah 60, Utah St. 41

At Logan, Keith Van Horn scored 17 points as Utah beat cold-shooting Utah State. Michael Doleac added 15 points for Utah (2-0), which outshot the Aggies (1-1) 51 percent to 30 percent.

No. 7 Michigan 87, Ball St. 63

At Ann Arbor, Louis Bullock scored a career-high 28 points and Robert Traylor shattered a backboard with a two-handed dunk. The broken backboard by the 6-foot-8, 300-pound Traylor delayed the game for 17 minutes in the first half.

No. 9 Iowa St. 87, Alcorn St. 58

At Ames, Detric Willoughby scored 27 points and Shawn Bankhead added 20 as Iowa State won its season opener for the 14th time in 15 seasons.

No. 11 Arizona 88, N. Arizona 70

At Tucson, Michael Dickerson matched his career high with 31 points for Arizona (2-0), which finally took control with an 11-0 run midway through the second half.

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Pool	Mermald	Wonderland	Umbrella	Movie: An American Tail	(15) Movie: The Land Before Time 'G'	Prince	Movie:			
(8:00) Today		Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade								
Taking Lead	Taking Lead	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
Bugs Bunny	Bugs Bunny	Movie: Bon Voyage Charlie Brown	(35) Movie: The Man Called Flintstone	(1966) ***	(35) Movie: Legend	(1985)				
Good Morning America		Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Caryl & Marilyn: Friends	Medicine Woman	News					
BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	Animaniacs	Waynehead	Rovers	Superman	Charlie's Angels	Gerardo Rivera	News		
This Morning		All-American Thanksgiving Parade								
Bobby	Quack Pack	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast	Maureen O'Boyle	Little House on the Prairie	Movie:			
Sportscenter		Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Cheerlead			
Highway to Heaven		Thanksgiving Visitor	700 Club			RTV TV	Ferocious Big Cats	Home		
Movie: Oklahoma Crude	George C. Scott *** PG	(8-55) Movie: Camp Nowhere ** PG	Movie: Fluke	Matthew Modine ** PG	Movie: Plaza					
Movie: Jingle	Movie: National Lamp. Christmas	(45) Movie: Date With an Angel	Michael E. Knight PG	Movie: Star Trek Gen						
Movie: Peggy-Married	(15) Movie: Sidelkicks	Chuck Norris *** PG	Movie: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls	Movie: Rebecca	(1940)					
Movie: Hardys Ride	(7-50) Movie: Judge Hardy and Son ***	(25) Movie: Andy Hardy's Double Life	Movie: The Courtship of Andy Hardy **							
(Off Air)		VideoMorning								
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Power of Dreams	Home Matters	HouseSmart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home			
Columbo		Lovejoy Mysteries	Mike Hammer	Quincy	Equalizer					
Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters	Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Movie:	
FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Texas A&M Bonfire	College Basketball	Texas A&M at Colorado State	State	Golf			
Scoby Dooby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Movie: The Goonies	(1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin ***	Movie: Wargames	(1983)				
Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	
MortalK	MortalK	Movie: Ernest Goes to Camp	(1987) Jim Varney **	Movie: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory	(1971)	Movie:				
Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Chespirito	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Bukis Amor	Movie: Como Fue a E' amorar de Ti				
Classroom		Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West	
Flex Appeal	NFL's Greatest Moments	NFL's Greatest Moments	NFL Great	NFL's Greatest Moments	NFL Great	Destination Extreme				

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6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: An American Tail *** G	(20) Movie: Hocus Pocus	Bette Midler	Movie: A Walton Thanksgiving Reunion	Sound of Julie Andrews						
News	Ent. Tonight	Movie: Home Alone	(1990) Macaulay Culkin ***	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show				
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Great Railway Journeys	Mystery!	With God on Our Side	Computer	Charlie Rose					
Flintstones Christmas	Grinch	(35) Movie: A Christmas Story	(1983) ***	(45) Movie: Spencer's Mountain	(1963) ***					
News	Wh. Fortune	Home Imp.	Dalmatian	Celebrate the Dream: 50 Years of Ebony Magazine	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
Fam. Mat.	Bzz!	Movie: The Rescuers	(1977) Eva Gabor ***	News	Wiseguy	Heat				
News	Movie: My Fair Lady	(1964) Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn ****	News	(35) Late Show						
Rossanne	Mad-You	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Mad-You	Martin	Real TV		
Sportactr.	Kickoff	Up Close Special	College Basketball: Kentucky vs. Syracuse	Sportscenter	Three Stooges	Carson	Basketball			
(5:00) Movie: *** Yours, Mine and Ours	Carson Anniversary	700 Club	Movie: Sixteen Candles	(1984) *** R						
Movie: *** Camp Nowhere	Movie: The Quick and the Dead *** R	Clip Notes	Sherman	Full Frontal	Movie: Misery	James Caan *** R				
(15) Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	Movie: The Mangler	(1995) Robert Englund, Ted Levine	Movie: Inside the NFL	Arliss						
Movie: Only the Lonely	Movie: Disclosure	(1994) Michael Douglas, Demi Moore	(15) Movie: Breach of Trust	Michael Blehn *** R	Movie:					
(5:00) Movie: Ransom	Movie: The Nutty Professor	(1963) Jerry Lewis ***	Movie: Lady L	(1965) Sophia Loren, Paul Newman ***	Movie:					
Duke of Hazard	Life of the Evry Brothers	Evening of Country Greats: A Hall of Fame Celebration	Dallas	Movie: Sixteen Candles	(1984) *** R					
Bay, 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Next Step	Bay, 2000	Wild Disc.				
Equalizer	Biography	Mysteries of the Bible	Law & Order	Biography						
Movie: Home of Our	Movie: The Color Purple	(1985) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover ***	Mysteries	Mysteries						
FOX Sports News	Texas A&M Bonfire	Cycle World	Motorsports Hour	FOX Sports News	Sports					
(4:30) Movie: The Goonies	Movie: Theodore Rex	(1996) Whoopi Goldberg **	Movie: Theodore Rex	(1996) Whoopi Goldberg **	Movie:					
Kablam!	Kablam!	Kablam!	Happy Days	Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Batwiche
Movie: Crocodile Dundee II	(1988) Paul Hogan ***	Movie: Field of Dreams	(1989) Kevin Costner ***	(09) Movie: Sixteen Candles	(1984) *** R					
Julio Iglesias: El Gran Especial	Bienvenidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Maris Falix						
Real West	Ghosts of Gettysburg	Reilly: Ace of Spies	Year by Year	Ghosts						
College Football Air Force at San Diego State			NHL Hockey	New Jersey Devils at Phoenix Coyotes						

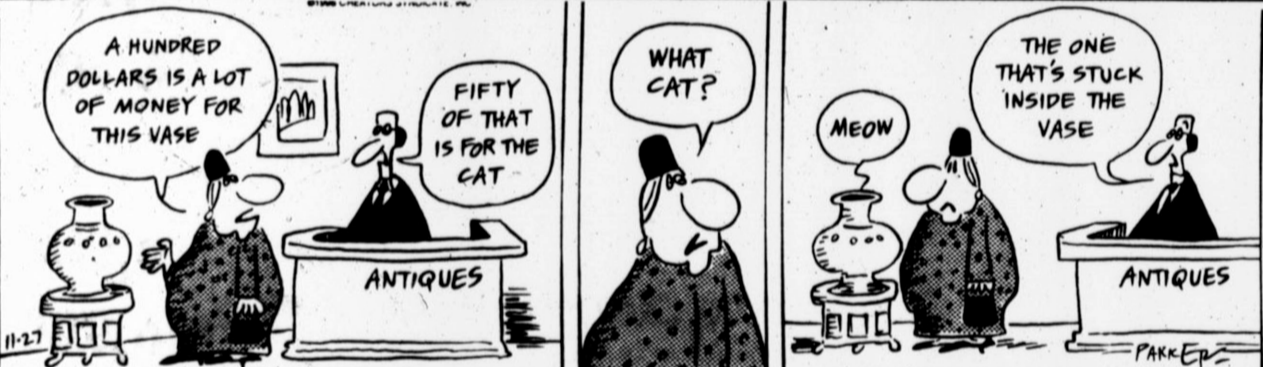
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12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
(12:00) Movie: Robin Hood	Making 101	Movie: Mary Poppins	(1964) Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke **** G	(20) Movie: The Santa Clause	Tim Allen					
(11:30) NFL Football	Kansas City Chiefs at Detroit Lions	NFL on NBC	Maury Povich	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
Body Elec.	YourDog	Keeping Up	Book of Virtues	Book of Virtues	Creatures	Magic Bus				
(11:35) Movie: Legend	(35) Movie: Willow	(1988) Val Kilmer, Warwick Davis ***	(35) Movie: White Fang	(1991) Ethan Hawke **						
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Montel Williams	Rosie O'Donnell	News	ABC News				
News	Magnum, P.I.	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell			
(11:30) Movie	Figure Skating: Ice Wars	Dating	Newlywed	Day & Date	News	CBS News				
(12:00) Movie: Honey, I Shrank the Kids	Simpsons	NFL	NFL Football	Washington Redskins at Dallas	Cowboys					
Cheerlead	Cheerleading	Dallas Cheerleaders	Golf	Golf: World Championship of Golf - U.S. First Round	Sportactr.					
(12:00) Home & Family	Slayghrid & Roy	Movie: How the West Was Fun	(1994) Ashley Olsen **	Movie: Yours, Mine						
(12:05) Movie: *** 1/2 Plaza Suite PG	Movie: Turk 182!	Timothy Hutton PG-13	(35) Movie: Princess Caraboo ** PG	Movie: Camp Nowhere **						
Movie: Star Trek Gen	Movie: The Nightmare Before Christmas	Movie: Daffy Duck's Movie	Movie: Free Willy 2: Home							
(11:30) Movie: Rebecca	(45) Movie: A Bunny's Tale	Kirstie Alley **	Movie: She's Having a Baby	PG-13	Movie: Only the Lonely					
Movie: Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble	(1944) ***	Movie: Love Laughs at Andy Hardy	(1946) **	Movie: Ransom	(1956)					
Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance					
Home	HouseSmart!	Interior Mot.	Great Chefs	Cuisine	Great Chefs	Travelers	Go for It!			
Equalizer	Columbo	Lovejoy Mysteries	Mike Hammer	Quincy						
(12:00) Movie: *** 1/2 A Star is Born	(1976) Barbra Streisand	Movie: Christmas Eve	(1986) Loretta Young ***	Movie: Home of Our	B. Simmons	Spotlight				
(12:00) Golf Million Dollar Classic										
(11:30) Movie: *** Wargames	(1983)	Movie: Gremlins	(1984) Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates ***	Movie: The Goonies	(1985) ***					
Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Kablam!	Kablam!	Kablam!		
(12:00) Movie: Three Men and a Cradle	Movie: Planes, Trains and Automobiles	(1987) ***	Movie: Uncle Buck	(1989) John Candy ***						
Movie: Frontera Sur	(1992) Hugo Stiglitz	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero					
Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West	Real West					
Bloopers	PGA Golf 1984 Skins Game - Final Day	Auto Racing: NASCAR Winston Cup - Southern 500	Drag Racing							

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Pool	Mermald	Wonderland	Umbrella	Grounding	Pool Cntr.	Ducktales	Care Bears	Dumbo	Wonderland	Movie:
Today				Lezza	Gerardo Rivera	Real Life	Days-Lives			
Nutrition	Nutrition	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
Movie: (20) Movie: For a Few Dollars More	(1965) Clint Eastwood ***	Movie: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	(1967) ***							
Good Morning America	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	College Football	Texas A&M at Texas							
BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest	Charlie's Angels	Gerardo Rivera	News		
This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Bobby	Ducks	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast	Maureen O'Boyle	Little House on the Prairie	Ducks			
Sportscenter		Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Gymnastics			
Highway to Heaven	Waltons	700 Club	FIT TV	Rescue 911	Home					
Movie: Swing Kids	Robert Sean Leonard *** PG-13	Movie: Bagdad Cafe *** PG	(35) Movie: Gang War **	(45) Movie: High Spirits						
(6:00) Movie: Merlin	(1993)	Movie: Short Circuit 2	Fisher Stevens ** PG	Movie: Congo	(1995) Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney PG-13	Congo				
(05) Movie: Murder in Mississippi ***	(45) Movie: A Million to Juan Paul Rodriguez *** PG	Movie: Dracula Has Risen	Movie: Merry Andrew	(1958) ***						
Movie: The Gay Divorcee	(1934) Fred Astaire ****	Movie: Broadway Melody of 1940	(1940) ***							
(Off Air)		VideoMorning								
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Goals 2000 Town Meeting	Powers	Powers	Powers	Powers	Powers	Powers	Powers	
McMillan and Wife	Lovejoy Mysteries	Mike Hammer	Quincy	Equalizer						
Baby Knows	KidsDays	Idolized-Female Icon	Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Movie:	
FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Texas A&M Bonfire	Playing	Football	Big 12 Show	WAC Mag.	Golf		
Scoby Dooby Doo	Movie: Gremlins	(1984) Zach Galligan ***	(15) Movie: Grease	(1978) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John ***						
Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Monsters	Monsters		
MortalK	MortalK	Movie: Weekend at Bernie's	(1989) **	Movie: Risky Business	(1983) Tom Cruise ***	Movie:				
Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Chespirito	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Dos Mujeres Un Camino	Divina Obsession	Morelia			
Classroom		History Showcase	Real West	Movie: Don't Look Back: Story of 'Satchel'	Paige	Soldiers				
PGA Golf 1987 Skins Game		PGA Golf 1987 Skins Game		PGA Golf 1991 Skins Game						

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Thanksgiving feast

Students in the Vicky Barrera's Pre-Kindergarten bilingual class at Stanton Special Programs Center enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday. In an early observance of Thanksgiving, parent volunteers provided turkey and all the trimmings for the teachers, students and parents.

MADD hopes legislature will crack down on drunk driving

AUSTIN (AP) - Claiming that the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths is at its highest in a decade, Mothers Against Drunk Driving is urging lawmakers to crack down on offenders.

Texas recorded 1,782 alcohol-related traffic fatalities last year, an increase of 28 over 1994, according to figures from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cited Tuesday by MADD.

That figure is disputed by the Texas Department of Public Safety, which reports 1,138 alcohol-related traffic deaths in 1995 - down from 1,170 in 1994.

Bill Lewis, state public policy liaison for MADD, said the discrepancy is due to the method used by each agency to determine whether alcohol is a factor in an accident.

While DPS uses figures based on sobriety tests, the national group looks at the driver's prior record in addition to sobriety test results. That's because about 39 percent of Texas drivers involved in fatal accidents are not tested for alcohol, Lewis said.

MADD is collaborating with several state senators concerning legislation aimed at curbing drunken driving, Lewis said. The Legislature meets in regular session beginning in January.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, are sponsoring separate bills designed to toughen laws for teen-age drinking and driving.

Under both proposals, those under 21 who are found to have any alcohol in their bloodstream would face a fine, suspension of their driver's license and possible criminal charges. They also could be required to join

an alcohol awareness program or do community service.

If Texas does not pass such a zero-tolerance law during the upcoming session, it will lose 5 percent of its federal construction dollars - \$37 million - in 1999, said Randall Dillard of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The state will lose an additional 10 percent, or \$74 million, by 2000 if it still has not passed a zero-tolerance law.

MADD also supports a bill that will be introduced by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, to authorize checkpoints on Texas roads to determine whether drivers have been drinking, said Sibley spokeswoman

Kirsten Dietz.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled sobriety checkpoints unconstitutional in 1994.



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HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp last week said the Legislature would need about \$1.6 billion more to pay for public education in the 1998-99 biennium.

A few days earlier, Gov. George W. Bush, citing figures provided by House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, said the amount needed would be about \$1.2 billion.

According to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*, Sharp, Education Commissioner Mike Moses, a Bush appointee, and other state officials, said \$1.2 billion is not enough to meet a court order to maintain financial equity among school districts and construct school buildings.

Those costs are between \$354 million and \$400 million — the difference between Sharp's estimate and the House Appropriations Committee's estimate — which did not account for court ordered funding equalization, the report said.

Sharp said he intends to release, within the next three weeks, a list of budget cuts and savings equal to the \$1 billion Bush said should be rebated to local property taxpayers.

Bush's tax relief plan is tied to money left over from the 1996-97 budget and projections of a healthy economy.

Meanwhile, last week, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock forwarded a draft of

his plan to Bush. The plan would lower taxes paid by homeowners, raise the homestead exemption and replace the resulting lost revenue with an increase in the state sales tax.

Education Fund Cost Increase

Texas Tomorrow Fund contracts went up about 16 percent this year, Comptroller Sharp said in announcing a new enrollment period last week.

The fund lets parents pay future college tuition and fees at today's prices, but contracts increase in cost as tuition and fees at state schools increase.

Evidence of tuition inflation: A contract purchased now for a newborn's four-year education costs \$9,652.98 if paid in a lump sum. Last year, the same contract cost \$8,320.80.

Water Issues Heating Up

Texas' rapidly growing population, long droughts and overwatering may result in some changed state laws in coming months.

"Nothing is more critical to the state's future than water, said Mike Hailley, a spokesman for Lt. Gov. Bullock.

Bullock's office, along with Gov. Bush, Speaker Pete Laney's office and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission are considering legislation to monitor and protect surface and underground water.

The right of landowners to pump water from beneath their lands and also to capture water from rivers are big issues.

Some officials say it is time to start developing a comprehensive drought plan for the state. Texas, the *Dallas Morning News* reported, is one of only three Western states without such guidelines.

Food Stamp Cutoff Notices

Texas has begun notifying certain food stamp recipients that they will be cut off if they don't find employment within three months. The 1996 federal welfare law

cuts off food stamp benefits to able bodied childless adults under age 50 who don't work at least 20 hours a week.

Nearly 80,000 Texans who fall in that category receive food stamps totaling \$9.6 million a month. Eighty-eight percent of them do not claim any earned income.

Texas Workforce Commission figures show that Texas counties on the border with Mexico, where unemployment rates are more than 10 percent, will be among the hardest-hit by the food stamp cutoffs.

Other Capital Highlights

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has approved a program that will devote prison space to Christian study as a rehabilitation. Volunteer inmates will be screened for the program. Gov. Bush lauded the program, saying, "Faith has the power to change lives."

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken has been mentioned recently as a candidate to become the GOP's next national chairman, to replace Haley Barbour in January. Pauken played down his prospects.

The first school voucher program in Texas, which allows students to attend any public or private school using tax dollars, has been approved by a small Central Texas school district. The Texas State Teachers Association said it will file a lawsuit to halt the program.

Comptroller Sharp recommended shutting down the Texas Department of Commerce and privatizing most of the agency's functions, such as promotion trade, investment and tourism. He proposed replacing the agency with a partnership between the state and private business while transferring most of its 200 employees and 365 workers at 10 other state agencies to a new organization to be called Partnership Texas.

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Members of the L'Allegra Study Club's Project Christmas Card committee, from left, Suzanne Smith, Judy Wall and Melissa Clarke, make final preparations to the displays for use in local businesses. Donations are requested instead of buying and sending Christmas cards locally. Names of all donors to Project Christmas Card will be included in a Christmas greeting to the community in the special Christmas issue of *The Brand*.

Hints from Heloise

PISTACHIO AMBROSIA
Dear Heloise: A friend told me you had a wonderful recipe for pistachio ambrosia. She couldn't find the recipe and I was wondering if you could print it for me. I want to make it for the holidays. — Winnie M., Cibolo, Texas

This recipe is a wonderful holiday dessert and I would be happy to print it for you.

1 (16-ounce) can chunky pineapple
1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple
1 small package instant pistachio pudding
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

1 cup shredded coconut
12 to 16 ounces non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
1 cup miniature marshmallows

In a large bowl, mix two types of pineapple and sprinkle pudding on top, gently mix and let stand for 3 minutes. Combine nuts and coconut and fold into mixture. Fold in whipped topping and marshmallows. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving. Serves 12 or more!

Can you believe the holidays are almost here? To make them a little easier for us all, I have compiled two

great pamphlets to help you. One is "Holiday Hints," filled with helpful hints for all aspects of the holiday season, and the other, "Holiday Recipes" includes some of my family favorite holiday recipes including the pistachio ambrosia. To receive both, please send \$4 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (78 cents) envelope to: Heloise/H & R, PO Box 795001, San Antonio TX 78279-5001. — Heloise

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Dear Heloise: I fill several coffee filters at the same time. Then I stack them in a 1-pound coffee can to be used as needed.

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A few minutes saved on a hectic morning is a winner of a hint! — Heloise

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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I was diagnosed with thrombocytopenia. My platelet count was too high — 1.6 million. I went on the drug hydroxyurea. It's helping. My count is now 700,000. Naturally, my interest in this subject is great, but I never see you address it. — Mrs. J.B.

ANSWER: You have one of those illnesses where the bone marrow is churning out too many of one or another kind of blood cells—in your case clotting cells, platelets. They're also called "thrombocytes," hence the name of your problem.

Your 1.6 million reading was astronomical compared with the normal range of 154,000-450,000.

The cause of the problem is unclear. But we know what can follow from uncontrolled thrombocytopenia: A clot can form from a glut of platelet cells blocking circulation to a vital area or organ. That can produce stroke or heart attack. And curiously, if those extra platelets are a good deal weaker than normal ones, then hemorrhage can occur, with all

the consequences flowing from that.

Your fine doctors are giving you the standard medicines used to get that astronomical thrombocyte count down. The cell numbers tell the story.

You still have a ways to go, so the effort to bring the cell population down should continue, no matter how seemingly slow the going.

There are no diet plans to help your problem. Alternate approaches sometimes tried include a course of interferon alpha or of anagrelide.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In a recent discussion of the prostate, why did you not mention the latest in testing, which measures the antigen results in a different way? They now speak in terms of "free" and "bound" PSA. — J.I.

ANSWER: I welcome your letter, which gives me occasion to discuss the matter.

Refinements of the prostate-specific antigen test continues. PSA is the substance in the blood whose raw level can indicate cancer in the gland.

As you point out, the new interpretation measures more than the overall PSA level. Labs now can distinguish between "free" PSA and the kind "bound" to another protein.

If the bound PSA is more than 85 percent of the total, the cancer risk rises proportionately. It's just that simple.

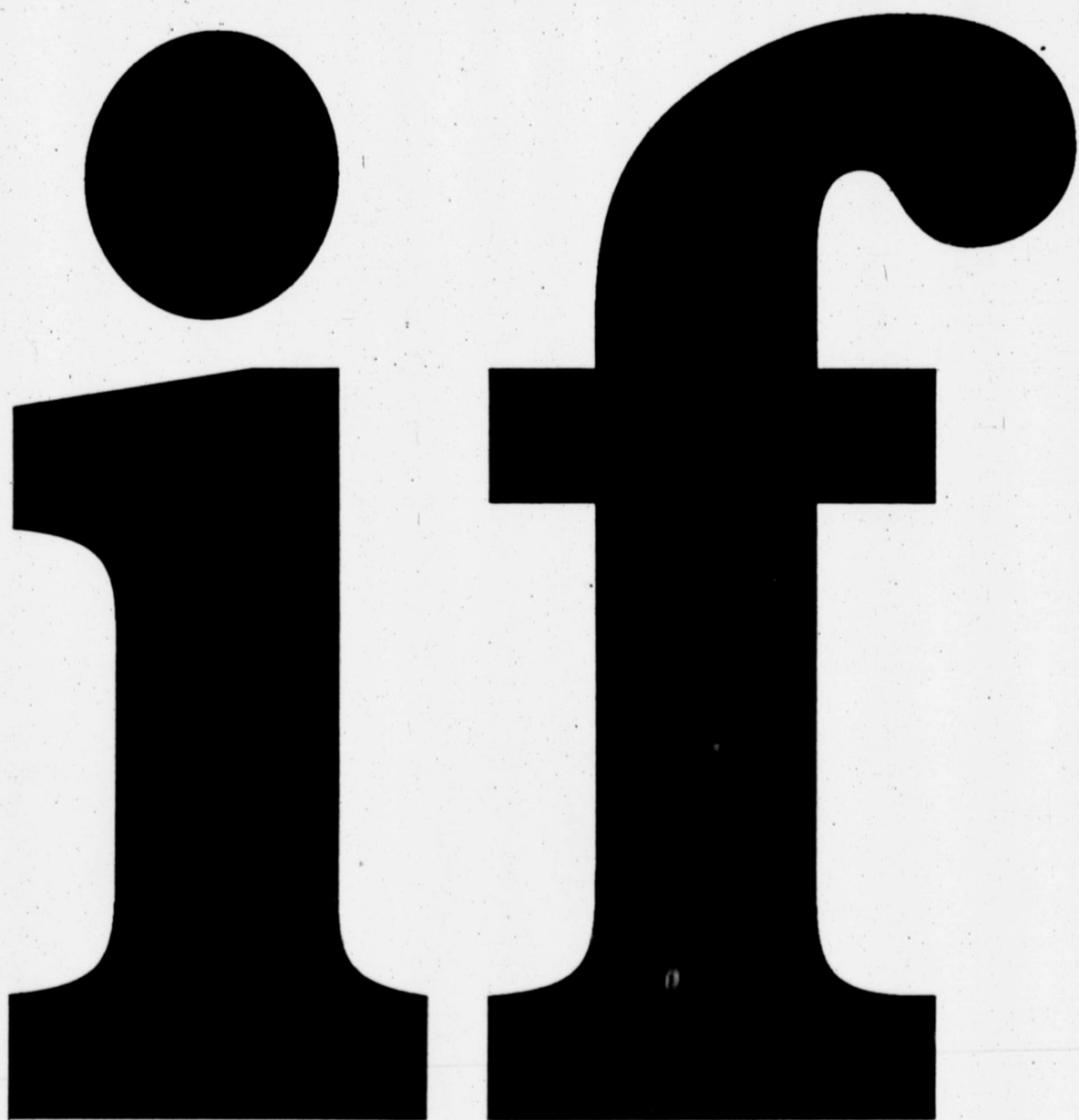
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I had osteomyelitis when I was a teen. Antibiotics didn't help. The doctor drilled my ankle bone to drain it. It worked. I am now 43. The doctor presented my case to a conference back then. I feel fortunate. How rare is osteomyelitis? — T.C.

ANSWER: Osteomyelitis is neither terribly common nor terribly rare. It is a bone infection that comes about in one of two ways; either bacteria from an infection gets carried in the blood to the bone or — more commonly happens — a shard of broken bone pierces the skin and becomes a target for invasion by skin bacteria.



4-H'ers study rock collection

Members of the Challengers 4-H Club check out the rock collection belonging to Linden Duggan, left. At the club's recent meeting, Duggan displayed his collection and told where the collected many of the samples. Looking over the display are, from left, Corey Collier, David Kaesheimer, Blake Carter, Drew Wilburn and Jose Otero.



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Mar97	46.00	46.50	46.80	47.10	47.40	47.70
Apr97	46.20	46.70	47.00	47.30	47.60	47.90
May97	46.10	46.60	46.90	47.20	47.50	47.80
Aug97	46.30	46.80	47.10	47.40	47.70	48.00
Nov97	46.50	47.00	47.30	47.60	47.90	48.20

CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Dec	46.90	47.30	47.70	48.10	48.50	48.90
Jan	47.10	47.50	47.90	48.30	48.70	49.10
Feb	47.30	47.70	48.10	48.50	48.90	49.30
Mar	47.50	47.90	48.30	48.70	49.10	49.50
Apr	47.70	48.10	48.50	48.90	49.30	49.70
May	47.90	48.30	48.70	49.10	49.50	49.90
Jun	48.10	48.50	48.90	49.30	49.70	50.10
Jul	48.30	48.70	49.10	49.50	49.90	50.30
Aug	48.50	48.90	49.30	49.70	50.10	50.50
Sep	48.70	49.10	49.50	49.90	50.30	50.70
Oct	48.90	49.30	49.70	50.10	50.50	50.90
Nov	49.10	49.50	49.90	50.30	50.70	51.10

CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Dec	46.90	47.30	47.70	48.10	48.50	48.90
Jan	47.10	47.50	47.90	48.30	48.70	49.10
Feb	47.30	47.70	48.10	48.50	48.90	49.30
Mar	47.50	47.90	48.30	48.70	49.10	49.50
Apr	47.70	48.10	48.50	48.90	49.30	49.70
May	47.90	48.30	48.70	49.10	49.50	49.90
Jun	48.10	48.50	48.90	49.30	49.70	50.10
Jul	48.30	48.70	49.10	49.50	49.90	50.30
Aug	48.50	48.90	49.30	49.70	50.10	50.50
Sep	48.70	49.10	49.50	49.90	50.30	50.70
Oct	48.90	49.30	49.70	50.10	50.50	50.90
Nov	49.10	49.50	49.90	50.30	50.70	51.10

GRAIN FUTURES

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Dec	27.00	27.10	27.20	27.30	27.40	27.50
Jan	27.10	27.20	27.30	27.40	27.50	27.60
Feb	27.20	27.30	27.40	27.50	27.60	27.70
Mar	27.30	27.40	27.50	27.60	27.70	27.80
Apr	27.40	27.50	27.60	27.70	27.80	27.90
May	27.50	27.60	27.70	27.80	27.90	28.00
Jun	27.60	27.70	27.80	27.90	28.00	28.10
Jul	27.70	27.80	27.90	28.00	28.10	28.20
Aug	27.80	27.90	28.00	28.10	28.20	28.30
Sep	27.90	28.00	28.10	28.20	28.30	28.40
Oct	28.00	28.10	28.20	28.30	28.40	28.50
Nov	28.10	28.20	28.30	28.40	28.50	28.60

SOYBEANS (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Dec	4.10	4.15	4.20	4.25	4.30	4.35
Jan	4.15	4.20	4.25	4.30	4.35	4.40
Feb	4.20	4.25	4.30	4.35	4.40	4.45
Mar	4.25	4.30	4.35	4.40	4.45	4.50
Apr	4.30	4.35	4.40	4.45	4.50	4.55
May	4.35	4.40	4.45	4.50	4.55	4.60
Jun	4.40	4.45	4.50	4.55	4.60	4.65
Jul	4.45	4.50	4.55	4.60	4.65	4.70
Aug	4.50	4.55	4.60	4.65	4.70	4.75
Sep	4.55	4.60	4.65	4.70	4.75	4.80
Oct	4.60	4.65	4.70	4.75	4.80	4.85
Nov	4.65	4.70	4.75	4.80	4.85	4.90

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (COMEX) 100 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.

Dec	374.00	374.50	375.00	375.50	376.00	376.50
Jan	374.50	375.00	375.50	376.00	376.50	377.00
Feb	375.00	375.50	376.00	376.50	377.00	377.50
Mar	375.50	376.00	376.50	377.00	377.50	378.00
Apr	376.00	376.50	377.00	377.50	378.00	378.50
May	376.50	377.00	377.50	378.00	378.50	379.00
Jun	377.00	377.50	378.00	378.50	379.00	379.50
Jul	377.50	378.00	378.50	379.00	379.50	380.00
Aug	378.00	378.50	379.00	379.50	380.00	380.50
Sep	378.50	379.00	379.50	380.00	380.50	381.00
Oct	379.00	379.50	380.00	380.50	381.00	381.50
Nov	379.50	380.00	380.50	381.00	381.50	382.00

SILVER (COMEX) 5,000 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.

Dec	47.00	47.10	47.20	47.30	47.40	47.50
Jan	47.10	47.20	47.30	47.40	47.50	47.60
Feb	47.20	47.30	47.40	47.50	47.60	47.70
Mar	47.30	47.40	47.50	47.60	47.70	47.80
Apr	47.40	47.50	47.60	47.70	47.80	47.90
May	47.50	47.60	47.70	47.80	47.90	48.00
Jun	47.60	47.70	47.80	47.90	48.00	48.10
Jul	47.70	47.80	47.90	48.00	48.10	48.20
Aug	47.80	47.90	48.00	48.10	48.20	48.30
Sep	47.90	48.00	48.10	48.20	48.30	48.40
Oct	48.00	48.10	48.20	48.30	48.40	48.50
Nov	48.10	48.20	48.30	48.40	48.50	48.60

FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Strike	Call	Put	Call	Put
46.00	1.15	2.95	3.25	0.95
46.50	0.95	2.75	3.05	0.75
47.00	0.75	2.55	2.85	0.55
47.50	0.55	2.35	2.65	0.35
48.00	0.35	2.15	2.45	0.15

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Strike	Call	Put	Call	Put
27.00	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
27.50	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
28.00	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
28.50	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

Texas crop report

Hay supplies low, producers prepare for worst

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Hay supplies in Texas are low and with the onset of winter, producers should be prepared to face the worst, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Don Dorsett of College Station, Extension forage specialist, said that if the winter is harsh this year, producers could run the risk of running out of hay.

"Producers didn't make as much hay this year as normal; probably only three-quarters of what they should have," Dorsett said. "And very few carried any hay over."

Dr. Rick Machen of Uvalde, Extension livestock specialist, said the weather is going to play a large part in the hay situation this year.

"We are marginally adequate in terms of quantity and extremely variable in terms of quality of hay, but it is the weather that is going to dictate how much we use this year," Machen said. "If we have a cold, dry winter -- we don't have enough hay to make it."

Dorsett said most producers are worried about stretching the already depressed hay supplies to make it

through the winter months. He said there are several ways to stretch hay supplies during the cold, dry months, and producers need to be aware of them.

By substituting whole cotton seed and broiler litter, producers can make supplies last a little longer.

"Whole cotton seed can be used instead of hay, but only in limited quantities," Dorsett said. "And broiler litter with a little corn can be used as a good supplement."

Five pounds of whole cotton seed should be fed per head each day in order to keep the cattle in good condition. Dorsett said the cotton seed is high in fiber, energy and protein.

Machen said that producers should look at a supplement that has all natural protein.

"Cotton seed cake which is pelleted cotton seed meal is a good supplement used in the South Texas area," Machen said.

Another way to stretch hay, Dorsett said, is to save every bit of hay not eaten and to put only what will be consumed. Dorsett said, for example, if your cattle only eat half

a bale a day, don't feed one bale every two days, but instead feed one half of a bale every day.

"If your cattle only eat half a bale of hay, don't leave out the entire bale," Dorsett said. "Put the other half in the barn to save it or it will be ruined."

To save even more hay, put it in a collapsible diamond or an electric fence around it so cattle won't trample it into the ground.

Machen said that many producers have culled herds down to only the most productive cattle because of the drought.

"Those forced into herd reduction probably won't have as much of a problem running low on hay supplies," Machen said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Moisture short to very short. Ranges in fair condition.

Cattle in good condition; receiving supplemental feed. Wheat continues to be rated good. Sugarbeet harvest under way; yields down slightly. Sorghum harvest continues; yields good.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture short. Wheat doing good; needs moisture. Cattle grazing wheat fields. Cotton harvest continues; good yields. Sorghum harvest, sugarbeet, pecan harvests under way.

ROLLING PLAINS: Moisture adequate. Pastures in fair condition. Livestock in good condition. Wheat planting complete. Cotton bolls slowly opening up. Green bug activity picking up. Sorghum and peanut harvest picking up.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture adequate to surplus. Some winter grass emerging. Winter pastures being grazed. Vegetable, cotton harvest complete. Cole crops doing well. Wheat planting delayed due to wet weather. Pecan harvest continu-

ing. EAST TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Pastures fair; cool season forage progressing well. Some supplemental feeding has begun. Pecan harvest under way; yields good. Fair progress in wheat. Cotton harvest complete. Cole crop harvest slowing.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pasture quality continuing to decline. Cattle in good condition. Chili harvest in progress. Cotton harvest progressing well. Wheat needs moisture. Sorghum harvest normal. Pecan harvest progressing.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Ranges and pastures in good condition. Livestock in good condition. Wheat pastures looking good. Pecan harvest slow due to low prices. Cotton harvest under way. Green bugs becoming more prevalent.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture adequate. Small grain pastures growing extremely well. Milk production still

good. Calf prices increasing. Sorghum stands waiting on first to dry down. Moisture; yield prospects look good.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Pastures in fair condition. Winter pastures need moisture. Cattle feeding continues; market depressed. Land cultivation continues on field crops. Pecan harvest continues; yields light.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Moisture short. Ranges and pastures short on summer grasses. Livestock in good condition. First cutting of spinach under way. Cabbage, bell pepper harvest under way. Pecan harvest under way; yields extremely low.

COASTAL BEND: Moisture short. Forage growth slowed by cooler temperatures. Hay in good supply. Soybean harvest complete; yields below expectations. Second rice crop nearing completion. Pecan harvest continues; quality below normal.

SOUTH TEXAS: Moisture short. Pastures and ranges in poor condition.

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Medical Savings Accounts

By a resounding margin, Texans say they support an innovative plan to provide small business employees a new way to cover health care expenses.

My questionnaire, which this newspaper graciously published this summer, invited Texans to consider Medical Savings Accounts (MSA). The question asked: "Do you support implementation of tax-deferred medical savings accounts (accounts that allow employees of small companies to establish a tax-free savings account reserved exclusively to pay medical expenses and purchase insurance, similar to 'medical IRAs') to cover your health care needs?"

Eighty seven percent of the respondents said they favored the idea. Texans repeatedly said health care reform should expand options, not add to the long list of intrusive federal regulations already in place.

"The tax-free savings plan sounds like a very good plan for medical care," said one constituent from Perryton. "The program now in place penalizes people who want to save for medical emergencies by taking anything you put in and haven't used by year end."

"How could anyone think that's a fair plan?" she said. Couldn't have said it better myself. Contrary to the limited options employees have today, MSAs offer the flexibility and security lacking from many of today's managed health care agreements.

Let me offer some background. MSAs were included as a provision of the Balanced Budget Act approved by the 104th Republican Congress in 1995 and represented TRUE health care reform. Unfortunately, the President vetoed this bill, and we went back to the drawing board.

One man in Pittsburg wrote that he thought it best if MSAs were first tested before being "set in concrete."

In the final analysis, so did Congress. When Congress approved the Kassebaum-Kennedy Health Care Reform bill this year, we included just such a test.

From January 1997 to 2000, the Department of Treasury will set up MSAs in a pilot study of employers of 50 or fewer and the self-employed.

Individuals and small business employers will have the option of making tax-free deposits to MSAs, which remain the properties of the employees. Participants can also use the money to pay for medical expenses or health insurance premiums.

One aspect I really like is that any money not spent for those purposes accrues interest and can be used in other ways -- for medical expenses after retirement, a "rollover" into an IRA or pension plan, or a fund left in the individual's estate.

Let me answer a concern from a small business owner in Grapeland. He wrote: "As a small business owner, what will this cost me? The small business owner is getting hit from too many sides."

He spoke for millions of Texans. The good news is that MSAs cost nothing for a small business owner.

Over and over, Texans said that the federal government besieges small business owners with "inine . . . stupid . . . outright nutty" regulations and mandates from, as one respondent said, "the center of confusion known as Washington, D.C."

No one knows that better than I, sir. I can promise him and all Texans that I am working hard to try to curtail the intrusion of the federal government in your everyday lives.

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