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Congressional pay cut during shutdown rebuffed

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans have offered an abundance of proposals in their drive for a balanced budget agreement, but giving up their paychecks apparently isn't one of them.

While the partial government closure will leave some 760,000 federal workers with pruned paychecks starting today, House GOP leaders repeatedly have rebuffed attempts to halt congressional pay during a shut-

down.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, the third-ranking House Republican, offered these reasons for the opposition in a recent CNN appearance: Balancing the budget "has nothing to do with our pay"; Democrats were "demagoguing" the issue by trying to change the subject from a balanced bud-

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get; and, as a member of Congress, he was a "constitutional officer," not a federal employee.

Rank and file House lawmakers — Republican and Democrat alike — are paid \$133,600; Speaker Newt Gingrich gets \$171,500; Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, gets \$148,400, as does Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

While some federal employees make more than \$100,000 a year,

the norm is the same as "most working Americans, the majority of whom live paycheck to paycheck," said John Koskinen, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala recently wrote to her employees that furloughed workers may apply for unemployment, but would have to give back all benefits if they are paid later. "You may wish to contact your credi-

tors ... to apprise them of the current situation," she said.

Three times, the Senate unanimously approved language that would decree — during a full or partial shutdown — that no paychecks go out to the 435 House members, the 100 senators or the president.

Five times, Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said he tried to get the House to consider the proposal and was rebuffed by Republicans — especially in the

leadership-controlled Rules Committee.

"I think the Republican leadership is very two-faced," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the chief Senate sponsor of the legislation. "They want federal employees and contractors (serving the government) to sacrifice themselves on the altar of their balanced budget plan, but are not willing to sacrifice

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Banquet ticket deadline today

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The 1996 annual banquet of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is set for Friday, Jan. 5, at 6:15 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The banquet will be full of firsts and surprises including the naming of "Man and Woman of the Year" and installing the second woman president of the chamber.

Wednesday, banquet Chairperson Gloria Hopkins told the chamber's board of directors at their monthly meeting the chamber's goal is to exceed last year's attendance of 475 people.

Tickets for the banquet will be \$12.50 per person and the reservation deadline is 5 p.m. today. Any remaining tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis by contacting the chamber at 263-7641.

The theme for the banquet is "Celebrating Big Spring...A Premier Community" and guest speaker will be Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Carpenter is a Big Spring resident who was named the city's "Woman of the Year" in 1978.

Big Spring's 1995 "Man and Woman of the Year" will also be announced at the banquet.

Outgoing chamber president Jim Weaver said the selection committee have unanimously chosen both the man and woman to be honored, but names will not be released until the night of the banquet.

Last year's man and woman of the year were Jerry Worthy and Beverly McMahon.

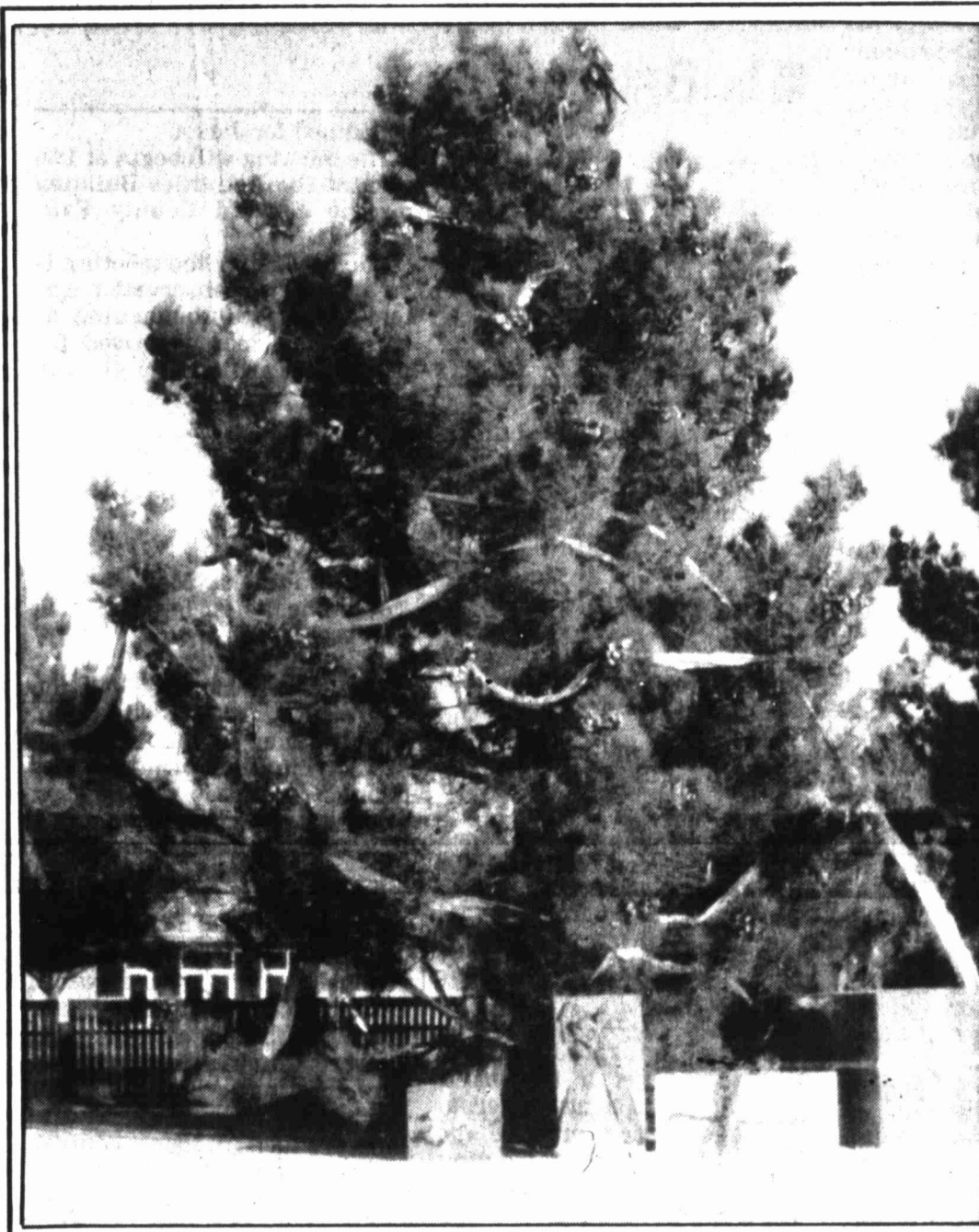
Other activities will include installation of Frances Wheat as president of the chamber. She will become only the second woman to serve as president.

Johnnie Lou Avery became the first woman to serve as chamber president in 1979.

Wheat will be following in the footsteps of her grandfather B. Reagan who served as chamber president in 1926.

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GOT THE BLUES

Herald photo by Mary McAbner
Tired after the holiday? This tinsel on this tree at Howard College seems to be feeling a little droopy, too.

Variety of venues available for coping with mental illness

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the final article looking at various mental illnesses and how new knowledge and understanding have helped people cope with their disorders.

Mental illnesses can be treated and managed by therapy and medicine just like physical illnesses can. Stigmas are often placed on people who suffer from depression or other mental disorders for a variety of reasons.

Louise Sharp, a clinical social worker with the Howard County Mental Health Center, said people are often afraid of mental illness because they don't understand it.

You can't tell just by looking at someone they have a mental disorder and Sharp said it is important for the public to be supportive of friends and family members who are suffering.

The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill is a support and

advocacy group for those concerned with mental illness and is an affiliate of the state and national AMI organizations.

AMI is a coalition made up of families with a mentally ill member, people recovering from a disorder and others who are interested in supporting mentally ill people.

Teaching people how to cope, educating them and encouraging support are key issues with the local AMI.

Big Spring AMI provides:

- Assurance that a person is not alone and they are not to blame.

- Self-help by sharing common problems, mutual encouragement and practical advice.

- Information about existing mental health care, sources of help in crises, community services and available financial aid.

- Knowledge about causes, symptoms and treatment of mental illness and neurobiological disorder and to secure a

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Arrests made in criminal mischief incidents; more warrants being sought

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department have made several arrests and more are pending from an incident that occurred the night of Dec. 13.

With the help of a CrimeStoppers tip, police have been able to solve several reports of windows being broken out by a BB gun or some similar sort of weapon.

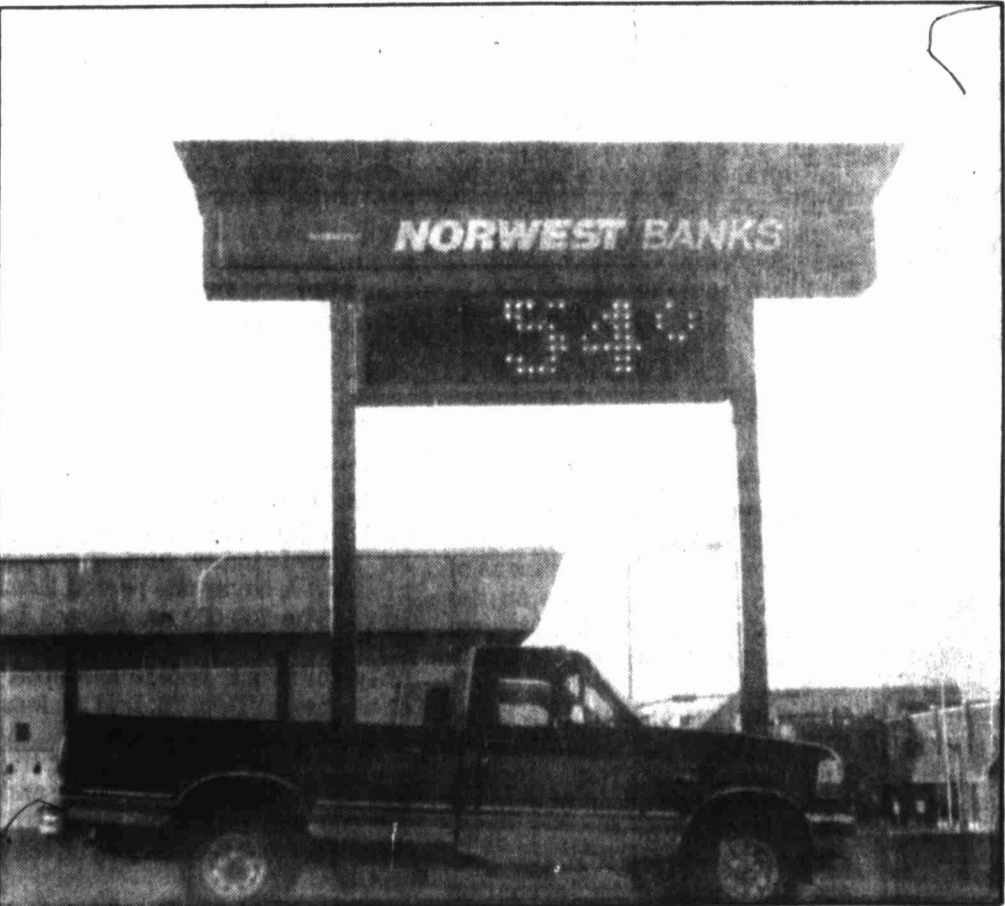
Originally the reports were filed from the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Virginia, 1800 block of Morrison, 1400 block of Mount Vernon, 1500 block of East Fourth, 3200 block of Duke, 3300 block of Interstate 20 and 500 block of Westover.

Another report was also received from the 800 block of West 17th after a front door was shot.

The total damages for the incidents, which involved teenagers and adults, is estimated to be about \$3,000, making the offense a state jail felony.

An individual found guilty of a state jail felony may be punished by serving no less than 180 days to no more than 2 years in a state jail and or fined an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Police Sgt. Victor Brake said the juveniles involved in the incident have been detained and Det. David Mohn, who compiled the information for the CrimeStoppers report, will seek warrants for the arrest of the adults involved.



YOU CALL THIS WINTER?

Herald photo by Mary McAbner
This is winter? A visitor from Wisconsin commented Big Spring should be celebrating the 4th of July with temperatures like that. The forecast calls for the temperatures to climb back up to near 60 over the weekend with lows in the 30s.

Texas Trivia

What term referred to the famous swing of Texas golfer Byron Nelson?
"Rocking chair"

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Nation: A bomb that two disgruntled taxpayers are accused of planting outside an IRS building was made from the same fertilizer and fuel mixture used in the Oklahoma City bombing, investigators said. See page 6A.

STATE

Recants story

The brother of a teen-ager accused of a sniper attack on a motorist has recanted the story that led authorities to speculate the shooting was motivated by a scheme to get Christmas toys, the El Paso Times reported Thursday. See page 3A.

Saved his own life

Logan Johnson says that when he jumped into a pond last February to save a minister whose car had slid into the water, he also saved his own life. See page 4A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
PARTLY CLOUDY
50 ▲ Highs 30
Lows ▼

Saturday
PARTLY CLOUDY

Partly cloudy
Tonight, mostly cloudy, low near 30, south winds 10 to 15 mph becoming west by midnight.

Permian Basin Forecast
Saturday: Partly cloudy, high upper 50s, west to northwest winds 10 to 15 mph; partly cloudy night, low near 30.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, high near 60, west to northwest winds 10 to 15 mph; partly cloudy night, low near 30.

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OBITUARIES

Saul Morales

Rosary for Saul S. Morales, 50, Sand Springs, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Feb. 5, 1945, in Seguin. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, serving in Vietnam and had received the Purple Heart.

He is survived by his wife: Mary Morales, Sand Springs; his mother: Refugia Morales, San Angelo; three sisters: Erlinda Rodriguez, Clara Gutierrez, both of San Angelo, and Connie Ortiz, Lubbock; two brothers: Armando Morales, Lamesa, and Guadalupe Morales, Albuquerque, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Zella Lindley

Zella Eliza Thorp Lindley, 91, Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, in a local nursing home. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 1995, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Royce Clay, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born on July 21, 1904, to Martha and Frank Thorp. She married Charles T. Lindley on Jan. 4, 1922. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1956.

Survivors include one son: Herbert Lindley and wife, Emma Lou, Tulsa, Okla.; five daughters: Dorothy Baker, Coahoma, Charlene Walker, Fort Worth, Ruby Helen Turner, Big Spring, Bonnie Lindley, Dallas, and Dolores Stanley and her husband Marcus Stanley, Midland; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two granddaughters, Sharon Walker and Carla Walker.

Services for T.E. Alexander, 74, Big Spring, are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died today at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

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Saul S. Morales, 50, died Thursday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at St. Margaret Mary Church, Lamesa.

Zella Eliza Thorp Lindley, 91, died Thursday. Services are 11:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel, interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

T.E. Alexander, 74, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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Budget shutdown hits reservations hard

PHOENIX (AP) — While politicians fight over the budget impasse, the nation's Indian reservations are just trying to hang on.

Without federal money, the Hopi Reservation, for example, can't buy gas for police cars or food for its five day schools. As a result, hundreds of children may not be able to return to classes on Tuesday after the holiday break.

Police layoffs and an increase in already rampant unemployment are also looming, Hopi Chairman Ferrell Secakuku said Thursday.

Secakuku and other tribal leaders in Arizona — where the Indian population of 285,000 is the nation's largest — say reservations are especially hard hit by the lack of a budget agreement because of their heavy reliance on federal money.

Perhaps the only people happy about the shutdown are those in the Hopi Reservation Detention Center: They may be released because there is no money for heat.

"We have 1.6 million acres to oversee, and there's about 11,000 to 12,000 people living on this land and needing services. But those services will be drastically reduced without a budget

agreement, said Secakuku, who hopes to go to Washington this weekend with other tribal leaders. The Hopis are living off money carried over from last year's budget. The money will run out sometime in early January, Secakuku said.

The Navajo Nation is faring better, said Thomas Atcity, vice president of the tribe. The Navajos have the largest reservation in the country, covering about 17 million acres and spreading into parts of New Mexico and Utah. Navajos account for 207,000 of the Indians in Arizona.

"By using some carryover funds, most of our workers are prepared to work into the middle of March," Atcity said. The Navajos have been helped by having their own area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which deals only with the Navajo nation. Other tribes must deal with the Phoenix area BIA office.

"What happens with the other tribes is there is a real tug of war for funds," Atcity said.

Elsewhere, the shutdown is threatening San Diego's American Indian health clinic, which provides free medical and dental care, mental health counseling and HIV testing for the area's 17,000 Indians.

Ticket

Continued from page 1A. continue to be doing what we can as a chamber to implement the master plan. We also want to revitalize the downtown area," Wheat said.

She added, "We're also very interested in marketing Big

Spring through our Convention and Visitors Bureau."

Wheat also mentioned the chamber plans to continue the unified advertising of Big Spring's retail and service oriented businesses through the "At Your Service" program.

Cope

Continued from page 1A. place in society for those suffering from this illness. Advocacy on the local, state and national level to work for legislation and funding to ensure quality inpatient and outpatient care for those with chronic mental illness.

The monthly Family Education & Support meeting sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center is the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings are at The Corral, 611 East Third at 6 p.m. Big Spring AMI meets immediately following at 7 p.m.

The county mental health center provides numerous services for its consumers. These include screening, assessment, referral, treatment planning, counseling, medication therapy, case management, education, crisis intervention, psychosocial rehabilitation, in-home and family support, children's services and community residential programs. Contact HCMHC for more information. Family and friends can help

Cut

Continued from page 1A. themselves on that alter." "It's cowardice on their part for them to put the paychecks of a lot of innocent people on the line and refuse to put their own paychecks on the line," Durbin said.

In addition to Durbin's rejection in the Rules Committee — the gatekeeper that decides which bills and amendments get to the floor — the Boxer proposal was deleted by a House-Senate conference from legislation to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission.

When DeLay, of Texas, was asked on CNN's "Talk Back Live" on Dec. 19 whether he would support congressional pay cuts during a shutdown, he told the audience participation show: "No, I would not. I am not a federal employee. I am a constitutional officer. My job is in the Constitution of the United States."

"I am not a government employee. I am in the Constitu-

tion." The Office of Management and Budget says paychecks to be issued today and through next week cover the period Dec. 10-23. The 760,000 employees in unfunded agencies will be paid only for work before the shutdown began Dec. 16, half or less of the normal paycheck.

OMB said 480,000 are on the job as emergency workers, and 280,000 are home on furlough. About 230,000 receive paychecks today.

Boxer has introduced another version of the legislation to answer congressional critics who said stopping their pay could treat members of Congress more harshly than other federal workers.

The latest bill would treat lawmakers the same as the most adversely affected federal employee. "If they lost a week's pay we would lose a week's pay," Boxer said. "If their pay was delayed, our pay would be delayed."

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- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:
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-THEFT near the intersection of I-20 and U.S. 87.
-THEFT in the 700 block of Scurry.
-THEFT in the 400 block of Gregg.
-THEFT in the 1700 block of E. Marcy.
-THEFT in the 1700 block of Wasson.
-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1900 block of Donley.
-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 3900 block of Hamilton.
-DOMESTIC DISTUR-

IN BRIEF

Boy Scouts picking up trees. Boy Scout Troop 401 will pick up and haul off your Christmas tree if you live in Big Spring. A suggested \$5 donation will help the scouts raise money for their summer camps and in purchasing camping equipment. The pick-up date is Jan. 6. Call 263-8860 for more information and to schedule a time for the scouts to pick up the tree.

Spelling bee books available. The 1996 Howard County Spelling Bee is scheduled for Feb. 27 at the Howard College Auditorium. Practice spelling books are available at the Herald for 55 cents each. Any individual wanting more information can call Kristie Carruthers at 263-7331.

Conservation meeting set for Jan. 4. Howard County cotton producers will get a first-hand introduction to a new alternative conservation practice for Howard County at a meeting

scheduled for Jan. 4. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Activities Building on the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The reason for the meeting is an alternative conservation system of surface roughening or tillage has been approved for use in Howard County for conservation purposes. The Southern Mesa Cotton Conference is set for Jan. 15 at Lamesa's Dawson County Annex Building. The registration fee for the conference is \$15 if paid by Jan. 10. After Jan. 10, the fee will be \$20. Registration forms and fees should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331 c/o the Dawson County Ag Fund.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, Garza, Midland, Martin and Howard Counties and will feature information on the latest production technology for dryland production, insect control, and weed control of cotton.

MARKETS

Table with market prices: March cotton futures 81.85 cents a pound, up 40 points; Feb. crude oil 19.43, up 7 points; cash hog steady at \$2 lower at 43 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 65 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 48.57, down 150 points; Feb. live cattle futures 66.17, down 57 points. Commodity Index 5100.50. Volume 81,008,330.

Table with market prices: Mesa Ltd. Prt 3 1/2; Mobile 113 1/2; NUV 9 1/2; Pepsi Cola 55 1/2; Phillips Petroleum 33 1/2; Rural/Metro 22 1/2; Sears 38 1/2; Southwestern Bell 57 1/2; Sun 26 1/2; Texaco 78 1/2; Texas Instruments 51 1/2; Texas Utilities 40 1/2; Unocal Corp. 29 1/2; Wal-Mart 22 1/2.

RECORDS

Table with weather records: Thursday's temp. 56; Thursday's low 22; Average high 55; Average low 28; Record high 79 in 1928; Record low 4 in 1983; Rainfall Thursday 0.00; Month to date 0.00; Month's normal 0.63; Year to date 15.96; Normal for the year 18.52. **Statistics not available.

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

- Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.
-Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
-Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
-Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by The Super Six Band. Area seniors invited.
-Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.
SATURDAY
-Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
SUNDAY
-Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.
-Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.
-Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.
MONDAY
-Howard County Youth Horsemen, 7 p.m., Howard County Youth Horsemen Area Clubhouse. Call Paula Perry, 393-5617.
-Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
-"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.
-Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
-Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

Cotton conference set for Jan. 15

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'No handgun' signs a hot item

By JOE FOHN
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — They could be called the signs of the times. And they're being printed by the hundreds as businesses prepare for the new state concealed-handgun law that takes effect Monday.

The signs warn customers not to bring their handguns — legal or not — onto the premises.

"It's getting to be a hot item," said Paul Rohls, owner of Budget Signs, who has printed as many as 500 signs in a day.

"I think on Jan. 2 we're going to be flooded with calls," he said.

City Council last Thursday voted to post similar signs more than 800 in all, worth an estimated \$60,000 at entrances to city buildings from City Hall to the convention center, libraries and community service centers.

For most private businesses, it's the management's choice whether clients or customers leave firearms outside or bring them in.

For some, however, there's no choice. Nursing homes and hospitals, racetracks and amusement parks, and businesses that earn most of their revenue from sales of alcoholic beverages are

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Adrian Cervantes, front, stacks "no handgun" signs being made at Budget Signs in San Antonio while Roger Garcia, center, prints and Paul Rohls works in the background. The warning signs are being printed as businesses prepare for the new state concealed-handgun law that takes effect Monday, Jan. 1.

Accused sniper's brother recants his toy story

EL PASO (AP) — The brother of a teen-ager accused of a sniper attack on a motorist has recanted the story that led authorities to speculate the shooting was motivated by a scheme to get Christmas toys, the El Paso Times reported Thursday.

Ricardo Soto's 9-year-old brother, David, told the newspaper the story he told investigators about the Christmas Day shooting on Interstate 10 near Fort Hancock was a lie.

Hudspeth County officials had reported that after 13-year-old Ricardo's arrest Monday, the younger boy had told them his brother had gone to the interstate to try to shoot a toy truck, hoping it would spill its cargo.

Authorities Thursday had not

ruled out that original theory, said Jerry Kresta, chief deputy of the Hudspeth County Sheriff's Department.

"That's all we can do right now because the young man (suspect) himself has not spoken," Kresta said. "We're still keeping that option open."

The boys' sister, Erika Soto, 15, said 9-year-old Ricardo had a habit of lying. "He lies too much," she told The Associated Press.

The suspect's mother also told the Times that the story was untrue.

Authorities themselves repeatedly said they were uncertain what could have caused the shooting, but noted they had to at least investigate the 9-year-old's statements.

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No motive given for killing father

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS (AP) — A Richland High School football player's three-page handwritten admission that he shot and killed his father reveals details about the incident but no motive, police said.

Lance Butterfield, 18, remained in the North Richland Hills jail on a charge of murder Thursday as police investigated the Wednesday shooting death of 45-year-old William Butterfield at the family's Fort Worth-area home.

The teen-ager was arraigned late Wednesday night and bail was set at \$50,000. North Richland Hills police planned to file the case with the Tarrant County district attorney's office Friday, police Capt. Mike Womack

said. "He said his dad was in the hallway and he shot him," North Richland Hills police Capt. Richard Kitchen said. "He never said he was mad at him. He never said anything. He just said he shot him."

The victim and his wife, Kathy Butterfield, operated a mattress company in nearby Haltom City. She was at work when her husband was shot shortly after noon, police said.

Sandy Butterfield, 24, arrived at the house just before 1 p.m. Wednesday as her brother was driving away, police said. Lance Butterfield then drove to his girlfriend's house while Miss. Butterfield called police from a convenience store.

Suburb installs 900 line for gun background checks

DALLAS (AP) — A police psychic at the office of a new 900 telephone number in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton, but a call could predict whether a citizen is allowed to buy a handgun.

The fax number is for gun dealers trying to check a customer's background. Carrollton police spokesman Jack Adams said the 900 number is a "bad connotation" and that he is a police spokesman. "But this is some thing positive. We want to make it convenient for people instead of having them go all

the way over here." The number, which goes into effect Monday, allows the gun dealers to provide Carrollton police with the information they need to conduct checks mandated by the federal Brady law.

The service is believed to be the only one in North Texas that applies to checks made in person. Carrollton handles anywhere from 50 to 100 background applications per month.

By calling the number, the department allows dealers to save themselves a trip and cut

out red tape for both themselves and police, Adams said.

"The main reason was to cut down on paperwork," he said.

AT&T set up the line free of charge, but Adams said the city will pay operating costs of \$3 to \$5 per call.

"Even if we're making \$10 bucks a pop, that's pretty good," Adams said. "We could generate up to \$1,000 a month in revenue."

Background checks can take up to five days, and the department will only notify dealers of rejected applicants.

If the idea catches on, Carrollton might try other 900 numbers

for services such as police reports.

"It does show some possible ways to generate revenue," he said. "This is just the first step, so we'll have to see how it goes."

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Tereza Day, high school student, 1994

Workers shouldn't suffer while politicians play and get paid at the same

As Congress and the president get ready to resume budget talks, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has stated there will be no reopening of the government until a seven-year budget deal is forged.

Same song, as if the record player has hit a snag.

Something has to give in these negotiations. Someone has to make the first step and have it recognized for what it is - an attempt to get our government back in business.

It doesn't bode well if we start the new year in the same quagmire we left - stalemated on the budget.

In the meantime, however, 760,000 federal workers, including local federal prison and VA employees, are doing with only half a paycheck this next pay period, if they get one at all. But Congress can't seem to understand why they themselves shouldn't be paid.

The Congress and the president have created the situation federal workers find themselves in. Layoffs are bad enough. But having to put in work hours without knowing if pay will be coming is blatantly unfair and unethical.

According to the Associated Press, Congressman Tom DeLay, third-ranking House Republican, offered these reasons for opposition to cutting their pay in a recent CNN appearance: Balancing the budget "has nothing to do

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with our pay"; Democrats were "demagoguing" the issue by trying to change the subject from a balanced budget; and, as a member of Congress, he was a "constitutional officer," not a federal employee.

It would seem their pay, as well as the pay of federal employees, does have something to do with balancing the budget.

What is interesting is the "constitutional officer, not a federal employee" line.

The Senate, on the other hand, has approved no paychecks for the 435-member House, 100-member Senate and the President. The same language has been rebuffed by the House. Nothing can be done about it unless both houses agree.

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Is this budget holdout truly in our interest? Yes, we need a balanced budget. We need, even more, to trim the deficit.

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Teen says rescuing minister helped save his own life

DALLAS (AP) — Logan Johnson says that when he jumped into a pond last February to save a minister whose car had slid into the water, he also saved his own life.

Johnson, 18, was one of 89 people nationally who were chosen last week as Carnegie Heroes, an award given to civilians who risk their lives while saving or attempting to save others. The awards are given from the Pittsburgh, Pa.-based Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

Also honored was David L. Breed of Purdon, Texas, who pulled 2-year-old Anthony L. Pena from a burning mobile home on Sept. 2, 1994. He re-entered the trailer in an unsuccessful attempt to find Anthony's brother. The brother died in the fire.

In the weeks before the rescue, Johnson had drifted into depression, family members said.

He and his girlfriend were breaking up. He was irritable and constantly fighting with family members. He was falling most of his classes.

"We had lost Logan," his mother, Haven Johnson, 49, told The Dallas Morning News. "He was struggling and floundering all over the place."

In early February last year, Johnson went to his room and

tried to kill himself by putting a muzzle-loading rifle into his mouth and pulling the trigger. It misfired. A few days later, he dropped out of Richardson Pearce High School, where he was a junior, and took a job delivering pizza.

But since the Rev. John Kershaw's car slid off a north Dallas road into a pond Feb. 20, Johnson's life has changed.

"I can't really explain it," Johnson said. "That one event put a whole new light on everything. I was meant to be there."

He was making a nighttime pizza delivery when he saw Kershaw's car slide into the pond. Johnson screeched his pickup truck to a halt, shed his boots and swam to the sinking Cadillac.

As the car drifted underwater, Johnson circled the car looking for a way to reach the man inside. He found only the right rear door unlocked — something no one's been able to explain, given that the car's electric door locks were set. He dragged Kershaw by the shirt collar over the seats and out the door.

After the rescue, Johnson received dozens of letters and phone calls and about \$1,000 in checks, which he put toward a college fund. For a few weeks,

people called the pizza restaurant where he worked, requesting him for deliveries.

"I was overwhelmed with deliveries," he said. "And when I got there, they gave me \$5 and \$10 tips."

Johnson's new confidence thrived even after the celebrity wore off.

The rescue, he said, made him realize he had a purpose in life. Johnson returned to Pearce for summer school and said he is on track to graduate with his class in May. He plays on the baseball team and has quit his jobs to focus on school.

"His grades are terrific, and he has college prospects again," his mother said. "And it wasn't just a flash. It was a real, lasting change."

With the Carnegie Hero award comes a \$2,500 grant, a medal and a scholarship.

"This is something that will help me the rest of my life," Johnson said of the award. "I was never religious, and I didn't believe in fate. But I do now. Somebody upstairs was looking."

He said he is interested in studying international business and agriculture in college. He has enrolled in a U.S. Marine Corps reserve program and will attend boot camp this summer.

GOING DOWN FAST



Anna Millican, 8, zips down a hill on a sled at Medical Center Park in Amarillo Thursday. Anna is happy she has a helmet because while sledding Wednesday she ran into a tree.

Signs

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forbidden from allowing weapons on-site, even with the new law.

Where such signs are required, the law is explicit on no-weapon signage down to the letter size, color and text to be displayed: "State law prohibits carrying a handgun on these premises," accompanied by a Spanish translation, printed in block letters of contrasting colors, at least one inch high, Rohlfis said.

For businesses that decide to forbid weapons, sign language is optional. However, Rohlfis said he's printing some signs that generally follow the state's model on letter size and color, but with an altered text without the state-law prohibition.

Jeanne Jordan, sales representative at Fastsigns, said demand is increasing for the signs.

While their designs and texts vary, one of the simplest is a red circle with a slash over a picture of a handgun, with the words: "NO handguns armas de fuego."

In addition to businesses, some churches also are thinking about the law and its implications.

The Rev. Mike DeGerolami, director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, said, "We're talking about not wanting to have any concealed weapons on any of our church properties."

While no firm policy had been developed, he said, "We're mov-

Businesses stand firm against pressure from Christian group

AUSTIN (AP) — Some businesses say they will not bend to a Christian group that promises to step up pressure against them to pull their advertising from an Austin-based gay publication.

Wyatt Roberts, head of the American Family Association of Texas, said on Thursday that he will announce the names of advertisers in the Texas Triangle on his weekly radio show and will "inform the public in other ways" that the businesses are advertising in a homosexual publication.

Roberts said the family association mailed some 50 letters to advertisers on Dec. 19, giving them 10 days to reply.

The written deadline has caused two advertisers to pull their ads and has made others nervous. Kay Longcope, editor and publisher of the newspaper, told the Austin American Statesman.

Rohlfis said that, personally, he takes no position on the law. "It's an individual's decision what they want to do. There are reasons to go with either side," he said.

However, he said the law does present a complicated situation in which an employer "can be wrong either way," either by depriving an employee of legal firearms or by allowing concealed weapons on premises.

Rohlfis said that at Budget Signs, employees are "actually going to vote here at our office on what we want to do."

Jordan said many people are "real concerned" about the law. She said the signs will go up at her firm's locations.

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Sniper

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Ricardo Soto was being held Thursday in a juvenile detention facility in Pecos on a charge of deadly conduct stemming from the shooting, which left a Van Horn man fatally injured.

The victim, Alberto Tarango, 41, died Wednesday at Thomas General Hospital in El Paso.

Doctors pronounced Tarango brain dead at 12:30 p.m. His wife, Cynthia, subsequently requested that her husband be removed from life support. His

respirator was disconnected about 4:15 p.m.

"This is a tragedy, a big, sad tragedy," Mrs. Tarango's aunt, Carmen Silva, told The Times. "All I can say is that parents should hide guns from their children and most definitely watch them."

Authorities said Tarango's death did not immediately mean that the charge against the boy — which can range from being a misdemeanor to a third-degree felony — would be upgraded.

"Not until we complete the

investigation," said Hudspeth County Attorney Tom Chellis, adding he could not predict how long the probe might run.

Chellis said the next step for the boy is a Jan. 3 hearing during which authorities will determine whether further detention is warranted. The boy becomes eligible for such a hearing on the 10th day of his incarceration.

The teen-ager was arrested just a few hours after he allegedly shot Tarango's pickup truck and a tractor-trailer rig with a .22-caliber rifle.

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U.S. Navy Construction Mechanic Dennis Conrie from Esko, Minn., clears snow from the top of a communication truck as the U.S. flag waves behind him amid the destroyed roof of the Zetra stadium in Sarajevo. His unit of navy men broadcast a daily radio program for Sarajevo residents called "Balkan Rock."

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Two bridges symbolized conditions in Bosnia two weeks after a peace agreement: U.S. soldiers struggled to build one across a rampaging river, while the other became safe to cross for the first time in nearly four years.

Flood waters and mud are tormenting U.S. Army engineers trying to build a floating bridge across the Sava River that separates Bosnia and Croatia.

Water spilling over the banks of the swollen river washed out a U.S. Army tent camp on the Croatian side of the Sava on Thursday. The flooding set back construction of the pontoon bridge that is to be used to move in troops, equipment and supplies for the 60,000-member NATO force that is to police the Bosnian peace accord.

In Sarajevo, meanwhile, a French commander strode across the Vrbanja Bridge, where hundreds were felled by snipers during the siege of the capital that lasted throughout the war.

This was the bridge that two young lovers — he a Serb and she a Muslim — tried to cross in May 1993. Snipers hit them both, and the bodies lay in a grisly embrace for days before the two sides agreed to stop firing long enough to remove the corpses.

Brig. Gen. Louis Zeller, the commander of French troops in Sarajevo, stood Thursday in heavy snow on the bridge and announced that his troops had

taken over the ruined buildings on both sides of the Miljacka River.

French anti-sniper soldiers stood at the four corners of the 80-foot bridge, their rifles aimed and ready.

The area around the Vrbanja bridge was one of the 40 zones around Sarajevo that the two warring factions vacated under the first phase of the peace accord.

"Today, the first phase of the Paris Accord was respected ... with the collaboration of the parties," Zeller said. "We now have control of the most significant (military) points" in Sarajevo.

Four U.S. planes brought 51 GIs and 20 vehicles to the Serbian and Yugoslav capital, Belgrade, on Thursday to test a route into Bosnia through Serb-held territory. They reached Tuzla, the hub of the U.S. presence in Bosnia, later in the day. Air Force Tech. Sgt. George

Bedsaul said this alternate route was being used because of precipitation in Tuzla and the flooding at the Sava River crossing.

"The weather is not cooperating at the river crossing or anywhere else," he said and added, "That's the reason that we're moving things and bringing things in in alternate ways."

Rain had stopped around Mostar in the south, where flood waters forced the evacuation of French soldiers on Wednesday.

But the city was left without three bridges washed away by floods that also killed an Italian policeman working for the European Union administration of the city and destroyed the French Foreign Legion's camp.

Peace implementation in the city, split between Croats and Muslims, was further hindered by failure of the two mayors to agree on the dividing lines.

American defendant wants rape trial moved

NAHA, Japan (AP) — A U.S. Marine accused of raping a Japanese schoolgirl said Thursday he wanted his trial to remain on Okinawa, despite the pleas of his mother and the anger of the island's residents.

Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, of Griffin, Ga., rejected an attempt by his mother, Daisey, to move the trial off the island. His lawyer said such a move would only hurt his case.

"I think it would be better just to go on with case as it has proceeded," said attorney Mitsunobu Matsunaga. "You can't move the facts of the case."

Another of the defendants, Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga., did not object to a similar motion filed by his mother, Barbara Cannon, and the court accepted Cannon's appeal.

Ledet's attorney had urged him to reject the motion as well. "The result will be the same wherever the trial is moved to, and it's only a waste of time, effort and tax money," said lawyer Yutaka Arakawa.

The mothers argued that local judges were under pressure to harshly punish their sons because of public sentiment on Okinawa. Many residents on the small tropical island have long protested because they host two-thirds of the 47,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan.

"There is clearly a fear that judges who have to live here in Okinawa face pressure," said Michael Griffith, an American attorney advising the families of the two Marines.

Final statements in the trial will be delayed while the High Court in Fukuoka prefecture considers the request, but the ruling and sentence — for Ledet, Harp and Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas — should happen on

schedule in late January.

A change of a trial's location is extremely rare in Japan. Under Japanese law, trials cannot be moved within court districts, but theoretically they can be moved to another district if extreme bias is shown.

Arakawa said that would be next to impossible to prove.

In testimony, Gill has admitted in chilling detail that he

raped the girl. He claimed Ledet raped her too, and that the two Marines were active accomplices in the planning and abduction.

Ledet and Harp have admitted in court they helped with the girl's abduction, but deny the rape itself.

All three are accused of rape causing injury, which carries a possible jail term of three years to life.

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Norway rebuffs criticism of baby seal hunting

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway quietly lifted its ban on baby seal hunting as Christmas approached and was hit with a storm of criticism when the news broke Thursday.

Hunters will be allowed to kill up to 17,050 baby seals in Norway next year to help protect stocks of cod in the North Sea, fishery officials confirmed Thursday. Only suckling pups will be off limits.

Seal fur quality is considered good only while the seals are very young. Most seal pups are weaned less than two weeks after birth, and once weaned they can be hunted.

"There are no good scientific reasons for not hunting baby seals," said Halvard P.

Johansen of Norway's Department of Fisheries. "But we are trying to deal with the sentimental side of the question by maintaining the ban on hunting nursing seals," he said.

The government made the announcement after newspaper deadlines last Friday. There were no newspapers in Norway on Christmas Day Monday and the following day.

But French actress and animal rights crusader Brigitte Bardot learned of the new policy. On Wednesday she sent a sharp letter of criticism to Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland.

Under the new policy, baby seals will be spared while they're nursing. Of the two pre-

dominant species, hooded seals nurse for three or four days, and Greenland seals nurse for about 10 days.

Swedish Minister of Environment Anna Lindh and the Norwegian branch of Greenpeace also criticized the decision.

Norwegian researchers insist it's justifiable to hunt both adult and baby seals because the animals consume too much cod.

Norway barred hunting for baby seals in 1989 following reports that hunters killed them with sharp spikes. The reports led to international protests and condemnation. The government said gunfire will be the prime killing method used because the animals die more quickly when shot.

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Deal needed to reopen government

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the verge of resuming top-level negotiations, House Speaker Newt Gingrich ruled out reopening the entire government Thursday until a seven-year budget deal is forged with the president.

"If there's a will to get it done, that's a two or three day negotiation," Gingrich told a news conference. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, appearing with the speaker, said the talks to begin Friday at the White House should go into the weekend.

Gingrich said he understood the personal cost of the partial shutdown to federal employees, who beginning Friday will receive truncated paychecks if they work for an unfunded agency.

To prepare for Friday's meeting between President Clinton, the Republican leaders and top congressional Democrats, White House and congressional staffers worked through the day Thursday — assessing negotiating positions and grounds for a compromise.

House Republican freshmen have been the driving force for keeping the partial shutdown going until there's a seven-year balanced budget deal using Congressional Budget Office estimates.

Gingrich said that was a fair position, and pointed out that House Republican leaders other than himself staunchly backed the freshmen.

"The minute we have a budget agreement we should be able to get something through the House in hours," Gingrich said. "The key is, we have to be in a position to have something for members to look at."

Gingrich, after initially meeting with the president, had broached the idea of reopening government while talks continued. The freshmen rebelled, and Clinton implied that the speaker had lost control of his troops.

Dole, asked about a comment by Senate GOP Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., that the two sides could split the difference on Medicare and get an agreement, responded: "There's going to have to be give and take on both sides. It's certainly the direction it's going to go."

Five House Republican freshmen demanded that Clinton, Dole and Gingrich be locked in a room and not let out until there's an agreement.

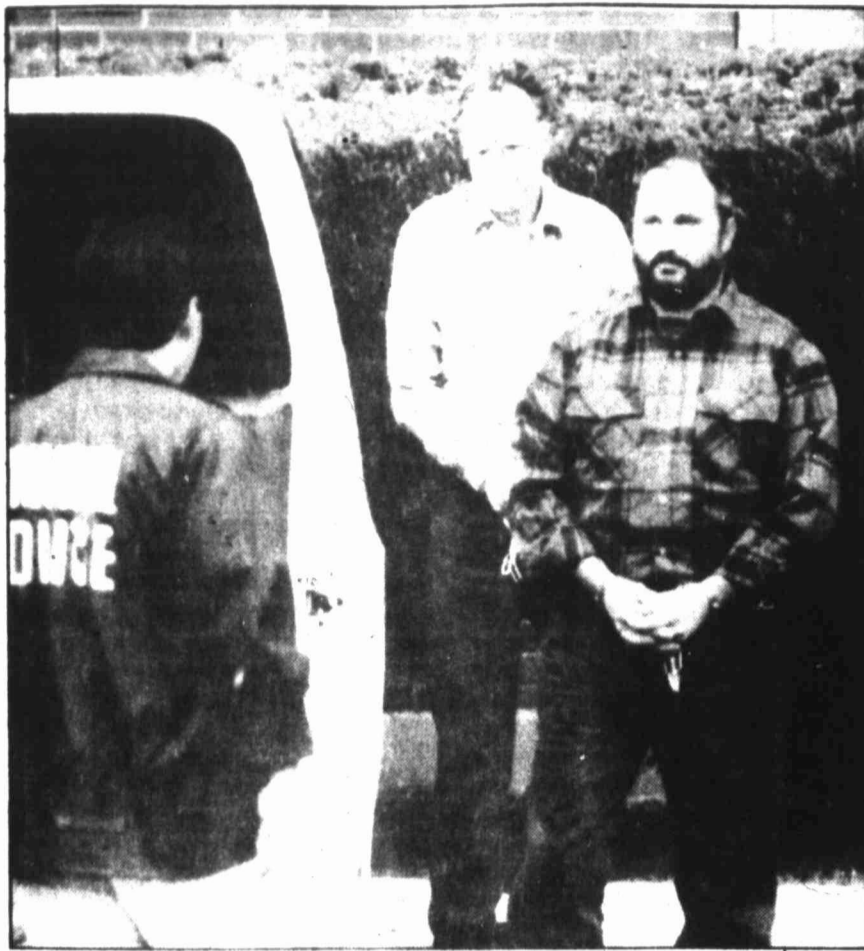
"People aren't bashing the president. People aren't bashing Congress. They're bashing everybody," said freshman Rep. Joe Scarborough of Florida, who addressed a news conference along with Reps. Jerry Weller of Illinois; Andrea Seastrand of California; Phil English of Pennsylvania and David Funderburk of North Carolina.

The freshmen said all issues were on the table, including the Republican-proposed \$240-billion tax cut. "We are willing to negotiate on the size of the tax cut but we want to see where the president is willing to go on other issues," English said.

While Americans who needed passports, or who were forced to alter vacation plans, were indignant over the partial government shutdown that began Dec. 16, nobody was more anxious than 760,000 federal workers in agencies that have not yet been funded.

Even quick passage of an emergency spending bill would not save most of them from receiving partial pay Friday or next week, because the checks have been processed. Since full amounts will be deducted for health insurance and other benefits, some of those workers will receive virtually no net pay.

The paychecks cover the period Dec. 10-23, and workers will be paid for their work before the partial shutdown began. The 760,000 includes 480,000 "excepted" workers who remain on the job in unfunded agencies, and 280,000 on furlough. About 230,000 will receive partial checks on Friday.



Bombing suspects Joseph Baillie, right, and Ellis Hurst walk to a waiting vehicle after being arraigned Thursday in U.S. Federal Court in Reno, N.V. Baillie and Hurst are accused of planting a large bomb outside the Reno IRS office Dec. 18. The bomb did not explode.

Reno bomb used same components as in the Oklahoma bombing

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A bomb that two disgruntled taxpayers are accused of planting outside an IRS building was made from the same fertilizer and fuel mixture used in the Oklahoma City bombing, investigators said.

Joseph Martin Baillie and Ellis Edward Hurst were charged Thursday with planting the powerful bomb, which fizzled last week outside the Reno offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The building was empty at the time.

The men were angry at the IRS, which had been taking part of Baillie's paycheck, presumably for an unpaid tax bill, according to the complaint filed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Investigators have found no links between the men and earlier bombings in Nevada, where anti-government sentiment has been simmering, or other parts of the country.

The bomb, contained in a 30-gallon plastic drum wired to a dolly, was packed with 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, the complaint said. The Oklahoma City bomb, which weighed 4,800 pounds

Zookeepers, others mourn primates' loss

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The sympathy card to the zookeepers read simply: "For the loss of your friends."

And that was how zookeepers Julie Unger and JoAnn Adams had come to think of West African lowland gorillas Samantha and Snickers and 21 other endangered primates that died in a smoky blaze at the Philadelphia Zoo over Christmas.

"It's always been that if one animal dies, the others sort of help you get over the loss," Adams said. "But this time, they're all gone."

Mistaken shootout leaves one dead

ATLANTA (AP) — Police call the man's death an accident, the result of a tragic misunderstanding. Three witnesses and the victim's mother call it cold-blooded murder.

At issue is a bizarre shootout in a motorcycle repair shop that left one customer dead and a bystander and a police officer wounded.

The police have given this version: Three plainclothes officers, mistakenly believing the shop was being robbed after hearing a commotion inside, burst in with weapons drawn. An employee thought the officers were thieves and fired his gun at them.

In the return volley, a customer inside the Moto Cycles shop, Jerry Jackson, was shot twice and hit in the chest by a ricocheting bullet fired from an officer's gun.

But now three people who say they witnessed the Dec. 7 shootout from a fourth-story window are accusing one of the officers of executing Jackson as he tried to crawl away on a sidewalk, pleading for his life.

Jeanna Shiver, Bill Hallman

and Serina Whitener say they went public after hearing the police version of how Jackson died.

"I was just dumbfounded at the news reports, and how none of it was true," said Ms. Shiver, a textile sales representative.

Ms. Shiver said she and the others watched as Jackson, 23, tried to crawl away from a man with a gun. They said they later learned the second man was a police officer.

"I saw someone aiming at a person laying on the ground (who) looked like he was pleading, 'Please don't shoot me anymore,'" Ms. Shiver said. "Then

the person continued to fire at him. That seemed deliberate to me. That's why I didn't think it was a police officer."

Ms. Shiver said she offered to give a statement on what she saw to an officer at the crime scene but was told he didn't need it.

"I don't think they care about the truth," Ms. Whitener said.

Police Chief Beverly Harvard said at a news conference Thursday that the department had only received copies of the witnesses' statements, made through an attorney. She refused to discuss the case, saying it was under investigation.

Three officers face charges of manslaughter

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two white police officers accused of killing a black motorist should be tried on charges of involuntary manslaughter and not murder, a judge ruled.

Officer John Vojtas and Lt. Milton Mulholland will stand trial along with a third white officer, Michael Albert, who was already charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Allegheny County Judge James McGregor said Thursday he dismissed the third-degree murder charges against Vojtas and Mulholland because the prosecution failed to prove they intended to kill Jonny Gammage, a cousin of Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Ray Seals.

Gammage died after a tussle with officers during an Oct. 12 traffic stop.

"I was confident that ... we'd pull through this OK," Vojtas said after the ruling. "But, I don't know, it's devastating for me."

Lawyer Robert Del Greco, who represents Gammage's family and Seals, said the involuntary manslaughter charge was significant.

"It is serious enough and constitutes a decision that these individuals should be and will be held accountable for the death," he said.

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Texas A&M's Brannon Stewart (7) catches a pass for a 20-yard gain during the second quarter of the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio Thursday. Michigan's Steve King (27) and Chuck Winters (35) move in for the stop.

Bryant's five field goals boots Aggies to victory

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After a disappointing season that began with hopes of reaching the Fiesta Bowl, 1995 ended with redemption for Texas A&M.

Kyle Bryant kicked five field goals and Texas A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense was stifling Thursday night as the No. 19 Aggies defeated No. 14 Michigan 22-20 in the Alamo Bowl.

"I was totally relieved," Bryant said. "I went through some slumps during the season. This time I had 2 1/2 weeks to prepare, and I knew I had to redeem myself."

So did the rest of the Aggies. Texas A&M was ranked as high as No. 3 early in the season, but its national title hopes were dashed by Colorado, star running back Leeland McElroy and the Aggies lost to archrival Texas to end the regular season.

"We had some disappointments throughout this season," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "But this team never wavered. We ended the season with a 9-3 record, a win over Michigan."

Michigan (9-4) had its three-game winning streak in bowl games snapped, while Slocum improved his bowl record to 2-4 and ended a three-game losing skid in the postseason.

Playing without McElroy, Texas A&M generated enough offense behind a trio of freshmen running backs to set up Bryant, then relied on its blitzing defense to protect its lead.

The Aggies repeatedly sent blitzers crashing into Michigan's backfield, containing running back Tim Biakabutuka and frustrating quarterback Brian Griese, who opened the second half with nine incompletions in 10 attempts, including nine straight.

"That's the best defense I've seen this season," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "We knew coming in that we would have to adjust to their speed. We didn't protect Brian the way we needed to."

The Aggies scored in the first quarter on a 9-yard touchdown run by freshman Eric Bernard. The play was set up by Biakabutuka's fumble on the Michigan 5.

Slocum said his team worked hard at stopping Biakabutuka,

who ended the regular season by rushing for 313 yards in a Michigan upset over Ohio State. Biakabutuka led Michigan on Thursday night with 94 yards on 24 carries.

"I thought Texas A&M had a great game plan," Biakabutuka said. "Having to run against nine men at the line of scrimmage is tough when you only have seven blockers."

Bryant's fifth field goal came from 37 yards out with 23 seconds left to give A&M a 22-13 lead.

Michigan answered with a desperate 44-yard pass from Griese to Amani Toomer in the end zone with five seconds left, pulling the Wolverines to 22-20. But an onside kick was recovered by Texas A&M.

Bryant kicked field goals of 27, 49, 47, 31 and 37 yards.

Bernard, who finished with 40 yards on 15 carries, combined with freshmen Sirm Parker (21 carries for 56 yards) and D'Andre Hardeman (six carries for 41 yards) to help power the offense as quarterback Corey Pullig finished 12-for-22 passing for 136 yards without an interception.

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Favre edges Smith for Offensive honor

NEW YORK (AP) — Brett Favre needed one of the greatest passing seasons in recent years to edge Emmitt Smith as the NFL Offensive Player of the Year.

The Green Bay quarterback believes he's only getting started.

"It was just an awesome year offensively for the whole unit," said Favre, who won the award with 38 votes from a nationwide panel of 88 sports writers and broadcasters. Smith, the Dallas Cowboys' star running back, was second in balloting conducted by The Associated Press with 33 votes.

"That's what this offense is designed to do. And I'd like to think that we've finally grasped it, that we've finally caught a

hold of it, and hopefully we won't let it go."

Favre had as many TD passes as votes. His 38 touchdowns were the most ever in the NFC, third only to Dan Marino's seasons of 48 and 44. He passed for 4,413 yards, hitting 359 of 570 (63 percent) and being intercepted just 13 times.

And he did it without Sterling Sharpe, who was cut after requiring neck surgery that could end his career.

"Last year I thought was very productive, too, and going into the season, I didn't think we could be as productive as we were last year," said Favre, a five-year veteran. "But we were — 38 touchdown passes, almost

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Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre reacts after throwing a touchdown pass earlier this season. Favre won the NFL Offensive Player of the Year award in balloting conducted by the Associated Press.

Texas QB loves challenge

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — James Brown didn't dream of Longhorns and Aggies when he was in high school in Texas.

Back when he was the top-ranked high school quarterback in the state, in the days when he broke every quarterback passing and rushing record at West Brook High in Beaumont, completing 65 percent of his touchdowns for 3,737 yards and 35 touchdowns, he was thinking about college.

He was thinking Syracuse, Tennessee, Oklahoma. He was not thinking of Texas.

"It wasn't even on my list," Brown said.

So how did he end up as the Southwest Conference Player of the Year with a 13-1-1 record as a starter at Texas?

"I think once everybody started telling me a black quarterback would never play at Texas, I got interested," Brown said. "I don't like being told I can't do something."

And he was told. The black community in Beaumont warned him that Texas was a graveyard for black quarterbacks.

One thing Brown has never lacked is confidence. One thing he appreciates is a challenge.

"I wanted a school where I could get a good education," Brown said. "And I wanted a team where I could play, where I'd get a lot of television exposure, and where I'd get to play in big bowl games."

Brown said he has had no

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No more anonymity for Defensive MVP

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — From the Iowa cornfields through his first five years in Green Bay, hardly anyone noticed Bryce Paup.

The unassuming linebacker couldn't hide this season after leading the NFL with 17 1/2 sacks and helping the Buffalo Bills build one of the best defenses in the league.

Paup was named 1995 Defensive Player of the Year on Thursday after receiving 73 votes in balloting by a nationwide panel of 88 sports writers and broadcasters.

"It turned out better than what I thought it was going to be like," Paup said. "I just wanted to come in here and contribute and make the coaches and scouts here glad they brought me in."

Contribute? Paup put together the best season of his career after signing a three-year contract worth \$7.6 million with Buffalo. He was not offered a contract after making the Pro Bowl last year with Green Bay, which initially

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BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



No. 900
Dallas head coach Dick Motta watches his team come from behind to defeat Vancouver 103-101 Thursday in Dallas. The win was Motta's 900th as an NBA coach.

TEXAS

Contract progress slow

DALLAS (AP) — Fears that slow contract negotiations could adversely affect recruiting are a concern for Texas Longhorns coach John Mackovic, The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

"The language is significantly different from my original contract," Mackovic said. "It's not so much the terms, but the whole thing."

The problem, he said, isn't the amount of money but the restrictions against his seeking outside financial opportunities. The latest contract is a five-year deal that offers him a 10 percent raise from his current \$425,000 salary.

Mackovic will meet with UT athletic director DeLoss Dodds on Jan. 5 to discuss the deal, which Dodds called only the first step in negotiations.

NATION/WORLD

Yankees sign Raines

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees acquired outfielder Tim Raines from the Chicago White Sox for future considerations.

Raines, 36, hit .285 last season with 12 home runs and 67 RBIs. He stole just 13 bases, his lowest total since coming to the majors in 1981 with Montreal. He has 777 career steals, fourth on the all-time list.

Martin player of the month

NEW YORK (AP) — San Diego receiver Tony Martin, who had 30 receptions for 394 yards and three touchdowns as the Chargers won their last four games, was selected AFC offensive player of the month.

ON THE AIR

Football

- College**
- Heritage Bowl, Southern vs. Florida A&M, noon, ESPN (ch. 30).
- Sun Bowl, Washington vs. Iowa, 1:30 p.m., CBS (ch. 7).
- Independence Bowl, LSU vs. Michigan State, 4:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Holiday Bowl, Colorado State vs. Kansas State, 8 p.m., ESPN.

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FOOTBALL

Bowl schedule

**All Times EST
Friday, Dec. 29
Herald 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 (6-4), 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 (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 1
**Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.**
Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

**Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.**
Tennessee (8-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

**Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.**
Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (6-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

**Cotton Bowl
At Dallas**
Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:50 p.m. (CBS)

**Rosa 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)

NFL playoffs

Saturday, Dec. 30

Miami at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
Atlanta at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 4 p.m.

**Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6**
Buffalo, Indianapolis or San Diego at Pittsburgh, 12:30
Detroit, Green Bay or Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7
Atlanta, Detroit or Philadelphia at Dallas, 12:30
Indianapolis, Miami or San Diego at Kansas City, 4 p.m.

**Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14**
Pairings TBD, 12:30 and 4 p.m.

**Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28**
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

Wyoming 87, Alcorn St. 64
Lobo Invitational
First Round
Boston U. 76, Pepperdine 61
New Mexico 91, Dartmouth 65
Ottawa Spunkmeyer Classic
First Round
California 75, Holy Cross 64
Kansas St. 76, Loyola, Md. 69

**Rainbow Classic
First Round**
Southern Cal 75, Missouri 64
**Sacramento Holiday Classic
Third Place**
Old Dominion 69, Sacramento St. 62, OT
**Seton Hall-Meadowlands
Tournament
First Round**
Seton Hall 83, New Hampshire 80
St. Joseph's 93, Texas Christian 92, 3OT
**Sierra Medical Center Sun Classic
Championship**
Texas-El Paso 80, E. Michigan 73

Third Place
Texas Tech 62, La Salle 58
**UNO Christmas Classic
Championship**
New Orleans 92, Va. Commonwealth 75
Third Place
San Francisco 71, Jackson St. 62
EXHIBITION
Lisbonne 101, Kansas 93

Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 3 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

BASKETBALL

College scores

EAST
Pittsburgh 95, Brown 47
Providence 83, Colgate 77
Villanova 11, Hofstra 57

SOUTH
Duke 69, Monmouth, N.J. 53
E. Tennessee St. 68, Radford 64
Florida St. 80, Md.-Baltimore County 56
George Mason 84, Hampton U. 74
Georgetown 86, Duquesne 86
LSU 80, Marist 65
Maryland 104, Md.-E. Shore 66
Memphis 66, Temple 58
Mississippi 66, Nichols St. 54
North Carolina 66, N.C.-Asheville 49

SOUTHWEST
SE Louisiana 74, Grambling St. 68
Tulane 62, Georgia St. 55
Virginia Tech 72, Virginia 64
Wis.-Milwaukee 73, St. Joseph 57

MIDWEST
Dayton 86, McNeese St. 76
Ill.-Chicago 84, Valparaiso 72
Indiana St. 68, Fairleigh Dickinson 59
Loyola, Ill. 66, Loyola Marymount 65
Minnesota 87, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 62
Mo.-Kansas City 72, Creighton 70
N. Illinois 69, Niagara 54
Notre Dame 90, San Diego 63
Purdue 79, Iowa St. 60
Wisconsin 105, E. Illinois 70

SOUTHWEST
Houston 98, NE Louisiana 64

FAR WEST
Brigham Young 110, Morgan St. 69
Cal Poly-Solo 73, Harvard 64
Davidson 90, Cent. Florida 51
Iowa 100, Colorado 85
S. Illinois 87, Ala.-Birmingham 81
S. Utah 91, W. Oregon 63
Southern Miss. 77, Buffalo 71
Stanford 80, American U. 52
Utah St. 80, Miss. Valley St. 63

TOURNAMENTS
**Bank One Fiesta Bowl Classic
First Round**
Arizona 88, Texas A&M 44
Rutgers 69, Pacific 68
Ceans Classic
First Round
St. Peter's 59, Alabama 49
**Cowboy Shootout
First Round**

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Without Ewing, Knicks' offense disappears; Mavs stop losing skid

When Patrick Ewing went down, so did the New York Knicks.

"New York is Patrick Ewing, no matter how you look at it," Cleveland center Michael Cage said. "Offensively, defensively, he is the best man on the court. When they lost him, they lost a lot."

The Knicks lost Ewing early in the opening quarter when the 7-footer came down on Cage's foot and sprained his right ankle. X-rays proved negative, and Ewing traveled with the team to Landover, Md., for tonight's game against the Washington Bullets.

"There was all this stuff in the news all week about somebody else going to be the man," New York forward Charles Oakley said. "Patrick is our leader, he is an All-Star. He is the main focus."

Without Ewing, the Knicks scored a season-low 76 points, losing to the Cleveland Cavaliers 86-76.

"I just remember back to the last time we played these guys and Patrick tore us apart in the fourth quarter," Cavs coach Mike Fratello said. "We had some great performances tonight, but the game changed completely after he left."

In other NBA games Thursday, San Antonio downed the Los Angeles Lakers 107-99, Utah routed Minnesota 99-83, Houston crushed New Jersey 97-82, Dallas edged Vancouver 103-101 in double overtime, Detroit stopped Toronto 113-91 and Indiana defeated Miami 91-77.

Bobby Phills scored eight of his 28 points in the fourth quarter after the Knicks cut the lead to four with an 11-0 run, and Terrell Brandon had 21 points to lead Cleveland. Reserve Hubert Davis scored 20 points — 17 coming in the second half — and Oakley had 14 points

and 16 rebounds for the Knicks.

"It's pretty obvious we need his scoring," Knicks coach Don Nelson said of Ewing. "Nobody's ever said that we didn't need his scoring. That's very important to our team, and the way everything blends together here."

Mavericks 103, Grizzlies 101, Spurs 107, Lakers 99

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visiting Minnesota to its lowest point total of the season.

It was the Timberwolves' seventh loss in their last eight games.

Tom Gugliotta led the way with 13 points, but Minnesota's starters did not play in the fourth quarter.

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Paup

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blamed the salary cap, but has since admitted making a mistake.

"I learned a very valuable lesson," Packers general manager Ron Wolf said. "I made a miscalculation about Bryce Paup, and I'll own up to it. He's a heck of a football player, and we were sorry we lost him."

The 6-foot-5, 247-pound Paup entered the season among the most coveted free agents and finished as the most productive. He had 15 sacks through the first 11 games before opposing offenses stopped double-teaming Bruce Smith and started doubling up on Paup.

Smith's sack total increased to 10 1/2, and defensive end Phil Hansen added 10, mainly because of Paup.

"I told Bryce midway through the season, 'You have yourself five more good, solid games

Paup

and you'll be player of the year. There's nobody out there that can beat you," Smith said.

"With the way he played this year, he deserved it." Paup's potential was not recognized coming out of high school in Scranton, a small town in Iowa where he helped his father on a farm. He was taken by Green Bay in the fifth round of the 1990 draft out of Iowa State and turned into one of the Packers' best linebackers.

Fortunately for Buffalo, the Packers balked at their own free agent after paying him less than \$600,000 last season, even though Paup showed the versatility to play several different positions his first five years.

"I was pretty upset about it because I figured I had given them everything I had and worked my tail off," Paup said. "I put in a lot of hours watch-

Aggies

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"It's just a team sport. It's not the quarterback or Leeland McElroy," he said, adding, "It was nice to salvage a win on the last game."

Grise finished 9-for-23 for 182 yards with one interception. He had TD passes of 41 and 44 yards to Toomer, and Remy Hamilton added field goals of 28 and 26 yards.

Pullig, playing his last game for Texas A&M, praised the team's performance in the absence of McElroy, who has an injured ankle.

"I think it was the game sealer. It felt good," Williams said.

"I was pleased and proud of our three true freshmen running backs. Leeland hadn't practiced all week," Slocum said. "I told them that all of them together would have to pull together and take up the slack."

Texas A&M's Andre Williams helped shut out Michigan most of the fourth quarter with an interception that set up Bryant's final field goal.

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Brown

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problem with fans' since his arrival at Texas.

"It really hasn't been an issue since I've been playing. Everybody loves a winner," he said.

Brown isn't the first black Texas quarterback. Donnie Little was an occasional starter on some of the run-oriented teams of the early 1980s. Donovan Forbes was a backup in the early 90s.

Little was a boyhood idol of Andre Ware, who desperately wanted to play quarterback for the Longhorns. Texas coaches recruited him solely at defensive back, however, and Ware accepted a scholarship from Houston.

As a UH quarterback, Ware won the Heisman Trophy in 1989.

As Brown prepares for the Sugar Bowl, he's not worried about his place on the No. 9 Longhorns. He's worried about ankle and shoulder injuries suffered during the regular season that are still hampering him.

Brown admits he's not completely well, but he expects to start against No. 13 Virginia Tech.

"I'm much better," Brown said. "I'll be fine in the game once I loosen up."

He will face a Virginia Tech defense that finished the season ranked first nationally against the run, allowing 77 yards a game, fifth in scoring defense with 14 points a game, and 10th in total defense. Tech's defense also averaged four quarterback sacks a game this season.

"They come at you a lot. They have some blitzes we haven't seen before," Brown said. "We played against some good defensive teams this year — Baylor, Notre Dame, Oklahoma. So it won't be a surprise."

Brown played in nine games as a freshman and started three. His quick success mastering coach John Mackovic's wide-open offense earned him the co-Southwest Conference Player of the Year honor last season, when he was ranked No. 1 nationally in quarterback efficiency.

This year, Brown was the Southwest Conference Player of the Year while leading the Longhorns (10-1-1) to the final conference championship and the Sugar Bowl.

Brown's arsenal at Texas includes running backs Shon

Mitchell, who had 1,099 yards rushing, and Ricky Williams, who had 990. Receiver Mike Adams caught 53 passes for 876 yards and three touchdowns. Tight end Pat Fitzgerald had 30 receptions for 445 yards and eight touchdowns.

Despite being unable to practice regularly, Brown has improved his game, offensive coordinator Gene Dahlquist said.

"James Brown has played very well even though he has not been healthy," Dahlquist said. "He has done what it takes for us to win football games."

Brown completed 163 of 322 passes for 19 touchdowns, with 12 interceptions. He also has rushed for 136 yards and a touchdown.

"I still have a lot of things I want to accomplish," Brown said, "especially in this game."

Favre

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4,500 yards. You know, if I played the whole second half of the Minnesota game (which he missed with a sprained left ankle), I probably would have gotten 4,500 yards.

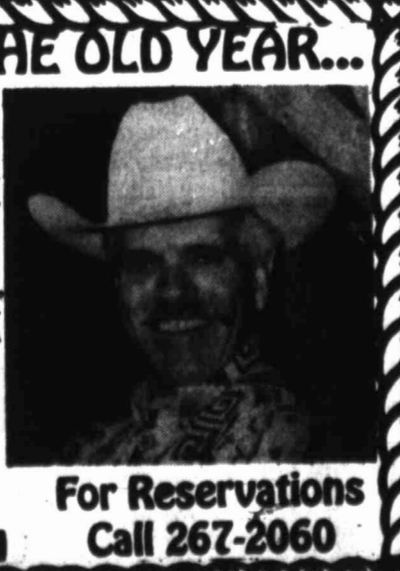
"I think I could learn a little bit more of this and take it to another level, just one more step. Looking back two years

ago, I was sitting here saying, 'I know I can go further with this offense.' Last year I said that, and this year I'm saying it. Even though I threw 38 touchdowns, I can get 50 touchdowns in this offense.

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Big Spring Herald

Friday, December 29, 1995

IN THE BEGINNING...

For 50 years, students have learned history, literature and more in Bible class

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

The Bible: It's not just for religion any more.

In 1945, Big Spring High School recognized this and began offering a humanities class about the Bible, analyzing it as a work of historical and literary significance.

Fifty years later, the class still draws interested students who want to learn more about the Bible. The course is structured similarly each school year: the fall semester is devoted to the Old Testament, while spring semester brings study of the New Testament.

Elizabeth Johansen was the course's first teacher, and held the position throughout most of the 1970s. "She took the course over and made it credible," said Carroll Kohl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church and one of the leaders of the Howard County Ministers' Fellowship. The fellowship is primarily responsible for administering the course.

The course has occasionally been offered in Forsan and Coahoma high schools, but is not there now because the ministers' fellowship hasn't found teachers with the right qualifications available to present the course.

Teachers for the course must have at least a bachelor's degree in Bible study, religion or a related field. (Eugene Smith, pastor of Evangel Temple Assembly of God and current teacher of the Big Spring High School course, has a doctorate degree.)

Teachers are paid according to the school district's scale and must submit their lesson plans to the school administration for approval as all teachers do. Candidates to teach the course are also presented to the school board and administration. "They've never objected," said Kohl.

The course provides humanities credits for high school students and does not conflict with federal rulings about keeping religious classes out of public schools. "It's not teaching religion. It's not teaching doctrine," Kohl said. "It's teaching the Bible from a historical perspective."

No taxpayer money is involved, Kohl explained; the course is funded by donations from people in Big Spring and other areas. The ministers' alliance continues to receive contributions for the class from people who moved away long ago. "It's a real credit to the people of Big Spring and those who have lived here that the class has continued uninterrupted for 50 years," he said.

Smith began teaching the class last year when he replaced six-year veteran Keith Gibbons, who took a pastor's job elsewhere in the state. "It's a lot of fun," he said. "We get into a lot of good conversations." One recent discussion centered around the assassination of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Smith helps the students analyze these topics from a Biblical perspective. The class is there to explain, not to preach, he

emphasized. However, it has helped students to sort out their own feelings about Christianity.

"It's crucial to keep that class going," Smith said. "On the student evaluations, some kids said they started going to church. One of them wrote something like, 'I want to believe in God and Christ. It's hard, but (this class) helps me see how great they really are.' It makes a difference in their lives."

Among the classes' activities have been fund-raising to get a Plexiglas cover for the Bible lands mural in Room 205, the room where the class is taught. The mural was originally completed in 1982 and was restored between 1992 and 1994 by students in the class.

Special speakers have been part of the day's lessons, and Smith hopes to be able to take students on field trips as well.

So what are the students themselves learning? Delana Noble, 14, said she was looking for "something different" when she signed up for the class. "I learned stuff we never knew about," she said.

Kaci Hooser, 15, wanted more in-depth study of the Bible than she was able to do in church. "I didn't know what to expect," she said. Her studies have helped her form opinions on such controversial topics as

such topics and discuss what they learned.

One special event Smith presented for the class was an Old creation versus evolution. "Creation happened," she said. "There's no way evolution happened." She appreciated the chance to learn more about Testament feast, complete with unleavened bread, dates, figs, cheese and olives. Several students commented that while matzo was good with cheese, it was unpleasant otherwise.

Licia Doll, 15, especially enjoyed the olives. "I get two cans of olives as a stocking stuffer," she said. About her interest in Bible study itself, she explained, "My friend and I talked about it, and I wanted to get deeper into it."

Study of the Ten Commandments and the plagues befalling those who didn't believe seem especially relevant to her. "It sounds just like today," she said. As for the creation-versus-evolution controversy, she leans toward creationism, but still has one question: "Where did God come from?"

Smith said in the classroom setting, he encourages students to think about issues and look at them from both sides. "I had some play devil's advocate," he said. "I had to instigate some of the arguments about evolution."



Students in Big Spring High School's Bible humanities class, taught by Eugene Smith, look at the Bible lands mural in the back of Room 205. The mural was originally finished in 1982 and was restored between 1992-94 by students in the Bible class. A Plexiglas cover will protect the mural in the future.

Stephanie Anderson, 15, admitted, "I never really pay attention in church," but still wanted to learn about the Bible. Hence, her presence in the Bible class. "I'm interested in Kings and how Israel lost its faith in God," she said.

Mike Ditmore, 17, was fascinated by the links between what he had studied in history class and what he discovered in the Bible. "It's not just religious figures, but historical ones like Ramses and Xerxes," he said. He said he has also learned more about how faith is spread.

Jonathan Rodriguez, 15, has

bolstered an already strong faith through the class. "I've learned more about how God lived and how to live in His way," he explained. "Obey His commandments - that's the most important thing."

What else does he plan to learn from the class? "I'm looking for the way of the Lord and to follow him and be beside him when I die," he said.

The classes seem just like any other high school class - a little better behaved, perhaps, and smaller groups of six to 12 students. The assignments are similar to those in other classes - reading out loud from a book

(nearly always the Bible, but sometimes other supplemental reading), working from handouts, even homework.

Whether it's learning to categorize Psalms or learning to trace Judah's kings, Big Spring High School's Bible humanities class is more than just advanced Sunday school.

As students hunch over desks with the cool blues and warm browns of the Bible lands mural behind them, they are learning theology, history, geography, literature and ethics, all in two semesters and one classic text.

Woman fears dying at young age

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Billy Graham
Columnist

DEAR J.R.: On one hand, it is

important to remember that someday life will come to an end; far too many people today live only for the moment, never giving any thought to the fact of death and of eternity. Like the man of whom Jesus spoke, they say, "... Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry" — little realizing that death will come some day and God will say to them, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you ..." (Luke 12:19-20).

But on the other hand, none of us knows the time of our death — and I urge you not to trust your emotions at this point, even if they are very strong. I am not a psychologist, and I do not know what the reasons may be for your feelings right now. But emotions are not dependable, and they can even mislead us.

At the same time, God is reminding you of the brevity of life, and of your need to be certain of your salvation. If you were to die tonight, do you know that you would go to spend eternity with God in Heaven? If not, be sure of your salvation by repenting of your sins and turning to Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Christ came to open Heaven's door for us, for "Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and ... to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him" (Hebrews 9:27-28). With Christ in our hearts, we do not need to fear death any longer, for He has conquered death forever.

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THE LAST WORD

Nobody can tell stories for hundreds of years and keep all the facts straight. Legend creeps in.

—C.L. Franklin

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Balancing act
Rob Blake accompanies his 13-year-old son Austin Blake on a unicycle test ride Christmas Day. Rob, who has ridden unicycles since he was a teenager, thought his son might enjoy one for Christmas. They decided to play football in a mall parking lot in Pleasanton, Calif.

Fifth Sunday singing postponed

Because of the holidays, the Fifth Sunday singing at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church has been postponed. The next Fifth Sunday singing will be Feb. 4, 1996, the first one of the new year.

Asthma scholarships available

The 12th annual Asthma Athlete Scholarship program is now accepting entries from high school seniors. The program will grant \$35,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors in June 1996.

The deadline for entries is March 13, 1996. The program is open to asthmatic athletes who demonstrate their condition need not be a limitation to success.

For more information, call "The Will to Win" hotline at (410) 778-2252.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Baptist conference against violence

"Violence: A Christian Response" is the theme as Tony Campolo and Jim Wallis headline the annual statewide conference of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, Feb. 26-27 at First Baptist Church, San Antonio.

Campolo and Wallis were among 55 Christian leaders arrested Dec. 7 for praying and leading a non-violent protest in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. The protesters denounced budget proposals they claimed did violence to poor people.

Other featured speakers at the conference will be Michael Bell, chairman of Tarrant Clergy for Inter-ethnic Peace and Justice; Lane Powell, Sanford University, Birmingham, Ala.; and Dennis Foust, author of the teaching guide for "Violence: A Christian Response." For more information, contact the Baptist General Convention, (214) 341-6384.

CHURCH IN BRIEF

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will hold New Year's Eve Communion Service on Sunday at 11:30 p.m. Reverend Jack Abendschan will officiate. At the close of the service, participants will be served refreshments in Garrett Hall. Virgil Feinsod, youth minister at First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, serves on the Northwest Texas Conference committee of youth and adults preparing to participate in the Olympic Games Outreach Of Youth With A Mission. This event has been designated as the conference's official summer mission project. For more information, contact Virgil at 267-6394.

Baker's Chapel

Baker's Chapel AME Methodist Church will host Night Watch Services Sunday at 10 p.m. The community is welcome to attend. This is an annual fellowship with local churches in the city. After services, black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served in the cafeteria. Rev. Floyd Green, Jr. is the pastor.

Friends of Unity

The Friends of Unity Box Car will open at 5:45 a.m. Dec. 31 to be ready for participation in the hour of concerted prayers for inner and outer peace. Locally, this has become a tradition for many who participate individually and in groups. West Texas time is 6 a.m.

CLUBS IN BRIEF

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association pot luck dinner was held Dec. 19 in Kentwood Center. Hostesses were Judy Gibbs, Hazel Duggan, Bonita Lyght, and Elnora Hart. Gifts exchanged were original pictures painted by club members. Linda Rupard read "The Texas Version of T was the Night Before Christmas." The next meeting will be Jan. 16 in Kentwood Center.

Outreach Aglow

Monthly meeting speaker: Sheila Hemphill, 7 p.m., Jan. 8, 1996, Dora Roberts Community Center. Topic: "The Full Armor of God." Sheila lives in Sonora. She was diagnosed with manic depression in August 1990. After deliberation and prayer, Sheila chose to give her "disease" over to God. Harvest Luncheon, Jan. 10, 1996 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Speaker: Susan Gaston, 811 Highland Drive. Topic: "Pathway of Praise to Peace." Susan Gaston resides in Forsan with husband, Van. Susan was raised in a Lutheran church, but after marriage, drifted away. Her daughter, Vanessa, began attending Forsan Baptist Church and was saved and baptized in September 1981. Susan was born again Easter Sunday, April 1992. Van and son Vance were saved and baptized on Mother's Day the following month.

1905 Hyperion Club

The Christmas meeting of the 1905 Hyperion Club was Dec. 21, in the First Presbyterian Church parlor. Hostesses for the meeting were Grace Long, Maryon Barbor and Fran Emerson. Helen Green, pianist, provided a medley of Christmas music. Joyce Bradley led the members as they sang Christmas carols. Grace Long read an original poem written by a friend. "The Donkey's Gift" by Thomas Coffey was reviewed by club member Doris Hulbregtse. The January meeting will be hosted by Mildred Anderson, Marguerite Haddad and Paulette Turner at the Big Spring Country Club.

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Order of the Eastern Star Chap. 67 will have a stated meeting 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2.

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FRIDAY

DEC. 29

Table with 33 columns representing different TV channels (KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing various TV programs and their times.

HI AND LOIS



SNUFFY SMITH



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 1995. There are two days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

CALVIN AND HOBBS



WIZARD OF ID



BEETLE BAILY



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CRYPTOQUIP puzzle text: G V W F Z O S Q J H X U W T K H S S Z H K X T V W G P P Q O F I O U K U E A O T G G P A P E V K T X W X P I J. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOW, THEN, DID THE ZANY COOK REPAIR MY CRACKED PIZZAS? WITH TOMATO PASTE.

PEANUTS



HAGAR



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

B.C.



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CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 1 BIG SPRING 263-2479. Listings for SABRINA, TOM AND HUCK, BALTO, and DRACULA DEAD AND LOVING IT.

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