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Prize pigs require hard work

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Audra and Jerod Johnston are washing, brushing, feeding and trimming their five pigs to get them ready for the upcoming Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

What do judges look for? Muscles and leanness, said Audra, 9, and Jerod, 13.

This will be Audra's second year to show pigs and her brother's fifth year. Jerod placed first two years ago at the show with a pig. He let his sister show one of his pigs last year, and it won reserve grand champion.

Why do they show animals? Audra said it was so she wouldn't be bored. Jerod said he just came home one day and they had pigs, so he decided to show them.

They both enjoy riding horses and playing sports. Please see PIGS, page 2



Audra Johnston is a two-year veteran of the livestock show and takes time out of her Saturday to brush one of the two pigs she will exhibit this week. Both her and her brother, Jerod, are looking forward to the judging on Thursday.

Herald photo by Tim Appel



Jerod Johnston brushes one of his pigs in preparation for this week's Howard County Junior Livestock Show. Brushing is just one part of a long, hard process all the exhibitors go through in anticipation of getting that blue ribbon.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

I HAVE A DREAM

King's work remembered with candlelight march

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will gather at 6 p.m. at the intersection of Gregg and Martin Luther King Boulevard for the second annual Martin Luther King Candlelight March.

Many people across the country are off today in celebration of the birthday of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Former President Ronald Reagan signed legislation in 1984 that made King the first African-American to be recognized by having a federal holiday in his honor.

What many people remember immediately about King is the now-famous 1963 "March on Washington," and the day in April 1968 when King was

gunned down in Memphis, Tenn. at the age of 39.

Many of King's accomplishments happened after he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in January 1957.

March organizer Stephanie Horton said, "A lot of my feelings are behind this march. Whenever you see clips of Dr. King marching, you get all kinds of feelings."

The dream that King so often referred to in his speeches were for justice for all Americans, but Horton said in her address last week at the VA Medical Center that today's children that must grab King's dream and live it out.

Horton said King's dream is not dead, but our generation today must prioritize what's important in our lives. She added the torch King left

behind is still alive and the fire is still burning.

"We don't need a new fire, we need to rekindle the old one. If a fire is raging out of control firefighters light what is called a back fire to get it under control. The torch that was passed to us was heavy and cost a lot. It came with blood, lost lives and sacrifices. It's time to reclaim what's ours - our children," Horton said.

She expects approximately 300 people to participate in tonight's march and has heard from people as far away as Midland and Lamesa who plan to participate.

The Big Spring Fire Department and the Big Spring Police Department will also be represented at the march.

When the march concludes at FM 700 a special prayer will be offered and participants will be escorted back to their vehicles.

Students graduate from DARE program

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

It was graduation time for students who had been in a special class for the last 17 weeks. More than 200 students graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program last Friday at the Big Spring High School Auditorium.

This was the first time all the elementary schools came together for one big ceremony.

"We decided to have the students together so they could see not only their class graduate but also know they weren't the only ones in Big Spring who were in the DARE program," said Big Spring police officer Terry Hudson.

Hudson and Sgt. Stan Parker taught classes at Moss, Marcy, Kentwood and Washington schools.

Part of the graduation ceremony included the students performing skits and role playing to show the audience the eight ways to say no to drugs, alcohol and violence. Some of the skits showed how to repeatedly say no, walk away or change the

Please see DARE, page 2



Marcy Elementary fifth grader Cyndra George reads her award-winning essay to the audience at the Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation last Friday morning. More than 200 students from local elementary schools recently graduated.

Herald photo by Kellie Jones

Marcy House complex to provide assisted living for elderly, disabled

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Assisted Living Concepts Inc. has announced construction of Marcy House, a new assisted living residence containing 38 apartments.

The complex will be located on the west side of Marcy Elementary near the intersection of Randolph Street and Wasson Road.

The complex was named Marcy House after Capt. Randolph B. Marcy, one of Big Spring's earliest explorers.

Bruce Bixby is a developer out of Abilene and works with Assisted Living Concepts.

City Engineer Ralph Truskowski said Assisted Living Concepts submitted plans to the city for the development several weeks ago and Bixby addressed the Big Spring City Council as to the details of the project and asked the council to approve the project.

The concept of assisted living is a fairly new licensing practice in Texas according to Truskowski.

The complex would be a mix between a nursing home and a retirement village, with full-time care and a medical staff available.

"The reason the city's approval was needed for a project like this is because it will

be in the midst of a planned development zone. The City Council has final approval on anything to be built in a planned development zone," Truskowski said.

"The project would also be expandable if the initial project is successful," Truskowski added. The residence is scheduled for completion in March.

Marcy House will offer a wide range of assistance with services planned according to each tenant's personal needs and choices. Assisted Living Concepts offers assisted living to older and disabled adults who want to maintain their independence but who a variety of support services.

U.S. Trivia

When was the official observance of Labor Day signed into law?
June 28, 1904

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: The site of a former pencil factory will be added to a historic district honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday as part of celebrations marking his birthday. The 5.5 acres will be converted into a parking lot for a King visitors center that is being built by the National Parks Service. See page 3.

World: Russian forces stormed Pervomayskaya with artillery, mortar and helicopter gunships today, setting the village aflame after Chechen rebels began killing some of the hostages they have held for six days. See page 5.

STATE

Meningitis scare

Odesa residents lined up this week for antibiotics to ward off spinal meningitis, a contagious disease that has killed at least one person from the area and has left a child hospitalized. See page 3.

Girl abducted

The search for a 9-year-old girl who was abducted as she rode a bicycle near her grandparents' home continued today. Officers were searching for a man in a pickup truck in connection with the abduction of Amber Hagerman. See page 3.

TONIGHT'S WEATHER

Tonight **75** ▲ Highs **35** ▼ Lows

Mostly sunny
Fair. Low around 35. South wind 5-10 mph.

Panhandle Basin Forecast
Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. South to southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Low in the mid 30s.
Thursday: Cooler, high near 55; clear night, low 30s.

OBITUARIES

Emma Franklin

Funeral services for Emma Franklin, 101, Lamesa, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996, at Bryan Street Baptist Church, in Lamesa, with Bobby Braswell, pastor, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Leland Lewis and Rev. Gerald Parsons. Burial will be in the Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Franklin died Sunday, Jan. 14 in Lamesa following a lengthy illness.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1894, in Colorado City. She married Andrew Franklin on Nov. 10, 1909, in Big Spring. She had lived in Big Spring for many years before moving to Lamesa in 1940. She had been a member of Bryan Street Baptist Church for 51 years.

Survivors include four sons: Virgil Franklin, Buchanan Dam, C.L. Franklin, Odessa, Joe Franklin and Clyde Franklin, both of Lamesa; two daughters: Bernice Shrum and Ruby Olds, both of Lamesa; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, Harley Elvis Franklin, who died in Italy during World War II.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Inc., Lamesa.

Naomi Wright

Services for Naomi Wright, 91, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She died Sunday, Jan. 14, in a local nursing home.

Geraldine Hoffman

Services for Geraldine (Benton) Hoffman, 63, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996, at the First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Gary Smith, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hoffman died Saturday, Jan. 13, at her daughter's residence.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1932, in Big Spring. She was the daughter of Abe and Nettie Benton who were pioneer Big Spring residents. She lived most of her life in Big Spring except for living a few

**MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL**

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Chris C. Wright, 65, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 P.M., Tuesday at Stephenville Funeral Chapel, with burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Lipan, Texas.

**Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel**

906 GREGG 267-6331

Geraldine (Benton) Hoffman, 63, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at the First Church of the Nazarene. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

David Craig Hodnett, 36, died Sunday. Services will be 4:00 P.M. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Naomi Wright, 91, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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years in Lubbock. Mrs. Hoffman was a published writer and poet and was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons: Jesse Rentfrow, Big Spring, Ray Cornell, Albuquerque, N.M., and Jack Cornell, Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters: Debra Cornell, Lubbock, LaVonne Collins, Big Spring, Renee Melton, Odessa; several grandchildren; one sister: Suzanne Herring, Lubbock; two brothers: Bruce Benton, Lubbock, and Don Benton, Ventura, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Craig Hodnett

Funeral services for David Craig Hodnett, 36, Buda, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Hodnett died Sunday, Jan. 14, near Austin as a result of an automobile accident.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1959, in Big Spring, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1977. He had lived most of his life in Big Spring. He had worked for Southwest Tool in Big Spring for a number of years and then worked as a pipe plant manager for Co Ex Pipe Company. Since



HODNETT

July of 1995 he had lived in Buda and worked as a machinist for Chatteff Control in Buda.

God blessed Craig with the greatest of gifts - a love for children. He referred to his beloved daughter as the "happily ever after" of his life. He always took extra time away from adult pursuits to play with and love his daughter, three nieces and nephew.

Survivors include a daughter: Brittany Sheree Hodnett, Big Spring; his parents: David and Annette Hodnett, Big Spring; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Angela and Conrad Solis, Dripping Springs, and Stacey and David Nix, Midland; one brother: Russell Hodnett, Big Spring; his maternal grandparents: Ross and Louise Boykin, Big Spring; and three nieces and one nephew: Jace and Teran Nix, Midland, and Liana and Miranda Solis, Dripping Springs.

Pallbearers will be Archie Kountz, Scott Emerson, Jay Turner, Tommy Tune, Pat O'Daniel and Danny Weir.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Chris Wright

Services for Chris C. Wright, 65, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996, at Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel, Stephenville. Interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Lipan.

Mr. Wright died Saturday, Jan. 13, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He was born on April 12, 1930, in Dickens. He was a member of the Assembly of God. He was a locksmith. He served in the Marines during the Korean War. He had lived many years in Fort Mill, S.C., several years in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and the past six months in Big Spring.

Survivors include one son: Randy Wright, Hurst; two daughters: Carla Sparks, Colleyville, and Charlotte Myers, Fort Mill, S.C.; two sisters: Lona Nelms, Hurst, and Lucille Kilgore, Stephenville; three brothers: D.C. Wright, Stephenville, Tommy Wright, Owensboro, Ky., and Charles Wright, Coppas Cove; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Stephenville Funeral Home, Inc.

RECORDS

Sunday's temp. **
Sunday's low **
Average high 58
Average low 27
Record high 80 in 1928
Record low 5 in 1972
Rainfall Sunday 0.00

ON THE RUN
Big Spring

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•ROBERT VIERA, 23, 1425 E. Sixth #28, was arrested for assault and family violence.

•CRUZ PUGA, 35, 1110 E. 13th, was arrested for no drivers license and no insurance and later released on bond.

•PHILLIP GARCIA, 19, 2518 Hunter, was arrested for failure to identify and released on bond.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of North Main.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2900 block of West 80.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 300 block of Tulane.

•ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Bluebird.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1200 block of East 11th.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1200 block of Wood.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1600 block of East 17th.

•THEFT in the 900 block of Willia.

•THEFT in the 800 block of East I-20.

•THEFT in the 900 block of East 14th.

IN BRIEF

Forsan school board to meet tonight

The Forsan Independent School District board will have a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Agenda items include updating 50 policy manual recommendations from the high school SBDM Committee, discuss Auditors for the 95-96 audit, consider Red Cross request for disaster plan and consider personnel issues including employment, resignations, assignments and benefits.

Citizens Police Academy alumni meet Thursday

The Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will meet Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the CLEAT Building located at 306-D East 11th Place. All recent and former graduates of the

DARE

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subject when approached by someone wanting the students to take drugs.

All the students wrote essays on what DARE meant to them and the officers chose a few out of each class to read to the audience.

"I really wish other people that do drugs would know how to say no so that there would not be as many deaths. I will always say no to drugs and try to avoid people that do them. I don't want to go to parties where people get drunk," said Ryan Vela, Washington Elementary student.

Marcy Elementary student Cyndra George said, "The DARE program has taught me that using drugs is a very bad choice. It ruins your chances of ever being somebody in life. If you have goals in life as I do, you would know that drugs and violence are not a good reason to wreck your body and health."

Pigs

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when they aren't busy preparing the animals for a show. They plan on entering the pigs in San Angelo and for the first time in San Antonio later on.

The brother-and-sister team agree it is pretty hard work to prepare the animals.

Audra said, "You have to remember to keep the pig between you and the judge. You have to watch the judge too."

Jerod added, "You have to make sure they aren't overweight and keep them clean."

Their dad, Dusty Johnston, added the judges look for overall structural correctness and make sure the animals meet their ideal market value. The family buys new pigs every year and Audra names them. One of them is Ted; he's a black and white Hampshire. The other

•THEFT in the 900 block of West Third.

•THEFT in the 400 block of Gregg.

•THEFT in the 1700 block of East Marcy.

•THEFT in the 1800 block of Gregg.

•THEFT in the 400 block of Johnson.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•MARIO RIVAS, 42, 1208 Mesa, was arrested for evading arrest or detention and released on a \$500 bond.

•MARY HELEN MORON, 27, 120 Airbase Rd. #323, was arrested for forgery and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•ADAM WAYNE EDMONDSON, 24, Rt. 2 Box 127, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•GLENN ROLAND CATES, 34, 3217 Cornell St. was arrested for driving while intoxicated and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•PABLO RODRIGUEZ, 55, Colorado City, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and released on a \$1,000 bond.

academy are encouraged to attend.

College updating business directory

The Howard College Business Development Center will update the Minority, Veteran & Women-Owned Business Directory. The purpose of this directory is to help companies or government agencies identify minority, women and veteran-owned businesses in Big Spring. Contact Delia Barraza at 264-5164 before Friday.

Financial aid workshop at high school

Big Spring High School will have a financial aid workshop 7-8 p.m. Thursday in the cafeteria. All area seniors and adults wanting to attend college are invited.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. For more information, contact Gina Garza, 263-7331, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TODAY

•Survivors of Suicide will be held 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. The speaker will be Linda George, MSW, who will give a presentation on "Suicide Loss and Grief." For more information please call 915-685-1566.

•New Voice Club of the Big Spring area, 6:30 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center, Whipkey Road in Comanche Trail Park.

•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.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

TUESDAY

•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), 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 8th & Rannels, enter through patio. Linda Akin, R.N. with the New Concepts Wellness Center, will be the speaker and dinner will

be at 7 p.m. at a local restaurant. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center.

•Senior citizen dance, 7 to 10 p.m., Colorado City Civic Center. The Country Five will provide the music. Everyone is invited.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

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

•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 Football 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.

WEDNESDAY

•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.

•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.

THURSDAY

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

BUILDING

A PATH TO SUCCESS

COSDEN EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 16, 1996
Big Spring High School Cafeteria & Auditorium
Meal 6:00 p.m.-Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Angie Way

Special Guest: MOOLA MOOLA

Special Presentation and Special Prizes For All Kids of The Moola Moola Kids Club.

PRIZES: \$4,000⁰⁰ in CASH Drawing

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King celebrations include addition to historic district

By WILLIAM E. SCHULZ
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The site of a former pencil factory was added to a historic district honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on today as part of celebrations marking his birthday.

The 5.5 acres will be converted into a parking lot for a King visitors center that is being built by the National Parks Service. A milelong walkway will

connect it to the Carter Presidential Center's library and museum.

With Atlanta the host of the 1996 summer Olympics, officials expect many more visitors to the sites.

"For someone visiting here from France, England, China, what they're going to think about is 'Where is Martin Luther King?' and 'Where is Jimmy Carter?' We're connecting them," said Rand Wentworth, a representative for a

trust that has acquired and transferred land to complete the 15.5-acre district.

The district also includes streets, buildings and the neighborhood where the slain civil rights leader grew up.

In the 1950s, the Scripto pencil plant was Atlanta's largest employer, providing jobs for residents and customers for businesses. The King district has become the area's new economic draw.

The land transfer is one of

many ceremonies marking King's birthday in Atlanta and elsewhere around the nation. President Clinton is scheduled to attend a service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, next door to the King Center, before touring the Olympic Stadium.

The King Center, which is run by King's family, will hold its annual march and rally. Emory University will show a portfolio of rare photographs taken during the last year of King's life.

In Boston, a music program

was planned at Boston University, where King got his Ph.D. in theology in 1955. Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., will give a speech on "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community — The Choice is Yours."

The commemoration of King's birthday got underway Sunday night in Charlotte, N.C., where about 150 people held a candlelight vigil in honor of murdered young people. A group called Stop The Killing planned the tribute as a way to follow King's

example of nonviolence.

Participants lighted 117 candles, one for each of the teenagers and youngsters murdered in the city in the past eight years.

"We're seeing a growing trend of young people becoming more and more violent," said James Barnett, executive director of Stop The Killing. "But we feel if we can get the young people together and the older people praising them ... it will make a difference."

Odessans line up for antibiotic treatment

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Odessa residents lined up this week for antibiotics to ward off spinal meningitis, a contagious disease that has killed at least one person from the area and has left a child hospitalized.

Ector County health authorities originally believed that a 47-year-old woman died Saturday from meningitis. They have since backed off that assertion.

On Thursday, Brenda Bennett and a 5-year-old girl were admitted to Medical Center Hospital with an unknown illness. By nightfall, Ector County Health Department officials were on the phone trying to contact everyone who recently had come in contact with them.

The woman, who died Saturday, may have infected people through her job at the Ector County Courthouse and the girl may have come into contact with those in her Odessa Head Start classroom and on the school bus.

Arlington resident Victoria Barrientes, 14, died of meningococcal meningitis Jan. 2 after having spent Christmas in Odessa. More than 100 Ector County residents who came into contact with the girl received the prescription antibiotic Rifampin in the days after her death.

Ector County Health Department official C.S. Patterson said nothing connects Victoria with the two new cases.

Bennett's doctor is awaiting autopsy results before calling meningitis the cause of her death.

"We just don't know what this is," Dr. Dan Hendrickson said. "We're not sure it was an infectious agent at all. It could've been something like a stroke that affected the brain."

The girl was listed in stable condition at Medical Center Hospital Sunday evening.

Those who went to the health department were given a two-day prescription for Rifampin. Children were given a liquid, adults were given pills.

At a news conference Saturday, Patterson said there was no cause for alarm.

"There's no reason for panic on the part of the public at this time because we feel that this is still sporadic in nature," Patterson said. "There is no sign of an epidemic occurring."

Patterson added that exposure is more likely to occur by close personal contact, such as coughing and sneezing.

Health officials have said the incubation period for spinal meningitis is between two and 10 days.

Endeavour astronauts take on hard hat role

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two rookie spacewalkers played celestial hard hats today outside shuttle Endeavour, working with a beam and cables in a 200-mile-high imitation of space station assembly.

"Easy. No problem at all," Leroy Chiao said as he mounted a hinged aluminum beam across the shuttle's cargo bay.

Chiao and Daniel Barry were trying out new tools, evaluating upgraded spacesuits and giving NASA something it badly needs — experienced spacewalkers to help assemble an international space station in a few years.

The two worked together to unfold and mount the 17 1/2-foot beam designed to mimic a cable tray planned for the station.

Chiao then unreeled about 20 feet of cable from a spool and attached it to the beam.

The cable rolled off with ease, but winding it back up turned out to be tougher. "It's flopping in every direction," he said.

The two spacewalkers ventured outside on time but soon fell behind in their work because of a misalignment between the shuttle robot arm and a work platform that had to be attached to the end of the 50-foot arm.

As it turned out, the rearranged position was easier for Barry — "so I'm not complaining."

Within two hours, they were back on track and at work with the beam.

The remaining jobs went so smoothly that the astronauts headed back inside the shuttle about 15 minutes before their scheduled 6 1/2 hours was up.

"Maybe we'll come out again together someday, Leroy," Barry said.

"You bet. There's going to be plenty of work to do for (the) station," Chiao replied.

Even while hustling through their tasks, the pair took every opportunity to soak up the sights and repeatedly remarked at the dazzling view.

CHILI CHEF



Terry Smith stirs his chili in the pot while preparing for the Harley Owners Group Chili Cook-off Saturday.

Search continues for abducted Arlington girl

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The search for a 9-year-old girl who was abducted as she rode a bicycle near her grandparents' home continued today.

Officers were searching for a man in a pickup truck in connection with the Saturday abduction of Amber Hagerman, who was last seen near an abandoned grocery store.

Witnesses told police she was taken by a white or Hispanic man driving a black, full-sized pickup.

"There's really nothing new," said Dee Anderson, an Arlington police spokesman.

"We've received hundreds of tips. This is a tedious process."

One witness saw the girl being dragged from her bicycle, Arlington police spokesman Dee Anderson said.

The witness, Jimmie Kevill, said he didn't realize he was watching an abduction until it was too late.

"I saw this pickup, he pulled

up, jumped out and grabbed her," he told The Dallas Morning News. "When I heard her scream, I knew something was wrong."

She is 4 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs about 75 pounds and has long, reddish-brown hair.

She was wearing a light pink shirt and slacks or blue jeans. She had her hair tied with a black-and-white ribbon.

Her parents made a public plea for her return. "Please, I beg you, don't hurt my little girl," said Donna Whitson.

Coincidentally, Whitson and her children are part of a WFAA-TV documentary that is scheduled to air Thursday about people who have successfully gotten off welfare.

Nann Goplerud, WFAA's executive producer of special projects, said there is no reason to believe there is a connection between the abduction and the documentary.

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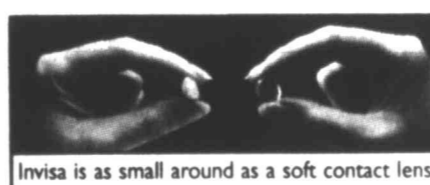
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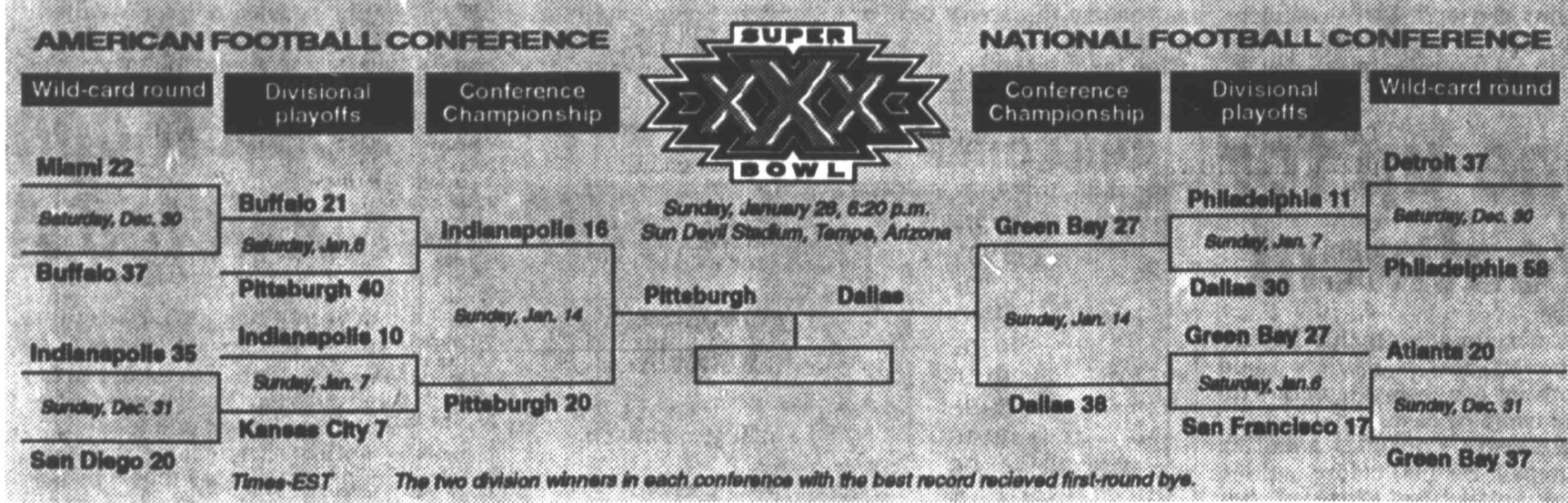
'Boys Back In The Bowl

The usual suspects lead Dallas to 38-27 victory over Packers in NFC Championship

DALLAS (AP) — Call them "the Triplets." Call them Emmitt, Troy and Michael. Call them the reason the Dallas Cowboys are back where they think they belong every year.

The Super Bowl. With Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin doing what they do best, the Cowboys overcame the tenacious Green Bay Packers 38-27 Sunday and now head for Tempe, Ariz., to play Pittsburgh in quest of their third NFL championship in four years.

They met in two previous Super Bowls, both won by Pittsburgh after the 1974 and 1976 seasons. This time, however, Dallas is an early 12-point favorite to become the 12th straight team from the NFC to win the NFL title.



"We're going home," said Irvin, who had seven receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns Sunday. "We let

someone else rent it last year, but we're taking it back." But while Dallas will bring back a lot of familiar faces,

there will be two notable new ones — Barry Switzer and Deion Sanders. "They tell me it's a lot of

fun," said the coach who's been under fire since Jerry Jones chose him to replace Jimmy Johnson after their well-publi-

cized falling out in April 1994. Sanders, on the other hand, will be back for the second consecutive season, but his first with Dallas.

Last season, he won his first ring with San Francisco, then signed on with the Cowboys for \$35 million. His main contribution Sunday was on offense rather than defense — a 35-yard reception, on which he demonstrated his high-stepping strut, to set up Dallas' first touchdown.

This was not an easy game for the Cowboys, although they held the ball for four seconds short of 39 minutes.

They got 150 yards and three touchdowns on 35 carries for Smith and an efficient 21 of 33 day for Aikman, who threw for

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Steelers solve AFC title riddle

PITTSBURGH (AP) — They needed a miracle, another immaculate Reception.

Unfortunately for the Indianapolis Colts, Franco Harris was still on the Pittsburgh Steelers' side. On a day of high drama and high-wire-like tension in the AFC championship game, so was fate.

Jim Harbaugh's last-play desperation pass seemed "a frozen moment in time," linebacker Levon Kirkland said after it fluttered by five Steelers and into receiver Aaron Bailey's hands. But the ball bounced off Bailey's stomach and was swatted away by Randy Fuller in the end zone, and finally the Steelers had exorcised the evil spirits of last year's championship game loss.

"It's reality," Neil O'Donnell said following the Steelers' exhausting 20-16 victory Sunday. "We're going to the Super Bowl. Maybe we did learn something from last year."

Maybe, too, it was an omen when Harris presided over the ceremonial pregame coin toss. Now, the four-time champion Steelers, the Team of the '70s during the Franco-Mean Joe-Bradshaw era, will meet the four-time champion Dallas Cowboys, the Team of the '90s, in the Super Bowl's first threepeat.

Because the Steelers didn't make history by becoming the first team to lose consecutive conference championship games on its home field, they can be the first AFC team to go 5-0 in the Super Bowl — and the first to go 3-0 against the same opponent.

"I fell in love with the Steelers when they played the Cowboys in the Super Bowl (during the 1975 and 1978 seasons)," Fuller said. "I loved Mel Blount, Lynn Swann, Franco Harris. Now, we're going back to the Super Bowl and I'm a part of it. It's almost too good to be true."

Especially after the Steelers opened 3-4, the worst such start

for any Super Bowl team. And especially after last season, when they fell three yards short of beating the San Diego Chargers in the AFC championship game on this same field.

But faced with nearly identical circumstances on a sunny Sunday that unexpectedly preempted the gray drab of a seemingly endless Pittsburgh winter, they triumphed, beating an Indianapolis Colts team that wasn't supposed to be here but absolutely refused to go away.

Just like last season, the Steelers blew a fourth-quarter lead on a long touchdown pass: Floyd Turner's 47-yard touchdown catch put the Colts ahead 16-13 and was eerily reminiscent of Tony Martin's 43-yarder last season.

"Without a doubt, last year came into my mind," Steelers receiver Yancey Thigpen said. "They kept hanging around, just like the Chargers did last year, and I said, 'Here we go again.'"

It especially seemed like history repeating itself, according to running back Bam Morris, when the Steelers again found themselves staring at fourth-and-3. Last year, Dennis Gibson tipped away O'Donnell's fourth-and-3 pass intended for Barry Foster, and it put the Chargers in the Super Bowl.

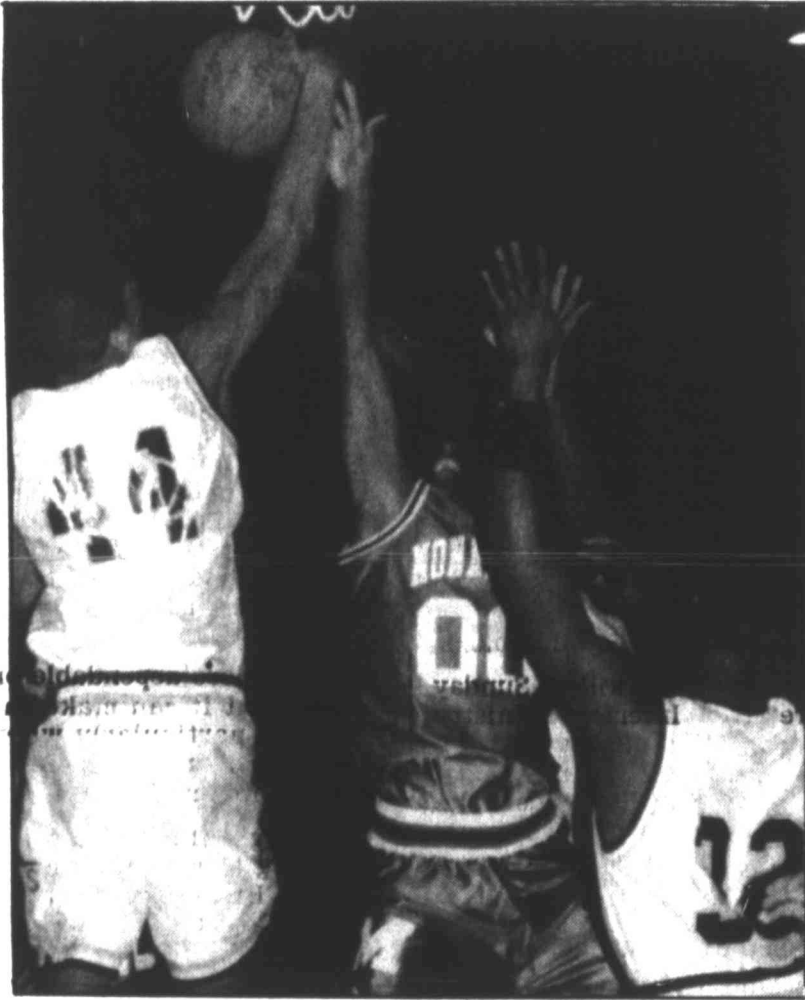
This time, the Steelers got a good tip on their final drive. Ernie Mills managed to deflect an O'Donnell pass that linebacker Quentin Coryatt seemed certain of intercepting, and, two plays later, O'Donnell hit Andre Hastings for nine yards and a first down on fourth-and-3.

"That play was unbelievable," O'Donnell said. "I fired that ball as hard as I could and I said either he catches it or it goes through him."

Then came the play of a season for Pittsburgh as Mills streaked down the Colts' sideline and badly beat defender Anthony Ambrose for a 37-yard

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DOUBLE-TEAMED



Monahans' Shannion Shorter (00) finds himself double-teamed by Big Spring's lb Simpson (44) and Chad Warren (32) during their game Friday night in Steer Gym.

SUPER BOWL XXX

Back to the '70s: It's Cowboys, Pittsburgh

Only one franchise has won five Super Bowls. Another will equal that feat on Jan. 28 at Tempe, Ariz.

The Dallas Cowboys are 11-point favorites to do it and extend the NFC's winning string to an incredible 12 in the big game. The AFC champion Pittsburgh Steelers beat Dallas twice in Super Bowls in going 4-0 in the 1970s and 1980.

Here we go again. "This is what you play the game for," Steelers safety Darren Perry said. "The excitement ... it's almost as if it's not really happening."

It's happening, Darren, for the Steelers, who defeated Indianapolis 20-16 Sunday. And for the Cowboys, 38-27 victors over Green Bay.

"We are happy to get there, despite the negativity we've endured this year," Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders said. "This team is good, really good, and the way we stuck together



is a credit to each of us." Dallas will appear in a record eighth Super Bowl. It won in 1992 and '93, then last year saw the San Francisco 49ers reach that fifth super victory first.

It will be the Super Bowl debut for Barry Switzer, who replaced Jimmy Johnson last season after Johnson and team owner Jerry Jones feuded and split.

Switzer won three college football championships at Oklahoma. The NFC title certainly helped vindicate Switzer, who often is maligned for his

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UMass still No. 1; Raiders make Top 25 debut

Massachusetts remained the No. 1 team in the college basketball poll for the fourth straight week today, while once again there were multiple changes at the bottom of the Top 25.

The Minutemen (14-0) received 62 of the 64 first-place votes and 1,598 points from the national media panel, with Kentucky (13-1) holding the runner-up spot for the fourth straight week, this time with 1,519 points.

Cincinnati (11-0) and Kansas (12-1) swapped third and fourth with the Bearcats receiving a first-place vote. Connecticut (14-1) received the other No. 1 vote and moved up one spot to fifth.

Wake Forest, which jumped two spots, Villanova, Georgetown, Memphis and North Carolina rounded out the

Top Ten. Georgetown, which lost to Pittsburgh during the week, fell three places in the only other change among that group.

Virginia Tech jumped from 15th to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Syracuse, UCLA, Penn State, Utah, Iowa, Purdue, Arizona, Clemson and Michigan. The last five spots went to Mississippi State, Georgia, Auburn, Boston College and Texas Tech.

The last three teams are new to the poll this week. Boston College (11-3) was ranked 24th two weeks ago before falling out in the last voting after losing to Villanova.

It's been a lot longer between poll appearances for the other two.

Auburn (14-3), which comes in at No. 23 off the upset of

then-No. 19 Georgia, was last ranked in 1987-88, and that was for one week in the middle of the season at No. 19. The Tigers, led by forward Chris Morris, went 19-11 that season and lost to Oklahoma in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Texas Tech (12-1), whose only loss was to Eastern Michigan and whose biggest win was over Oklahoma, was last ranked in the final poll of the 1984-85 season. The Red Raiders finished 23-8 that season and, led by guard Bubba Jennings, advanced to the NCAA tournament, losing to Boston College in the first round.

Falling from the rankings were Illinois, Stanford and New Mexico.

The Illini (11-5), who were ranked 21st and had been as

high as 12th this season, lost to Michigan and Indiana last week, their third and fourth straight losses, all in the Big Ten.

Stanford had been out of the Top 25 for four weeks before coming back in last week at No. 24. The Cardinal (8-4) lost at UCLA and Southern California last week.

New Mexico held the No. 25 spot, but the Lobos (13-2) dropped out after losing to Wyoming over the weekend.

Penn State (13-0), along with Massachusetts and Cincinnati the only remaining unbeaten Division I teams, made the week's biggest jump from 20th to No. 14, while Mississippi State, which lost to Kentucky and Alabama at home this week, had the week's biggest drop from 12th to 21st.

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Basketball

NMJC at Howard (women/men), 5:50/7:50 p.m.

Tuesday
Basketball

Big Spring at Andrews (B/G), 6/7:30 p.m.
Jim Ned at Coahoma (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.
Winters B/G at Forean (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.
Wall at Stanton (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.
Garden City at Sands (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.
Grady at Southland (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.
Ira at Borden County (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.

STATE/NATION

Lady Raiders swamp A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Michi Atkins scored a career-high 37 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had eight assists to lead No. 9 Texas Tech to a 90-70 victory over Texas A&M on Sunday night.

The Red Raiders (12-2, 2-0 Southwest Conference) shot a season-high 63.8 percent and held the Aggies (10-5, 1-1) to a season-low 32.1 percent.

Lisa Branch had 20 points to become A&M's career scoring leader. She had 1,633, 18 more than Lisa Langston had from 1983-86.

Branch also broke the Southwest Conference career record for free throws made. She was 4-of-7, giving her 518 free throws, three more than the previous mark held by Holly Jones of Rice from 1984-87.

Governors place friendly wager

OLEAN, N.Y. (AP) — Marcus Camby, the star center for top-ranked Massachusetts, was in stable condition this morning after collapsing minutes before a game Sunday against St. Bonaventure.

The 21-year-old junior was held overnight at Olean General Hospital in an effort to determine what caused the episode.

Mickelson wins Nortel

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Phil Mickelson won his second straight Nortel Open and third in six years Sunday, holing an 18-foot birdie chip on the final hole for a two-stroke victory over Bob Tway.

Mickelson, who earned \$225,000, had a 14-under-273 total.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
Georgetown at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Oklahoma at Missouri, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
Brigham Young at Hawaii, 11 p.m., ESPN.

NBA

Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Truth will sooner come out of error than from confusion."
Francis Bacon

Take care around Airbase Road during construction

Construction work to improve Airbase Road got under way today. While we wonder if there weren't other intersections with a more pressing need for improvement, we welcome the Texas Department of Transportation's efforts to improve the traffic flow in our community.

The Airbase Road-West 16th project will include drainage improvements as well as a widening of the roadway while creating a thru-lane for northbound drivers on Airbase Road.

We urge those who use Airbase Road to exercise even more caution during the construction period. Not only will the roadway be torn up, but the flashing lights that remind motorists of the Anderson Kindergarten Center will be

down during the work period. The Airbase Road-West 16th Street project is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's long-range plan for Big Spring and Howard County.

The plan itself was presented last spring during a public hearing at Western Texas College in Snyder, where TxDOT officials outlined projects for the next three years.

As we move into 1996, we would hope state officials would see the need to do two things within our community that have not made the long-range list - create a truck route around the community and work to improve the safety conditions at the intersection of FM 700 and East 11th.

Until that time, remember to drive with care in the vicinity of Airbase Road and West 16th.

WORLD

Chechen rebels kill hostages; Russian forces storm village

By CHRIS BIRD
Associated Press Writer

PERVOMAYSKAYA, Russia (AP) — Russian forces stormed Pervomayskaya with artillery, mortar and helicopter gunships today, setting the village aflame after Chechen rebels began killing some of the hostages they have held for six days. A rocket destroyed a school where some of the estimated 100 captives were held. White flashes split the skies, and thick smoke poured from buildings. The Russian military said one serviceman was killed. There was no word on the fate of the hostages or on other casualties. The attack came on the sixth day of the standoff in Pervomayskaya, a tiny village on bleak fields of the southern Russian republic of Dagestan, less

than a mile from Chechnya. The rebels, who seized the hostages to dramatize their demand for a Russian troop withdrawal from their breakaway republic, denied killing any hostages. Gunfire crackled and explosions could be heard every second when the attack began at 9 a.m. Helicopter gunships fired rockets at the village, and artillery and mortar shells thundered. A spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin, Sergei Medvedev, said the decision to attack had been taken when "it became clear any delay aggravated the situation and put the life of the hostages in jeopardy."

Gen. Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the Federal Security Service, made contact with the rebels at 8:50 a.m. (12:50 a.m. EST) and gave them 10 minutes to come out waving white flags or face attack, Maj. Gen. Alexander Mikhailov, a spokesman for the security forces, told reporters. The rebels failed to appear, and at 9 a.m. the Russians began the assault. By midday, government forces were inside the village and there were reports of hand-to-hand fighting. In a statement, Barsukov said the rebels had started killing hostages Sunday and that such acts were no longer tolerable. The captives killed Sunday were two Interior Ministry troops, Mikhailov said. The ITAR-Tass news agency, quoting unidentified security sources, said the rebels had shot six more Interior Ministry troops this morning.

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China to change laws to improve rights protection

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China plans to amend its laws to expand human rights protections, including setting limits on police detentions and giving lawyers greater access to defendants. The revisions are being discussed by the standing committee of China's national legislature and may be enacted by August, officials of government research institutes told reporters today. However, the changes described by the officials appeared unlikely to do much for Chinese political prisoners such as Wei Jingsheng, who was sentenced Dec. 13 to 14 years in prison for allegedly seeking to overthrow the government. Convicted prisoners are denied a broader range of rights that are not up for discussion by the committee. China has sought to refute international criticism of its human rights record with a series of speeches and reports claiming significant progress in protections for its 1.2 billion people. Today, the Foreign Ministry invited reporters to a news conference with scholars from government-sponsored research institutes. The researchers admitted more needs to be done to prevent abuses and ensure that laws take precedence over "administrative penalties." The latter are at the whims of police and security forces and can include lockups in China's notorious labor camps. But the scholars strongly defended China's record on the trial of democracy activist Wei and discounted recent reports documenting deliberate maltreatment of children in government orphanages.

U.S.-Korea talks fail to resolve major issues

HONOLULU (AP) — Three days of talks between the United States and North Korea failed to resolve key issues on the return of remains of U.S. servicemen killed during the Korean War, the Pentagon said. The U.S. military also dismissed as "totally false" a South Korean newspaper's report Monday that North Korea still holds up to 10 American prisoners of war. The talks, which ended Sunday, marked the first time the Pentagon's top MIA and POW officials met with North Korea on recovering remains of Americans missing from the 1950-53 war. "The talks failed to resolve any of the problems that have blocked progress on this important humanitarian issue," said a statement the Department of Defense released Sunday. South Korea's state television KBS reported that the talks broke down on Saturday after the two sides agreed in principle on joint excavation teams for the remains but disagreed on U.S. insistence that they start work immediately. Nearly 8,100 Americans are listed as missing in action from the Korean War. Only about 200 sets of remains have been repatriated.

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FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

Table with NFL playoff results and standings for AFC and NFC divisions.

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Blacks 74, Tulsa 67
Southern Cal 84, Stanford 80

NBA

Table with NBA Eastern Conference standings.

Sunday's Game

Cleveland 89, Phoenix 74
Monday's Games
Milwaukee at New York, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 4:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 5 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Table with scores for Anaheim, Edmonton, San Jose, etc.

HOCKEY

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at Boston, 1:30 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Vancouver at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend BASEBALL
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed Livan Hernandez, pitcher, to a four-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
UTAH JAZZ—Extended the contract of Karl Malone, forward.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Activated David Sacco, forward, from the injured list. Placed Peter Douris, right wing, on the injured list, retroactive to Dec. 28.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled Darcy Tucker, forward, from Fredericton of the AHL.

BASKETBALL

College scores

Table with college basketball scores for various teams.

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laid-back approach and offbeat decisions.

"I've never been to the big one," he said. "They tell me it's a lot of fun." Switzer brings with him the league's most balanced attack, with stars Troy Aikman throwing, Emmitt Smith running, Michael Irvin catching and a superb supporting cast contributing whatever is needed. Smith rushed for 150 yards and scored three TDs against Green Bay. Irvin had seven catches for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

Dallas is less dependable on defense, but it can make the big plays, particularly when Sanders, Darren Woodson and Leon Lett are involved.

Pittsburgh, the AFC's highest-scoring team, should move the ball. But can it keep up with the Cowboys' high-octane offense?

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For the Steelers, just making the Super Bowl offered redemption from last year, when they fell 3 yards short against San Diego.

"I've been in the league 11 years and I've come up short every year but this one," linebacker Kevin Greene said. "It's tremendous. It's all about going to the Super Bowl and winning." But AFC teams don't win the Super Bowl. The last time it happened was 1984, when the Raiders beat Washington.

Can the Steelers break that record schneid? Not if they play as they did against Indianapolis. The offense, more wide-open than any since the last Steelers team to win the championship, sputtered against the Colts.

Quarterback Neil O'Donnell was pressured often and he had three passes batted down by tackle Tony Siragusa. Rarely did they get any plays

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downfield. And now they face a better secondary, featuring Woodson and Sanders?

The rushing game didn't get untracked against the Colts, whose strength was run defense. Pittsburgh has the weapons in Eric Pegras, Bam Morris and John L. Williams, but the line — other than All-Pro center Dermontti Dawson — has not been particularly effective. Lett could have a big day.

Pittsburgh's defense is strong and versatile and will be its best chance to grab the championship. Even without star cornerback Rod Woodson, the secondary is first-rate, and linebackers Greene, Greg Lloyd and Levon Kirkland create havoc. Against Dallas, it will be severely tested.

"I think the important thing for us," Smith said, "is to accept the challenge we will be receiving from the Pittsburgh Steelers."

AFC

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catch to the Colts' 1. "People on the sidelines were yelling, 'Go with Yancey (Thigpen), go to this side. You know there are 8 million coaches when you're out there,'" O'Donnell said. "Ernie made a great move (on defensive back Anthony Ambrose), and I gave him a chance to go get it."

Morris, all 240 pounds of him, then ran through two Colts and several teammates into the end zone, and it was over, barring a miracle. Harbaugh nearly arranged that.

"All week, I tried to stay away from all of the talk about last year, last year, last year," O'Donnell said. "But last year was last year, and now we're going to Arizona."

The Colts could only trudge back to Indianapolis, saddled with the sinking feeling of how close they came to the impossi-

ble. A miracle catch on the final play would have been a fitting finish to a playoff run as they nearly became the first wild card team to reach the Super Bowl by winning three straight on the road.

"We were a million-to-one shot, and we almost pulled it off," Bailey said. Almost.

Two plays into the game, Jeff Herrod's only interception of the season on a pass tipped by Tony Siragusa positioned the Colts to go ahead 7-0. But Lamont Warren was stopped on third-and-1 and the Colts settled for the first of Cary Blanchard's three field goals.

Later, Steelers super rookie Kordell Stewart stepped out of bounds as he tried to outrun double coverage in the end zone. But the officials didn't see it and Stewart's 5-yard touchdown catch put

Pittsburgh ahead 10-6 with 13 seconds left in the first half.

"It's a touchdown that never should have been a touchdown," Colts coach Ted Marchibroda said.

What would a Steelers' AFC championship game victory be without an end-zone controversy? They beat Houston 27-13 in the January 1980 AFC championship game only after the officials took away an apparent go-ahead touchdown catch by Oilers' Mike Renfro.

But these Steelers no longer want to hear about such ancient history, or even about last year.

"We just don't want to go to the Super Bowl, we want to win it," said Steelers coach Bill Cowher. "We're not going to be satisfied until we finish this off the right way. Then you won't have to talk about the 1994 Steelers any more."

NFC

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255 yards and 4- and 6-yard TD passes to Irvin in the first period. And it wasn't a pleasant one. There were numerous scuffles and three unsportsmanlike conduct penalties following an injury to Green Bay nose tackle John Jurkovic on a legal chop block by Erik Williams. In fact, the Packers complained all game about the officiating — they thought a pick was thrown on Sanders' reception.

And Gil Haskell, Green Bay's receivers coach, was knocked unconscious when he was hit on the sidelines by the Packers' Robert Brooks, who had been shoved out of bounds by Darren Woodson. Haskell was taken to Baylor University Hospital where he was listed in serious condition with a head injury.

"It's hard to keep going when you see your friend lying there unconscious," said Packers coach Mike Holmgren.

The Packers played hard. The Cowboys just played better. Among the keys for Dallas was defensive tackle Leon Lett, who always seems to show up (positively or negatively) in big games. His interception of a Brett Favre screen pass set up the second Aikman-Irvin hookup to give the Cowboys a 14-3 lead with 2:20 left in the first period.

But, 21 seconds after Irvin scored, Brooks raced untouched into the Dallas end zone after taking a slant pass from Favre on a play that covered 73 yards. Somehow Larry Brown was left alone to cover the entire side of the field against Brooks, who caught 102 passes in the regular season.

Brown would later atone with an interception that sealed the game, but the Favre-Brooks play was typical of the resilience by Green Bay, which last week upset San Francisco, the reigning champion.

Favre, the NFL's MVP during the regular season, missed his first six passing attempts and completed only two of his first nine. But both of those were for touchdowns, the second a 24-yarder to Keith Jackson 39 seconds into the second period that gave the Packers a 17-14 lead.

"I was a little too pumped up," said the 26-year-old Favre, who was in the biggest game of his career.

One key came at the end of the first half, after Packer punter Craig Hentrich spun a 57-yard punt out of bounds at the Dallas 1-yard-line.

On the next play, Smith burst off tackle behind Williams for 25 yards and the Cowboys were in position to move. The drive ended with Smith going into the end zone from a yard out with 24 seconds left in the half, making it 24-17.

Remains found of Colombian crash victim

By CHRIS TORCHIA
Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The remains of a 9-year-old New Jersey boy who had been missing since an American Airlines crash killed 160 people in southwestern Colombia have been recovered.

Rescuers on Sunday found the body of Michael Claros, of Hillsborough, N.J., on the Andes mountain ridge where the Boeing 757 crashed Dec. 20 as it descended toward Cali. Four people and a dog survived.

The dead included Michael's mother and sister. Rescuers found most of the bodies during the first few days after the crash. In some cases, they found only body parts.

Ricardo Zea, a Red Cross paramedic on the scene, provided no details on the condition of Claros' body.

American Airlines contracted a Colombian search team with dogs to look for Michael's body. His father, Edison Claros, at one point joined searchers on the hill.

Ruling out sabotage and mechanical failure, Colombian officials released a report suggesting that human error by the pilot caused the plane to veer off course and crash.

The U.S. attorney general's office is investigating whether negligence by Cali air traffic controllers was responsible.

The plane was about 14 miles off course when it struck the mountain.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR JAN. 16

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Explore options, make calls and stay on top of changes. You can develop unique options. Brainstorming with someone brings only positive results. You can formulate plans as a result. Travel and education could mix in this scenario. Tonight: Buy a new tape.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stick to what works for you. Evaluate things with a partner who is in the know and is full of good advice. Finances may be the basis of a decision. Because of an associate's behavior, you feel a sense of togetherness. Tonight: Act on this feeling of closeness.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your popularity proves to be distracting but intense. Worse things could happen. Examine what you want with openness. You like what happens when you follow someone's suggestion. Avoid wild monetary risks. Tonight: Strut your stuff.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You get a lot accomplished, as long as you don't permit a personal relationship or interaction to distract you. Stay centered, especially when facing a change at work. Be open to new and different ways. Eliminate red tape willingly. Tonight: Get plenty of exercise.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Touch base with your libidinal energy, and be empowered by being able to choose where to channel that energy. Romance, work and a key project are all likely to be enhanced by your good vibes today. A partner behaves in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Laugh and play.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A child or loved one surprises you. Be open to that wild idea, but it is important to keep your focus. Do not get distracted, and remember what you value. Check out an investment that could be a big plus to your security and emotional life. Tonight: Chat with a family member.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Communications keep you hoping. You have a lot of ground to cover in little time. Remain confident and positive. You might get a surprising jolt from a family member about a security-related matter. Trust your abilities. Tonight: Run around.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Surprising news may have you considering a potentially excessive financial venture. Whoa - stop and think before you leap into action. Good communications with a family member

help you gain a better perspective. Get more facts. Tonight: Pay bills.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You beam with happiness and positive vibes. Surprising news excites and delights you. You might be considering a sudden purchase. Be optimistic, and curb your tendency to be all over the place. Bring what you want into your life. Tonight: Just ask.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If it is possible, you will surprise yourself with the choices you make. If you are startled, realize the effect you are having on others. Don't explain too much. Instead, keep your own counsel, especially when it comes to spending. Tonight: Take the night off.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are happy because of what comes up for you. A friend proves himself a hundred times over. Your intuition helps you gain perspective. Others may find you exciting and electrifying right now. Your powers of attraction are high. Tonight: Make plans just for you.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are in the limelight. Be willing to take a risk and strong action. Maintain responsibility, and stay on top of what you want. Examine your long-term desires before taking on more obligations. Keep communications hush-hush. Tonight: Work late.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 16, 1996: You need to keep much that occurs this year quiet until you are sure about your choices. Take frequent timeouts to center yourself and make decisions. This is an unusually high-powered year when you are very lucky, but you need to clarify what you want. If you are single, you could become involved in a relationship that will be very important to you. Make sure the person is available, though. If attached, the two of you need private time together. SAGITTARIUS reads you cold.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your column on the danger of food allergies.

I have had a lifelong allergy to peanuts, but only in recent years have I seen anything in print about this problem. Well-meaning but ignorant people

have told me I am "spolled" and "fussy," and it's only my imagination! Adults and children alike have tried to persuade me to eat

peanuts, or even worse, have tricked me into eating them. My allergy has become much more acute as I've grown older. At one point, I suffered a full-blown anaphylactic reaction. Your readers might find a chronology of the symptoms of an allergic reaction educational.

Here's what happens (usually within minutes). It is a true medical emergency, and every second counts: Your mouth starts to feel "funny" inside, then your wrists and hands begin to itch, followed by your armpits, then your crotch. That's just the beginning. Your eyes and lips begin to itch and swell, then hives start to puff up and itch over your entire body and - the really dangerous part - you begin to wheeze because your mucous membranes are also affected, and your lungs begin to fill up. Then, your blood pressure begins to fall, and your body attempts to compensate for the

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You will probably hear from other readers about the danger of food allergies. Thank you for making people aware. - ELIZABETH A. CURRAN

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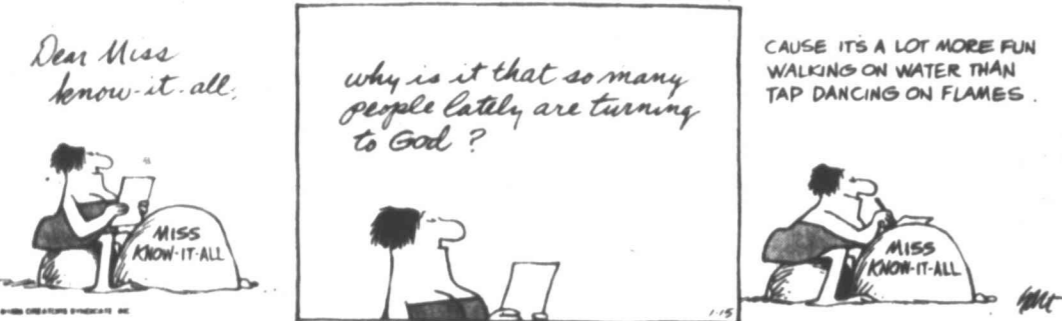
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 1996. There are 351 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. On this date: In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey. In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana. In 1870, the Democratic Party was represented as a donkey for the first time in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly. In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland. In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense. In 1967, the first Super Bowl was played as the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League, 35-10. In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations. In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford in San Francisco. In 1992, the Yugoslav federation effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia. Ten years ago: Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev proposed eliminating nuclear weapons by the year 2000, starting with a 50 percent cut in strategic missiles and scrapping all U.S. and Soviet medium-range weapons in Europe. Five years ago: With hours remaining before a United Nations deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar made a final appeal to Saddam Hussein to remove his troops. One year ago: Pope John Paul II celebrated a final Mass during his visit to the Philippines, drawing millions of people. The San Francisco 49ers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 38-28 in the National Football Conference title game, while the San Diego Chargers upset the Pittsburgh Steelers 17-13 in the American Football Conference championship. Today's Birthdays: Nuclear physicist Edward Teller is 88. Actor Lloyd Bridges is 83.

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Songwriter can't predict daily routine

By MICHAEL HILL Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING, Texas — When Jerry Max Lane gets up in the morning and goes to work, he goes about it a little differently than most people. "Well, it's not really like a regular job," said Lane, a professional songwriter whose material has been recorded by Charley Pride, Jimmy Dean, George Strait and others. Lane, of Irving, has been writing songs professionally since 1966, when country singer Webb Pierce recorded Lane's song "Who Do I Think I Am." Having spent 20 years making a living as a performer and songwriter, Lane, 56, said he has concentrated on songwriting since 1985, often getting up at 5:30 or 6 a.m. to work because of the peace and quiet the early morning hours afford him. Lane said his work methods can make life unpredictable. "Well, to me there are basically two kinds of songwriters," he said. "There are mechanical writers, and there are emotional writers. Mechanical writers can pretty much sit down for eight hours a day and write songs like a job. I'm more of an emotional writer. I have to be in the mood. I have to have some kind of motivation to write. Sometimes, I may write several songs in a week, and sometimes I may go a month without writing anything." Lane said he often visits Nashville, Tenn., to work with other songwriters to rejuvenate his output. "Sometimes you can get in a rut when you sit and write by yourself all the time," he said. "Your songs can get stale, so I try — three, four or five times a year — to go to Nashville and do some co-writing." After quitting his job as an Irving police officer in 1965, Lane performed on the honky-tonk circuit. He recorded for ABC Records in the mid- to late 1970s and was one of the original owners of Billy Bob's Texas in Fort Worth. Lane, who has performed sporadically since 1985, said the creative process for him usually begins with a single phrase, off of which he will base a song. "I tend to start with what we call a 'hook' or with a good, strong song title," Lane said. "I try to have something to write to, instead of just sitting down and rhyming verses or something." Unless resident Sam Atchley, who has collaborated with Lane several times, said Lane is a first-rate songwriter. "He's written a lot of great songs over the years," Atchley said. "He draws good pictures and has good hooks and has good melodies." Though he has seen more than 40 of his songs recorded, he scored a No. 5 hit in 1983 with a song recorded by George Strait, "Gone As a Girl Can Get." Lane said that ultimately he doesn't write for anyone but himself.

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