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Gingrich rejoices over re-election

WASHINGTON (AP) - Newt Gingrich is rejoicing over his re-election as House speaker, but the victory will be tempered by a public airing of his ethical misdeeds and a likely House vote to rebuke his conduct.

Gingrich overcame a groundswell of opposition in his own party Tuesday to become the first re-elected Republican speaker in 68 years. Today, the House ethics committee was meeting privately, commencing procedures to punish Gingrich for bringing discredit upon the chamber.

Moments of high drama accented Tuesday's opening day of the 105th Congress: a climactic, hour-long roll call vote; an acceptance speech punctuated with apologies; and a nasty partisan spat over when the ethics case against Gingrich would end.

Hours after his victory, Gingrich was asked whether he could be sure that no more damaging information would be revealed in his ethics case.

"Of course not," he told a reporter, adding "I can't predict" what the committee's outside counsel would do.

The partisan fight came over a request by the counsel, James M. Cole, for more time to complete his work. That would have necessitated an extension beyond the Jan. 21 date the ethics committee has set for wrapping up the case.

Democrats on the ethics committee moved to change Republican-proposed rules to accommodate Cole, but Republicans refused.

Hospital board takes no action

No action was taken following a closed meeting Tuesday night of the board of directors of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District, according to Jim Robinson, hospital administrator.

The board had called the executive session to discuss possible lease-purchase options on a medical building for the hospital district. Robinson said the board reviewed a specific proposal from C&R Realty, as well as other options available.

The board instructed Robinson to continue gathering data on the options to lease, purchase or build a central medical building facility. He will report back to the board at the next regular meeting, Jan. 21.

All directors were present. The closed meeting started at 6:30 p.m. and concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., a member of the ethics investigative subcommittee, said, "I thought I would never see the day when the chairman of the ethics committee would come down to the floor and turn down the request of the special counsel ... for a couple of extra weeks to complete the case."

The subcommittee, two Republicans and two Democrats, unanimously backed the extension. But ethics Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., said the Republican leadership wanted no more changes in the schedule. She did say a vote on penalties, the final action in the case, likely would be held Jan. 21.

Committee Democrats accused Republicans of seeking a vote on Jan. 20, when President Clinton will be inaugurated on the West steps of the Capitol.

Cole will make a report at a still-unscheduled public hearing on sanctions. The committee then will recommend a punishment to the House - most likely a vote to reprimand the speaker.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said he looked forward to the end of the Gingrich case so the chamber could move on to legislative business.

"That will be out of the way. We will then have no reason to have any distraction from the serious legislative work of the body, and we will, of course, go right to it," he said.

Gingrich on Dec. 21 admitted he violated House rules by failing to seek specific legal advice about the use of tax-exempt projects for partisan purposes and by approving submissions to the ethics panel that incorrectly denied the involvement of his political action committee, GOPAC, with the tax-exempt projects.

On Tuesday, Gingrich's wife, Marianne, and his recently widowed mother watched from a crowded visitors' gallery as the roll call vote for speaker was taken: 216 votes to 205 for Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

Five Republicans voted "present," while four more voted for alternative GOP candidates of their own choosing. By tradition, Democrats voted for Gephardt in a ritual show of solidarity.

Two years ago on the opening day of Congress, there was a much different drama. Then, Gingrich assumed the speaker's post after the stunning Republican takeover of Congress and the GOP's "Contract With America" dominated the agenda.



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Strafing run

Dusty Vela, 8, sprints away from an ear-full of snow Angel Blanca students were making their way home after school when the battle broke out. There didn't seem to be any clear losers.

Lottery commission votes unanimously to fire Linares

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Lottery Commission voted 3-0 Tuesday to fire embattled executive director Nora Linares, whose tenure grew tumultuous after reports that her friend landed a \$30,000 lottery-related contract.

Ms. Linares, the only director the 4-1/2-year-old Texas Lottery ever had, read a brief statement after her dismissal, saying she has done nothing wrong.

"I've done nothing, nothing which justifies the action taken today. I will

be vindicated when the dust settles," she said.

The motion to fire her was made by the newest commissioner, former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill.

Zoann Attwood, the lottery's deputy executive director since 1992, was unanimously appointed acting executive director by the commission. Ms. Attwood, 52, is former director of the Montana Lottery.

Ms. Linares' friend, Mike Moeller, worked for five months in 1992-93 with GTECH Corp., the lottery's main contractor. But the company said he did little work. Moeller is now in a federal prison on an unrelated charge stemming from his time as an official at the state Agriculture Department.

GTECH officials say Moeller was hired by J. David Smith, a former company official who has been convicted in federal court in New Jersey of defrauding the company.

Ms. Linares has said she was unaware of Moeller's contract until just before questions about the deal were raised last November.

Hill was attending his first Lottery Commission meeting since being appointed last week by Gov. George W. Bush.

He told Ms. Linares before making his motion that he didn't believe she could continue in the post in the wake of the questions that had arisen.

"I have a lot of concern about how effective you can be at this time," Hill said.

Last month, Ms. Linares sued the commission, claiming the panel had barred her from defending herself and carrying out her job during the several weeks of controversy surrounding the lottery.

The game has become one of the nation's largest state lotteries, recording sales last year of about \$3.4 billion, said spokesman Steve Levine. He said the Texas and New York lotteries have alternated in recent years as the nation's biggest.

Buck Wood, an Austin lawyer representing Ms. Linares, said the firing would escalate the legal battle.

He also said he believes politics was involved in the decision.

"This was politics, and that is a

problem, it's a legal problem, for them," Wood said.

Commission Chairwoman Harriett Miers said after the meeting that the commission needed to move forward and could best do so with a new executive director.

"This is an issue that was acted on in the best interest of the state of Texas," she said.

But the controversy does have political overtones: Ms. Miers was appointed by Republican Gov. Bush, while Ms. Linares first was hired by Democratic Comptroller John Sharp in 1991.

Ms. Linares was retained by the Lottery Commission in 1993, after control of the state-run numbers game was transferred to the panel from the comptroller's office.

Peru president breaks silence

Refuses to bargain for hostage release

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Trying to seize the public relations initiative from rebels holding 74 hostages, Peru's president broke his silence on the crisis and toured a prison where other Tupac Amaru rebels are being held.

Looking relaxed in sport jacket and open-collar shirt, Alberto Fujimori visited a Lima prison Tuesday that housed hundreds of jailed guerrillas - including members of the movement that seized the hostages three weeks ago.

For the first three weeks of the hostage drama, Fujimori managed the crisis from the shadows, refusing to show his hand. But he was angered by an impromptu interview the rebels granted journalists who approached the compound Dec. 31.

The government has detained a Japanese television reporter and his interpreter who crossed police lines Tuesday to enter the residence for about two hours.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes has said partisanship has had no role in the lottery probe.

"The only interest here is the integrity of the lottery," Ms. Hughes said.

Bush said, "The commissioners are diverse individuals of great personal integrity who looked at the facts and made a unanimous decision. I have complete confidence in their judgment, and I know they acted in the best interests of the lottery and the people of Texas."

GTECH spokesman Robert Rendine said the company "feels it's an unfortunate and regrettable situation. We feel very badly, obviously, for Nora Linares personally. Aside from that, it's a matter for the commission to comment on."

Early today, the leftist guerrillas raised a banner criticizing the detention. "Now journalists are being detained to hide the truth," it said.

A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said anti-terrorist police were questioning the reporter and Peruvian interpreter, identified by Japan's Kyodo news service respectively as Tsuyoshi Hitomi and Victor Borja.

The Tupac Amaru rebels stormed the Japanese ambassador's residence Dec. 17 and have demanded the release of about 300 jailed comrades. Fujimori again rejected that demand Tuesday, vowing that he wouldn't "give in to the blackmail of terrorists."

"I hope, like everyone, for a peaceful solution," said Fujimori, who spoke with reporters and drove his own sport utility vehicle to the maximum-security prison.

The rebels, armed with assault rifles and grenade launchers, have denounced the government for

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Photo by Sherri Martin

Winter art

The cold weather has confined many children to indoor activities. Rather than play in the cold snow, the children in First United Methodist Church's Kids Day Out program colored pictures of snowmen on Tuesday. Pictured, from left, are Zach Clarke, 2; Andee Josseland, 5; and Victoria Messer, 6. Clarke is the son of Dr. Bruce and Melissa Clarke; Josseland the daughter of John and Sandy Josseland; and Messer the daughter of Roy Dale and Mary Beth Messer.

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Local Roundup

Koobraey is Thursday

Hereford High School yearbook staff has announced that Koobraey '97 will be held at the high school auditorium Thursday. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. sharp. Admission is \$3. During the assembly, Mr. and Miss HHS and the Class Favorites will be announced.

Support Group plans meeting

The Hereford-Deaf Smith Small Business Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the San Jose Community Center. There are no membership fees, and everyone interested in starting or expanding a small business is invited to attend.

Correction

The photo cutline on page 2 of Tuesday's paper identified Kaeli Urbanczyk as the daughter of Randy and Cathy Borman. She is also the daughter of Mark Urbanczyk. The Brand regrets the error.

Sunny and warmer

Hereford reached a high temperature of 28 degrees on Tuesday and a low temperature of 22 degrees Wednesday morning. KPAN Radio also recorded 0.02 of an inch of precipitation. The outlook for Wednesday night remains partly cloudy and cold with a low around 15 to 20. Thursday will become sunny and warmer with a high around 40 to 45. Winds will be from the west at 10 to 20 mph.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Wednesday:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 63-year-old male arrested for public intoxication.
- Two domestic disturbances reported.
- Forged check reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Theft reported in the 300 block

of Lake Street.

- Theft of large, electrical motor reported on Dairy Road.
- Harassment reported in the 200 block of Funston Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- No calls.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- No arrests.
- No reports.

News Digest

NATION/WORLD

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court is confronting profound issues of life and death in deciding whether terminally ill people have the constitutional right to doctor-assisted suicide.

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MANTECA, Calif. (AP) - As raging rivers continued to inundate California's drenched Central Valley, communities where the water has receded dealt with closed roads, contaminated drinking water and damages that topped a billion dollars.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal wild horse protection program is under investigation to determine whether horses that are adopted are being sent improperly to slaughterhouses while some of the program's managers profit.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Fan club leaders gathered for Elvis Presley's 62nd birthday today still love him tender. They want their hero remembered for his generosity, not his excesses.

Kerrville police doubt mother's sincerity in slaying investigation

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) - Darlie Routier didn't help her two dying sons after they were stabbed and seemed more concerned with fingerprints on the knife, a police officer testified Tuesday.

"I thought if she was worried about fingerprints on a knife she could certainly take care of her kids," former Rowlett police officer David Waddell testified.

Waddell was the first officer at the Routiers' home in Rowlett, a suburb of Dallas, the morning of the June 6, 1996, fatal attack on 5-year-old Damon Routier and 6-year-old Devon Routier.

Mrs. Routier contends an intruder stabbed the two boys and slashed her before fleeing through the garage.

Prosecutors allege Mrs. Routier, 27, committed the killings because she was angry over financial problems and the burdens of motherhood. They claim she cut herself and staged a crime scene to try to fool police.

The trial was moved to Kerrville because of pretrial publicity. If convicted of the capital murder charge against her, Mrs. Routier could face death by lethal injection.

Mrs. Routier was on the phone and holding a towel on her wounds when he arrived shortly after 2:30 a.m., Waddell said.

"She appeared to be upset and hysterical. She was screaming and yelling," said Waddell, now a Plano police officer.

Although the officer asked Mrs. Routier to apply towels to the bleeding wound of one of her sons, she never did, Waddell said. Later, when paramedics arrived, she didn't

ask about the boys' condition or where they were being taken, he added.

Darin Routier, Mrs. Routier's husband, assisted one of the children, the officer testified.

In cross-examination Tuesday, defense attorney Doug Mulder cited Mrs. Routier's comments in a 911 emergency call that he suggested showed she was worried about her children.

He also played the tape in which Mrs. Routier is heard screaming hysterically while on the line with a 911 operator. While jurors listened to the tape, Mrs. Routier sat at the defense table and cried, wiping her eyes with tissues.

"Hold on baby, hold on baby, hold on," Mulder quoted Mrs. Routier as saying on the 911 call.

When the operator told her to talk into the phone, Mrs. Routier said: "I'm talking to my babies. They're dying."

Later in the phone conversation, Mrs. Routier was quoted as saying: "Devon, no. Oh my God. Oh my God."

Waddell acknowledged he did not try to assist the children but said his first priority was locating the suspect Mrs. Routier had described. The officer also said he didn't know if Mrs. Routier tried to assist her sons before he arrived.

During questioning by prosecutor Greg Davis, Waddell testified Mrs. Routier told him she had picked up the intruder's knife when he dropped it as she chased him. Mrs. Routier mentioned that her handling of the knife might hinder efforts to detect fingerprints, the officer said.



New furnishings

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Hustlers, was held Tuesday to commemorate the completion of a remodeling project and installation of new carpet at the Deaf Smith County Library. Cutting the ribbon are library employees, center left, Sue Cherry;

Rebecca Walls, director (holding scissors); Diana Yzaguirre; Martha Russell; LaJuan Fowler and Maricela Martinez. Representatives of the city, county, chamber and other Hereford residents were treated to refreshments served by members of Friends of the Library.

More California homes, farms flooded as raging rivers burst through levees

MANTECA, Calif. (AP) - Raging rivers burst through levees in California's soggy Central Valley on Tuesday, flooding more homes and farms and forcing new evacuations as the damage total rose beyond \$1.5 billion. Crews laid sheets of plastic and stacked sandbags against the rising tide.

At Lake Tahoe, which swelled with Sierra runoff to its highest level in 80 years, Nevada casinos became the latest flood casualties. With the major highway into the city of Stateline blocked by mudslides and washouts, and likely to remain closed for weeks, tourism has dropped off sharply.

At least 29 deaths have been blamed on the series of storms that have caused floods, landslides and avalanches across the West since Dec. 26. In addition, three women are missing in Yuba County. Thousands of homes and businesses have been swamped in California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington in some of the worst flooding in decades.

Rising rivers have flooded newly planted winter wheat, fruit and walnut orchards and vineyards in California and alfalfa and garlic fields in northern Nevada. Officials say it's too early to assess crop damage but damage to tractors, forklifts and other farm machinery could be even worse.

"A lot of farmers are going to have really severe problems restoring their property and getting back in business," said California Farm Bureau spokesman Dave Kranz. "Property damage is going to disrupt lives for a long time to come."

Most of the 125,000 evacuees have been able to return home and begin the long process of reclaiming their homes and belongings from the mud and floodwaters, but more evacuations were ordered as battered levees continued to weaken and break.

Crews worked feverishly under a clear sky in the Central Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to shore up key sections of Northern California's 6,000-mile network of levees. Near Manteca, two levees failed Tuesday, and within hours, up to 7 feet of water swamped 25 square

miles, flooded 200 homes and threatened more.

Work crews tried to reinforce a nearby levee with plastic sheets, but the going was tough. They fought not only floodwaters left by last week's string of storms, but some of the season's highest tides.

"We have a double whammy coming at us," said San Joaquin Sheriff's Deputy Mike Padilla. "Right now we're trying to save Oakwood resort and about 50 or 60 homes out here."

The resort's main attraction is the Manteca Water Slide.

Floodwaters rose through the day, forcing authorities to evacuate 700 children from an elementary school and expand the evacuation zone.

Dean Heath, who lives on a 2-1/2-acre plot threatened by the flooding, fretted over his home.

"We moved everyone out, and moved our belongings onto the roof, including our beds," Heath said. "It's kind of hard to leave. I've lived here all my life."

The earthen dikes, many built decades ago and not up to current standards, have given way in two dozen spots around the region. Many levees have been poorly maintained and undermined by burrowing rodents.

U.S. Rep. Wally Herger, R-Calif., fumed about the sorry state of the levees after taking a helicopter ride over a break in the Feather River that inundated 16 square miles of his congressional district near Olivehurst. The levee had been scheduled for repairs since 1986, Herger said, but because federal funds were unavailable, work wasn't scheduled until later this year.

"Well, guess what?" Herger said. "It's too late. We're playing Russian roulette. Levees could break at any time."

On the delta, 318 California Conservation Corps members laid plastic and sandbags around low-lying islands to prevent flooding that could ultimately affect water used by two of every three Californians.

"There's miles and miles of island levees - we're going to be out there

for days," said spokeswoman Susanne Levitsky.

In the delta community of Rio Vista, which partly flooded earlier this week, Pat Jensen at Dry Vac Environmental Systems worried about the future.

"It's unreal. We're prepared for normal, but not for this," she said. "The scary thing is, it will probably

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everything from failing to alleviate poverty to refusing to bargain in good faith. Japan - which has close ties to Fujimori's government - criticized the forum given the guerrillas.

Hernando de Soto, a former economic adviser to Fujimori.

Fujimori's Cabinet, meanwhile, declared its opposition Tuesday to any attempt by the rebels to demand ransoms for the hostages.

The hostages include several executives of Japanese corporations, and a Japanese newspaper reported that the guerrillas have demanded millions of dollars in ransom from leading Japanese corporations. Japan on Tuesday denied the report.

Uruguay has been accused of winning the release of its ambassador by freeing two Tupac Amaru rebels jailed in that country. Uruguay denies making a deal.

Bolivian Foreign Minister Antonio Aranibar said his government had ruled out bartering for its ambassador to Peru, Jorge Gumucio, who is among the hostages and is believed to be in poor health. Four Tupac Amaru rebels are jailed in Bolivia.

Fujimori on Tuesday acknowledged the public relations blow suffered by his 6-1/2-year-old administration, which had declared victory in a vicious war against leftist guerrillas. He said he hoped to convince journalists "not to transmit the image that Peru is living in a situation of terrorism."

TV Asahi in Tokyo said its reporter, Hitomi, had entered the compound Tuesday without the network's authorization.

TV Asahi has urged staff members covering the hostage standoff not to take "careless" actions, a network

spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity. She said the network had not been in contact with Hitomi since he was taken into custody.

Cabinet chief Alberto Pandolfi said the pair's visit to the compound damaged the "flow of conversations (with the rebels), and more importantly, put the lives of the hostages and the journalists themselves at risk."

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto called the visit "very regrettable and disappointing."

"This will significantly impair the Peruvian government's efforts to bring about a peaceful solution to the crisis and set free all the hostages," he told reporters accompanying him on a Southeast Asian trip.

There have been few signs of progress for more than a week. Government negotiator Domingo Palermo has visited the compound only once.

Before dawn Tuesday, one of the rebels fired into the air, but no one was injured and the reason for the shooting wasn't known, Red Cross worker Jean Pierre Schaerer said.

The guerrillas seized about 500 hostages when they burst into a cocktail party at the Japanese ambassador's residence. Most captives have been let go.

Fujimori dropped out of sight after the raid, appearing only briefly last week to tell reporters he was resuming normal affairs of state.

Those close to Fujimori say he feels his position is stronger if his adversaries - be they guerrillas or politicians - know as little as possible.

"Silence has always been one of the hallmarks of his presidency," said

U.S. sources claim charges against diplomat unlikely

WASHINGTON (AP) - Expectation is growing among U.S. officials that a Republic of Georgia diplomat will be sent home rather than face possible charges in connection with a car crash that killed a 16-year-old girl.

The reasons: It is highly unusual for governments to waive diplomatic immunity for fear of setting a precedent, and at least one American envoy has escaped prosecution in a similar case in Moscow in recent years.

"If charges are brought - and charges ought to be brought against somebody for this crime - then we think this man ought to stand trial," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Tuesday. But he added: "It's more likely that the Georgian government will probably elect to send him home or have him expelled. And that's most unfortunate."

Georgia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement today it would "cooperate in the investigation of the tragedy." The statement did not say whether the diplomat would be

summoned home.

The U.S. attorney's office, which must decide whether the case merits prosecution, received the police report on the crash today and planned to send a letter to the State Department by this evening. Kevin Ohlson, a spokesman for the office, did not reveal the report's findings.

"In the letter, we will notify the State Department whether the case is prosecutable if diplomatic immunity is waived," said Ohlson. "Then it will be up to the State Department on how to proceed."

The State Department plans to seek a waiver of diplomatic immunity if the U.S. attorney's office suggests prosecution, Burns said.

Attorney Robert Bennett, whose client list includes President Clinton, is representing the former Soviet republic in the case "involving Georgui Makharadze, the second-ranking envoy at the Georgian Embassy."

"It's obviously a terrible tragedy," said Bennett. But he added that it is too soon to speculate on

whether Makharadze will be sent home.

A car driven by Makharadze, 35, was involved in a multi-vehicle crash in Washington on Friday night that killed 16-year-old Jovianne Waltrick of nearby Kensington, Md.

Police indicated speed and alcohol may have been a factor, but Makharadze was not given a breathalyzer or blood tests because of his diplomatic status.

Skid marks and witness accounts indicate his car had been traveling up to 80 mph. Police, trying to reconstruct the accident, were reinterviewing witnesses and examining Makharadze's claim of possible brake failure, a law enforcement source said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Georgia President Eduard Shevardnadze will be held responsible, but he did not specifically say he would agree to waive his diplomatic immunity to face possible criminal or civil charges.



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

9-1-7

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

7-22-26-35-9

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Lifestyles

Bell is named 'Woman of Year' by chamber Women's Division



Bell is "Woman of the Year"

Rita Bell, left, was announced as the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Woman of the Year for 1996 during the annual banquet and installation of officers Tuesday night at the Community Center. Pictured with Bell, are her husband, Ronnie, right, and her daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Randy Davis.

By BECKY CAMP
Lifestyles Editor

In announcing Rita Bell as the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Woman of the Year for 1996, Peggie Fox said, "She has been some of the glue that has held us together these past few years."

The announcement came as the highlight of the Women's Division annual banquet and installation of officers.

Installing officer Betty Taylor used the 1997 theme "Build on the Future" as she installed Elvira Enriquez as president; Nancy Denton, president-elect; Shannon Redwine, vice president; Kristi Hollingsworth, secretary-treasurer; Linda Daniel and Janie Alejandre, directors; and Julia Laing, parliamentarian.

Outgoing president, Julia Laing, presented plaques to retiring board members Lacy Mueggenborg and Sandy Josslerand. Emily Christie, the other retiring member of the board, was unable to attend.

The annual banquet, held at the Hereford Community Center, was catered by Something Special.

Special guests in attendance were Wade Easley, president of the Deaf

Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Don Cumpton, executive director of the Chamber.

Laing expressed her appreciation to all the members for their help during the past year and encouraged them to continue to support the new president for a great year ahead. She was presented a plaque by Enriquez in recognition of her year of service to the Women's Division.

Upon accepting the gavel, Enriquez thanked those who had already agreed to help by serving on committees. She expressed her desire to increase membership and participation in the Women's Division in the coming year.

Enriquez said, "We are looking forward to a great year and we know that with Mr. Cumpton as the new Chamber executive we will be able to 'Build on the Future.'"

As she announced the Woman of the Year award, Fox outlined the life and accomplishments of the honoree.

Bell has been a dedicated member of the Women's Division since April 1989, has served on most committees and chaired several. She was president of the Women's Division in 1992.

Fox stressed Bell is a "true Panhandle lady," who was born in Vega, attended college at West Texas State in Canyon and has spent most of her adult life in Hereford.

She has been employed at the same financial institution, currently FirstBank Southwest, for 30 years.

Her other community activities have included the Cancer Society, the Heart Association, the Senior Citizens Rocking Chair program and the Women's Auxiliary of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department. Bell and her husband, Ronnie, have one daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Randy Davis.

As Bell accepted the silver tray and dozen red roses, she said, "It has been a blessing in my life to be a part of the Women's Division. It is a group of talented people who are involved and make things happen."

Fund set to aid former resident

A special fund has been established at Avenue Baptist Church for the family of Doug and Anna Beth Roming, formerly Anna Beth Friemel of Hereford.

The Romings, their son and their daughter lost their belongings and home in Canyon in a fire on Jan. 3.

Contributions can be made at the Avenue Baptist church office, 130 N. 25 Mile Avenue, between 8:15 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.



1997 Women's Division officers

Betty Taylor, right, used the 1997 theme "Build on the Future" to install 1997 officers of the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce during the annual banquet Tuesday night at the Hereford Community Center. Installed

were, from right, Elvira Enriquez, president; Nancy Denton, president-elect; Shannon Redwine, vice president; Kristi Hollingsworth, secretary-treasurer; Janie Alejandre and Linda Daniel, directors; and Julia Laing, parliamentarian.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I read your column the other day and noticed that a teen-ager was asking for advice about sex. I'm 28 years old and thought I knew everything, but I was wrong. Believe it or not, I somehow managed to get pregnant without having intercourse.

The two of us were naked in bed, with him lying on top of me. There was no erection, no penetration and no noticeable ejaculation. When I told my boyfriend I was pregnant, he refused to believe he was responsible since we had never actually had sex.

I made my doctor do \$700 worth of tests because he could not convince me that I was actually pregnant until I saw the ultrasound and heard the heartbeat. My doctor admitted this was a highly unusual way to get pregnant, but it wasn't the first time he'd heard of it.

The point is, you can never be too careful. I should thank my lucky stars that the only thing to come of this was a baby and not a sexually transmitted disease. Please tell your readers that if they aren't ready for a child, they should not fool around without protection, and protection doesn't always work.

Ann, I hope you can print my letter, even though it may offend some of your readers. If it makes just a few couples think twice, it will have been worth the trouble I went to to write it. I'm starting to feel better already. -- Mystified in Mississippi

Dear Mississippi: Your letter may sound hokey to many of my readers,

but I can assure them that I believe you. Total penetration is not necessary in order to get pregnant. Some couples who use the withdrawal technique are dumbfounded when they learn a baby is on the way. The word from here is be smart, take no chances and enjoy total peace of mind.

Dear Ann Landers: At what age should a brother and sister no longer share a bedroom?

I have a friend who is worried about his 7-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter. He feels the boy needs his own room. I think curiosity about the opposite sex is perfectly normal and that nothing is likely to happen at this age.

My friend and his wife are considering moving to a larger house just so the kids can have separate rooms. What do you think? -- G.N. in Charlotte, N.C.

Dear G.N.: The curiosity is normal, but I would recommend separate rooms for a 5-year-old girl and a 7-year-old boy.

Dear Ann Landers: A while ago, you printed a short essay about "everybody" avoiding doing "somebody else's" job. It made quite an impression on me, and I hope you will run it again. -- Harried in Houston

Dear Houston: Here it is. Thanks for asking. There's a lot of wisdom in this mini-essay. Whose Job Is It?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody,

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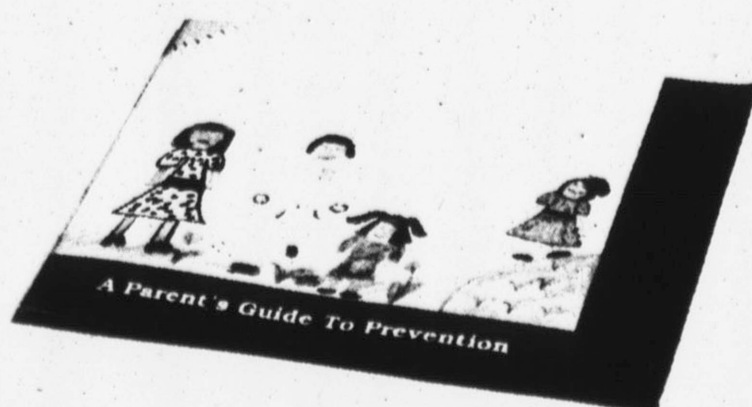
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Sports

Lady Whitefaces end Randall jinx, 45-43

BY CRAIG NIEMAN
Brand staff writer

The Lady Whitefaces finally did it - they beat Randall, and Hereford coach Eddie Fortenberry is happy "to get the monkey off our backs."

Despite making only 4 of 14 free-shot attempts in the final quarter, the Whitefaces held on for a 45-43 upset win over the Randall Lady Raiders here Tuesday night. It was Hereford's first-ever win over the Lady Raiders.

"We're better at the free-throw line than that, but I guess the pressure got to us a little in the last quarter," said Fortenberry.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence right now, and our basketball team is much improved

over a month ago. We've really stepped it up on defense," said the Hereford coach.

Misti Davis, Julie Rampley and Catic Betzen led Hereford's balanced attack with 14, 12 and 11 points, respectively. Each team hit only two three-point shots. Davis and Rampley had one each for the Whitefaces.

Randall's Courtney Gilmore scored 17 to lead the visitors. She fouled out of the game with 1:18 left. Burrows had 8 points and Lisa McPherson added 7.

Hereford took over second place in District 1-4A with a 5-1 record, while Randall fell to 4-2. Hereford is 16-5 overall. The No. 1 ranked

Canyon Eagles come to town Friday night.

The Lady Whitefaces took a 5-2 lead in the early going Tuesday night, then led by 13-8 after one period. Randall fought back to tie the game at 20 in the second period, but Hereford never trailed again after that. Hereford led by 26-21 at halftime.

Both teams had a lot of turnovers and poor shooting in the first half, but Randall stayed close as Gilmore converted from close range on numerous occasions and got 13 of the Raiders' first 20 points.

Hereford moved to a 29-23 lead in the third period before Randall rallied to cut the advantage to 29-28. Betzen

and Briar Baker hit baskets, then Rampley scored on a fast break as Hereford moved back to a 37-28 lead as the third quarter ended.

The Whitefaces held a 42-35 lead midway through the final period, then Randall cut it to two points, 42-40, with a little over a minute remaining. Randall outscored Hereford by 15-8

in the fourth period.

With Canyon ranked first in the state and Randall at No. 8 in this week's ratings, Fortenberry pointed out that "This is really a tough district - no doubt about it. This was a huge victory for us - it puts us in a position to battle for a playoff spot."

Hereford also posted a victory in

the junior varsity game, scoring a 42-36 win over the visitors.

Randall 8 21 28 43
Hereford 13 26 37 45

R--Gilmore 17, Burrows 8, McPherson 7, Norman 6, Benson 4, Cornelius 1.
H--Davis 14, Rampley 12, Betzen 11, Barrett 2, Baker 2, Rives 2, Ramey 2.

Unbeaten Raiders rally for 60-57 win over Herd

Hereford's varsity boys almost completed a doubleheader sweep of the Randall Raiders here Tuesday night, but a controversial call and the clutch shooting of the Raiders' Kevin Clayton resulted in a 60-57 for the district-leading Randall team.

After falling behind by 8-0 at the start, Hereford rallied and led most of the way until the final seconds. Clayton hit a long three-pointer from the corner to give Randall a 58-57 lead with 19 seconds left in the game.

Hereford's Isaac Walker drove the baseline and scored with 5 seconds left, but the ref away from the play called a charging foul on the Whitefaces, nullifying the basket. Clayton then hit two free shots to close out the game at 60-57.

"It was a tough one to lose - they always are when you think you've got a clear chance to win," said Coach Randy Dean after the game.

"I was very upset with the charging call made on Isaac, and I'd

like to apologize to the fans for my reaction. I didn't throw any chairs or anything, but I was a little bit more vocal than I should have been to the refs."

Dean said the team missed some important free shots going down the stretch, "and that certainly contributed to our troubles at the end of the game. The surprising thing is that we've been doing well on free throws up until this."

Jonathan Keenan hit four treys and took scoring honors for Hereford with 25 points before fouling out with 32 seconds left. Walker chipped in 14 points and Cory Schumacher hit 11 for the Whitefaces. Schumacher had three treys in the game.

Clayton led all scorers with 31 points for Randall. He was followed by Sims, who came off the bench to score 8 points.

After an 0-8 start, Hereford bounced back to trail by only 13-10

after one period. The Whitefaces, sparked by Schumacher, came back to take a 28-25 advantage at halftime.

The Whitefaces held the lead and took a seven-point, 47-40, advantage into the final quarter. Randall outscored Hereford by 20-10 in the final period, however. Hereford had a five-point lead, 56-51, with 1:21 left.

Randall remained undefeated in district play at 5-0, while Hereford fell to 2-2. The Whitefaces are 10-13 on the season. Canyon and Caprock are 3-1 in league action. Canyon beat Pampa and Borger beat Dumas Tuesday night.

The Canyon Eagles come to Hereford for a doubleheader Friday night.

"This district is so evenly matched this year that we feel we can compete with anyone," said Dean. "We'll bounce back. These guys have been very resilient all year long."

Hereford won the junior varsity game by a 59-50 score Tuesday night. Matt Cosby led Hereford with 15 points, followed by Jeremy Urbanczyk with 9, Bryan Matthews with 6, and Mitch Wagner, Spencer Power and Eric McNutt with 5 each.

Randall 13 25 40 60
Hereford 10 28 47 57

R--Clayton 31, Sims 8, Lopez 7, Warner 7, Webb 5, Paetzold 2.
H--Keenan 25, Walker 14, Schumacher 11, Kuback 4, McNutt 3.

Tech coach wary of OSU

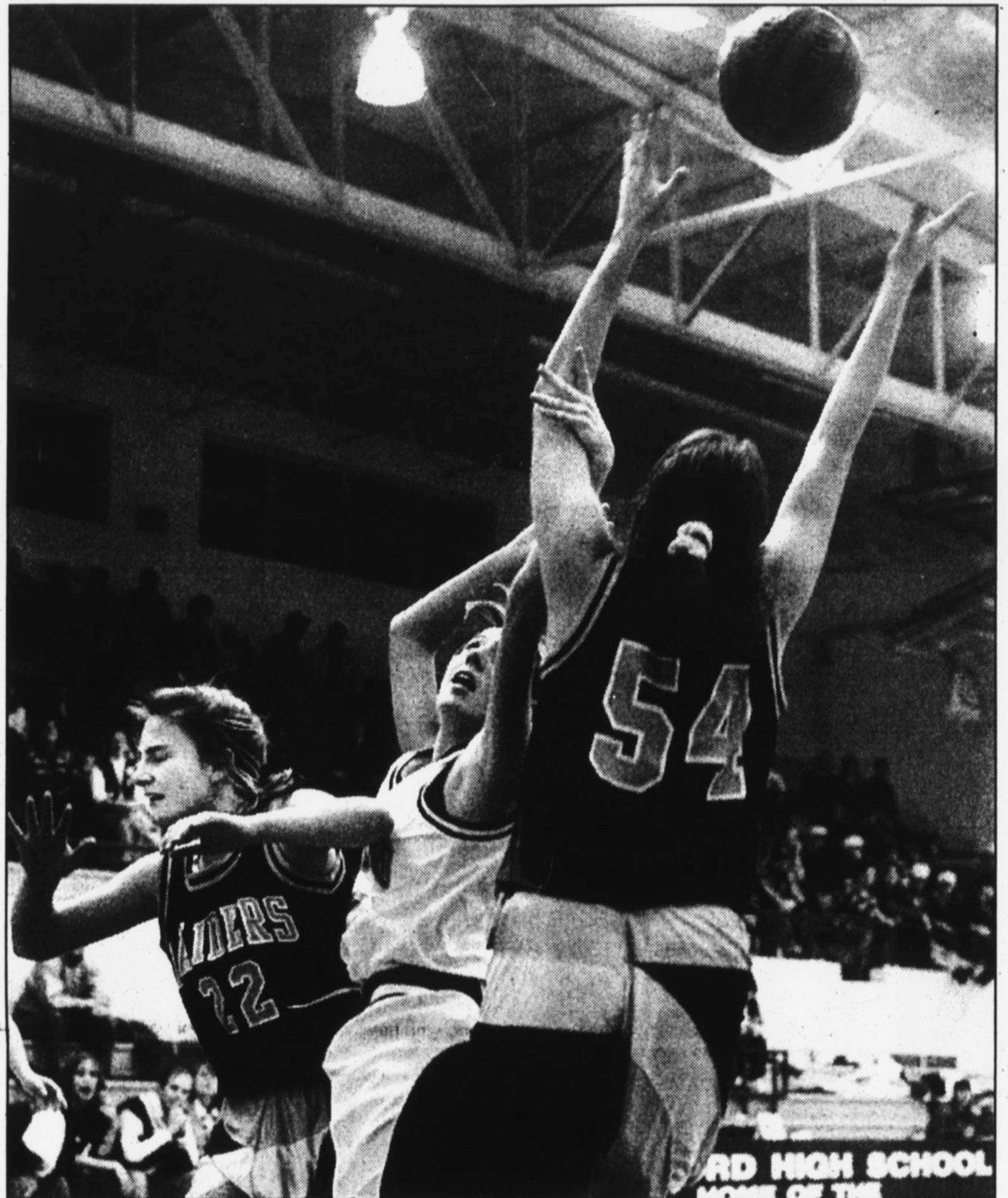
STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - Texas Tech coach James Dickey has a couple reasons why he's uneasy about playing Oklahoma State tonight.

One is the setting, Gallagher-Iba Arena, where Oklahoma State is 73-7 in the past 61 years.

"I'm not looking forward to going into Stillwater after what happened

in Austin," Dickey said, referring to OSU's 34-point loss to Texas last weekend. "They have a great crowd, one of the outstanding home courts in the country."

He also is anxious because the Cowboys' coach is Eddie Sutton, his longtime friend. Dickey spent eight years as an assistant under Sutton.



Baker battles on the boards

Hereford's Briar Baker goes up between Randall's Audrea Burrows (22) and Courtney Gilmore (54) in a battle for a rebound in Tuesday night's game here in Hereford. The Lady Whitefaces scored an upset 45-43 win over the Raiders, marking the first victory ever over a Lady Raider basketball team. Hereford moved into second place behind Canyon in the district standings.

Photos by Mauri Montgomery



Walker fights for offensive rebound

Hereford's Isaac Walker (white uniform) battles with Randall's Kevin Clayton (00) for an offensive rebound in Tuesday night's disappointing 60-57 loss to the league-leading Raiders. Randall is unbeaten in 1-4A action, while Hereford fell to 2-2. The Whiteface boys and girls take on Canyon here Friday night.

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Iowa State, Xavier drop from unbeaten ranks

By The Associated Press
It wasn't a good night for the unbeaten. It was a great night for the all-time non-winner.
Fourth-ranked Iowa State and No. 12 Xavier dropped from the ranks of the unbeaten Tuesday night, leaving Kansas, Wake Forest and Oregon with that distinction.

Meanwhile, Rutgers-Camden, which took losing to a level no other team ever approached, finally left the court a winner for the first time in almost five years, a span of 117 games.

Marquette beat Iowa State 67-64 and Dayton downed Xavier, Ohio 98-91, leaving them 116 games from tying Division III Rutgers-Camden's record streak that ended with a 77-72 victory over Bloomfield College.

"We're on a one-game winning streak," freshman Dawan Boxley said after the Pioneers (1-9) won for the first time since beating Ramapo College on Jan. 18, 1992.

In other games involving ranked

teams Tuesday night, it was No. 3 Kentucky 90, Mississippi State 61; No. 5 Clemson 86, No. 10 Duke 82 in overtime; and No. 23 Boston College 94, Syracuse 83.

Senior Craig Bell, who had 14 points, was optimistic Rutgers-Camden's winning streak would continue.

"This is not it. We hope to keep this going," he said. "I want to tell the guys not to think this is all we need to win."

The previous record for a losing streak was 47 games by another branch of New Jersey's state university, Rutgers-Newark, from 1983 to 1985. The Division I record of 37 straight losses was set by The Citadel from January 1954 to December 1955.

When the game with Bloomfield (5-11) ended, about 100 fans rushed the court to celebrate with the players.

Bloomfield coach Mike Mancino told his players: "If this is the worst thing that happens to you in your life,

you've got a pretty good life. It's only basketball."

No. 3 Kentucky 90, Mississippi St. 61

Derek Anderson scored 10 of his 26 points during a 12-2 second-half run that led the Wildcats (13-1, 2-0 SEC) to their 13th straight victory. Horatio Webster had 17 points to lead the Bulldogs (7-8, 1-1), who committed a season-high 31 turnovers. Mississippi State was the last team to beat Kentucky in Rupp Arena (Feb. 14, 1994).

Marquette 67, No. 4 Iowa St. 64
Aaron Hutchins scored 20 points to lead the visiting Golden Eagles (10-2), who held Iowa State (10-1) without a field goal for 8 1/2 minutes during a 12-2 run that gave them a 62-54 lead.

Kenny Pratt, who scored nine of Iowa State's final 10 points, pulled the Cyclones within one with 1:16 remaining. Marquette missed a shot on its next possession, but Mike Bargan and Anthony Pieper double-teamed Dedic Willoughby and Pieper knocked the ball loose,

was fouled and made both free throws with 6.7 seconds left. Willoughby, who finished with 23 points, missed a hurried 3-point shot just before the buzzer.

No. 5 Clemson 86, No. 10 Duke 82

The Tigers (13-1, 2-0 ACC) set a school record by making 22 of 23 free throws. Terrell McIntyre of Clemson made two free throws to tie the game 76-76 with eight seconds left in regulation. Greg Newton of the visiting Blue Devils (11-3, 2-1) was left alone under the basket, but fumbled away a pass from Steve Wojciechowski with 2.8 seconds to go.

Wojciechowski opened the overtime with a 3-pointer, but the Tigers went on an 8-0 run for their ninth straight victory while ending Duke's six-game winning streak. McIntyre finished with 17 points and Trajan Langdon had a career-high 25 for Duke, but he scored only one point over the final 10 minutes of the game and missed three 3-pointers in the overtime.

Dayton 98, No. 12 Xavier, Ohio 91

Darnell Hoskins scored a career-high 30 points and Mark Ashman and Rodney Horton each had 20 points for the Flyers (6-4, 1-1 Atlantic 10). Lenny Brown had 29 points for Xavier (10-1, 1-1), which was off to the best start in school history and moved this week to its highest ranking in 38 years. The Musketeers pulled within five points with 33 seconds remaining, but Gary Lumpkin missed a 3-point attempt, and Hoskins made two free throws to seal it.

No. 23 Boston College 94, Syracuse 83

Danya Abrams had 28 points and 16 rebounds as the Eagles (9-2, 4-1 Big East) held off a late rally after leading by 18 points in the second half. Jason Cipolla had a career-high 28 points for Syracuse (8-6, 0-4), including a layup that made it 85-81 with 1:59 to go. But Abrams made four free throws and Andy Bedard converted two more to seal it. The 0-4 Big East start is a first for the Orangemen, who lost at home for the third time this season.

Magic beats Philadelphia, 109-88; Houston wins, Dallas is drubbed

By The Associated Press
Penny Hardaway returned to the Orlando lineup, and Rik Smits was back on the court for Indiana. Neither had a great game, but both helped their struggling teams win.

Hardaway, sidelined most of the season because of knee problems, had 15 points, seven assists and six turnovers as the Magic beat Philadelphia 109-88 Tuesday night.

"I was never nervous, just anxious to get out there on the floor and run up and down," Hardaway said. "I wasn't really worried about my knee. It was just a matter of how I was going to play. I see I had six turnovers, so I'm a little rusty."

Smits, playing his first game of the season following surgery on both feet, had two points and five rebounds in Indiana's 95-90 victory over Cleveland.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was the Los Angeles Clippers 87, Toronto 80; New York 102, Dallas 72; New Jersey 90, San Antonio 74; Atlanta 105, Phoenix 103 in overtime; Milwaukee 86, Detroit 76; Houston 104, Minnesota 95; Seattle 94, Miami 85; and Denver 109, Sacramento 96.

In addition to getting Hardaway back, Orlando got a boost from the return of Horace Grant and Nick Anderson, who also had been sidelined with injuries.

Grant scored 20 points and Anderson had 12 points, eight rebounds and five assists for the Magic, who lost 13 of their previous 16 games.

Smits was rusty in his season debut, but the 7-foot-4 center helped the Pacers by just being on the court. Indiana struggled to a 14-16 record without Smits.

The Pacers won without star Reggie Miller, who was sidelined by the flu. Filling the offensive void were Dale Davis (9-for-9 from the field, 21 points), Travis Best (19 points) and Jalen Rose, who scored 16 as Miller's replacement.

Hawks 105, Suns 103
Henry James hit a 3-pointer with one second left in overtime to give Atlanta its 12th straight home victory. Christian Laettner scored 30 points for the Hawks, while Dikembe Mutombo had 22 points and 21 rebounds.

Clippers 87, Raptors 80
At Toronto, Loy Vaught had 21 points and 14 rebounds as the Clippers rallied to win their fourth straight. Damon Stoudamire scored 25 points for the Raptors, who have lost four in a row.

Knicks 102, Mavericks 72
At New York, Dallas barely avoided its lowest point total ever. The Mavs were on pace to break their franchise low of 68 before backup center Greg Dreiling scored five points in the final 32 seconds. Patrick Ewing had 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocks for New York, which played without ailing starters Chris Childs and Larry Johnson.

Nets 90, Spurs 74
At East Rutherford, Jayson

Williams had 19 points and 16 rebounds in his return after missing 10 games with injuries. Williams, who was sidelined with torn ligaments in his right thumb and a strained right knee, helped the Nets snap a three-game losing streak.

Bucks 86, Pistons 76
Vin Baker had 25 points and 12 rebounds, and Milwaukee held Detroit to 28 points in the second half to win at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Bucks snapped a five-game losing streak and ended Detroit's four-game winning streak. Grant Hill led the Pistons with 24 points, nine assists and eight rebounds.

SuperSonics 94, Heat 85
Gary Payton scored 30 points and Sam Perkins had 13 in the fourth quarter, including four 3-pointers. The Sonics improved to 16-3 over

Miami, including 10-0 at Seattle. Tim Hardaway scored 28 points for the Heat, who lost their second straight on a West Coast trip after winning 14 in a row on the road.

Rockets 104, Timberwolves 95
Clyde Drexler scored a season-high 37 points and Hakeem Olajuwon shook off a poor shooting performance with 14 fourth-quarter points. The loss snapped Minnesota's home winning streak at four games and improved Houston's road record to 13-2, best in the Western Conference.

Nuggets 109, Kings 96
LaPhonso Ellis scored 13 of his career-high 33 points in the third quarter as Denver won at Sacramento. Ellis, whose previous high was 30 against San Antonio in the Nuggets' last game, connected on 14 of 21 shots from the field as Denver snapped a four-game losing streak.

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Packers say no way to prepare for cold

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - After watching Carolina beat Dallas on a 65-degree night, Gilbert Brown, Green Bay's 325-pound nose tackle, was glad he doesn't have to leave frigid Lambeau Field for Sunday's NFC title game.

Brown is one of the few Packers on record as actually liking cold weather. He figures the fatigue factor is less.

But what about things like frostbite? "You can deal with that," Brown insisted. "But you can't turn the heat down."

More important, tight end Mark Chmura said, it's hard for opponents to simulate Wisconsin's icy weather.

"You can prepare for warm weather, you go inside and crank up the heat," he said. "When it's cold, you can't find a meat locker big enough to prepare."

Coach Mike Holmgren, who is holding practices at the team's indoor facility this week, just as he has every day since Nov. 1, agreed there's really no way for opponents to prepare for the chill that greets them in Green Bay.

"There is no way to simulate that sensation," he said.

And there's not many ways to deal with it, either, defensive end Sean Jones said. Sit by the heaters, gulp hot

liquids, wear special clothing, it doesn't matter.

"Cold is cold," Jones said. "You can't escape it, no matter what anyone tells you. People do all this stuff, come out there with no sleeves on and all this other macho stuff."

"But I think mentally, people handle it differently," Jones added. "And I just believe it's just three hours out of your life and if wearing that gold on your finger is real important to you, then I can handle it for three hours."

Center Frank Winters couldn't believe it when he watched the Panthers (13-4) beat Dallas in short sleeves and sunshine on Sunday.

"It was 65 degrees," Winters said. "And they were sitting on heated benches!"

Which explains some of the wicked chortles in the Packers' locker room.

"I want cold Sunday," split end Antonio Freeman said. "I want chest-burning type of cold Sunday."

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Blaze Your Own Trail!



Fund-raising tradition from 1920s begins Friday as Girl Scouts kick off cookie sale

A fund-raising tradition that dates back to the early 1920s will continue at 4 p.m. Friday when Hereford Girl Scouts kick off their annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

When the sale started in the '20s, the cookies were baked by the girls themselves, but the emphasis of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale was the same then as it is now - to benefit the girls.

"This year's theme is 'Blaze Your Own Trail,' because the cookie sale embodies the resourcefulness and creativity Girl Scouting encourages in girls," said Melinda Henson, local service unit director. "Girls build confidence through the cookie sale as they develop skills in setting goals, meeting the public, handling money and following through on a commitment."

By 1934, the cookie sale had become so successful the girls could no longer continue to bake the cookies themselves and the first documented council-wide sale of commercially baked cookies took place in Philadelphia.

Since that time, a number of different companies have baked for the sale. Currently there are two

different bakers. The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council works with ABC Bakers and Marketing Consultants, who have been an "Official Girl Scout Cookie Baker" for 58 years.

A company can't just decide it is going to bake Girl Scout Cookies.

Bakers must be licensed by the national Girl Scout organization, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

All cookies and materials provided by bakers must be approved by G.S.U.S.A. The licensing agreement for bakers specifies that a maximum

of eight different Girl Scout Cookies may be offered.

All bakers are required to make a Thin Mint, a Peanut Butter Sandwich and a Shortbread type cookie.

In addition, ABC offers Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes and two new cookies for 1997, Five World Cinnamons with Sugar and Reduced Fat Iced Ginger Daisies.

All proceeds from the Girl Scout cookie sale stay in the Panhandle and are used to help fund troop activities, council programs, camps, volunteer training and materials.

Individual girls also earn "Cookie Currency," which they may spend on troop activities, council programs, camp fees, uniforms, national registration fee, handbooks and other items from the council shop.

Cookies are still \$2.50 a box, and the girls will take orders through Jan. 27.

Cookies will be delivered between Feb. 18 and March 6.

For more information, contact Melinda Henson at 364-0222 after 5:30 p.m.

Original cookie recipe

The recipe which follows is believed to be a recipe used to bake Girl Scout Cookies when they were homemade by the girls themselves.

Original Homebaked Girl Scout Cookies

(circa 1922)

- 1 cup of butter (or substitute)
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 tablespoons of milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla
- 2 cups of flour
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- sugar crystals

Cream butter and sugar, add well-beaten eggs, then milk, flavoring, flour and baking powder. Roll thin, make trefoil cut outs, sprinkle sugar crystals on top, and bake at 350 degrees for about 8 minutes, or until just golden-brown.

Wild mustang is mascot

The theme for the 1997 Girl Scout Cookie Sale is "Blaze Your Own Trail" and features a logo which incorporates this season's cookie sale mascot: the wild mustang.

For centuries the wild mustang blazed a trail across the North American plains and prairies. Descended of horses that escaped from herds brought to the continent by Spanish explorers over 500 years ago, the mustang is known as "America's wild horse."

Once free, the escaped horses reverted back to their natural way of living. They gathered in herds, ate, whatever was available to them and adapted to the sometimes harsh conditions of the American West.

Their natural talents, which include sharp eyesight, speed and an acute sense of smell, helped to keep them safe from wolves, large

cats, humans and other enemies.

There was a time when an estimated two million mustangs thundered across the North American plains. As the western frontier was settled, however, they became increasingly endangered and their numbers dropped dramatically. By the 1970s, when government protection laws were enacted, the mustang population was down to about 15,000.

Today, mustangs live primarily in the western United States and have increased greatly in number.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 1997. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

Ten years ago: For the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25. President Ronald Reagan returned to the White House from

Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he'd undergone prostate surgery. Kay Orr was sworn in as the first female governor of Nebraska.

Five years ago: President George Bush collapsed during a state dinner in Tokyo; White House officials said Bush was suffering from stomach flu.

One year ago: Federal employees who had been out of work for weeks while the government was shut down began returning to their jobs; however, along the East Coast, many

government workers were idled by a huge blizzard that paralyzed the nation's capital. More than 300 people were killed in Kinshasa, Zaire, when a cargo plane crashed into a market on takeoff. Former French president Francois Mitterrand died at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 74. Actor Ron Moody is 73. Comedian Soupy Sales is 71. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 69. CBS newsman Charles

Osgood is 64. Singer Shirley Bassey is 60. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 58. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 57. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 55. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 51. Rock singer David Bowie is 50. Singer R. Kelly is 28.

Thought for Today: "Ideas, as distinguished from events, are never unprecedented." - Hannah Arendt, American author and historian (1906-1975).

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--Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.

--Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.

--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

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

Mixed response greets withdrawal of doll

WASHINGTON (AP) - While the Consumer Product Safety Commission praised Mattel Inc. for removing a hair-eating Cabbage Patch doll from store shelves, a consumer advocacy group said tighter regulations could have prevented it from ever reaching store shelves.

"Our recommendation is that manufacturers be required to test their products better before they introduce them to the market," said Janice Shields of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "This would avoid these types of unnecessary consumer injuries."

In response to about 100 reports of children getting hair and fingers caught in the battery-operated mouths of its Cabbage Patch Kids Snacktime Kids dolls, the El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel said Monday it would pay \$40 to parents who want

to return the dolls.

Mattel also said it would withdraw the toys from store shelves throughout the United States and end plans to market them in other countries.

"We at Mattel felt, after the various reported consumer incidents, it was just the right thing to do," said Mattel spokesman Sean Fitzgerald.

Mattel's decision came after lengthy discussions with officials at the government's Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"What we ended up with was a good, healthy result," said Ann Brown, the commission chairwoman. "This is the way the market should work for the American consumer."

Mattel's safety engineers had tested the doll before it was released. A spokeswoman stressed that the doll was not being recalled because of safety concerns; refunds were being

offered to dissatisfied consumers.

The commission began testing the dolls soon after receiving complaints over Christmas week, but found the doll did not pose a serious safety hazard.

Nevertheless, the commission argued that many of the 500,000 dolls had proven "very upsetting" to many children and parents, and Brown said the escalating number of incidents helped persuade Mattel to act.

"I think we have a good reputation of working in cooperation with industry," she said. "The idea is not

to hit industry over the head with a baseball bat; the idea is to get the best result for the American public."

Congress established the independent commission in 1972 to keep products that posed a serious safety hazard off the market. Consumer advocates have argued that it lacks clout.

Its annual budget is \$42.5 million, and has not increased since the 1980s. The agency does not begin testing until a complaint is received, and it has only 80 investigators nationwide. In 1994, the now-defunct Institute

for Injury Reduction released a report alleging that toy manufacturers were willing to run a risk of selling dangerous toys because their chances of getting caught were so small.

"That's really over the top," said Brown. "I think that's a drastic overstatement. We have found, and I think that Mattel is an example of this, companies generally want to do the right thing. They do care about children; they are humane. Those are their customers."

The commission collects data from the public and through the media, and

manufacturers are supposed to report any injuries associated with their products.

It has the power to order recalls of products that violate federal regulations, but the commission is usually able to hammer out agreements with manufacturers to act voluntarily.

Shields, the consumer advocate, said the commission's work would be enhanced if manufacturers were required to file regular reports and if health care workers were required to report any product-related injuries.

Dolls with heart share friendship with ill children

LENEXA, Kan. (AP) - Miles Postlethwait, born with heart, kidney and intestinal defects, wanted a friend who was just like him. So he and his mom, Marty, created one.

That friend, a muslin "buddy" with a plastic tube protruding from its abdomen and a row of scars across its heart, has helped the 9-year-old through more than 30 major surgeries.

Three years since its creation, that single buddy has grown into Shadow Buddies, the Postlethwait's year-old company that makes 12 different disease- and disability-specific dolls.

The rag dolls have been stitched, fitted for casts, anesthetized, hooked up to chemotherapy lines, given shots and loved by about 12,000 children across the United States.

"Even little kids who have Down's syndrome and some of the ones that are a little more severely handicapped all say, 'me, me,' when they get them and look underneath the gowns," company president Marty Postlethwait said.

The 12-inch dolls come light and dark-skinned, with knotted yarn hair in different colors. Each wears a printed hospital gown and underwear, they show the unique physical characteristics of their human buddies' disease or disability.

Miles, whose thumb print is on the left hand of each buddy, designed the prototype when he was 6.

When Mrs. Postlethwait asked her son how the buddies should look, he

said, "We need to put heart eyes on them for love, so that the kids know that they're loved, and they all should smile so that when the kids look at the buddies, they are happy."

The buddies were test-marketed for children ages 6 months through 16 years. But all ages are comforted by them, Mrs. Postlethwait said.

The oldest Shadow Buddy owner is an 88-year-old woman who needed a pacemaker and heart valve replacement. She still has her buddy one year after the surgery.

The youngest is newborn Cheyenne Pyle - also the nation's youngest heart transplant recipient.

Chris Brown, a director at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said children can take their buddy into the operating room during surgery, where it sits on the operating table and even wears a little mask.

The custom-made companions have made some patients more cooperative, said Cindy Marklander, a child life specialist at Denver Children's Hospital in Denver.

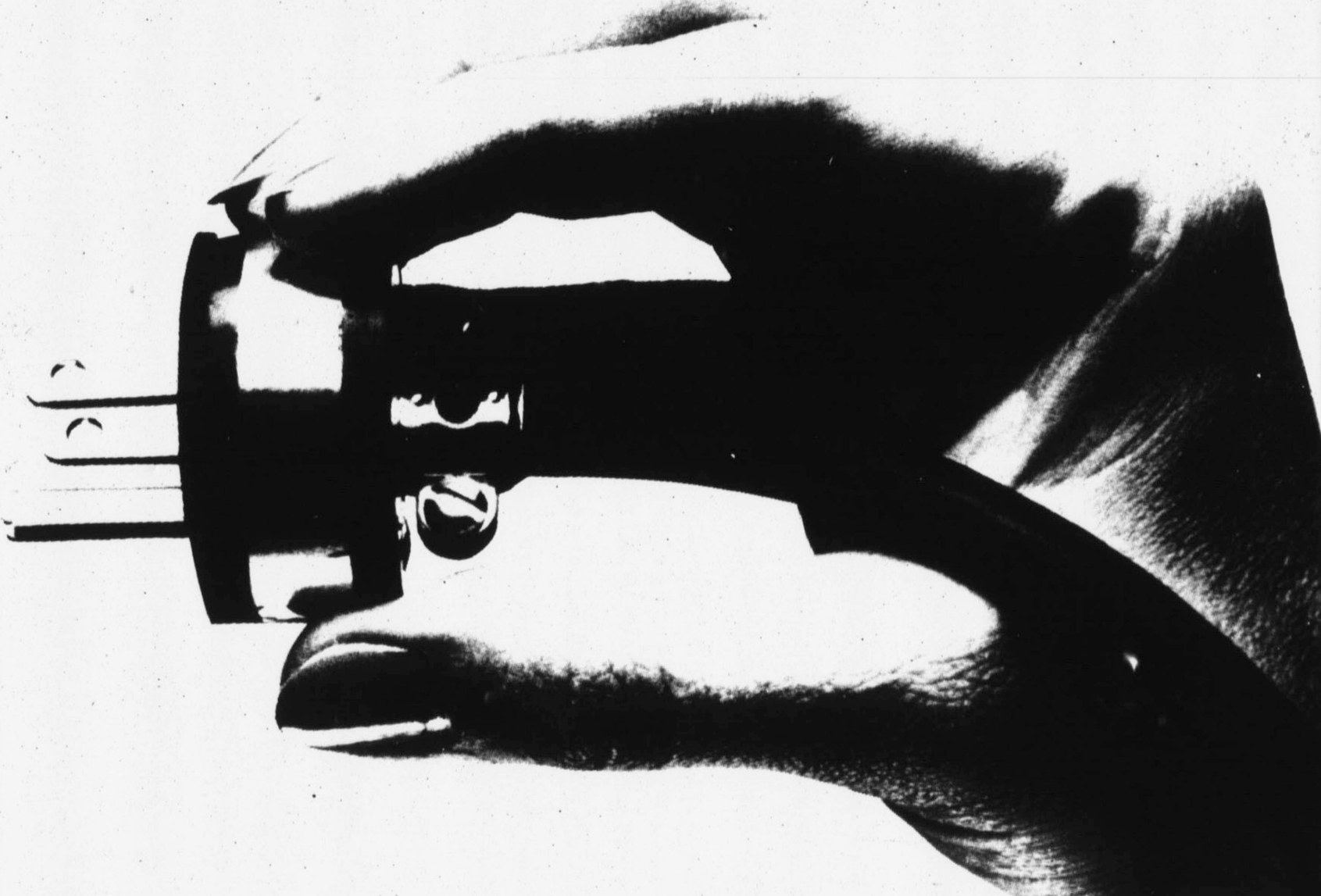
"It reduces some of the stress," she said. "It's them getting a little better sense of control. Everything is being done to them, so they feel more in control when they are working on their buddies."

The Postlethwait's sell the dolls wholesale to corporations, who may then distribute the dolls or ask the Postlethwait's to distribute them. They cost about \$10 each.

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CATTLE FUTURES

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) \$4,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Jan	67.85	67.75	67.07	67.25	-	40	49.10	55.70	3,056
Mar	68.15	68.10	67.42	67.60	-	70	48.30	56.15	6,218
Apr	68.45	68.45	67.67	67.70	-	42	48.95	57.75	2,544
May	68.75	68.75	68.20	68.20	-	40	49.20	59.80	3,122
Aug	70.45	70.45	70.30	70.30	-	17	71.25	64.05	2,431
Sept	70.80	70.80	70.17	70.30	-	29	71.00	65.40	380
Oct	70.90	70.90	70.10	70.10	-	23	70.97	66.10	547

CATTLE-LIVE (CME) \$4,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Feb	65.22	65.22	64.72	64.72	-	102	66.02	60.15	36,410
Apr	65.87	65.87	65.10	65.10	-	55	67.70	62.65	74,793
June	63.10	63.10	62.70	62.92	-	17	66.75	61.00	10,882
Aug	62.97	62.97	62.30	62.30	-	27	66.75	62.00	10,214
Oct	65.85	65.85	65.80	65.72	-	27	66.90	64.55	6,494
Dec	67.10	67.10	67.02	67.02	-	25	68.30	67.15	483

HOGS (CME) \$4,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Jan	67.85	67.85	67.82	67.95	-	25	68.30	67.15	483
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New contract prices begin with Feb/97

Feb	78.00	78.07	78.12	78.47	-	30	80.30	83.15	13,972
Apr	76.40	76.75	76.70	76.67	-	57	76.90	81.15	6,703
June	75.00	75.00	75.10	75.10	-	37	75.10	79.10	5,962
Aug	74.70	74.70	74.52	74.50	-	20	74.70	74.40	1,317
Oct	72.80	72.72	72.52	72.50	-	17	72.75	72.40	1,144
Dec	66.70	67.30	66.37	67.25	-	30	67.95	65.00	996
Jan	66.40	66.95	66.40	66.37	-	13	66.40	66.30	300
Feb	67.10	67.10	67.10	67.10	-	12	67.10	67.10	122

Est vol 1,100; vol Mon 1,922; open Int 3,106; +375.

GRAIN FUTURES

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

Mar	257	258 1/2	258 1/2	258 1/2	+ 1 1/2	794 1/2	256	147,995
May	259 1/2	260 1/2	260 1/2	260 1/2	+ 1/2	794	258 1/2	54,169
July	260 1/2	261 1/2	261 1/2	261 1/2	+ 1/2	793	259 1/2	54,169
Sept	259	259 1/2	259 1/2	259 1/2	-	330	257 1/2	6,549
Dec	260	260	259 1/2	259 1/2	-	110	260 1/2	37,713
Mar/98	264 1/2	264 1/2	264 1/2	264 1/2	-	305	261 1/2	1,713
July	271 1/2	271 1/2	271 1/2	271 1/2	+ 1/2	315 1/2	269	1,131
Dec	256 1/2	257	256 1/2	256 1/2	+ 1/2	793	254 1/2	892

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

Jan	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	+ 1/2	824	650	8,707
Mar	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	+ 1/2	820	643	67,056
May	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	+ 1/2	815	645	78,734
July	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	+ 1/2	828	611	25,702
Aug	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	+ 1/2	813	647	3,507
Sept	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	+ 1/2	770	656	564
Nov	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	+ 1/2	749	697 1/2	11,912

Est vol 45,000; vol Mon 45,502; open Int 145,730; +119.

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

Mar	288	287	287 1/2	287 1/2	+ 1/2	618 1/2	362	32,251
May	288	287 1/2	287 1/2	287 1/2	+ 1/2	618	348	7,499
July	288	287 1/2	287 1/2	287 1/2	+ 1/2	618	348	7,499
Sept	287 1/2	287 1/2	287 1/2	287 1/2	+ 1/2	618	348	7,499
Dec	287 1/2	287 1/2	287 1/2	287 1/2	+ 1/2	618	348	7,499

Est vol 10,000; vol Mon 14,900; open Int 62,156; +965.

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (CME, Div. NYM) 100 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.

Jan	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Feb	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Mar	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Apr	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
May	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
June	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
July	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Aug	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Sept	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Oct	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Nov	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0
Dec	358.00	358.00	358.00	358.00	0	358.00	358.00	0

SILVER (CME, Div. NYM) 5,000 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.

Jan	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Feb	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Mar	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Apr	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
May	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
June	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
July	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Aug	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Sept	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Oct	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Nov	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0
Dec	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	0	460.00	460.00	0

Est vol 17,000; vol Mon 11,708; open Int 89,778; +1,126.

Texas crop report Mid-winter calving under way in state

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Winter calving is under way throughout Texas with the prospects looking good; however, much-needed moisture in some areas of the state could have adverse effects on the calf crop, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Doug Tolleson of Vernon, Extension research associate in rangeland ecology, says that without rainfall, producers could be looking at another critical year.

"It's starting to look like we're getting into a year like last year -- which isn't good," Tolleson said, "and if we don't get some rain soon, things could get pretty bad."

However, Tolleson said that any precipitation during a cold spell could produce problems during the mid-winter calving season.

"Any time that you have calves born in really cold weather, there are potential problems," Tolleson said. "Dry and cold isn't bad, but cold, wet weather is the worst condition for calves to be born in."

If cold, wet conditions do occur over the next few weeks, calving rates could drop even lower than first anticipated.

Dr. Stephen Hammock of Stephenville, Extension livestock specialist, said lower than average calving rates are already expected due to last year's forage availability.

"Poorer reproduction is expected as a reflection of poorer nutrition and the lack of moisture in the 1996 breeding season," Hammock said.

Tolleson added that the west central area of the state should not have any extra problems due to the drought; however, to avoid any difficulty producers do need to be certain and provide plenty of energy for cows about to calve and provide a reasonable amount of shelter.

"If cows about to calve are supplied with enough dry matter, there shouldn't be too many calving problems," Tolleson said.

Hammock said that if cattle are in fair condition going into the mid-winter calving season, there shouldn't be many problems and cattle should have enough hay and native grass to make it to spring.

Additionally, Tolleson advised producers to keep an eye out for calving problems during wet or cold weather.

He said that if the weather does turn cold and wet, cows about to calve need to be put in a pasture with a windbreak or shelter to avoid any difficulties.

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

PANHANDLE: Moisture short. Range conditions rated fair to good very dry. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding under way. Excellent forage for stock cattle. Cotton harvest continues. Wheat fair to good; needs moisture.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture short. Wheat needs moisture; being grazed. Cotton harvest winding down. Pecan harvest continues. Land preparation under way for crops. Supplemental feeding of livestock required.

ROLLING PLAINS: Moisture adequate to short. Range and pasture conditions good; moisture needed. Supplemental feeding continues. Winter calving in full swing. Cotton harvest continues. Wheat crop suffering due to lack of moisture. Insect activity light.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture short to surplus. Hay consumption is down. Wheat and rye growing good. Wheat stands looking good. Stock ponds low. Pruning peach trees. Pecan harvest complete; new orchards being planted. Cattle looking good; cows calving.

EAST TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Winter pastures generally good. Supplemental feedings increasing. Cattle condition good; market steady. Vegetable harvests declining. Pecan harvest complete. Peach tree pruning and spraying active.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture very short. Range conditions good. Cattle requiring supplemental feeding. Cows calving. Wheat and barley stands good. Pecan harvest winding down. Land preparation under way for spring planting. Irrigating onions.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Winter grasses slowed due to lack of moisture. Wheat grazing outlook is good. Supplemental feeding required; livestock in good shape. Cotton harvest nearing completion. Oats progressing well; little insect activity.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture adequate. Livestock in good condition; producers haying and supplementing. Peanut harvest complete; yield and grade poor. Good yield on late planted sorghum.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Moisture adequate to surplus. Much needed moisture lessened supplemental feeding.

Plans being readied for Texas' mega mall

DALLAS (AP) - More than 500 acres southwest of Houston could become home to Texas' largest mall - a 2-million-square-foot shopping and entertainment megacentre - as soon as next year, according to a published report.

Mills Corp., an Arlington, Va.-based real-estate developer specializing in so-called mega malls, has paid an undisclosed price to buy the land from American Realty Trust Inc., a Dallas-based real-estate investment company.

Mills plans to turn the plot into a mall that would draw between 16 million and 18 million visitors per year, the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reported in today's editions.

Mills, which already is building a mall just north of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport that is scheduled to open Oct. 30, says it will decide whether to move forward with plans by the end of the year.

If it opts for the deal, the complex could be ready by 1998. The company estimates a completed mall would create 4,000 jobs.

Although the company has yet to begin lining up prospective tenants for the Houston mall, other Mills malls include factory outlets such as Levi's Outlet; department-store outlets such as Last Call; the Neiman Marcus clearance center; catalog outlets such as Spiegel Outlet Store and JCPenney Outlet; and specialty retailers such as Burlington Coat Factory and Sports Authority.

Mills malls also include a 30-screen movie theater and GameWorks, an interactive entertainment center being developed by a joint venture between DreamWorks SKG, Sega Enterprises Ltd. and Seagram Co.'s MCA Inc. unit.

Mills officials said they're interested in Fort Bend County, about 30 miles southwest of downtown Houston, because it's in one of the fastest-growing, most-affluent communities in the country.

The population of Fort Bend County has increased more than 30 percent since 1991, and average household income in the county is

\$67,000 - about \$21,500 more than the national average.

Dausch says the lack of major retailers along the Interstate 10 corridor in Fort Bend County also drew the company to the area.

Mills executives say their decision on whether to build the mall will hinge largely on cooperation with local government, which includes the cities of Houston and Katy, as well as Harris and Fort Bend counties.

Those officials must find ways to finance infrastructure improvements needed to support the giant mall. So far, they appear willing to do whatever they can to ensure the mall is built.

"It's bigger than anything we've seen so far this decade," says Fort Bend County Judge Mike Rozell. "We can't wait. We would start working on it tonight if we could."

The company says it may also have to negotiate with federal environmental and transportation agencies.

Herbert W. Appel Jr., president of the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council in Sugar Land, says any improvements to area roads, power, sewers and water supplies could be financed with bonds secured by future sales-tax receipts from the mall.

"It would be low-pain, and it leaves property taxes untouched," he said.

Mills - which was created in 1967 as Western Development Co. and went public in 1994 - built its first mega mall, Potomac Mills, in suburban Washington in 1985.

It has since added three more giant malls: Franklin Mills in suburban Philadelphia; Gurnee Mills in Chicago; and Sawgrass Mills in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Five more are in the planning stages: in northern New Jersey, Los Angeles, Chicago and Phoenix, as well as the one in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Despite generally poor results for large shopping malls last year, Mills recently reported that its third-quarter profit for 1996 was 119 percent above the year-before figure.



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		<p>REG. GROUND BEEF</p> <p>FAMILY PACK</p>  <p>89¢</p>