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Now or never to mail Christmas

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

It's now or never if you want your Christmas packages to arrive on time this holiday season.

Big Spring Postmaster Richard Saxton said many people may have a false sense of security in mailing their packages because Christmas falls on a Monday this year. The post office is closed Christmas Eve

and Christmas Day. The office will be open Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

Monday was the busiest day for the postal service with an estimated 250 million pieces of mail expected to be handled in one day.

For those procrastinators, the only way now to ensure your packages will get to loved ones is by using either priority or express mail service.

"During the three weeks in

December, we expect to see 4.5 billion cards, letters and packages to be mailed across the country. We've been a lot busier this year compared to last year with a lot more gifts being sent.

"Customers wishing to mail things at the last minute must do so within the next few days to meet our committed delivery deadlines," Saxton said.

Priority mail is \$3 for two pounds with an expected delivery date of two days, although it

can't be guaranteed this time of year. Express mail, depending on its destination, can arrive the next day if it is at the local post office by 1:30 p.m.

Saxton added it's too late to send international mail or to APO or FPO boxes for military personnel.

Santa will deliver some Christmas packages on the morning of Dec. 25 for those last minute gifts arriving to Big Spring. Saxton said the postal

service pays a contractor to pick up the mail early Christmas morning at the Midland facility and bring it to Big Spring. Santa has been delivering gifts the last two years and he even takes time to talk to the kids before moving on to his next stop.

If you haven't mailed your Christmas cards yet, you'll have to lick the stamps because the self-adhesive ones have sold out.

Saxton said none can be found anywhere in the country right now.

The postal service also sells boxes and packaging materials to mail your gifts. If you need a last minute gift idea, then there are several at the post office such as collectible stamps, Pow Wow t-shirts and caps.

Saxton added if you mail your packages by Wednesday, it is pretty much guaranteed to arrive by Christmas Day.

Cotton storage center opens

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The proposed merger of Union Pacific Railroad and Southern Pacific Rail Corp. may cost jobs according to some officials, but Big Spring is already the beneficiary of one business that could help producers.

Cotton Services Company is a warehouse and distributor of cotton for merchants. This service saves merchants time and money because they don't have store and move the cotton themselves.

The company recently moved into Big Spring after purchasing the old Cabot Carbon property and began unloading last Friday and Saturday.

Cotton Services Company Vice President of Operations J.B. Bennett said Joyce Crooker of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. was instrumental in helping the company get settled.

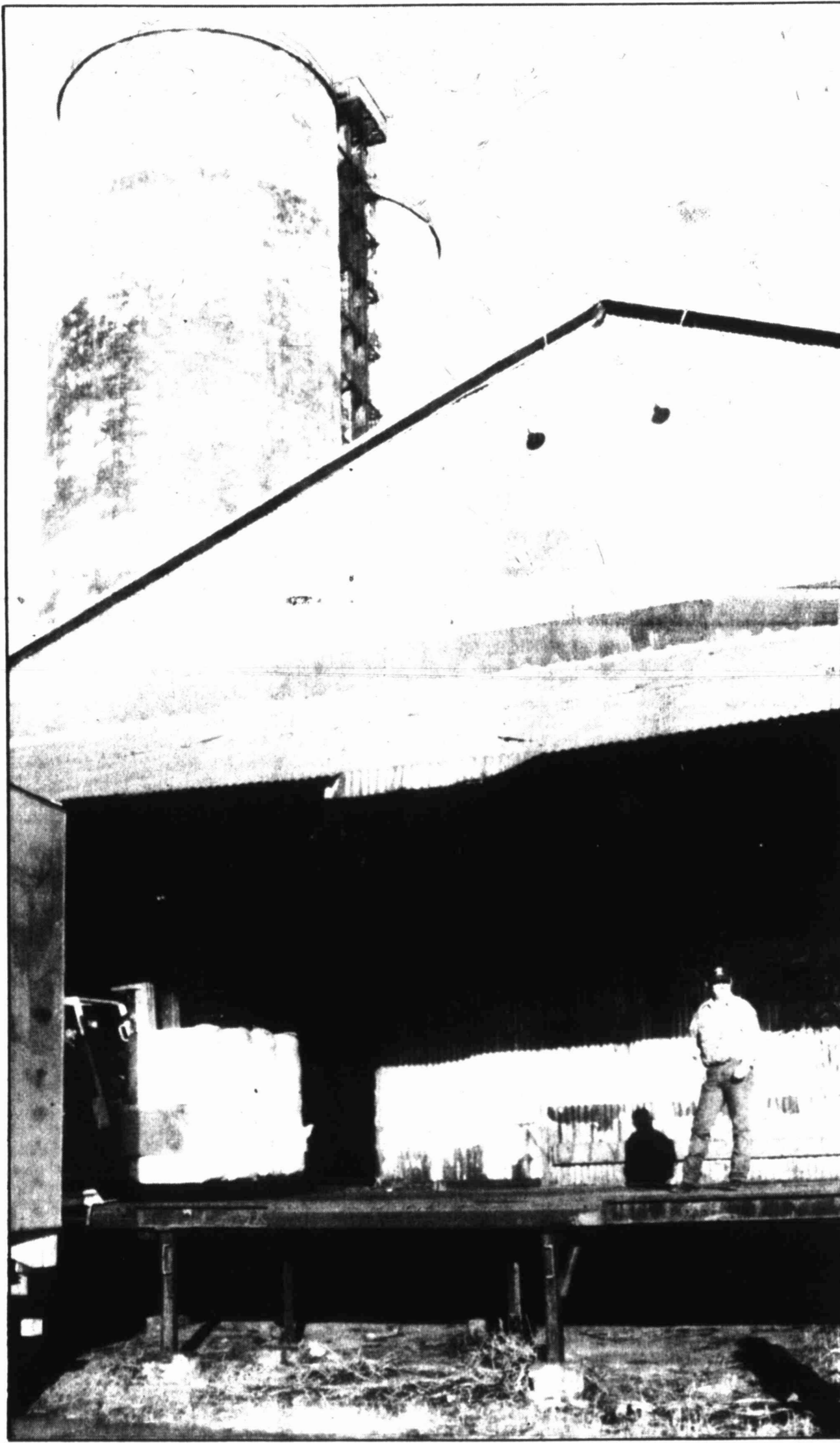
"I did some running around for them and collected some information. The Moore Board did not fund Cotton Services, but we gave them all the help we could," Crooker said.

The signing of a \$4 billion merger agreement between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific has Bennett seeing big things in the future for his company.

"My company gathers cotton and consolidates here in Big Spring and ships it off to Mexico and Canada. Big Spring has fantastic facilities and we think it's an excellent location. We plan to be in Big Spring for a long, long time," Bennett said.

Producers may not feel a direct impact of Cotton Services being in Big Spring, but Bennett said what they may see is a slightly higher price for cotton. He said it won't be huge but merchants will save money by using Cotton Services, which won't hurt producers when they're selling.

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Workers unload cotton at the old Cabot Carbon Co. at Midway Rd. Friday afternoon. The facility, which has two railroad sidings, will be used as a shipping point for area cotton.

Local federal agencies are hoping for a quick resolution to budget

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Social Security checks could be delayed if you are a first-time filer to receive the benefits.

As the nation's second furlough begins, the local Social Security Administration office remains open but support services are closed.

Gloria Hopkins, local branch manager, said none of her employees are being sent home without pay but the support service and payment centers' workers have been furloughed.

"What this means is, we will still take your claim but there will be delays in receiving your first check. There will also be delays if you want something changed on your record," Hopkins said.

She added they are guaranteed at this point to be paid only for the 40 hours they worked last week meaning they are working this week without any compensation. The employees will eventually get the addition-

al work week paycheck but it will be delayed until the politicians can resolve their differences.

Her office sends claims to either Kansas City, Mo., or to Baltimore if they are disability claims. Hopkins added those who are already on Social Security are scheduled to receive their checks on time Jan. 1.

The seven employees at the local office sent home last time around did receive payment for the three and a half days they were furloughed.

Warren Longley, VA Medical Center associate director, said they expect to furlough 30 to 40 people a day. Workers are voluntarily going home or those who are considered temporary are on a list to be sent home today.

Longley said right now there is no paid sick or annual leave. Either the employee is at work or is at home without pay. He added he hoped this would be resolved quickly because of the upcoming Christmas holiday.

State hospital meets requirements; released from state-wide lawsuit

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring State Hospital has been dismissed from the 21-year-old class action lawsuit - RAJ vs. Jones.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders issued the court order releasing the state hospital from the suit on Nov. 29 after a Quality System Oversight Team recommended dismissal from the suit following a visit to the facility in October.

Prior to the seventh round review, the hospital had four issues dismissed from the jurisdiction of the court, including consent to psychotropic medication, special treatment procedures, abuse and neglect and patients rights unit review.

During the seventh round review individualized treatment, medication monitoring, patients rights and medical

treatment were reviewed. Each issue was found to be in compliance with the court's requirements - 90 percent for patients rights and medication monitoring and 80 percent for individualized treatment and medical treatment.

Since all issues were dismissed from the court's jurisdiction, compliance findings represent closure of all issues for the state hospital, which is now recognized as the third hospital to be totally dismissed from the court's jurisdiction.

State hospital Superintendent Ed Moughan said the employees of the hospital can be proud of this accomplishment.

"Their dedication to providing quality services to individuals with mental illness is exemplary and it clearly demonstrates that our quality improvement process really

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Texas Trivia
In what city is the Georgia Monument, honoring the Georgia Battalion that fought in Texas war for independence?
Albany

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Nation: In a horrifying double discovery, police stumbled upon two households crammed with children living alone amid buckets of human waste and rancid trash, without food or running water. See page 5.

World: The Jewish nationalist who has confessed to assassinating Yitzhak Rabin went on trial for murder today, grinning, chewing gum. See page 6.

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Increase predicted
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Weather recovery
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TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **50** ▲ Highs **23**
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▼ Lows **50**
Cloudy

Tonight, fair, low lower 20s, light winds.

Permian Basin Forecast
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 50, southeast winds 5 to 10 mph; fair night, low lower 20s.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 50, southeast winds 5 to 10 mph; fair night, low lower 20s.

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works," Moughn said.
Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Commissioner Don Gilbert said the employees of the state hospital have reached an important milestone in the hospital's history and the RAJ lawsuit.
"Their achievement not only reflects positively on the hospi-

tal, but also moves the agency another important step toward dismissal of the lawsuit," Gilbert stated.
When all hospitals in the TxMHMR system have achieved compliance in the eight areas being monitored, and are dismissed from the suit, the court will dismiss TxMHMR from the lawsuit.

Cotton

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Bennett said Cotton Services has operated for the past several years in places like Post, where cotton is sent on to Santa Fe, N.M. Bennett has also worked in Stanton and Sweetwater.
"We have a small operation and we want to grow and expand without overextending. We have a five-year plan as to how we want the Big Spring operation to run and where we want it to be. Our customers are continuing to use our services more and more," he added.
While some industry leaders fear the railroad merger, the Big Spring City Council has already thrown its support behind the proposed merger.
City Manager Gary Fuqua and Councilman Tom Guess said the

Big Spring railroad tracks would be updated to handle speeds of up to 70 miles per hour and as many as 20 trains per day could be coming through town.
A merger between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Rail Corp. could also mean Big Spring's rail yard could become a turnaround point between Fort Worth and El Paso.
Bennett said Cotton Services Company has been in the cotton warehousing business for 13 years.
Cotton Services is a benefit to merchants because they may not always find the quality of cotton they want in one place and can't get complete loads. Cotton Services saves merchants because they purchase can be consolidated from place to place by rail.

OBITUARIES

Lloyd Wiggins

Services for Lloyd Wiggins, 84, Loraine, were 3 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Loraine with Rev. James McLeod and Rev. Dan Marshall officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.
Mr. Wiggins died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995, in the Mitchell County Hospital.
He was born Sept. 2, 1911, in Wise County. He married Allie Ruth Redden on Oct. 16, 1937, in Mitchell County. He retired from farming and ranching in 1974. For the past 20 years, Mr. Wiggins has been the caretaker for the First Baptist Church where he was a faithful member for many years. He was a lifelong resident of Loraine.
Survivors include his wife: Allie Ruth Wiggins, Loraine; one sister: Hattie Mae Graham, Ackerly; two sisters-in-law; two nieces and two nephews.
Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc., Colorado City.

In New York. She came to Big Spring in 1973 from New York. She had worked at Big John's Feed Lot for a number of years, but was unable to work for the last several years because of her health.
Survivors include a son: Patrick Sharp, Big Spring; one daughter: Ginger Hare, Valdosta, Ga.; and three grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents.
Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

V.T. Gonzales

Rosary for V.T. "Lalo" Gonzales, 73, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. James P. Delaney, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Mr. Gonzales died Monday, Dec. 18, in a Big Spring hospital.
He was born on Jan. 24, 1922, in Carrizo Springs. He married Rosa Arispe in August of 1953 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on June 25, 1986. He later married Margarita Saucedo in 1986. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Crucillista's. He came to Howard County in the late 1930's and worked on farms until 1952 when he went to work for Coca Cola. He worked for them for 18 years and then worked for Bettie Womack Pipe Company retiring in 1983.
Survivors include his wife: Margarita Gonzales, Big Spring; three sons: V.T. Gonzales, Jr., Sammy Gonzales and Jesse Gonzales, all of Big Spring; one daughter: Linda Polk, Andrews; 10 step-sons; two step-daughters; three brothers: Pantaleon Gonzales, Remigio "Raymond" Gonzales and Lupe Gonzales, all of Big Spring; three sisters: Paula Martinez, Dora Perches and Juanita Alvarez, all of Big Spring; 34 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death also by his parents, Antonio and Margarita Trevino Gonzales.
Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Gilda Sharp

Graveside services for Gilda "Freckles" Sharp, 46, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 1995, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Tom Burke, Chaplain of Hospice, officiating.
Ms. Sharp died Monday, Dec. 18, in a Midland hospital.
She was born on Feb. 4, 1949.

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Zaye Long, 84, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:30 PM Tuesday at Snyder Cemetery, Snyder Texas.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:
-LABAN JOSEPH GUIDRY, 42, of 3804 Connally, was arrested for violating a protective order. He was transferred to the county jail and released on a \$2,000 bond.
-ETHAN CULVER, 17, of 1206 Sycamore, was arrested for disorderly conduct by fighting.
-JOSEPH YANEZ, 23, of 1616 Mesquite, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was transferred to the county jail and released on a \$1,500 bond.
-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON in the 1000 block of North Main. The complainant told officers someone she knows displayed a firearm in a threatening manner then threatened the woman with physical harm.
-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE in the 1600 block of East Sixth.
-ASSIST ANIMAL CONTROL in the 400 block of West-

over.
-THEFT in the 1100 block of North Lamesa.
-CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING ISSUED in the 2000 block of Gregg.
-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1400 block of Bluebird and 700 block of West Fourth.
-FORGERY in the 100 block of West Third.
-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 500 block of N.W. Seventh, 2100 block of Runnels and 2900 block of West Highway 80.
-ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 600 block of Holbert.
-INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in the 200 block of West Marcy, 700 block of West Interstate 20 and 3400 block of West Highway 80.
-LOUD PARTY in the 300 block of Tulane.
-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1800 block of Wallace.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:
-DEMITRIO MARTINEZ, 23, of 1321 Kendall, was released after serving time for possession of marijuana under two ounces.
-WILLIAM OTTO WARNER, 19, of 2416 Scurry, was released after serving time for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
-JUAN GILBERT HINOJOSA, 22, of 1500 Wood, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for driving

while license suspended. He was later released on a \$1,000 bond.
-THOMAS C. KIRKPATRICK, 18, of Sweeney, was transferred to the Plainview State Facility to serve time for burglary of a building.
-RICHARD NORMAN RAMIREZ, 28, of 611 North San Antonio, was transferred to the Plainview State Facility to serve time on an amended probation sentence.
-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF to three businesses in the county.

CHRISTMAS CHEER



Herold photo by Tim Appel
Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 deliver Christmas cards and greet residents of the Big Spring VA Medical Center recently.

MARKETS

March cotton futures 81.02 cents a pound, down 193 points; Jan. crude oil 19.45, down 22 points; cash hog steady at 46.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 50 cents lower at 66 cents even; Dec. live hog futures 48.45, down 22 points; Dec. live cattle futures 66.77, down 50 points.
Courtesy: Delta Commodities
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Rural/Metro	23 - 1/2
Sears	39 + 1/2
Southwestern Bell	57 + 1/2
Sun	26 3/4 + 1/2
Texaco	76 - 1/2
Texas Instruments	47 + 1/2
Texas Utilities	40 + 1/2
Unocal Corp.	28 1/2 nc
Wal-Mart	22 1/2 - 1/2
Amcap	13.36-14.18
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TODAY
-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 Golliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.
-Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

-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.

-The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet during football season, 7:30 p.m., elementary cafeteria. The previous week's game film will be shown and Coach McHugh will discuss the game.

-Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.
-Big Spring Band Boosters, 7 p.m., band hall. Call Roxanne Wilson, 264-4840.

-CRIE (Children's Rights Through Informed Education), 7:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
-Encouragers support group (formerly widow/widowers support group) 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Eighth & Runnels (enter through north door). There will be a covered dish dinner. Please bring a salad or vegetable dish. Bring a wrapped gift for a gift exchange. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369. Enter through patio.
-Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center.

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.
-Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church library. Contact Murph Watson, 264-0500.
-Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
-West Texas Legal Services 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.

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Peggy Johnson, a second-grade teacher at Olsen Park Elementary in Amarillo, holds a plastic bag over her head to keep the snow out of her hair after school Monday. She forgot her scarf and used the bag while scraping the rear windshield. Snowfall tapered off, leaving 3 to 4 inches in the Panhandle.

Snow covers the Panhandle while rain, twisters plague Southeast Texas

Southeast Texans are finally getting a chance to recover from a weekend of pounding thunderstorms that left one man dead and scattered damage throughout the region.

"It's finally over," said National Weather Service meteorologist Jim Maxwell of the League City regional office.

The rain totals left behind are staggering, especially to the south of Houston. By 6 p.m. Monday, nearly 13 inches of rain had fallen in Texas City in the prior 24 hours, Maxwell said. Angleton had 10 inches, Pearland and Alvin about 9 and Bay City nearly 8.

Houston proper had a trace below 2 inches.

Robert John Hill, 19, of Sugar Land died Sunday after his car hydroplaned and collided with another car in Fort Bend County just south of Houston.

A tornado touched down in southeast Montgomery County north of Houston early Monday

morning, damaging about 25 homes but causing no injuries, said Greg Smith, office manager for Precinct 4 Commissioner Jim Simmons.

Another twister toward the coast damaged power lines, trees and two carpools and caused a house fire in the Lake Jackson-Clute.

Strong gusts and ground made soft by two days of rain forced an 85-foot tall billboard, weighing some 25,000 pounds, to topple onto JJ Sleep Shop in Houston, on north Interstate 45.

"I'm out of business the week before Christmas, my busiest season," lamented store owner Mike Premazon, who estimated some \$150,000 worth of inventory had been ruined.

In West Texas, Perryton boys basketball coach Tim Host said the heavy wet flakes looked like a blizzard. He wouldn't even hazard a guess how much already had fallen.

"It's kinda hard to tell because

it's coming down sideways," Host said.

Classes were called off Monday — and final tests postponed — because of the weather, he said.

In the Panhandle, snowfall tapered off Monday after depositing 3 inches in Hereford, 4 inches in Dalhart, 3-4 inches in Borger and near 4 inches in Pampa.

In parched North Texas, residents welcomed the weekend rain that lasted through Monday.

Rainfall amounts of up to 3 inches, with isolated amounts of greater than 4 inches, were expected over the southeastern portions of North Texas.

Elsewhere, additional rainfall amounts of less than a quarter of an inch were forecast.

The cold front in the West and North was expected to bring cooler temperatures to Central and South Texas by mid-week.

The Associated Press

Increase in holiday deaths is predicted

AUSTIN (AP) — Will that 21-year-old nephew want to take off in his car after a few holiday drinks? Is an overworked aunt planning to drive all night to make it home for Christmas? Will dad go 70 mph to grandma's house no matter what the highway signs say?

If so, they could be cruising to join one of the holiday season's saddest statistics — an expected increase in the number of traffic fatalities.

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that as many as 35 people may die on Texas roads during the Christmas holiday period, up from 32 last year. The counting period runs from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Dec. 25.

The estimate for the New Year's holiday period is 40 traffic fatalities, up from 33 last year. The counting period is from 6 p.m. Dec. 29 through midnight Jan. 1.

"The contributing factors for those accidents are the same every year, and that's speed ... the involvement of alcohol; and what we call poor trip planning — in other words, trying to go further than the limitations of the individual or the individual's vehicle will allow," said Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas, DPS assistant director.

This year, there's an added element: the maximum speed limit has been raised to 70 mph on a number of highways based on federal law changes.

Thomas noted speed limits will remain lower in some areas and urged motorists to obey the speed limits.

"Obey that posted limit ... Speed contributed to about 21 percent of all the fatal accidents last year in Texas," he said.

Doyle Bailey, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission administrator, targeted a group he said is responsible for more alcohol-related fatal crashes than any other — men age 21-34.

"If you're a male between 21 and 34 years old, statistically you've been identified as in the age group most likely to suffer or die as a result of drinking and driving," he said. "You're also the age group most likely to have a new bride and young children.

De la Garza not seeking re-election in order to work on balancing budget

MISSION (AP) — Saying he would rather work to balance the budget than campaign, U.S. Rep. Kika de la Garza has announced he will not seek re-election next year to the congressional seat he's held since 1965.

In announcing his plans Monday, de la Garza said he will focus his last year in office on the debate over balancing the budget in the next seven years.

"Next year will be the most critical until the end of the century. We will set policy and the basic funding for the next seven years," he said. "I feel that I have to devote all my energies to this effort and cannot let a campaign detract from it."

The conservative Democrat, whose South Texas district includes much of the Rio Grande Valley, said he would work to streamline such services as Medicaid, health, education and programs for the poor and the elderly, and "continue to make government more responsive to the people and the business community."

De la Garza, 68, has long been interested in balancing the federal budget. The first bill he introduced upon arriving in Washington was a balanced-budget amendment. On the first day of every legislative session since then, he has introduced similar legislation.

"We're on the threshold of getting there," he said.

De la Garza, one of the House's longest-serving incumbents, becomes the seventh of Texas' 30 House members announcing they won't run for re-election next year. Six of the seven are Democrats.

In all, 94 House members are planning to retire or seek higher office next year. Twenty-one are Democrats and nine are Republicans.

The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee until this year, de la Garza found himself largely relegated to the sidelines after Republicans regained control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

During his 14 years at the helm of the Agriculture Committee, de la Garza proved a staunch defender of farm programs, using shrewd negotiating tactics to protect farm spending from raids by urban and suburban members.

Runaway Hotline getting more use

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Runaway Hotline scaled back its national effort last year to focus on runaways inside the state.

But the number of calls still could hit 3,000 a month next year, said Jay Smith, who runs the hotline.

While operating as a national hotline, the state-operated service received about 4,500 calls a month. That included about 1,000 a month from young Texans.

Scaling back to a Texas-only service, the hotline received about 1,900 calls a month this year, almost double the number of Texas calls it was getting.

"We receive calls from youths who have run away or are thinking about running away due to family problems," Smith said in an Austin American-Statesman story published Monday.

He added that callers' complaints range from curfew hours to physical abuse.

But the growing number of calls from young Texans does not mean there are more runaways, he said.

Smith said narrowing the service to focus on Texas has allowed the program to do more to promote itself inside the state. That has made more teens and potential runaways aware of the service.

Department of Public Safety records show a 13 percent increase in juveniles taken into custody for running away. But youth workers say the growth coincides more with a larger population than with a higher rate of runaways.

In 1992, 33,033 youths 17 and younger were arrested for running away. There were 37,418 such arrests last year.

The hotline gets most of its funding from the Texas Department of Protection and Regulatory Services. Smith said the decision to scale back was prompted by other, larger hotlines doing more across the country.

"The other hotlines are able to help a number of the youth and families in states that don't have their own runaway hotline," he said.

Texas opened its hotline in 1973.

Federal agents chase, retrieve stolen plane

HOUSTON (AP) — A stolen twin-engine plane valued at more than \$1 million has been recovered by federal agents, who began pursuit moments after it took off from West Houston Airport.

Airport officials notified federal air traffic controllers immediately after the plane taxied from its hangar and then took off from the middle of the runway.

The Beechcraft King-Air, owned by a Houston construction firm, was stolen about 4:45 p.m. Monday.

Airport manager Woody Lessikar said controllers tried to contact the pilot by radio as he was taking off, but got no response.

Dallas lawyer arrested in connection with bank robbery

UNIVERSITY PARK, Texas (AP) — A prestigious downtown Dallas law firm will stand by one of its attorneys accused of bank robbery, one of its partners said.

Joseph Edward Chavis, 30, a labor attorney, was released on \$5,000 bond following his arrest for the Monday morning robbery of a Bank United branch in University Park.

Police said some of the cash stolen from the bank was found under a water fountain on the 48th floor of Renaissance Tower in downtown Dallas. The firm that employs Chavis has its offices on that floor.

"The firm is firmly convinced that this is a case of mistaken identity," Michael Maslanka, a partner of Clark, West, Keller, Butler & Ellis told KXAS-TV.

"Joseph is our colleague; Joseph is our friend."

Witnesses say a man walked into the Bank United branch in University Park about 9:15 a.m., announced he had a weapon and demanded money. He was given an unknown amount of cash and left on foot, police said.

Authorities said they have a videotape of the robbery, captured by a security camera. The robber didn't wear a mask, police said.

Officers from Dallas and University Park arrested Chavis about three hours after the heist.

"This arrest doesn't make sense," Maslanka said. "There's no evidence against Joseph." Chavis has been with the firm for six years.

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Quote of the Day

"Freedom is not a passive right. It is an active responsibility."

Teresa Day, high school student, 1994

Congress needs a dose of its own bad medicine

Twice within the last month, our government has shut down because a consensus cannot be reached on the budget.

This is a ridiculous state we find ourselves in.

Everyone in Washington agrees the budget should be balanced; the disagreement is about how. It seems most of these disagreements should have been worked out by now, but that isn't so. They are still at the same place they were when the government first shut down.

Both Congress and the president need to buckle down and work this out before the year flips into 1996. Right now, people are doing their jobs, with the possibility they won't get paid for that time.

What got them going the first time was the fact they might miss Thanksgiving with their families. Good.

However, there will be many people whose families won't have Christmas because the government couldn't agree.

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If it was simply because of layoffs, that's one thing. When it is because of intransigence on both sides, that is a totally different thing.

The president and our members of Congress are receiving their pay, their benefits, their vacations, while others wait, unpaid, at home. That isn't right.

Both need to forfeit their pay. Then maybe they would understand a little of what those of us without big bank accounts are going through. They need to work through the holidays and continue until this is resolved.

There is a workable compromise out there, but both sides are going to have to open up to the possibilities. After all, they are not the ones suffering - we are.

Worst of all, we are paying for this.

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'Adult leadership' needed to resolve budget impasse

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan once said that the way the government sets its budgets was a Mickey Mouse system. At this point, Mickey could call that slander. Cartoons make more sense than what's going on now.

A venerable senator who wants to become president said he thinks it's time for adult leadership. Sen. Bob Dole was aiming at President Clinton, but the observation is as applicable to Republicans in the budget war.

Both sides look silly as Congress and the Democratic White House rehash their arguments in the balanced budget stalemate that produced the second selective shutdown of the federal government this budget season.

This one is not quite so extensive as the first, since seven of the appropriations bills that were supposed to have been enacted by Oct. 1 have now been completed. There are six left, and they involve policy and spending disputes prompting two Clinton vetoes so far this week.

"We keep getting measures that the Congress already knows and has known for weeks are unacceptable," said Mike McCurry, the White House press secretary.

Republicans in Congress are no less insistent that they will accept nothing short of a seven-year balanced budget plan premised on congressional economic projections, and that Clinton has known that for months.

The White House wants to factor in its more optimistic forecasts on the economy, making the balancing act easier. So it has settled into a sort of

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political trench warfare, with each side blaming the other for the government shutdowns, and lobbing rival accusations of inflexibility, and of politicking with the budget.

They're both right. But with the government divided between the parties, as it has been for most of the past three decades, there has to be a way to settle on a budget without shutting down agencies for lack of funds. The siege has been coming for months; Republican leaders were talking about the autumn train wreck last spring when Congress was voting on its budget resolutions.

There was time to find shared ground and compromise, but that didn't mesh with the political agenda on either side. Republicans, especially the new wave in the House, had promised revolutionary change. Clinton vowed to defend the basic commitments he said the government has made to the American people for generations.

So they made speeches while time ran out, extended it temporarily, then went into the longest of five partial government shutdowns since 1981, six days, until another temporary spending extension on Nov. 19, which ran out after Friday and led to the shutdown show Monday morning. "It is wrong for the Congress to shut the government down just to make a political point a week before Christmas," Clinton said, making a political point.

About 260,000 federal workers were sent home for lack of funds to run their agencies. It will almost certainly wind up being a paid holiday break —

time off for Christmas shopping. Federal employees furloughed in prior shutdowns have received back pay, and while there's no guarantee, both Clinton and Dole have said they should be paid this time too.

The Office of Management and Budget figures that amounts to about \$40 million a day. Back pay and lost fees cost an estimated \$750 million during the shutdown a month ago.

Even the feelings of the furloughed are being spared; the White House said they are not deemed "nonessential" employees, only "nonexcepted" from the law that keeps emergency, health and safety personnel on the job.

The budget and appropriations system was overhauled in 1974 in what was billed then as a reform that would make it all work sensibly. It set up a series of deadlines to equate spending and revenues, and made Oct. 1 the budget new year, so there would be plenty of time to get things done.

But the deadlines usually are missed, and there's no penalty, only the sanction of shutdowns. President Reagan's angry appraisal dates from 1982, when he could not get a Democratic House to deal with his budget.

"The United States government's program for arriving at a budget is about the most irresponsible, Mickey Mouse arrangement that any governmental body has ever practiced," he said then. They're still practicing.

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

WASHINGTON



House Speaker Newt Gingrich, center, huddles with Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, as House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas answers a reporter's question during a Capitol Hill news conference Monday. The conference was to discuss the latest partial federal government shutdown.

Moves made to restart talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with a quarter-million federal workers on furlough and a jittery stock market, President Clinton and Republican leaders in Congress are cautiously moving to restart stalled budget talks today.

After a day of vetoes and tough talk on Monday, Clinton placed separate telephone calls to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

The president's offer: Pass a temporary spending bill to keep the government functioning through the holidays. And, if Republicans would move to his proposed spending levels for Medicare and Medicaid, he would send them a seven-year balanced budget using the Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions he regards as too pessimistic.

Or, the president told them, resume talks, suspended since Friday, with no preconditions and he would personally participate.

Dole reacted positively. "It is time the principals become involved," he said. "It's time for adult leadership."

After conferring, Dole and Gingrich accepted Clinton's offer, sort of, saying they viewed the meeting not as a negotiating session but as a chance for them to discuss "the importance of getting a balanced budget agreement this year, and how we might achieve that goal."

At the White House, aides said the meeting probably would be scheduled today but they first wanted to make sure Republicans truly were going in without preconditions.

"If in fact we can get the clarification we want, we'll confirm the meeting," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri will be on the outside looking in. Clinton will brief them later, McCurry said.

Meanwhile, a task force of House and Senate Democrats and White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta planned to meet for a fourth consecutive day today in hopes of developing a balanced budget with unified Democratic support.

The halting steps toward restarting negotiations came as the government went into a fourth day of a partial shutdown that idled a quarter-million workers.

That's far less than November's, which furloughed 800,000, but enough to close federal parks and museums and suspend routine passport applications. However, Social Security and Medicare benefit checks will go out on time and the Post Office will deliver mail as usual.

The stock market, which had shrugged off the November shutdown, suffered its biggest one-day loss in four years. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 101.52 points Monday to close at 5,075.21. Nervous investors worried the budget stalemate would forestall an interest-rate cut from the Federal Reserve.

It was the worst decline since Nov. 15, 1991, and Republicans, who polls show bear the brunt of public anger over the shutdown, were quick to blame the president.

"I call this the Clinton crash," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "This is what Clinton has done to the markets because he refuses to balance the budget."

For his part, Clinton vetoed two GOP spending bills and planned to veto a third today. On Monday, he rejected legisla-

tion financing the Interior Department, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency and the nation's space agency.

"They have sent me legislation that would give our children less clean drinking water, less safe food, dirtier air," Clinton said at a White House ceremony attended by sixth-grade science students.

"If I signed these bills, I would be condemning more than 10 million children under the age of 12 to living near toxic waste sites that might not be cleaned up for years," he said.

Meantime, Republicans sought to embarrass Clinton with a nonbinding resolution affirming House lawmakers' adherence to balancing the budget in seven years using Congressional Budget Office estimates. It passed, 351-40, with 133 Democratic supporters.

And Gingrich suggested that, unlike in all previous government shutdowns, furloughed employees might not be reimbursed for lost pay.

"An awful lot of Americans...don't particularly understand why people would be paid if they don't work," he said. The employees, and tourists too, took a dim view of the maneuvering.

"Government workers are used as pawns," said Bob Water, a State Department employee. "We're frustrated."

"If you visit a Third World country, you expect this, but never here," said Frederick Moreau, a French tourist who stood outside a closed visitor center at Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

In a display outside one Treasury Department office, two Christmas stockings filled with coal hung. They were marked "Clinton" and "Congress."

Centrists outline goals for 1996

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A group of centrist politicians who contend that both major parties are ignoring the hopes of most Americans are declining to back an independent candidate for president in 1996.

"We've got the right ideas. I think we resonate with these ideas. We just don't have a vehicle," former Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts said Monday after he and two fellow moderate Democrats outlined their positions at a symposium here.

Tsongas, a 1992 presidential candidate, along with former Colorado Gov. Dick Lamm and former Minnesota Rep. Tim Penny presented a position paper that harshly criticized the inability of Democrats and Republicans to deal with the national debt.

"I am haunted by the fact that I am a member of the most fiscally irresponsible generation in America," Lamm said.

New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, a Democrat, and Maine Gov. Angus King, an independent, distanced themselves from the centrist group hours before it released the position paper.

The paper supported free trade, no tax cuts until the budget is balanced, a consumption-based income tax to promote savings and managed care for

Medicaid and Medicare recipients.

"For me, the rising economic security of people who work every day and worry about their future is the most pressing issue our country faces," Bradley said in a statement from Washington. "The balanced budget is important, but it is only a part of a larger set of challenges."

He insisted an independent presidential run was not his reason for joining the group. "My participation was never about a candidacy, or a desire to create a third party, despite press coverage to the contrary," Bradley said.

King said Monday he was dropping out of the discussions because they were taking too much of his time.

Some of the group's issues — such as the line-item veto, the balanced budget amendment and an elimination of political action committees — have popular appeal. Other proposals, such as means testing of Social Security benefits, would require sacrifices that few Democrats or Republicans are likely to embrace.

Tsongas describes the group as representing a "passionate center" that is fiscally conservative, socially tolerant, con-

cerned about the environment and sickened by the slow pace of campaign-finance reform.

"We're not here to form an independent party or field an independent candidate," Penny said. "Our first goal is to challenge one or both of the major parties to move to the center."

All of the group's members were either Democrats or independents.

"None of us are running for anything right now so we don't have to worry about defeat," Penny conceded.

King, the nation's only current independent governor, told reporters in Maine that initial media reports of the informal group changed the nature of the discussions.

"This thing got a more formal life than it ever really had," he said.

King said he had regarded Bradley and former Connecticut Gov. Lowell Welcker, a Republican-turned-independent, as group members most likely to enter the 1996 race, but now perceived both to be "backing away."

"There are just enormous logistical and financial obstacles," King said.

Lamm agreed that what started as an academic exercise had turned into a political one.

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The dining and living room of an apartment in Chicago are shown Monday. A woman and her daughter were charged with endangering their children after police found eight boys and girls in the filthy apartment, which has no heat.

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Police make double discovery of children living alone in filth

CHICAGO (AP) — In a horrifying double discovery, police stumbled upon two households crammed with children living alone amid buckets of human waste and rancid trash, without food or running water.

In one apartment Monday, police found eight children, ages 10 months to 15 years, with no heat, a toilet that didn't work and grimy clothes piled high over garbage. The refrigerator was locked and they had apparently been left alone all weekend.

A few hours later and less than a mile away, police trailing a teen-age drug suspect back to a burned-out abandoned building made an equally shocking find: three young children and two teen-agers amid rancid trash, buckets of urine and feces and a pile of used toilet paper several feet high. Cold wind whistled through holes in the walls.

"They had jury-rigged electricity, no running water and only two kerosene space heaters," said police Lt. Fred Bosse.

Theresa Olmetti, 34, the mother of the teens, and Tasha Cross, 18, the mother of the young children, were charged with child endangerment and remained jailed today.

The youngsters, ages 1, 2, 3, 15 and 16, were taken into police custody and may be placed with relatives. Police said they found the scene after following the 16-year-old, who had allegedly just sold \$500 worth of drugs.

In the first case, police said they were led to the apartment by a 15-year-old boy they were questioning about unrelated matters.

Phyllis Davis, 31, and her mother, Doris Davis, 47, were also charged with child endangerment. All eight children were taken into state custody. The women were released on \$1,000 bond.

Jackie Milton, Doris Davis' sister, denied that the children were left alone. She said she stopped by the apartment Saturday evening and took her sister to the grocery store.

The day's grim finds echoed the case last year when Chicago

police discovered 19 children, ranging from 6 months to 14 years old, living in an apartment littered with feces and crawling with cockroaches. At the time, Vice President Al Gore called it a "warning bell" for America's poorest neighborhoods.

"The physical conditions inside this place were much worse," Bosse said, referring to the six children found Monday.

For the Rev. Paul Jakes Jr., who runs a homeless shelter in the neighborhood and who recently baptized Olmetti, the shock over the squalor gives way to a grim realization of the abject poverty people live in.

"The tragedy is that they will make the lifestyle which is unnatural a normal life and will just continue to dwell in that," Jakes said.

"For many people who are homeless, having some semblance of a home, having a door and apartment, as long as they have four walls, they feel secure, even if it is a deplorable situation."

Clerk charged in shoplifter's death

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A convenience-store clerk was charged with murder Monday for allegedly chasing down and shooting to death a 15-year-old who stole some beer.

The Kwik Shop had been robbed in the past and the owner kept the .38-caliber revolver under the cash register, telling his workers it was for their protection.

As many as six shots were fired Saturday night as Joseph Knudsen fled the store with Hosle Ealy, 23, said Douglas County Attorney Jim Jansen. Knudsen was shot once in the back, and Ealy was wounded in the arm and leg.

"It wasn't a situation of self-defense," Jansen said.

David Johnson, who told co-workers he had been robbed and stabbed five years ago while working at a gas station, was

charged with second-degree murder, second-degree assault, and using a weapon in the commission of a crime.

Nebraska law allows the use of deadly force only to defend against serious bodily injury, or death.

Ealy was treated at a hospital, then taken to jail on suspicion of misdemeanor shoplifting. He had not been charged by Monday afternoon.

Knudsen and Ealy allegedly stole four 12-packs of beer. Johnson chased them about 50 feet before firing, investigators said.

Knudsen's father, Cleo Walker, said he had warned his son to stay away from older "so-called friends."

"If nothing comes of this — if it's bypassed just because another Indian got shot — it's not

going to work with me," Walker told the Omaha World-Herald.

Walker, a member of the Omaha Indian tribe, said his son had caused him no problems.

Johnson, 33, told co-workers he was stabbed six times in the face, ear and hand during a 1990 robbery at the gas station.

"He told us a shooter held him up and stabbed him six times," former co-worker Travis Lebanovsky told the World-Herald. "He said he was robbed again six weeks later. He said it affected him."

Lebanovsky himself shot at a shoplifter at the Kwik Shop on Dec. 7, using the revolver from under the cash register. But that was only after the shoplifter fired at shot at him. Lebanovsky said he quit working at the store a week ago.

Two killed in Chrysler plant shooting

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. (AP) — A man shot a woman to death this morning at a Chrysler Corp. assembly plant, then killed himself, police said.

The shooting was reported at 6:30 a.m. The man was dead when officers arrived, and the woman was pronounced dead about 7:25 a.m. at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, police Lt. Al Zielinski said.

No other injuries were reported, he said.

It was the second fatal shoot-

ing in a little more than a year at a Chrysler plant in Sterling Heights, about 15 miles north of Detroit.

Names, ages and hometowns of the victims were not immediately available, but Chrysler spokesman Tony Cervone said both victims were believed to be plant employees.

The man fired four shots at the woman, went outside and shot himself moments later, witnesses told WWJ radio. No one

else was wounded, Cervone said. There was no immediate word on a motive. The shooting happened around the time of a shift change at the plant.

On Dec. 9, 1994, Clarence Woods, 48, killed his supervisor and wounded a co-worker at a Chrysler stamping plant not far from the assembly plant where today's shooting took place.

The 1994 shooting followed an argument over a work assignment. Woods is serving a life prison term.

Food fight sends three families back to London

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Fifteen people from three families were sent back to London after a raucous food fight during a flight to Los Angeles Monday. Two others were being held while they sobered up and a third was arrested after officials said he took a swing at a flight attendant.

"It was a rowdy group," said Northwest spokeswoman Marta Laughlin. "They were carrying on and they didn't like the flight attendants limiting their alcohol. It was basically pandemonium."

Laughlin said she was told that children in the group were sent to steal liquor from the flight attendants' beverage carts.

Federal officials herded aside all 18 people, ranging in age from about 4 to 65, after the flight landed as scheduled in the Twin Cities. The families held British and Irish passports, Laughlin said.

The captain radioed ahead to report the fracas after flight attendants tried to quiet the group and met with resistance.

One 25-year-old London man was arrested for interference with the crew; his court appearance was scheduled for Tuesday. Two others were held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for detoxification. The rest were returned to London.

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Bomb found outside IRS building in Reno

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A bomb found outside an Internal Revenue Service office could have caused significant damage or death if its fuse did not fizzle, authorities say.

An employee arriving for work Monday discovered the 30-gallon plastic drum behind a government vehicle in a side parking lot. The drum was left behind a blue Oldsmobile with federal license plates. It was not immediately known who drives the car or if that person was a target.

Laboratory tests were being conducted to determine if the bomb may have been a mixture of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, the same combination used in the truck bomb that destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building in April. That bomb, weighing 4,800 pounds, killed 169 people

There were no injuries or damage. No arrests were made.

"Had it gone off and if it were in fact what some people suspect was ANFO or ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, it would have done significant damage to the vehicle and at least that corner of the IRS building," said Bob Stewart, agent in charge of the local Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms office.

About 60 people were evacuated in the fourth such incident aimed at federal targets in northern Nevada in two years.

The fuse had been lit but burned out before most of the drum's contents could explode, police Lt. Ken Bunker said.

Officials said it appeared one of two caps on the top of the drum had been blown off, indicating at least some of the material inside had ignited.

Letter from Powell ends supporter's vigil

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It took a letter from his hero to get a Colin Powell supporter to end a five-week vigil spent in a recliner in a public park.

The Powell supporter, who goes by the name CaShears, had spent all his time in Leimert Park since Nov. 12, except for a couple of nights of bad weather, hoping to persuade the retired general to reconsider his decision not to run for president.

CaShears ended his vigil Monday after receiving a fax from Powell asking him to respect his decision not to run.

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U.N. to NATO switch nears

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The commander of NATO's Rapid Reaction Force headed to the Bosnian capital today in preparation for the shutdown of the U.N. mission and the formal start of NATO's role in policing the peace.

Sir Michael Walker, a British major general charged with heading the NATO force, is expected in Sarajevo a day ahead of the formal switchover ceremony. Adm. Leighton Smith, the American who will command the 60,000-strong NATO-led force, will also attend.

Wednesday's ceremony will formally end the peacekeeping role of the more than 20,000 Blue Helmets still in Bosnia. Many will remain as part of NATO's peace operation.

"My hope is that we will be able to do our mission and do it quickly, and that we in fact will exit in a year," said Smith. President Clinton has promised that the 20,000 American GIs joining the NATO force will not be deployed for more than one year.

The deployments built momentum Monday, when 16 U.S. flights finally were able to land at the Tuzla airfield. It was the first clear day in nearly a week of thick fogs that forced back dozens of aircraft.

Most of the flights at Tuzla airport, hub of the U.S. presence in Bosnia, carried vehicles and other equipment and small numbers of Army and Navy personnel sent to set up a command post in the city, 50 miles north of Sarajevo. The personnel will prepare for the deployment of GIs in northeastern Bosnia.

Brig. Gen. Stanley Cherrie of the U.S. Army admitted that five days of fog had left deployments "a little bit behind."

But, he quickly added, "We'll make it." On Sunday, poor visibility forced the U.S. Air Force to cancel 57 flights — 26 to the U.S. headquarters in Tuzla and 31 to the mission's staging area in Hungary. NATO diverted some flights carrying equipment and personnel to Sarajevo.

On the ground, weak railway tracks, skewed train schedules and inadequate roads and bridges left some Balkan-bound GIs lounging in Austrian barracks. Others were forced to unload equipment too heavy for the Croatian train system and reroute it on secondary roads more suited to their heavy battle tanks than highways.

Bridges on the main road leading from near Djakovo to Zupanja, 25 miles to the southeast, were unable to bear the weight of the more than 55-ton tanks and 22-ton Bradley armored personnel carriers. So the downloaded armor had to take circuitous smaller roads.

While the NATO buildup continued, a sniper's bullet fired at a streetcar caused the first casualty in Sarajevo since the peace plan was signed in Paris on Thursday. Evlija Kevlic, 30, was wounded in the arm and shattered glass may have blinded her, a doctor said.

The sniper attack showed the bitterness that still remains after the peace signing brought what officials hope is the end of the 3 1/2 year war, which has left more than 200,000 people dead and 2 million homeless.



Yigal Amir, 25, the confessed assassin of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, right, chews gum as he sits by a police detective on the defendant's bench at the beginning of his murder trial in Tel Aviv's District Court. If convicted, Amir faces a mandatory life sentence in jail.

Jaunty prisoner begins his trial for the assassination of Rabin

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — The Jewish nationalist who has confessed to assassinating Yitzhak Rabin went on trial for murder today, grinning, chewing gum and waving to his parents in a packed Tel Aviv courtroom.

Judge Edmond Levy read out the charges against Yigal Amir in the 80-seat room in Tel Aviv District Court. Asked whether he understood the charges, the 25-year-old law student, flanked by eight guards, nodded but did not speak.

Levy ordered a recess until Jan. 23, the day Amir will be asked to enter a plea.

If convicted, Amir's mandatory sentence is life in prison. The death penalty in Israel is reserved for Nazi war criminals and offenders who endanger state security, such as spies.

Despite the prosecution's seemingly rock-solid case, backed by Amir's confession and an amateur video of the Nov. 4 assassination of the prime minister, Amir's attorneys have said their client might not plead guilty.

Prosecutor Pinna Guy, when asked whether this was an open-and-shut case, said: "He was caught red handed, wasn't he?"

Amir's attorney, Mordechai Offri, said he had not yet decided on a defense strategy.

"We need to go over all the material," he said outside the courtroom.

The judge turned down a request by Offri to bar Israel TV's Channel Two from broadcasting the video showing Rabin's assassination. Channel Two and the Yediot Ahronot newspaper bought the video for more than \$400,000, according to sources close to the negotiations.

Amir entered the courtroom today without handcuffs, chewing gum and wearing a black skullcap, a white dress shirt and a gray-and-black sweater slung over his shoulders.

He spoke only a few words, as if to himself. "What is being done to Avishai Raviv is wrong. Avishai Raviv is the best guy in the country," he said, without further explanation.

There have been reports that Raviv, a friend of Amir's and a right-wing activist, is an

informer for the Shin Bet security service. He was held for questioning after the shooting and released several days later.

After sitting down, Amir smiled and jokingly drew his hand across his throat, as if to slit it.

Amir's parents, Geula and Shlomo, sat in the second row. Before the start of today's proceeding, his father prayed quietly, swaying back and forth in his seat. Mrs. Amir, asked for comment, told reporters: "Don't envy me."

At the end of the session, Amir's father walked up to one of Rabin's closest aides, Eitan Haber, and asked for forgiveness. Haber told the elder Amir to stay away, and said Mrs. Amir then called him a monster.

To coincide with the start of the trial, the Yediot Ahronot newspaper published a dramatic photograph today showing the Rabin assassination at a Tel Aviv peace rally.

In the blurred picture, a gunman lunges forward, his arm stretched out and nearly reaching Rabin. The flash from a shot touches Rabin's upper back.

The photograph was taken from the eight-minute amateur video, which is to be broadcast publicly on Israeli television tonight for the first time.

The film shows how the gunman loiters unchallenged near the prime minister's car, then easily approaches him and opens fire from pointblank

range. Amir surrendered to police at the site of the shooting and has confessed to killing Rabin in hopes of stopping peacemaking with the Palestinians.

The assassination shocked Israelis, weaned on the notion that despite their differences, Jews as a nation essentially stand united. It has also led to a crackdown on extreme right-wing groups and a reassessment of the security system that left Israel's leader fatally exposed.

Amir's political calculation appears to have backfired: Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, has accelerated peace talks with Syria and proceeded with Israel's troop pullout from much of the West Bank.

Amir is represented by attorney Jonathan Goldberg, who immigrated seven years ago from Houston and lives in a West Bank settlement.

According to the indictment submitted two weeks ago, Amir decided to kill Rabin after the first Israel-PLO accord was signed in September 1993. He is accused of recruiting his brother Hagai, 27, and a friend, Dror Adani, to help him.

They considered blowing up Rabin's car or firing a rocket into his apartment, but in the end Yigal Amir settled on shooting Rabin with his 9mm Beretta pistol, the indictment said. After failing on three other occasions, Amir decided to try again at the peace rally.

WHO reports no further cases in latest Ebola threat

GENEVA (AP) — The Ebola scare in West Africa is over, with all tests on suspected cases proving negative, the World Health Organization said today.

Those in contact with a Liberian refugee confirmed as having the virus earlier this month have been given the all-clear, said U.N. health agency spokesman Philippe Stroet.

WHO ordered tests on two people who shared a house with the man on the border between Liberia and Ivory Coast, on a woman who was hospitalized with an unknown infection, and on three others who had contact with the man.

"There is nothing to suggest that there was secondary transmission to anyone else," said Stroet. There were no infections in the Ivory Coast hospital

where the man was taken. Two reported cases in Angola also proved to be false alarms, he said.

News that the Liberian man had Ebola had prompted fears of a possible new outbreak of the hemorrhagic fever. Ebola killed 245 people in the Central African town of Kikwit, Zaire, this year.

The virus is one of the deadliest known. It leads to high fever and internal and external bleeding. The most virulent strain, like that found in Zaire, causes an excruciatingly painful death in about 80 percent of its victims.

The Liberia-Ivory Coast strain is less virulent. Neither the man infected this month, nor a Swiss research scientist who caught the virus last year, died.

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Lots of holidays this time of year include candles. One of them — Hanukkah — actually uses candles to represent an oil lamp.

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Cowboys look to plug porous defense

IRVING, Texas (AP) — In four of the Dallas Cowboys' last five games, the defense has allowed an opposing rusher at least 140 yards.

That's after the Cowboys went 8-2 over the first 10 games allowing that to happen just once.

The line, hampered by injuries, isn't dominating the line of scrimmage as it used to — on either offense or defense.

Sunday, Rodney Hampton ran through the heart of the Dallas defense for a career-high 187 yards on 34 carries as the

Cowboys needed a 35-yard field goal as time expired to beat the New York Giants, 21-20.

"We're going to get killed in the playoffs if we play like we did against the Giants," Cowboys linebacker Dixon Edwards said Monday. "We've got to stop the middle run."

The Cowboys had lost consecutive games to Washington and Philadelphia before Sunday's game against the lowly Giants that required five Chris Boniol field goals.

The Cowboys can win the NFC East on Christmas night

in Arizona by defeating Buddy Ryan's bunch. A Philadelphia loss on Sunday in Chicago would also do the trick for Dallas.

But the Giants rushed for 244 yards against a depleted defensive line and head coach Barry Switzer said he expects Arizona to do the same thing.

Philadelphia's Ricky Watters gained 112 yards against Dallas weekend before last.

The Cowboys had gone three years without allowing consecutive 100-yard days by a runner. Detroit's Barry Sanders

gained 108 yards and the Los Angeles Rams' Cleveland Gary gained 110 in the ninth and 10th games of the 1992 season.

Cowboys defensive line coach John Blake said there's no need to change the offensive scheme.

"We've had some injuries up front, but we just have to be more physical and answer the challenge," he said.

On defense, the Cowboys are now without Pro Bowl end Charles Haley, who just underwent back surgery, and tackle Russell Maryland, who has a dislocated toe. Defensive end

Tony Tolbert faces surgery on both knees after the season, and starting middle linebacker Robert Jones has missed three of the past four games with a pulled abdominal muscle.

Switzer said the Cowboys are "going to be in a fight every game we play. We've got a lot of guys limping around out here. We're beat up."

Quarterback Troy Aikman was shaking his head over the team's lackluster offensive performance against the Giants.

The offensive line, also hurt by injuries, is no longer creat-

ing big holes to spring Emmitt Smith for gains.

"We're just not executing. It's important that a team play well going into the playoffs. We've got to address this situation," Aikman said.

With the defense banged up, the offense must play better, Aikman said.

There is more of a burden on our shoulders. We realize we have to put more points on the board. We haven't played well the last three weeks," Aikman said.

A SEAHAWK SANTA CLAUS



Seattle Seahawks' receiver Joey Galloway dresses as Santa Claus Monday to pass out gifts at the South Park Community Center in Seattle. Galloway, along with Supersonics' forward Shawn Kemp, distributed packages to 400 children.

Family to feud at Copper Bowl

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — For Carlton Hendrix, a starting left guard for Air Force, the Falcons' Copper Bowl contest against Texas Tech will get a little personal. One of the competing players will be his brother.

"I want to beat him," Hendrix said, "and I'm sure he wants to beat us."

Older brother Ed Hendrix plays right guard for Texas Tech. Carlton Hendrix, a junior, is starting for Air Force for the second straight season.

When Hendrix heard his older brother's team had clinched a trip to the Copper Bowl Dec. 27 in Tucson, he made plans to attend to watch. Then the Falcons' season-ending 45-28 victory over Hawaii landed Air Force on the other side of the field for the bowl game.

"It was a dream come true for our team," Hendrix said. "But then I began to think what it would be like to play against Ed's team."

Because they both play on offense, they won't go head-to-head, but the players' parents

admit to a little confusion over how to act.

"We thought of several things to solve our problem," said their father, Frank, a Victoria, Texas, rancher. "We'll just cheer for the offense and hope everything turns out all right."

Frank Hendrix and his wife, Margaret Ann, figure they'll need to explain why they are jumping up and screaming every time either offense does something.

The family didn't foresee this kind of situation when Carlton accepted his military appointment to the Air Force Academy in 1993. As a 6-foot-1 high school senior, he wasn't sought after by the Southwest Conference recruiters. But they recruited Ed, who was 6-4 and 260 pounds.

"Ed was always bigger and stronger than I was," Hendrix said. "Since he was two years older, we really never played together."

The brothers did play together in a state playoff game when Victoria High School's tight end was injured and Carlton started as an extra blocker.

Schnellenberger resigns; OU in search of head football coach

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Speculation is swirling over just who will replace Howard Schnellenberger as Oklahoma's football coach and the name of John Blake, defensive line coach for the Dallas Cowboys, quickly surfaced.

Blake is a former Sooner player and assistant coach.

But athletic director Donnie Duncan says the committee would not necessarily look for someone with ties to the school to replace Schnellenberger, who abruptly resigned Monday. "As with any job, we're going to seek the best available coach," he said.

One local radio station reported that the job is Blake's to have, and that he will be hired before Christmas. Another radio station said Blake was in Oklahoma City Monday afternoon discussing the job with school officials.

Blake said in Dallas Tuesday

that he has not officially been contacted by the school.

"I have had a lot of calls from people who are supporting me. I'm surprised it happened this quick there," he said. "I'd heard there was some unhappy players. For right now I'm just keeping busy for the upcoming Cowboy games."

Asked if he would like to be a candidate, Blake responded: "I'd hope they would consider me again. I was excited about the last opportunity, and I hope I get another opportunity."

Blake was among those considered for the job after Gary Gibbs was forced out a year ago. Cowboys coach Barry Switzer, a former head coach at Oklahoma himself, recommended Blake for the post at that time.

"I recommended Blake the last time and they wouldn't listen to me," Switzer said.

Switzer was head coach at

Oklahoma for 16 years before resigning in 1989. He has been under fire in Dallas this season, but said he has no interest in returning to the Sooners.

"I have talked to people at Oklahoma, but not in regard to the job," he said. "I have talked to the administration about the situation there. I was surprised (by Schnellenberger's resignation)."

Duncan said a search committee would be formed soon and that he hoped to have a new coach named by the first week of January. He noted that the next weekend for recruits to visit is Jan. 12.

Along with Blake, other names that may surface as candidates are Marshall coach Jim Donnan, a former Sooner assistant who has enjoyed great success with the Thundering Herd; Northwestern coach Gary Barnett and Oregon coach Mike Bellotti.

Oilers hope history won't repeat itself next weekend in Buffalo

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers have taken care of business at home. Now they want to do the same in Buffalo, site of the franchise's most embarrassing moment.

The Oilers (6-9) travel to frigid Rich Stadium on Sunday for the regular season finale and again face memories of the 1992 AFC Wildcard Playoff game when they took a 35-3 third-quarter lead before the Bills rallied to a 41-38 victory. It was the biggest comeback in NFL history.

"It will be a perfect setting, not to get revenge but to just win," cornerback Cris Dishman said. "It will be cold, there will be a hostile crowd. It will be perfect."

"We're going back there to try to close out our season with a win."

The Oilers beat the New York Jets 23-6 Sunday in a bitter-sweet victory that probably was

their last game in the Astrodome before completing a move to Tennessee.

Coach Jeff Fisher started Monday putting the emotional last game in the Astrodome behind and looking to the season-ending game against the AFC Eastern Division champions.

"I told the guys that 7-9 sounds much better than 6-10," Fisher said. "This past weekend, knowing it might be the last game we play here, made it important to leave on a winning note."

"Yesterday is over and now we have every intention of trying to win this week."

The Oilers entertained their fans by giving rookie Steve McNair his first NFL start. They wanted to see more passing from McNair but the Oilers' No. 1 pick completed 13 of 27 passes for 198 yards and one touchdown.

Now McNair leaves the 72-degree comfort of the Astrodome for the elements of Rich Stadium.

"I've played in the cold a few times," McNair said. "It's just a matter of putting that part out of your mind and going about your business."

The Oilers have played in mild weather most of the season.

"We've just had the cold game in Cleveland when all but two guys came out sleeveless," Fisher said. "Any time you go into the last game of the season there are reasons to be distracted. But we'll be ready."

Dishman recalls the Oilers' embarrassment in Buffalo.

"I can't forget it because you guys won't let me," he said. "Every time we play Buffalo everyone asks me if I remember. Sure, I remember. You won't let me forget."

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Long night

Minnesota quarterback Warren Moon looks dejected on the sidelines late in the Vikings' 37-30 loss to San Francisco Monday night.

TEXAS

QB admits to cheating

DALLAS (AP) — Admitting that he submitted a term paper written by his brother, freshman quarterback Derek Canine has dropped out of Southern Methodist University.

Canine, a freshman from Birmingham, Mich., who started the Mustangs' last six games in 1995, is seeking permission to transfer to another school. The Dallas Morning News reported today.

SMU coach Tom Rossley said he probably would allow Canine to transfer to a school not on the Mustangs' schedule. SMU joins the Western Athletic Conference next year.

Canine withdrew before final exams but returned Friday to face an Honors Council hearing board on charges brought by a teacher.

NATION/WORLD

Dickenson wins Payton award

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Montana quarterback Dave Dickenson received the Walter Payton Award, presented to the top player in NCAA Division I-AA.

Dickenson, who led the Grizzlies to a 22-20 victory over Marshall in the division championship Saturday, received 55 first-place votes and 825 points from division sports information directors and media.

Indy gets competition

CHICAGO (AP) — Championship Auto Racing Teams, in a battle with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway over guaranteed starting positions in the Indianapolis 500, will conduct its own event on Memorial Day weekend.

CART voted to stage the U.S. 500 — in direct competition with the Indianapolis 500 — on May 26.

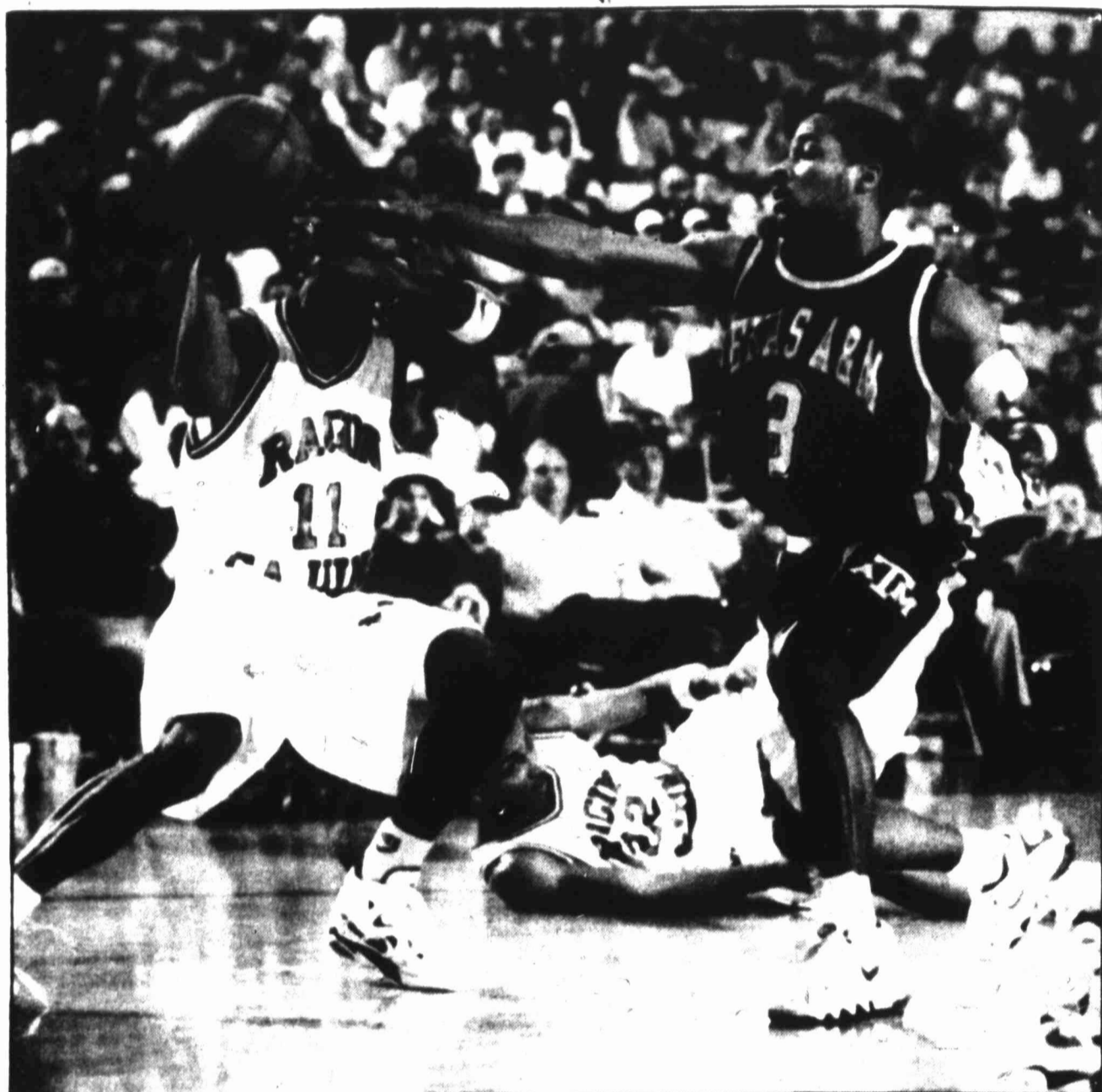
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Phoenix at Houston, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).



Texas A&M guard Derrick Hart, right, knocks the ball away from Charles Fine of Southwestern Louisiana during the first half of their game Monday in Lafayette, La. A&M lost, 74-69.

Associated Press photo

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Runnels girls win at Greenwood

GREENWOOD — The Runnels girls' basketball team came away with top honors at last weekend's Greenwood junior high tournament.

Runnels began play in the one-day event with a 44-8 pasting of Greenwood. Laura Johnson led Runnels with 10 points, while Theresa Perrae had 8 points and seven steals, and Julie Adams, Angie DeLaCruz and Amber Bedell had 6 points each.

In the championship game, Bedell scored 7 points and Porras chipped in 6 to lead Runnels to a 33-11 win over Sweetwater.

Also playing well for Runnels (4-1) were Griselda Reyes, Alexis Casillas, Morgan Lopez, Nicole Peterson, Stephany Nix and Michelle Stokes.

JV Lady Steers stampede Pecos

The JV Lady Steers stampeded into district play with a 63-19 win over Pecos.

Keesha Lott led the Lady Steers offense with 16 points and Traci Bellinghausen followed with 10.

Runnels drops three at Tournament

ANDREWS — Runnels' boys dropped three straight games at the Andrews tournament this weekend.

In their opening game, Andrews defeated the Yearlings 48-27.

In the consolation bracket, the Yearlings met Lamesa which rallied in the second half to win 61-29.

The Yearlings played Seminole for seventh place and dropped a 55-32 decision.

Leading Runnels was John Purcell with 16. Jose Carnero scored 14 while Aurthur Gonzales scored 13. Lance Brock added 12 and Jacob Bavin 11.

The Yearlings will return to the court Jan. 8 at home against Snyder.

Snyder game cancelled

The Big Spring-Snyder girls' basketball game set for Thursday has been cancelled.

The Lady Steers will return to action Jan. 2 against Lake View.

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Thorndale produces double MVPs for 1A dream team

DALLAS (AP) — Thorndale has dominated Class 1A this season with a relentless offense and a stingy defense, so it's little surprise the Bulldogs have the top players on each side of the ball on The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class A All-State team announced Monday.

Befitting their playing styles, tailback Twone Simmons was a runaway choice for offensive player of the year and defensive lineman Chad Schwarz withstood the challenge by a dozen others for his honor.

Offensive lineman Tim Mitchell also made the first team, making Thorndale the only school with three representatives. The Bulldogs also had two second-teamers.

"They definitely deserve it," said Thorndale coach Don Cowan. "All of those guys have been huge for us. Their stats speak for themselves."

The APSE All-State team is based on regular-season performance. Nominations for the sixth annual team were made during the season and votes were made before the playoffs.

In the regular season, Simmons ran for 1,516 yards and 28 touchdowns — on just 93 carries, an average of 16.3 yards per attempt and a score every 3.3 times he ran.

The 5-10, 180-pound junior, who was second-team all-state last season, has been used a little more in the playoffs and he's upped his season totals to

2,120 yards on 154 rushes.

Schwarz, a 6-1, 210-pound senior who also starts on the offensive line, had 105 tackles and 14 sacks in the regular season, even though Cowan said "people just don't run his way very much."

Behind those stars, defending 1A champion Thorndale has gone 15-0 and built a 31-game winning streak. The Bulldogs play Roscoe (14-1) in Saturday's championship game. A victory would make them the first team to repeat as 1A champions since the UIL expanded to five classes in 1980.

In the championship, Thorndale will have to deal with Jerry Chavira, Roscoe's 6-4, 295-pound lineman who made first-team all-state on offense and was second-team on defense.

"He's an incredible leader," Roscoe coach Ronnie Tindol said. "He leads by example. He's a hard-working kid with a lot of determination to go on to play college ball for somebody. He's got the size. I think he deserves that opportunity."

Chavira was Roscoe's only first-teamer, although the Plowboys had three offensive players on the second team: lineman Nathan Hartkopf, running back Jason Alexander and kicker Andy Howard.

Crawford, the team that lost last year's title game to Thorndale and was knocked from the playoffs this year by Roscoe, had two first-teamers

in offensive lineman Aaron Abel and defensive back Cody Gohlke.

Wortham had two first-teamers; in offensive lineman Leonard Davis and linebacker Larry Chapman, who had 131 tackles and forced 11 fumbles.

Muenster placed two players on the first-team with running back Cody Sicking, who ran for 2,129 yards and 24 touchdowns, and defensive lineman Matt Chisam, who had 114 tackles and 10 sacks.

The third running back on the first team was Wink's Josh Haynes, who ran for 1,608 yards and scored 186 points. The top quarterback was Hico's Grable Garza and the ends were Rising Star's Brandon Franklin and Motley County's Kevin Keltz, who had 75 catches for 1,039 yards.

Although no players who made last year's team were back this season, here's two names to watch for next year: linebackers Gerald Taylor of Munday and Alonzo Esparza of Runge.

Esparza, a sophomore, had 161 tackles and Taylor, a junior, averaged 15 tackles per game.

Other standout defensive first-teamers include defensive backs Robby Brown of Blue Ridge and Joe Luna of Plains, each of whom had nine interceptions. Lindsay's Garrett Hellinger, also a defensive back, had 108 tackles and seven interceptions.

Mount St. Mary shocks Ga. Tech

It's post-exam and pre-Christmas time in college basketball. That means some easy home matchups for the better teams as they shake out the study cobwebs and get ready to head home for the holidays.

Then a school like Mount St. Mary's comes along and throws a wrench in the plans.

The fourth-smallest school in Division I, with an enrollment of 1,400, beat No. 21 Georgia Tech 71-69 Monday night.

"I can't remember a bigger win," Mountaineers coach Jim Phelan said after improving his record in 42 years at the school to 741-394. "I think we caught them perhaps in between good wins and tough games."

The Yellow Jackets (6-4) were coming off a win Saturday over then-No. 20 Louisville and their next game is against No. 2 Massachusetts on Friday.

"Across the country, people are going to look at this score in disbelief, but these things happen in college basketball all the time," Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins said. "It really, really hurts. It hurts a lot, but we've got to move forward and worry about the next game."

Jeff Balistrere's only basket of the game was a layup at the final buzzer after an inbounds pass with .7 seconds to play. That gave the Mountaineers (4-2) of the Northeast Conference the victory over a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Biggest shot of my life? Sure," said Balistrere, who missed his four other shots and was averaging 7.6 points. "I was just thinking point-7 seconds. I've got to get it up there quick."

In other games involving ranked teams Monday night, it was No. 1 Kansas 103, Pittsburg State 48; No. 6 Georgetown 88, St. Francis, Pa. 55; No. 12 Wake Forest 91, Appalachian State 50; No. 15 Missouri 81, Austin Peay 58; No. 17 Michigan 84, Cleveland State 55; and No. 22 Virginia Tech 68, West Virginia 62.

Chris McGuthrie, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, had 37 points for the Mountaineers, including an 8-for-16 performance from 3-point range.

"That young man played a great game. What did he have? 50? He was sensational," Cremins said of Guthrie.

Drew Barry scored all of his 14 points in the second half for Georgia Tech, while Stephen Marbury and Matt Harpring each had 13.

The Yellow Jackets tied it 69-69 with 20 seconds remaining when Marbury made one of two free throws. The Mountaineers held the ball until the final seconds when Riley Inge's shot from the corner missed, but Mount St. Mary's regained possession with .7 seconds left. Inge then found Balistrere alone under the basket and

stunned the crowd of 8,562 at The Omni.

No. 1 Kansas 103, Pittsburg State 48

The Jayhawks (7-0) scored 31 straight points in the first half as they cruised over this year's small-college, in-state opponent who gets a chance to play in Allen Field House and take home a \$22,000 guarantee. Scot Pollard had 16 points for Kansas, which led 54-23 at halftime and scored the first 12 points of the second half. Marc Eddington had 14 points for the Division II Gorillas (3-6).

No. 6 Georgetown 88, St. Francis, Pa. 55

Allen Iverson had 15 points and nine assists as the Hoyas (8-1) opened the game with a 13-2 run and led 47-17 at halftime. Jerome Williams had 14 points, 10 rebounds and seven steals for the Hoyas, who forced 28 turnovers and had 16 steals and 12 blocks. Terrance Martin had 15 points to lead the visiting Red Flash (1-4), who shot 18 percent in the first half.

No. 12 Wake Forest 91, Appalachian State 50

Tim Duncan had 15 points, eight rebounds, six blocks and three assists in 28 minutes for the Demon Deacons (5-1), who welcomed back starting guard Jerry Braswell from a season-long academic suspension. The sophomore had 10 points on 4-for-6 shooting and committed just one turnover.

Super Bowl gets Internet site

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC and the NFL said Monday they are joining with Microsoft Corp. in creating an Internet site available to computer users for a month leading up to the Super Bowl game.

NBC and the NFL are also creating a Super Bowl preview show that will be shaped in part by suggestions that may be made via the Internet site.

The on-line service will open later this month and will

remain in operation at least a week after Super Bowl XXX is played and broadcast live Jan. 28 on the NBC television network.

The service will feature advertising along with coverage of news conferences and opportunities to exchange views with principals in the battle for the NFL championship. On game day, NBC will offer analysis of the game as it is played.

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SPORTS EXTRA

FOOTBALL

Bowl schedule

All Times EST
Thursday, Dec. 14
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Toledo 40, Nevada 37, OT

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Kansas (9-2) vs. UCLA (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Air Force (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Michigan (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Florida A&M (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-4-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), noon (ESPN)

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 8

p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas (10-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Tuesday, Jan. 2
 Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Jan. 13
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 20
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 21
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

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Indianapolis 8 7 0 .533 332 307
Miami 8 7 0 .533 357 310

West
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x-Kansas City 12 3 0 .800 332 238
Oakland 8 7 0 .533 320 301
San Diego 8 7 0 .533 268 332
Seattle 8 7 0 .533 360 340
Denver 7 8 0 .467 357 317

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y-Philadelphia 10 5 0 .667 304 318
N.Y. Giants 5 10 0 .333 273 313
Washington 5 10 0 .333 306 342
Arizona 4 11 0 .267 262 385

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y-Green Bay 10 5 0 .667 380 295
Detroit 9 6 0 .600 390 326
Chicago 8 7 0 .533 372 346
Minnesota 8 7 0 .533 388 358
Tampa Bay 7 8 0 .467 228 298

West
x-San Fran. 11 4 0 .733 430 230
Atlanta 8 7 0 .533 334 322
St. Louis 7 8 0 .467 272 305
Carolina 7 8 0 .467 272 305
New Orleans 6 9 0 .400 307 348

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 41, New England 27
Green Bay 34, New Orleans 23

Sunday's Games
Detroit 44, Jacksonville 0
Buffalo 23, Miami 20
Cleveland 26, Cincinnati 10
Houston 23, New York Jets 6
Carolina 21, Atlanta 17
Philadelphia 21, Arizona 20
Chicago 31, Tampa Bay 10
Washington 35, St. Louis 23
Kansas City 29, Denver 17
San Diego 27, Indianapolis 24
Dallas 21, New York Giants 20
Seattle 44, Oakland 10

Monday's Game
San Francisco 37, Minnesota 30

Saturday, Dec. 23
San Diego at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

BASKETBALL

College scores

EAST
Canisius 65, Colgate 63
Georgetown 88, St. Francis, Pa. 55
Harvard 81, Vermont 72
Manhattan 74, Hofstra 51
Princeton 88, St. Joseph's 78

SOUTH
Aia-Birmingham 67, Jacksonville 64
Ark-Little Rock 62, Grambling St. 57
Citadel 102, St. Mary's, Md. 53
Coppin St. 86, Ill. Chicago 73
East Carolina 62, Campbell 57
Florida Atlantic 95, Winthrop 73
Louisiana Tech 91, NW Louisiana 61
Morehead St. 89, Thomas More 85, OT
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 71, Georgia Tech 69
N.C.-Greensboro 86, Hampton U. 78
Oregon St. 68, New Orleans 61
S. Carolina St. 82, Furman 66
SIU Louisiana 74, Texas A&M 69
Virginia Tech 68, West Virginia 62
Wake Forest 91, Appalachian St. 50

MIDWEST
Iowa St. 76, Mo. St. Louis 63
Kansas 103, Pittsburg St. 48
Kansas St. 69, Morgan St. 60
Michigan 84, Cleveland St. 55
Missouri 81, Austin Peay 58
N. Iowa 82, Loyola, Ill. 72
N.C. Charlotte 81, St. Illinois 76
North Dakota 94, NE Louisiana 76
Santa Clara 80, Illinois St. 78
St. Louis 65, Sam Houston St. 48

SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 77, Texas Southern 63
Oklahoma St. 68, Michigan St. 57

Texas Tech 89, Old Dominion 84
Texas-El Paso 76, Jacksonville St. 53

FAR WEST
Charleston Southern 63, UNLV 55
UCLA 100, Stephen F. Austin 88
Utah St. 98, Chaminade 52

NBA

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Orlando 18 6 .750 —
New York 17 6 .739 1/2
Miami 12 9 .571 4 1/2
Washington 11 10 .524 5 1/2
Boston 11 11 .500 6
New Jersey 9 12 .429 7 1/2
Philadelphia 4 17 .190 12 1/2

Central Division
Chicago 20 2 .909 —
Indiana 11 10 .524 8 1/2
Cleveland 11 11 .500 9
Atlanta 11 12 .478 9 1/2
Charlotte 11 13 .458 10
Detroit 9 13 .409 11
Milwaukee 7 13 .350 12
Toronto 8 17 .320 13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
Houston 17 6 .739 —
Utah 16 7 .696 1
San Antonio 13 7 .650 2 1/2
Denver 10 12 .455 6 1/2
Dallas 7 14 .333 9
Minnesota 6 14 .300 9 1/2
Vancouver 3 21 .125 14 1/2

Midwest Division
W L Pct GB
Portland 11 11 .500 4
Phoenix 9 11 .450 5
Golden State 8 14 .364 7
L.A. Clippers 8 15 .348 7 1/2

Sunday's Games
Toronto 110, Orlando 93
Philadelphia 101, Minnesota 99
Milwaukee 84, Indiana 80
Cleveland 92, Denver 79
Washington 112, Portland 100

Monday's Games
Chicago 123, Boston 114
Utah 110, New Jersey 103
Sacramento 92, Vancouver 85

Tuesday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L T Pts GF GA
Florida 23 8 2 48 117 79
N.Y. Rangers 21 10 5 47 127 99
Philadelphia 21 8 4 46 123 80
Washington 14 14 3 31 83 83
Tampa Bay 13 14 3 31 90 107
New Jersey 13 13 2 29 80 80
N.Y. Islanders 7 20 4 18 72 123

Northwest Division
Pittsburgh 20 7 3 43 151 95
Montreal 16 13 2 34 99 99
Buffalo 14 14 3 31 95 99
Boston 12 14 2 106 113
Hartford 11 17 3 25 77 98
Ottawa 7 24 1 15 77 127

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
W L T Pts GF GA
Detroit 21 7 2 44 118 68
Toronto 17 10 5 39 105 91
St. Louis 14 13 3 35 89
Chicago 13 12 3 33 104 99
Winnipeg 14 15 3 31 117 117
Dallas 10 13 6 26 82 95

Pacific Division
Colorado 18 11 4 40 141 102
Los Angeles 13 13 6 32 105 105
Vancouver 11 12 8 30 112 115
Anaheim 13 18 3 29 104 106
Edmonton 11 16 6 28 90 125
Calgary 7 18 2 11 88 114
San Jose 6 23 4 16 96 152

Saturday's Games
Boston 6, Calgary 3
N.Y. Islanders 3, Hartford 3, tie
Philadelphia 4, Montreal 2

Buffalo 3, New Jersey 2
Washington 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Florida 7, Tampa Bay 2
St. Louis 3, San Jose 2
Toronto 6, Los Angeles 3

Sunday's Games
Vancouver 4, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 5
Dallas 4, San Jose 2
Toronto 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Chicago 3, Winnipeg 1

Monday's Games
Montreal 3, Hartford 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 0
Vancouver 4, Colorado 2
Edmonton 3, Ottawa 1

Tuesday's Games
Calgary at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Dallas 4, San Jose 2
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with Jeff Reed, catcher, on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with Orlando Merced, outfielder, on a two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with Gary Gaetti, third baseman, on a one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with Bob Tewksbury, pitcher, on a one-year contract. Designated Julio Bruno, infielder, for assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with Rich Deluca and Sergio Valdez, pitchers, on one-year contracts.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Fired Bill Blair, coach. Announced that general manager Flip Saunders will coach the team for the rest of the season.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed Bruce Kozerski, guard, on the injured reserve. Signed Ray Forsythe, offensive lineman, from the practice squad.
RELEASED Fritz Fekule, offensive lineman, from the practice squad.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with Roger McDowell, pitcher, on a one-year contract.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with Butch Henry, pitcher, on a one-year contract.
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Todd Frohwirth, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed Bob Scamian, pitcher, on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Sent Al Hayes, pitcher, outright to New Orleans of the American Association.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Announced that Rick Honeycutt, pitcher, accepted salary arbitration.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Traded Bill Fleury, pitcher, and Miguel Garco, second baseman, to the Toronto Blue Jays for Edwin Hurtado and Paul Binghamton.

National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Calgary Flames right wing Ron Stern, effective Dec. 16, for slashing St. Louis defenseman Jeff Norton on Dec. 14.
BUFFALO SABRES—Recalled Steve Shields, goaltender, from Rochester of the AHL.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Sent Keith Morris, left wing, to Columbus of the AHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Sent San Blyskal, right wing, to Phoenix of the AHL.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Placed Andre Kovacek, right wing, on the injured list, retroactive to Dec. 16. Recalled Chris Murray, right wing, from Fradenton of the AHL, and Tomas Vokoun, goaltender, from Wheeling of the ECHL.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled Reid Simpson, left wing, from Albany of the AHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled Peter Ferraro, left wing, from Binghamton of the AHL, and placed Steve Larocque, center, to Binghamton.

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Detroit at Tampa Bay	Minnesota at Cincinnati
San Diego at N.Y. Giants	New Orleans at N.Y. Jets
New England at Indianapolis	Philadelphia at Chicago
Carolina at Washington	Pittsburgh at Green Bay
Cleveland at Jacksonville	San Francisco at Atlanta
Denver at Oakland	Seattle at Kansas City
Houston at Buffalo	Dallas at Arizona
Miami at St. Louis	Kansas vs. UCLA

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- Limit one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) One-to-one relating is your strong suit. Others are eager to meet you halfway. The embers of a personal relationship could start blazing because you are both willing to adapt. If you are single, someone could bring some unexpected excitement into your life! Tonight: Go out for dinner.****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An associate or partner who is in the middle of big changes stuns you with a reversal. This doesn't have to be a problem; in fact, it could be good news. Honor this person's space and support his or her personal growth. You might make key decisions. Tonight: Accept a sudden offer.****
CANCER (June 21-July 22) You need to concentrate on one item at a time. The odd opinion of a partner or associate may shake you up. You need to settle an immediate hassle to gain perspective. Work needs some streamlining - this may be a good way to work through some frustration. Tonight: Work late.****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Review an unexpected development at work and creatively evaluate the pluses and minuses of a problem. Staying clear about what is happening and the potential is important. You can overcome what seems to be a roadblock. Tonight: Treat yourself.****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stay centered about what is happening with a family member. A change involving real estate or long-term objectives mark the next few days. Make sure you are building on a strong foundation. The actions of a child or loved one stuns you. Tonight: Go out.****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Communications may be dramatic, whether it is the lack of or the style in which they are expressed. You might need to release what has been a somewhat dogmatic point of view. Trust decisions and keep trying. You will succeed big-time. Tonight: Hook up with a friend.****
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Finances are important in making decisions right now. You might need to revamp decisions and handle an immediate hassle. Revamping the budget helps your sense of well-being. Examine what you want. The unexpected occurs. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Make it cheap.****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There could be substantial changes in your personal life. Your response to controlling people could change considerably if you become aware of what triggers your behavior. The unexpected occurs. Laugh at a phone call or a perverse communication. Tonight: Be personality-plus.****
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Listen carefully to a loved one. You need to see a problem from a different perspective. Evaluate a change you might need to make regarding a goal or friendship. Others find you unpredictable lately; this may be producing others' unpredictable behavior. Tonight: Go out with friends.****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Focus on the long-term benefits of changing a difficult friendship. You also may need to change your expectations. The more open and honest you are about what is happening, the better off you will be. You experience a sudden insight. Tonight: Take a midweek party break.****
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay responsible and get in touch with your feelings. Understanding opens a new door. Your life is unpredictable, so roll with the punches. A sense of humor helps make what you want happen. Changes occur at work. Refuse to get into a power struggle. Tonight: Work late.****
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Winter celebrations meant to last more than one day

DEAR ABBY: I just read a letter in your column from a young woman who wanted to please all her relatives when it came to holiday visits with her young daughter.
 Abby, most people try to cram so much into Christmas Day there is not enough time or energy to do everything they might want to.
 I tell my friends that Christmas is not a single one-day event. The ancient Romans had their equivalent of Christmas every December, and the festivities went on for days. For thousands of years, Jews have celebrated Hanukkah - the Festival of Lights - for eight days; and for millions of Christians, the ancient celebration was the Twelve Days of Christmas, between Dec. 25 and Jan. 6. Even Kwanzaa, the African holiday, is a multi-day event.
 If you don't get everything done by Dec. 25, so what? You have 12 days at least to exchange gifts, see relatives, do charity work, have dinners, take walks on the beach or in the woods with people you love, and to rest.
 Abby, please spread the word. It might save some frayed nerves; it might even save a few lives. - PATRICK



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

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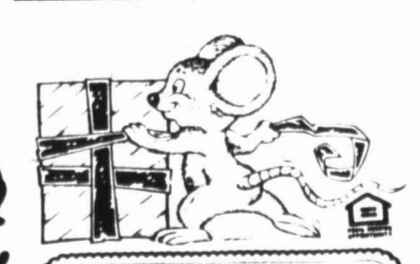
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1995. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic Yuletide tale, "A Christmas Carol," was first published in England.

On this date: In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing Poor Richard's Almanac in Philadelphia.

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay, in which he wrote, "These are the times that try men's souls."

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Penn.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.

In 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched widespread attacks against the French.

In 1950, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was named commander of the military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned landings on the moon.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1984, Britain and China signed an accord returning the British colony of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty by 1997.

In 1986, the Soviet Union announced it had freed dissident Andrei Sakharov from internal exile, and pardoned his wife, Yelena Bonner.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State George P. Shultz, defying a White House directive requiring polygraph tests for officials with access to highly classified information, said he would resign before agreeing to such a procedure. In Minneapolis, Mary Lund became the first woman to receive a Jarvik VII artificial heart. Lund received a human heart transplant 45 days later; she died in October 1986.

Five years ago: Iraq urged its people to stockpile oil to avoid shortages should war break out, and Saddam Hussein declared he was "ready to crush any attack."

One year ago: Former President Jimmy Carter, on a peace mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, met with Bosnian Serb leaders, who offered a four-month ceasefire. Cable News Network publicly acknowledged it had wrongfully disobeyed a judge's order in broadcasting former Panamanian military ruler Manuel Noriega's jailhouse telephone conversations.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Cicely Tyson is 56. Singer Maurice White is 54. Actor Tim Reid is 51. Anthropologist Richard E. Leakey is 51. Actress Elaine Joyce is 50. Actor Robert Ulrich is 49. Singer Janie Fricke is 48.

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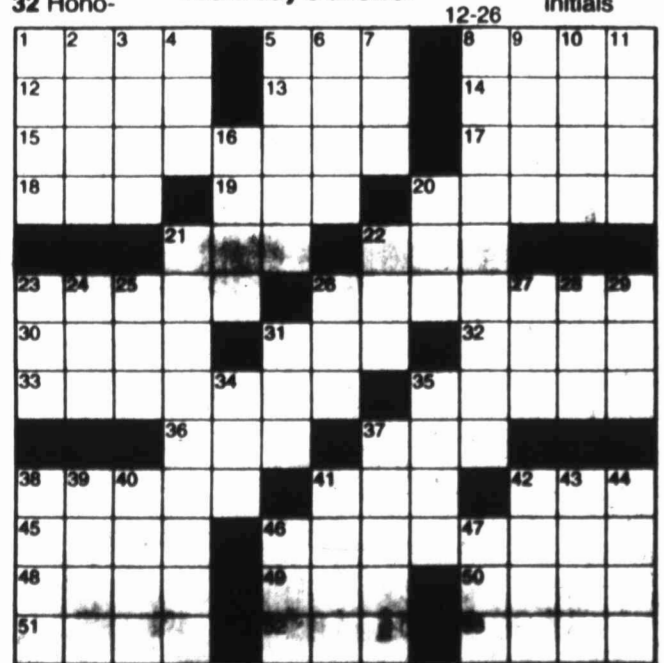
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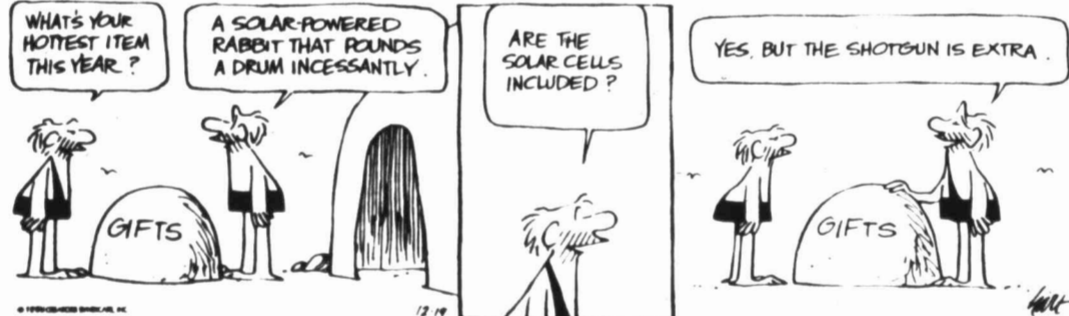


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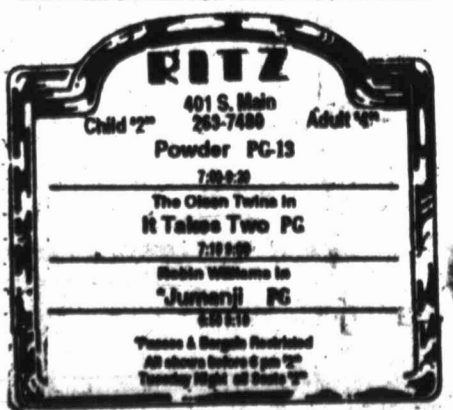
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