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104th Congress starts with marathon day

By ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON (AP) - A frantic first day of floor votes and revelry behind them, Republicans dominating Congress are out to show President Clinton and Democrats they are serious about their quest to reshape government.

Leaders of both parties planned to meet with Clinton at the White House today, a day after a jubilant GOP assumed control of the House and Senate for the first time in 40 years. But even before visiting the president, top Republicans from both chambers made their intentions clear.

New Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., promised spending slashes, lower taxes and an end to laws that impose environmental and

other costly requirements on states and local governments without the money to pay for them.

"Reining in our government will be my mandate, and I hope it will be the purpose and principal accomplishment of the 104th Congress," Dole said, shortly after lawmakers kicked off their year's business Wednesday.

In an emotional House, Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., capped his rise from a nettlesome backbencher to House speaker and renewed his party's promise that the GOP would stage votes on an agenda that included tax and welfare cuts, an anti-crime package and a balanced budget amendment.

"We were hired to do a job, and we have to start today to prove we'll do it," he told his colleagues, minutes

after a rousing greeting from fellow Republicans chanting, "Newt, Newt, Newt." Their grueling opening day, which usually is brief and ceremonial, began at noon and lasted just under 14-1/2 hours.

In the chair at the closing gavel, Gingrich thanked members on both sides of the aisle. "It has been not only the longest and most workmanlike opening session, but one of the most productive sessions, I think, for any single day in House history," he said.

Clinton spent most of Wednesday still on holiday in Arkansas, where a school was dedicated in his name. White House spokesman Mark Gearan said Clinton shared many of the Republicans' goals, including welfare reform, political reforms,

ending federal mandates on the states and giving the president the line-item veto.

But he said that if Republican tax cut proposals increase the deficit or if the GOP tries to go back on items included in last year's crime and education bills, "then we will engage on that."

Gearan said Clinton's agenda could be summed up in two words: "the middle class."

The Senate debated a plan by Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., to weaken the use of filibusters, which are delays used by outnumbered senators to kill legislation. The chamber seemed ready to defeat the proposal today and to begin considering a bill that would for the first time apply worker

protection, civil rights and other laws to Congress.

The House Republican program was embodied in the party's campaign-season "Contract With America." Gingrich helped design that package of popular pledges, and it is credited with helping the GOP capture the House last fall.

The new speaker planned to testify on the contract today before the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees taxes, welfare and other social programs.

Wasting little time, Republicans fulfilled their first contract pledge and easily rammed through a slew of changes in House procedures. These included term limits for the speaker and committee chairmen, a requirement for three-fifths majorities for

approving income tax rate increases, and their own version of the bill that applies all laws to Congress.

"After everything the liberals said about the 'Contract With America,' it turns out that the American people and about two-thirds of Democrats like large parts of it," Gingrich boasted Wednesday night at a \$25-a-ticket GOP fund-raiser at a downtown hotel.

And as the Republican majorities began to assert themselves - 230-204 with one independent in the House and 53-47 in the Senate - Democrats began trying to grow accustomed to their new minority status.

"You are now my speaker, and may the great debates begin," Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said as he handed the speaker's gavel to Gingrich.

Sharp proposes welfare reform package for state that limits some benefits

AUSTIN (AP) - A welfare reform package that includes a two-year limit on some benefits is being pushed by State Comptroller John Sharp, according to a published report.

The Houston Post reported today that the package also calls for yanking state-issued licenses from people who are delinquent in their child-support payments.

The package, to be released today, contains 39 proposals and could save the state as much as \$100 million in the next two years.

Sharp's staff prepared the report at the request of Lt. Gov. Bob

Bullock in time for the opening of the 74th Texas Legislature, which convenes next Tuesday.

"Welfare becomes a treadmill with no 'off' switch as temporary relief turns into permanent despair," the report states, adding that the word welfare has taken on negative meaning. "More often than not, welfare is neither well nor fair."

At the top of the list of proposals is one that would limit Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits to 24 months for "employable recipients."

Sharp has proposed testing that

concept in 10,000 cases out of the approximately 250,000 AFDC families in Texas.

A report by the Texas Department of Human Services indicates that 51 percent of the adults on AFDC in 1993 had been on the program for more than two years. Twenty-five percent had received benefits for at least five years.

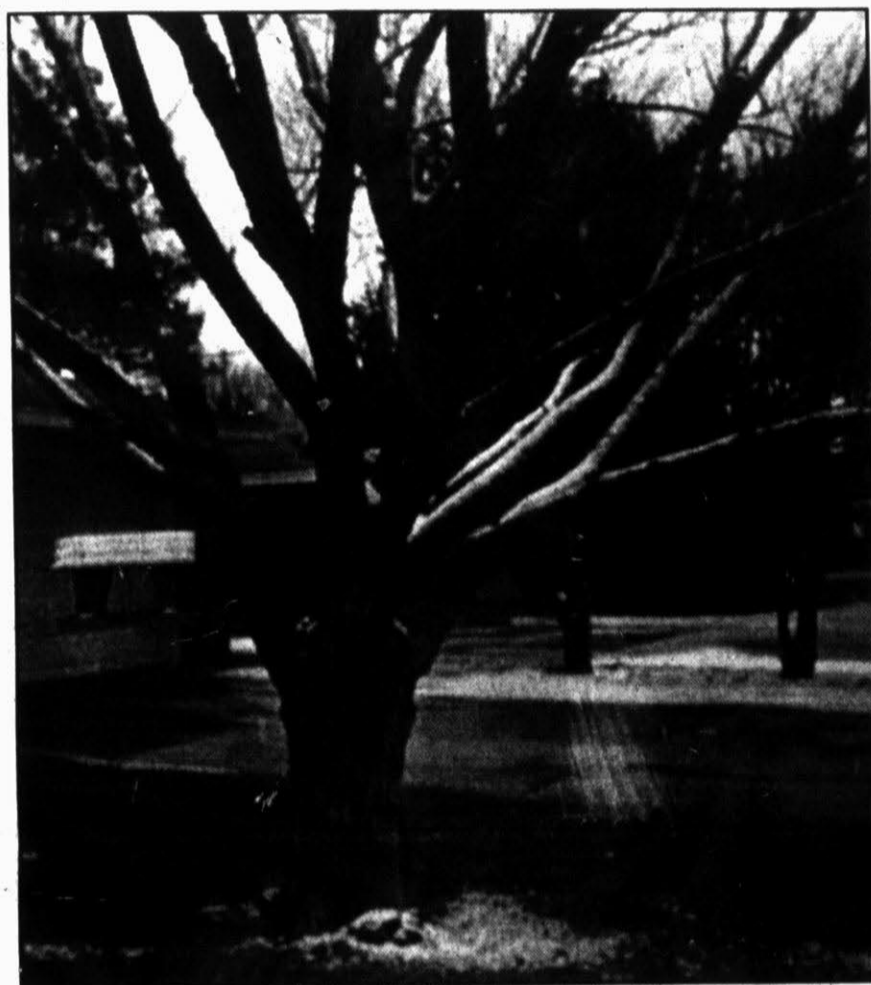
Gov.-elect George W. Bush, who has made welfare reform a top legislative priority, has called for a two-year benefits limit for AFDC recipients.

Sharp's report does not include a proposal by Bush, a Republican, that would bar increased AFDC payments to some mothers who have additional children while on welfare.

It does say that women who have additional children while on welfare should be required to identify the father in order to get additional benefits.

Sharp, a Democrat, agrees with Bush's call for the revocation of state licenses held by people who are delinquent in making child-support payments. The Bush proposal calls for revoking all state-issued licenses, including professional, driving and hunting.

Both Sharp and Bush have called for the use some form of fingerprint imaging to keep welfare recipients from getting duplicate benefits by using more than one name.



Sign of things to come

Although Wednesday morning's weather looked like Hereford would be a winter wonderland for a while, things warmed up in the afternoon, leaving snow thin on the ground and trees, such as at this house in the 200 block of Hickory. The conditions, however, were just a preview of today's weather, which has featured snow throughout much of the morning and more expected tonight.

High pressure dome, storm bring winter warnings, cold

By The Associated Press
Cold temperatures triggered by a large dome of high pressure combined with a winter storm approaching the state from the west to produce the threat of winter weather over most of Texas tonight and Friday.

A winter storm warning was in effect today for western portions of the Panhandle and northern areas of the South Plains, a snow advisory was in effect for the southern South Plains, a winter weather advisory was in effect for the Permian Basin, southern rolling plains and the Concho Valley and a winter storm was in effect tonight for eastern portions of the Panhandle and northern sections of the low rolling plains.

A winter storm was in effect today for western portions of North Texas and was expected to spread eastward over all but the extreme southeastern corner of North Texas.

A heavy snow warning was issued for the eastern Panhandle and northern low rolling plains tonight. Forecasts called for a good chance of snow through tonight over much of West Texas through tonight with a mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain in extreme West Texas. The precipitation will be ending from the west tonight.

In North Texas, snow and sleet is expected in western, central and northern areas tonight. There will be rain with some thunderstorms mixed with sleet in south and southeastern areas tonight. On Friday, snow and sleet will change to rain before ending from the west.

In South Texas, it will be cloudy and cold through Friday. The warmup is expected to begin

Friday afternoon with highs above freezing expected over most of the state. Lows tonight will be in the 20s and 30s in West Texas, the 30s across North Texas and in the 30s and 40s in South Texas. Highs Friday will be in the 30s, 40s and 50s in West Texas, the 40s and 50s across North Texas and in the 40s and 50s in South Texas.

Unemployment claims jump by 14,000 to 335,000 people

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of Americans filing new claims for state unemployment benefits unexpectedly jumped by 14,000 last week to the highest level in nearly six months.

The Labor Department said today new applications for jobless insurance totaled 335,000 during the week ended Dec. 31, highest since 390,000 claims were filed during the week ended July 16.

The 14,000 increase in first-time claims also was the largest since the week ended July 16, when they surged by 25,000.

Many analysts had expected claims to be little changed last week from a revised 321,000 a week earlier. The figure for the week ended Dec. 24 originally was estimated to be 322,000.

These analysts noted that the workweek ended Dec. 31 was shortened by the Christmas holiday observation on Monday, which gave newly laid-off workers fewer days to file claims.

Most observers believe the labor market remains strong. Many

Early today, freezing temperatures were reported just north of a line from Houston to San Antonio to Del Rio. It was 32 as far south as College Station and 34 at San Antonio.

Early morning temperatures were in the 20s and 30s in West Texas, the 20s in North Texas and in the 30s and 40s in South Texas. Extremes ranged from 23 at Amarillo and Lubbock to 42 at Corpus Christi and McAllen.

predicted the monthly unemployment rate for December would remain at 5.6 percent, unchanged from November but down from 6.7 percent when the year began. The December rate will be reported on Friday.

They also forecast that 275,000 new jobs were created last month.

The closely watched four-week moving average of weekly jobless claims totaled 326,000, up from 323,250 during the period ended Dec. 24. It was the highest since the average was 327,250 during the four-week period ended Nov. 19.

Analysts prefer to track the less-volatile four-week average because it smooths out the spikes that often occur in the weekly reports.

Forty-one states and territories reported increases in regular claims during the week ended Dec. 24 and 12 recorded decreases. National figures are reported a week ahead of the state totals.

States reporting the biggest gains were Kentucky, 5,361; Virginia, 4,457; Indiana, 4,416; Wisconsin, 3,866; and Texas, 3,385.

City rainfall in '94 missed average by .74 of an inch

Last year was not as dry in Hereford and Deaf Smith County as it seemed, according to official precipitation records at KPAN Radio.

Total moisture for 1994 was 16.98 inches, which was just .74 of an inch below the annual average of 17.72. One reason it seemed so dry was the fact that not much rainfall was recorded from September to the end of the year.

July was the wettest month last year with 4.39 inches

recorded. May came in next with 3.99. February was the driest with just a trace reported.

The annual average of 17.72 is based on the reporting years of 1938 through 1992, according to KPAN.

The Texas Almanac shows the county with a 17.2-inch average over a 30-year period. Monthly averages of precipitation show August (3.1) and June (3.0) as the wettest months. Driest months are December and January, both at .40 of an inch.

Mouth Jazz, Meltykiss two of unique Japanese brands

By SETH SUTEL
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TOKYO (AP) - Ever rinse your teeth with Mouth Jazz? Read an issue of Big Tomorrow, or the Lettuce Club? Curl up with a Life Delicious blanket?

In Japan, lots of people do - thanks to legions of advertising executives who concoct slogans in eye-catching, often goofy English.

The resulting linguistic creations invoke enticing, if somewhat bizarre imagery - like Meltykiss chocolates - or appetite-killers like Pocari Sweat soft drinks.

There is no end to the Japanese fascination with mangled, mind-bending English.

Part of the reason is cachet. English lends an air of sophistication and worldliness, even if the words make little sense to a native speaker. Jackets and T-shirts with random English phrases are a common sight.

Another factor is that most Japanese understand English words, thanks to six years of classes at school, but few speak it colloquially.

As a result, many English words find their way into everyday Japanese, but often with new meanings. Anything "pink" is low, an apartment becomes a

"mansion," and a book of maps is a "mapple."

Some visitors to Japan may scoff at what they see as chronic linguistic blunders, but others have come to appreciate the uniquely Japanese version of English as a kind of found poetry.

"The connotations and emotional impact of Japanese words have little to do with their original English meanings," says George Fields, founder of ASI Market Research Japan.

"But communicating without recourse to the literal is a consummate Japanese art," Fields wrote in introduction to "Japanese Jive," a collection of Japanese English product names.

While some product names may befuddle - like Creap coffee creamer - others perform their task with dispatch and pizzazz. How about an extra-strong styling mousse called Need Up Gel? Or Mouth Jazz mouthwash, or a candied multivitamin called Vitamin Party?

And what better way to describe the mission of a cosmetics company than as Kanebo has done: "For Beautiful Human Life"?

Even staid institutions like banks embrace the English touch. Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, one of

the largest in the world, calls itself the Heart Bank in ads - and a regional bank, apparently aiming for a colorful, happy image, has changed its official name from Sanyo Sogo Bank to Tomato Bank.

American companies regularly consult Japanese advertising firms to tailor their English catch phrases to Japanese tastes. The result is hugely successful slogans like "I Feel Coke," or Winston cigarettes' "Big Relax."

Occasionally, a Japanese-made English product word will make it back to the United States, such as the Walkman. Others, like a hairspray called Volume Up Water or Super Winky condoms - well, don't hold your breath.

At top agencies like Leo Burnett-Kyodo Co., Japanese employees write most of the English slogans, because they often have a better grasp of what kind of English their countrymen want to hear.

"You have to understand how English words are being used as a creative device rather than for their pure communication value," said Leo Burnett's president, Bill Smith.

"What they do is put English words in a Japanese syntax. They're thinking Japanese but speaking English - to them it makes perfect sense."

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Local Roundup

Snow continuing

With .04-inch of moisture recorded from a half-inch of snow, the weather outlook continues to call for snow showers and fog Thursday night with an accumulation of an inch possible. A low in the mid-20s and southwest-west wind, 10-20 mph, are expected. Friday's forecast calls for patchy morning fog, becoming partly cloudy. Winds will be northwest-north, 15-25 mph and gusty. Hereford's high temperature Wednesday at a cool 27 degrees. The low Thursday morning was 22 degrees.

Child ID program scheduled

Deaf Smith County 4-H's will conduct a Child Identification Project on Friday and Saturday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Members will take pictures of the children, fingerprint them and record personal information. The sessions will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The final identification folder will be ready to be picked up in February at K-Bob's. The project is a free program sponsored by the Deaf Smith County 4-H and K-bob's. For more information call Beverly Harder at the County Extension office, 354-3573.

News Digest

World/Nation

WASHINGTON - A frantic first day of voting and revelry behind them, Republicans dominating Congress are out to show President Clinton and Democrats that they are serious about their quest to reshape government. WASHINGTON - It was an hour of historic change, of celebration, myth and sentiment so compelling that the toughest Republican said his emotions might move him to tears in his triumph. And one man, standing off the House floor far from the gavel of power, symbolized it all. Smiling, giving an autograph here, an embrace there, was Robert Michel, congressman no more.

LOS ANGELES - After mounting virtually every legal attack possible, O.J. Simpson's legal Dream Team has finally pulled a punch. Simpson's attorneys won't try to keep the jury from seeing the heart and soul of the prosecution's case: results of DNA tests on blood samples. BOSTON - The calls keep flooding in following the fatal shootings at two abortion clinics - to Planned Parenthood, to clinics miles away from Boston, to the Catholic archdiocese.

People are confused, upset and overwhelmed. "The calls run the gamut - people giving helpful suggestions to people who want to treat us like a talk show and tell us what they think," said John Walsh, spokesman for Cardinal Bernard Law. ARSHTY, Russia - President Boris Yeltsin has ordered a halt to air raids on the Chechen capital of Grozny, but Russia is sending more troops and a deputy prime minister says the city will soon be in their hands. BORAI, Thailand - Officials from Bangkok vehemently deny that Thailand permits cross-border trading that supports Cambodia's Khmer Rouge guerrillas. But just a few miles from here inside Cambodia, dozens of Thais pay the Khmer Rouge each day to dig for rubies and sapphires in gem-rich rebel territory.

State

FORT WORTH - A teen-aged gang member who has seen three friends get shot - but isn't afraid of dying - says an anti-violence program may not help him. "I have been thinking about a lot, about losing my home boys - my friends - and about getting shot," said Valentin Martinez, a Barrio Diamond Hill member who entered the "Comin' Up" program in October.

AUSTIN - A welfare reform package that includes a two-year limit on some benefits is being pushed by State Comptroller John Sharp, according to a published report.

EL PASO - Gary Hill's successes as a criminal defense attorney were not earned on a level playing field, a federal prosecutor has alleged. Hill came to prominence in El Paso legal circles through his representation of accused drug dealers. And by his own lawyer's accounts, he did well enough to arouse the envy of those around him. During the years between 1981 and 1991, however, he had been smoothing his legal path by buying the good will of two judges, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas McHugh.

DALLAS - She's the star of her own television talk show, the author of two best-selling books with a third on the way and she's one of the nation's top motivational speakers. Despite it all, Susan Powter insists "I am broke."

HARLINGEN - A new report says the Lower Rio Grande Valley faces an epidemic of diabetes and its complications. The report, prepared by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Plan Task Force for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes, also warns that more than 50,000 people in the region have diabetes but may not know it.

Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Calls

Thursday's emergency services reports contained the following information:
HEREFORD POLICE
- A 53-year-old male was arrested for assault.
- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 600 block of Austin Street, where a video game and cartridges valued at about \$500 were taken.
- Theft of gas was reported in the 400 block of East First.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B, where a vehicle was egged.
- Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Avenue J.
- Theft of a dog was reported in the 300 block of South Texas.
- Criminal non-support was reported in the 400 block of Sycamore Lane.
- Charges were filed by an officer on a juvenile for false identification and curfew violation in the 400 block of Avenue C.
- An intoxicated subject was reported in the 500 block of Avenue J.
- A mental case was reported in

the 400 block of Avenue F.
- A dog running loose was reported at 14th and Paloma Lane.
- Officers issued nine traffic citations and one curfew violation citation.
- There were five accidents.
DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
- Report not available.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
- No calls.
EMS
- Ambulances on Wednesday ran on four medical runs, four medical transfers to Amarillo and one trauma transfer to Amarillo.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
Richard Barrett, Felicitia Brown, Inf. Girl Bustos, Maria Bustos, Arturo Chavez.
Teofilo Estrada, Rodney Wayne Eubank, Wilhelmine Fetsch, Infant Boy Garza, Mike Guerrero, Jewell Hargrave, Ilyrhac Inman.
Willie Lamm, Lula McCabe, Megan Terese Modersitzki, Maria Nava, Donnie Owen.
Elsa Perales, Manuela Porras, Oran Smith, Mattie Stovall.

Texans flock to capital for festivities

Buildings crowded as GOP Congress begins work

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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WASHINGTON (AP) - The start of the 104th Congress was too much to pass up for hundreds of Texans who hopped on planes and buses to take part in the festivities surrounding the Republican takeover of Capitol Hill.

The Capitol and congressional office buildings were crowded Wednesday with family, friends, campaign workers and other well-wishers on hand to see their lawmaker sworn in.

Two chartered planes ferried 360 supporters of Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to Washington from Houston and Dallas to watch the Republican be sworn in for a full six-year term.

More than 100 others came from all over Texas on a trip organized by Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, an unsuccessful Senate hopeful in 1993. And, some 50 others left Houston by bus on New Year's Eve to help Republican Steve Stockman celebrate his upset of 42-year Democratic incumbent Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont.

The Texans had a lot to celebrate.

The start of the 104th Congress marked the formal ascension of Texans Dick Army of Lewisville and Tom DeLay of Sugar Land to the House Republicans' No. 2 and No. 3 leadership slots.

With Houston Republican Bill Archer chairing the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, the new GOP leadership boasts a strong Texas flavor.

"Texas is more powerful with a Republican majority in the House and Senate - and we want to keep it that way," said Texas GOP Sen. Phil Gramm, who is virtually assured of making a White House bid in 1996.

"When Texas is in the ascendancy, it has got to be good news for America."

Five new House members from Texas took the oath of office and joined the 30-member Texas House delegation. The new members are Democrats Ken Bentsen of Houston, Lloyd Doggett of Austin, and Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston; and Republicans Mac Thornberry of Amarillo and Stockman of Friendswood.

Reflecting on a first day that included a morning full of media

interviews, Stockman pronounced the experience "extremely hectic and exciting and challenging."

Stockman's was far from the only office taken over for the day by friends and constituents. Well-wishers crowded into congressional offices and reception rooms all over Capitol Hill for impromptu gatherings and parties that sometimes took on the fervor of religious revivals.

Wherever they were, the GOP faithful hailed promises to turn government on its ear.

"On November 8th, the American people said very clearly at the polls: 'Stop the taxing and the spending and the regulating which have been the hallmark of the Clinton administration,'" Gramm told the roomful of boisterous Texans celebrating Mrs. Hutchison's swearing-in. "And I can tell you as of this moment, so help me God, they are stopped."

Said Mrs. Hutchison, to vigorous applause: "We are going to return as much government as we can to the local level where it's closest to the people; and hopefully we are going to return the money to the pocket-books of the hard-working taxpayers of our country."

Democrats were more subdued in their festivities.

"Clearly the Republicans have much to celebrate," Doggett said during a reception at his Capitol Hill home. "But I came up here to fight for constructive change for people in Austin, and I expect it's that same effort for change that brought many of the Republicans here."

Four-term Rep. Greg Laughlin, who put in an appearance at a reception for Archer, was concise. "I'm happy to be here. I won my election," the West Columbia Democrat said.

Archer's sumptuous reception - put on by the Greater Houston Partnership - proved that regardless of which party is in control, special interests always congregate to the centers of power. As a harpist and flutist played in the ornate Ways and Means hearing room, lobbyists and Archer supporters mingled and watched the House action on a huge television screen.

"The chairman changes, but the guests are the same," commented one attendee, former Ways and Means member Mike Andrews, who until this year represented Houston's 25th District.

Ranger's remains being moved

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The remains of Texas Rangers Capt. Samuel H. Walker, a Mexican War hero who helped design the "Walker Colt" pistol, are going to be exhumed and moved to Waco.

The remains will be buried at Fort Fisher near the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum, officials said Wednesday. He had been buried in 1856 in a San Antonio cemetery that has since been somewhat neglected.

Although some local historians say it will be a loss to San Antonio, but no one appears to be planning to fight Saturday's exhumation, which has been approved by Walker's relatives.

"This catches us in a situation that we are not able to cope with," said Jim Ables, president of the Texas Ranger Association in San Antonio. "It is a loss to San Antonio and a loss to us. We have got to do something to protect our legacy for San Antonio."

Tom Burks, curator at the Waco museum, said he was unaware of Saturday's move but

is familiar with earlier discussions to have Walker reburied next to Capt. Thomas Barron, the first Ranger commander of Fort Fisher.

"This has been talked about for years," he said. "My understanding is that the descendants were displeased about the condition of his grave site, and that (Walker) had no connection with San Antonio."

Bob Dale, a San Antonio history buff, says he was most concerned about the secrecy of the move.

"The city of Waco has attempted to do this to the city of San Antonio on the sly," Dale said. "This is a part of San Antonio's history that Waco is stealing away from us."

Walker was killed Oct. 9, 1847, while leading a charge against Mexican General Santa Anna's forces during the Mexican War.

A few months before his death, Walker was sent to Washington, D.C., where he worked with firearms inventor Sam Colt on development of a sidearm specifically designed for use by the Texas Rangers.

He completely redesigned the five-shot "Texas Paterson" revolver to make them six shot pistols that were heavier, fired a larger caliber bullet and were more adapted for use by mounted riflemen. The revolvers were named the "Whitneyville-Walker Dragoon" and later were known simply as "Walker Colts."

The first shipment of the weapons had just reached Vera Cruz shortly before Walker was killed in battle and he never had an opportunity to test his creation.

Walker's body was taken from the Mexican battlefield to San Antonio where he was buried in the city cemetery. In 1856, the body was moved to the Oddfellows Cemetery.

Ed Mangum, general manager of Connally Compton Funeral Home at Waco, said a ceremonial reburial will be held next week.

"Ceremonies will be held with all the honors and dignity due a Texas Ranger," Mangum said. "Everyone is just trying to do the best thing and pay this man the honor that he deserves."

Obituaries

GRACIE ANN RAEF

Jan. 3, 1995
Gracie Ann Raef, 50, of Amarillo, a native of Dawn, died Tuesday. She was the sister of Irene Reinart, Viola Birkenfeld and Joseph Artho of Hereford.

Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and vigil services will be held at 7 p.m., both in St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Amarillo. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with her son, the Rev. Scott Raef, Bishop L.T. Mathieson of the Amarillo Diocese and the Rev. Peter Jaramillo of the church, officiating.

Mrs. Raef moved to Amarillo from Umberger 27 years ago. She married Guy D. Raef in 1964 in Umberger. She was secretary of adoption services at Catholic Family Service and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Holy Spirit Circle and St. Joseph's Altar Society.

Survivors are her husband; three daughters, Michelle Allen of Dallas, Shanna Weber of Coffeyville, Kan., and Amanda Raef of Amarillo; two sons, the Rev. Scott Raef and Joshua Raef of Amarillo; two other sisters, Edna Weick of Umberger and Else Fangman of Vega; four other brothers, Harvey Artho of Wildorado, Willie Artho of Stratford, Kenneth Artho of South Texas and Andy Artho of Vega, and a granddaughter.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Catholic Family Service or Crown of Texas Hospice.

BENNIE GARCIA

Jan. 3, 1995
Bennie Garcia, 66, of Hobbs, N.M., brother of two Hereford residents, died Tuesday in Hobbs.

Vigil services are set for 7 p.m. MST Thursday in Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Hobbs. Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Helena Catholic Church with burial in Prairie Haven Cemetery.

Mr. Garcia was born in Gallegos, N.M., and was a member of St. Helena Catholic Church. He was retired from New Mexico Junior College where he worked for 19 years.

Survivors are three daughters, Norma Jean Gonzales, Dora Lee Jones and Clorinda Hinojosa, all of Hobbs; three brothers, including Juan Garcia of Hereford; a sister, Begnina Andrada of Hereford, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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

9-1-2 (nine, one, two)



COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

State vs. Guadalupe Ortiz Jr., bail jumping and failure to appear; 30 days in jail, \$183 court costs, Dec. 28.

State vs. Rick Widick, theft of service; \$100 fine, \$195 court costs, Dec. 28.

State vs. Danny Castillo, assault; 60 days in jail, \$183 court costs, Dec. 28.

State vs. Ricardo Flores, assault; 90 days in jail probated one year, \$400 fine (suspend \$200), \$195 court costs, Dec. 28.

State vs. Wil Shane Phillely, unlawful carrying a weapon; six months probation, \$200 fine (suspend \$100), \$195 court costs, Dec. 28.

State vs. Jeremy David Lomas, possession of marijuana, under two oz.; \$150 fine, \$195 court costs, Dec. 28.

State vs. Lupe Perez Jr., possession of marijuana, under two oz.; six months deferred probation, \$150 fine, \$195 court costs, Dec. 28.

State vs. Franklin David Cox, appeal from justice of peace court, speeding; \$200 fine, \$183 court costs, Dec. 30.



AUSTIN (AP) - Foster McMillan's new year just got happier.

The 47-year-old Euless man on Wednesday claimed his share of Saturday's \$10.4 million Lotto Texas jackpot.

McMillan was presented a check for \$265,192.64 - the first installment of his \$5.2 million share.

The winning numbers in the New Year's Eve drawing were 16, 34, 37, 40, 43, and 46.

Clinton to announce new press secretary

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is making public one of the worst-kept secrets in Washington, the appointment of Michael McCurry as the new White House press secretary.

McCurry, a longtime Democratic operative who has been serving as chief State Department spokesman, will replace Dee Dee Myers, who

resigned at the end of the year. He is expected to assume his new days within days.

Deputy Press Secretary Ginny Terzano said Clinton would make the appointment formal in an afternoon announcement from the White House briefing room.

McCurry, 40, had been in line to replace Myers for weeks, but the appointment was held up in hopes it could be announced in conjunction with several other staff changes.

White House officials had hoped to couple McCurry's appointment with the addition of at least one woman to the White House staff, to offset the impact of the loss of Myers as the first woman press secretary.

The White House eventually decided to go ahead with McCurry's appointment because other staff changes hadn't been finalized.

Among the other vacancies Clinton has to fill: White House political director, chairman of the National Economic Council, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, CIA director, and secretary to the Cabinet.

McCurry, originally from Charleston, S.C., is a graduate of Princeton University and Georgetown University.

He was a spokesman for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York in the early 1980s, and went on to become press secretary and adviser in the Democratic presidential primary campaigns of Ohio Sen. John Glenn in 1984, Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt in 1988 and Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey in 1992.

McCurry also served as communications director for the Democratic National Committee.

Myers resigned at the midpoint of Clinton's presidency after earlier surviving an internal power struggle in which Chief of Staff Leon Panetta had hoped to replace her with McCurry.

After a direct appeal to Clinton early in the fall, Myers retained her job with increased access and stature, but it was understood she would leave at the end of the year.

Quayle fine after surgery for appendix

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Former Vice President Dan Quayle had his appendix removed Wednesday and was reported to be in good spirits and hankering for a large bacon cheeseburger.

"We expect Mr. Quayle to be up to a normal, active schedule soon," said Dr. David Canal, who performed the laparoscopy at Indiana University Medical Center.

The operation marked the second hospitalization in five weeks for the 47-year-old Quayle, who is expected to announce plans soon to seek the Republican presidential nomination next year.

Quayle's spokeswoman, Anne Hathaway, has said Quayle's health problems won't affect any plans to run for the presidency.

After the surgery Wednesday, Quayle was cracking jokes and was eager for a Wendy's Big Bacon Classic and a quick return home, Hathaway said in a news release.

At Quayle's request, Canal and hospital officials refused to discuss the operation or Quayle's condition and referred questions to Hathaway, executive director of Quayle's political action committee.

Quayle was hospitalized for the appendectomy on Monday.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am married to an alcoholic. May I tell your readers something I paid no attention to when I was younger? I wish someone had wised me up.

My husband, "Andy" has always been a beer drinker. In fact, that's all he ever drinks. As a young woman in love, I did not notice that he drank seven days a week. He still does.

Over the 14 years we have been married, we have had hundreds of fights about his drinking. The last seven years have been hell on me and our 8-year-old daughter. I've decided staying in this marriage is not fair to her.

I have begged Andy to get help, but he says he doesn't have a problem. After all, it's "just a few beers."

My family is sick of him. He is always drunk by the time Sunday dinner comes around. My sisters can't stand him, and his own daughter has no way of relating to him because he is a walking time bomb. She never knows when he'll explode.

Once, a long time ago, Andy was kind, polite and easygoing. Now he is rude, obnoxious, filthy, mean and antagonistic.

I want to tell all the young people who think it's "just beer" that if you can't get through the day without that beer, you have a serious problem. -- Ohio

DEAR OHIO: You told them, and I thank you. Beer drunks are the most difficult to reach because they don't consider beer an intoxicating beverage. Those great TV ads portray beer drinkers as hail fellows well met -- good ol' boys who always seem to be celebrating something. They give the impression that to knock beer is somehow un-American.

One beer at a sitting is OK. Two beers, maybe. But anything beyond that number goes over the line of recreational drinking.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I hope you can help with this problem before my husband totally alienates our 19-

year-old daughter. "Gretchen" attends the local community college, works part-time and respects our wishes. She is a kind, well-adjusted young woman and has a lovely circle of friends. The problem? Her room is a disaster area. My husband feels that he has the right to go in there whenever he feels like it and inspect the room. If it doesn't meet his standards, he yells at her as if she were a 3-year-old.

I feel everyone deserves some space. Gretchen's room is her haven. As long as the sloppiness doesn't involve other rooms in the house, I don't make an issue of it.

My husband complains that I don't back him up. He insists that I should keep after Gretchen about this. It is causing quite a problem between us. He also gets very angry when he tries to make a call and Gretchen is on the phone and doesn't get off immediately. He then screams at her, which is embarrassing because the person on the other end can hear him.

Please give me your views. I need help. -- Torn Mother in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

DEAR MOTHER: Your husband sounds like a control freak with a short fuse.

First, he has no business in Gretchen's bedroom. Second, a 19-year-old is no longer a child, she's a woman. Since Gretchen works part-time, she should get (and pay for) her own phone line.

P.S.: I feel sorry for you when your daughter moves out. YOU will then become the focus of your husband's anger.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.15 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.05.)

Committee meet set for Class of '75

A 20-year class reunion committee meeting has been announced by the Hereford High School Class of 1975. The meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hereford State Bank Community Room. All members of the class who are interested in helping with the reunion, which has been scheduled for the Hereford Town and Country Jubilee in August, are invited to attend.

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*Choose the design elements most flattering to your figure--higher necks to add length to the body, a fitted sheath skirt to accentuate slimmness. There are bridal patterns for every skill level.

*Purchase your fabrics and supplies at a store that employs a staff of experienced sewers who can give ongoing support.

*Find someone to measure you to determine accurate pattern fit.

*Look for trims and lace already decorated with ribbons, sequins, beads or pearls.

*Cut and fit the gown in an inexpensive cotton or muslin fabric to serve as a practice gown before sewing the actual dress.

*Allow the gown to hang a few days before hemming to insure an even hem.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Retiring Sen. Dave Durenberger will keep busy commuting between Washington and Minnesota.

The 60-year-old Durenberger said Tuesday he will establish the National Institute of Health Policy at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis and will work for APCO, a consulting firm in Washington.

He begins both jobs on Wednesday and also will teach a course on health policy, beginning Friday, to about 20 medical-management graduate students.

"Another year begins, another life begins," Durenberger said in a telephone interview from Washington.

The Republican earned a reputation as a health care expert during his 16 years in the Senate.

He is awaiting trial on federal charges he cheated on his Senate expense account.

"I wanted to be in Minnesota and I wanted to keep the roots watered in the public policy area that I do well," he said.

Lifestyles

Spaghetti sauce in jars makes it easy to put dinner on table quickly

By TERESA S. JOHNSON
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas - Spaghetti sauce in jars has made it possible to have dinner on the table in less than 30 minutes with no more effort than twisting a lid and boiling water.

The sauce is the easy part, just pour it into a saucepan and heat.

Cooking the pasta is a little trickier because there are so many variables: How much to cook - too little and you go hungry, too much and waste a mountain of noodles. How long to cook it - too little and you could break your teeth biting into it, too long and it's reminiscent of Spaghetti-Os (though I understand some people like it that way). And if you don't cook it right, you could end up with a starchy wad of goo rather than the individual noodles you want.

So here are some steps to guide you.

- How much? You can buy a plastic gadget with holes in it that claims to make measuring spaghetti easy. Or you can follow suggestion of Donna Reid, director of communication for the National Pasta Association and cook a quarter's worth.

She's not referring to how much the pasta is worth, but rather to its size. Reid says a handful of dried spaghetti with about the same diameter as a quarter will yield about a cup of cooked pasta. That's two servings, according to the USDA's Food Pyramid.

That's not necessarily a serving to

a large hungry man.

"If I were to measure what I consider to be a main dish serving of spaghetti it would probably be more like two cups," Reid said. "People like a hearty dish of spaghetti."

I always try to err on the side of plenty and just dump the whole 1-pound package in the water. This usually means leftovers, but that's OK. Cooked spaghetti will keep in the refrigerator for a couple of days. When you get ready to use it, just hold it under warm running water for a minute or so.

You can also mix it with leftover sauce and heat it in your microwave, though the pasta does tend to get a little soggy this way.

- Want to avoid the stickies? To keep pasta from congealing into a starchy ball, use plenty of water and a big pot. Follow package directions, but generally it's about 8 quarts water for a 1-pound package of spaghetti.

Add the pasta to boiling water that is really rolling because you want it to keep boiling once you add the spaghetti.

Some people claim adding a touch

of oil to the water before adding the pasta will keep the noodles from sticking together. Nutritionists say this only adds fat and that simply stirring the pasta a few times while it's cooking will keep it from clumping. Do what works best for you.

- How long? Check package directions, but for dried spaghetti, the cooking time is usually 11 minutes or so. You want pasta "al dente" or "to the tooth," which means a little chewy. Overcooking will result in soft, soggy noodles (a hint for those Spaghetti-Os people).

- Drain, rinse and serve. Once the pasta is cooked, drain it in a colander, rinse it with warm water to wash off the starch and serve with the sauce and perhaps a sprinkling of grated parmesan cheese.

There you are; dinner in about 25 minutes and for only about 50 cents per serving. Add some store-bought garlic bread and a pre-packaged salad, and you're still sitting down to a meal that's less than \$1.50 per serving.

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Food prices may rise, except meat, poultry

WASHINGTON (AP) - Food prices are expected to rise modestly this year, although large supplies should mean lower prices for meat and poultry, Agriculture Department economists say.

The largest increases are forecast for nonalcoholic beverages, notably coffee, as well as for cereals and bakery products and fresh vegetables, according to USDA's Economic Research Service.

The Consumer Price Index for food is forecast to rise this year in the range of 2 percent to 4 percent, which is slightly ahead of the past two years. Overall inflation is expected to be 3.4 percent, up from 2.6 percent in 1994.

Food processing and distribution costs will likely rise, but expected slow growth in consumer demand and aggressive competition among retailers may mean that some of these increases won't be passed on to consumers, said the research service's Agricultural Outlook for January-February.

Higher coffee prices - due mainly to frosts in Brazil in June and August and a subsequent drought in the country's coffee-producing areas - were the major factor behind the 1994 food-price increase. Retail coffee prices were up 22 percent in August, stabilized in September and then rose 1 percent in October and .03 percent in November.

Though Brazil's coffee production - accounting for 25 percent of worldwide production - is expected to be off this year, worldwide production is forecast to be up 1 percent, USDA said.

Prices of cereal and bakery products are forecast to increase in the same 3 percent to 5 percent range, while prices for fresh vegetables are expected to rise 3 percent to 6 percent.

In contrast, fresh fruit prices are

forecast to drop by 1 percent to 3 percent, down sharply from a preliminary increase of 6.5 percent last year, the outlook report said. The reason, it said, is record or near-record crops of oranges for juice and fresh grapefruit, apples and pears.

With record supplies on hand, meat prices are expected to drop this year by 1 percent to 3 percent, with pork forecast for the largest drop - as much as 5 percent, the report said. Meat prices advanced about 0.6 percent in 1994.

Poultry prices are forecast to drop in the same range as meats, while fish prices are expected to increase 2 percent to 4 percent. Poultry increased 3.4 percent last year, and fish 4.5 percent, the report said.

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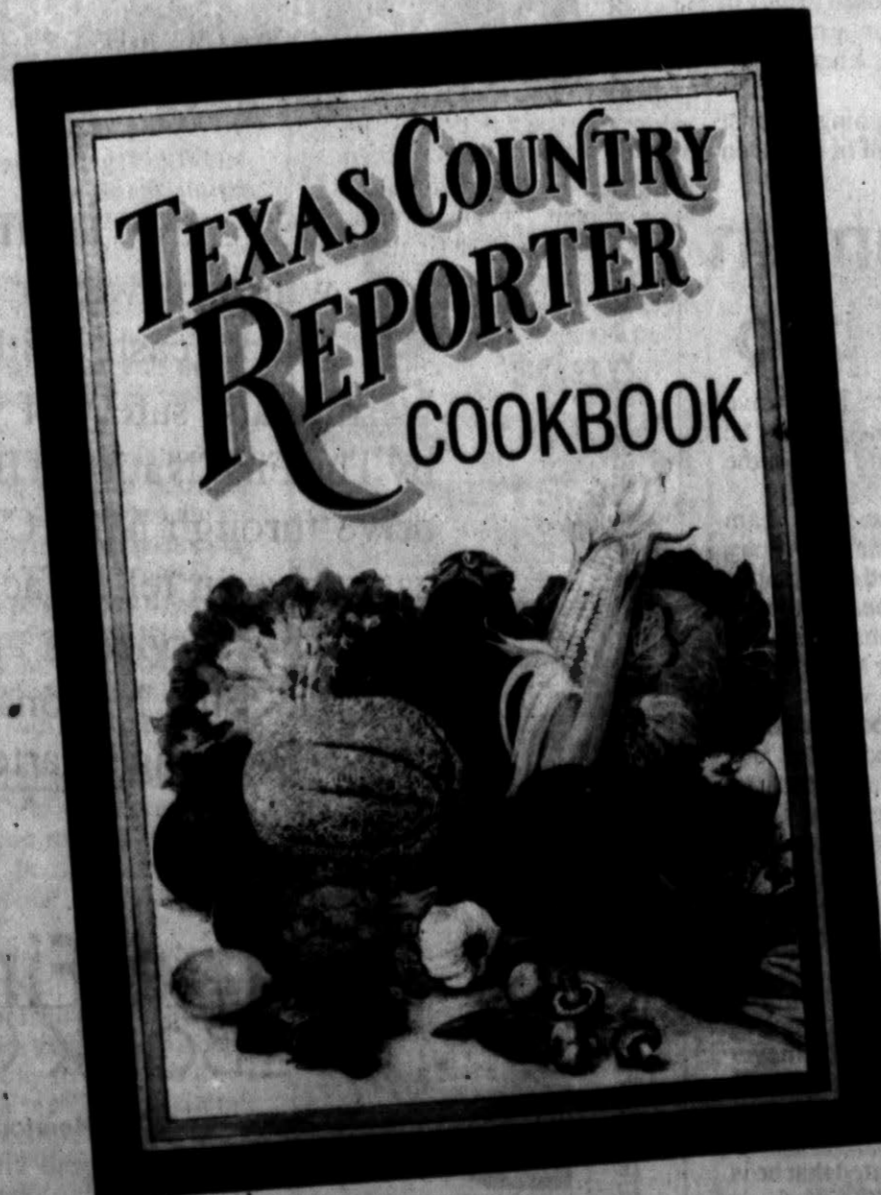
The First Baptist Church welcomes its new pastor, Rev. Terry L. Cosby.

Our members will hear his first sermon as pastor on Sunday, Jan. 8. Visitors are always welcome at First Baptist, and we invite all interested persons to attend worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Rev. Cosby and his wife Pam, have two sons--Matthew, 15, & Clay, 12. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Sports

Castaneda wins football panel

Rick Castaneda finished with the best record on the Hereford Brand's Fearless Forecasters panel by being the only one to correctly pick more than half of the college bowl games. Castaneda, the press foreman at North Plains Printing, went 12-8 in the bowl season and finished with an overall record of 199-91-5. He beat by four games Brand Publisher Speedy Nieman, who went 9-11 on the bowls and finished at 195-95-5. Whiteface Booster Club President Charlene Sanders went 9-11 on the bowls and finished third at 186-104-5. Brand Sports Editor Jay Peden and Managing Editor Garry Wesner both went 6-14 on the bowls. Peden finished fourth at 181-109-5; Wesner finished fifth at 180-110-5.

Bowling

Monday Night Mixed		
Team	W	L
Juanita's Express Burrito	42.5	25.5
Allied Millwrights	39.5	28.5
Mixed Up	38.5	25.5
Maria's	33.5	34.5
Cheeto Bandits	32.5	27.5
Bryan's Sprinkler Service	32.5	35.5
7 Pin	30	38
Have Shoes Will Run	15	45

High game, women: Sandi Blevins, 191; Glenda Minson, 186; Betty Taylor, 186.
High series, women: Minson, 523; Taylor, 501; Patty Pena, 496.
High game, men: Roy Blevins, 220; Anthony Kirby, 209; Shawn Minson, 201.
High series, men: Anthony Kirby, 558; John Valdez, 522; Blevins, 521.

District 1-4A

Basketball standings

Girls		
District	Overall	
Canyon	3 0	17 1
Randall	3 0	16 3
Dumas	2 0	12 7
Hereford	1 2	13 7
Borger	0 2	7 13
Pampa	0 2	4 13
Caprock	0 3	1 17

*last available record

Tuesday's games
Canyon 59, Hereford 48
Dumas 73, Caprock 52
Randall 40, Pampa 16

Boys		
District	Overall	
Hereford	1 0	12 6
Pampa	1 0	15 5
Caprock	1 0	3 16
Borger	0 0	11 6
Canyon	0 1	16 3
Randall	0 1	9 6
Dumas	0 1	6 7

*last available record

Tuesday's games
Hereford 79, Canyon 78
Caprock 49, Dumas 48
Pampa 72, Randall 54

Friday's doubleheaders
(girls at 6; boys at 7:30)
Hereford at Dumas
Pampa at Canyon
Caprock at Borger
Randall is idle

Smith's hamstringing should be fine

Cowboys' star running back to play in playoff game vs. Packers

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writers
IRVING, Texas (AP) - When Emmitt Smith doesn't play, the Dallas Cowboys don't win. The most recent example was the last regular season game against the New York Giants, which Smith sat out because of a pulled hamstring and the Cowboys lost 15-10. Two years ago, Smith missed the first two games of the season because he was in a contract battle with owner Jerry Jones. Dallas lost both games, and Jones, who miscalculated Smith's determination, rushed to get him signed to save the season.

Smith's tender left hamstring was expected to be well for Sunday's NFC divisional playoff with the Green Bay Packers, who incredibly held NFL rushing champion Barry Sanders to a minus one yard last week. "The leg is much better and I'm very glad I sat out the Giants game," said Smith, who is still undergoing ultra sound and massage therapy. After seeing what the Packers did to Sanders, Smith said he wants to be as healthy as possible. "I was very surprised what they

did to Barry and I applaud them for doing it," Smith said. "I'm sure they will try to shut me down the same way. They probably think there's no reason why they can't do it to me." Then Smith laughed and added, "After all I'm the third best runner in the league behind Barry and Chris Warren. They should have no problems with me."

Smith, dogged with hamstring problems all year, failed in his quest for a fourth consecutive rushing title. With two new offensive linemen on the right side, rookie tackle Larry Allen and guard Derek Kennard, Smith's average dropped to four yards per carry. "If the Packers try to shut me down like they did Detroit, then we might be able to hurt them in some other areas," Smith said. "I'm willing to sacrifice my rushing yardage to win the game."

"We've got some great receivers on this team we can hit if they bring everybody up to stop the run." Smith said he dreads seeing a healthy Reggie White on the Packers' defensive line. "He played pretty good on

Thanksgiving against us with one arm," Smith said. "He'll be a one-man wrecking crew if he's healthy."

Smith gained 133 yards on a working man's 32 carries in the Cowboys 42-31 victory over the Packers.

"I'm glad the playoffs are finally here," Smith said. "I expect us to play with a lot more emotion, a lot more intensity than you saw in the

regular season. We know what's at stake. We don't want anyone kicking our behind. We don't want to miss out on a chance to be the first team to win three consecutive Super Bowls."

He said he had heard some trash talk coming from Green Bay but laughed about it.

"How can that give us any more motivation than we already have?" he said.

Cowboys' Allen hopes to stop White this time

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
IRVING, Texas (AP) - Larry Allen still laughs about the day Reggie White threw him around like a rag doll.

"It was pretty embarrassing," the Dallas Cowboys rookie offensive tackle said Wednesday. "He was injured, but he hurled me back toward the quarterback with just one arm. I saw it later on film, too. It was pretty amazing."

That was in the first half of the Cowboys' 42-31 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Thanksgiving Day.

Teammates were trying to console Allen at halftime when Erik Williams came in on crutches.

Williams had suffered a leg injury when his speeding car careened out of control and hit a concrete wall. Allen had to play Williams' position with little training.

Allen, who played at small Sonoma (Calif.) State College and was a second-round draft pick, was overwhelmed by White's techniques and strength.

"Erik told me to calm down and remember not to let White get me off balance," Allen said. "He was using moves I had never seen. I was getting too high and he was digging under my pads. Erik told me to stay lower."

Allen came back on the field in the second half and did much better as third-string quarterback Jason Garrett saved the day.

"At least I'll have longer to prepare for Reggie this time," Allen said. "Thanksgiving was a short week and I didn't get much practice time."

White was not supposed to play in the game because of an arm injury, and Allen was stunned when he saw him.

"I thought I was going against Don Davey and then all of a sudden

there Reggie was," Allen said. Dallas coach Barry Switzer said he looks for a better performance out of Allen on Sunday in the NFC divisional playoffs against White and the Packers.

"Reggie was the only one who physically whipped Allen," Switzer said. "It was scary that he did it with one arm."

"Green Bay is moving Reggie around more now and he may not be over Larry a lot of the time. But we think Larry will do a much better job."

Oilers to keep Fisher

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston Oilers coach Jeff Fisher reportedly will be keeping his job despite going 1-5 after replacing Jack Pardee midway through this season.

Although the team was said to be considering other candidates, the Houston Chronicle and The Houston Post reported today that an announcement was imminent to make Fisher the 15th coach in team history.

Sources told both newspapers Fisher would be given a three-year contract worth nearly \$1 million.

Fisher, 36, came to Houston last February to replace Buddy Ryan as defensive coordinator and became a first-time head coach when Pardee and assistant head coach Kevin Gilbride were fired with six games remaining.

At that time, Oilers owner Bud Adams said Fisher was not a stop-gap replacement.

"We expect Jeff Fisher to be a quality head coach in this organization for a long time," Adams said. "If we didn't think so much of Jeff, we wouldn't be doing it like this."

Players were staunchly behind Fisher, yet rumors still swirled that the Oilers were considering hiring someone else to be coach.

"I'm going back into the office (today) like I always do," Fisher told the Post. "I'm going to be talking to Floyd (Reese), but we've met every day. As far as I know, nothing has changed. I feel comfortable about my situation, but I have no comment beyond that."

The decision was apparently finalized so the Oilers can scout the East-West Shrine Game practices in Palo Alto, Calif., next week.

Reese, the Oilers general manager, said as late as Tuesday he had not officially interviewed other candidates, although two sources told the Chronicle that Reese had informal talks with others.

Since the end of the season, which concluded with Fisher's only victory over the New York Jets, Fisher has been preparing for 1995.

Last week, four assistants were told they did not have to wait until their contracts expired Feb. 15 to look for other jobs.

Offensive coordinator Dick Coury, linebackers coach Gregg Williams, quality-control coordinator Frank Bush and strength and conditioning coach Steve Watterson are still under contract.

Seahawks target Erickson

By JIM COUR
AP Sports Writer
KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) - The Seattle Seahawks apparently have targeted Miami's highly successful Dennis Erickson as their No. 1 head coaching candidate.

And they must feel confident they have a solid chance to snare Erickson because they're saying publicly he is on their list of four or five prospects.

Seahawks president David Behring announced Wednesday night that he has received permission from Miami athletic director Paul Dee to talk to Erickson. Seattle's coaching job was left vacant when Tom Flores was fired last week.

Erickson, 47, is under contract to the Hurricanes, but has a contract clause that allows him to interview for pro coaching positions. Last week, Erickson said he was staying in Miami.

If the Seahawks can land Erickson, it would be a major coup for a franchise that has to win back its fans after 2-14, 6-10 and 6-10 seasons under Flores.

For the first time in the team's 19-year history, the Seahawks had two Kingdome crowds under 40,000 this season. They averaged 13,532 no shows in five Kingdome games.

Behring acknowledged the Seahawks' ownership liked Erickson's gate appeal. Erickson is a native of Everett, 30 miles north of Seattle, and coached Washington State in 1987 and into the Aloha Bowl in 1988.

"He's from the Northwest, he's extremely popular in the Northwest, that is a factor, but it's not the major

factor," Behring said.

From the day that Flores was fired, the Seattle media has speculated that Erickson and San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan were the top two candidates.

NFL teams are not allowed to talk to Shanahan until after the 49ers are finished with the playoffs this season. With the Seahawks going public about Erickson, it now appears that they're not going after Shanahan, who may be headed to Denver.

Because of Erickson's connection with the region and success in Miami, he was considered a bigger attraction to the Seahawks' ownership than Shanahan.

"I think everybody is aware of his coaching record," Behring said. "He's won everywhere that he's gone. He's a very motivational, energetic coach. He's a great communicator. He has a lot of great attributes that we're looking for in a coach."

Erickson was headed to the West Coast even before Behring's announcement. He's scheduled to fly to San Francisco on Friday to coach the East team in the East-West Shrine All-Star football game Jan. 14.

Seahawks majority owner Ken Behring, David Behring's father, is a northern California land developer who lives in Danville, Calif.

In six seasons at Miami, Erickson has won two national championships.

Flores was the Seahawks' general manager as well as coach. Flores' successor will only be the coach.

The Behrings have not said how they plan to fill the vacant GM's job.

UT lineman to turn pro

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas offensive tackle Blake Brockermeyer says he hopes to be a first-round pick in the NFL draft.

Brockermeyer, a second team All-America and Outland Trophy semifinalist, announced at a campus news conference Wednesday that he will give up his final year of eligibility and enter the NFL draft in April.

The 6-foot-5, 300-pounder from Fort Worth, who redshirted his freshman year and is to graduate in May, said another year at Texas wouldn't do much to improve his NFL stock.

"There is that slight chance of having a career-ending injury or an injury that would lower my stock in the draft, and I feel like I am at a point where there is not too much of a jump I can make," Brockermeyer said. "I feel pretty confident in the position that I will go this year."

Texas junior wide receiver Lovell Pinkney, who has indicated that he is leaning toward the NFL draft, is expected to make an announcement Friday.

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Suns, Magic win on home courts

By The Associated Press
It's easy to see why Orlando and Phoenix have the best records in the NBA - both teams have been virtually unbeatable at home this season.

Things stayed that way Wednesday night despite gallant efforts by two of the also-rans from the Eastern Conference.

Orlando paid back its worst loss of the season by coming back to defeat the Nets 113-110 to improve to 14-0 at home, and the Suns got past Philadelphia 127-122 to move to 15-1 at home.

Around the league, home teams won every game except the one at Cleveland, where the Cavaliers had their 11-game overall winning streak ended with a 116-85 loss to Seattle.

It was, by far, Cleveland's most lopsided loss of the last two seasons. Other home-court minutiae from Wednesday night:

- Charlotte beat Portland at home for the first time ever, winning 118-106 for its first 'W' in eight tries at Charlotte Coliseum against the Blazers. It was Charlotte's eighth straight victory at home overall.

- Indiana stretched its home winning streak to 10 games by beating Washington 94-90.

Magic 113, Nets 110
At Orlando Arena, the Magic trailed by 11 in the third period, tied

it with just under four minutes left and held off New Jersey as Anfernee Hardaway and Nick Anderson combined to hit five of six free throws in the final 12 seconds.

Hardaway scored 33 points, Shaquille O'Neal 25 and Anderson 20. Derrick Coleman led New Jersey with 19 points, but he was called for traveling with 13 seconds to play when the Nets had a chance to take the lead.

"One call different (the violation on Coleman) and we probably win the game," Kenny Anderson said. "They play tough at home, they're comfortable here and that's the way it should be."

SuperSonics 116, Cavaliers 85
At Gund Arena, Gary Payton was 14-for-14 from the field, scoring on 10 layups, two short jumpers, a dunk and a 3-pointer.

"Everything was just wide open for me," Payton said. "I wasn't even thinking about not missing a shot. Payton finished with 32 points, six assists, five rebounds and two steals. Detlef Schrempf added 20 points, six rebounds, six assists and two steals. Cleveland hadn't lost since Dec. 7, and not by more than 17 points in Mike Fratello's two seasons as coach.

"This was not a reflection of how we have been playing, but that is what Seattle can do to a team," he said.

Pacers 94, Bulls 90
At Market Square Arena, Reggie Miller scored 17 of his 20 points in the first half for Indiana, which led by as many as 20 before Washington rallied in the final quarter.

Indiana, which starts a five-game road trip Friday, does not have another home game until Jan. 14. The Bulls, led by Juwan Howard's 19 points and 11 rebounds, lost their fifth straight.

Hornets 118, Trail Blazers 106
At Charlotte Coliseum, Scott Burrell made four of Charlotte's six 3-pointers in the third quarter when

the Hornets pulled away. The Hornets finished 10-for-19 from 3-point range and are 41-for-81 in their last four games. Burrell has made 16 of 21 3-point attempts in that span.

Knicks 89, Hawks 80
At Madison Square Garden, Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens remained tied with Red Auerbach for most career victories by an NBA coach (938).

Patrick Ewing had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Derek Harper scored 20 points. Mookie Blaylock had 17 points and Ken Norman 15 for Atlanta.

Bulls 86, Nuggets 80
At the United Center, B.J. Armstrong scored the game's final 6 points, including the tiebreaking jumper with 1:46 to play after the Bulls blew a 21-point lead.

"I told him I wanted to get him the ball, to put the game in his hands and let him control it," said Scottie Pippen, who scored 21 points. "He came through big for us."

Celtics 117, Heat 112, OT
At Boston Garden, David Wesley's 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in overtime put Boston ahead for good after Miami scored the first seven points of the extra period.

Dominique Wilkins led Boston with 31 points. Glen Rice had 37 for the Heat.

game losing streak in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams. Alex Dillard had 16 points for Arkansas.

No. 7 Maryland 80, No. 24 Georgia Tech 67
Joe Smith had 15 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots to lead the Terrapins (11-2) to the win in the ACC opener for both teams.

Maryland, 9-0 at home this season, lost nine of its previous 10 home games against Georgia Tech (8-4). Maryland finished the first half with a 12-2 run and started the second with a 17-6 burst for a 55-38 lead with 15:22 to go. Travis Best led the Yellow Jackets with 18 points.

No. 8 Kentucky 98, Auburn 64
Rodrick Rhodes, removed from the starting lineup after a poor showing in a weekend loss to Louisville, came off the bench for a season-high 23 points as the Wildcats (7-2) cruised in the Southeastern Conference opener.

Rhodes, 1-for-9 from the field and with five points and one rebound against Louisville, was 6-for-15 with three rebounds and four assists against the visiting Tigers (7-3). Pat Burke had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Auburn.

No. 14 Michigan St. 78, Wisconsin 64
The backcourt of Shawn Respert

(29 points) and Eric Snow (22) scored 23 of Michigan State's last 25 in the game as the visiting Spartans (8-1) prevailed in the Big Ten opener. Respert and Snow combined to hit 12 of 13 free throws down the stretch to clinch the victory, Rashard Griffith had 20 points for the Badgers (6-4), who lost their third straight.

Texas 102, No. 19 Nebraska 74
Terrence Rencher had 25 points and became Texas' career steals leader as the Longhorns (6-2) beat a ranked team for the first time since a win over Arkansas in March 1991. Texas started the second half with a 9-2 run for a 58-42 lead and coasted from there. Jaron Boone had 22 points to lead the Cornhuskers (11-2), who had a 10-game winning streak snapped.

No. 22 Iowa 74, No. 21 Indiana 55
The Hawkeyes (11-2) started the game with a 25-6 run and snapped a six-game losing streak to Indiana in the Big Ten opener. Jess Settles had 18 points to lead Iowa, which matched last season's win total. Alan Henderson had 16 points to lead the Hoosiers (8-5), who had a six-game winning streak snapped after missing 13 of their first 16 shots in the game. Brian Evans, averaging 18.7 points for Indiana, missed all three of his first-half shots and did not play in the second half.

SWC hoops teams building up steam

'Horns blow out No. 19 Nebraska

DALLAS (AP) - Several Southwest Conference teams are building momentum heading into the beginning of league play next week.

Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Christian all were winners Wednesday night and although Southern Methodist lost, the Mustangs got a chance to test themselves against a pretty good Missouri team.

The Longhorns pounded No. 19 Nebraska 102-74, the Aggies knocked off Loyola Marymount 78-65 and the Horned Frogs got past Fairfield 91-82. Missouri rolled past SMU 84-68.

UT (6-2) got its first victory over a ranked team in 3 1/2 years and it ended the Cornhuskers' 10-game winning streak.

"Playing a nationally ranked team is a good opportunity for us to gain respect," said Roderick Anderson, who had 15 points and a career-high 12 assists for Texas. "I hope we finally get that respect now."

Terrence Rencher scored 25 points and became Texas' career steals leader with 204.

The Aggies (6-7) got 22 points and nine rebounds from Joe Wilbert as they improved to 4-0 at home.

"We were physical and I don't think they expected us to be physical," said forward Damon Johnson, who had 18 points. "We tried to contest every shot and make them work for every shot."

TCU (7-3) also remained undefeated at home as the Horned Frogs got 34 points from Kurt Thomas and 13 each from Juan Bragg and Byron Waits.

Fairfield briefly grabbed the lead just before halftime, 39-37. The Stags held that lead until a 17-2 scoring run by TCU to open the second half. That gave the Horned Frogs a 54-41 lead. TCU led the rest of the way.

Missouri cruised by SMU behind a career-high 22 points and eight rebounds from Julian Winfield.

Winfield slashed to the hoop often against SMU's soft interior defense, converting 9 of 12 shots as Missouri (9-1) handed the Mustangs (3-7) their 17th straight loss against Big Eight competition.

The Mustangs tried shooting their way to victory, but made only nine of 28 3-pointers.

"If you live by the jump shot, you die by it as well," SMU coach John Shumate said. "We need to establish an inside game."

The Mustangs don't have much time to get that. They host fifth-ranked Kansas on Saturday.

Stan The Man
BROOKLYN, N.Y. (AP) - There was an unusual love-hate relationship between the frantic fans who rooted for the Brooklyn Dodgers and Stan Musial, the Hall of Fame slugger of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Musial wore out the Dodger pitchers at their home park, Ebbets Field. He had a lifetime batting average of .356 at the Dodger field. The fans hated to see him come up to the plate.

But they had so much admiration for him that they gave him his nickname "Stan The Man."

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Duke, UNC upset in ACC openers

By The Associated Press
Top-ranked North Carolina and No. 11 Duke are closer in basketball history than even the 10 or so miles that actually separate the Tobacco Road campuses.

So when the schools with three national championships in the last four years both lost Wednesday night, it was only natural to think that hadn't happened in awhile. It had been just over five years, to be exact.

The Tar Heels' five-week run at No. 1 apparently came to an end with an 80-70 loss at North Carolina State, while Duke went down at home, 75-70 to unbeaten Clemson in the Atlantic Coast Conference openers for all four teams.

The last time both schools lost on the same day was Dec. 9, 1989, when both lost on the road to Big Ten teams, Duke 113-108 in overtime to Michigan and North Carolina 87-84 to Iowa.

"All of the sudden N.C. State and Clemson, for at least one night, are at the top of the league," North Carolina State coach Les Robinson said. "We've turned it upside down. The league is going to be crazy this year."

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday night it was Mississippi 76, No. 3 Arkansas 71; No. 7 Maryland 80, No. 24 Georgia Tech 67; No. 8 Kentucky 98, Auburn 64; No. 14 Michigan State 78, Wisconsin 64; Texas 102, No. 19 Nebraska 74; and No. 22 Iowa 74, No. 21 Indiana 55.

North Carolina St. 80, No. 1 North Carolina 70

Lakista McCuller made three 3-pointers in the final 5:04, and the Wolfpack (8-2) made nine of 10 free throws in the last 79 seconds for their first win over a No. 1 team since beating the Tar Heels on Feb. 23, 1986.

Mavs' Kidd accused of hitting Dallas man

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Mavericks rookie guard Jason Kidd is back in trouble again, just when he seemed to have put behind him a summer filled with off-court incidents that had questioned his character.

Dallas police say they want to interview Kidd about a New Year's morning incident in which he allegedly punched a Carrollton man who wanted to pose with Kidd for a picture.

Kidd, 21, admits to having had a confrontation, but said he didn't hit the man. No charges had been filed as of Wednesday and Kidd, his agent and the Mavericks say the matter has been resolved.

"It was taken care of, the charges were dropped and we'll just move on from there," Kidd told The Dallas Morning News for today's editions. "That's the whole issue. It's just something that happened. You have to learn from it. That's behind us."

Bennie White, 34, told police that between 1:15 a.m. and 2:15 a.m. he was standing in front of the Dallas Convention Center, where Kidd and several teammates had attended a party.

White said he asked Kidd to take a picture with White and his fiancée, Yolanda Burke.

"I just got fed up with them taking pictures, and I just went off, which I shouldn't have done," Kidd said. "But the situation has been taken care of."

Kidd denied having hit White, saying "some of the things (in the police report) are factual, some of them aren't factual."

White and Burke could not immediately be reached for comment. White wants to consult an attorney before deciding whether to pursue charges, police spokesman Ed Spencer.

Spencer also said officials would like to get Kidd's side of the story. Kidd left Wednesday afternoon for Houston, where the Mavericks play the Rockets on Thursday night.

Fearing that people may be picking on Kidd because of his high profile, his agent has hired a bodyguard. Richard Rogers of California began spending time with Kidd on Tuesday.

"Initially, I didn't feel there was any reason for him to be here," agent Aaron Goodwin said of the bodyguard. "But because of Jason's increasing popularity, I thought we needed it."

Team officials say they're not worried about Kidd, although coach Dick Motta took time Wednesday to lecture the entire team about watching themselves away from the court.

"We had a meeting to reiterate what we tell them every year," Motta said. "We told them, 'You're out there. You've got to be responsible. Whether we like it or not, we're out there.... There are a lot of people out there who like to see us fail.'"

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Questions arise from controversial conversation

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Does "just between you and me" really mean "just between you and me" when a TV camera is present?

That was only one of the questions raised by Connie Chung's interview with Newt Gingrich's mother, who confided in a whisper that her "Newt" thinks Hillary Rodham Clinton is "a bitch."

Reports of the interview led to testy exchanges between Gingrich and the White House as Congress' 104th session convened Wednesday, with Gingrich sworn in as the first Republican speaker of the House in

40 years.

CBS dodged Gingrich's demand for an apology and defended the interview, scheduled to air on Chung's "Eye to Eye" Thursday night.

CBS News President Eric Ober said that Mrs. Gingrich had "volunteered an unsolicited view" and that it would have been inappropriate for CBS to withhold the comments.

"In no way did we feel we had violated her confidence," Ober said. "It's unfortunate that what is being talked about is one five-letter word instead of a good 12-minute report."

Ober said Mrs. Gingrich was giggling and Chung was smiling during "a goodhearted exchange." He said Mrs. Gingrich offered her

son's appraisal in a "stage whisper."

From the White House, spokeswoman Ginny Terzano said the description of the first lady attributed by Mrs. Gingrich to her son was offensive. "We absolutely expect more from the new Republican Congress and the speaker," she said.

Lisa Caputo, press secretary to the first lady, added, "At some point, we as adults must take responsibility and show our children that disrespect and incivility towards others are just plain wrong."

The speaker, however, demanded an apology and said Chung had lied to his mother.

Chung, he charged, "said 'Whisper to me' and then she took that whisper and shared it with the

country."

Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley told reporters he has heard Gingrich describe Mrs. Clinton "as an extraordinarily able and talented woman" well-suited to be a senior policy adviser to the president.

Kathleen Gingrich, 68, voiced what she said was her son's opinion of Mrs. Clinton during an interview with Chung taped at Mrs. Gingrich's home in Dauphin, Pa.

CBS News said the Dec. 20 interview lasted two hours and took place in front of three video cameras. The CBS transcript includes the following exchange:

Chung: Mrs. Gingrich, what has

Newt told you about President Clinton?

Mrs. Gingrich: Nothing and I can't tell you what he said about Hillary.

Chung: You can't.

Mrs. Gingrich: I can't.

Chung: Why don't you just whisper it to me, just between you and me.

Mrs. Gingrich: 'She's a bitch.' About the only thing he ever said about her.

Former NBC News President Reuven Frank said Mrs. Gingrich should have known to measure her words.

"She cannot be so innocent that she would assume with lights on and

cameras and technicians present that anything she whispered to Connie Chung would be secret," Frank said.

Marvin Kalb, a former correspondent for CBS and NBC, blamed both parties.

Kalb, who now directs Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Press and Politics, noted that Mrs. Gingrich chose to do the interview, but he also criticized prime-time newsmagazine programs for standards of journalism he said were "generally speaking, low and getting lower."

"Mrs. Gingrich should have known better," Kalb said, "and Connie Chung should have done better."

Former Dallas Symphony maestro dies in plane crash

DALLAS (AP) - Eduardo Mata, the great Mexican maestro who guided the Dallas Symphony Orchestra to worldwide success, died at the controls of his private plane when it crashed near Mexico City.

Mata, 52, was killed Wednesday along with his companion, Marina Anaya, as they flew to Dallas in Mata's twin-engine Piper Aerostar, according to a statement from the orchestra.

Mata reported engine trouble shortly after his plane took off from the Cuernavaca airport. Five minutes later the plane lost power, crashed into the upper edge of a ravine and exploded, Mexican authorities said.

A Mexican aviation inspector told the Dallas Morning News that one of the engines failed.

Mata, renowned as one of Mexico's greatest maestros, was music director of the Dallas symphony for 16 years. He stepped

down in 1993, becoming conductor emeritus.

"Mr. Mata leaves a rich heritage of musical accomplishment which has had a profound effect on the cultural life of this city," said symphony president Eugene Bonelli.

Mata joined the symphony in 1977 as it was beginning to emerge from a crushing financial collapse that had put it out of business for nine months.

Under Mata the group surged to worldwide success, winning an RCA recording contract, touring Europe in 1985 and twice performing at Carnegie Hall. The symphony made more than 28 recordings under his direction.

Mata began conducting at age 15 and composed five symphonies. He had recently been working on a musical series on Latin American composers.

In addition to his recording projects, he continued to conduct,

working in New Zealand, Europe, South America and Australia.

He had homes in Dallas and the town of Xochitepec, just south of Mexico City.

As musical director of the National University of Mexico's philharmonic orchestra from 1966 to 1975, he is credited with increasing Mexico's interest in classical music.

Mata studied at Mexico's Conservatory of Music and began directing the symphony orchestra in Guadalajara in 1966. He was named director of the symphony at the National Autonomous University of Mexico the same year and held that position until 1976.

Mata is survived by his ex-wife, Carme, and two children, Roberto and Pilar.

George Frederic Handel died in 1759.

Television

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: Prehysteria Austin O'Brien PG	Movie: Red	(05) Elvie: Aloha From Hawaii	Fun-Fest Fitness	News	(35) Tonight Show					
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Mad-You	Friends	Seinfeld	Madman	ER		News	(35) Tonight Show	
4	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Legendary Trails	Mystery!		I'll Fly Away				Computer	Ch. Rose	
5	Boss?	Boss?	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Utah Jazz		Movie: The Devil's Brigade (1968) William Holden. ** 1/2						
6	News	Wh. Fortune	My So-Called Life	Matlock		Day One			News	(35) Cheers	Rush L.
7	Lifestyle	Faith in Free	Joy-Music	Campbell's	To Be Announced	Invitation to Life			Stage Door	Cap-News	Midpoint
8	Love Con.	Jeffersons	Movie: Platoon Leader (1988) Michael Dudikoff. ** 1/2		News	Night Court			Simon & Simon		
9	News	Coach	Due South	Eye to Eye	48 Hours				(35) Late Show		
10	Roseanne	M*A*S*H	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Next Gener.				M*A*S*H
11	College Basketball Marquette vs. Temple				Basketball	College Basketball Massachusetts at St. Louis			Sportscast		Basketball
12	Waltons	Shade	Shade	Rescue 911		700 Club			Father Dowling Mysteries		Stallion
13	(5:15) Movie: Pastime PG	Movie: Mr. Jones (1993) Richard Gere, Lena Olin. ** R			Movie: Ted and Venus Bud Cort. ** R				Movie: Black Rainbow R		
14	Movie: Poltergeist JoBeth Williams. ** 1/2 PG				Movie: Cyborg 2: Glass Shadow ** 1/2 R				Comedy	Inside the NFL	
15	(8:30) Movie: Newsheads	Movie: Juice Omar Epps. ** 1/2 R			Movie: Indecent Behavior NR				(19) Movie: Other People's Money R		
16	American	News	Legends of Country Music	Music City Tonight					Club Dance		Legends
17	Bay, 2000	Next Step	Mysterious	Magical	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Beyond 2000		Mysterious	Magical	Movie Magic
18	Rockford Files		Biography		Pablo Casale Festival				Law & Order		Biography
19	Design. W.	Design. W.	Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: Daughter of the Streets (1990), Roxana Zal **				Unsolved Mysteries		Mysteries
20	Press Box	NBA Action	Sportstalk	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets					College Basketball		Press Box
21	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The Valachi Papers (1972) Charles Bronson. ** 1/2			(48) Movie: The Stone Killer (1973) ** 1/2						
22	Doug	Looney	Jeanie	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi		News	Van Dyke	Dragnet
23	Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote		Movie: Dangerous Heart (1994) Lauren Holly, Tim Daly.				Wings	Quantum	Quantum
24	Volver a Empezar	Agujetas Rosa	Marimar		Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos			Noticiero	Movie: Desnudar	
25	Plagued	Great Battles of Civil War	Battles	Warriors	Ancient World				Great Battles of Civil War		Battles
26	Scoby-Doo	Scoby-Doo	Flintstones	Jetsons	Bugs & Daffy				Scoby-Doo	Scoby-Doo	Toon Heads

FRIDAY JANUARY 6

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Crnr.	Dumbo	Fraggle	Pony Tales	Tracks	Lunch Box	Music Box	Movie: Our Lives
3	Today				Jenny Jones		Gerardo	Leesa			Taste of La.
4	Visiona	Science	Sesame Street		Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Station	Barney	Gerbert	Movie: Law
5	Gilligan	Bewitched	Happy Days	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie	(05) Matlock			(05) Perry Mason		Movie: Law
6	Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee		Donahue		Little House on the Prairie		News
7	Worship	Insights	Daily Mass	Teaching	Life	Just Parents			How Can I Live?		Search
8	News		Griffith	Griffith	Perry Mason		T.J. Hooker		Gerardo		News
9	(8:00) This Morning		Suzanne Somers	Ricki Lake			Price is Right		Young and the Restless		News
10	Bobby	Sonic	Biker Mice	Cubhouse	700 Club		K. Copeland	Murphy B.	Montel Williams		Hunter
11	Sportscast	Sportscast	In Motion	Getting Fit	Fitness Pros	Bodyshape	Sportscast		Sportscast		Shooting
12	Xuxa	Prince Val.	Waltons		700 Club		Health Club		Make a Deal	Name-Tune	Music
13	Movie: The Killer Elite James Caan. ** PG				Movie: Wilder Napalm Debra Winger. ** PG-13				(10:50) Movie: You Can't Win 'Em All **		Multiple Per.
14	Smoguel	Encyclopedia	Movie: Love Potion No. 9 Tate Donovan.	Movie: Dave (1993) Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver. **	Movie: The Skateboard Kid PG				Movie: The Big Bus Joseph Bologna PG		Movie:
15	(6:30) Movie: **** Zorba the Greek Anthony Quinn.				Movie: The Skateboard Kid PG				Movie: The Big Bus Joseph Bologna PG		Movie:
16	(Off Air)		VideoMorning						Crafts	Cookin'	Country
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home	Start		Easy Does It	Homeworks	Graham K.	Great Chefs	Cuisine
18	Lou Grant		Columbo				Remington Steele		Police Story		Rockford
19	Mon-Me	Baby Knows	Sisters		Our Home		Barbara W.	Ullman	Live From Queens		Design. W.
20	Get Fit	Bodies	Cable Health Club		Americana	Outdoors	Fishing	Adventures	Texas	Advent	T. Tennis
21	Scoby Doo	P. Panther	Jetsons	Bugs Bunny	Bugs Bunny		Knots Landing		CHiPs		Kung Fu
22	Weinerville	Gumby	Muppets	Gnome	Muppets	Muppets	Gullish		Old Sultan	Limt' Bits	Eureka
23	Bitzy Spider	Prob. Child	MacGyver		Murder, She Wrote		To Be Announced		Quantum Leap		Magnum
24	Carrusel	El Chavo	Cheeripro		Papa Solt.	Candido P.	Levateio		Rosa Salvaje		
25	Rory and Me	Kitty Cats	Iris the Prof.	Magic Box	Iris the Prof.	Rory and Me	Kitty Cats		Caprials	Kitchen	Burger
26	Josie-Cats	Pebbles	Smurfs	Smurfs	Jabberjaw	Scoby Doo	Paw Paws		Shirtsies	Snorka	Back-Backo
											Richie Rich

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Movie: Freeze Frame NR	Pooh	Gummi B.	Quack	Raffi on Broadway		Faerie Tale Theatre		Movie: Pincocchio ** 1/2		
3	Our Lives	Another World	Gordon Elliott		Oprah Winfrey		Maury Povich		Cops		NBC News
4	Body Elec.	Legendary Trails	Watercolor	You Choose	You Choose	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Imaginedland		Campus
5	(12:05) Movie: The Law and Jake Wade	Tom-Jerry	Planet	Flintstones	Bradly B.	Seved-Bell	Seved-Bell	Gro. Pains	Griffith		
6	Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Am. Journal	Sally				Jeopardy!		ABC News
7	Priam	Accent	Faith 20	Script Alive!	Joy-Music	Highway	Midpoint	Solid Rock V.D.O.	Alive		Parenting
8	News	Quincy	Charles Perez	Flintstones	Flintstones	Samurai	Seved-Bell	Seved-Bell	Dreams		
9	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Northern Exposure	Allegra	Empty Nest	Hard Copy	News	CBS News		Fresh P.
10	Hunter	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Tiny Tim	Tax-Mania	Animaniacs	Rangers	Full House			Movie: Prophecy PG
11	IROC Year in Review	PGA Tour Year in Review	PGA Golf Mercedes Championships - Second Round								Sportscast
12	Triv. Pura.	Split Sec.	Make a Deal	Big Jake	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Masters	Max. Drive	My Dog	Rin Tin Tin	New Lassie
13	Movie: Year of the Comet *** PG-13				Movie: Juggernaut (1974) Richard Harris, Omar Sharif.				Scary	Ready-Not	Movie: Wilder Napalm ** 1/2
14	Multiple Per.	Movie: Christopher Columbus: The Discovery PG-13			Movie: Take This Job and Shove It Robert Hays. PG				Boxing's Historic Battles **		Movie: Prophecy PG
15	Movie: Teles-Crypt	Movie: Toys (1992) Robin Williams, Michael Gambon. **			Movie: Rookie of the Year *** PG				(15) Movie: Prophecy PG		
16	VideoPM								Wildhorse Saloon		Club Dance
17	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Graham K.	Great Chefs	Cuisine	Wild Things	Undersea		Wings
18	Rockford	McCloud			Remington Steele		Lou Grant		Police Story		Rockford
19	Design. W.	Our Home			Thirtysomething		Movie: Untamed Love (1994) Cathy Lee Crosby.		Supermt.		Shop-Drop
20	T. Tennis	Billiards: Women's 9-Ball	Skilling Magazine on TV	Race Report	E. McCarty	R. Everhart	Mike Miller		N. McCarthy		E. Sutton
21	Kung Fu	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West		Movie: Across the Wide Missouri (1951) ***				Starkey and Hutch		
22	Lasie	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Looney	Temple	You Aftard?	Clarissa	Salute	Rugrats
23	Magnum	Pyramid	Quicksilver	Press Luck	Scrabble	MacGyver			Knight Rider		Knight Rider
24	Rosa Sal.	Sirens	Morena Clara		Cristina				Primer Impacto		Hosp-Pisa
25	N. Dupree	Peasant	Yan Cooks		Cookbook	Caprials	Chocolate	Legends	Furniture		Better Home
26	Flintstones	Down Wit' Droopy D	Augie Dog	Plastic Man	Bond Jr.	Dark Water	Super Adventures		G-Force		Jonny G.

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2	Movie: Pincocchio Voices of Dickie Jones.				Elvie: Center Stage		Elvie and Music		Billy Joel From the River of Dreams		
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries		Dateline		Homelife: Life		News		(35) Tonight Show
4	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Rukeyser's Money Guide			Clinton Int.		Time Goes	Previews	KACVideo
5	Boss?	Boss?	(05) Movie: Casablanca (1942) Humphrey Bogart. ****		(20) Movie: A Summer Place (1959) ***				Movie: Kill		
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step by S.	Mr. Cooper	20/20		News	(35) Cheers	Rush L.
7	Main St.	Family	Joy-Music	Issues	VSN Agenda		Family Enrichment Series		Gospel	Cap-News	Lawson Live
8	Love Con.	Jeffersons	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys		News		News		Night Court		Simon & Simon
9	News	Coach	Diagnosis Murder		Under Suspicion		Picket Fences		News		(35) Late Show
10	Roseanne	M*A*S*H	M.A.N.T.I.S.		X-Files		Sightings		Star Trek: Next Gener.		M*A*S*H
11	Sportscast	NFL's Greatest Moments	NFL Great	Boxing					S		

When day-care facilities full, some take children to work

By SARAH BARNES
Austin American-Statesman
AUSTIN - When Elizabeth Sears was faced with having to pay for child care during the holidays or take her 7-year-old daughter Rachel to work, she chose the latter.

Saving the \$162 that day care would have cost was important, but like many parents who work full-time, Sears said she didn't have many alternatives.

While there is not a critical shortage of day-care facilities in Austin, some parents who find themselves without options on short notice choose to take a child to work.

Some parents who made no advance arrangements for the recent holidays, for example, might have had trouble finding a space at a day-care center, said Carolyn Smith, executive director of Austin Families Inc., a private, nonprofit agency that helps parents find child-care providers.

"Most care providers don't have that kind of vacancy," Smith said. "Demand increases, supply dwindles."

Sears said while some parents don't have the option, she is fortunate to have a job where children are welcome. She runs the child-care management services unit with the Health and Human Services Department of the City of Austin, which assists people who qualify for state-funded child care.

Sears said her daughter was among several children in the office during the school break last week.

"I think it gives her a better understanding of my job and what goes on and what work means," Sears said. "It gives her a view of a woman that can be responsible and

take care of herself and be a productive employee. It makes her feel grown-up and important."

Rachel said going to the office with her mother was a nice change from school, but there were some drawbacks.

"I'd like it better if we could leave whenever we want," she said.

Sears said more employers should allow children because it gives bosses and colleagues a different perspective of fellow workers.

"It helps humanize us all," Sears said. "It's really neat to see people with their kids. You see a nurturing side to them that doesn't always come out in a regular office environment."

Nurturing or not, sometimes taking children to work is the only way to get to work.

"Sometimes everything just falls apart, and you are struggling with having the responsibility of your job and your children," said Justice of the Peace Jade Meeker, who has three children. "I encourage the folks here: If the staff has problems like that, they are welcome to bring the kid if it can be done."

Some Austin businesses offer on-site or near-site child-care facilities. Others allow employees to compress work weeks into four 10-hour days. Some offer "flextime," which allows workers to schedule their own hours.

Although the New York-based Families and Work Institute has not done any studies on employees taking children to work, corporate America, in general, is becoming more sensitive to family issues, said Robin Hardman, the institute's director of information services.

"When you compare it to 20 years ago, companies would say it's not our problem," Hardman said. "Many more companies at least are

recognizing they may have a role to play."

Hardman said children can benefit from seeing the workplace, but taking children to work probably is not a good permanent solution to a day-care problem because the adult workplace is not usually a stimulating environment for the child.

Anecdotal stories collected by the institute show that having a child in the office from time to time boosts morale among staff.

IBM is expected to open a near-site day-care center in north Austin this year, IBM spokesman Jess Blackburn said. It's anticipated that the facility will serve 130 children and will be shared with employees of the Austin Diagnostic Medical Center.

Blackburn said the company has long offered family benefits because it believes such assistance helps employee productivity.

The company does not allow children in the workplace because there are too many health and safety concerns in a manufacturing environment, Blackburn said.

Juan Portillo, chief executive officer of Traxem Travel, said he would never tell an employee to not bring a child to work, but he encourages workers to take the extra hour or two to find an alternative if the usual day-care situation falls through on a given day.

Employees at Traxem started a referral list three years ago for such situations and it has worked out well because the providers are known by the employees, Portillo said.

Crispin Ruiz, vice president of communications and public relations for the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, said large and small companies alike are becoming more aware of employees' family needs, even though some stop short of allowing children at work.

Ruiz said she has brought her daughter Dara, 13, to her job at the chamber from time to time since she was 3 months old.

"She went to a lot of business meetings with me and I never felt like I was looked down on," Ruiz said. "I think in a lot of ways it's helped her because she knows what my life is like. I think she understands what it is to have a real job and she's proud of it."

Ray King, a supervisor for the anti-litter department of Solid Waste Services for the City of Austin, said he enjoys taking his 6-year-old son Richard into work - occasionally. His supervisor allows it because the child is well-behaved, King said.

King said he had tried taking his son to the office where he used to work, but found it disruptive. His current office only has five people, which makes it more manageable, he said.

"I just think it's a good time for him to pal around with me and see the people I work with and see what I do," King said. "He likes to spend part of his day coloring pictures for people in the office. It's not as though we can entertain him all day. ... We can all give him little assignments to do that makes him feel he is part of what is going on. That's the part he likes best."

Pointers For Parents

Impetigo: Is it lurking in classroom?

Many times impetigo is thought of as a summertime intruder. Although impetigo favors warm, moist climates to develop, it can strike anytime and classrooms can be a prime area for transmission.

Impetigo - the most common bacterial skin infection among young children and infants - is highly contagious. The condition easily is identifiable by itchy, pus-filled blisters or crusted sores located on the surface of the skin, such as the face, hands, feet, back and diaper area of infants.

Certain bacteria - microscopic organisms that can lead to infection - cause impetigo if the conditions are right. Although a child can be stricken with impetigo at any time, warm, moist climates may promote development, as the conditions are favorable for bacterial growth. Specifically, impetigo develops when bacteria, such as Group A streptococcus (more commonly referred to as "Strep"), or a combination of both types invade healthy skin through a scrape, cut, puncture or insect bite - all common occurrences in children.

Children easily can spread the infection to other children or to other parts of their body after scratching or touching a blister and then touching an uninfected area. The close quarters and sharing of school supplies, toys and other items may increase the likelihood of spreading impetigo in classrooms and day care centers. Family members also are at high risk for contracting impetigo through the sharing of utensils, linens and other household items that have been touched by the infected child.

If you think your child has

impetigo, call your doctor. The common medical treatment for impetigo is antibiotic therapy. Prescriptions that may be written by a doctor for impetigo could be for oral antibiotics such as erythromycin, penicillin and cephalosporin, or a topical antibiotic such as Bactroban (mupirocin). With oral antibiotics, upset stomach may occur. With Bactroban, local skin irritation may occur.

Bactroban is the only topical antibiotic indicated for treating impetigo caused by Staph and Strep, and has efficacy comparable to oral erythromycin in the treatment of impetigo. "Topical antibiotics such as Bactroban work well in children and infants because they may be unwilling or unable to swallow a pill, or take oral medication while at school," said Joseph Bikowski, M.D., assistant clinical professor of

dermatology, University of Pittsburgh.

In addition to treating the infection with an antibiotic, soak the sores with warm water and gently wash with a mild soap and wash cloth in order to remove any crusty surface from the sores. (This process should be done twice a day - morning and evening.) After cleansing the sores, it is important to keep the area dry; use a clean, soft towel and gently pat the washed area to remove any excess moisture. This cleansing procedure helps remove bacteria and keeps the infected area clean, thus helping to prevent the growth of bacteria.

Parents and teachers beware: Children in close quarters plus a warm climate can add up to an unexpected case of impetigo. If a child does develop impetigo, follow simple cleansing and disinfecting procedures to help prevent the spread of infection, and call a doctor.

Names in the news

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - Rod Stewart had better not mix any more soccer with his singing.

Unable to perform an encore at a New Year's Day concert before 3.5 million people, Stewart was given oxygen to combat his exhaustion and taken away by ambulance.

The pop singer blamed his fatigue on strenuous soccer games that morning and a large lunch of traditional Brazilian dishes. At the concert, he also kicked 100 autographed soccer balls to the audience as a tribute to Brazil's 1994 World Cup victory.

LONDON (AP) - Oscar Wilde got a plaque Tuesday and is due for more accolades next month. Not bad for a dead guy.

The plaque went up at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, on the 100th anniversary of the premiere of Wilde's play "An Ideal Husband." He will be recognized in Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey on Feb. 14.

In addition, 1995 marks the centenary of Wilde's arrest over his love affair with Lord Alfred Douglas. Wilde died in 1900.

If you have migraines, diet can be important

Most people learn about a connection between food and headaches early in life--the first time they wolf down an ice cream cone. Later, they may discover the neurological hazards of monosodium glutamate (MSG) or of having one beer too many. But for people who suffer from a migraine, almost anything they eat can result in a headache--if they have a sensitivity to it.

Usually, no single food is responsible for causing migraines. It's believed, however, that a combination of natural and artificial bio-chemicals, acting during a time of heightened susceptibility, may cause the changes in a person's body chemistry. This, in turn, triggers the headache.

One theory is that certain foods cause expansion of the blood vessels in the brain. This sets off a chain of physical reactions similar to those of a migraine. Alcoholic beverages (particularly beer and red wine) and nitrite-containing foods (such as cured meats like hot dogs, bacon, sausage and ham) cause this blood vessel expansion.

Contradicting this theory, however, may be foods that contain the amino acid tyramine or other amines (like chocolate, citrus fruit, aged cheeses, yogurt, sour cream, beans, nuts, herring or liver), or beverages that contain caffeine (coffee, tea or colas). These are also believed to act as migraine triggers, but the reasons why are not clearly understood.

You may find it helpful to keep a food diary to record what you have eaten prior to a migraine attack. This can help you identify your food triggers. Then, speak with your doctor about making appropriate changes in your diet.

If you suffer from migraines, consult your doctor. There are treatment programs that may help.

For a free newsletter on living with migraine called HeadWay write: HeadWay, P. O. Box 500, Wendell, NC 27591-9900.

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Ranchers protecting stock as cold moves across state

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - After experiencing a rather mild winter so far, ranchers need to be preparing for a frigid blast of cold weather in the upcoming week by protecting livestock, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Jon Zeitler, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said wintry conditions will last through Friday, as arctic air and a series of disturbances move across Texas.

"Sleet and snow will fall over the northwest half of the state," he said. "And a mix of rain, sleet and ice pellets in Central and South Central Texas, and rain south of Interstate 10 can be expected throughout the week," he said.

Zeitler says colder temperatures will be experienced through Friday with slightly warmer conditions during the weekend.

"High temperatures through Friday will range from the 20s to the 30s in the high plains to the 50s along the Gulf Coast," Zeitler said. "Low temperatures will range from the 10s in the High Plains to the 30s and 40s along the Gulf Coast."

"Fairer skies and warmer conditions will arrive with the weekend," he said.

As 1994 came to an end, producers are reflecting on the activity of the past year and look to 1995 with optimism.

Scott Durham, district Extension

director in Vernon, said the Rolling Plains region is known for their extreme weather conditions and 1994 was no exception.

"This past year was real tough on crop production, especially our two major crops - cotton and wheat," he said. "Extremely dry conditions last January and February hurt wheat yields and the very hot and dry spell this past summer took a toll on our cotton crop."

Durham says now, as usual, the region is experiencing quite a range of weather conditions with some areas having a surplus of moisture and some areas in need of moisture.

"Although wheat is in fairly good condition, some areas in western counties are beginning to show effects of inadequate moisture," Durham said. "While counties such as Palo Pinto and Parker in the eastern area are experiencing a surplus of moisture."

Durham adds that it is difficult to predict what 1995 has in store for them.

"Who knows what this year will bring?" he said. "This time last year we thought we were going to have a good wheat crop and things turned around."

"Right now due to the mild winter months we have been having, the boll weevil situation looks grim," Durham said. He said cold weather could turn the situation around for the better.

Jose Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said in the Southwest region, the year looks as if it is

getting off to a good start.

"Above average rainfall in 1994, concentrated in the fall, allowed the production of heavy forage for overwintering livestock," Pena said. "Right now the rainfall and mild weather is providing excellent winter grazing conditions and minimal to no supplemental feeding."

"Livestock and wildlife are way above average condition for this part of the year," he said.

But Pena warns that even good weather conditions don't come without a downside.

"The combination of mild fall and winter temperatures and higher humidity is causing problems for winter vegetables that need colder weather," Pena said. "And this type of climate is just right for promoting disease and insect problems."

"Also, rainfall delayed some pecan and peanut harvesting in South Central Texas," he said.

Pena adds that although these problems exist, he is not complaining about the good moisture the southwest has received.

"In the fall of 1993 we experienced the longest dry spell," he said. "And with the good rainfall we received this past year, 1994 was two to three times better off than 1993 and it looks as if it is getting even better with a good outlook for spring 1995 planting."

Although some areas are dealing with a surplus of moisture, Charles Neeb, district Extension director in Fort Stockton, said the Far West region is experiencing a lack of moisture.

"It appears that we will end the year with just 8.28 inches of moisture," he said. "Although we are experiencing very dry conditions and moisture is needed, pasture and range feed as well as livestock remains in fair condition in most areas."

Neeb said looking ahead to 1995, it would be nice to have rain, but it is not a desperate situation.

"Most of the area is irrigated, so land preparation is underway for spring planting," he said. "We are prepared to start off the new year looking forward to things being much better in 1995."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors: PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short.

Land preparation, fertilization under way. Cattle good; receiving supplemental feeding. Wheat crop making little growth due to dry, cooler conditions.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short to very short. Cotton harvest complete. Supplemental feeding of cattle required due to drought. Shredding stalks, disking, deep breaking, and fertility applications are being implemented.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture adequate. Cotton harvest nearly complete. Wheat fair to good; some areas showing effects of inadequate moisture. Insect and disease pressure low. Livestock good; supplemental feeding continues.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Pastures, ranges good to poor; many too wet. Wheat good to poor; need sunny, dry weather. Cotton 20-70 percent harvested. Peanuts 75-100 percent harvested. Oats 25-70 percent planted.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus. Ryegrass, clovers good;

winter pastures needing open weather for drying. Cattle fair to good. Harvests continue in cole crops; limited garden activity due to rains. Poor pecan yields.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Pasture and range feed fair to poor; need moisture. Livestock good to fair; supplemental feeding continues. Land preparation under way for spring planting. Pecan harvest winding down.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Wheat doing well under growing conditions. Livestock good to fair. Pastures, ranges good. Pecan quality, quantity below average. Receiving seasonal temperatures and good rains.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus. Hay consumption low due to good grazing. Stock water levels high. Yield, quality of pecans poor; harvest progressing. Leaf rust infection in wheat fields. Early planted oats in joint stage.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil

moisture adequate to surplus. Supplemental feeding continue. Winter pastures doing well; heavy frosts damaged native grasses. No local cattle sales due to holidays. Received medium to heavy rains.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Livestock, wildlife above average. Rainfall improves prospects for spring crops. Harvesting cabbage, spinach, southern greens, other winter vegetable crops. High disease problems on spinach.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Excellent pasture, small grain growing conditions. Fertilization, winter weed control of row crops occurring. Livestock good; market steady. Home gardens excellent. Pecan crop poor.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges good to fair. Soil preparation for spring planting. Livestock good to fair. Prices on cattle soft. Onions, cabbage progressing well. Harvesting citrus, sugarcane.

Midwest boasts 15 of 25 most affordable U.S. housing markets

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Midwest had 15 of the 25 most-affordable housing markets in the nation during the July-September quarter. California alone had 14 of the least-affordable.

The National Association of Home Builders reported Wednesday that its quarterly Housing Opportunity Index found little change in regional trends in housing: The most-affordable markets are in the Midwest and South; the least-affordable in the Northeast and West, particularly California.

Lima, Ohio, jumped to first place as the most-affordable market, from 11th in the second quarter index. San Francisco remained mired in last place, a position it has held since the Home Builders began the surveys in the first quarter of 1991.

Joining the 15 Midwestern markets on the most-affordable list were five areas in the Northeast and five in the South. The West had 18 of the least affordable - the 14 in California and one each in Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Oregon. Four more were in the Northeast and three in the South.

The index measures the proportion of homes sold in a market that a household earning the median income in that market could afford to buy. The median is the midpoint, meaning that half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

The survey included about 500,000 sales of new and previously owned homes in 185 metropolitan areas.

"There's no doubt that higher interest rates are affecting housing affordability conditions in every region of the country," said association president Tommy Thompson, an Owensboro, Ky., builder. "But rates are still in the

single digits, making affordability relatively healthy."

Interest rates as measured by the Home Builders rose to 7.72 percent in the third quarter, from 7.42 percent in the second. The rate is a national, weighted average of adjustable and fixed-rate loans.

Lima posted an 87.4 on the index, meaning that a family earning the area's median income of \$38,600 could have purchased 87.4 percent of the homes sold in the area during the quarter.

But San Francisco had only a 17.8, meaning a family earning the median income of \$57,600 could afford to buy just 17.8 percent of the homes available.

In addition to Lima in the Midwest, the most-affordable markets by region were Albany, N.Y., in the Northeast; Houma, La., in the South; and Pueblo, Colo., in the West.

The least-affordable markets, besides San Francisco in the West, were Des Moines, Iowa, in the Midwest; New York in the Northeast and Laredo, Texas, in the South.

The nation as a whole posted a 61.7 on the third-quarter index, up from 60.0 from April through June. The median income was \$39,900 in both quarters, although the median price in the third period rose to \$117,000 from \$114,000 in the second.

But the third-quarter index measured for the first time differences in rates for property taxes and insurance, which were not available previously. The change resulted in some different affordability rankings.

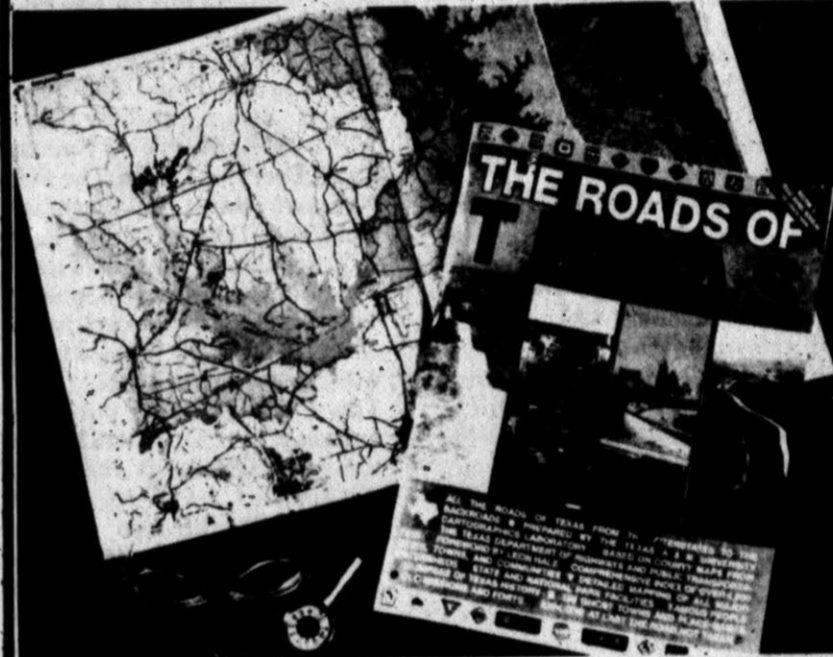
Housing affordability declined in some states such as Michigan, which has very high tax rates. In fact, Jackson, Mich., which had ranked as the nation's most affordable area in both the third and fourth quarters of 1993, was not even in the top 25 in the July-September quarter.

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Most/Least Affordable

Metro Area	Pct	Metro Area	Pct
MOST AFFORDABLE			
Lima, Ohio	87.4	Champaign, Ill.	79.6
Kokomo, Ind.	87.1	Davenport, Iowa	79.3
Mansfield, Ohio	86.5	Canton, Ohio	79.3
Duluth, Minn.	84.5	Rockford, Ill.	79.2
Houma, La.	83.5	Harrisburg, Pa.	79.1
Springfield, Ill.	83.1	Allentown, Pa.	79.1
Youngstown, Ohio	82.7	LEAST AFFORDABLE	
Minneapolis-St. Paul	82.4	San Francisco	17.8
Kansas City, Mo.	82.4	Salinas, Calif.	23.5
Fort Wayne, Ind.	82.3	Santa Cruz, Calif.	26.0
Ocala, Fla.	82.0	Laredo, Texas	26.9
Pensacola, Fla.	81.7	Santa Rosa, Calif.	32.2
Melbourne, Fla.	81.6	New York	33.9
Albany, N.Y.	81.5	Honolulu	35.1
Lakeland, Fla.	81.1	Stamford, Conn.	36.7
Oklahoma City	81.1	El Paso, Texas	36.9
Binghamton, N.Y.	81.1	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	37.5
Elmira, N.Y.	80.8	Los Angeles	39.5
Peoria, Ill.	80.7	San Diego, Calif.	39.9
		San Jose, Calif.	41.9
		Reno, Nev.	42.6
		Santa Barbara, Calif.	42.6
		Albuquerque, N.M.	44.1
		Vallejo, Calif.	44.1
		Oakland, Calif.	44.2
		Bridgeport, Conn.	44.4
		Orange County, Calif.	44.7
		Yolo, Calif.	45.3
		Charlotte, N.C.	46.3
		Portland, Ore.	46.6
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