

BIG SPRING HERALD

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TUESDAY
December 20, 1994

50 Cents

5
more days until Christmas!

As Kelly Wingert can attest to, you can now count the number of days until Christmas on one hand.



Emergency personnel check the damage of a motorcycle involved in an accident Monday evening. The driver, Michael Farley Hayworth, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center to be treated for injuries. See more details on page 2.

Police officers assaulted

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring police officers escaped serious injury after two residents attempted to assault them with a weapon. Cpl. Robert Fitzgibbons and Officer Shawn Harrison were called to the 200 block of Galveston shortly before 11 p.m. Mon-

day in reference to a civil stand-

by. "A woman requested the presence of officers while she was returning some property. A civil standby is a situation where officers are called to a scene when a couple may be splitting up and one is moving out. One of them may be afraid

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Who has the best Christmas lights?

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Looking for the best Christmas decorations in Big Spring? Look no further than the winners of the 1994 Christmas Decoration Contest.

There were 38 entries in the recent contest sponsored by the Spade N' Hoe, Garden Club Council, KBST Radio, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Proud Citizens Committee.

Judges for the annual event were Leighrene Kohl, Edna Womack, Terry Johansen, and Annie May Angel.

Named "Best of the Best" in south Big Spring, as commercial entries, were the Dora Roberts Civic Center

Contest winners will be featured in Sunday's Herald

and Trinity Memorial Park (south entrance). Southwest Crop Insurance had the best show window, which included Santa Claus napping while wearing his long johns. Other outstanding commercial entries included Roy Peet of Inland Port 213, Sun Country Realtors (lights only), and Margaret Wise of Fiberflex. Rounding out commercial entries were Joy's Hallmark, Al's & Son Bar-B-Q, Vision Makers, Casa Blanca, and the Big Spring State Hospital Activity Building. Commercial sites that were non-entry decorations included Faye's Flowers, Big Spring's Heritage Museum, Carter's Furniture, Warren Chiropractic Center, VA Medical Center, Citizens Federal Credit Union, Colorado River Municipal Water District, and Larry Hollar Insurance. In the residential category, the "Best of the Best" (most inspirational, in the religious category) was Randy and

Paulett Mason, 3200 Duke Ave., for their new manger Nativity scene.

The entry chosen as most elegant and a must see of the "Best of the Best" was the home of Jimmy and Charlicie Morehead at 704 Highland.

The "Best of the Best" in the original homemade category was the home of Gary and Evelyn Fox at 11 Chapman Road in Sand Springs. Other outstanding entries in the residential category included the home of Glen Hughes at 1710 Harvard and the home of Tom Shirley on the North Service Road.

KBST General Manager Dave Wrinkle said maps for how to get to the residences and businesses that decorated are at Johansen's Nursery.

For the taste of turkey, there's no substitute

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It's a common fact that turkey is popular during the holidays and is being used more and more as a substitute in many dishes, but just how popular is turkey throughout the year?

According to the National Turkey Federation, when it comes to talking turkey, the only nation that talked louder than the U.S. in 1994 is Israel, which consumed 22 pounds of turkey per capita to 18.1 pounds for the U.S.

In 1993, per capita consumption of turkey was 17.8 pounds compared to 10.5 pounds in 1980, a 70 percent increase. Statistics show that in 1994, 46 percent of American homes served turkey at least one time in a two-week period, an increase of 35 percent when compared to statistics from five years earlier.

Although more people are eating turkey, it has not been just recently that the turkey's popularity has soared. Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the official bird of the U.S.

Citing the bald eagle's bad moral character, he said, "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representa-

tive of our country! The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

During 1994, about 300 million turkeys have been raised. It is estimated that 45 million of these turkeys were part of this year's Thanksgiving, 22 million will be eaten at Christmas, and 19 million will be eaten at Easter.

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Besides the major holidays, American households consume turkey more often as a sandwich than any other way, with sandwiches accounting for 44 percent of all turkey consumption.

To prepare the millions of turkeys for holiday consumption turkeys are primarily fed a balanced diet of corn and soybean meal mixed with a supplement of vitamins and minerals. Fresh water is available at all times and on average, it takes 84 pounds of feed to raise a 30-pound tom turkey.

To maintain production continuity, laying turkey hens are artificially inseminated. According to the NTF the use of light induces them to lay eggs under a controlled environment.

During a 25-week laying cycle a hen normally lays 88 to 93 eggs. At the end of this cycle, the hen is considered "spent" and will usually be slaughtered.

However, some breeders find it economically feasible to molt the hen (allow the hen a lengthy resting period) for another production cycle. According to the NTF it takes 90 days to molt a turkey hen. And the hen's second laying will usually produce slightly less eggs than before, about 75 to 80 the second time around.

To meet the market demand for turkeys during the holidays, more eggs are "set" during the months of April, May, and June.

RINGIN' AND SINGIN'



Michael Williamson looks down at the music as he rings the bell during a Christmas program at Bauer Magnet School Friday afternoon.

City seeks EMS bids

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As one of many items the Big Spring City Council approved during its last meeting, bid specs were also approved for emergency (ambulance) medical services.

According to the request for proposal presented at the last council meeting, the city is seeking qualified firms to provide quality EMS facilities, equipment and personnel that are as efficient and complete as possible for Big Spring.

General provisions, for firms interested in submitting a proposal, require a written response addressing all provisions of the proposals. Failure to do so will constitute grounds for declaring any reply as non responsive.

After all sealed proposals from reasonably qualified vendors have been opened, they will be discussed by the council. The bid award will be given to the contract that is most advantageous to the city.

According to the city of Big Spring, the vendor contract awarded the contract shall agree to:

•Provide quality ambulance service with facilities as effi-

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Texas Trivia

What legendary country music pioneer had a home in Kerrville?

Jimmie Rodgers

Where was actress Lynda Day George born?

San Marcos

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: At least two shots were fired outside the White House today and witnesses said a person was in custody. See page 5.

World: Jimmy Carter met with Bosnia's Muslim president today after receiving a cease-fire promise from the leader of the Bosnian Serbs. But Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader who invited Carter to Bosnia, attached conditions to the cease-fire just hours after the former U.S. president left the Serb stronghold of Pale.

STATE

Bush fights casinos

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OC officials cleared

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Hill keeps trying

State Rep. Fred Hill is trying to rally Texans' support for another attempt to strengthen the state's open container law. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **67** ▲ Highs **34**
Lows ▼

Cloudy

Tonight, clear. Low in the lower 30s. Light and variable wind.

Permian Basin Forecast

Wednesday: Sunny, high lower 60s, southeast to south winds 5 to 10 mph; clear night, low mid 30s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high in the upper 40s to low 50s. Light to variable wind.

Friday: Partly cloudy, high in the upper 40s.

Tomorrow **SUNNY**

OBITUARIES

Leonard Paredes

Rosary for Leonard Paredes, 27, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, will be 8 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Domingo Estrada, O.M.I., pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Midland, officiating, assisted by Deacon Jessie Guarado of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Paredes died Sunday, Dec. 18, in a Midland hospital. He was born on July 15, 1967, in Big Spring and married Louisa Ovalle on Jan. 19, 1987, in Big Spring. Mr. Paredes grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1986. He worked at Sears from 1988 to 1990 and then from 1990 to 1992 he worked at the Big Spring Correctional Center. He

moved to Midland in 1992 and worked at the Windtree Apartments. He was also a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife: Louisa Paredes, Midland; one son: Nicholas Paredes, Midland; his parents: Guadalupe and Santiago Paredes, Big Spring; eight brothers: Guadalupe Paredes, Jr., Albert Paredes, Michael Paredes, Augustine Paredes, Larry Paredes, all of Big Spring, Sam Paredes, Scott AFB, Ill., Bob Paredes and Jimmy Paredes, both of Midland; one sister: Rosie Abundez, Vandenburg AFB, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Berry B. Watson

Berry B. Watson, 75, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Jolene Helen Miller

Jolene Helen Miller, 70, Big

Spring, died Monday, Dec. 19, 1994, in a Colorado City hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Etta LaDelle McCarty

Funeral services for Etta LaDelle McCarty, 71, Fort Worth, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994, in the Blessing Colonial Chapel with Rev. Vernon Sanson officiating. Interment will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park under the direction of Blessing Funeral Home, Mansfield.

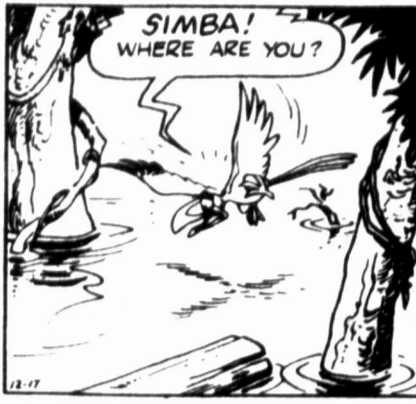
Mrs. McCarty died Monday, Dec. 19, in the Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

She was born April 12, 1923, in Mansfield. She married Jack B. McCarty. He preceded her in death in 1973. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield and was retired from Gearhardt-Owens as a bookkeeper.

Survivors include one brother: Roy Hart, Mansfield; and one sister: Nancy Annen, Big Spring.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

-RAUL GONZALES MARTINEZ, 37 of 406 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested for public intoxication.

-NOEL B. ROSA, 21 of Stanton, was arrested for no valid registration and no insurance.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3300 block of Duke.

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1800 block of East Marcy, 800 block of Gregg and in the 500 block of Westover.

-LOUD PARTIES in the 1100 block of Mulberry and in the 1200 block of Wood.

-ASSAULT in the 800 block of Gregg.

-NEIGHBOR DISPUTE in the 500 block of Goliad.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

-JOHN PAUL FRANCO, was released from jail after serving time for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

-JOHN CORBETT WILLIFORD, 21 of 1606 Main, pled guilty in district court to revoking his probation. He was on probation for burglary. He was sentenced to six years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice, fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$124.50 in court costs plus restitution.

-KRIS DWAYNE ALLEN, 31 of P.O. Box 264, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was transferred from the city jail and released after posting a \$1,000 bond.

-ALFREDO GOMEZ, 27 of 1026 East 24th, was arrested for failure to identify. He was transferred from the city jail and released after posting a \$500 bond.

-DANNY DWAYNE BEAVER, 24 of 700 1/2 South Main, pled guilty in county court to driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail on each charge and fined \$1,175.

OBITUARIES

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Monday's temp 73, Monday's low 40, Average high 57, Average low 30, Record high 80 in 1978, Record low 8 in 1924, Rainfall Monday 0.00, Month to date 0.00, Month's normal 0.41, Year to date 17.69, Normal for year 18.33

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

-Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

-Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

-Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

-Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

-Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

-Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

-Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

-BS Band Boosters, 7 p.m., band hall. Call Roxanne Wilson, 264-4840.

-C.R.I.E. (Children Rights Through Informed Education), 7:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

-Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Heritage Museum.

WEDNESDAY

-Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

-Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

-Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

-West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters for those unable to afford their own attorney, Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

THURSDAY

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

MARKETS

March cotton futures 85.30 cents a pound, up 142 points; Jan. crude oil 17.05 up 14 points; cash hog steady at \$1 higher at 34.75; slaughter steers steady at 70 cents even; Dec. live hog futures

34.30, down 40 points; Dec. live cattle futures 70.10, down 35 points; according to Delta Commodities.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Index 3783.64, Volume 89,768,780, ATT 50 1/2, Amoco 61 1/2, Atlantic Richfield 103 1/2, Atmos 17 1/2, Boston Chicken 14 1/2, Cabot 26 1/2, Chevron 44 1/2, Chrysler 45 1/2, Coca-Cola 52 1/2, De Beers 23 1/2, DuPont 54 1/2, Exxon 61 1/2, Fina Inc. 67 1/2, Ford Motors 26 1/2, Halliburton 34 1/2, IBM 70 1/2, JC Penney 41 1/2, Laser Indus LTD 5 1/2, Mesa Ltd. Prt 4 1/2, Mobile 84 1/2, NUV 9 1/2, Pepsi Cola 36 1/2, Phillips Petroleum 34 1/2, Sears 45 1/2, Southwestern Bell 41 1/2, Sun 28 1/2, Texaco 61 1/2, Texas Instruments 71 1/2, Texas Utilities 32 1/2, Unocal Corp. 26 1/2, Wal Mart 22 1/2, Amcap 11.53-12.23, Euro Pacific 21.03-22.31, I.C.A. 17.61-18.68, New Economy 14.48-15.36, New Perspective 14.21-15.08, Van Kampen 13.72-14.39, Gold 381.50-382.00, Silver 4.78-4.81

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co. Quotes are from today's markets and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

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IN BRIEF

Museum plans 'murder' for money

On Jan. 21, area citizens will host "murders" as part of the third annual mystery evening fund-raiser for the Heritage Museum. Amateur Sherlocks are being sought as hosts. The museum will provide dinner and the mystery game; hosts provide dessert, a site for game play and see that the evening ends with the culprit captured.

No acting talent is required. All clues are provided to capture the one or more members of the party who committed the murder. To act as a host, contact the museum at 267-8255.

FOL schedules

Tuesday reception

Friends of the Library will have a reception at the Howard County Library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Everyone is invited.

UTPB schedules

freshman orientation

Freshman and transfer students who will attend The University of Texas at the Permian Basin this spring are encouraged to attend an orientation program designed to acquaint them with the University's services.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lellah Adkins, 91, died Sunday. Services were 10:00 a.m., Tuesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

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Assault

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and wants an officer to be there," said Sgt. Victor Brake, public information officer.

Ernest Ramundo Gomez, 33 of 207 Galveston, attempted to assault the officers with a weapon and while they were attempting to disarm him, Gomez's brother, Joe Alfredo Gomez, 34 of 207 Galveston, became involved in the assault.

Brake says the weapon was some sort of pole. Both men were arrested and charged with aggravated assault of a police officer and disorderly conduct by using abusive language.

Judge Bill Tune set bond at \$10,000 each and both remain in the city jail.

Firefighter hurt in Gregg Street wreck

In other news, a Big Spring

City

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dent and complete as possible for the general welfare of the citizens of Big Spring.

-Comply with Health & Safety Code Section 773.001 and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations covering emergency medical service.

-Maintain an office in the city, the location of which shall be subject to the approval of the city council and proper communication equipment within the city.

-Recruit, train and employ paramedical and EMT personnel, and all other necessary personnel, to adequately staff the ambulance service and to require that such personnel be licensed as required by law.

-Provide advanced life support level service with medical control direction from a licensed physician.

-Participate with the staff and agents of city hospitals, and the city in disaster planning as may be required for the welfare of the city.

-Properly maintain its equipment according to the accepted standards of the industry.

-Provide response times to life-threatening emergencies

firefighter is recovering from injuries sustained in an accident Monday evening.

Reports say Michael Farley Hayworth, 32 of 306 East 20th, was riding a 1984 Honda motorcycle northbound in the inside lane of 2400 Gregg around 7:15 p.m.

Quin Gart Martin, 62 of 1515 Mesquite, was traveling southbound on Gregg in a 1994 Ford pickup when he attempted to make a left turn onto the 300 block of West 24th. The two vehicles collided and Martin was cited for failing to yield the right-of-way when turning left.

Hayworth was taken by ambulance to the emergency room of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He is listed in stable condition. Martin was not injured in the accident.

within the accepted standards of the industry.

-Provide on-going community services programs so as to inform the citizens of the city of the access to and capabilities of the EMS system.

-Pay, on a timely basis, its accounts payable, notes payable, and all other financial obligations.

-Maintain in full force and effect adequate insurance coverage for public liability including: 1) general liability; 2) auto liability; and 3) ambulance malpractice, which at no time shall be less than \$1 million combined single limit.

The vendor awarded this contract will have to agree to follow these provisions and several others regarding service to the city.

The city of Big Spring will agree to subsidize the vendor for all emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services pursuant to terms of the negotiated contract; provide use of the Big Spring Police Department as the call-taking and dispatching agency for the ambulance services within the city at no cost; and provide and maintain pager devices.

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Gov pus aga ■Busl again off-tr bettin on ho

DALLAS (AF) George W. Bush campaign agal tional amendin casino gamblin Ir an inter-view Monday with The Dallas Morning News, Bush also said he has serious reservations about a proposal that would legalize off-track wagering on horse and dog races. Bush would have no legal authority to vet such a constitutional amendment, but his active oppositi ence Texas voi have the final s Although Bu against casino the gubernatori remarks to the per marked the vowed to perso against their leg "I will speak no gambling."

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Gov.-elect Bush pushes hard against casinos

■ Bush also against off-track betting on horses

DALLAS (AP) — Gov.-elect George W. Bush says he will campaign against a constitutional amendment to legalize casino gambling in Texas.

In an interview Monday with The Dallas Morning News, Bush also said he has serious reservations about a proposal that would legalize off-track wagering on horse and dog races.

Bush would have no legal authority to vet such a constitutional amendment, but his active opposition could influence Texas voters who would have the final say.

Although Bush spoke out against casino gambling during the gubernatorial campaign, his remarks to the Dallas newspaper marked the first time he has vowed to personally campaign against their legalization.

"I will speak out against casino gambling," Bush said. Both

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney are also cool to the idea, meaning it may be difficult for casino proponents to get the needed votes in Legislature session that opens Jan. 10.

Casino backers did not express surprise at Bush's opposition and said they will continue to press ahead for passage of a casino amendment.

"We're going to keep on moving," said former state Rep. Lloyd Criss of La Marque, chairman of the Texas Association for Casino Entertainment.

"(Bush's opposition) certainly won't help it, but we plan to proceed."

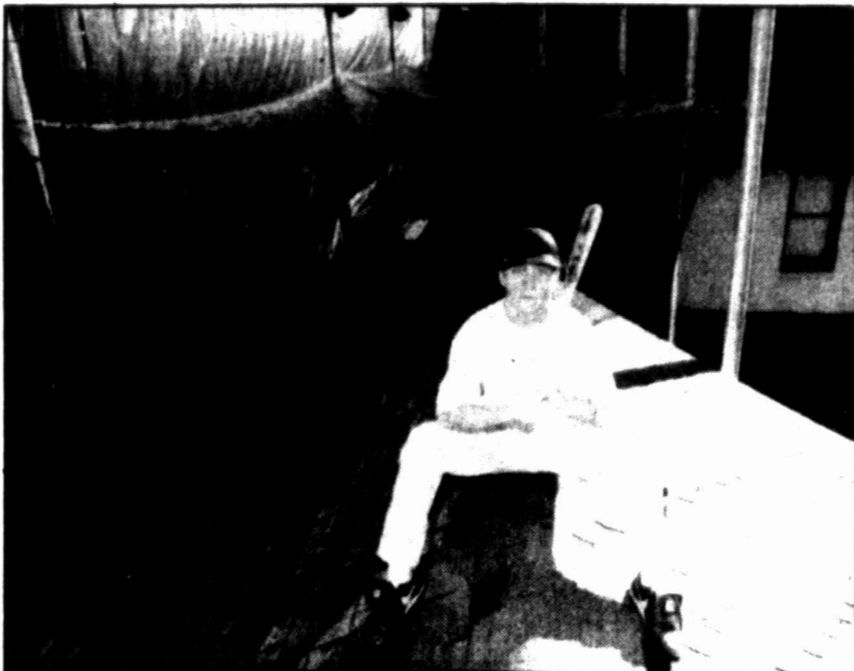
Bush also said he believes that the prohibition of off-track betting parlors should continue.

"That was not the intent of the Legislature. That was not part of the vote," Bush said.

James D. Noteware, president and general manager of Sam Houston Race Park in Houston, which has lost millions since it opened, says off-track betting is crucial to the Texas racing industry.

On-track betting on horse and dog races was approved by Texas voters in 1986, but so far the tracks have failed to produce the state revenues or economic development that had been promised.

BATTING CAGE BLUES



Chase Russell, 16, sits on the roof of the garage at his home next to his batting cage in Dallas. The future of Russell's batting cage is uncertain because neighbors want the structure removed. His family has been hit with \$8,500 in citations for violating city ordinances.

Odessa College officials cleared of wrongdoing

ODESSA (AP) — A grand jury has cleared Odessa College officials of wrongdoing in an investment scandal that has led to millions of dollars in losses in the school's investment portfolio.

An Ector County grand jury ended its weeklong investigation Monday without issuing any indictments. Jurors also issued a statement commending the administration and trustees for "quick action on this financial crisis in order to recover financially."

The grand jury began looking into the situation about a week after a critical State Auditor's Office report faulted the school's investment policies.

The auditor's report showed that the school violated the Texas Public Funds Investment Act by not paying close enough attention to investments made

by former Vice President of Business Affairs Roger Coomer. The report said Coomer invested the school's entire \$22 million portfolio in two types of high-risk derivatives, leading to reported losses of about 50 percent of its value.

The derivatives bought by Odessa College are tied to pools of home mortgages.

The crisis forced officials at the 4,500-student school to issue \$10.75 million in bonds and take on an annual interest payment officials say will cost about \$780,000 this school year.

The school also has raised taxes and tuition, slashed its budget and sold some of the securities.

Bob Clark, president of the OC board of trustees, said he was "tickled to death" with the grand jury's action.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Six children lived in crack cocaine house

DENTON (AP) — Six children lived in a dilapidated home that doubled as a crack cocaine warehouse that was targeted as part of a widespread narcotics raid, authorities say.

Agents said Monday that the home was raided as part of a nine-month citywide drug investigation involving local, state and federal narcotics agents.

The children at the house were placed in the care of Child Protective Services, authorities said.

"This is not the end of the operation," Denton Police Chief Michael Jez said. "It's certainly a significant part of it. Our investigation is ongoing. We were fortunate that we found this house where they were warehousing this cocaine."

Raiders arrested 45 of 60 people named in sealed state and federal indictments.

State Rep. still trying open container law

DALLAS (AP) — State Rep. Fred Hill is trying to rally Texans' support for another attempt to strengthen the state's open container law.

Existing law does not prohibit open alcohol containers, just drinking from them. Even if a law enforcer sees someone driving with a drink in his hand, he can't issue a ticket unless he specifically sees the driver take a drink.

Hill, a Republican from Richardson, said Monday it's a loophole that must be closed. Texans are "sick and tired" of senseless accidents caused by people who drive under the influence of alcohol, he said.

Ex-police chief accused in drug case

McALLEN (AP) — Confidential informants have implicated

an ex-police chief and a businessman in four drug-related homicides in South Texas and two earlier killings in Mexico, according to a federal agent.

Federal prosecutors are not revealing the sources they claim have linked Jake Foley Jr. and Marco Enrique Torres to the unsolved slayings of four Mexican citizens whose bodies were pulled from the Delta Lake area of northern Hidalgo County in June.

Foley is a former police chief in La Villa; Torres is an illegal immigrant from Mexico who owns a nightclub and other businesses in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Michael McMahon, a member of a federal drug task force, testified Monday about the secret federal witnesses during a detention hearing for Torres and Foley, who face drug charges but have not been charged with murder.

The task force believes the two are responsible for importing at least 7 1/2 tons of marijuana and 3 tons of cocaine, McMahon said.

Treasurer says run on fund is finished

AUSTIN (AP) — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead says she believes the run on the TexPool investment fund is over and business is back to normal.

Monday's net withdrawals from the pool, a state-run investment fund for local governments, totaled \$38.2 million. TexPool's assets have fallen from \$3.77 billion on Dec. 1 to \$1.44 billion.

Many of the pool's 1,300 investors have pulled their funds, fearful over losses in the Orange County, Calif., investment pool that forced the county into bankruptcy. They also were frightened by a recent, unfavorable Wall Street Journal report on TexPool.

Mrs. Whitehead insisted that investor fears were unfounded. The Treasury purchased many of the TexPool investments to help cover some \$2.3 billion in withdrawals.

Happy Holidays

FROM THE OFFICERS
DIRECTORS & EMPLOYEES OF THE

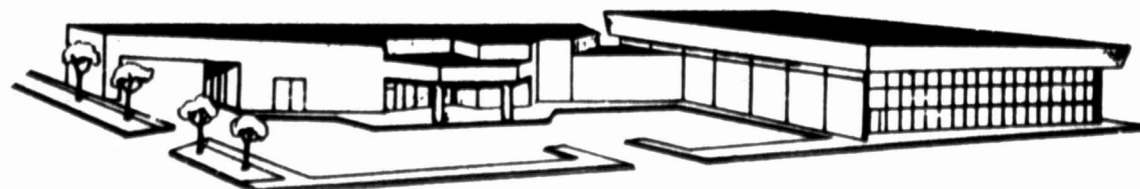


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The Symbol of Banking in Big Spring

The First National Bank 400 Main 267-5513



ATM Location: E. FM 700



Thanks for the Christmas show

The results are in, and the winners of the 1994 Christmas Decoration Contest have been declared.

In the eyes of the Herald, all 38 entrants are winners. Why? Because they all took the time, effort and money to make the town look brighter and more Christmasy.

And there are others whose Christmas displays we drive past every day, who string lights and build displays for no reason than simply to let others enjoy the view for a few seconds.

Those folks are winners, too, even if they never enter the contest.

It is an amazing sight to drive down a street where the many colors of Christmas lights reflect off car hoods and slightly damp streets. It's invigorating to drive home in the dark after a long day and be greeted by the cheery

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Charles C. Williams
Publisher

DD Turner
Managing Editor

sight of buildings, both commercial and residential, decorated to the hilt.

It's uplifting to see that in this community, Christmas still means something more than the contents of shopping bags.

Not everyone can or will participate in Christmas decorating. Which is fine, because every good show deserves an audience.

From those of us in the audience, thanks to all of you who are providing the holiday show.

Orphanages still 19th Century

There appear to be only two kinds of people in America: Those enlightened beings who love little children and knew

what is best for them, and the rest of us.

The rest of us have narrow brows, beady eyes and are cruel and selfish and would tear children



Mike Royko
Columnist

from their mothers' arms and cook and eat them if we had the chance.

Our despicable attitude was brought to my attention after I made the mistake of writing that privately operated children's homes, centers, orphanages — whatever they might be called — might not be such a bad idea.

"What would you have done with baby Jesus?" sputtered Irene Johnson, of Chicago. "They were poor and didn't have jobs or money. So I guess you would have put Jesus in an orphanage. You are no better than the rest of the Nazis who are taking over this country."

I tried to explain to her that, no, I wouldn't have put baby Jesus in an orphanage. Not unless Mary was a chronic drunk or dopehead who went wandering off to get a fix, leaving the child alone and freezing in a barn or in the care of a low-life boyfriend. Since there is no evidence to this effect, I'd butt out.

"I can't believe you," said a guy named Walt. "When did you join forces with Rush Limbaugh, Newt Gingrich and the rest of the know-nothings?"

I thought I had joined forces with Patrick Murphy, Cook County's public guardian, who has been Chicago's strongest voice against child abuse and neglect. And who has said he thinks well-run orphanages are better than the present bureaucratic nightmare.

But what does Murphy know about the needs of neglected children? A lot, actually, but in this debate that doesn't matter. There are only the good and wise, the mean and stupid.

For example, Norman Nithman, of Chicago, has all the answers.

In expressing sympathy for reaching "another sad milestone" of my mental capacities, he says:

"I find it difficult to believe that businesses will sacrifice profit for the benefit of indi-



gent children. And as always, privatization of government functions is likely to produce corruption, kickbacks and pin-stripe patronage.

(Sure, unlike the dazzlingly efficient governmental system of welfare and child care we now have.)

Nithman goes on to say: "It seems clear that the failed programs of the 19th century are unlikely to work in the 21st. Fortunately for our children, Royko is unlikely to see this program come to fruition as cooler heads appear to be prevailing in Washington."

"I can only wonder when Royko will call for forced sterilization."

Never have and never will. If a growing number of teenagers want to have babies, I can't prevent it. I assume the solution is for Mr. Nithman to give them lectures on birth control or, if that doesn't work, on the joys of single parenting.

As for "cooler heads" prevailing in Washington, I hope he is right. But these cooler heads helped create the mess in the first place, so maybe they should use ice packs.

Mr. Nithman and many others mentioned "the failed programs of the 19th century," meaning the awful orphanages we've seen in movies based on Dickens' "Oliver Twist." For those who rage against group homes for children, Charles Dickens seems to be the ultimate expert, even though he hasn't been around lately.

Well, if they are going to keep trotting out Dickens, then I'm going to call upon Elmer Gertz and Bob Liddil.

Gertz, the prominent Chicago attorney, says: "I must applaud your article on orphanages. I can do so heartily on the basis of personal experiences."

"As a child I was in the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home from 1917 to 1920, and in the Marks Nathan Jewish

Orphan Home in Chicago from 1920 to 1923. I can attest that we had better education, discipline, religious training, health care, recreation and companionship than those outside of our facilities. The supervision was generally superb. I tell the story briefly in "To Life," my memoirs.

"I have long regretted that the Jewish community here and elsewhere abandoned the orphanage concept for foster homes and the like. It was a mistake that ought to be corrected."

Bob Liddil, of Peterborough, N.H., says: "As someone who spent time in both Methodist and generic orphanages, all I can say is 'right on.'"

"Caring people fed and clothed and hugged me during the years my family could not. They worked tirelessly to fulfill my needs. Far from eating gruel, I spent many a happy meal at a table with 15 of my 'brothers.'"

"There was a peaceful security about a bedroom dorm. We swam in the summer, worked a little on the farm. For me, hay was not only a Southern greeting, but something to jump into from the second story of a barn."

"Orphanage is not a dirty word. It is a composite of love and care and hope. It was a support system outside the cottages where we stayed, where a gatekeeper kept out the bogymen."

"The orphanage was a good place to be by any standard today's homeless kids must endure."

Ah, but could it be that Gertz and Liddil were really miserable, but didn't know it, because they didn't have Nithman and Dickens and the other experts to explain their misery to them?

Well, there's still time. So they should explain. Elmer Gertz can always use a good laugh.

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WORLD

U.S.'s fight for pilot makes little progress

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.S. and North Korean officials met today to discuss the lack of progress in repatriating a captive American pilot and the remains of his colleague.

The session at the truce village of Panmunjom, in the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas, lasted less than an hour.

"Information was passed," said U.S. military spokesman Jim Coles, adding that he could not immediately release details.

The meeting involved staff officers from both sides of the U.N. Military Armistice Commission.

A high-level meeting planned

for Monday to discuss the U.S. helicopter that went down in North Korea on Saturday was canceled at the last minute by the North's Korean People's Army.

Several countries, including China, have been asked to intervene with North Korea on behalf of the United States, U.S. officials said.

Chief Warrant Officers Bobby Hall of Brooksville, Fla., and David Hilemon of Clarksville, Tenn. were aboard the helicopter when it either made an emergency landing or was shot down, as North Korea has claimed. Hilemon died and Hall was taken captive.

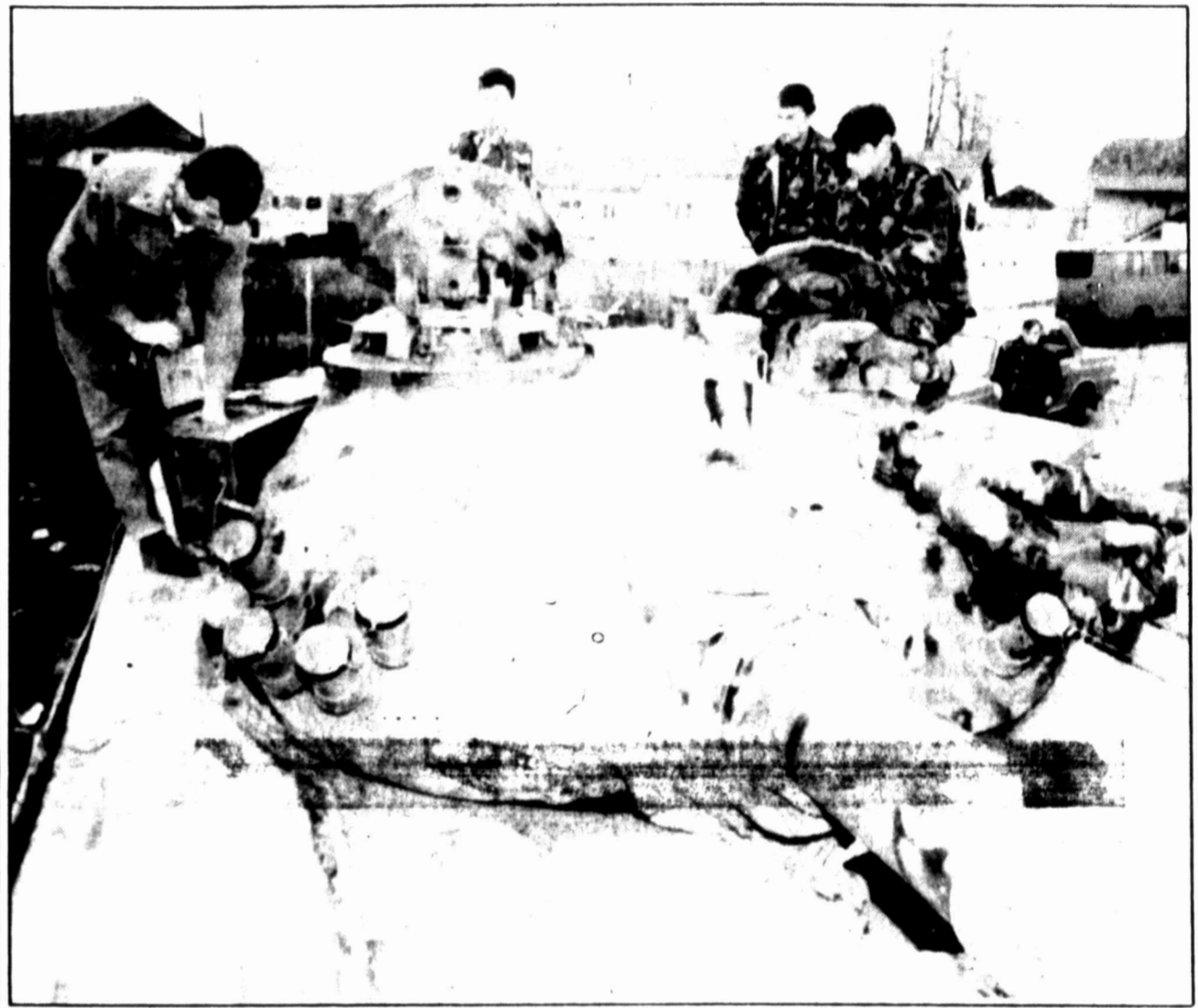
U.S. officials stressed that the

unarmed observation helicopter was on a routine mission.

The last U.S. radio contact with the ill-fated aircraft indicated the pilot believed he was still in South Korea, when in fact he was about 3.5 miles inside North Korean territory, a senior Pentagon official said.

"Clearly, they were not where they thought they were," the official said.

Heavy snow had fallen the night before. U.S. officials have speculated the pilots may have become disoriented because the snow may have covered navigational placards on the ground and made landmarks difficult to identify.



Bosnian government soldiers fix a Yugoslav-made M-84 tank that was captured from Bosnian Serbs Monday. Bosnian government forces are getting themselves ready for military action against the Serbs.

Carter takes Serbs' cease-fire promise to Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Jimmy Carter met today after receiving a cease-fire promise from the leader of the Bosnian Serbs.

But Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader who invited Carter to Bosnia, attached conditions to the cease-fire just hours after the former U.S. president left the Serb stronghold of Pale.

Those comments cast a shadow over Carter's accomplishment of getting Bosnia's warring sides to agree to return to the negotiating table.

After talking with Karadzic for nine hours on Monday, Carter met Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic today in Sarajevo. There was no immediate word on the substance of their talks.

Earlier today, in interviews with Serb media and CNN, Karadzic said there could be no immediate cease-fire without a signed accord on a permanent cessation of hostilities.

That condition is something the Bosnian government has rejected for months, fearing it would cement Serb control over the 70 percent of Bosnia they have already captured.

Late Monday night, Carter, Karadzic and the Bosnian Serb military leader, Gen. Ratko Mladic, signed an agreement in Pale.

Carter said the pact committed the Serbs to a four-month cease-fire. It also included a return to peace talks, the deployment of U.N. peacekeepers between the two sides and an exchange of prisoners.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israel, PLO discuss troop pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat are to meet Wednesday to discuss an Israeli pullout from the West Bank and Palestinian elections, a PLO official said.

The meeting was requested by Yasser Arafat amid reports that Israel wanted to limit its troop withdrawal from the West Bank. Elections were originally envisioned for last July.

A PLO official who demanded anonymity said Arafat would tell Rabin that delay in implementing the agreement for withdrawal and elections might lead to the collapse of the whole peace process.

According to the agreement signed between Israel and the PLO in September 1993, Israel is committed to pulling out of Palestinian cities in the West Bank before balloting takes place.

Rabin recently told reporters he believed negotiations on the next phase of autonomy could take six to eight months.

The meeting is to take place at the Erez border crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, where 750,000 Palestinians have lived under PLO-run self-rule since May.

Rebels taking over in small Mexican towns

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Indian rebels sneaked through an army cordon and — without firing a single shot — established loose control over dozens of southern Chiapas state towns sympathetic to their cause.

At least 11 of these communities on Monday switched loyalty to a rebel-supported "parallel

government" set up by Amado Avendano Figueroa, a lawyer and newspaper publisher whom the rebels say was defrauded of victory in the campaign for state governor.

In a surprise move, hundreds of rebels of Maya Indian descent have infiltrated a cordon of tens of thousands of army troops that had been encircling so-called "rebel territory" since a Jan. 12 cease-fire.

Troops advance to capitol of Chechnya

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian war planes targeted residential areas and administrative buildings in the Chechen capitol today, and Russian troops advanced toward the capitol from two directions.

Five people were killed and 12 wounded in the pre-dawn attacks, the Interfax news agency reported, quoting Chechen authorities.

After a lull overnight among the ground forces outside Grozny, heavy gunfire was heard near dawn from the northern and northeastern outskirts of the city.

Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev denounced the Russian attacks on his capital. The presidential press service quoted Dudayev as saying Chechens are irate over "the mass killing of peaceful citizens — children, women and old people," the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Dudayev and his supporters continued to ignore Moscow's demands that they disarm.

Fierce fighting was reported Monday in the village of Dolinsk, about 15 miles northwest of Grozny. A gas refinery near the village was bombed and went up in flames, and Chechen firefighters said they saw corpses on the road next to charred cars.

Two people were wounded Monday in Grozny when a power plant was bombed.

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Cuts of nuclear clean-up funds angers some

Clinton's broad spending cuts shrinks nuclear clean-up funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — As part of government-wide spending cuts, the Clinton administration is slashing money for cleaning up nuclear weapons plants, prompting charges it is reneging on promises to aggressively deal with environmental hazards left over from the Cold War. A roughly 15 percent reduction in spending for environmental cleanup and managing radioactive and toxic wastes at former weapons production facilities was included Monday as part of a five-year, \$24 billion proposed rollback of government to help pay for a middle class tax cut.

But environmentalists and groups representing people who live near some of the weapons facilities were quick to attack the proposed \$4.4 billion in cuts for radioactive waste management and cleanup. The reductions were

part of a promise to reduce spending at the Energy Department by \$10.6 billion over five years.

"These reductions will undermine the government's ability to deal with the well-documented health and environmental dangers of the nuclear weapons complex," complained Dick Belsey, a member of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, a private group that monitors weapons plant cleanup programs.

Vice President Al Gore said the spending cuts throughout government would be structured so as not to compromise health and safety. And Energy Department officials insisted that the cuts would be aimed at inefficiencies and at projects that deal with problems posing low risks to the public.

"We'll be doing the same (work) and more when it comes to the worst risks," said Tom Grumbly, the department's assistant secretary for environmental management.

But Grumbly acknowledged he plans to refocus the cleanup program. "We don't want to meat ax across the

system," he said in an interview. "We want to prioritize based on risk." He said most of the cuts will be directed at work involving low-risk concerns.

"That's the work that we intend to stop," said Grumbly. He said it was too early to break down the cuts by facilities, although he said some reductions are expected throughout the weapons complex.

The government this year is spending about \$6.5 billion for site restoration, cleanup and maintaining former weapons facilities many of which are highly contaminated by radioactive and toxic wastes left over from decades of warhead production. The facilities with the most complex and costly cleanup challenges include the Hanford reservation in Washington state, the Rocky Flats plant in Colorado and the Savannah River complex in South Carolina.

Nuclear experts in and out of government acknowledge the task of cleaning up the facilities is enormous and likely will cost \$200 billion or more over several decades.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trade deficit gets ugly for America

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit jumped to \$10.14 billion in October as the country drew in a record level of imports and suffered the worst deficit with Japan in history.

The October trade gap was up 8.4 percent from a revised September deficit of \$9.35 billion, the Commerce Department said today.

October's overall imbalance was the second highest monthly deficit in goods and services on record. It reflected the fact that imports climbed for a sixth straight month to a record high of \$69.84 billion while exports were down 1.6 percent to \$59.70 billion. The deficit is the difference between exports and imports.

So far this year, the United States has been running a trade deficit in goods alone of \$150.2 billion at an annual rate, the worst performance since a record high of \$152.1 billion set in 1987.

Air Force Capt. charged in friendly fire case

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Air Force captain in charge of AWACS controllers will face court martial in connection

with the April downing of two U.S. Army helicopters over Iraq, one of the military's worst cases of friendly fire.

But Capt. Jim Wang contended Monday that he was not derelict in his duty, saying, "I acted in accordance with the training I received and with the tools I was provided."

Charges against four other officers on the radar plane with Wang were dismissed, the Air Force said. Twenty-six people died in the shootdowns.

Lt. Gen. Stephen Croker, commander of the 8th Air Force, decided that Wang be referred for court martial on three counts of dereliction of duty, the Air Force said in a statement.

If convicted on the charges, Wang could get several months imprisonment and dismissal from the service, Air Force officials have said.

In his own defense, Wang issued a statement saying, "Failures that occurred were the result of systemic failures in the operation to which I was deployed." Operation Provide Comfort, he said, was "tremendously flawed and destined for tragedy."

"While the evidence will show that there was an absolute failure of command, it appears as if I am the only military member facing a court-martial," Wang said. "Responsibility by those in charge has not, as would be expected, been acknowledged."

Bob Dole's wife goes into surgery today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eliza

beth Dole, president of the American Red Cross and wife of incoming Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, is to undergo surgery in a Boston hospital today to clear a blockage in an artery in her neck.

The blockage, discovered during a recent annual physical exam, is in her right carotid artery, according to a statement issued by Massachusetts General Hospital and the American Red Cross.

"The problem is isolated in the one spot on the one artery, and we expect no complications," said Dr. Robert G. Ojemann, Mrs. Dole's surgeon. "Mrs. Dole is in superb physical condition. She has no symptoms; we found no other blockage in her system, and no other risk factors, so we expect the procedure to be routine, and she should have an expeditious recovery."

She was expected to be released in five days, the statement said.

Clinton sends bid for police hiring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal money is going to 631 local governments to help them hire nearly 4,000 new police officers they recruited under the crime law enacted last year, President Clinton says.

Grants totaling \$231.7 million will go to 167 municipal and county police departments and county sheriff's offices with populations of 150,000 and over. A total of \$95.4 million will go to 464 jurisdictions with populations under 150,000.

BOATLOAD OF MAIL



Postal worker Jason Covert loads incoming mail onto a conveyor belt for sorting at the main post office in Philadelphia Monday. The U.S. Postal Service said it expected Monday to be the busiest day of the year.

Shots fired at White House again

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least two shots were fired outside the White House today and witnesses said a person was in custody.

The incident occurred about 9:15 a.m. EST. President Clinton was in the Oval Office at the time.

Uniformed Secret Service agents started running from the West Wing to the front gate, near the street that runs between the Treasury and the White House.

One man was lying on the ground and was being attended to by emergency personnel.

Pennsylvania Avenue was closed off.

It was the third shooting incident at the White House in two months. D.C. Fire Department

spokesman Capt. Alvin Carter said one person was shot in the chest and taken to George Washington University Hospital. Eyewitnesses said that police shot a man brandishing what appeared to be a machete. They said that a man wearing a tan coat appeared to be excited and was walking toward three policemen with a knife-like object on the sidewalk immediately in front of the White House.

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Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Dave Hargrave, 263-7331, Ext 116.

'Boys win, lose Smith

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — At first glance, the Dallas Cowboys appeared to march merrily to the last two Super Bowls and a 12-3 record this season.

But it's not easy, not even for the Cowboys.

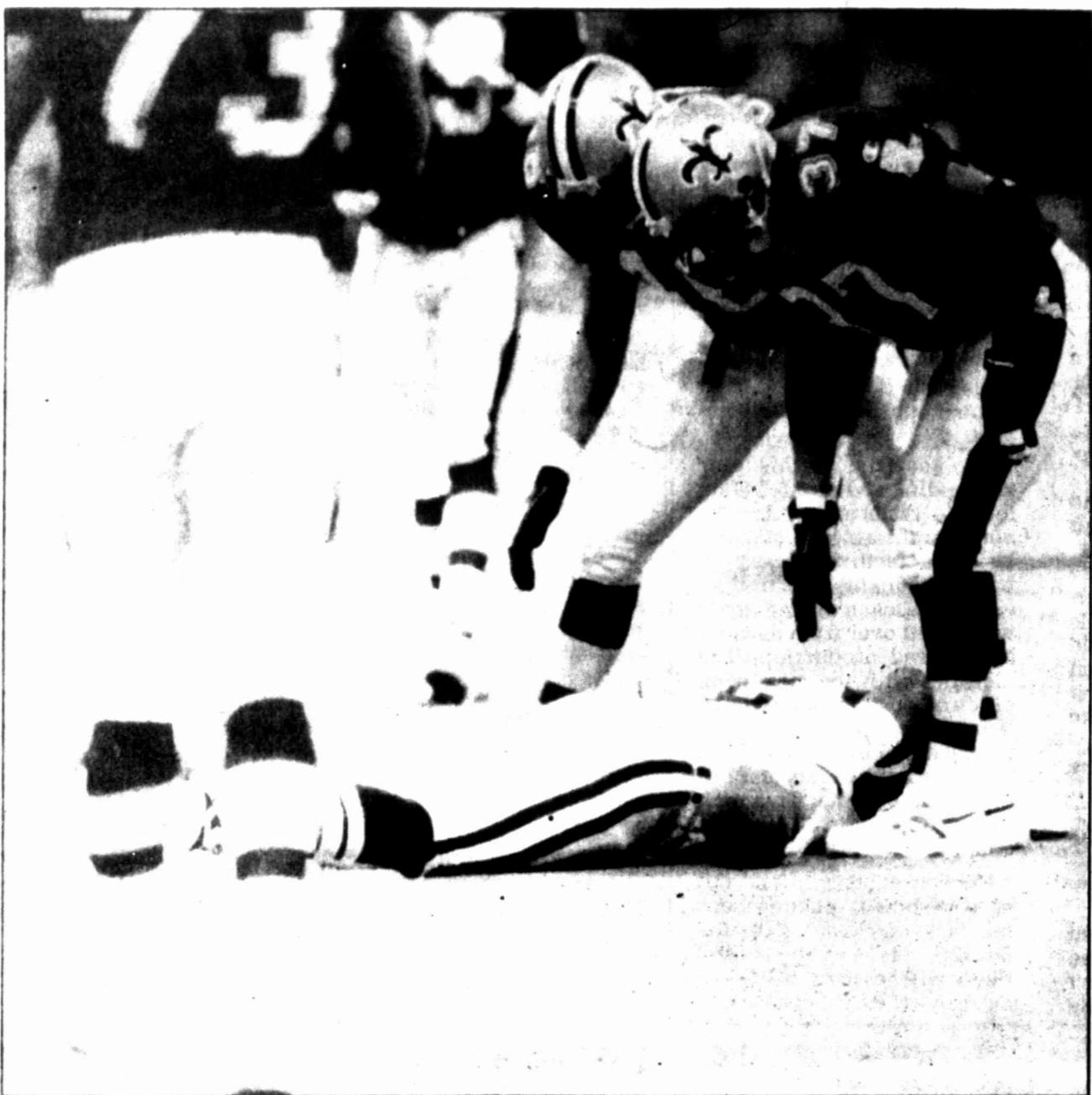
Monday night on national television, as the Cowboys beat the New Orleans Saints 24-16, they saw Emmitt Smith, the league's leading scorer and heart of their offense, limp off the field with a pulled hamstring. Then they held off a Saints rally when Darrin Smith grabbed his second interception, stopping a late drive.

"We haven't had a cakewalk this year," receiver Michael Irvin said. "We've got to work for them all. Every game we've played has been a tight game, so we'll be ready when the next tight one comes."

Smith went down in the third quarter after slipping on the Superdome turf and pulling his left hamstring.

"I really don't know what happened," Smith said. "I saw a big hole and just wanted to get through it. My leg just felt like a grab, a pull, and that's it."

Dallas had already clinched the NFC East title and



New Orleans defensive backs Sean Lumpkin (46) and Tyrone Hughes attempt to assist Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, who holds his left leg after pulling a hamstring muscle during the third quarter of the Cowboys' game with the Saints Monday.

the second spot in the conference playoffs behind San Francisco. The Cowboys' next do-or-die game will come in three weeks in the second round of the playoffs.

Dallas completes its regular season Saturday against the New York Giants. While the Cowboys are locked into the second seeding position in the

NFC, they could knock the Giants out of playoff consideration, just as they did New Orleans on Monday night.

"Emmitt thinks he will be back (for the Giants), but obviously we're not even going to consider that," Switzer said. "The doctors don't think it's severe. But time will tell us."

"I'm getting myself mentally

prepared to play," Emmitt Smith said, not ruling out an appearance against the Giants. "I just want to get in."

While the Cowboys worried about Smith and what his injury might mean to their chances of winning a third straight Super Bowl, the Saints (6-9) ensured their first losing season since 1986.

Fourth-quarter blues hit Steers

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Another close game, another Steer defeat.

The Big Spring boys' basketball team came close to beating Class 5A San Angelo Central Monday afternoon at Steer Gym, but as has been the case all too often for the Steers, the last few minutes were downright painful. Central came from behind to beat Big Spring, 63-61.

The Steers (4-12) played two identical halves - starting strong, then finishing poorly. In the first half, the Steers powered the ball inside and held a 23-19 lead before hitting a four-minute scoreless streak. In the second half, the Steers overcame a 34-27 halftime deficit and led by as many as six, but Central (9-7) closed the game with a 17-9 run to win.

When the game was one the line, Central made the plays and Big Spring didn't. The turning point came with less than two minutes left.

Central's Micha Eckerberger hit two free throws to make the score 57-55 in favor of Big Spring. On the in-bounds play, Central's full-court press trapped Big Spring point guard Aaron Bellinghausen in a corner. Bellinghausen tried to hit the ball off a Central player, so Big Spring could in-bound the ball again, but that attempt bounced off the floor to Central's Marty Lopez, who scored an easy layup and drew a foul from Big Spring's Dustin Waters.

Lopez hit the free throw, Central led 58-57 and Waters, one of Big Spring's top scoring threats, had fouled out. All five

of Waters' fouls came in the fourth quarter.

In hindsight, Bellinghausen should have asked for time - the Steers had all of their timeouts remaining. Big Spring coach Gary Tipton wasn't passing out blame, however.

"We just didn't get people where they belong on the press break," Tipton said. "Sure, we had enough timeouts that he could have burned one, but hey, that's live and learn. The people that think he should have called time, well, that's easy to say cause they're not down here knee deep in alligators."

Big Spring regained the lead when Chris Wollenzien, who scored 13 points despite limited playing time because of foul trouble, banked in an 8-footer with 1:15 to go. However, the Steers ran into rebound problems.

With 58 seconds left Central's B.J. Townsend sank a free throw to tie the game. He missed the second, but Eckerberger grabbed the offensive rebound and was fouled. He sank his two foul shots, and Central led 61-59.

Lopez missed a front end of a 1-and-1 with 31 seconds to give the Steers life, but with 19 seconds left, Townsend blocked the Steers' Daniel Franks three-point attempt. Bellinghausen used his fifth foul to stop the clock with 15 seconds left, and Central's Elliott Bowman sank two free throws to make the score 63-59.

Still, the Steers had their chance. Big Spring's Keith Monger was fouled shooting a three-pointer. With seven seconds left, Monger sank two of Please see STEERS, page 7

Sorry, Dallas fans, but Cowboys will be taking back seat to Niners

Sunday, the dynasty called the Buffalo Bills died.

Soon, the Dallas Cowboy dynasty will join the Bills in the grave.

The San Francisco 49ers are the best team in the National Football League. They weren't two years ago, they weren't last year and they weren't at the start of this season, but as the '94 season goes forward, the 49ers gather more and more speed.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys are trading water.

Granted, the 'Boys are 12-3, but this isn't the same Cowboy team with the same swagger. Much of their problems aren't their fault - injuries, the usual wear and tear and their strange affinity for the Zsa Zsa Gabor School of Driving have brought the team down to the level of mere mortals. Whatever the reasons, though, San Francisco will beat Dallas Jan. 15 in the NFC Championship game.

It will go much like their reg-

ular-season meeting. San Francisco won that game 21-14, and it will win Jan. 15 by a 31-17 score.

For those of you saying that defense wins championships, you're right. You're forgetting, though, that the 49ers have a pretty fair defense themselves.

Barry Switzer had done a great job of keeping the status quo - he sits back and lets the Cowboys do what they've done the past three seasons. When the 'Boys lose in San Francisco, though, Dallas and its legion of fans will be calling for his head.

Poor guy. He can't possibly succeed. Anything short of a Super Bowl win is failure, and a Super Bowl will be merely meeting everyone's expectations. Don't feel sorry for him, though - he's a rich 'ol dude.

Not only are the 49ers on a roll, but karma is in their

favor.

Repeating was in recently - Duke won consecutive NCAA hoops titles in '91 and '92, the Chicago Bulls won three straight NBA Finals and the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series in '92 and '93 - but the trend is finished. All of the mighty dynasties have fallen (the Blue Jays were in last place when the baseball strike hit) except the 'Boys.

They are next. Monday night's injury to Emmitt Smith may hurt the 'Boys more than you think. Hamstring problems tend to linger for a while.

The Super Bowl? San Francisco will beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl many people thought we were going to have last season. OK, so the Chiefs aren't even in the playoffs yet, but they will be. All they have to do is win on the road against the Los Angeles Raiders Sunday, and they will.

Besides, with the Bills out of their misery, the AFC is wide open. We mean WIDE-OPEN. None of the AFC teams are good Super Bowl bets (the Steelers will choke), so go with the Chiefs and a little Montana magic.

How bad will San Francisco beat Kansas City?

Real bad. Try 55-24. Ten years and counting for the NFC.

Cold quarter dooms Bulldogs; Bulldogettes fall to Ballinger

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

COAHOMA - Coahoma fans have watched countless times in the past as the Bulldogs' run-and-gun offense has piled up points by the bushel full.

Monday night, however, fans saw the flip side of that offense, a second quarter where little went right for Coahoma. A four-point second quarter proved to be the Bulldogs' downfall as they dropped a 74-63 decision to Ballinger in non-district basketball action.

Kyle Winchester led the 7-3 Bearcats with 21 points, while Dominic Reyes and Allen Wilson added 16 and 13 points, respectively. Henry DeLaRosa was the only player in double figures for Coahoma with 20 points.

The Bulldogs (10-4) stayed close to Ballinger for the first quarter, but entering the second quarter down by five points, things fell apart for

9 with the loss.

After spotting the Bulldogettes and quick four-point lead, Ballinger responded to take an 18-10 lead after one quarter.

After Flippen hit a free throw with 3:43 left in the third to give Ballinger a 39-26 lead, Tori Elmore and Tara Sterling combined for six unanswered points to bring Coahoma to within seven with 1:50 remaining in the quarter.

The Lady Bearcats answered with a flurry to end the quarter up by 12, however, and Coahoma never challenged in the fourth.

Considering that the Coahoma Bulldogettes have struggled this year, and considering that Ballinger has the seventh-ranked team in Class 3A, one would think that the teams' matchup Tuesday had the earmarking of a blowout.

It didn't happen.

The Lady Bearcats (12-1) led for all except the opening couple of minutes, but it was not until the final quarter that they were able to subdue Coahoma and take a 62-43 win at the Coahoma elementary gym.

Charla Flippen had 25 points and Jessica Buxkemper added 11 for the Lady Bearcats, while Dianna Coleman and Terri Kirkpatrick had 8 apiece to lead Coahoma, which fell to 5-

9 with the loss.

After spotting the Bulldogettes and quick four-point lead, Ballinger responded to take an 18-10 lead after one quarter.

After Flippen hit a free throw with 3:43 left in the third to give Ballinger a 39-26 lead, Tori Elmore and Tara Sterling combined for six unanswered points to bring Coahoma to within seven with 1:50 remaining in the quarter.

The Lady Bearcats answered with a flurry to end the quarter up by 12, however, and Coahoma never challenged in the fourth.

Considering that the Coahoma Bulldogettes have struggled this year, and considering that Ballinger has the seventh-ranked team in Class 3A, one would think that the teams' matchup Tuesday had the earmarking of a blowout.

It didn't happen.

The Lady Bearcats (12-1) led for all except the opening couple of minutes, but it was not until the final quarter that they were able to subdue Coahoma and take a 62-43 win at the Coahoma elementary gym.

Charla Flippen had 25 points and Jessica Buxkemper added 11 for the Lady Bearcats, while Dianna Coleman and Terri Kirkpatrick had 8 apiece to lead Coahoma, which fell to 5-



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY

A dunk in time
Cincinnati center, Art Long dunks the ball against California State-Northridge in Cincinnati Monday night. No. 13 Cincinnati won, 116-54.

TEXAS SPORTS

Tech women win
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Connie Robinson, who played at Florida State as a freshman, scored 21 points Monday night to lead No. 11 Texas Tech to a 66-44 victory over the Lady Seminoles in the opening round of the San Juan Shootout.

SMU downs Vermont
DALLAS (AP) — Kim Brungardt had 22 points and had 11 rebounds, and Kim Brandl added 19 points and 12 rebounds, leading Southern Methodist to an 89-74 victory over Vermont on Monday night.
Brungardt was in double figures on points and rebounds for the sixth time this year

NATION/WORLD

Joe says it isn't so
NEW YORK (AP) — Kansas City quarterback Joe Montana, linked by the Daily News to a tax fraud investigation of the sports autograph business, said he has always reported all income from such shows.
The News reported Montana had received \$75,000 from Michael Bertolini to sign 1,000 footballs.

Second surgery possible
MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino might need a second operation to repair his right Achilles tendon, which hasn't completely healed since he first underwent surgery in October 1993.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
West Virginia at Ohio, 6 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).
LSU at Oklahoma State, 8:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
NBA
New Jersey at New York, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).

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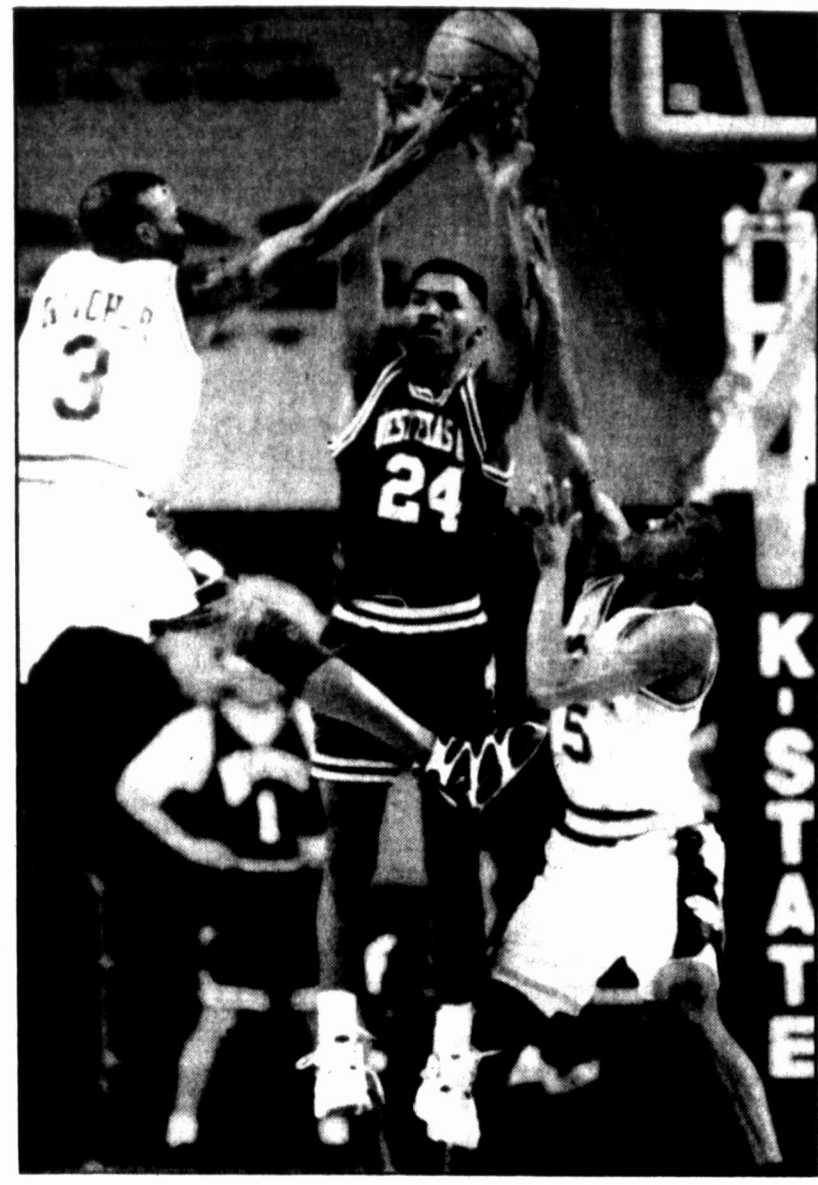
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SPLITTING THE DEFENSE



Associated Press photo

West Texas A&M's Kevin Rutherford (24) makes an outlet pass while covered by Kansas State defenders Elliot Hatcher, left, and Mark Young during the first half of Kansas State's 77-44 win Monday night in Manhattan, Kan.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

All Times EST AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
9	6	0	.600	362	307
9	6	0	.600	338	309
7	8	0	.467	331	346
7	8	0	.467	297	311
6	9	0	.400	254	296

Central

12	3	0	.800	282	197
10	5	0	.667	305	195
2	13	0	.133	243	376
1	14	0	.067	202	342

West

10	5	0	.667	344	272
9	6	0	.600	294	308
8	7	0	.533	340	289
7	8	0	.467	310	366
6	9	0	.400	278	288

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
12	3	0	.800	404	233
8	7	0	.533	264	295
8	7	0	.533	229	257
7	8	0	.467	278	275
2	13	0	.133	296	391

Central

9	6	0	.600	335	300
9	6	0	.600	337	315
9	6	0	.600	268	294
8	7	0	.533	340	289
6	9	0	.400	232	317

West

13	2	0	.867	491	275
6	9	0	.400	318	379
6	9	0	.400	307	379
4	11	0	.267	265	341

x-clinched division

y-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games

Detroit 41, Minnesota 19
San Francisco 42, Denver 19

Sunday's Games

Green Bay 21, Atlanta 17
Chicago 27, Los Angeles Rams 13
New England 41, Buffalo 17
San Diego 21, New York Jets 6
Tampa Bay 17, Washington 14
Indianapolis 10, Miami 6
Arizona 28, Cincinnati 7
Kansas City 31, Houston 9

New York Giants 16, Philadelphia 13

Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 7

Los Angeles Raiders 17, Seattle 16

Dallas 24, New Orleans 16

Saturday, Dec. 24

Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Seattle at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.

New Orleans at Denver, 4 p.m.

New York Jets at Houston, 4 p.m.

Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4 p.m.

Washington at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26

San Francisco at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Playoffs

Saturday, Dec. 31

AFC and NFC Wild Card

Sunday, Jan. 1

AFC and NFC Wild Card

Saturday, Jan. 7

AFC and NFC Divisional

Sunday, Jan. 8

AFC and NFC Divisional

Sunday, Jan. 15

AFC and NFC Championship

Sunday, Jan. 22

Super Bowl at Miami

Sunday, Feb. 5

Pro Bowl at Honolulu

Cowboys stats

Dallas 73 77-24

New Orleans 06 37-16

First Quarter

Dal—Tolbert 54 interception return (Boniol kick), 5:43

Second Quarter

NO—FG Andersen 21, 11:29

NO—FG Andersen 32, 14:10

Dal—FG Boniol 30, 15:00

Third Quarter

Dal—E. Smith 1 run (Boniol kick), 8:33

NO—FG Andersen 29, 13:31

Fourth Quarter

SPORTSEXTRA

Dal—D. Smith 13 interception return (Boniol kick), 5:43

NO—D. Brown 4 run (Andersen kick), 9:23

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First downs

Rushes-yards

Passing

Punt Returns

Kickoff Returns

Interceptions Ret.

Comp Att Int

Sacked-Yards Lost

Punts

Fumbles-Lost

Penalties-Yards

Time of Possession

Dal NO

23 19

34-105 25-90

175 147

0-0 1-6

5-101 4-90

3-67 2-66

21-28 2-18-32-3

0-0 2-15

2-46 1-48

0-0 1-0

5-58 5-36

33:09 26:51

Sacramento 11 10 524 6

Golden State 8 14 364 912

L.A. Clippers 3 19 136 1412

Monday's Games

Cleveland 77, Chicago 63

Denver 104, Boston 85

Phoenix 113, Washington 102

Tuesday's Games

Utah at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at New York, 8 p.m.

Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Washington at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.

Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

College scores

East

Cornell 80, Holy Cross 73

Drexel 84, Navy 62

Pittsburgh 76, Duquesne 72

Stanford 97, American U. 71

Syracuse 103, Robert Morris 67

Washington 6 14 300 10

Miami 6 15 286 101/2

Central Division

Indiana 14 6 700 —

Georgia Tech 94, Furman 73

Marshall 87, Cent. Michigan 76

Chicago 11 11 500 4

Morehead St. 83, Kent 74

SE Louisiana 109, Southern U. 91

Virginia 100, VMI 73

Virginia Tech 86, E. Tennessee St. 64

Winthrop 84, Samford 81

Midwest

Butler 76, DePaul 47

Cincinnati 116, C. Northridge 54

Cleveland St. 92, Prairie View 69

Craighead 76, Bethune Cookman 74

Illinois 90, Mercer 66

Indiana St. 94, Campbell 72

Kansas St. 77, W. Texas A&M 44

Missouri 87, Liberty 76

N. Iowa 97, Long Island U. 80

N. C. Greenboro 47, Akron 44

S. Illinois 93, Oral Roberts 71

St. Louis 93, Southeast Miss. 69

Wa. Green Bay 76, Morgan St. 49

Xavier, Ohio 99, Dayton 73

SOUTHWEST

Houston 92, Houston Baptist 62

Oklahoma 91, Mount St. Mary 5

Md. 67

Texas A&M 97, McNeese St. 68

Texas Christian 111, San Houston St. 94

Texas Southern 75, Texas Tech 63

American 73

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 74, Canisius 63

Oregon 97, Seattle 84

TOURNAMENTS

Aloha Classic

First Round

East Carolina 69, E. Illinois 61

TRANSACTIONS

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed

John DeSisto, pitcher, from the Los Angeles Dodgers for John O'Donoghue, pitcher. Named Steve

Levon of the California League.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Signed

Lamar Johnson, batting coach.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Signed

Luis Soto, infielder, to a one-year contract. Named Terry Kennedy manager.

Juan Echegaray, pitching coach.

Tom LaVassaur, coach, and Rob Nodine, manager of Rivers, both of the California League.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Signed

Wilfredo Martinez and Jose Mesa, pitchers, and Carlos Rosario, outfielder, to their team in the Dominican Summer League.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed

Bob Lewis, pitcher, outright to Charlotte of the International League.

NEW YORK METS—Signed

Mike Barbeck, pitcher.

Baseball strike hits dubious milestone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Today marks a milestone of sorts for the baseball strike: It's the 131st day, matching the length of the 1994 season that ended when players walked out Aug. 12.

Talks resumed Monday, but there were no positive or negative signs to indicate whether this round of bargaining can end the longest work stoppage in the history of U.S. professional sports. The session was mostly a review and formal presentation of the ideas the union discussed with owners last Wednesday before talks stopped.

"We put numbers and words around it," union head Donald Fehr said after the 7-hour session ended before 6 p.m. EST.

And there was decidedly little drama, even though the owners have approved a 12:01 a.m. deadline Friday for declaring an impasse and implementing a salary cap if an agreement isn't

reached by then.

Despite the possibility of this threat, only one member of management's negotiating team attended the session: Philadelphia Phillies co-general partner Dave Montgomery. Lawyers Chuck O'Connor and Rob Manfred, whose role has steadily increased throughout the 23-month negotiation, also were on management's side of the table.

"The talks we had today were productive in the sense we had a healthy exchange on several issues," O'Connor said, answering only a pair of questions before leaving.

If players do make a new proposal on the central payroll tax issue, it probably won't be until Wednesday or Thursday. While Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris is scheduled to arrive Tuesday, the rest of management's bargaining team, including Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John

Steers

Continued from page 6A

Waters and Franks scored 17 each to lead Big Spring's offense. Townsend and Joey Nunez scored 17 each for Central.

Big Spring returns to action Dec. 29 vs. Clovis, N.M., in the Clovis Tournament.

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Central	19	15	6	23	63
Big Spring	19	8	16	18	

HOROSCOPE

FOR WEDNESDAY,
DEC. 21, 1994

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are more playful. You are ready to move in new ways and are getting ahead. Let your creativity flow, and be more open to change. Don't let another wear you down. Focus on bottom lines, success and making things happen. Tonight: Go, with goodwill. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Family matters are highlighted, and you need to handle a recurring problem on a different level. Communications from a distance are excellent. Pull back and gain perspective. Tonight: Get that wrapping done. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are certainly chatty. Be aware of what you want. Creativity and understanding are high. You can handle a situation differently. You are aware of your desires and direction. Tonight: Talk up a storm. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful with spending, as there is a tendency to get carried away. Partners are important. Be willing to express your deeper feelings and get to the bottom of a misunderstanding. A romantic encounter seems inevitable right now. Tonight: Have fun. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make merry. You have plenty of energy to complete last-minute errands. Listen to another's problem with empathy. Remain optimistic. Be sure about what you want and where you are going. Let your positive vibes flow. Tonight: Get a lot done quickly. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Gain a better sense of what's important. Your sense of humor is important with another. Adjustments come naturally. You resolve a problem. Know what you need to do. Your romantic spirit comes out. Share feelings with a loved one. Tonight: Out and about. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be direct about what you want. A creative endeavor is important. Focus on excellent communications and goals. Your family needs your attention right now. Be more sensitive to what's being offered to you. Tonight: Invite friends over. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the lead, and handle mat-

ters quickly. Long-distance communications need to be dealt with. You come out on top because of your choices. A creative opportunity is special. Listen, think and consider. Finances are highlighted. Tonight: Make calls. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be optimistic about money dealings and you will surge ahead. Refuse to be cornered by another's appraisal, and remain secure in your knowledge. Focus on indulging another and showing how much you care. Examine priorities. Tonight: Listen to Christmas music. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are in good spirits. Stay upbeat. Know what's important and visualize more of what you need. This is a period of change and good feeling. One-to-one relating is highlighted as you raw another to you. Focus on success. Tonight: Be with one you love. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You enjoy being out; and about. Share and open up with someone close. A positive attitude allows you to open up, be more happy-to-lucky. Magically, you have what you want. Listen to your intuition. Tonight: Try out your instincts with a partner. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be more playful. You know what you want and what the bottom line is. Do not mince words. Ask for the help you need. A co-worker really needs your assistance to realize a long-term wish. News from a distance is positive in the long run. Tonight: Be a romantic. ****

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Auctions 325
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Computer 370
MACINTOSH PERFORMA 475 w/desk. 1-year old. STYLEWRITER II printer. Quicken/Claris Software. \$1500. Mike Williams 263-1428.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375
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THE Daily Crossword by Dorothy Martin

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Monday's Puzzle solved: FATS CRAB ATOM, ALOE ARIE DINO, etc.



This date in history

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1994. There are eleven days left in the year. Winter arrives at 9:23 p.m. EST. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans. The U.S. had paid the French about \$15 million for the land, which effectively doubled the size of the country. On this date: In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I. In 1820, Missouri imposed a bachelor tax on unmarried men between the ages of 21 and 50. The tax: \$1 a year. In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union. In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union General William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea." In 1879, Thomas A. Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J. In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays. In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age 66. In 1976, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley died at age 74. In 1978, former White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman was released from prison after serving 18 months for his role in the Watergate cover-up. In 1980, the government of the Soviet Union confirmed that former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin had died two days earlier at the age of 76. In 1987, more than 3,000 people died in a double explosion which occurred when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro Island. Ten years ago: The defense minister of the Soviet Union, Dmitri F. Ustinov, died at age 76; he was succeeded two days later by Marshal Sergei L. Sokolov. Five years ago: The United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of General Manuel Noriega.

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