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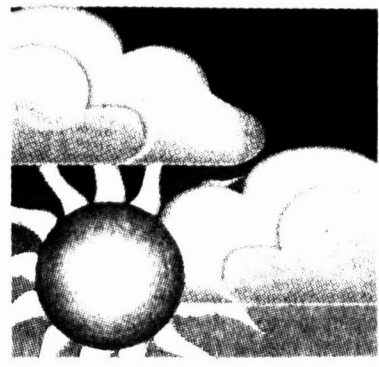
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Low tonight in upper teens, high tomorrow near 50. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir is scheduled to present a free concert, sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, at 7:30 p.m. today at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

The choir, comprised of children ages five through 12 selected from needy children in East Africa, performs a wide variety of songs, including African tunes accompanied by drums and ethnic instrumentation.

Concert tour proceeds help shelter, feed and educate more than 4,000 orphaned or deserted children from Kenya, Uganda, Sudan and Rwanda.

For more details on the choir, see Page 7 in today's edition.

PAMPA — The Pampa Senior Citizens center will re-open Monday, Jan. 8, spokesperson Edie Hudson said today.

The center is currently closed while workers remodel the kitchen. The center normally serves lunch daily from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The center was scheduled to re-open this week after the holidays, but the continuing remodeling has delayed the opening for another week.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety predicted as many as 40 people could die in Texas traffic accidents over the long New Year's weekend.

The reporting period was 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday, New Year's Day. Last year, 33 lives were lost in Texas traffic accidents over New Year's weekend.

The Christmas weekend traffic death toll increased by one Wednesday, to 20, DPS spokeswoman Sherri Deatherage Green.

Natalie Parker, 7, of Garland, died Wednesday from injuries suffered in a Christmas Day accident, said Ms. Deatherage Green.

DPS had estimated as many as 35 people might die in Texas traffic accidents over the 78-hour reporting period last weekend.

DALLAS (AP) — It's time to light the 150 candles on the state of Texas' birthday cake.

Texans on Friday marked the 150th anniversary of Texas joining the Union.

After 9 1/2 years as a republic, Texas was annexed by the United States and became the 28th state on Dec. 29, 1845.

It's a lower-keyed affair than in 1986, when Texas marked the 150th anniversary of its gaining independence from Mexico and creating a republic.

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Ice, sleet cover Panhandle regions

From Staff and AP Reports

Freezing rain and slick road conditions were being blamed this morning for at least 14 accidents in the area.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials were discouraging traffic in any direction in the Panhandle.

No major injuries were reported by press time, but at least two people were taken by ambulances to Coronado Hospital. They were treated and released with minor injuries.

Around 10 a.m., a Wheeler Independent School District school bus loaded with children struck a tanker near mile marker 128, about two miles west of Alanreed, on Interstate 40. No injuries were reported by 10:30 a.m. Officers on the scene reported the east-bound right lane was blocked.

Shortly before 11 a.m. today, Wheeler school officials said no information on the accident was available, but efforts were underway to return children home.

One 17-year-old female was taken by Skellytown ambulance to the hospital following a one-

car rollover 14 miles west of Pampa on Texas 152.

Gray County Deputy Jim McDonald's vehicle was struck on I-40 as he reportedly stopped to investigate an accident. McDonald was not injured, but his tail-lights were both knocked out.

One car reportedly rolled into a canyon near the Roberts County line on Highway 60.

Weather forecasters predicted an end to the moisture by tonight, with a high temperature near 38.

Emergency responders described driving on medians and shoulders at speeds no higher than 15 miles per hour when approaching accidents.

Temperatures in the mid 20s caused freezing of light sprinkles shortly after dawn today throughout much of the Texas Panhandle region.

By mid-morning, sleet had begun to fall intermittently and was still falling shortly before noon in Pampa.

According to Associated Press reports, rain is possible over much of Texas and snow may fall in the Panhandle.

Temperatures across North

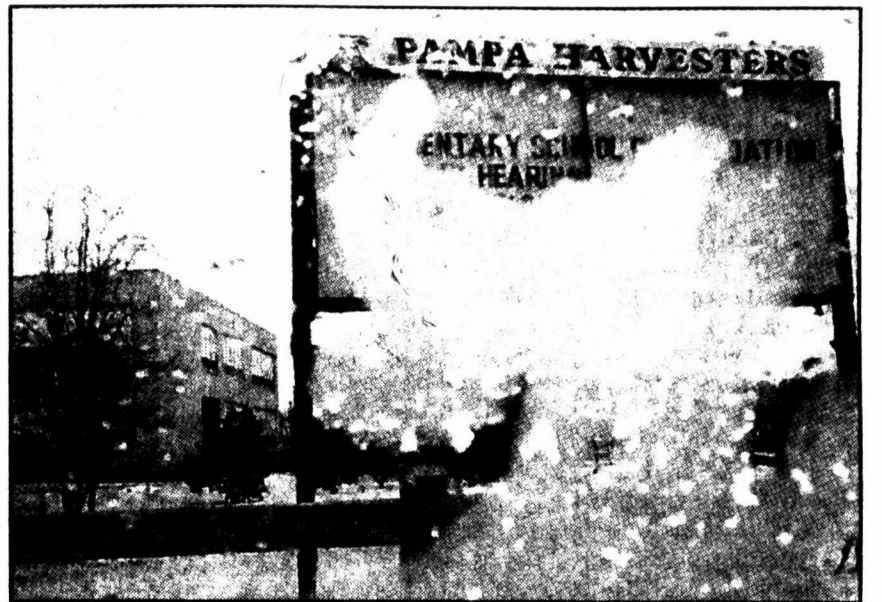
Texas overnight ranged from the mid 20s to mid 30s with fluctuating cloud cover.

Forecast for North Texas calls for mostly cloudy skies today with a slight chance of rain. It will be partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs will be in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

Big changes tonight with rain likely with isolated thunderstorms in the western and central areas while the eastern areas will be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain late. Lows will be in the 30s and 40s. Rain and a few thunderstorms are expected in the central and eastern areas Saturday, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s and 50s.

Skies were fair over most of South Texas today. Temperatures dropped into the 20s under the clear skies with 40s and 50s elsewhere.

The forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies. Temperatures will range from the mid 50s to near 60. Winds will be southeast at 10 to 15 mph. Tonight skies will be cloudy with scattered showers developing late. Lows will range from the mid 40s to mid 50s.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

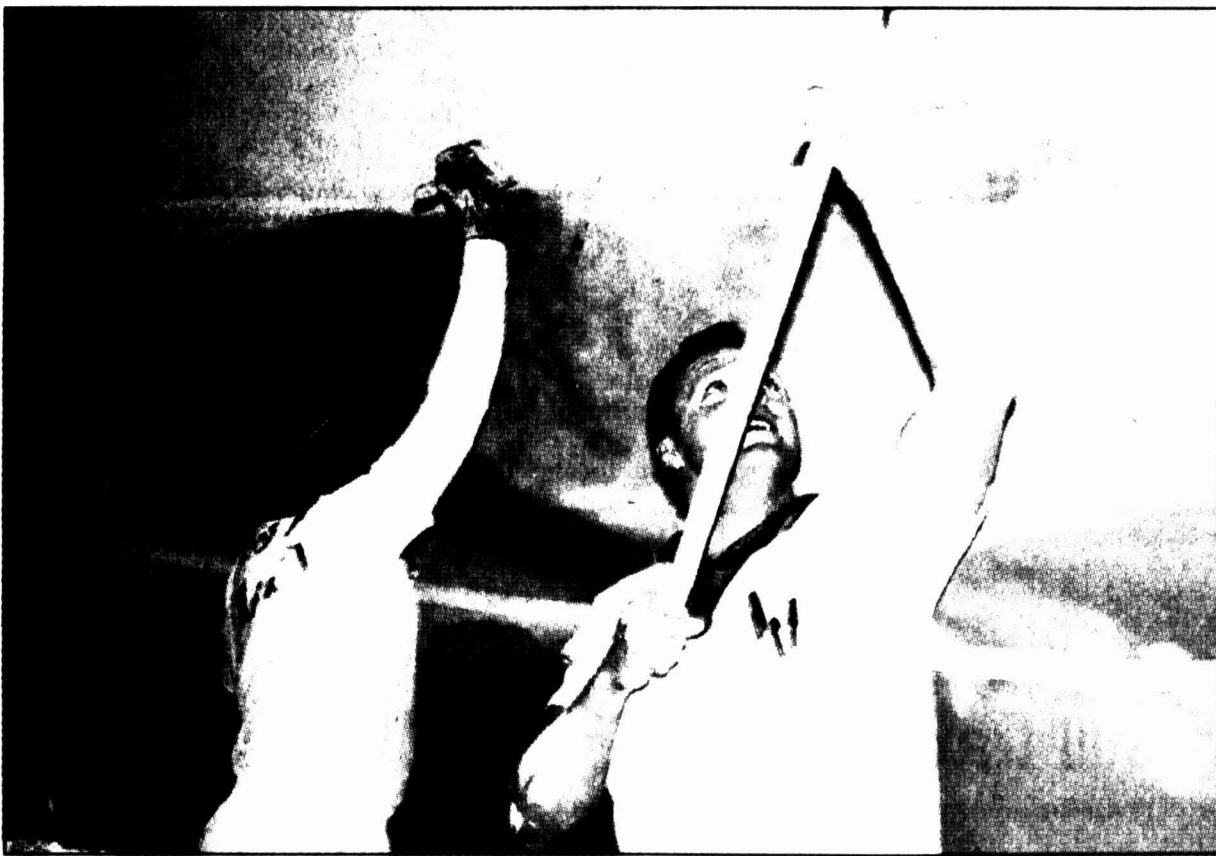
Pampans had a quite an icy awakening this morning as ice covered windows as well as roads this morning.

Low temperatures Friday in West Texas and Panhandle were generally in the 20s and 30s. Wind was 5 to 15 mph.

West Texas and Panhandle forecast calls for partly to mostly cloudy skies today with a chance of light snow in the northern Panhandle areas and light rain

for most areas east of the mountains. A slight chance of rain tonight mainly for the South Plains with light snow again possible. Highs today and Saturday in the 40s north with 50s and a few lower 60s elsewhere. Lows tonight in the 20s and 30s.

Painting the schools



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Jordan Unit inmates Larry Russell and Terry Newby were among a dozen workers this week painting offices and halls at Pampa Middle School. In the past, inmates have painted Horace Mann, Woodrow Wilson and Pampa High School, as well as working on the baseball field and tennis courts.

White House, Congress leaders continue negotiations on budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and Congress negotiators continued to seek ways to resolve the budget impasse as the end of the year neared.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said President Clinton is willing to negotiate as long as it takes.

"The president is willing to do that," Panetta said. "The key right now is to keep working at it."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., planned to meet with Clinton this afternoon, following two days of staff negotiations and today's meeting on Capitol Hill.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said GOP and Democratic staff members made substantial progress on an agenda for today's White House meeting, but "these are substantial, complex issues that are going to take some time to resolve."

He said the partial government shutdown could be fixed with a stopgap spending measure.

But Gingrich said Thursday

the shutdown will continue until Clinton and Republicans reach a deal to balance the budget in seven years. He said that could happen in a few days if all sides are willing.

"If there's a will to get it done, it's a two- or three-day negotiation," Gingrich said. "If the president will work with us tomorrow we can get this solved by early next week."

The budget negotiations are expected to go through Saturday, and Clinton would be willing to forgo his New Year's holiday to negotiate. He had a message for Republicans:

"Read all of these stories about the dire economic circumstances that federal workers and their families face, federal contractors face — look at the people they are driving out of business in midst of this holiday season," the spokesman said. "Is this really a way to negotiate a balanced budget?"

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said in a telephone interview Thursday that he was hopeful. "None of us are giving up on getting a balanced budget,

and there's a sense of urgency to it."

Congress is scheduled to begin a new session on Wednesday. But Gingrich ruled out reopening the partially closed government in the meantime. "I don't think, in the House, we can get agreement to do that."

Dole suggested that Clinton reconsider the several spending bills he has vetoed be worked out as part of the budget agreement.

In reaching that agreement, Dole stressed, "there's got to be give and take on both sides."

Asked about a reported comment by Senate GOP Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., that Congress and the president would probably "split the difference" over how much to spend on Medicare, Dole said: "I can't say that's how it's going to end, but I think that's the direction it's going to go."

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

Clinton vetoes bill on defense spending issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — In vetoing a \$265 billion defense bill, President Clinton said it would waste money on an unneeded missile defense system. But he raised no objection to requirements for B-2 bombers the Pentagon says it doesn't need.

He vetoed the huge bill Thursday, citing several provisions he opposed, including those that would ban abortions at overseas military hospitals and expel service members who test positive for the AIDS virus.

However, by not mentioning the extra \$493 million Congress wants to spend on B-2 radar-evading planes in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, Clinton may have suggested a path toward compromise on the 1996 defense authorization bill.

Until last week, when Clinton first mentioned to an interviewer that he might be open to building more than the planned 20 B-2 bombers, the administration had strongly insisted it could not afford more of the planes. The eventual cost of 20 additional B-2s is estimated at \$15 billion.

Congressional support for continued production of the B-2 has given the issue an important political dimension, particularly since 25,000 California jobs depend on B-2 work. The state is key for Clinton's re-election hopes.

In announcing the veto Thursday, Clinton also issued an executive order raising military pay by 2 percent, effective Jan. 1.

And he asked Congress to quickly pass legislation bringing the total pay raise to 2.4 percent, the amount contained in the vetoed bill.

The pay issue is particularly sensitive now as thousands of American soldiers head to the Balkans on a tough mission to enforce peace in Bosnia.

In his veto message, Clinton said he particularly objected to an attempt in the bill by congressional Republicans to compel him to build and deploy a national system of defenses against ballistic missile attack by 2003.

Clinton said building such a system now would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with Russia and harm arms control efforts.

The bill would have authorized \$820 million in 1996 for the national missile defense program, \$450 million more than the administration requested.

Indications are that the veto may be sustained.

The Senate sent the fiscal 1996 defense authorization bill to the White House on a 51-43 vote. The House vote was 267 to 149. Neither mustered the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto.

At \$265 billion, the measure is only slightly larger than last year's defense bill. But it is \$7 billion more than Clinton requested.

Defense Secretary William Perry recommended the veto, primarily because of what he considers the wrongheaded missile defense provision.

Gray County commissioners approve bids on insurance

Gray County commissioners unanimously accepted insurance bids Thursday after receiving only a single bid from Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency Inc.

The county purchased the following policies: comprehensive and general liability at a premium of \$12,086; property for \$13,503; heavy equipment for \$1,986; business auto for

\$32,148; all of which are underwritten by The Travelers Insurance Co.

Public officials and employees liability was purchased for \$8,160.92, underwritten by Coregis Indemnity Co.; and airport general liability, lessor's interest at a premium of \$2,566, underwritten by American Eagle Insurance Co.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GREGORY, Harold L. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

VIOLA DAVIS

McLEAN — Viola Davis, 94, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995. Services are pending under the direction of Lamb Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

HAROLD L. GREGORY

FORT WORTH — Harold L. Gregory, 78, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gregory was born June 21, 1917, in West Virginia, near Middlebourne. He married Doris Hills on Oct. 2, 1941, at Pampa; she died Feb. 12, 1985. He had been a Pampa resident most of his life, moving to Fort Worth in 1989. He was a Pampa High School graduate. He worked for Beacon Supply Company, an oil field supply company. He played professional baseball for the Cincinnati Reds before being drafted. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving in World War II. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Gregory of Michigan; two sons, Larry Gregory of Silver City, N.M., and Keith Gregory of Fort Worth; a granddaughter, Bronwen Gregory; four grandsons, Mark, Heath, Stephen and Zachary; and three great-grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	4.90	Cabot O&G	14 3/4	dn 1/8
Milo	5.92	Chevron	52 1/8	dn 1/2
Corn	6.44	Coca-Cola	74 1/8	dn 3/4
		Columbia/HCA	51 1/2	dn 5/8
		Diamond Sham	25	NC
		Enron	38 1/8	up 1/8
		Halliburton	50 3/8	dn 1/4
		Ingersoll Rand	34 3/4	dn 3/4
		KNE	29 3/8	NC
		Kerr-McGee	63 1/4	NC
		Limited	16 1/2	up 3/8
		Mapco	52 7/8	dn 1/2
		McDonald's	45	dn 1/8
		Mobil	112 3/8	dn 1 1/8
		New Atmos	23	NC
		Parker & Parsley	21 5/8	NC
		Penney's	47 1/2	dn 1/2
		Phillips	33 7/8	NC
		SLB	69 7/8	dn 3/8
		SPS	32 5/8	NC
		Tenneco	49 1/8	up 1/4
		Texasco	78 7/8	NC
		Wal-Mart	22 3/8	dn 1/8
		New York Gold	386.45	
		Silver	5.10	
		West Texas Crude	19.38	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.

Noweco	12 27/32	NC
Occidental	21	dn 1/4

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	85.51	NC
Puritan	16.95	NC

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	72	dn 1/8
Arco	110 1/2	dn 1 1/8
Cabot	54 3/8	up 3/8

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

MOBILE MEALS MENU

Mobile meals menu for Saturday is steak and gravy, stewed tomatoes, green beans, bread and dessert.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28

Allsup's, 1045 W. Wilks, reported theft under \$50.

Lt. Shawn Fullagar reported someone evading arrest or detention in the 1800 block of North Zimmers at 11:27 p.m. Thursday.

Theft of a \$50 equalizer was stolen from a 1981 pickup in the 2100 block of Lynn between Dec. 16 and 17.

Theft of a \$200 Michelin tire was reported in the 2400 block of Comanche.

Theft of a boy's 10-speed bicycle valued at \$150 was reported in the 600 block of Doucette.

Domestic violence - assault was reported in the 200 block of North Houston at 10:21 p.m. Thursday.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of North Faulkner.

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported theft at 11 p.m. Thursday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 29

Theft of a purse with contents was reported stolen from a 1994 Dodge in the 1600 block of Somerville.

Arrest

THURSDAY, Dec. 28

William Rick Thomas Jr., 18, 1143 E. Harvester, was arrested at 1812 N. Zimmers on a charge of evading arrest or detention. His bond is \$800.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28

9:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

12:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to a local nursing home.

1:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

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5:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Christine for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

5:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Dec. 29

5:42 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1321 W. Kentucky on a medical assist.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Bridge of terror tamed in Sarajevo

By LIAM McDOWALL
Associated Press Writer

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 Betsaul 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

Bosnia update

as of 11/22/95



1) Severe flooding forced the evacuation Wednesday of French troops near Mostar.

2) Rival factions have met for the first time since the peace deal by pulling back from designated areas around Sarajevo by midnight Wednesday.

3) In Bosnjaci, Croatia, an unidentified person parked a car near U.S. soldiers and fired approximately 30 undirected rounds, then left. No one was injured and U.S. forces did not return fire. Efforts to build a bridge over the Sava River at Zupanja are being hampered by melting snow and mud.

AP/Wm. J. Castello

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.

Human error said major factor in crash

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Flight data suggest that human error was a major factor in the crash of an American Airlines jet that killed 160 people on a Colombian mountainside.

The data from the plane's "black box" recorders, released Thursday, give no indication that the crew members went through a routine checklist as they began their descent toward the Cali airport on Dec. 20.

In addition, Colombian television reported Thursday night that the pilot passed the town of Tulua - which has a radar beacon - without realizing it, then tried to correct his route by bearing to the left for about 90 seconds.

When he realized his error, he turned back to the right, said the reports, which cited unidentified aviation authorities.

Suddenly, alarms blared in the cockpit to warn that the plane was too close to the forested

mountain, shrouded by night. It was too late.

The pilots pulled the Boeing 757's nose upward and increased engine power, but they apparently never deactivated the speed brakes, which were set for landing, hampering the plane's ability to gain altitude. The "black box" recording ended just nine seconds after the alarms went off.

The plane crashed into the mountain 40 miles from Cali, scattering bits of metal and torn flesh across the lush forest. It was 13 miles off course.

Only four people and a dog survived.

Colombian authorities said the data released Thursday show no evidence of terrorism or mechanical failure. American Airlines, which said it was "disappointed by the information," acknowledged the information suggested human error played a role.

"We've always taken great pride

in the vigor of our training and the excellence of our flight disciplines, and we are saddened that human error on the part of our people may have contributed to the accident," the statement said.

"The accident reminds us that aviation, while not inherently dangerous, is terribly unforgiving of any inattention to detail."

The report by Colombian authorities says that before the plane began its descent, the crew members' minds may have been elsewhere.

"An extensive discussion on subjects not relevant to the flight is heard before the descent," the report said. "The subject of the discussion refers to the schedules of the flight attendants."

The transcript of the discussion among crew members in the cockpit during the flight's final seconds was not released. Colombian authorities did not say why.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Clearing and cold tonight with a low near 18. Saturday and Sunday, sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 40s Saturday and a high near 50 Sunday. New Year's Day Monday, cooler with a high near 38. Thursday's high was 32; the overnight low was 25.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, cloudy with light snow ending east. Little or no further snow accumulations expected. Clearing from west to east. Lows 19 to 27. Saturday, sunny and cool. Highs in the 40s. Saturday night, clear. Lows in the 20s. South Plains: Tonight, a slight chance of rain early evening, decreasing clouds after midnight. Lows 25-30. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 50-55. Saturday night, mostly

cloudy. Lows 25-30.

North Texas - Tonight, rain likely with isolated thunderstorms west and central. Mostly cloudy east with a chance of rain late. Lows 36 northeast to 45 south. Saturday, rain and a few thunderstorms central and east. Otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs 45 northeast to 55 west.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 40s Hill Country, upper 40s to near 50 south central. Saturday, mostly cloudy to cloudy with scattered to numerous showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low and mid 60s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Saturday, cloudy with numerous showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 60s to near

70. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain late. Lows in mid and upper 40s. Saturday, cloudy with a good chance of rain or thunderstorms. Highs in mid 50s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy northern mountains with a slight chance of snow showers, otherwise fair skies and cold. Lows single digits and teens mountains with 20s to low 30s elsewhere. Saturday, partly cloudy and cool. A slight chance of snow showers northern mountains. Highs upper 20s and 30s mountains and north with mostly 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight, chance of light rain south, snow north and mix west central Oklahoma. Lows in upper 20s to upper 30s. Saturday, slight chance of rain southeast, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.

Despite shutdown, lawmakers still travel

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a seasonal rite, many lawmakers are planning official trips abroad during Congress' winter recess, undaunted by the federal budget impasse that has furloughed a quarter-million government workers.

Lawmakers' trips during congressional breaks long have been questioned by critics who charge they sometimes are more vacations than fact-finding missions. But this year's trips may be more problematic than most: U.S. Embassy staffers, whom the traveling lawmakers count on to handle accommodations and arrange meetings with local officials, are furloughed or working without pay.

Not that they're complaining, exactly. After all, they are diplomats.

"Because we also are preparing for Cabinet officials and the vice president, we are considerably challenged by the opportunities of giving service to so many important Americans who find Israel a significant stop on their itineraries," a U.S. Embassy official said in Tel Aviv, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The embassy in Israel was expecting about a dozen lawmakers to pass through the coun-

try in January. Many were traveling with their spouses and put in special requests to visit historic sites.

The official said staffing cuts weren't a problem. "Most of the embassy officers are only affected in the furlough insofar as that we are not getting paid," he said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., left Thursday for Egypt. As chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee his itinerary and meeting schedule are classified. But Charles Robbins, a spokesman for the senator, confirmed that Specter was traveling with his wife.

A U.S. Embassy official who spoke from Cairo on condition of anonymity said Specter and lawmakers accompanying him planned to visit Aswan on the banks of the Nile. Specter also inquired about squash courts and a bilingual volunteer to escort the lawmakers' spouses, the official said.

"It's important business. I can't say more than that," said Robbins, who added that Specter would pay all his wife's expenses.

Robbins pointed to a September trip Specter took to India and Pakistan to discuss nuclear issues with national leaders as evidence of the impor-

ance of the senator's missions abroad.

Although many of the embassy and 75 percent of the U.S. AID staff in Cairo has been furloughed, at least five other lawmakers are counting on embassy support when they visit, according to an embassy official.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., arrived with wife and kids in tow on Dec. 23 for a private trip, but he met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. A security official had to return from furlough to work with Gregg, the embassy official said.

Others expected in Egypt in January included Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., and Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., though her spokesman said he didn't think she'd go if the shutdown wasn't over.

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Finance Committee, was expected in Thailand, where he was invited to participate in a meeting of lawmakers from countries on the Pacific to promote free trade.

But Roth spokeswoman Verna Hensley said if the budget impasse persisted into January, plans could change. "If something has not been worked out, then it's highly unlikely that he's going to go," she said.

Thousands of federal workers to get partial pay

WASHINGTON (AP) - White House and congressional budget negotiators entered another round of talks today, promising to work as long as it takes to resolve the nation's budget crisis.

"We're willing to meet as long as necessary," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said as he sat down for talks on the impasse that has shut down parts of the

government for two weeks.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said he was prepared to work through the weekend to reach agreement.

"We're prepared to sit and work as long as it takes. The president is willing to do that," Panetta said. "The key right now is to keep working at it."

Domenici and House Budget Committee John Kasich of Ohio

faced Panetta and White House Budget Director Alice Rivlin in a large, wood-paneled conference room. A giant portrait of former Sen. Mike Mansfield looked down on the proceedings.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Gingrich, R-Ga., planned to meet with Clinton this afternoon, following two days of staff negotiations and today's meeting on Capitol Hill.

City briefs

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THE RUMOR that I have retired or planning on retiring is greatly exaggerated. At this time I have no plans on retirement. Signed Kenneth Roysse DVM. Roysse Animal Hospital. Adv.

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DANCE TO Indian Summer, New Years Eve, December 31, Moose Lodge. Adv.

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World briefs

Blast rocks capital: Finnish man killed in Shali

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A powerful explosion rocked central Grozny today, and early reports from the Chechen capital said there were both dead and injured.

The blast shattered all the windows in a nearby, nine-story building and damaged several vehicles, including a Russian armored personnel carrier.

The Interfax news agency said at least 12 people were injured, including two soldiers in the APC. Both Interfax and the ITAR-Tass news agency said there were an undetermined number of dead.

The explosion, which Interfax said was in a manhole, went off as the head of the local police unit went by. Both he and his driver were badly injured.

A Finnish man, meanwhile, was killed in the town of Shali, 16 miles southeast of Grozny, on Thursday. The circumstances of his death were unclear.

He was identified as Matti Aho, an employee of the Finnish firm Rapid Systems, which is providing the Finnish government with housing to help rebuild war-torn Chechnya.

Philippine gunmen kill 14 people watching television

BUGI, Philippines (AP) — Fourteen people, including six children watching a video, were killed by unidentified men armed with assault rifles and machetes in a remote mountain village, police said today.

One 7-year-old boy was also critically wounded in the Thursday night slaughter in Buhí, a village in Camarines Sur province, about 190 miles southeast of Manila, police Superintendent Romeo Mapalo said.

Mapalo, police commander of nearby Albay province, said police were investigating whether the attack was in retaliation for the killing of a local landlord a few months earlier.

Corazon Gaité, whose son was among those killed, said five men forced her nephew at gunpoint to call out to her family members to come out of their house.

Instead, she turned off the lights and ducked to the floor. The men went to the neighboring home of her relatives, the Campo family, where they burst in and sprayed people watching a videotape with assault rifle fire, she said.

Mexico's main leftist party killed off by opposition

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's main leftist opposition party says 108 of its members have been killed for political reasons during the first year of President Ernesto Zedillo's term.

"It is an enormous figure for a country which does not have a declared state of siege, with a National Commission of Human Rights and with a governmental vision of respect for individual guarantees," said the report issued by the human rights office of the Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD.

Nearly all of the killings appear to be the result of local rather than national conflicts. Often they have occurred where PRD activists have been challenging the power of local political powers tied to the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Christmas tree recycling project



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Kerrick and Benny Horton help Clean Pampa volunteer and project chair Bonner Green stack old Christmas trees in the lot of Warner-Horton Supply, 900 N. Duncan. Clean Pampa is accepting trees for recycling as mulch at the lot through Jan. 13 as part of its annual Chipping of the Greens project. For more information, call Green at Clean Pampa's office, 665-2514.

Major online service blocks access in response to German request

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — CompuServe Inc. blocked access for its 4 million users to a sex-oriented area of the Internet under pressure from German prosecutors investigating child pornography.

The move Thursday represents the most drastic action yet to limit public access to the Internet, the global computer network with an estimated 40 million users.

It alarmed cyberspace enthusiasts who say it could lead governments to begin trying in earnest to censor, legislate and regulate the Internet.

"The part that is the greatest threat is that rules will be put up and barriers will be set before we even know what this business (the Internet) is all about and what great opportunities it offers," said Gary Arlen, president of Arlen Communications, a Bethesda, Md.-based research company that specializes in interactive services.

Once the arcane domain of scientists, the Internet now allows people in homes, offices and universities to publicly post text, audio and pictures on thousands of electronic discussion forums called newsgroups.

These forums are maintained on interconnected networks of computers around the world, but can often be reached with a local phone call to a commercial on-line service or Internet provider.

Most of these services and providers don't have customers in Germany, so the German request would not affect how free or restrictive they are in providing newsgroup access.

But CompuServe, a Columbus-based unit of H&R Block Inc., provides the same service overseas that it offers to Americans, and it had no ready way to block only its 220,000 German users from some material.

Munich prosecutor Manfred Wick confirmed today that Bavarian state police investigators searched CompuServe's networks and computers last month for child pornography, but he would not say what they found.

"We didn't threaten them with charges," Wick said.

Arno Edelman, a CompuServe product manager in Unterhaching, Germany, said today that the company blocked access to 200 sex-oriented newsgroups in a portion of the Internet called Usenet.

"It is perhaps an overreaction

but we want to cooperate with the Bavarian prosecutor's office," Edelman said.

The move prompted a flurry of angry postings on CompuServe's in-house message forums today. Some German members said they planned to cancel their subscriptions and seek direct, uncensored Internet access.

Other subscribers said they were starting a petition drive or asked others to bombard CompuServe's customer service staff with protests.

"E-mail early, e-mail often," one said.

One subscriber complained that some of the banned newsgroups contained nothing obscene or indecent and that one was "a vital lifeline for gay youth."

German authorities notified CompuServe this week that they were investigating 200 distributors of sexually explicit material in connection with a government probe of what's on the Internet. They told CompuServe to block member access to them.

CompuServe said it will continue to cooperate with the investigation, but noted that it has no creative or editorial control over material on the Internet.

Traffic stop leads to substantive heroin seizure

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Federal agents allowed a large heroin shipment seized in the Texas Panhandle to reach its initial destination. They didn't find more drugs once it got to Tulsa — just a phone number.

The phone number led to another shipment and more arrests. Six people have been arrested and charged with drug conspiracy, and the government said Thursday more suspects could be charged when a grand jury meets next month.

"It is highly unusual for Mexican heroin to be seized in

multi-pound quantities after it is successfully smuggled into the United States," said Assistant U.S. Attorney David O'Meilia. "Certainly, these are the largest quantities ever seized in the Northern District."

The heroin, which authorities said had a street value of \$2.3 million, originated in Mexico and was eventually destined for Michigan, said Drug Enforcement Administration agent Elias Lopez.

The investigation began Nov.

11 when authorities stopped a car in Amarillo, Texas, for traffic violations and found 5 1/2 pounds of black tar heroin in secret compartments.

Black tar heroin is the unprocessed form that is usually converted into a white powder for sale. Lopez said Mexican dealers tend to smuggle black tar heroin 5 ounces at a time.

"They have learned from past experience not to put everything in one basket because they can lose it all," he said.

Pantex leaks into area ground water supply

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Toxic seepage from the Pantex Demolition Explosives, or RDX, and High Melting Explosives, a more potent compound known as HMX.

RDX is a possible carcinogen used as a rat poison. It can damage the central nervous system and has caused cancer in laboratory animals, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Both substances are present on Cockrell's farm, said the Energy Department, which operates Pantex. Engineers will stop the seepage by drawing the contaminated water from the ground, filtering it with charcoal and releasing it into a shallow lake adjacent to the plant.

"When the water comes out the other end, it is better than drinking water quality," Pantex spokesman Tom Walton said.

Pantex made the EPA's Superfund list in 1994 as a facility that warrants a cleanup because of toxic contamination. A well near the Cockrell farm on Pantex property shows much higher contamination levels.

The contamination's roots were during the 1940s when water carrying the toxic material became sludge, which was stored in a dry lake bed. It's that sludge that has seeped onto nearby land.

"When this problem was created we were trying to whip the Germans and the Japanese," Cockrell said. "I guess they were just cutting corners any way they could. There wasn't any DOE or EPA."

Efforts under way to clean up the water will be successful, Pantex officials said. But a longtime local farmer isn't so sure.

"It's coming my way and they are acknowledging it's getting deeper," said Lee Cockrell, 62, whose family has tilled soil east of the plant site since the 1890s. "If you was looking out the window of your house and two blocks down there was contaminated water coming, wouldn't you be concerned? It's getting close."

The materials involved are

Background hotline installed

DALLAS (AP) — There's no psychic at the other end 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 area gun dealers trying to check a customer's background with the Carrollton Police Department before selling a weapon.

"Those 900 numbers do have a bad connotation," admitted Sgt. Jack Adams, a police spokesman. "But this is something positive ... We're trying to make it convenient for people, instead of having them drive 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 first of its kind in North Texas.

The \$15 fee also 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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GOP wants to make a deal with Texans

State Republican leaders say they want to prepare a "Compact with Texas," much like the national GOP's "Contract with America" presented to all Americans last year.

The state party's executive committee prepared a draft version of the "compact." The document, offered at a meeting earlier this month, includes the following promises:

- Freeze state spending, and dedicate any new revenue to education;
- Local option elections on tuition, vouchers to private schools;
- Capping welfare benefits and requiring recipients to work in public service jobs;
- Requiring convicted criminals to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences;
- Deregulation of the insurance industry and other such "consumer markets";
- Term limits for state offices;
- Initiative and referendum, which would allow voters to bypass the Legislature and place measures on ballots.

As with the party's national contract, the state body can only pledge that they will offer bills on the listed measures. They can't promise passage of any of them.

In fact, the national "Contract with America" has had mixed success. Some of its measures have been passed — congressional reform, for instance. Others, such as term limits, have been rejected outright, and others remain unresolved as Congress spends most of its time dealing with the federal budget.

But by promising to place specific issues on the legislative agenda, lawmakers give voters a chance to muster support for the issues and lobby their representatives. The "compact" is a good idea. The GOP's success in the 1994 elections was in part due to the contract, which set in writing goals for the 104th Congress.

Voters are tired of politicians' hollow promises that are conveniently forgotten after election time. A written set of goals not only helps lawmakers focus their attention on the most important issues they will face, but it shows a commitment by which citizens can monitor their actions of lawmakers during the next legislative session.

Candidates representing political parties across the spectrum would do well to offer their own list of specific issues. Such lists would serve the public much better than the sweeping, voluminous and cumbersome ideological platforms that currently come out of party conventions.

Concise, direct lists would enable voters to quickly compare the proposed agendas of the various parties and their candidates. That might motivate more people to take the time to inform themselves and make better choices.

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Movies: Violence begets violence

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the action film *Money Train*, starring Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson, opened nationwide. It contains two scenes in which a character blows up token booths in the New York City subway system.

The following Sunday, two men doused a booth at a Brooklyn subway station with flammable liquid and threw a match on it, causing an explosion and fire. These arsonists were not movie characters. Nor was 50-year-old Harry Kaufman, the booth clerk who was burned over 80 percent of his body. He died two weeks later.

It's ludicrous and stupid to contend — as Hollywood, in effect, does — that there's no connection between the two.

Certainly, Bob Dole perceives the relationship. Echoing his speech of this past May, in which he blasted the marketing of graphically violent movies and rap music, Dole said in response to the subway attack, "For those in the entertainment industry who too often engage in a pornography of violence as a way to sell movie tickets, it is time for some serious soul-searching." Presumably, those remarks coming from Dole surprised no one. But something startling has taken place since 1993, when the violence-on-television debate triggered a broader discussion of media mayhem and its influence on the real world. Today, not only does the public believe overwhelmingly that on-screen violence causes actual violence, but journalists are starting to believe it too.

In the wake of the Brooklyn incident, two bastions of establishment liberalism, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, weighed in with articles skeptical of the entertainment industry's traditional he-would-have-done-it-anyway response to copycat violence. The *Times'* William Grimes pointed out the inconsistency of Hollywood accepting "the idea of



L. Brent Bozell

cinema as a powerful force... only for the good. The idea that the force might cut two ways does not sell very well in Los Angeles, despite a mountain of evidence by psychologists suggesting that violent images may indeed incline the mind to violent acts."

In his piece, Grimes quoted psychology professors from the University of Wisconsin, the University of Missouri and New York University, all of whom agree that screen violence provokes real-life violence. He didn't quote anyone from Hollywood with an opposing view, but for lack of trying: the producers, directors and executives asked to comment declined to do so.

Richard Leiby's *Washington Post* article featured experts on both sides of the issue but ultimately endorsed Dole's position. It is instructive that Leiby found that "copycat incidents have been widely reported only since the downfall of Hollywood's studio-enforced Production Code" in 1966. The Production Code, administered by the Hays Office, placed restrictions on violent and sexual content.

After the Production Code was dumped, movies began to portray violence much more explicitly. America is considerably more violent now than it

was 30 years ago, and while surely no one would place the blame for all of society's ills at Hollywood's doorstep, there is a correlation.

Even with the obviousness of that correlation, Leiby's point is still incredibly politically incorrect for "creative freedom"-obsessed Hollywood, where the Production Code, like blacklisting, is something about which you just can't say anything nice. Leiby quotes Oliver Stone, who, apropos of his *Natural Born Killers*, said, "Film is a powerful medium. Film is a drug. It goes into your eye. It goes into your brain. It stimulates, and that's a dangerous thing." Sounds to me like an acknowledgment that screen violence can inspire actual violence. Why is it that a Republican who said the same thing about the same movie would be ridiculed? For the "Hollywood still doesn't get it" file, Leiby uncovers a gem about a man who's written a screenplay about two swindling sisters. In the screenwriter's first draft, the women were ultimately arrested, but he was told to change that ending because, as the powers that be told him, "It will make a lot more sense to audiences of today if the girls get away with it." It escapes the boundaries of logic to posit that there is a public yearning for criminals to be portrayed as evaders of justice; it simply underscores the lack of connection between Hollywood and reality.

A year and more after Dan Quayle's Murphy Brown speech, some in Hollywood and the mainstream media are acknowledging that the vice president knew what he was talking about, after all. Now, Bob Dole, thrashed by the industry a few months back, is emerging as the likely next recipient of the Belated Respect Award from media who are, better late than never, discovering common sense. You know that saying, "I'd rather be right than president"? Dole is the first, and he may yet achieve the second.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

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.

On this date:

In 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in England.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

In 1837, Canadian militiamen destroyed the *Caroline*, a U.S. steamboat docked at Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1851, the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized in Boston.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as some 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.



Little girls enjoy action figures, too

Anti-feminists love the subject of toys. OK, Ms. Smartiepants, if men and women are really supposed to have equal rights and opportunities, why don't girls play *Mortal Kombat*? Hmhmhmhm?

OK, so most girls would rather play games that involve forming human relationships than blasting inanimate objects to shards. Does that make them less capable of being future leaders of the free world? I think not.

And as it turns out, the whole girls-don't-like-action-toys rule isn't entirely true. The success of this year's *Sky Dancers*, the ballerina-like dolls that fly, has baffled economists and toy experts by, as CNN puts it, "defying the industry axiom that flying toys only appeal to boys." Christopher Byrne, editor of *Market Force: Toys*, a trade journal, also says the success of *Sky Dancers* is unusual. "Girls and action figures are not complementary. Action figures are based on power and conflict, and that's not the way girls play," he told the *Richmond Times Dispatch*.

Though the success of *Sky Dancers* has been presented as a new phenomenon, these little pixies aren't the first action toys created for girls. I know this because I HAD a girls' action figure some 20 years ago.

Back in the days when daredevil motorcyclist Evel Knievel was making a career of pounding his body into a pulp, dolls in his likeness were quite popular with boys. The mini Evel came with a wind-up motorcycle that could jump over ramps, sticks, bottle caps, whatever. It was pretty cool, but few girls noticed. I certainly never glanced up from my Barbies to even



Sara Eckel

consider playing Evel Knievel. That was for boys.

But then I met Derry Daring, on one of the most exquisite days of my childhood. My mother was off visiting Grandpa, leaving Dad to run the show. And so — prompted by either an outpouring of parental love or the hope that he could bribe me to be good — my father took me to the Gold Circle discount store and told me to pick out a toy.

I picked Derry. She was a beautiful blond teenager with a white-and-silver jumpsuit and a pink motorcycle. She was a treasure.

And she was great fun. I spent hours in the driveway making Derry pop wheelies and jump over puddles and ditches, swiftly muddying that flashy jumpsuit. I spent whole afternoons searching for new things — rocks, books, slabs of plywood — that would make Derry wipe out in more interesting ways. This kind of play was new to

me, but at the time I didn't think I was defying any industry axioms. I was just having fun.

Derry never made it to the big time. She never made any *Hot Toy* lists. None of my friends had Derrys. And I never saw her advertised on television — the place where kids get 99.9% of their information about toys. Indeed, I would have never heard of her myself had I not been so fabulously lucky one summer day in the '70s.

The *Sky Dancers* have a much better publicist; the flying dolls are heavily advertised and are featured on a Saturday-morning cartoon show.

There was even a *Sky Dancer* balloon in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade — bringing the parade's tally of helium-based female characters to a whopping three.

The *Sky Dancers* are not the over-the-top success of past raves like the *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers* or the *Cabbage Patch Kids*, but they are the best-selling girls' toy this Christmas season, blowing "BayWatch" Barbie out of the water.

So perhaps the *Sky Dancers* will spawn a host of other girl-centered action toys. Perhaps the toy makers and industry watchers will see that girls have a taste for action, too.

Back in the '70s, it didn't happen. I don't remember what eventually became of Derry Daring — whether she was sold at a yard-sale or just exiled to the back of the garage. But I do know that after Derry I never went back to action toys. Why would I? They were all for boys.

Politically correct museum exhibits

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

To date, there are no defenders of dinosaurs to take offense at the reproduced skeletons in the Museum of Natural History. These days, they'd probably be able to get the displays taken down, bone by bone.

Exhibits that stir controversy and criticism aren't doing well in this time of the politically correct. The latest to be dismantled was at the Library of Congress, where black staff members were offended by a display on slavery in the plantation South.

Earlier, the Library put off an exhibit on Sigmund Freud, blaming budget problems, although that happened following academic complaints that it would celebrate a man whose ideas have been discredited.

Before that, there was the long-running dispute over a 50th anniversary exhibit of the *Enola Gay*, the B-29 bomber that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. That one ended with an expurgated display of the plane's fuselage, after a museum director resigned to quell the critics.

Differing issues; same result. The assumption seems to be that museum goers shouldn't be shown things that may offend sensitivities, whether racial, scientific or patriotic. No matter that slavery is an ugly fact of U.S. history, that Freud was a figure of undeniable impact on 20th century thought, and that the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki led to Japanese surrender and the end of World War II.

All raise questions that can be troubling. Suppressing them doesn't answer them.

"Those who do not remember history are doomed to repeat it," George Santayana, the philosopher, wrote. There is a purpose to explor-

ing the wrongs that have gone before, the validity of a Freud, the necessity of an atomic bombing.

It is nowhere better exemplified than at the Holocaust Museum, opened in 1993, still overbooked by visitors, and one of Washington's difficult tickets. It shows the horrors of Nazi German genocide against 6 million Jews and others victims in the concentration killing camps of World War II.

President Clinton called it "a sharp thorn" in the memory of nations, a monument to the determination that such things must never again happen. "We must make sure that from now until the end of days, all humankind stares this evil in the face," President Reagan had said in dedicating the site of that museum.

That's the point of confronting the horrors, dilemmas and the errors of the past. History won't go away. The retelling of it, by written word or by museum exhibit, can't be done perfectly because it depends on the research and judgments of historians, who are not infallible, and who are limited in what they can teach by what they can learn.

The slavery exhibit depicts life on the plantation in photographs and narrative accounts by former slaves interviewed in the Depression-era federal writers project. It went up Dec. 18 and was taken down before it was to have opened Dec. 19.

The library's senior adviser for diversity, JoAnn Jenkins, told *The Washington Post* that about 20 black staff members, and some white employees as well,

were offended at what the display included and what it omitted, and felt it lacked historic context.

It is a traveling exhibit, titled "Back of the Big House: The Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," based on a book by John Michael Vlach, a George Washington University professor who said it had been reviewed by three experts, two of them black. It was booked for university and historic site appearances into 1997; five prior showings were without controversy.

In the Freud episode, the library's collection of materials and papers of the founder of psychoanalysis were to have gone on display next year, but that was put off until at least late 1997. About 50 scholars had signed a petition against that exhibit, saying it would glorify a figure whose theories have been discredited.

The *Enola Gay* exhibit created a long and bitter dispute over the morality and necessity of the atomic bombings of Japan before the surrender that ended World War II, without the American invasion that was being planned in the fall of 1945.

Veterans' groups claimed the exhibit made the Americans appear to be the aggressors in the war and that the display underestimated what the U.S. death toll would have been in an invasion. So a scaled-down exhibit was substituted, even then drawing complaints from postwar critics of the decision to use the bombs.

Debating history is a valid, valuable exercise. Shielding or suppressing its troubling chapters is not. There is, for example, a case to be made that the death and devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were lessons to the Cold War generations that followed, heeded in deterrence when far more powerful nuclear weapons were brandished but never used.

Nation briefs

Indian reservations feel the pinch

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.

Windows broken, tear gas fired in prison riot

SAFFORD, Ariz. (AP) — About 80 state prison inmates rioted for an hour, breaking windows and fighting until guards fired several rounds of tear gas.

No one was seriously injured in the Thursday night riot that began in dormitories and the prison yard at a medium-security unit at the state prison in Safford, about 90 miles northeast of Tucson.

The fighting was primarily between black and white inmates, Arra said, adding that there has been "some sort of bitterness" between the groups.

The damage, estimated at about \$25,000, was mostly broken windows and partitions.

New Times Square Ball: Full of glitz, glitter and fog

NEW YORK (AP) — Out with the old and in with the new — a new Times Square ball that is, full of glitz, glitter, lasers and even a fog machine.

The refurbished 500-pound, 6-foot-tall sphere was unveiled atop One Times Square on Thursday, ready and waiting to dazzle the world this New Year's Eve.

The ball now has strobe lights, halogen lamps, a fog machine and 12,000 rhinestones. Add two powerful lasers, originally designed for Star Wars (the defense system, not the movie), an estimated 300,000 revelers, 20,000 mylar pom-poms, 20,000 balloons, 3,000 pounds of confetti and you've got a PAR-TY!

Christmas Cash giveaway



Pampa resident Kathy Cota, right, receives \$500 cash from Cellular One representative Cynthia Leach after winning the Christmas Cash giveaway from KGNC Radio in Amarillo. The drawing was held Dec. 23 at Corona Shopping Center.

Executions highest in 38 years in 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifty-six convicted killers were executed in the United States this year, the highest national figure for capital punishment since 1957.

And with more than 3,000 men and women on death rows awaiting execution, the prospect for 1996 is an even higher total.

"The trend is fewer legal protections and there's a sentiment towards speeding up the process," said Richard Dieter of the Death Penalty Information Center. His Washington-based research group is concerned about inequities in how capital punishment is meted out.

Of the 38 states with death penalty laws, 16 carried out executions in 1995.

They were led by Texas, which executed 19 people. Missouri was a distant second with six.

"We're No. 1," said Larry Fitzgerald of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "It reflects the attitude of the Texas electorate. We've got a tough-on-crime state and aggressive prosecutors."

Such leadership is not a recent development. Since the Supreme Court ended a four-year moratorium on capital punishment in 1976,

there have been 313 U.S. executions — 104 in Texas.

Today, 411 men and six women are on Texas death rows. Fifteen are scheduled to die by next May and Fitzgerald says at least five of those people are "excellent candidates" whose various appeals have traveled through state and federal courts for years.

Capital punishment remains largely, but not entirely, a Southern phenomenon. Besides Texas and Missouri, executions occurred this year in Alabama, Arizona, Kansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia.

No one has a definitive explanation for why the 1995 total of 56 executions is comparatively so high. There were 33 carried out in 1994, 38 in 1993, 14 in 1992, 14 in 1991 and 23 in 1990.

The 193 executions so far in the 1990s already surpass the 117 carried out in the 1980s. There were three in the 1970s, 191 in the 1960s.

Throughout the 1950s, the average annual execution total was 71.7. Fifty-five executions were carried out in 1957.

With some regularity since 1984, death-penalty advocates and abolitionists both have sounded "flood gates are opening" predictions. All have proved premature.

But Dieter and Fitzgerald agree the indicators now point to a significant increase in the pace of executions. Among them:

— Moves by Congress to change laws governing state prisoners' access to federal courts.

— The end to federally funded law offices to help with death row appeals.

— Revisions by some states to speed the appellate process in capital cases.

CBS News president to leave - what's next?

NEW YORK (AP) — Already racked by uncertainty, CBS News faces an even foggy future with the departure of its president.

So does Eric Ober, who is leaving after five years at the helm, a tenure marked by cost-cutting, a ratings slump and the embarrassing "Dan and Connie Show."

In an internal memo issued Thursday, Ober told colleagues that CBS President Peter Lund "has decided to make a change in the presidency of CBS News." The memo said he is leaving Jan. 12.

Beyond that, it was unclear what lies ahead, for Ober or the division he ran.

Will this CBS career man leave the network altogether? A brief announcement on Thursday's "Evening News" seemed to indicate just that, noting Ober "has been with CBS for 30 years," then concluding, "We will miss him and we wish him well."

Yet a source close to CBS said Ober, 53, may be reassigned within the company.

Ober did not return repeated phone messages, and CBS spokeswoman Sandy Genelius said no other CBS executives would be commenting.

No successor to Ober has been named, she added.

But Andrew Heyward, executive producer of "The CBS Evening News with Dan Rather," is widely considered by CBS News insiders as the front-runner.

Among the Big Three networks, it's the first such turnover since Michael Gartner stepped down in March 1993, after 4 1/2 years running NBC News. Gartner was replaced by CBS News producer Andrew Lack.

In his memo, Ober called his years as president "extremely challenging," adding, "I have no doubt that CBS News has great days ahead."

But whoever replaces him will be called upon to shape the future of a news division plagued by low ratings and a budget cut.

Ober's tenure was marked by budget cuts and layoffs under former CBS Chairman Laurence A. Tisch.

In recent years the flagship "Evening News" has struggled to climb out of the ratings basement, where it wound up during the pairing of Connie Chung with Dan Rather in a rancorous two-year co-anchorship that ended in May with Chung's dismissal.

Meanwhile, "CBS This Morning" remains mired in third place behind "The Today Show" and "Good Morning America."

Even the mighty "60 Minutes" has seen its audience slip amid the network's prime-time ratings collapse — and "60 Minutes" correspondent Ed Bradley, one of CBS News' biggest stars, is said to be looking to jump ship.

Doctors freezing umbilical blood

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cathy Goldman is literally banking on the blood from her baby's umbilical cord. She's paying a company to keep it on ice just in case he ever gets sick and needs it back.

Scientists say using umbilical cord blood to treat lethal diseases is highly experimental and the government is about to regulate the practice, but private companies are signing up pregnant women nationwide to save their newborns' cells as a piece of biological insurance.

"If it doesn't work, you know you tried everything for your child," said Goldman, of Charlestown, Mass., who watched as doctors drained the blood from healthy newborn Alexander's still-pulsating umbilical cord.

"If doctors say to me one day, 'Unfortunately you didn't have any cord blood, how would I feel?'"

Usually, umbilical cord blood is thrown away. But since 1988, it has been used as a last resort to help about 170 dying children fight leukemia and other blood diseases.

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Historic canal struggles with modern technology

ISMAILIYA, Egypt (AP) — Massive cargo ships and tankers glide in long convoys through the Suez Canal, modern incarnations of the camel caravans that for centuries crossed the Egyptian desert.

The ships carry oil from the Gulf, cars from Japan, coal and iron ore from Australia, machinery from Germany, fertilizer from Russia, wheat from America — nearly a tenth of all global sea trade.

But the canal, hailed as a "wonder of the world" when it opened 126 years ago as a shortcut between Europe and the Far East, today is fighting to hang on to its customers in a changing Middle East.

The emerging peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors could mean regional highways, railroad links and fuel pipelines to challenge the canal.

Already supertankers and faster cargo vessels are too big for the canal or find it cheaper to go around the tip of Africa. Pipelines also move an increasing share of the world's crude oil and natural gas.

Mohammed Ezzat Adel, who chairs the Suez Canal Authority in this prosperous trading town midway along the 120-mile waterway, says the canal is countering with discount tolls starting Jan. 1 and a widening and deepening of the channel.

"The Suez Canal will not rest idle," he said in an interview. "It will confront the situation and compete with any projects that could affect our revenues."

The canal from the Mediterranean Sea to the Gulf of Suez brings in nearly \$2 billion a year in tolls, making it Egypt's third-largest source of foreign currency, behind tourism and money sent home by Egyptians working abroad.

But just how much the canal can do to attract more business — especially from tankers — is unclear.

Paul Sullivan, an economist at the American University in

Cairo, notes that the volume of oil and gas transiting the canal has been declining for a decade.

Offering discounts for tankers "makes the canal authorities sound like used car dealers," Sullivan said.

"Short term, the canal just isn't big enough for many of the modern ships," he said. "Long term, some of the bigger Israeli-Arab projects coming out of the Middle East peace process could have a big effect."

Egypt already is negotiating for a major gas pipeline to Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian territories. The gas-rich Gulf emirate Qatar also is considering a line through the Jewish state.

Egypt's Sued pipeline linking offshore crude oil terminals in the Red Sea and Mediterranean has stepped up competition. It was greatly enlarged in 1995 and reportedly can undercut canal fees by \$1.50 per ton of oil.

But for many vessels — warships, bulk carriers and passenger liners — the canal remains as important today as it was when it opened on Nov. 17, 1869, with a huge celebration by European royalty.

Dug by Egyptian peasants under the direction of French engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps, the canal was long controlled by the French and British to protect their access to India and other Asian colonies.

Its nationalization by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1956 sparked the first of three wars involving the canal. Israel seized it in the 1967 war, and Egyptian troops stormed across to retake the waterway in a surprise offensive in 1973.

That victory is marked by a monumental stone bayonet that rises out of the sand at Ismailiya. Nearby, Egyptian tugs with names like Peace and Blessing move in and out of transiting convoys, taking pilots to ships or assisting in emergencies.

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Religion

African Children's Choir to sing tonight

Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa is sponsoring a free concert tonight featuring the African Children's Choir. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Comprised of children ages five through 12 selected from needy children in East Africa, the Grammy-nominated choir performs a wide variety of songs, including African tunes accompanied by drums and ethnic instrumentation.

The choir, formed about 10 years ago, has sung for presidents, television viewers and concert audiences the world over, spreading its message of hope and joy through its singing.

The choir was first created by Ray Barnett, president of the Christian relief organization Friends in the West, to educate the world about the desperate plight of young victims of Idi Amin's reign of terror in Uganda.

Proceeds from early concerts were used to build and support family-type homes and schools for the victims.

Current concert tour proceeds help shelter, feed and educate more than 4,000 orphaned or deserted children from Kenya, Uganda, Sudan and Rwanda. Many have lost parents to civil war, poverty or AIDS. Those attending the concerts have an opportunity to select a needy African child through photographs and sponsor that child



Members of the African Children's Choir will sing at M.K. Brown Auditorium today at 7:30 p.m.

on a month-to-month basis.

Friends in the West is equipping orphanages and training orphanage workers in Rwanda. The organization also funds summer camp programs for other destitute African children.

Currently on tour in the United States and Canada, with stops in Texas in December and January, the African Children's Choir members and representatives travel by motorcoach. Choir members generally stay with local families to learn about American culture as they share insights about their own culture.

The group's album, *The African Children's Choir/Live! In Concert*, was nominated for a Grammy for best gospel album.

Dressed in native costume, the young choir members alternate Christian gospel music sung in English — Uganda's official language — with traditional tunes in the more familiar Lugandan tongue, clapping hands and swinging in syncopation with the songs.

"I don't expect these children to be the Vienna Boys Choir," said Barnett, noting that the choir membership changes from year to year. "We're not striving for

that sound. I want these children to be as excellent in African music," he told a *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reporter after a concert there.

An ordained minister from British Columbia, Barnett formed Friends in the West some 20 years ago and has labored since then to free prisoners of religious and political persecution and to offer hope to children suffering from the ravages of war and starvation.

Barnett himself grew up in poverty in an adoptive home in Northern Ireland. While growing up, he struggled with a speech impediment, poor coordination, dyslexia and attention deficit disorder, thinking that his birth mother had died in the London blitz of World War II. He located her later living in New York in the 1970s, and later traced his older sister to southern England.

In addition to helping African children, Barnett's Friends in the West also provides building supplies, medicines and medical equipment to dozens of orphanages and children's hospitals in Albania. The organization also has relief operations underway to help children in Bosnia and Croatia.

In famine-stricken nations like Somalia and Southern Sudan, Friends in the West works with other relief organizations to develop feeding stations and provide medical assistance to orphaned children.

Reformed Presbyterians sing psalms a cappella

By MICHAEL PEARSON
Associated Press Writer

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — At first glance, it seems like a typical Protestant Sunday as parishioners sit scattered among new wooden pews, listening to a minister in a brown suit preach about serving God — "a God who is real close."

But something very different — something ancient — is happening within the flowing earth-tone walls of this modest clapboard church.

The choir and congregation rise to sing.

"O come and to Jehovah sing, let us our voices raise; In joyful song let us the rock of our salvation praise."

Familiar words from the 95th Psalm, and yet something is missing.

There is no organ here at the Selma Reformed Presbyterian Church, no piano, guitar or trumpet. There is only the a cappella voice of a congregation giving praise in the nearly extinct tradition of "exclusive psalmody."

These Christians believe that unaccompanied singing of the Bible's 150 psalms is the only true, correct way to worship God. To quote the church synod, "We sing only psalms because God has not commanded us to sing anything else."

To members of this tiny denomination — there are just 70 churches and fewer than 6,000 members — nothing ever sounded sweeter.

"The purpose is to present worship that's pleasing to God, not what's pleasing to us," said the Rev. Jerry O'Neill, president of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. "He doesn't need all the instruments to know there's real praise going on."

Reformed Presbyterians, most of whom live in Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana and Kansas, also are known as Covenanters.

With a history dating back to 17th-century Scotland, the modern Reformed Presbyterian Church is arguably the most conservative member of its worldwide family.

Its leaders reject suggestions that "militaristic and sexist" language be expunged from religious texts and hold fast to the notion that, as O'Neill says, "the Bible is the word of God, not that it contains the word of God."

"There's an absolute standard, and it's the Bible," he says.

The church dates its origins to the 1630s and protest over civil interference in religious affairs. The heart of their doctrine — the Westminster Confession of Faith — grew in part out of that interference.

It includes the liberty of conscience doctrine, which holds that church bureaucrats have no right to impose practices and teachings other than those contained in the Bible.

When the confession's authors came to music in worship, "the only thing for which they could find enough proof to consider it absolute truth was psalm singing," said John Delivuk, a librarian at Geneva College near Pittsburgh and the author of several papers on Reformed Presbyterian history.

To early Protestants, the proof was simple enough: Psalms are God's words because they come from the Bible. Hymns may be beautiful, but most are exhortations to sinners — not praise for God — and all are the mere uninspired poetry of man.

Further evidence came from biblical descriptions of Jesus' worship in the synagogue: Only the psalms were used.

Similarly, instrumental music is excluded from the Reformed Presbyterian service because God does not command their use in the New Testament.

At one time, modern Baptist, Congregational and all other branches of the Presbyterian Church practiced exclusive psalmody. But the practice began to decay in the mid-1700s — when church leader Isaac Watts pioneered the widespread use of hymns — and had all but disappeared by 1920, Delivuk said.

It survived longer in the conservative South, but today only Reformed Presbyterians and a scattering of related congregations keep the tradition alive.

Religion briefs

First Free Will Baptist to host New Year's singing

The First Free Will Baptist Church, 731 Sloan St., will be having a New Year's Eve singing.

Services are to begin at 8 p.m. Sunday and continue through midnight, singing in the New Year. Refreshments will be served during a break from 9-10 p.m.

The congregation invites anyone who loves good gospel singing to attend all or part of the services.

Yale University to redesign its Divinity School

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Yale University plans to reduce both students and faculty at its Divinity School.

Yale Provost Alison Richard affirmed support for the graduate school's basic mission of training students for ordination, even as other schools have turned to the more academic pursuit of religious studies as a core curriculum.

"I'm thrilled," said Dean Thomas Ogletree, who intends to resign once a successor is appointed. "We have the

unequivocal affirmation of the provost. ... The rumors about the demise of the school are over."

An internal review committee recommended that the school's student body be reduced from 350 to 280 and that the number of faculty members decrease from 32 to 28 over six years.

The committee also wants to see the student applicant pool swell by at least 50 percent in the next five years through more aggressive recruiting. The acceptance rate at the Divinity School has been about 80 percent in recent years, while the rate of acceptance at other Yale schools has been far lower.

Catholic priests being asked to give

DENVER (AP) — About 120 Catholic priests in Colorado have been asked to give thousands to a charity drive, and some are not happy about it.

The priests — all of whom work for the Denver Archdiocese and receive a salary of \$1,200 a month — have been asked to

donate \$5,000 of their own money to the Denver Catholic Archdiocese's fund-raising drive.

The five-year drive, dubbed "Hearts on Fire," is expected to raise \$64 million for a variety of programs, including education, priests' retirement and aid to the poor.

Priests are being encouraged, not ordered, to give, the Rev. John V. Anderson said.

"I don't feel like we can ask the people to give if we don't give ourselves," he said.

The reaction has not been overwhelming.

"Priests will always complain, but they'll do it because it's worthwhile," said the Rev. Robert Kinkel, pastor of Spirit of Christ Church in Arvada. "This is where the rubber hits the road. It's a question of faith."

Poll shows Alabama reveres Catholic figures despite protestant heritage

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A poll shows Alabamians have great regard for two of the Roman Catholic Church's most revered

figures, Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II, a possible measure of change in an overwhelmingly Protestant state with strong Baptist influence.

The Mobile Register-University of South Alabama survey found that the Rev. Billy Graham, an icon of the Southern Baptist faith, ranked just behind Mother Teresa and just ahead of the pope.

When asked to state, on a scale of 1 to 10, how much respect they had for several well-known religious figures, Alabama residents gave Mother Teresa the highest average ranking, 8.3, followed by Graham with 7.9 and the pope with 7.3, according to a recent report on the survey.

Gas station gets cardinal's blessing

OAKHURST, Calif. (AP) — Oil and water don't mix, but oil and holy water — that's a blessing.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, wearing the red-orange and white robes of his office, anointed a new Chevron gas station in this Sierra Nevada community Wednesday.

Mahony sprinkled holy water on the station entrance, the pumps, the snack area and

the ice machine. He even blessed a cigarette advertisement depicting the Marlboro man.

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles said that it was the first time he had ever blessed a gas station and that it was his idea.

He said that he has long known the owners, Les and Phyllis Pacheco, who have a cabin close to one he and other

priests share near Yosemite National Park.

"Our God created the world and filled it with marvelous signs of his power," Mahony said during the service.

"He also blessed human toil from the very beginning, so that in modest imitation of the creator's own goodness, we might diligently devote ourselves to bringing creation to its perfection."

Buckner Family Based Services to offer parent education class

Buckner Family Based Services, in conjunction with First Baptist Church of Pampa, will offer a parent education class in January.

The class will start Jan. 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist, 203 N. West. Classes will meet once a week for 12 weeks. Each week's session includes a meal, child care program, the parenting class and a family play activity.

Specific parent education topics include: resolving family conflicts in a positive manner; increasing family communication and expressiveness; developing positive self-concept, mutual respect and self-esteem in all family members; increasing awareness of the developmental needs of all family members; and enhancing anger and stress management skills.

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Vision USA Program Brightens Future For Low-Income Workers

DEAR ABBY: In years past you have helped thousands of low-income working Americans and their families obtain free eye care through our VISION USA program. Next year, they can get free eye exams from nearly 8,000 optometrists who are again volunteering their services.

In the last five years, 175,000 children and adults have gotten the eye care they needed but could not afford through VISION USA. Two of the most dramatic cases last year were Dear Abby readers: The first was a Florida couple who waited eight years to get the eye care they needed. The second was an Ohio single mother who not only learned her fleeting blackouts were caused by a benign brain tumor, but through the generosity of a neurosurgeon and hospital, received the surgery she needed.

Although most people who receive examinations through VISION USA don't face dramatic situations, nine out of 10 have health or vision problems that interfere with their ability to work or go to school — and some have sight-threatening conditions like glaucoma.

To qualify for free eye care, persons must: have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; have no health insurance of any kind; have income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.

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Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

will be given in optometrists' private offices during the month of March, coinciding with the celebration of Save Your Vision Week — March 3-9, 1996.

Abby, we appreciate your passing this message along to your readers. There are many people out there who need eye care and could benefit from VISION USA.

DONALD JARNAGIN, O.D.,
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN
OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

DEAR DR. JARNAGIN: I'm happy to spread the word about your worthwhile project. Readers, from Jan. 3 to 31, 1996, low-income working people and their families can be screened for eligibility for the 1996 VISION USA program by calling 1-800-766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

People can also apply by mail: Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lind-

bergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. Completed forms must be post-marked by Jan. 25, 1996. Because the phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail.

DEAR ABBY: While reading the letter from "Disappointed in My Husband," I recalled my daughter's wedding. At 15, "Joy" decided to live with her father. I lived in California and he lived in Tennessee.

Joy decided to get married at age 20. At the wedding, Helen, my daughter's stepmother, was kind and gracious. I have nothing but praise for her. She knew it was "Mom's" day, so she stepped back and allowed me to be Mom.

When it was time to take pictures, the bridal couple was photographed with me and my family, and then with her dad and Helen. Pictures were also taken of all of us together. Who would or would not be included was never an issue. We all participated in raising this young lady, and I must say that we did a bang-up job!

YVONNE DIFRANCESCO, MOOR-PARK, CALIF.

P.S. "We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can fly only by embracing each other." — Lucian de Crescenzo

DEAR YVONNE: You, your former husband and Helen are to be commended for your generous attitude. And the quotation with which you ended your letter is indeed profound.

rating. Activities of this kind will help you to feel your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An important situation might be subject to some sudden changes today. If you go with the flow instead of rebelling, you will come out ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Associates will exert considerable influence over your thinking today. Select companions who have the ability to inspire you in a worthwhile manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today if you desire to help others as well as yourself, conditions will begin to move in a favorable direction and enhance your probabilities for personal gain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take a firm position today in situations where you believe yourself to be in the right. In order to succeed, you must have the courage of your convictions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might find it necessary to gently prod a member of your family who has neglected his or her responsibilities lately.

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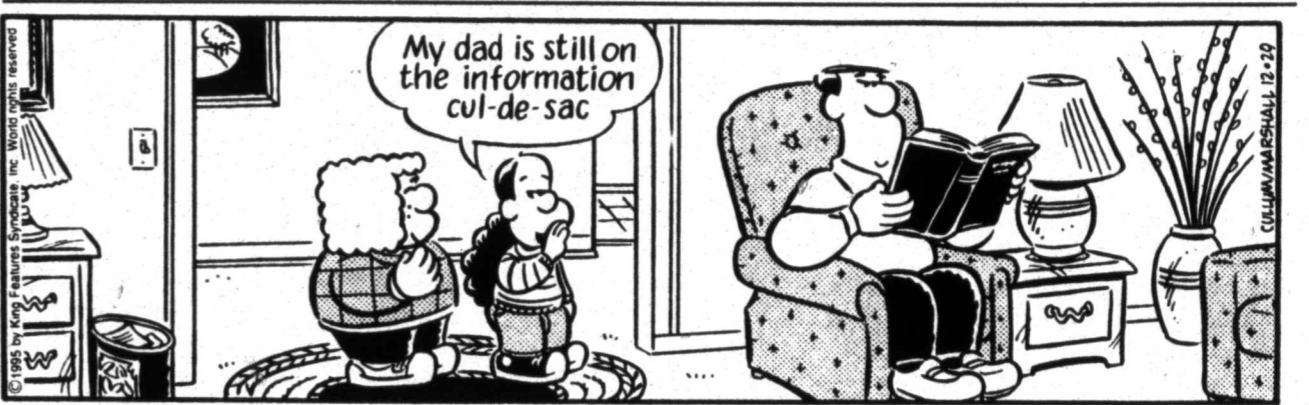
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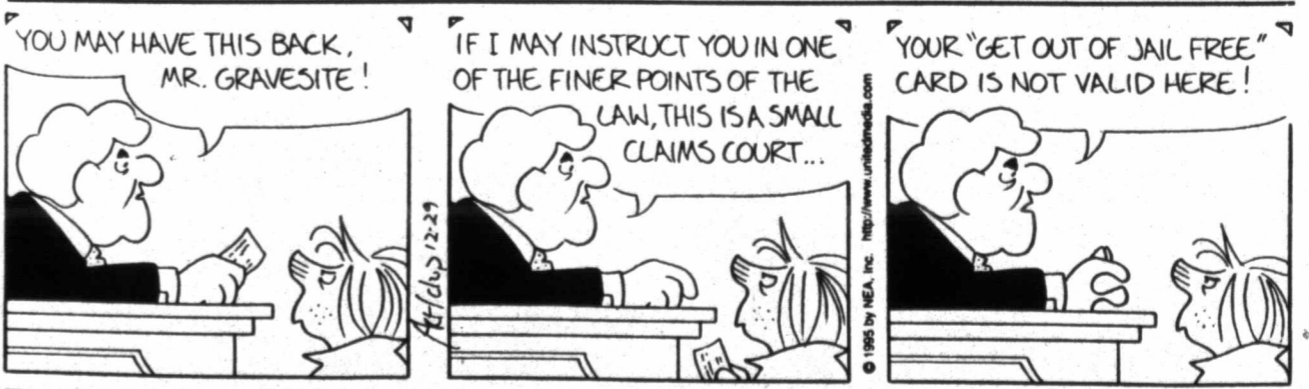
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday Dec. 31, 1995

In the year ahead, several friends could play constructive roles in your affairs. Two of them may be older and far more experienced than you are. Each will be helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you desire social involvements today, don't wait for friends to come looking for you. Conjure up something yourself and invite them to participate. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Devote your energies and efforts today to arrangements that can strengthen your financial position or enhance your career. These areas may be lucky.

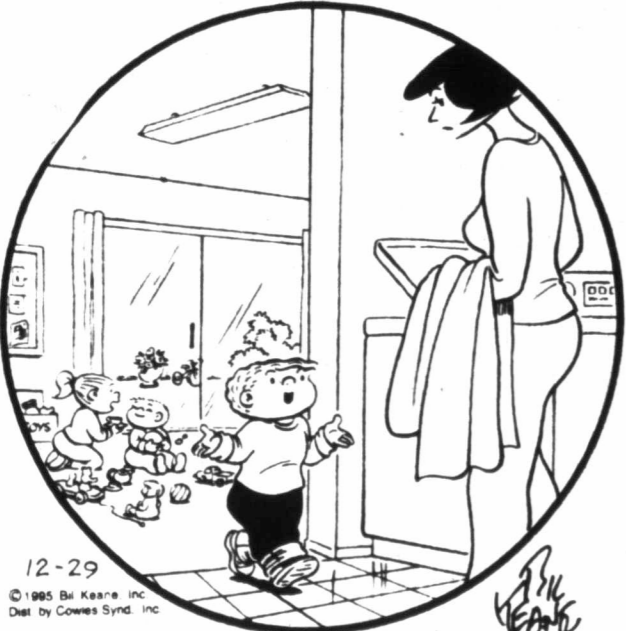
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will not have to take a back seat to others today. Anyone who attempts to usurp your position will quickly discover this for herself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If a project hasn't yielded the anticipated returns yet, this will be a good day to talk to the other principals in order to level out the playing field.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may play the role of a catalyst today and have the ability to pull the people and pieces together. Lay out the agenda and let your friends climb aboard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Companions might spend time on insignificant endeavors today. However, their meandering won't deter you from trying to fulfill your practical aspirations.

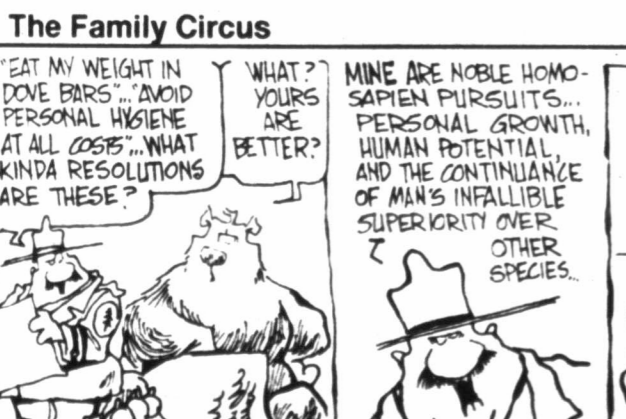
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of acting like a couch potato today, do something physically and mentally invigo-



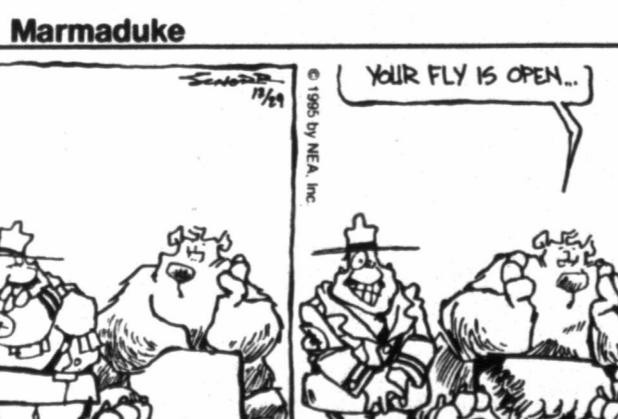
"We played together all morning without one disargument."



"No more party time until we get our holiday spending under control."



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H.S. BASKETBALL

CANADIAN — The Miami Warriors boys basketball team overcame a 12-point deficit at half time to defeat the Canadian Wildcats 66-56 in the first round of the 67th Canadian Wildcat Invitational Tournament.

In another first round boys game, Spearman beat White Deer 58-40.

In the girls' bracket, Spearman beat White Deer 48-38 and Canadian beat Miami 40-32.

Some of Friday's second round games were canceled due to the ice storm. Canadian ISD athletic director David Flowers said the remaining games in the tournament would take place Saturday weather permitting.

FOOTBALL

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

Favre received 38 votes from a panel of 88 writers and broadcasters. Smith was second in balloting conducted by The Associated Press with 33.

Favre's 38 touchdowns were the most ever in the NFC, third only to Dan Marino's seasons of 48 and 44.

Favre passed for 4,413 yards, hitting 359 of 570 and being intercepted just 13 times.

Smith set an NFL record this season with 25 rushing touchdowns. He ran for a league-high 1,773 yards and also caught 62 passes for 375 yards.

Buffalo linebacker Bryce Paup was selected the Defensive Player of the Year after leading the NFL with 17 1/2 sacks.

Paup, who joined the Bills as a free agent from Green Bay, received 73 votes. Pittsburgh linebacker Greg Lloyd was second with five.

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.

Pittsburgh cornerback Willie Williams and Kansas City kick returner Tamarick Vanover also were honored.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins safety Gene Atkins was treated and released from Broward General Medical Center after his car was rear-ended at a traffic light.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees acquired outfielder Tim Lincecum 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.

The Yankees added a year to Raines' contract, which was to expire after next season, and tacked on an option year as well.

The White Sox agreed to pay \$1.3 million of Raines' \$3.7 million salary for 1996.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates signed third baseman Charlie Hayes to a one-year contract with an option for 1997.

Hayes, 30, spent last season with Philadelphia, hitting .276 with 11 home runs and 85 RBIs. Financial terms were not disclosed.

A&M downs Michigan with field goals

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 struggled with injuries 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."

"It was a fun day," Slocum said, smiling.

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

inside 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 Sirr 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.

"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.

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

"They've got a great, great team. ... To beat them, it means a lot for this team. It

puts us back up there in the upper echelon."

Griese finished 9-for-23 for 182 yards with the one interception. He had TD passes of 41 and 47 yards to Toomer, and Remy Hamilton added field goals of 28 and 26 yards.

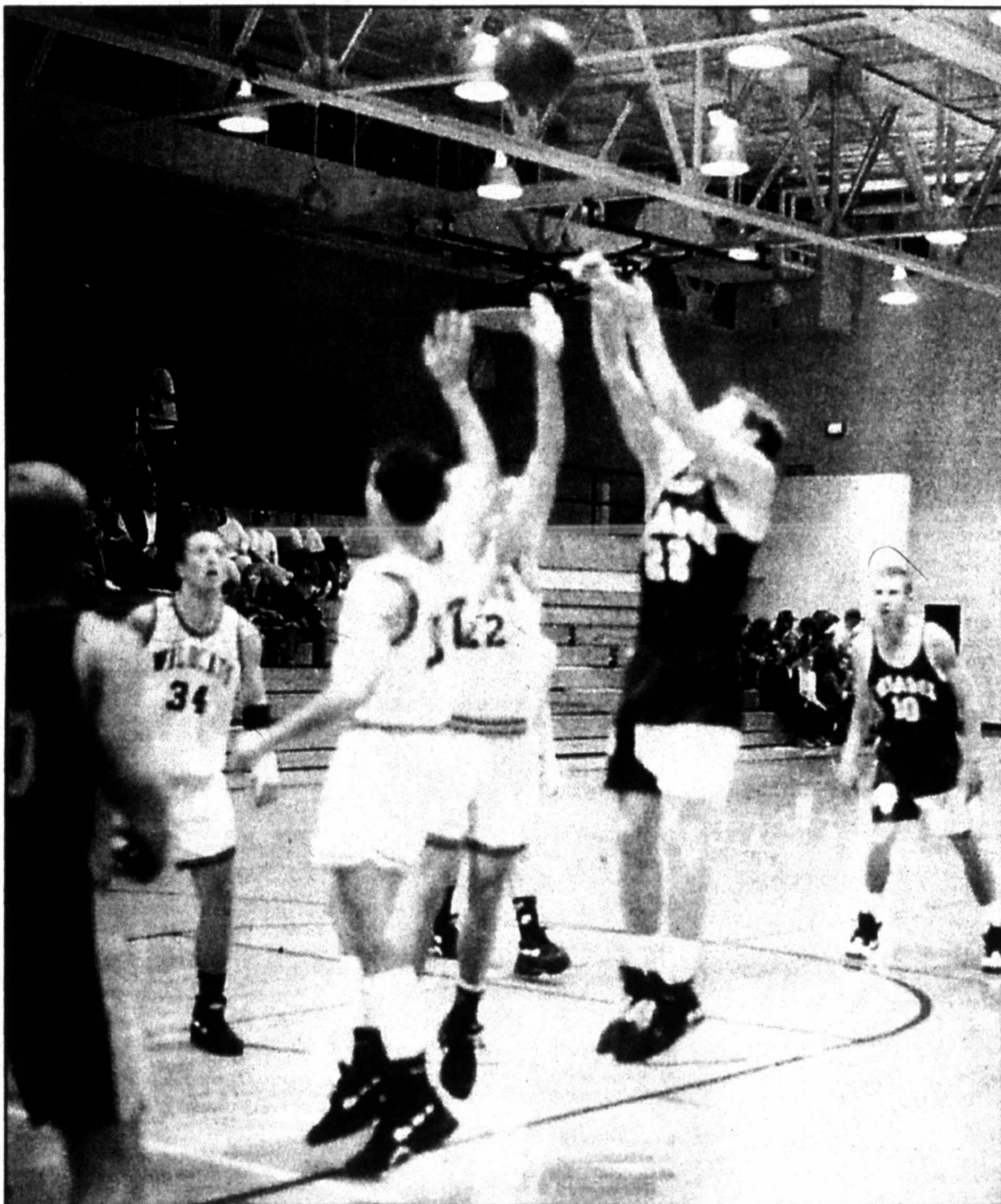
ullig, playing his last game for Texas A&M, praised the team's performance in the absence of McElroy, who has an injured ankle.

"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."

The Aggies lost to Texas 16-6 in the final game of the regular season, giving Texas the last Southwest Conference title and sending the Longhorns to face Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

"Coming off the Texas game, that's not how I wanted to end my season," Texas A&M linebacker Keith Mitchell said. "This was a big win for us. The future is bright."

Miami wins opening tourney game



Miami senior forward Steve Bowning attempts a jump shot over Canadian defenders Logan Coffee (32) and Josh Moran (22). The Miami Warriors downed the Canadian Wildcats 66-56 in the opening round of Canadian's 67th annual tournament Thursday night. The tournament was scheduled to run through Saturday, but icy weather conditions may cause a cancellation.

Harvesters demolish Granbury in first round

Lady Harvesters advance in Slaton

FORT WORTH — Speed and a tough, full-court defense helped the Pampa Harvesters down Granbury 75-45 in the first round of the West Side Lions Club at Billingsley Field House in Fort Worth.

"We played hard, and when you play hard like that, it makes you quick," Pampa assistant coach Jon Darnell said.

Darnell said Granbury did match up with Pampa in height, but the Harvesters were much faster.

A full-court press confused Granbury and lead to a 9-2 Harvester lead in the opening seconds of the first quarter.

Pampa never trailed in the contest. The Harvesters held a commanding 22-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The score was 37-12 at half time. The Harvesters improved their season record to 12-2 overall. Granbury fell to 6-10 on the season.

Coy Laury lead the scoring for the Harvesters with 20 points. He was followed by Rayford Young who tossed in 19 points.

Jason Weatherby contributed 11 points, and Lynn Brown scored 9 points on three three-pointers.

Other scorers for the Harvesters were August Larson, 6 points, Devin Lemons, 4 points, Chris Miller, 5 points, and Bryan Waldrip, 1 point.

Miller lead Pampa with 7 rebounds followed by Lemons with two.

Rayford Young was a perfect 4-4 at the free throw line.

The Harvesters played Fort Worth Poly Tech today at 11 a.m. and are scheduled to play tonight.

Poly Tech beat Fort Worth Brewer 62-56 in the opening round.

Pampa Lady Harvesters 38, Abilene Wylie 34.

SLATON — The Pampa Harvesters varsity girls basketball team downed Abilene Wylie, 38-34, Thursday afternoon in action at the Slaton Tournament.

The Lady Harvesters were to play Crosbyton at 1 p.m. today.

In the Pampa-Abilene Wylie game, the Harvesters trailed by 1 point, 11-10, at the end of the first quarter, but led at the end of the half, 23 to 16. The Harvesters held on to the lead in the next two quarters, leading 29-20 at the end of the third quarter and winning the game 38 to 34.

Scorers for the Harvesters were Jennifer Jones, 16 points; Chandra Nachtigall, 7; Christie Carpenter, 6; Jane Brown, 4; Tina Dwight, 3; and Candice Nachtigall, 2.

Scoring for Abilene Wylie were Katie Craft, 10; Mandy Stark, 8; Kelley Brown, 8; Lindsay Barnes, 4; Stephanie Anders, 2; and Meredith Ripley, 2.

U.T.'s Mackovic getting nervous about contract

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 much different from what I expected. 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.

"We'd like to get it resolved as quickly as possible," Mackovic said. "We're having a banner year in recruiting, and every-

thing is pointing to success. I would hate for a delay in our coming to terms to affect our recruiting."

The school welcomes input from its coach, Dodds said, and officials wanted to avoid contract talks as the ninth-ranked Longhorns prepare for Sunday's Sugar Bowl against No. 13 Virginia Tech.

"They're looking at it, and he's got every ability to talk about it and change things," Dodds said. "We haven't even started talking. We're going to look at it after the game."

Dodds emphasized that no added meaning should be taken from the lengthy contract talks.

"It's not a time to be upset, but a time to talk," Dodds said. "It's in his court when he gets time."

Mackovic was under heavy fire after the Longhorns began the 1994 season 5-4, but Texas' 16-1-1 record since then has prompted school officials to step up efforts to secure him in a new deal.

Mavs trip Grizzlies in double O.T.

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks presented coach Dick Motta with an ugly victory. Motta wasn't about to throw it back.

Motta finally got career victory No. 900 with a 103-101 double-overtime decision over the expansion Vancouver Grizzlies on Thursday night.

Dallas shot 30 percent from the field and had 21 turnovers. But Motta would rather remember that Tony Dumas hit an off-balance, 15-foot bank shot as the buzzer sounded in the second overtime for the winning basket.

"As you go home from each victory, there are some memorable things and some ugly things that happen to you," said Motta, in his 24th season as an NBA head coach. "This is 900 wins. I can't remember any of them that were given to me."

Motta was stuck on 899 wins during a six-game losing streak that the Mavericks halted Thursday. Motta joins Lenny Wilkens (981) and Red Auerbach (938) as the only coaches in NBA history with 900 or more victories.

"I'm not into records much," said Motta, 900-927 for his career. "The kids needed the win more than I needed 900. We were tighter than a drum."

Dallas had two shots at the victory on its final possession before Dumas hit the game-winner. Jason Kidd's driving layup rolled off the rim and Jim Jackson missed a tip-in attempt with less than two seconds left, but the ball bounced to Dumas, who banked the shot off the backboard at the buzzer.

Tech scores comeback win; TCU falls

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Koy Smith scored 14 of his 23 points in the second half to help Texas Tech to a 62-58 comeback win over La Salle Thursday night in the consolation game of the Sierra Medical Center Sun Classic.

Texas Tech (8-1) used a 13-2 run late in the second half to overcome a nine-point La Salle (2-8) halftime lead. Smith hit two of his four 3-pointers on the night during the run.

The comeback ruined a strong effort from La Salle's Romaine Haywood, who scored 13 of his

19 points in the first half to put La Salle out to the 32-23 halftime lead.

Three of Haywood's first-half baskets were 3-pointers as La Salle hit a total of seven in the opening stanza.

St. Joseph's 93, Texas Christian 92.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Mark Bass tallied 19 points and hit a 3-point basket with 3.9 seconds to play in the second overtime Thursday to

give St. Joseph's a 93-92 victory over Texas Christian in the Seton Hall Meadowlands Tournament.

Bass' basket capped a furious late rally that saw the Hawks (4-1) fight back from a six-point deficit with 36 seconds remaining.

St. Joseph's will face Seton Hall, a 93-80 winner over New Hampshire in the first game Thursday, in Friday night's championship. The Horned Frogs (6-5) will face the Wildcats in a consolation game.

Hokies hunker down for 'Horns

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Virginia Tech's players and coaches speak in glowing terms about Texas quarterback James Brown when looking ahead to the Sugar Bowl. Yet, they don't seem to fear the Longhorns' signal-caller.

At least not as much as they worry about Texas' running game.

The Hokies (9-2) come into Sunday's game with the nation's

No. 1 defense against the rush, having allowed an average of only 77.4 yards. They held No. 22 Miami to 51 yards, No. 18 Virginia to 103 and several lesser teams to barely more than a yard per carry during their nine-game winning streak.

Still, give them some film of Shon Mitchell and Ricky Williams and then ask for their impressions, and they seem to shake their heads in awe.

Cowboys' Irvin back to old self

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Michael Irvin's feelings officially have been removed from the injured reserve.

His usual jolly locker room persona was absent for a month, but now he's back to mugging for the cameras, ready with a quip and a smile.

"Practice is going to be fun again," Irvin said. "We can make some jokes before the stress sets in again. Right now, the other teams are out there stressing while we have the week off. A bye helps your mind as much as your body."

Irvin said he couldn't care less who the Dallas Cowboys play in the first round of the divisional playoffs Jan. 6 or Jan. 7. He's just relieved the Cowboys survived four major lapses to finish 12-4 with the home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

"It doesn't matter to me," Irvin said. "The only thing I'm facing is the TV set this weekend. The hardest fight I'm going to have is with my wife over the remote control."

Irvin said the resting Cowboys will have the pleasure of knowing that "whoever wins will have had a tough fight. That's the greatest thing about the bye. You're always happy to play a team that's a little hurt."

Irvin was angry at the media after the Nov. 12 loss to the San Francisco 49ers and didn't hold court in the locker room like he usually does until this week.

His silence kept him from bragging about a wonderful season. He finished with 111 catches for 1,603 yards and 10 touchdowns. He averaged 14.4 yards per catch, tied an NFL record with eight straight 100-yard games and set another record with 11 overall 100-yard games.

"It was a pretty good year," Irvin said. "But what made it special was the way we finished and got into the playoffs."

Irvin said the Cowboys will spend their off-week polishing the offense.

"We've got to iron out some kinks and from that standpoint we have a sense of urgency," Irvin said. "We get to work on things that didn't work."

Ewing suffers ankle injury

NEW YORK (AP) — 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.

Olajuwon gets triple-double in win

HOUSTON (AP) — It was the same old story for a Houston Rockets opponent — double-team Hakeem Olajuwon and a corps of 3-point sharpshooters make you pay.

The New Jersey Nets did all they could to stop Olajuwon on Thursday night, and even succeeded for a while, but the Rockets fired away from outside

and hit 13 3-pointers in a 97-82 victory.

Olajuwon, double- and triple-teamed throughout the game, eventually got his points anyway and notched his 12th career triple-double with 22 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists. His 11-point burst in the third quarter helped Houston take control of the game.

Arizona downs A&M in Fiesta tourney

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — When the Arizona Wildcats get embarrassed, it's a good bet someone else will get humiliated.

Last Saturday, Syracuse got a rare visitor's victory in the McKale Center.

So Arizona coach Lute Olson emphasized toughness in practice, and the No. 9 Wildcats responded Thursday night with an 88-44 blowout of Texas A&M.

"Once we started picking up our defense, we got steals and could go on the fast break," said Michael Dickerson, who had 26 points and eight rebounds.

The Aggies made a game of it for a half, and then Arizona (9-1) treated them like the sacrificial

lambs they became by accepting an invitation to play in the annual Fiesta Bowl Classic, a holiday tournament in which the Wildcats are 21-0 with Rutgers coming up Saturday.

Rutgers beat Pacific 69-68 in the first game of the tournament, sponsored by Bank One.

"We were intimidated from the get-go," A&M coach Tony Barone said. "Arizona was running over picks and fighting through them. They were also doing a good job of pressuring the ball."

The Wildcats badgered the Aggies (4-4) into 30 turnovers, 33 percent shooting and the low end of a 49-26 imbalance in rebounds.

Lions confident going into wildcard game vs. Philly

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — While many Philadelphia Eagles are keeping quiet, Detroit Lions tackle Lomas Brown isn't afraid to say what he thinks about Saturday's NFC wild-card game.

"There is no question in my mind that we're going to win this game," Brown said. "It's just a matter of how much are we going to win it by and how long is it going to take."

Such guarantees, if made at all, are usually made by young players unaware that opposing coaches live for such motivational material to present to their players.

But Brown is an 11-year veteran who will play in his fourth Pro Bowl at the end of the season. Surely he was joking, right?

"I'm serious," he said. "The Eagles have a good team and an excellent coach, but we have an offense that nobody can stop. I

don't think Philly can stop us, not if we play the way we've played the last seven weeks."

There's nothing like a seven-game winning streak to boost a team's confidence, but the Eagles coach Ray Rhodes thinks Brown made a mistake by being so brash.

"You don't do that. That's not professional," Rhodes said. "Really, the only thing you can guarantee is anybody's death. And I'm going to make sure that the whole lineup gets ahold of (Brown's comments)."

Brown dismissed Rhodes' ire. "You need guys who will talk like this," he said. "You need guys who will say, 'Hey, by the end of the first quarter, we want to have this game over with.' And that's how it should be."

That's not the approach of a number of normally talkative Eagles veterans. Defensive linemen William Fuller and Andy Harmon declined to talk about the game, while safety Mike

Zordich was conspicuously absent from the locker room.

"I like that. I love that," Rhodes said. "Talk is cheap. You've got to go out and show what you're going to do on Saturday. After you go out and make your statement on Saturday, then talk."

If the Eagles are doing the talking after Saturday's game, it will represent a turnaround in each team's recent fortunes.

Although both teams are 10-6, the Eagles have played poorly in their last five games while the Lions haven't lost since owner William Clay Ford issued a "win or else" ultimatum to coach Wayne Fontes after the team dropped to 3-6.

"It's the same old deal I've been going through for seven years. We lose two games, and it's 'Fire the coach,'" Fontes said. "We're playing very sound football, something we didn't do at the beginning of the season."

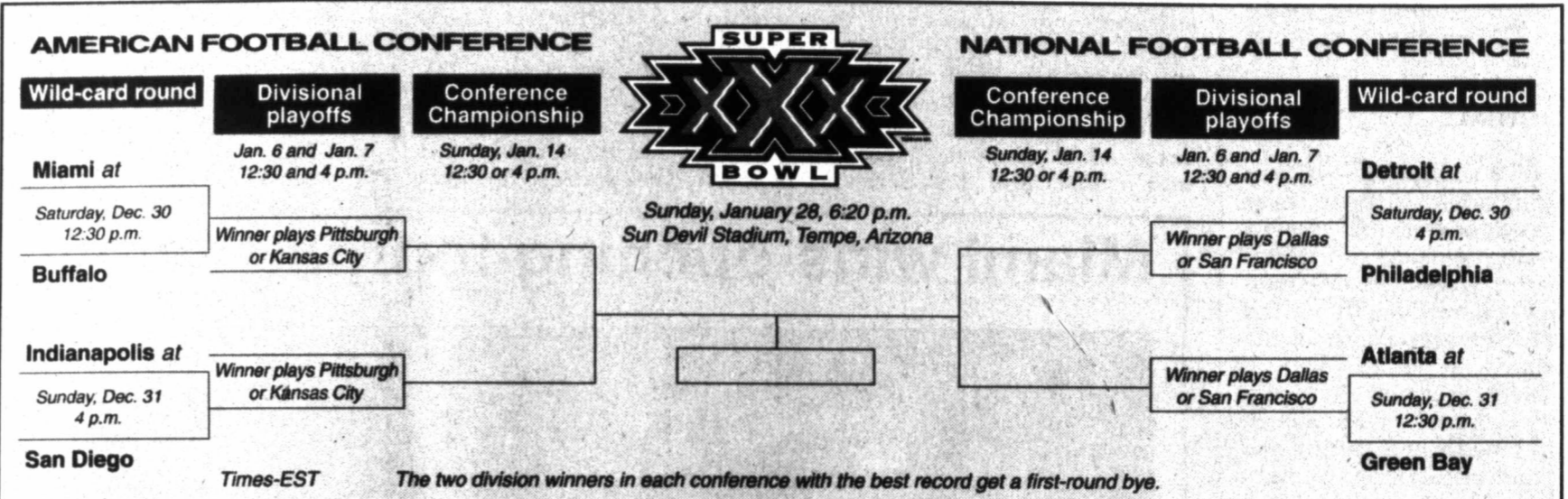
Detroit's top-ranked offense is

the biggest concern to the Eagles. Scott Mitchell is playing well, receivers Herman Moore and Brett Perriman combined for a league-record 231 receptions, and Barry Sanders ... well, he's Barry Sanders.

The Lions' offense really took off with the emergence of third wide receiver Johnnie Morton, who has five touchdown receptions in the last five games.

"By adding him into the mix, it allows at least one of our receivers to be single-covered, and not have to worry about everybody having double-coverage," he said. "By spreading us out, it allows us to spread the defense, which softens it up. Then you have Barry Sanders to worry about."

The Eagles, led by former Lions quarterback Rodney Peete, have fallen behind in their last four games. They rallied to win twice — over Dallas and Arizona — but couldn't come back in the season finale at Chicago.



Scoreboard

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

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

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 26, Gray 7
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Kansas 51, UCLA 30

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Texas Tech 55, Air Force 41
Thursday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20

Friday, Dec. 29
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Florida A&M (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-4-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), noon (ESPN)
Carguest Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31

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

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

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

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

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

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

BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	22	6	.786	—
New York	19	8	.704	2 1/2
Miami	14	13	.519	7 1/2
Washington	13	13	.500	8
Boston	12	14	.462	9
New Jersey	10	16	.385	11
Philadelphia	5	20	.200	15 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	23	3	.885	—
Indiana	15	11	.577	8
Cleveland	14	12	.538	9
Detroit	14	14	.500	10
Atlanta	13	13	.500	10
Charlotte	13	15	.464	11
Milwaukee	10	16	.385	13
Toronto	9	21	.300	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	21	8	.724	—
San Antonio	18	8	.692	1 1/2
Utah	19	9	.679	1 1/2
Denver	12	15	.444	8
Washington	8	16	.308	11 1/2
Minnesota	7	19	.269	12 1/2
Vancouver	4	25	.138	17

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	18	8	.692	—
Sacramento	16	9	.640	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	16	14	.533	4
Phoenix	12	13	.480	5 1/2
Portland	12	15	.444	6 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	17	.393	8
Golden State	10	17	.370	8 1/2

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Clippers 116, Charlotte 107
Washington 115, Golden State 94
Milwaukee 99, Minnesota 93, OT
Phoenix 105, Philadelphia 90
Portland 135, Boston 109
Seattle 99, Denver 83

Thursday's Games
Indiana 91, Miami 77
Cleveland 86, New York 76
Detroit 113, Toronto 91
Houston 97, New Jersey 82
Dallas 103, Vancouver 101, 2OT
Utah 99, Minnesota 83
San Antonio 107, L.A. Lakers 99

Friday's Games
New York at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
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.
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.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

NFL PLAYOFFS

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Wild-Card Round

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 p.m.
Detroit, Green Bay or Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7
Atlanta, Detroit or Philadelphia at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
Indianapolis, Miami or San Diego at Kansas City, 4 p.m.

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
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Super Bowl
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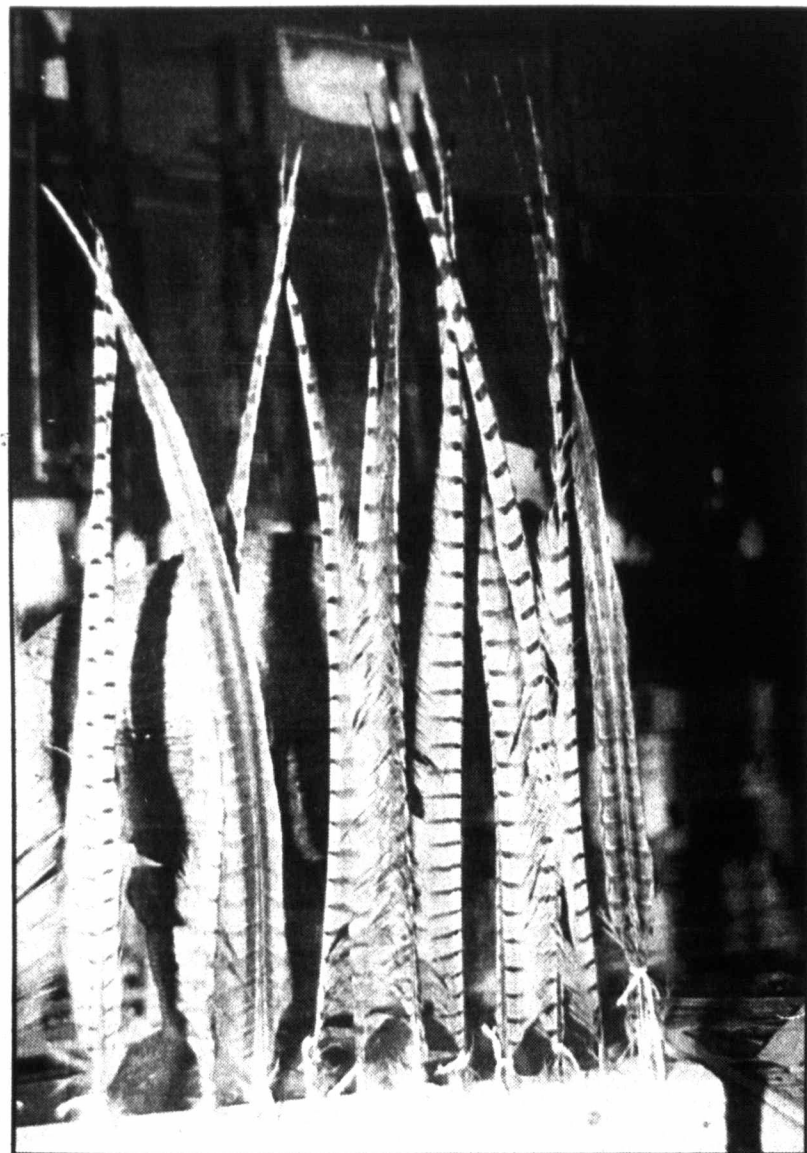
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Tail feather contest



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Shawn Harris was the winner in Country General's First Annual Longest Pheasant Tail Feather Contest. The feather, on the far right above, measured 23 5/8 inches long. The feathers entered in the contest are on display at the store. Harris received a Daskocil Double Scope Rifle case. In a separate drawing, all the names of the entrants were placed in a hat and Brian Phelps' name was chosen as the winner of a gun maintenance center. Country General plans to make the contest an annual event.

Advertisers vow not to remove ads from homosexual publication

AUSTIN (AP) — Some business-people 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.

"If I walk into a business and make a purchase, and that purchase is used to support a philosophy I disagree with, I should know that," he said.

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*.

Ms. Longcope said Roberts wants her clients to fear demonstrations in front of their stores. Such protests by association members hit an Austin car dealer, which recently renewed its advertising with the *Triangle*.

Even so, some advertisers say they will continue their relationship with the 3-year-old *Triangle* no matter what the Family Association does.

"We regret to inform you that Texas Mortgage Corp. will continue to advertise in any publications the corporation chooses," Tony Eddols, president of Tower Mortgage Corp., wrote in a response to Roberts.

William Sanson, manager of Tower Mortgage, said the company will honor its one-year contract with the *Triangle*.

"They're trying to dictate where our funds should go and the kind of potential clients we should reach," he said.

Missy Morgan, manager of the Denmart furniture store, said if Roberts does not like the *Texas Triangle*, he should stop reading it.

House GOP rebuffs pay cut for Congress

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 shutdown.

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 budget; 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 creditors ... 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 alter of their balanced budget plan, but are not willing to sacrifice 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 Constitution."

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.

IRS bomb made from components used in 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 and was made from the same materials, killed 169 people in April.

Baillie, 40, and Hurst, 52, could each face up to 50 years in prison if convicted of attempted destruction of a government building and use of a destructive device. They were ordered held without bail.

Baillie enlisted Hurst to help him with the plan and borrowed Hurst's pickup to transport the bomb, authorities said.

Hurst was first questioned four days after the bomb was found and denied any involve-

ment. He was taken into custody late Wednesday after admitting his role and identifying Baillie. Both men were arrested in the Gardnerville area where they live, 50 miles south of Reno.

"Hurst related both he and Baillie had had difficulties with the Internal Revenue Service in the past," the complaint said.

Authorities declined to provide specifics of the men's problems with the IRS, why the agency had attached Baillie's wages or what led investigators to Hurst. Authorities also would not comment on who built the bomb.

Hurst had worked for a trash company at a dump near Gardnerville for 15 years until the dump closed a year ago, a former employee said. Additional details about Baillie were not immediately available.

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