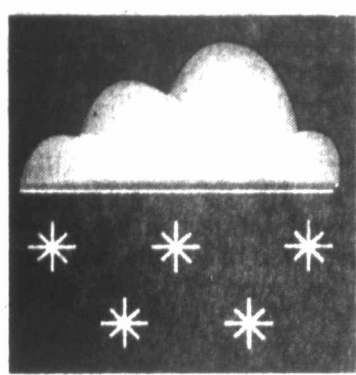


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Low tonight near 15,
high tomorrow near 18.
See Page 2 for weather
details.

PAMPA — Two local girls
are in area hospitals today
following a one car rollover
east of Skellytown Friday
night.

Christina Norris, 16, was
flown to Northwest Texas
Hospital in Amarillo by
emergency helicopter from
the scene of the accident,
about 1.8 miles east of
Skellytown on Texas 152. She
was later transferred to
University Medical Center in
Lubbock, where she is in critical
condition in the surgical
intensive care unit.

Angela Huckins, 15, was
first transported to Columbia
Medical Center by White
Deer ambulance before being
transferred to NWH in critical
condition. She was taken to
Baptist-St. Anthony's
Hospital in Amarillo.

According to a
Department of Public Safety
spokesperson, the driver of
the vehicle was reaching for
a cassette tape and let the
passenger take the wheel.
The vehicle veered off the
road, striking a post and
sliding sideways.

The vehicle rolled several
times, then flew off the cliff
before resting on its right
passenger side, the spokesperson
said.

Both passengers were ejected
from the vehicle.

Citations were issued;
however, DPS officials did
not elaborate because the
accident involved juveniles.

PAMPA — The Gray
County Appraisal District
board of directors will meet
in regular session Tuesday at
7:30 a.m. in the district's
conference room at 815 N.
Sumner.

Items on the agenda
include reappointment of
appraisal board members,
renewal of industrial consultant
contract and review and
evaluation of chief appraiser.

Meetings are open to the
public.

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly
matched all six numbers
drawn Saturday night for the
twice-weekly Lotto Texas
game, state lottery officials
said.

The ticket, bought in
Bandera, Texas, was worth an
estimated \$4 million.

The numbers drawn
Saturday night from a field of
50 were: 10, 18, 20, 34, 37 and
41.

There were 118 tickets
purchased matching five of the
six numbers, with a prize of
\$1,312 each. Matching four of
six numbers were 4,709 tick-
ets, worth \$119 each.

Wednesday night's draw-
ing will be worth an estimated
\$4 million.

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Cold and windy wintry weather forecast tonight

By STEFANI G. KOPENEC
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — As a lifelong
Texan, C.J. Thompson doesn't
give it a second thought that her
wardrobe can change signifi-
cantly from day to day as a
result of the weather.

"I wear shorts yesterday. I just
wear pants and a jacket today,"
the gas station manager said
Sunday. "I think it's pretty nor-
mal to me. I'm used to it."

Good thing, since a mixture of
sleet and snow was falling in
the North Texas area over the
weekend. Just a week ago, the
mercury soared to a record-
tying 80 degrees in Dallas-Fort
Worth.

In parts of Central Texas this
morning, snow was falling at
the rate of about a half-inch per
hour, but temperatures just
above freezing precluded signifi-
cant accumulation.

Even colder weather are
expected across the state by mid-
week.

"We'll start seeing the effects
Tuesday night, and we'll continue
to be cold through the week-
end and the first part of the
week," said Brian Kyle, National
Weather Service meteorologist at
League City, near Houston.

Winter officially begins
Saturday.

An arctic cold front will bring
a wind chill advisory in effect
tonight for the Panhandle with
lows from 10 to near 15 and a 40
to 60 percent chance of snow. A
one-inch accumulation is possi-
ble. Gusty north winds 20-30
mph will drop the wind chill to
20 to 40 below zero. Tuesday is
forecast to be cloudy, windy and
bitterly cold with highs only
from 10 to 20 and more light
snow possible.

The coldest days this week in
North Texas will be Thursday
through Saturday, with tempera-
tures hovering in the 20s in the

mornings. The forecast calls for
lows in the low to mid 20s and
highs in the upper 30s to near 40
through Saturday.

Most of Texas got a winter pre-
view Sunday as a Pacific cold
front barreled into the state,
dropping temperatures by 10 to
20 degrees, producing rain, sleet
and snow over parts of North
and West Texas.

Winter storm warnings and
advisories were issued Sunday
for portions of West, Central and
Northeast Texas. Strong winds
produced wind chills in the
teens and 20s across North
Texas.

Farther south, a winter storm
warning was issued for the Hill
Country and Edwards Plateau,
including Del Rio, Uvalde,
Burnet and Kerrville.

A winter weather advisory
was in effect for a portion of
South Central Texas generally
north and east of a line bounded
by Killeen to San Antonio and
northeast to Lexington.

"I guess we're paying our
dues," said Jeff Raberding, a
meteorologist at the NWS office
in Fort Worth. "Cold outbreaks
aren't that uncommon. It's just
that we were very warm the
first part of December. We're
getting our first taste of winter, I
guess."

Unseasonably warm weather
was reported across Texas last
week. But Raberding said not to
expect the warm-up that fol-
lowed last month's freezing rain
and snow.

"An air mass coming in
Tuesday is going to be the coldest
air of the year," he said. "It's
going to be significant cold air
even in South Texas, significant-
ly colder than we've been seeing
throughout the state."

In North Texas, lows will drop
into the teens, with more wintry
precipitation possible Tuesday
and Wednesday, Raberding
said.

Treasury secretary defends IRS ruling on farm commodity contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) —
Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin
today defended an IRS decision
to stop letting farmers use com-
modity contracts to level off their
income and taxes from year to
year.

With many growers facing stiff

tax bills this year, farm-state law-
makers have been pressing the
Clinton administration to over-
turn the decision this fall by the
Internal Revenue Service.

Treasury's tax policy office
"informs me that the IRS's ruling
correctly interprets the current



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Mexican villagers offer Santa a special gift of remembrance and thank-you, a bright red and gold Sombbrero, Friday at the Baker Elementary School presentation of a 'Sombbrero for Santa.' The play depicted the importance of cultural awareness for all people.

Elementary school Christmas play emphasizes cultural awareness

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

The fourth and fifth grade stu-
dents at Baker Elementary School
entertained students and staff
with their musical Christmas
play "A Sombbrero for Santa"
Friday in the Baker gymnasium.

The students presented an
original musical play depicting
the importance of cultural
awareness, even for well-known
individuals like Santa.

Santa, played by Dean Moman,
decided he must learn to speak
Spanish to better attend the wishes
of children in Spanish speaking
countries. The elves were thrilled
to hear they were going on vaca-
tion, but old Santa said, "No, no,
we must make it a business trip, so
we can take it off our income tax."

Santa and his helpers found a
way to combine business and plea-
sure and prepared to visit Mexico.

The elves convinced St. Nick
the best way to learn would be to
go live in a small village for a
couple of weeks.

The elves gathered their sun-
glasses and sunscreen and
amidst songs and laughter trav-
eled down south of the border,
where they learned the Spanish
words for important terms such
as "toys," "go" and "Merry
Christmas" from Senorita Bonita,
played by Annabel Saldierna.

At the last minute, after he and
the elves had learned their
lessons, Santa tried to make
reservations for the flight home,
but found that all the North Pole
airlines were closed due to a
massive snow storm.

Alternate modes of transporta-
tion were discussed, but there
were problems with them all.

The steam engine didn't leave
Mexico, the donkey was too
slow and the taxi would rob the

old elf blind. How was he to get
the toys made and delivered?

The villagers told Santa they
would help him make the
Christmas toys and that they
were all welcome to stay and live
in the little village.

Santa agreed to let the villagers
help make toys, but then he still
had a problem of delivery.

At the last minute Rudolph the
Red Nosed Reindeer, played by
Rogelio Villagrana, finally located
the Claus party and helped to load
all the toys for the boys and girls.

As Santa was preparing to
leave, the villagers gave the old
elf a sombrero to wear on his
long winter flights, and to let the
world know Santa is now a well
respected citizen of Mexico.

The villagers sang their good-
byes to the old elf from the North
Pole and made sure to remind
him to return on Christmas Eve
for a plate of tamales and tacos.

Gingerbread men



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Members of the Pampa High School Future Homemakers of America prepared and placed gingerbread ornaments on the doors of residents at the Meredith House for the Christmas season. Putting one of the paper-decorated gingerbread men ornaments on a door are, from left, FHA members Amanda Calcotte, Valerie Johnson and Amy Rainey. Students participating in the project are members of classes taught by teachers Gaylene Skaggs and Kalie McDonald.

Experts say nuke warhead involved in truck accident

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A
semitrailer truck that overturned
on a remote stretch of highway
in western Nebraska was carry-
ing two nuclear warheads, Sens.
Bob Kerrey and Jim Exon con-
firmed.

The warheads were not in
danger of exploding and there
were no radioactive releases,
Exon told the Omaha World-
Herald on Sunday. Kerrey said
today that the two warheads
should not have been transport-
ed during the bad weather.

Kerrey, a Democrat, also said
the U.S. Department of Energy
should have immediately noti-
fied the public of the accident
after the truck was up and mov-
ing.

Exon, also a Democrat,
learned of the accident the night
it occurred, Nov. 16, when he
was called at home by a Energy
Department official. Exon is a
member of the Senate Armed
Services Committee.

Because there appeared to be
no problem resulting from the
accident, Exon told the World-
Herald he decided not to issue a
statement. Exon did not return a
call today to The Associated
Press.

Gov. Ben Nelson told the
newspaper he did not know
about the shipment and will
investigate the matter this week.

Two independent weapons
experts told The Denver Post they
suspected there was a nuclear
warhead or nuclear bomb on the
top-secret Energy Department
trailer rig that overturned on a
remote stretch of U.S. Highway
83 near Brownlee in the Sandhills
of northwestern Nebraska.

"My best bet is that it was a
warhead being returned from
Minot to Pantex," said Bill
Arkin, a nuclear weapons expert
and columnist for the Bulletin of
Atomic Scientists. "We all like to
believe these weapons are
tucked away safely in bed. But
the reality is that nuclear
weapons and materials are being
transported around the country
all the time."

The government immediately
shut down U.S. 83 and dis-
patched a 25-member emer-
gency response team from Texas
and New Mexico.

A spokesman for the U.S.
Department of Energy's Trans-
portation Safeguards Division in
Albuquerque could offer little
information.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALLEN, Mahala — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
BROWN, John M. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wellington.
KELLY, Dora Evette — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
LEWIS, Betty — Vigil and rosary services, 7 p.m., Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

MAHALA ALLEN

BORGER — Mahala Allen, 92, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Gregg Simmons, minister of First Baptist Church in Borger, and the Rev. Earl Skaggs, minister of Calvary Baptist Church in Borger, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Allen was born March 22, 1904, at Rochester, Texas. She married Herman Allen on Sept. 17, 1921, at Rule; he died Oct. 13, 1956. She had been a Pampa resident prior to moving to Borger in 1980. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a son, Raiford Allen, on May 13, 1963.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Charles Beach of Borger; two brothers, Bryant Bristow of Brownwood and Bus Bristow of Roswell, N.M.; a granddaughter; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

JOHN M. BROWN

WELLINGTON — John M. Brown, 79, brother of a Shamrock resident, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Johnny Tims officiating with the Rev. Derwin Comer, associate pastor, assisting. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown was born in Grayson County. He married Ina Wilkerson in 1948 at Childress. He had been a Wellington resident since 1923. He operated Brown Paint and Body Shop for 45 years, retiring in 1996. He was a former member and had held offices in Wellington Kiwanis Club. He served on the Collingsworth County Volunteer Ambulance Service from 1974-95, a total of 21 years. He retired from the Wellington Fire Department. He was a charter member of Wellington Country Club and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and First Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, receiving a Purple Heart during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Ina; and a sister, Isabel Marchant of Shamrock.

WESLEY EWING COBB

BURLESON — Wesley Ewing Cobb, 95, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Dec. 16, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Cobb was born Jan. 25, 1901, at Bethel Springs, Tenn. He married Daisy Sarah Cobb; she died in June of 1957. He later married Viola S. Studebaker on Dec. 6, 1958, at Pampa; she died in 1995. He had been a Pampa resident since 1929, moving to Burleson in 1990. He worked for Fatheree Wholesale for a number of years and for Cabot Corporation for 20 years, retiring in 1963. He was a former board member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club. He attended First Presbyterian Church in Pampa.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Mary Ellen Cobb of Crowley; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The family will be at the home of Ray Thompson at 2620 Chaumont in Pampa.

MELVIN FRANCIS COFFEY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Melvin Francis Coffey, 78, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996. The body was cremated. Memorial graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor of First Christian Church of Pampa, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Coffey was born Nov. 19, 1918, at Wapanucka, Okla. He married Ruth G. Osborne on Aug. 18, 1946, at Lubbock, Texas; she died Feb. 2, 1995. He had been a Clovis, N.M., resident for 50 years and worked as parts manager for Doc Stewart Chevrolet in Clovis for 35 years, retiring in 1983. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Kay Strickland of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, Joe Coffey of Lamesa, Texas, and Lloyd Coffey of Pasadena, Calif.; a granddaughter, Keilah Coats of Jacksonville, Fla.; and a grandson, Kourtney Coats of Jacksonville.

DORA EVETTE KELLY

Dora Evette Kelly, 12, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Rosendo Herrera, associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Kelly was born May 15, 1984, in Pampa and was enrolled in the Special Education Department at Baker Elementary School. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents, Jay and Ramona Kelly of Pampa; two brothers, Jay Kelly Jr. and Russell Kelly, both of Pampa; and her grandparents, Mario and Ramona Fortillo of Pampa and Victoria Kelly of Fort Hancock; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

The body will be available for viewing until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the family home at 906 S. Wilcox.

Obituaries

BETTY LEWIS

Betty Lewis, 88, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, at Carrollton. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with the Rev. Joe Bixenman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, officiating at all the services. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lewis was born Sept. 8, 1908, in Canada. She married Eugene Lewis on Aug. 20, 1938, at Amarillo; he died June 28, 1984. She had been a Pampa resident for over 50 years. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include two sons, William Lewis of Carrollton and Jerry Lewis of Fairport, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

MAGDALEN PARSONS

AMARILLO — Magdalen Parsons, 60, a former Amarillo resident, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at Nebraska City, Neb. Vigil services will be at 8 p.m. Sunday in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. today in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Francis Crowe, of St. Martin Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano East Cemetery.

Mrs. Parsons was born at Grand Island, Neb., and attended St. Mary's Elementary School and St. Mary's High School at Grand Island, St. Francis School of Nursing, Duchesne College at Omaha, Neb., and the University of Texas. She was a registered nurse, M.S.N., and received a master of science degree in nursing. She married Charles "Ed" Parsons in 1966 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo; he died in 1993. She established Agape and Agape Auxiliary Nursing Services in Amarillo and Pampa. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters, Southeastern Nebraska Right to Life and Nebraska Republican Party. She co-founded Parents Anonymous of Amarillo.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Mark Edmond Parsons.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanna M. Parsons, of the home, and Anna S. Parsons of Bellevue, Neb.; four sons, James M. Parsons of the home, Vincent L. Parsons of Conception, Mo., and Matthew C. Parsons and Daniel W. Parsons, both of Nebraska City; two sisters, Jean Piontkowski of Grand Island and Ann Duggan of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Ronald Still of San Antonio and John Still of Fremont, Neb.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Southeastern Nebraska Right to Life, RR 3 Box 109, Nebraska City, Neb. 68410.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Groom at the Groom Community Center from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

HORACE MANN SCHOOL

PARENT LOUNGE OPEN HOUSE
 Horace Mann Elementary School will host an open house for its Title I Parent Lounge on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and doorprizes will be given away.

GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON

The Salvation Army's Golden Agers luncheon for Tuesday has been canceled due to the expected bad wintry weather.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.12		Chevron	62 3/8	up 3/8
Silo	1.97		Coca Cola	48 3/8	up 1/2
Corn	4.74		Columbia/HCA	39 3/4	dn 1/8
			Enron	43 1/4	up 3/8
			Halliburton	58 7/8	dn 1/2
			Ingersoll Rand	45 1/8	up 1/8
			KNE	39 1/8	NC
			Kerr McGee	69 3/8	up 7/8
			Limited	18 1/4	dn 1/8
			Mapco	33 1/8	NC
			McDonald's	46	NC
			Mobil	119	up 1/4
			New Atmos	23 3/4	NC
			Parker & Parsley	33 3/8	up 1/8
			Penney's	50 1/2	NC
			Phillips	42	up 3/4
			SLB	99 3/4	up 3/4
			SPS	34 7/8	NC
			Tenneco	44 7/8	dn 1/4
			Texas	96 1/8	dn 1/8
			Ultramar		NA
			Wal Mart	23 3/4	dn 1/8
			New York Gold		368.40
			Silver		4.75
			West Texas Crude		24.21

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

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

Magellan	79.47	
Puritan	17.00	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by

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Grandview-Hopkins students to present Christmas play

'Tis the season for lights, decorations and school musicals. The little prairie school of Grandview-Hopkins is no exception.

Thursday at 7 p.m. the students at the school will present "Christmas at the OK Corral."

The actors, dressed in pioneer style clothes, will tell the tale of how Santa, the Candy Cane Kid and some caring citizens save Christmas joy from the outlaw Bubble Gum Gert.

Gert, played by Sara Blankenship, threatens to cover the town with bubble gum goo if the good

citizens persist in carrying out the Christmas festivities.

After receiving a telegram from the citizens, Santa arranges to have the Candy Cane Kid, Justin Jouett, to save the day.

The Kid discovers Gert's problems, and with the town's help all enjoy a great holiday celebration with a square dance for all.

Teachers Rebecca Lewis, Rene Ann Chavado and Brenda Brown have been preparing the students for the play since before Halloween.

"The students have really

worked hard on this production," said Lewis. "I think they've all had fun and now just need to get used to the costumes."

The kindergarten children welcome the audience from a miniature conestoga wagon, while the older students sing the songs that have made this a popular performance among elementary schools.

The staff and students invite everyone to the little school on the prairie to see the play that welcomes in the holiday season with a western flare.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14

Officer Trevor McGill reported possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the 1100 block of Huff Road.

Arrests

Brent Bradford, 33, 444 Hughes, was arrested at the intersection of Bernard and Pitts on a warrant alleging assault with injury. He was transferred to Gray County Sheriff's Office, where he remained in custody.

Migel Antoine Shorter, 17, 609 N. Frost, was arrested in the 1100 block of Huff Road on four capias pro fine warrants. He remained in custody.

Dusty Lewis Romines, 17, 1600 Hamilton, was arrested in the 1100 block of Huff Road on charges

of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was transferred to Gray County Sheriff's Office, where he was released on bond.

SUNDAY, Dec. 15

Disorderly conduct was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

Criminal mischief was reported at 108 S. Wells.

Damage of \$100 was reported to a white metal fence.

Simple assault was reported in the 700 block of Frost.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

Arrest

Freddie Eugene Romines, 42, 1600 Hamilton, was arrested on warrants alleging speeding and failure to appear. He was transferred to Gray County Sheriff's Office, where he was released upon payment of fines.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14

9:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Hobart on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

9:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Price Road on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

6:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.

8:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Cuyler on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

SUNDAY, Dec. 15

7:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Wilcox on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

11:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo for a patient transfer to the 500 block of North Sumner.

12:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of North Charles on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

9:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Dwight on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

9:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Ward on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

11:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Dec. 13

7:57 p.m. — A 1983 Oldsmobile driven by Jacqualina Annetta Williams, 25, 1021 Varnon Dr., was in collision with a 1997 Saturn driven by David Kevin Will, 34, Amarillo, at the intersection of Highway 60 and Love. Williams was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14

6:27 p.m. — A 1989 Ford Broco driven by Robert Gene Menefee, 18, 1101 S. Finley, was in collision with a power line pole in the 1000 block of South Hobart. Menefee was cited for failure to control speed.

10:20 p.m. — A 1988 Chevrolet pickup driven by Artemio Alfaro Jr., 15, 213 N. Starkweather, was in collision with a 1972 Chevrolet Nova driven by Brian Wayne Anderson, 18, 811 E. Albert, in the 200 block of Cuyler. Alfaro was cited for no driver's license, and Anderson was cited for failure to pass to the right safely.

SUNDAY, Dec. 15

8:05 p.m. — A 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jeremy Wade Taylor, 18, 418 Carr, was in collision with a 1988 Ford Crown Victoria driven by Mary Gibson Baten, 74, 2228 Dogwood, in the 400 block of North Ballard. Taylor was cited for failure to yield right of way on a left hand turn.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

A wind chill advisory tonight with a low near 15 and a 60 percent chance of snow. A one-inch accumulation is possible. Gusts north winds 20-30 mph, dropping the wind chill to 40 below zero. Tuesday, cloudy, windy and bitterly cold with a high near 18 and a low of 5. A 30 percent chance of light snow. Gusts north winds 20-30 mph, dropping the wind chill to 30-40 below zero. Sunday's high was 37; the overnight low was 16.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: A wind chill advisory is in effect for tonight. Tonight, windy and much colder. Mostly cloudy with a 50 to 70 percent chance of light snow, with accumulations of 1 to 2 inches. Northerly winds 25-30 mph and gusty, with wind chills 20 to 40 below zero. Lows around 10 to 15. Tuesday, windy and very cold. Mostly cloudy with a 20 to 40 percent chance of light snow. Highs from 10 to 20.

South Plains: Wind chill advisory tonight extreme southern Panhandle and northern South Plains and low rolling plains. Tonight, windy and colder with a chance of light snow. Lows in the teens. Tuesday, windy and cold. Chance of light snow. Highs upper teens to low 20s.

North Texas — Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Turning windy and colder. Lows 27 to 32. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, windy and cold with a slight chance of snow west and central. Highs 34 northwest to 44 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, increasing clouds and cold. Lows near 30 Hill Country to mid 30s south central. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and windy with a slight chance of rain and sleet. Highs in low 40s Hill Country to near 50 south central. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy and cold with a slight chance of rain. Lows near 30 inland to near 40 coast. Tuesday, cloudy, breezy and cool with a chance of rain changing to snow in the afternoon. Highs in mid 50s

coast to upper 40s inland. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy and cool. Lows in upper 40s coast to mid 30s inland. Tuesday, cloudy and windy with a chance of rain. Highs in mid to upper 50s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Winter storm watch for northeastern New Mexico Tuesday morning. Tonight, sharply colder and becoming cloudy east and north with a chance for snow. Best chance for snow northeast quadrant. Partly cloudy southwest. Lows 10 below to 10 above mountains and north with teens and 20s elsewhere. Tuesday, very cold with locally brisk winds. A chance snow for north, east, and central mountain chain. Highs teens to low 20s mountain and north mid 20s to 30s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Wind chills zero to 20 below tonight and Tuesday. Tonight

Trade specialists view insurance deal between U.S.-Japan favorably

WASHINGTON (AP) — While it didn't generate the headlines of last year's auto fight, the new U.S.-Japan insurance deal may prove in the long run to be far more significant in terms of improving trade ties between the world's two largest economies.

Unlike the auto agreement, which was attacked as being too vague to generate much in sales for American companies, U.S. trade specialists said the insurance deal reached Sunday appears to be a significant breakthrough in deregulating the Japanese economy.

"This is an indication that (the Japanese) are serious about deregulation. It should be viewed as a very positive step," said Clyde Prestowitz, who was the Reagan administration's chief trade negotiator with Tokyo.

Under terms of the agreement, Japan promised to open up its \$341 billion insurance market, the world's second largest, to U.S. and other foreign companies through a series of steps. One of the most significant will be ending the practice of allowing industry councils to set premium costs.

In addition, the agreement will streamline the introduction of new insurance products and allow auto insurance companies to establish rate schedules based on such variables as the driver's age or accident record. Now, there is no leeway on what a driver can be charged for insurance.

The final details of the agreement were resolved in a 2:30 a.m. telephone call Sunday between Japanese Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka and acting U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, who had been in Tokyo until the day before trying to negotiate a deal.

The United States had set Sunday as the deadline for reaching an agreement, with the threat of possible economic sanctions looming if no deal had been reached. Japanese Prime Minister

Ryutaro Hashimoto and President Clinton had pledged earlier to reach an agreement by June 31, but negotiators missed that deadline.

"We are very pleased with the outcome," Barshefsky told reporters in Washington. "Once you break the back of the (insurance) cartel so that companies can come in and offer differentiated rates and various products, there is no question that our companies will be very successful."

Barshefsky refused to predict how much in extra sales U.S. companies might achieve. She noted, however, that foreign firms currently have only a 3.6 percent share of the Japanese insurance market even though American insurers are among the leaders worldwide in innovation and in marketing new products.

In Tokyo, the government hailed Sunday's agreement as the first fruits of Hashimoto's drive for financial deregulation. Last month, the prime minister established 2001 as a target date for a "big bang" for Japan similar to the liberalization of London's markets in the 1980s.

Finance minister Mitsuzuka called the insurance deal a "plus for consumers, as policy holders will have freedom of choice and new products will become available as a result of greater competition."

C. Fred Bergsten, head of the private Institute for International Economics in Washington, said the insurance deal was a "good sign" for U.S.-Japan relations, which were rocked during President Clinton's first term by several bitter trade fights.

The most notable was last year's tense standoff over automotive trade in which the administration targeted \$6 billion in trade sanctions against Japanese luxury cars. The sanctions never took effect because an agreement was reached, but the deal has been widely criticized as being vague and unenforceable.

Tech Student Association looking into possibility of university pub

LUBBOCK (AP) — An on-campus pub for Texas Tech students?

The Student Association is looking into the possibility, and chancellor John Montford says it might not be a bad idea.

Geoff Wayne, student body president, plans to introduce a proposal for the sale of alcohol on the dry campus to administrators after the Student Senate votes on a draft this February.

"I have an open mind about it," Montford said. "I'd rather they stay here on campus rather than drive around (drinking alcohol)."

Liberalization of the school's alcohol policy recently has allowed drinks to be served up at events catered on campus by Texas Tech.

But the policy makes exceptions only for special events, such as the Friday night reception for Jordan Queen Noor's before her commencement address on Saturday.

The University of Texas at Austin and the University of North Texas currently fill cold, frosty mugs for students who are of age at campus pubs, Montford said.

Students at UT-Austin have

been able to grab a drink in the student center for more than 20 years, said Andy Smith, who directs the UT student union.

Smith said about 63 percent of the 65,000 students, faculty and staff are of legal age to drink.

"We have not had any difficulties with it," he said. "There is less drinking than people might imagine."

Montford said Tech's board of regents has given him the go-ahead to make a decision about the pub.

However, the idea is not a priority for the chancellor.

Student's safety is Montford's first concern about the proposal, he said, adding he would not allow the sale of alcohol in dormitories or student stores.

"The goal wouldn't be to have a party atmosphere," Wayne said. "The goal would be to have a place where students or anyone else could go to have a beer."

Tech president Donald Haragan says he hasn't formed a position on the issue and doesn't plan to until he knows more about the plan's structure and how the pub would be monitored.

Pampa Board of Realtors officers



(Pampa News photo by Sheri Cromartie)

Officers representing the Pampa Board of Realtors Inc. are Bill Stephens, left, Susan Ratzlaff, Janie Shed, Chris Moore and Heidi Chronister. At the annual installation banquet held at the Pampa Country Club Thursday, Dec. 12, Ratzlaff was named board president for the 1997 term; Chronister, vice president; Moore, secretary; and directors are Neva Weeks, Henry Gruben and Jim Ward. Stephens is outgoing president. PBR has been an active organization since 1948. The Realtors were entertained by the Honorable Janice Sons, county judge from Wichita Falls, who is also a well-known humorist. She spoke on the many benefits of laughter in the workplace and at home, and how it reduces the effects of stress.

Danger of 'Rattler' roller coaster alleged in lawsuits against Fiesta Texas theme park

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Touted as the world's tallest, fastest and steepest wooden roller coaster, "The Rattler" opened four years ago with the promise it would strike terror in its riders.

Today, many claim the Fiesta Texas attraction did that and more and that its builder knew early on of safety problems, but took no action.

"They knew that they had a problem. They knew that they were going to hurt people," said Randall Jackson Jr., a lawyer representing 16-year-old Christina Bauer and 18 other Rattler riders.

Scores of lawsuits were filed by park-goers claiming they were injured on the roller coaster. Many claims were settled out of court. At least 49 cases are pending.

Documents emerging from those cases reveal Fiesta Texas officials described 106 injuries on the Rattler from July to November of 1992. Court documents also show the coaster's builder was warned about potential dangers around the time it opened in March.

In reports to the Texas

Department of Insurance, Fiesta Texas reported only seven Rattler accidents for 1992 that required medical treatment, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press under the Texas Public Information Act.

Ultimately, the Rattler underwent design changes to tame the ride. Fiesta Texas is now managed by Six Flags Theme Parks, and park spokeswoman Sydne Purvis said last week the roller coaster is safe.

Purvis would not discuss the number of Rattler injuries or legal claims.

Fiesta Texas apparently has settled most but not all the Rattler-related legal claims, plaintiffs' attorneys say. Insurance giant USAA, whose subsidiary leases the park to Six Flags with an option to buy, referred all questions to park officials.

Most recent legal wrangling is with the coaster's builder, Roller Coaster Corp. of Texas; a related company, Millajest Inc.; and designer John F. Pierce Associates Inc.

Defense attorneys say their clients weren't at fault.

"We built the ride according to the owner's specifications. ... They implemented every safety precaution on this ride," said Stephanie O'Rourke, a lawyer for Roller Coaster Corp. and Millajest.

For months before its unveiling beside the limestone cliffs at Fiesta Texas, the Rattler was billed as a world-record coaster for its 166-foot drop, the 61.4-degree angle of its first drop and its speed of 68-73 mph.

In March 1992, the president of D.H. Morgan Manufacturing Inc., the California maker of the coaster's cars, wrote to the coaster's builder about his safety worries.

Company president Dana Morgan warned that opening the Rattler on schedule despite construction and weather delays didn't allow for enough testing time and was "not a prudent or wise move."

Design changes before the coaster's opening increased the force of the ride at the bottom of its first drop, possibly endangering people with pre-existing medical conditions, Morgan added.

Stars at night now not so bright in Lone Star state

DALLAS (AP) — Light pollution from cities across the state is causing the stars at night to be not so big and bright deep in the heart of Texas.

Even Denton, home of the University of North Texas, is suffering from "sky glow," which is forcing the school to move its observatory closer to the Oklahoma border.

"Dallas-Fort Worth and Denton are just ablaze with a solid mass of light," said Sam Matteson, head of the UNT physics department. "Not much care has been taken with the use of public lighting."

The problem is worsening for astronomers all over the globe as cities grow, expand and install fixtures to light their paths.

The naked eye can see about 6,000 stars in a

truly dark sky, as opposed to only a handful of the brightest stars in most U.S. cities.

State Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, is working to change that, introducing a bill to dim the lights. This January, Rodriguez hopes to pass legislation to require anti-glow measures for new or replacement lights in all state-owned locations.

By aiming lamps downward, using different types of bulbs or using timers to cut off lights, sky glow can be reduced. By placing shields over lights, along with other measures, light pollution almost would be eliminated entirely, said Linda Hodges, an UNT instructor who leads a class in light pollution.

Safety conscious school knows everything about students

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — At Bentonville High School, teachers know the names of all the students and how to spell them. They know their graduation dates and if they work after school jobs.

They know this not so much because of small-town closeness but because the information is clipped to the kids' clothing on mandatory photo ID badges.

In a once rural community many consider to be reasonably safe, administrators are remaking this school into a security stronghold.

For now, the idea is to keep out people who don't belong in the corridors and classrooms. Someday soon, however, the badges may serve as all-purpose electronic monitors, keeping track of everything from attendance to lunch bills.

"We're just trying to be proactive to avoid some of the real

tragedies," said Donaice Lossing, principal of the only high school in Bentonville, a town of 15,000 about 150 miles northwest of Little Rock.

The students, many of whose parents work at the world headquarters of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., don't see it that way. Some liken the ID tags to George Orwell's novel 1984, in which authorities monitor every move of each citizen.

"It's like Big Brother watching

you — it's just kind of pathetic," said senior Catreece McDonough, editor of the yearbook at the 1,164-student high school. "I could understand if we were from Los Angeles or some big city, but this is Bentonville. It's just pointless."

World briefs

Ex-president sentenced to life, other sentences suspended

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Showing rulers that they can relinquish power without losing their lives, an appeals court today commuted the death sentence of a former military ruler to life in prison for staging a coup.

Chun Doo-hwan, president from 1980 to 1987, had been sentenced to die by a lower court for the 1979 coup and for ordering a military crackdown the next year that killed hundreds of pro-democracy demonstrators.

Overturning a lower court ruling on Aug. 27, the appellate court also reduced the prison term of his successor, Roh Tae-woo, from 22 1/2 years to 17 years for the same crimes.

In a separate ruling, an appellate court also handed down suspended sentences today to three executives of Korean conglomerates convicted of giving up to \$20 million each in bribes to Roh. And Roh was fined \$263 million for collecting bribes from businessmen during his term.

In announcing Chun's reduced sentence, Senior Judge Kwon Sung said it was important that leaders, whatever their crimes, know that they can relinquish power without fear of death.

Mother Teresa's heartbeat irregular

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Mother Teresa's heart began beating irregularly overnight, and doctors said today that they would have to deliver a second mild shock to correct it.

The 86-year-old nun received such a shock, known as an electrical cardioversion, Wednesday to fix the problem. Her doctors have not decided when to try it again.

An irregular heartbeat presents a risk of stroke.

Mother Teresa was alert and talkative today, according to a statement from the B.M. Birla Heart Research Center. Her doctors said she was in stable condition and her heart was pumping vigorously.

Mother Teresa has surprised her doctors by recovering from repeated setbacks since she was hospitalized Nov. 22 for a mild heart attack.

Pair of U.S. white rhinos die while on loan to China

BEIJING (AP) — A pair of rare white rhinos on loan from the San Diego zoo died in an open truck in western China, victims of withering summer heat that their Chinese handlers weren't prepared for.

The deaths in July have left empty the Chengdu Zoo's new exhibition space for rhinos. Until it can borrow another rhinoceros, the zoo is trying to stuff one of the dead ones for display, Song Yunfang, an animal expert at the zoo, said today.

The rhinos were supposed to travel 1,200-miles from the eastern port of Shanghai to central Chengdu city by rail or boat, but instead the caged animals were put on an open-bed truck on July 17, Song said.

Five days into the trip, the fully grown male and female rhinos died in 99-degree heat in Qinglin, a small city a day or two drive from Chengdu.

At the time, neither the Chengdu nor San Diego zoos publicized the deaths of the white rhinos, two of about 6,000 worldwide. China's tightly controlled official media hasn't reported the tragedy either. But there seems to be plenty of blame to go around.

The San Diego zoo, world famous for its exhibitions and expertise and relatively well-heeled, did not send specialists with the rhinos from Shanghai to Chengdu.

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Opinion

Digital television opens new vistas

America has taken another large bite into the digital future. The computer and broadcasting industries have announced a new agreement for digital TV standards.

The agreement awaits only almost certain approval by the Federal Communications Commission. Actually, with the major industries working out things for themselves, the FCC has been shown to be as superfluous as the old ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission) — which Congress abolished last year.

"I'm very positive on this," Tachi Kiuchi told us; he's chairman of Cypress-based Mitsubishi Electric America. "It's a very good thing to happen. Since the U.S. is so advanced in that technology, we are very anxious to pursue it. We have a group of people working on this. Believe me, down the road in two or three years I think everything will be digitized."

The agreement is a boon for the United States because of our huge lead in almost all things digital. Microsoft, Apple, Intel, Compaq, AST and other companies dominate the production of digital systems. Hollywood and the U.S. music industry dominate the content of digital material.

In contrast to current, "analog" signals, which are waves, digital TV is based on digital information — a series of 1s and 0s. The contrast is the same as that between the old LP records (analog) and compact discs (CDs).

Digital signals are far superior for several reasons. They add no distortion; there's no tape hiss or TV "shadows."

And the digital information can be tagged to adopt to multiple media. Software reads certain codes on the CD that indicate what should be done with the digital bits.

For TV, one digital signal can include several codes allowing pay-per-view, U.S. TV standard, European TV standard, the cinematic "wide screen" format, and dialogue in several languages or sign language. A computer inside the TV then decodes the digital signal and displays it properly.

Digital TV also means the rapid merging of TVs with personal computers, including the PCs' interactive element. Video phones finally will become a practical reality.

Within a few years, PCs will be able to call on not only thousands of worldwide broadcast signals, but stores of old data, such as classic movies. Instead of going to Blockbuster to pick out an evening movie, you might just surf the Internet for what you like, pay a fee (digitally, of course), then watch the signal on a digital TV.

Need a break to make some popcorn? Press pause. Need to get the dialog in Spanish or Vietnamese? Press a couple buttons and there it is. Or pre-program your computer to choose only movies with the language of your choice.

Digital TV signals are infinitely manipulable — and arriving soon in your living room.

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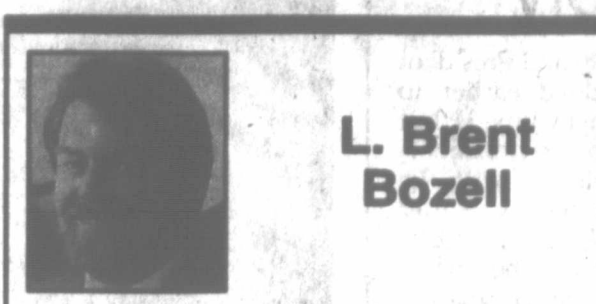
Hollywood vs. family, again

On Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, when tens of millions were preparing to gather with their loved ones, the U.S. Census Bureau issued its annual "Household and Family Characteristics" report. The study's bottom line: The devastating anti-family downturns of the past 50 years — especially within the last two decades — continue. In 1970, 87 percent of American families were headed by a married couple, but by 1995, that number had decreased to 78 percent, or roughly three in four households.

Irony, isn't it, that in the world of Hollywood, which purports to be a reflection of society, the presentation of the family is just the opposite? A statistical juxtaposition illustrates this discrepancy. The study found that 22 percent of American families are not headed by a husband and wife. On the major TV networks, only 19 percent of shows feature a positive portrayal of marriage.

There are 67 prime-time series presently running on ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC. To determine how they treat the institution of matrimony, they are categorized in four ways. If the primary couple or couples on a show are married and the institution is depicted favorably, the show is categorized as positive. If the series features a married couple or couples but derides the institution of marriage, it is listed as mixed. If the show deals primarily with the unmarried, be they sexually active singles, couples cohabitating, or individuals with broken marriages, it is classified as negative. Finally, if there is an absence of couples as primary characters, a program falls into the "not applicable" category. Here's a network-by-network rundown.

ABC: The best of the bunch, with five positive, three negative, six mixed and four "not applicable." Among the positives, the superb *Home Improvement* is a role model for the way a family centered sitcom should be presented. On the other



L. Brent Bozell

hand, the increasingly bizarre *Roseanne* is a trendsetter for the dysfunctional-family theme that has become so prevalent on television. It falls into the "mixed" category because Roseanne and Dan are married and do raise a family — but in Roseanne fashion, which is to say: by tearing down every traditional family value in sight. (Ironically, the latest *Roseanne*, outrage took place the same day the Census Bureau study was released. On that night's episode, Roseanne's mother announced her lesbianism at the family's Thanksgiving dinner.)

Among the negatives are the libidinous *Spin City* and *The Drew Carey Show*, but the worst offender in this category is *Ellen*. The producers, and presumably Ellen DeGeneres, continue to revel in the avalanche of publicity this show is receiving because both the star and her character, Ellen Morgan, are set to declare publicly their lesbian proclivities. And, for good measure, and in keeping with Hollywood's priorities these days, Ellen Morgan's parents became regular characters — only after they decided to divorce.

CBS: Five positive, five negative, four mixed, three N/A. Positive portrayals can be found on *Dave's World* and *Everybody Loves Raymond*. The

new *Promised Land* is a spin-off of the extraordinary *Touched By an Angel* and centers on a close-knit family. And then there's the new *Cosby*, which has become synonymous with positive family values.

Negatives include the raunchy *Cybill*, on which the divorced title character and her divorced best friend consistently belittle marriage, and *Nash Bridges*, whose main character has had two busted marriages. *Murphy Brown* technically is mixed because two main characters are married, but, as Dan Quayle pointed out, the series dismisses the very nucleus of family, mother and father.

Fox: Two positive, five negative, three mixed, two N/A. Only Fox could come up with this gem: Its only positive depictions of marriage can be found on a cartoon (*The Simpsons*) and the most violent program on broadcast television (*Millennium*). Negatives are led by *Melrose Place* and *Beverly Hills, 90210*, wherein permissiveness is the rule, not the exception.

NBC: One positive, 13 negative, five mixed, one N/A. Think about it: Out of 20 series, only one (*Mad About You*) deals positively with matrimony. *Something So Right* is mixed; it features a married couple, but one with a total of three previous marriages. Among the negatives: *Seinfeld*, whose characters are phobic about marital commitment, and *Caroline in the City*, *NewsRadio* and *Friends*, all of which feature sexually active young singles for whom marriage is, at best, something to consider in the future.

Totals: 13 (19 percent) positive, 26 (39 percent) negative, 18 (27 percent) mixed, 10 (15 percent) not applicable. Twice as many programs have negative portrayals as have positive ones. Less than two out of ten promote a positive picture of marriage. Just another indication that Hollywood doesn't reflect reality, as its defenders so often maintain. Hollywood reflects Hollywood.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 16, the 351st day of 1996. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise counterattack against Allied forces in Belgium.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

In 1809, Napoleon Bonaparte was divorced from the Empress Josephine by an act of the French Senate.

In 1905, the entertainment trade publication *Variety* came out with its first weekly issue.

Commandos of cultural liberalism

If you think of the forces of cultural liberalism as an army, fighting on several fronts, their success becomes easier to understand.

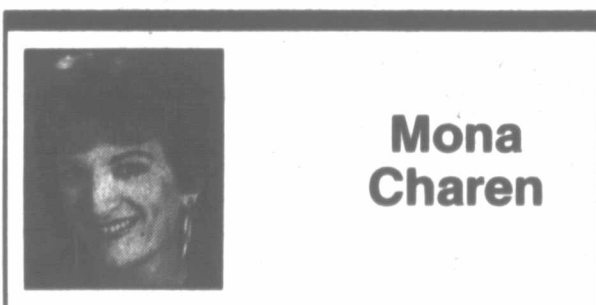
The principal objective of the cultural crusaders today is to win societal acceptance for homosexuality as the moral equivalent of traditional male/female unions. This is not an objective that can be achieved by frontal attack. The cultural liberals, a minority of the population, cannot hope to obtain their goals through, for example, the legislative process.

The courts are friendlier terrain. A few well-placed judges — who went to the same schools as the cultural liberals and share their inclinations — can bypass the legislative process altogether. By "finding" a "right" to gay marriage in, for example, the Hawaii state constitution, a judge can make policy by dictat. It ain't democratic. But modern liberals are concerned with results, not proper process.

So let's call the judges the commandos of this army, creating facts on the ground.

There is also a resourceful propaganda corps. While the commandos are forcing an unwelcome reality upon us, the propaganda corps is teaching us to love it.

A recent *Newsweek* cover story displays a lesbian couple with the headline "We're Having a Baby: Can Gay Families Gain Acceptance?" You don't really need to read the story to guess the tone. What stands in the way of happiness for Brian and Bernie, Madlyn and Angela, Melissa and Julie — and their children? Why nothing but prejudice and bigotry. *Newsweek* even offered a map of the United States, with each state coded as "highly tolerant, tolerant,



Mona Charen

varying tolerance, intolerant and highly intolerant."

Do you hear an echo? Is it perhaps the reasoning in *Romer vs. Evans*, the Supreme Court case holding that a Colorado statute withholding special rights from homosexuals was unconstitutional because it was based on anti-gay bias? See how the many divisions of the army work together?

Well, we all just know that intolerance is terrible, don't we? It's the civil rights paradigm. Intolerance is what kept black Americans down for so many years. So all forms of intolerance are benighted and wicked and must be eliminated.

Or is intolerance of certain things desirable? For many years, we were intolerant of illegitimacy, and the percentage of out-of-wedlock babies remained fixed in single digits. Within the past several decades, we've become much more tolerant of premarital sex and unwed childbearing, and we've seen the percentage of illegitimate babies skyrocket to 33 percent.

For many years, we were intolerant of criminal behavior, and you could safely walk the streets of

large cities. But during the past several decades, we've become more tolerant of criminality, telling ourselves that criminals can't help themselves and that crime is a natural and understandable consequence of poverty (then why didn't crime rise during the Great Depression?), and now we live in fear, "tolerating" the fact that in some neighborhoods children dodge bullets as they walk to school.

But let's be clear, we are being urged not just to tolerate homosexuality but to vindicate it. We are being asked to remove all of the remaining stigmas and legal distinctions. Cultural liberals want a world in which the phrase "She's getting married" will have to be followed by the question "To a man or a woman?"

This is, in Charles Krauthammer's phrase, "defining deviancy up." Homosexuality is not like race. Permitting large numbers of children to be raised by homosexual couples is just asking for misery.

A homosexual father in the *Newsweek* piece explains that his adopted 17-month-old daughter is "lucky to have the opportunity to be different." Most children would rather be boiled in oil than be different, even in small ways. To ask them to be different in such a fundamental way is to ask too much. Being a parent means subordinating many of one's own needs and wishes to one's children.

Everything we know about human development points to one conclusion: Children do best when raised by two parents (male and female). Whatever parents do to compromise that possibility for their children — fail to marry, divorce or take a homosexual lover — is destructive. That is a fact of human nature speaking, not "intolerance."

Movie star parents set bad example

I have a confession to make. I used to be a big fan of Madonna.

Not any more. I just cannot admire anyone — be it the so-called Material Girl or some non-rich, non-famous person — who decides to have a baby without bothering to get married.

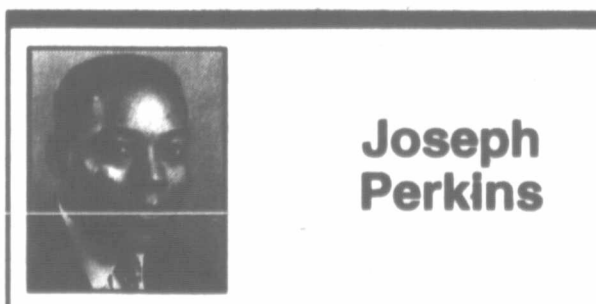
I'm not talking about an unintended birth. Say Madonna's on location filming *Evita* and neglects to take her birth control pills. I'm talking about premeditation.

You pick out a sperm or egg donor, have sex with them and produce a child. It's a loveless, immoral arrangement. And when a pop icon like Madonna does it and, worse yet, is celebrated for it in the media, it sends a message to the nation's youth that "casual mating" is now fashionable.

Of course, the moral relativists out there see absolutely nothing wrong with Madonna choosing to become an unwed, single-parent. After all, they say, Madonna really wants her baby and will shower the newborn not only with love, but also with riches and experiences that only a tiny handful of parents on the entire planet can provide.

But as such children grow up, they will want for a traditional two-parent home. And all the riches in the world, all the experiences their unwed parents can provide, cannot compensate for the absence of a full-time, second parent.

It is because of the breakdown in the traditional two-parent family over the past three decades that America has been beset by myriad social pathologies. And though it is politically incorrect to say so, the indisputable fact is that children



Joseph Perkins

reared in two parent families are far better off than those growing up in one-parent households.

Indeed, children in one-parent families are six times likelier to be poor, according to the Census Bureau. They are two to three times likelier to have emotional and behavioral problems, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. They are likelier to drop out of high school, to get pregnant as teenagers, to use drugs and to commit crimes.

Now, when you cite these statistics, a lot of folks get defensive. They accuse you of criticizing single parents, particularly single moms. But the purpose here is not to disparage all one-parent families, for there are many single moms and dads who are working as hard as they can to raise their kids properly and who would like nothing more than to have a loving, supportive spouse by their side.

But, on the other hand, there are a number of single parents (at least 30%, according to the Census Bureau) who have never troubled themselves to get married — their children be damned.

These selfish moms and dads view single-parent hood as a "lifestyle" choice. That's the category that Madonna falls into.

If there were no difference between how children fare in one- and two-parent families, then society would have no interest in family structure except for moral reasons. But it is not only immoral to bring a baby into the world without benefit of holy matrimony, it also is injurious to that baby's future.

That's why those politicians in Washington who profess to have the best interest of America's children at heart are such hypocrites. If they were really concerned about the wellbeing of kids, they would spend less time harumphing about the dangers of, say, teenage smoking, and far more time talking about the deleterious consequences of single-parent hood.

Is there not one political figure in Washington — Bill or Hillary Clinton or Trent Lott or Newt Gingrich — who has the courage of Dan Quayle? Why hasn't the president or first lady or Senate majority leader or speaker of the House used their bully pulpit to express stern disapproval of the choice of Madonna and others to casually mate?

There is nothing more destabilizing to American society today than the continued devaluation of marriage and the steady increase in the number of one-parent families. It is clear to almost everyone, save for maybe the occasional pop music or movie star, that America's children are irreparably harmed by this trend. And the nation's political leaders ought to say so.

Berry's World

A RECENT SURVEY SHOWS THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, OVERWEIGHT PEOPLE OUTNUMBER PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT OVERWEIGHT.

YES!
WE'RE NUMBER ONE.



Letters to Santa

To: Santa Clause
North Pole 85921
Dear Santa,

Please bring me a cris cross crash set, a white desk, a lamp, a chair, a Comquest computer, Lion King and Bugs Bunny Nintendo tapes, a Toy Story Nintendo game and a globe. I have been real good this year. Please be nice to all my friends and family. I will leave you brownies and milk and if you don't eat them my dad will!

Love,
Taylor Garmon,
Hughes Springs, Texas

Dear Santa,

My name is Bryson and I am 5 months old. Please leave for me a Tickle Me Elmo, Big Bird sing-a-long, and Exersaucer and some new rattles. Mom and Dad say I have been a very good boy! We will leave our Christmas light on for you.

Love,
Bryson Lee O'Neal Fuller

Dear Santa,

I like you Santa because you are nice. I want a lion and a rabbit. I want a Santa suit and kit-tens.

Love,
Joshua Rios

Dear Santa,

I want a pockuhontis moovy and a stroller. I also want a baby doll, a new VCR cus my uther one broke.

Love,
Stephie Dinges

Dear Santa,

I want a toy and sum m and ms.

Love,
Aaron Dunham

Dear Santa,

Santa riley for Christmas I would like a cat.

I like barbes and I like baby dols.

I like pupes too. I like that desk you gave me last Christmas.

I like you Santa I like a teddy bear.

Love,
Ashley Owen

Dear Santa,

I want you to git me lots of cheeldr soos.

Don't forgit Kristen and Erin and a cemera and radio.

Love,
K'Lyn Holmes

Dear Santa,

I wish for a lot of toys for Christmas. So Christmas is good and I love you.

Love,
Tanner Cochran

Dear Santa,

I would like a bunny Santa.

Mom would like shoes.

Santa I like a horse.

Love,
Louis Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I would like a baby go by by. I would like some cloze for my baby doll. I would like some cloze for me.

Love,
Megan Barnett

Dear Santa,

I wood like a reil horse.

My freind wood like some shoes.

My freind wood like a bike.

My sis wood like a toy.

My mom wood like a dress.

My dad wood like a good chrisms.

I like santa.

Love,
Chelsea Cain

Dear Santa,

I hope you give everybody something that they want. I hope you give me some pupys and a pair of shoes.

And will you give me anything that you think is best for me? Will you give my mom some perphum? Will you give Sonni a little slide? Give Kasha

some clothe and give me a sega, radio, and a camera.

Love,
Kelli Willson

Dear Santa,

I cant wait eti ti I get to see santu. I want a Videogame.

Love,
Brian Been

Dear Santa,

I wish I cud have a bike from you.

Love,
Brittanie Evans

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy for christmas.

I think my sis wants a puppy for christmas too. My mommy wants a purse for christmas. My dad wants some clothe for christmas. I want 100 dollers, toys, candys and clothe. I want a cheerleader sut and hairbows for christmas.

Love,
Marketa Walker

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Dear Santa,

I wood like a space sooter for my bruther and I wood like my size danceing barbi.

and for my sister I wood like fluffy my comehere puppy and I wood like two bows for me and my sister becuse we love bows.

Love,
Morgan Reagan

Dear Santa,

Santa rily for christmas I like pupes. I want a stuf baer.

Santa I want A doll, a Chock bord, a computer, a frizby, a football, and A pampa poster.

Love,
Erin Hall

Dear Santa,

I want buzz and woody for chrisms. Thanks Santa for that.

Love,
Kevin Kirkham

Dear Santa,

I want a cowboy hat and a cowboy shirt. i want a pants.

Love,
Shawn Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a new dog and a cat. I want a speshul toy and a new fish.

Love,
Matt Hathcoat

Dear Santa,

I want two front teethand also want don't brack the ice, cootie, don't spill the been's.

and a baby doll. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Courtney Ledford

Dear Santa,

I want my two front teethand also want don't brack the ice, cootie, don't spill the been's.

and a baby doll. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Courtney Ledford

age 7
1st grade-Skellytown

The following are from
Grandview-Hopkins School
Grades 3-6.

Dear Santa,

I don't want very many things this year. I just want 6 things.

Things listed below:

A gold fish (size small.)

Original doodal bear (size huge.)

Roller blades (size 2 or 1 1/2.)

A new soccer bag (size medeiam.)

Pound purrys (size small.)

Brush and style pound puppy. Don't eat to many cookies and milk.

Love,
Megan Jouett, Age 8+

Dear Santa,

I would like a dear diary. I would also like a juice and cookie baby alive. And a barbie head so I can style her hair. The final thing I would like is that my family and freinds have a merr Christmas.

Love,
Abbi Aderholt, Age 8

P.S. Have a merry Christmas and don't eat to many cookies!

Dear Santa,

I want donky kong contry 3. I want space jam toys: bugs, dafy, tweety, elmfud, slvester, cyotey,

some clothe and give me a sega, radio, and a camera.

Love,
Kelli Willson

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Love,
Marketa Walker

roadrunner. We will hav milk and cooces.

from: Ryan Spaulding, Age 9

Dear Santa,

I want a baby tum-bls surprise and a finrg tiny tumbly surprise inclooding the animals. I WANT a bike. I want lots of alfits.

Love Chandon L.W.

Dear Santa,

I want a camara thats is like Courtney's camara please. I want a CD player for Christmas the most. I want a big teady bear or bunny with Christmas clothes on it please. I want a fourweeler or a gocarite for Christmas please Santa.

Love Chera Chavedo

Dear Santa Clause,

These are the things I want for christmas. I would like to have a mag light and some clothes and I want lots of preasents. Hope you have a good Christmas.

Cody Babcock

Dear Santa,

I want a Suburban, and a new set of rollerblades. And I really want the Cout's family to get better. And I want to see my cousins so much I want the Hopkins family and the Bowers family and the Jaegles to have a very happy christmas and a Happy New Year

And I want the Jouetts to have a good Christmas too. And I hope the Schaffers to have a good Christmas too I really hope the everyone else in my class have a jolly christmas

The Bowes family is very nice So is the Hopkins I really want Mrs. Lewis to have a good very good christmas. That is all.

Courtney Echols

Dear Santa,

These are the things I want for Christmas. I want a sega game gear with a sonic the hedge hog game. I would like a my puppy we sold back, a G (freestyle bike). I want some new Sunday school clothes and nike shirts and shorts. Some work clothes for plowing and working on the farm.

Chance Bowers

Dear Santa Clause, Kris Kringle, St. Nick. Friday 13

For Christmas I would I would like December 1996 a Nintendo 64, Pilot Wings 64, and Wayne Gretzky's 3-D Hockey. I also want SimCity 2000, Donkey Kong Country 3, and NBA Hang Time for the Super Nintendo. I would also like a laser generator.

Could you also bring me models of the cities of New York, Chicago, L.A., Houston, Philadelphia, Dallas, San Diego, Seattle, Washington D.C., San Antonio, and Pampa. I have been as good as I could manage.

Sincerely,
Drew Jaegle

Dear Santa Clause,

This year if you please I would like a cordless phone, a new alarm clock with a loud wake up sound. I would also like a new puppy or rabbit. Plus some CD's an this year I could settle for a new watch. And if it would not be any trouble could you please leave some things in our stockings and would you put some things in our two dogs stockings. Also on more thing Andrew my baby brother wants some toy's and lots of books.

Signed
Erin Gail Norris

Dear Santa 12-13-96 Johnny Michael Dominguez

I what a new tv my own bedroom, a VCR. I what a watch, Game Boy. Some cloths about 2 models. And I want every body to have a very good christmas.

Cleaning the gutters



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)
A group of inmates from the Jordan Unit work on cleaning gutters of leaves and other debris on Prairie Drive Friday morning. The work was being performed under the direction of the city's Street Department to clean out some of the gutters and curbside drainage systems.

Nation briefs

Officials halt TWA wreckage dredging until January

NEW YORK (AP) — Dredging for wreckage of TWA Flight 800 is on hold until January after crash investigators sent four chartered scallop boats home for the holidays, *The New York Times* reported today.

The suspension of salvage operations means that the waters off Long Island will be empty of recovery vessels for an extended period for the first time since the July 17 crash.

Five weeks of dredging have brought up two tons of wreckage from the Boeing 747, but none of the debris has explained what caused the plane's center fuel tank to explode minutes after the Paris-bound jet left Kennedy Airport, a crash investigator told the *Times*.

Dredging will continue for at least two more months when it begins again in January, said the investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Unknown works by Zora Neale Hurston discovered

WASHINGTON (AP) — For decades, they were hidden in a cardboard box of college memorabilia: three undiscovered, early works of celebrated writer Zora Neale Hurston, part of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and '30s.

Now they are being published for the first time, giving new insight to the woman hailed as the greatest black female author of the first half of the 20th century.

The first piece, a short story titled *Under the Bridge*, is published in the current issue of *American Visions*, an academic journal of African-American culture.

Hurston, who wrote the novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, died broke in 1960, and her work for years was out of print.

In the 1970s, writers Alice Walker and Toni Cade Bambara, historian Henry Louis Gates Jr., and others reintroduced her work to the world, and it is now standard reading in literature courses.

Santa migrates — to a Florida retirement home?

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Those letters addressed to Santa, c/o the North Pole, are taking a slight detour — to a Florida retirement home.

It's not a mix-up. For the past four years, a dozen women at the Windsor Woods Retirement Home have been reading and replying to thousands of letters bearing children's fondest hopes for Christmas.

"I like to think of the little twinkle in the children's eyes when they open the letter," said Merle Boelke, 89, who went about her work wearing a Christmas tree pin.

The women get a kick out of reading the letters, routed to them by the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Office.

Laughter erupted over one read by Betty Palmer, 85.

"Dear Santa," a child wrote from Mulberry, "I've been a pain, but I'm cute. For my list I would like 1) a bike 2) a puppy."

Requests for pets require a tactful reply.

"If they want a puppy or kitten, I always make a little note that Santa has to have permission from their parents," said Verna McCormack, 79, looking merry in a red stocking cap.

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS

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ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH THERE WILL BE NO PAPER AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 26	TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 2 P.M.

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All other DEADLINES will remain at their regular times.

We appreciate your cooperation and wish you and your friends a safe and happy holiday.

Merger deal off

HOUSTON (AP) — A merger deal between two of the nation's largest airlines — Delta and Continental — appears to have folded.

In a telephone message to employees, Continental Airlines Chief Executive Gordon Bethune said the carrier is no longer in merger discussions.

"We are not in any discussions, nor do we have any plans to have any discussions with anyone," Bethune said Friday without mentioning Delta by name. "I just think it's time to probably put this all behind us."

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Holidays Inspire Divorced Mom To Resolve Her Bitter Feelings

DEAR ABBY: I have something to say to the millions of families whose lives are affected by divorce.

An unforgiving and bitter person who has not let go of animosities can poison an entire family and ruin the holidays for everyone. I know. I was that person.

I couldn't forgive my husband and his new wife, and my children suffered for it. One day after a particularly harsh outburst, I understood the pained reaction on my children's faces. I prayed for the strength to change my ways so I could stop hurting those I love most in the world.

It has been a long struggle with occasional setbacks, but the rewards have carried me forward. I have not remarried and I am not completely healed, but I have peace in my heart and my children are happy. They are free to enjoy both homes and the holidays with each family. It is a priceless gift to give your children, and yourself.

FREE IN VERMONT

DEAR FREE: I can't think of a more meaningful gift suggestion for this holiday season. Happy holidays to you and your now happier family.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Longtime Reader, Bloomington, Minn." who was upset that "Mrs. Jones" asked her nanny if she wanted another part-time job.

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Your reader had no right to get upset about the nanny being offered another job. As long as it doesn't affect her 35-hour work week, anything the nanny does during her free time is her business — not her employer's.

Mrs. Jones should not need anyone's permission to talk to the nanny. So what if "Longtime Reader" paid \$1,200 to get her nanny? I am a nanny and my family paid \$2,350 to get me, and they do not tell me who I can and cannot sit for. Paying a fee does not guarantee ownership of the nanny. The nanny may seem like a member of their extended family, but she really isn't. She is an employee and is entitled to her own life and her own decisions about her time off.

LYNETTE A. BUDD,
ROWLEY, MASS.

DEAR LYNETTE: I agree that the days of indentured servitude are over. And if the nanny's arrangement with her employer

is for 35 hours a week, what she does in her spare time is her own business.

However, as a courtesy, Mrs. Jones should have spoken to "Longtime Reader" before extending an offer to her domestic employee. It is a question of good manners.

DEAR ABBY: Add this to your stories about short men: My best friend had a rather rocky marriage with many arguments. After one such episode she came over for coffee and a shoulder to cry on. During our conversation she said, "Your husband is more of a man at 5 foot 6 than mine is at 6 foot 5."

She was right. They later divorced, and she raised their four children on her own.

ANONYMOUS, PLEASE

YOUR CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: "Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."

PHYLLIS DILLER

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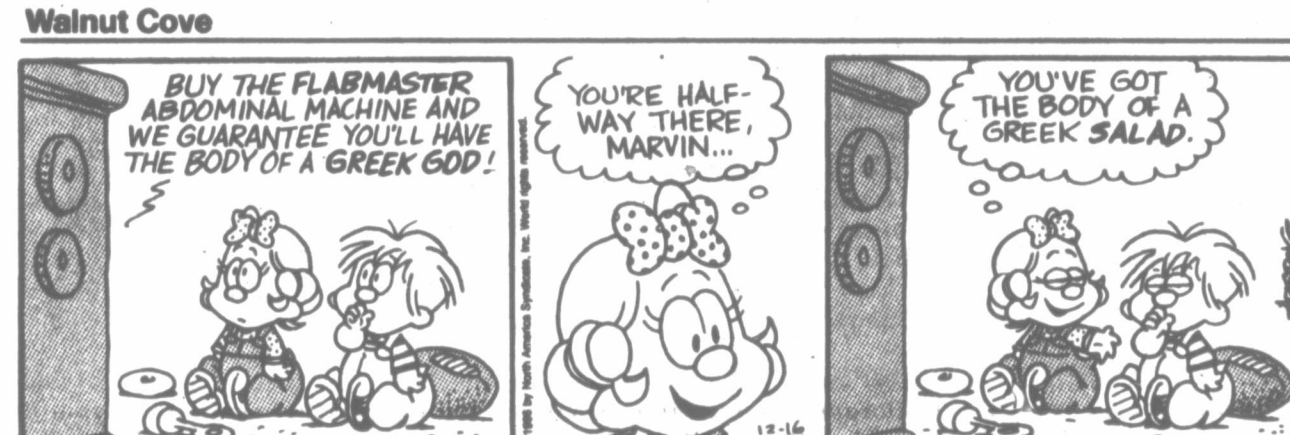
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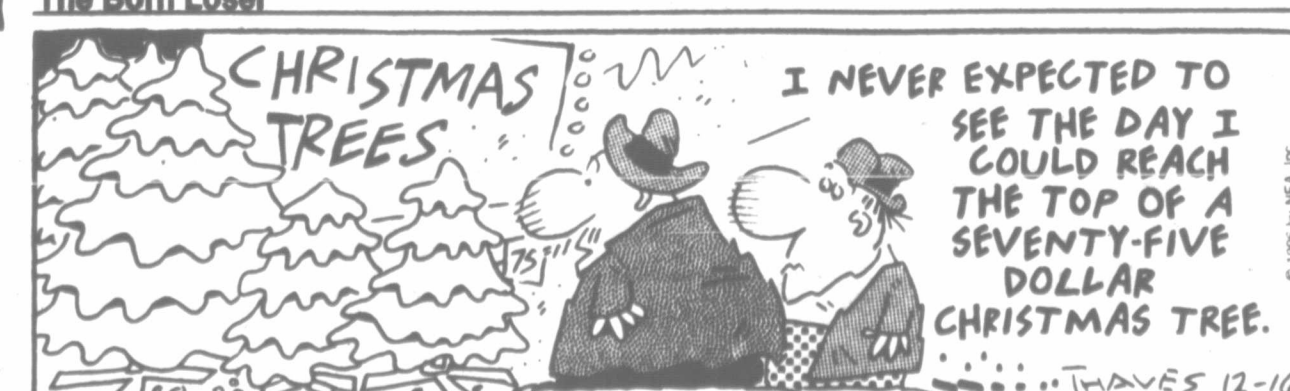
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 16, 1996

In the year ahead, you will elevate your sights higher than you have in the past. Objectives that were too much for you previously will be more manageable now. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today you will have the ability to make the most of what you have. Skillfully managed opportunities could yield impressive returns. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail

\$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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It will behave you to do more listening than talking today, because valuable information might be forwarded to you from unexpected sources.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be lucky enough to be in the right spot at the right time today. You can benefit from something that is at an early stage of development.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to remain hopeful and positive today, and concentrate on finding new opportunities. Something good will appear on the horizon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Financial conditions are favorable, so try to focus your energy on situations that will build or enhance your resources.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you should have a better grasp of the big picture. You can fit all the pieces together to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your shrewd ability to manage your financial affairs will become important today. You will find solutions which will benefit everyone concerned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Compatible associates could play key roles in your affairs both today and tomorrow. Make every effort to keep these alliances intact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, be on the alert for larger-than-usual opportunities at work. Do not hesitate to accept additional assignments or responsibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep the channels of communication open this week, especially with friends in faraway places. You might hear good news from a distant source.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Joint endeavors could be successful for you at this time if you are involved with people who can make equal contributions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your warm, ingratiating attitude and your generous outlook will be your tickets to success today. Let your true personality emerge. ©1996 by NEA, Inc.



"I'm going to be Mary in the Christmas play, and Billy's a German shepherd."



"We're making sure the tree doesn't get away."

The Family Circus

AND THIS YEAR I RESOLVE NOT TO PROCRASTINATE...



Marmaduke

WHAT'S WITH THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?



THESE ARE FOR '96...



Grizzwells

FEEL LIKE A BIRD?



ME TOO! I'LL RACE YOU TO THAT HILL UP AHEAD!



Y' BETTER SAVE YOUR STRENGTH, GUYS! YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT!



WE'VE GOT A WAYS TO GO!



BEHOLD, BENDER...



Alley Oop

HAPPY BEETHOVEN'S BIRTHDAY!



ACCORDING TO TRADITION, TODAY IS THE DAY WHEN BOYS GIVE EXPENSIVE PRESENTS TO GIRLS.



TRADITION?



LUCY TRADITION!



Peanuts

HAPPY BEETHOVEN'S BIRTHDAY!



Notebook

FOOTBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Glen Mason, a self-described Mr. Fix-it who spent the last nine years doing just that at Kansas, signed a seven-year contract to coach the University of Minnesota.

Mason, 46, who accepted and then backed out of the Georgia job last year, was 47-54-1 at Kansas, including a 10-2 mark in 1995 and 4-7 record this year. He replaces Jim Wacker, 16-39 record in five seasons.

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Auburn coach Terry Bowden agreed to a one-year contract extension through 2001 on Saturday. He is 35-9-1 in four seasons, including a 7-4 mark this year for the Independence Bowl-bound Tigers.

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Texas defensive coordinator Gary Darnell took the top job at Western Michigan on Saturday. Darnell, 48, replaces Al Molde.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Colorado's Matt Russell received the Butkus Award on Saturday as the top college linebacker. He had 88 points in voting by a 25-member committee, 12 more than Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald.

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Michael Schauer made three field goals and Billy Holmes ran for 136 yards and a touchdown Saturday as Northern Colorado beat Carson-Newman 23-14 for its first NCAA Division II title.

SALEM, Va. (AP) — Bill Borchert threw for 505 yards and seven touchdowns as Mount Union finished a 14-0 season with a 56-24 victory over Rowan in the NCAA Division III championship game Saturday.

BASEBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners, unable to cut a clear path to a new ballpark, are for sale, team chairman John Ellis said Saturday.

The Mariners are owned by a group of local investors who, backed by Hiroshi Yamauchi, president of Nintendo Co. Ltd. of Japan, bought the team from Jeff Smulyan for \$100 million in 1992.

BOSTON (AP) — Shane Mack, a former Minnesota outfielder who spent the last two years in Japan, agreed Saturday to a \$1.85 million, one-year deal with Boston. Mack, 33, can earn an additional \$600,000 in bonuses.

SOCCER

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — The United States clinched a spot in the final round of regional qualifying for the 1998 World Cup, beating Costa Rica 2-1 Saturday on goals by Brian McBride and Roy Lassiter.

The United States (4-1) will be joined by Canada, El Salvador, Jamaica, Mexico and either Costa Rica or Guatemala in the six-nation finals of the North and Central American and Caribbean region.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Jesse Van Saun, Wojtek Krakowiak, Ben Hickey and Medusia Kulego scored goals as St. John's beat Florida International 4-1 in the NCAA final Sunday for its first national title in any sport.

On Saturday, Virginia's Mike Fisher won his second Hermann Trophy as the top college player. Notre Dame's Cindy Daws received the women's award.

FIGURE SKATING

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Kristi Yamaguchi won her third women's World Professional Figure Skating Championship on Saturday night. Kurt Browning successfully defended the men's title, while Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the dance competition for the fifth time.

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Russia's Irina Slutskaya won the Russia Cup on Saturday, and countryman Alexei Urmanov took the men's title.

Cowboys clinch fifth straight NFC East title

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Nobody has come up with a fancy name for the current Dallas defense.

In the old days it used to be called "Doomsday," and was the anchor for several Cowboys' Super Bowl victories.

Now, the Cowboys have another top-ranked defense without a tricky moniker. That, coupled with kicker Chris Boniol's club-record 26 consecutive field goals, has given Dallas its fifth straight NFC East title.

Boniol kicked four field goals, and the Dallas defense produced four turnovers and two critical fourth-down stops Sunday in a 12-6 victory over the New England Patriots.

Dallas (10-5) has one game left at Washington, while the Patriots (10-5) had already clinched a playoff berth. New England can clinch the AFC East with a victory at the New York Giants next Sunday or if Buffalo loses to Miami on Monday night.

The Dallas offense is red-faced. It hasn't scored a touchdown in three of the last five games, yet the defense keeps carrying the load.

"It's been frustrating for all of us not to be scoring in the last couple of games," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said. "It's good the defense is playing so well. They are playing at a championship level."

"If the offense doesn't pick it up, we'll be home early for the playoffs."

Aikman is proud of the way the team fought back after injuries and suspensions.

"When you consider the fact that we started 1-3 and went 9-2 over the last 11 games, you have to be pleased," Aikman said.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer hopes for a better performance from the offense, and has recent history on his side.

"This was the way it was for us last year about this time," he said. "Maybe it takes the playoffs for us to get going on offense."

Last season, that was the case, with the Cowboys averaging 34 points in the NFC playoffs before defeating Pittsburgh 27-17 in the Super Bowl.

The Cowboys, no matter the outcome of their game at Washington, will play the wildcard team with the worst record either Dec. 28 or 29 in Texas Stadium.

Switzer said running back

Emmitt Smith won't play at Washington so he can rest his sore ankle.

"We'll treat the game as a bye in several ways," Switzer said. "We have several players who should be rested, including Emmitt."

However, if Switzer rests offensive players, they won't get the work they need to become more of a cohesive unit.

Michael Irvin, who missed the first five games under suspension, said the Dallas offense — averaging just 18.4 points — borders on woeful.

"If we play like this on offense we'll be out of the playoffs as soon as they start," he said. "It was flat-out embarrassing the way we played. I just about cried."

Dallas turned New England back twice on fourth-down gambles. New England failed on fourth-and-1 from its 48 in the third quarter when George Teague batted a pass away.

On fourth-and-2 from the Dallas 23, Drew Bledsoe's pass fell incomplete with less than four minutes to play.

"We had tough luck on our two fourth-down chances," New England coach Bill Parcells said. "They tackled our receivers, but

that's the way it goes.

Parcells decided to gamble because he thought the Pats might not be in position to score again.

Parcells said the Cowboys "have a very good chance to make it to the Super Bowl again."

Boniol kicked field goals of 35 and 29 yards in the second half to break a 6-6 tie.

Bledsoe completed 20 of 40 passes for 178 yards, but had three passes swiped, while Aikman was 16 of 28 for 169 yards with two interceptions.

"Their defense is good, but I expected to produce more than I did," Bledsoe said. "We had a chance to prove we belonged at the top of the league, but we didn't do it."

Smith rushed for 85 yards on 27 carries, while Curtis Martin gained 91 on 20 carries for the Patriots.

"The defense has been carrying us all year," Smith said. "Defense wins championships, and the offense sells tickets."

Adam Vinatieri kicked two short field goals for New England in the Patriots' lowest output of the year.

There was little celebrating in the Cowboys dressing room. No champagne. No cigars.

"I was real excited about winning it," said tackle Tony Casillas, who left the team to play in New York but returned as a free agent. "Then I looked around and nobody else was shouting or anything."

Patriots-Cowboys, Stats

	New England	Dallas
First Quarter	0-0	0-0
Second Quarter	0-0	0-0
Third Quarter	0-0	0-0
Fourth Quarter	0-0	0-0
Total	0-0	0-0

	NE	Del
First downs	16	16
Rushes-yards	21-101	35-107
Passing	178	144
Punt Returns	3-27	2-15
Kickoff Returns	5-78	3-106
Interceptions Ret.	2-7	3-37
Comp-Att-Int	20-40-3	16-28-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-25
Punts	3-37.7	4-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-29	8-67
Time of Possession	24:57	35:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New England, C. Martin 20-91, Meggett 1-10, Dallas, E. Smith 27-85, S. Williams 4-15, K. Williams 1-9, Aikman 3 (minus 2).
PASSING—New England, Bledsoe 20-40-3-178, Dallas, Aikman 16-28-2-169.
RECEIVING—New England, Glenn 8-63, Byars 5-46, C. Martin 3-19, Jefferson 2-21, T. Brown 1-9, Meggett 1-0, Dallas, Irvin 6-76, E. Smith 5-55, Johnston 3-15, K. Williams 1-19, Blomson 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Pampa tips off district season against Borger

PAMPA — After a gruelling marathon session of basketball over the weekend in the Big Spring Tournament, the Pampa Harvesters open District 1-4A play Tuesday night against longtime rival Borger.

"I'm sure it will be a sellout over there. It's a bigtime game, no doubt about it. It's an important game for us, but we can't make more out of it than it really is. Every game is important to us," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

Pampa has a 5-8 record and Borger is 6-5 for the season.

The Pampa-Borger district opener, which is scheduled to start around 7:30, will be preceded by the Pampa-Borger girls contest at 6.

The Harvesters played five games, more than any other team in last week's Big Spring Tournament, and almost came away with the first-place trophy.

With just an hour and a half rest after beating El Paso Austin, 73-63, in double overtime Saturday, the Harvesters took on a fresh Snyder club for the championship.

The two teams battled down to the wire with Snyder coming away with a 50-46 win.

Sophomore guard Shawn Young led Pampa in scoring with 17 points while senior forward August Larson chipped in 13. Larson, who played 71 minutes of basketball in two games Saturday, had 94 tournament points. Young, who had seven 3-point goals in one game, had 89 tournament points.

Rick Henderson had 14 points and Jimmy Taylor 12 to lead Snyder's scoring attack.

JaMarious Osborne added 7 points for the Harvesters while Lynn Brown had 4, Shannon Reed 3 and Kaleb Meek 2.

"We'll have a short practice today and try and save our legs for Tuesday night," Hale said.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters will

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try to boost their District 1-4A record to 2-1 when they go against the Borger Lady Bulldogs at 6 Tuesday night at Tex Hanna Gym.

Pampa is 7-5 for the season and 1-1 in district action after beating Caprock, 44-41, Friday night. Borger (5-11) won its district opener against Caprock, 40-38, last Tuesday night.

Borger has an inside-outside attack led by 5-5 guard Lynae Lee, 5-9 center Holly Forrester and 5-9 forward Kelli Mitchell.

Reserve pivot Faustine Curry came off the bench to score 13 points and grab 4 rebounds in Pampa's district win over Caprock. Junior guard Chandra Nachtigall added 10 points, including three 3-point goals.

WHEELER — Reydon, Okla. White Deer, 91-64, Saturday to win the Wheeler Roundup boys title.

Les Pyeatt poured in 41 points for Reydon while P.J. Powers netted 20.

Nick Knocke and Clinton Grange led White Deer with 21 points apiece in the finals.

In the girls division, Wheeler fell to Shamrock, 60-43, in the third-place game.

Corey Little had 17 points and Deanna Lax had 8 to lead Shamrock. Mika Goad had 13 points while Sally Smith chipped in 10 for Wheeler.

Wheeler led by one, 25-24, at halftime, but fell behind by five, 40-35, going into the fourth quarter.

Follett downed White Deer, 54-39, for the consolation title.

Leading Follett was Mindi Burke with 19 points and Kellie Altmiller 14. Susan Day was high scorer for White Deer with 15 points. Rhonda McClendon had 12.

Wellington slipped by Allison, 55-54, to win the girls championship.

Beaver wins second consecutive all-around crown at nationals

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two quick ties in the final two rounds of the National Finals Rodeo helped Joe Beaver jump two positions and win his second straight All-Around championship.

"I'm tickled to death," said Beaver, who won the calf roping go-round Sunday in the Thomas & Mack Center to pass both Roy Cooper and Herbert Theriot for the title. "I had two really good calves in the last two rounds."

"They couldn't take anything away from me. I was cutting my own cake. My destiny was in my own hands."

There was little suspense, unlike last year when Beaver clinched the world championship after the eighth go-round.

This time, he needed to place in the final go-round for a chance at passing Theriot. Beaver won the

round with an 8.6-second run — and its \$29,134 prize to move up to first in the NFR average.

"That's kinda the way I liked it," said Beaver, of Huntsville, Texas. "I always said if I was to play football, I'd like to be the place kicker. Because then it's either you win or you lose, from here to zero."

Beaver won \$78,770 at the NFR to raise his season earnings to \$166,103. Roy Cooper, of Childress, Texas, was second with \$157,980 and Theriot was third with \$151,644.

Theriot, the lone cowboy to qualify for the NFR in two events, wasn't disappointed in his third-place finish.

"Joe roped good," said Theriot, who won the world calf roping title in 1994. "But like I told my wife before the final, if I don't win it, so what."

Consolation champs



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

The Pampa Pacers (above) won the consolation championship in the Allison Classic last week with a 71-58 victory over Lakeview. Team members are (front l-r) Brooks Ferguson, Avery Taylor and Andy Edmondson; (back, l-r) Tyler Hudson, Trevor Muniz, Steve Terry, Jeff Sublett and Austin Smith. Edmondson and Ferguson, senior captains of the Pacers, made the all-tournament team.

Bengals take advantage of Oiler errors

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals are an opportunistic bunch, with coach Bruce Coslet making the most of a second chance with some timely help from his ball-hawking defense.

James Francis intercepted two passes, one for a 42-yard touchdown return, as the Bengals took advantage of four Houston turnovers for a 21-13 victory Sunday, their sixth victory in eight games under Coslet.

"We won by turnovers again," Coslet said. "It's always big and it always will be big. We kept our poise, even though things didn't go well early. We stayed with our game plan and made a few adjustments."

The four takeaways boosted the Bengals NFL lead to a plus-20 in turnover differential, and their three interceptions upped their season total to 32.

Coslet, given the job on an interim basis when Dave Shula was fired after a 1-6 start, was rewarded for his efforts by president Mike Brown prior to Sunday's game with a four-year contract and an option for a fifth year if the Bengals make the playoffs in either of the final two years of the contract.

"I'm glad it's over," Coslet said. "This was a difficult thing. I appreciate having another opportunity (he formerly was coach for the New York Jets). This is what I wanted. I'm sorry I got it under these circumstances, but there are only 30 of these jobs."

Five of the Bengals six victories

under Coslet have been the result of second half comebacks and Francis' touchdown was the spark that got them started after trailing 6-0 at the half.

"That play changed the momentum of the game," Coslet said.

Francis might have had better home crowd support than the Tennessee-bound Oilers, who drew only 15,131, the smallest crowd to ever see the Oilers play at home. Francis is a Houston native and former Baylor stand-out.

"If we hadn't dug such a big hole for ourselves at the start of the season, we'd be in the playoff now," Francis said. "I bought 45 tickets for the game and they were screaming. It felt good."

Cincinnati gained only 23 yards and trailed 6-0 at the half on field goals of 46 and 42 yards by Al Del Greco.

The Bengals, who didn't cross mid-field in the first half, took the lead on Jeff Blake's 14-yard touchdown pass to James Hudson with 4:34 left in the third quarter. Blake completed three consecutive third-down passes to David Dunn on the go-ahead drive.

"Execution, execution on everyone's part was the difference in the second half," Blake said. "I had something to do with it, but it was a team game. We overcame the adversity and won the game."

Francis gave Cincinnati a 14-6 lead moments later when he intercepted a pass by Chris Chandler and returned it down the sideline, aided by a clearing block from John Copeland.

Francis had a 19-yard intercept-

tion return in the fourth quarter that started a drive to a 9-yard touchdown run by Ki-Jana Carter with 3:47 left in the game.

"I thought after the first half we were on our way," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher said. "But obviously the second half kind of sums up the way we've played the last six or seven weeks."

Houston has lost six of its last eight after starting the season 5-2. The Oilers only touchdown came on Steve McNair's 16-yard pass to Frank Wycheck with 37 seconds left in the game.

"We were up 6-0 at the half and I was very confident," Oilers linebacker Joe Bowden said. "We knew 6-0 would not be enough to beat anybody. We knew we'd have to make plays. We just had some bad breaks like we've had all year and they made some big third-down plays."

Broncos hold off Raiders, 24-19

DENVER (A) — Already the most-penalized team in the NFL, the Oakland Raiders outdid themselves Sunday.

The Raiders set a team record with 20 penalties for 157 yards and committed four turnovers leading to 17 Denver points as the Broncos built a big lead and then held off Oakland for a 24-19 victory.

Oakland, which entered the game averaging 73 penalty yards per game, fell two penalties shy of the NFL record held by the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Chicago Bears, who each committed 22 in separate games in 1944.

FOOTBALL

National Football League At A Glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	10	5	0	.667	295	291
Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	286	241
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	293	303
Miami	8	6	0	.571	292	283
N.Y. Jets	11	4	0	.729	251	423

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	10	5	0	.667	276	213
Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	334	322
Washington	8	7	0	.533	327	302
Arizona	7	8	0	.467	281	388
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	220	274

clinched division title.
clinched playoff spot.
Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia 21, New York Jets 20
 Chicago 27, San Diego 14
Sunday's Games
 Carolina 27, Baltimore 16
 Green Bay 31, Detroit 3
 Dallas 12, New England 6
 New Orleans 17, New York Giants 3
 St. Louis 34, Atlanta 27
 San Francisco 25, Pittsburgh 15
 Minnesota 21, Tampa Bay 10
 Cincinnati 21, Houston 13
 Indianapolis 24, Kansas City 19
 Denver 24, Oakland 19
 Arizona 27, Washington 26
 Jacksonville 20, Seattle 13
Monday's Game
 Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

Texas High School Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A	Division I
Final	Abilene Cooper (12-3) vs. Austin Westlake (15-0), noon, Saturday, Texas Stadium, tentative
CLASS 4A	Division II
Final	Denton (14-1) vs. La Marque (13-2), 5 p.m., Saturday, Texas Stadium.
CLASS 3A	Division III
Final	Tatum (11-4) vs. Seely (14-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, AstroDome.
CLASS 2A	Division IV
Final	Groveton (15-0) vs. Iran (15-0), 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

RODEO

National Finals Rodeo Results

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Final results Sunday of the \$3.2 million National Finals Rodeo held at the Thomas and Mack Center:

Barrel racing: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., 83 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Spring Fling, \$11,654. 2. Clint Corey, Kennamouth, Wash., \$2,582. 3. (tie) Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., and Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$1,297. 5. Ken Leneagrav, Piedmont, S.D., 78, \$2,472. 6. (tie) James Boudreaux, Hackberry, La., and Cleve Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D., 77, \$883.

Calf roping: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 8.6 seconds, \$13,394. 2. (tie) Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., and Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 9.1, \$8,352. 4. Troy Pruitt, Minatare, Neb., 9.3, \$3,556. 5. Brad Goodrich, Everett, Wash., 9.4, \$1,130. 6. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 10.2, \$742. **Saddle bronc riding:** 1. (tie) Jesse Martin, Dillon, Mont., 83 points on Calgary Stampede's Stoney Zippy Delivery, \$10,241 each. 3. (tie) Toby Adams, Red Bluff, Calif., and Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., 82, \$5,297. 5. Glen O'Neill, Calgary, Alberta, 81, \$2,472. 6. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 80, \$1,766.

Steer wrestling: 1. Tom Duval, Henryetta, Okla., 3.7 seconds, \$13,394. 2. (tie) Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, and Ropes Myers, Van, Texas, 3.9, \$8,352. 4. Mark Roy, Dalmore, Alberta, 4.2, \$3,556. 5. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., 4.5, \$1,130. 6. Rod Lyman, Lolo, Mont., 4.6, \$742.

Team roping: 1. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.1 seconds, \$8,352. 2. Daniel Green, Valley Springs, Calif., and Chris Green, Valley Springs, Calif., 4.2, \$8,352. 3. Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif., and Brent Lookett, Visalia, Calif., 4.5, \$4,172. 4. Shane Schwenke, Zortman, Mont., and Monty Joe Pettska, Turlock, Calif., 4.7, \$2,097. 5. Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho, and Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., 4.8, \$706. 6. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 5.4, \$464.

Barrel racing: 1. (tie) Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas, and Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 14.11 seconds, \$7,317 each. 3. Tacy Lynn Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 14.31, \$4,172. 4. Sharon Smith, Dibble, Okla., 14.37, \$2,097. 5. Angie Meadows, Wetumka, Okla., 14.44, \$706. 6. Fallon Taylor, Ponder, Texas, 14.52, \$462. **Bull riding:** 1. Roy Doyal, 94 points on Growney Brothers Rodeo's Dodge Ram Tough, \$11,654. 2. Keith Adams, 90, \$8,829. 3. Jerome Davis, 89, \$8,357. 4. Terry West, 86, \$4,238. 5. Tuff Hedeman, 84, \$2,472. No other qualified rides.

Finals Average Payoff

Barrel racing: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., 786 points on 10 head, \$31,763. 2. Ken Leneagrav, Piedmont, S.D., 780, \$24,367. 3. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 742, \$18,011. 4. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 721 points on nine head, \$11,654. 5. Larry Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., 709, \$7,418. 6. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., 694, \$5,297. 7. Rocky Steagall, Sanger, Calif., 687, \$4,238. 8. James Boudreaux, Hackberry, La., 683, \$3,178.

Calf roping: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 101.9 seconds on 10 head, \$29,135. 2. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 109.1, \$24,050. 3. Bud Ford, Everman, Texas, 109.9, \$19,070. 4. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 110.1, \$14,091. 5. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 121.3, \$8,035. 6. Shane Slack, Ideaball, Okla., 121.8, \$4,979. 7. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 126.6, \$3,390. 8. Bill Huber, Abila, Iowa, 127.4, \$2,225.

Saddle bronc riding:

1. Billy Etbauer, Ree

Heights, S.D., 805 points on points head, \$31,763. 2. Ryan Mapston, Arisa, Mont., 777, \$25,537. 3. Craig Latham, Teshoma, Mont., 753, \$18,011. 4. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., 731 on nine head, \$11,654. 5. Dan Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 729, \$7,418. 6. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 712, \$5,297. 7. Steve Colterhida, Wimp, Ariz., 700, \$4,238. 8. Tom Reeves, Stephenville, Texas, 687, \$3,178.

Steer wrestling: 1. Mark Roy, Dalmore, Alberta, 44.8 seconds on 10 head, \$29,135. 2. Frank Davis, Sonora, Texas, 48.0, \$19,070. 3. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., 48.5, \$18,011. 4. (tie) Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, 50.6, \$9,005. 6. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 50.6, \$4,979. 7. Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, 52.5, \$3,390. 8. Brock Andrus, St. George, Utah, 52.8, \$2,225.

Team roping: 1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 70.9 seconds on 10 head, \$18,209. 2. Bobby Hurley, Carca, Calif., and Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., 85.8, \$15,031. 3. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, and Tom Bourne, Marietta, Ga., 89.8, \$11,919. 4. Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla., and Brad Gould, Polk, Texas, 130.6, \$8,807. 5. Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M., and Nick Sarchett, Scottsdale, Ariz., 138.5, \$5,628. 6. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 81.0 on nine head, \$3,112. 7. Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif., and Brent Lookett, Visalia, Calif., 123.5, \$2,110. 8. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Allen Bach, Torric, 71.3 on eight head, \$1,391.

Barrel racing: 1. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 141.89 on 10 runs, \$18,209. 2. Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas, 142.00, \$15,031. 3. Charlotte Schmidt, Cut Bank, Mont., 147.17, \$11,919. 4. Sandi Emond, Malta, Mont., 147.58, \$8,807. 5. Sharon Smith, Dibble, Okla., 150.77, \$5,628. 6. Melissa Hubler, Cleveland, Texas, 152.57, \$3,112. 7. Deborah Mohon, Gladewater, Texas, 155.70, \$2,110. 8. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 158.83, \$1,391.

Bull riding: 1. Adriano Moraes, Keller, Texas, 724 points on nine head, \$31,763. 2. Michael Gailley, Lubbock, Texas, 723, \$24,367. 3. Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., 690 points on eight head, \$16,011. 4. David Fournier, Poolville, Texas, 605 points on seven head, \$11,654. 5. Tuff Hedeman, Morgan Mill, Texas, 577 points on seven head, \$7,418. 6. (tie) Mark Cain, Abila, Okla., and Roy Doyal, Pittsburg, Texas, 500 points on six head, \$4,768. 6. Scott Mendes, Weatherford, Texas, 478, \$3,178.

FINAL WORLD STANDINGS

All-around: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$186,103. 2. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$157,981. 3. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$151,445. 4. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., \$129,141. 5. Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz., \$115,825.

Barrel racing: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., \$139,888. 2. Ken Leneagrav, Piedmont, S.D., \$113,399. 3. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$111,875. 4. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$111,239. 5. Larry Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$105,221.

Calf roping: 1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$155,338. 2. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$139,024. 3. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$137,815. 4. Bud Ford, Everman, Texas, \$119,003. 5. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$116,464.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Billy Etbauer, Ree

Heights, S.D., \$190,257. 2. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$177,948. 3. Dan Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$174,948. 4. Glen O'Neill, Calgary, Alberta, \$120,359. 5. Craig Latham, Teshoma, Texas, \$114,127.

Steer wrestling: 1. Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, \$120,784. 2. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., \$106,007. 3. Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$102,039. 4. Mark Roy, Dalmore, Alberta, \$92,018. 5. Tom Duval, Henryetta, Okla., \$91,377.

BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miami	18	5	.783	—
New York	15	6	.714	2
Washington	10	11	.476	7
Indiana	9	10	.474	7
Philadelphia	7	15	.316	10 1/2
New Jersey	5	13	.278	10 1/2
Boston	6	16	.238	12

CENTRAL DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	20	3	.870	—
Detroit	7	4	.636	5 1/2
Cleveland	14	9	.609	1 1/2
Atlanta	13	8	.619	6
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	7
Charlotte	12	10	.545	7 1/2
Indiana	9	11	.450	9 1/2
Toronto	7	15	.316	12 1/2

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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	21	2	.913	—
Utah	18	3	.857	2
Dallas	8	15	.345	12
Minnesota	8	15	.345	13
Denver	5	19	.208	16 1/2
San Antonio	4	17	.190	16
Vancouver	4	20	.167	17 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	7	.720	—
Seattle	16	9	.640	2
Portland	13	11	.542	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	9	14	.391	8
Sacramento	8	15	.348	9
Golden State	8	16	.333	9 1/2
Phoenix	7	15	.316	9 1/2

Sunday's Games

Detroit 99, Boston 89
 Washington 110, Golden State 102
 Phoenix 103, Vancouver 84
 Houston 99, Portland 89
Monday's Games
 Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.
 Washington at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wuerffel wins Heisman

NEW YORK (AP) — Danny Wuerffel made a clean sweep of college football's postseason awards. The Florida quarterback has just one more piece of business to attend to: beating No. 1 Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

"The opportunity to play against Florida State again is exciting," Wuerffel said Saturday night after becoming the 62nd Heisman Trophy winner. "Anytime there's a big old fight, they're always looking for the rematch."

The rematch occurs Jan. 2 in New Orleans, where the Seminoles (11-0) need another win over the third-ranked Gators (11-1) to capture their second national title in four years.

On Nov. 30, in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 battle, Florida State took over the top ranking with a 24-21 win in Tallahassee. Wuerffel, playing behind a makeshift line, was sacked six times, hit — sometimes late — on 26 other occasions and threw three interceptions. He can't wait for another chance.

"I think they were real young and hadn't played in a really big game," Wuerffel said of his inexperienced linemen. "Now they have one under their belts and I think they will step up and play with more confidence."

Before he leaves for New Orleans on Dec. 27, though, Wuerffel has a paper ("on the 60s") to finish before graduating Saturday with a public relations degree.

Wuerffel took every honor for which he was nominated — the Heisman, Maxwell, Davey O'Brien and Johnny Unitas awards. The All-American also won three post-graduate scholarships, two from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, including the Draddy Scholarship — and a grant from Honda.

"It's like a slow-motion thing," said Wuerffel, adding that he'll attend the NFL combines and "see what happens." "Everything stops and you really aren't quite aware of everything."

Iowa State running back Troy Davis, who ran for 2,185 yards and became the first player to produce two 2,000-yard seasons, finished second, just 189 points behind in the closest Heisman voting in

seven years. Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer was third, Ohio State left tackle Orlando Pace fourth and Florida State running back Warrick Dunn fifth.

Wuerffel had 300 first-place votes and 1,363 points to Davis' 209 first-place votes and 1,174 points. Wuerffel and Davis each won three of the six voting regions, but Wuerffel dominated the South, outpointing Davis 358-141.

Wuerffel, the most accurate passer in NCAA history, was the beneficiary of coach Steve Spurrier's Fun 'N' Gun, completing 207-of-360 passes for 3,625 yards and a Division I-A leading 39 touchdowns. He set 47 school, SEC and NCAA records. His career efficiency rating of .636 surpassed the mark of 1962's 1990 Heisman winner Ty Detmer.

Wuerffel, a 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., became the first winner to be coached by a former winner. In 1966, Spurrier won the Heisman as the Gators' quarterback.

Davis, the 5-6, 185-pound junior, was fifth in last year's Heisman and had a chance to become only the second player from a losing team to win the award. Notre Dame's Paul Hornung won in 1956, when the Irish were 2-8.

Plummer, the daredevil quarterback who led the Sun Devils (11-0) into a Rose Bowl matchup against Ohio State, threw for 2,575 yards and 23 TDs.

Pace, who said he plans to return to Columbus, Ohio, for his senior season, had the best showing for an offensive lineman since the Buckeyes' John Hick was second in 1973.

The closest Heisman vote was in 1985, when Auburn's Bo Jackson edged Iowa's Chuck Long by 45 points. The largest victory margin was in 1968, when USC's O.J. Simpson beat Purdue's Leroy Keyes by 1,750 points.

Rounding out the top 10 were Texas Tech running back Byron Hanes, Northwestern running back Darnell Autry, Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, Wyoming wide receiver Marcus Williams and Air Force quarterback Beau Morgan.

Rangers, Wetteland move closer to deal

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — John Wetteland, the relief pitcher whose MVP performance helped the New York Yankees win the World Series, is headed for Texas.

A source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press that the free agent pitcher is close to signing a deal with the Texas Rangers. Media outlets in Texas and New York, however, say he has already agreed to a contract with the Rangers.

Newspapers in Texas — The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram — and three New York newspapers — The New York Times, Daily News and New York Post — report in today's editions that Wetteland and the Rangers came to terms Sunday night.

"Anyone who knows me knows I wanted to get something done and get on with my life," Wetteland told the New York Times. "I throw fastballs and I have that attitude in a lot of other things. The decision came down to me. It's not that they didn't do this or do that. I am not that kind of person."

Citing unidentified sources, The New York Times and Daily News said Wetteland will receive a four-year, \$23 million deal. Meanwhile, the New York Post and Dallas-Fort Worth television station KCAS, also citing unidentified sources, put the deal at \$21 million over four years.

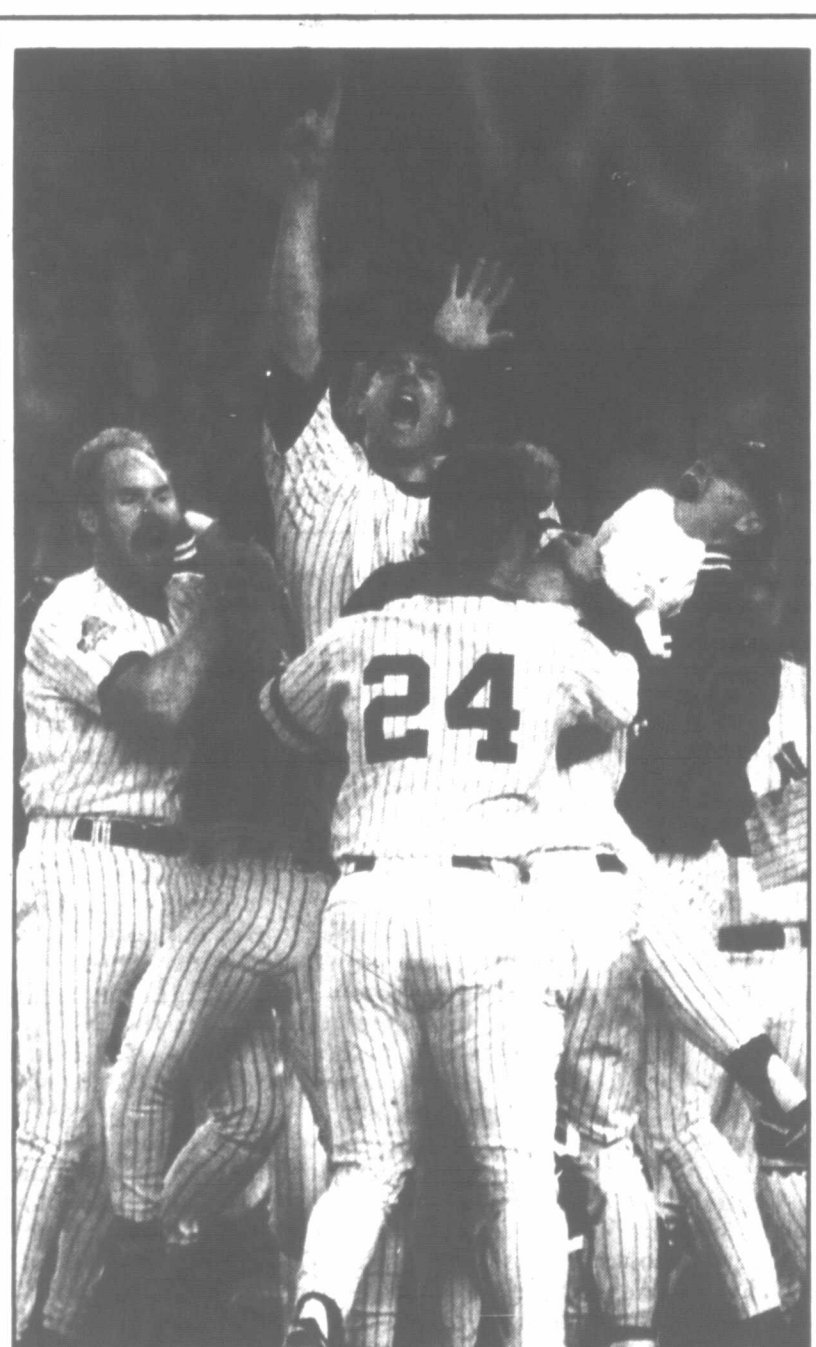
The deal would fill the Rangers' greatest need — a top reliever. At the same time, the Yankees would lose another key player from the team that won the championship.

Texas has been seeking a closer since Mike Henneman filed for free agency after recording a career-high 31 saves.

Wetteland, 30, led the AL with 43 saves and was 2-3 with a 2.83 ERA during the regular season. He was successful on 43 of 47 save chances. Henneman, 35, was 0-7 with a career-high 5.07 ERA despite his 31 saves.

Wetteland, who made \$4 million last season, turned down a \$4.6 million player option after the Yankees beat Atlanta for the championship. Wetteland became the first pitcher ever to record four saves in a World Series.

Without Wetteland, the Yankees would move star setup man Mariano Rivera into the closer's role. Rivera was 8-3 with



(AP photo)

New York Yankees pitcher John Wetteland is embraced by his teammates after the Yankees beat Atlanta, 3-2 in Game 5 of the 1996 World Series. Wetteland is reportedly close to signing a contract with the Rangers.

a 2.09 ERA, along with 130 strikeouts in 107 2-3 innings, in his first full season in the majors.

"I think Rivera deserves the opportunity to take over that role, but we'll only know if he's ready physically when we try it," Yankees manager Joe Torre told the Daily News. "He definitely has the stomach for it, but he is not as durable as John. ... I'm going to miss John a lot. Personally I got very close to him. He conducted himself as a professional at all times."

The Yankees, whose \$66 million payroll last season was the

highest in the majors, lost out Friday in their bid to sign free agent Roger Clemens. Recently, Jimmy Key, who won the clinching Game 6 of the World Series for the Yankees, left New York and signed with Baltimore.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said last week he hadn't made any firm offers to Wetteland or David Wells, a starting pitcher that New York covets. But Wells and Steinbrenner met during the weekend in Tampa, Fla., and the pitcher's agent said he expected an offer from the owner shortly.

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- feature
- Flightless bird
- Infuriates
- Not as high
- Tax agency
- Beer container
- Goodnight
- Female supervisors
- Mend
- Blackthorn
- Of a time
- Piece of ice
- Egg part
- Number of cards in a Roman deck?
- Wanting (sl.)
- Cede

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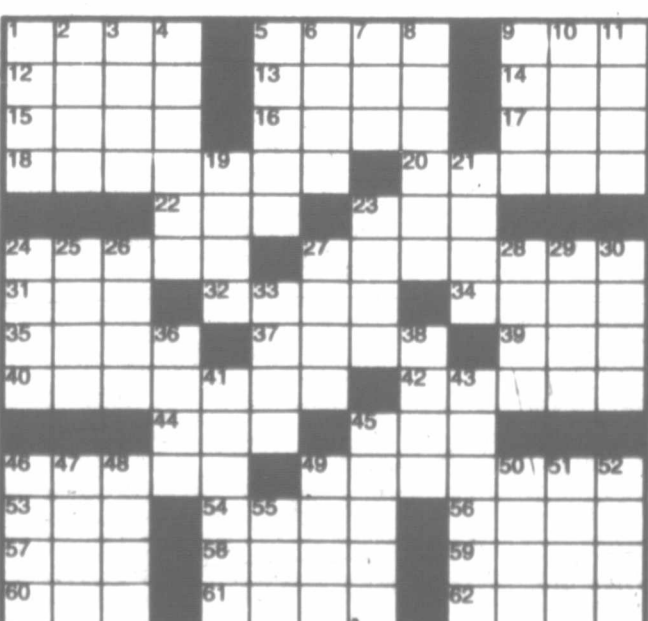
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Farmers defy government-run Canadian Wheat Board monopoly

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Lawyers and lobbyists have replaced the gunslings. But a battle raging among farmers across the Canadian prairies rivals any range war of the cowboy era for passion and bitterness. At stake is the Canadian Wheat Board, a 61-year-old federal agency with a monopoly over the export and sale of the prairie provinces' multibillion-dollar grain production.

To many farmers, the board is a national treasure, cushioning them from the uncertainties of the market, assuring them reliable income even in bad times.

To its foes, however, the board is power-hungry and dictatorial, preventing farmers from seeking the best prices on U.S. grain markets. One farmer endured jail for

five months and dozens more have incurred hefty fines for waging a civil-disobedience campaign defying the board's ban on unlicensed cross-border sales.

Supporters of the board say the perception among many farmers that they could get better prices selling grain on the open market in the United States may be true for the moment, but they accuse the rebels of short-sightedness.

Wilf Harder, a Morris, Manitoba, farmer who serves on a wheat board advisory committee, said opponents of the board are the children of the farmers who began an orderly, profitable system.

"They're the ones who now are sort of living off the inheritance of their fathers who supported the wheat board. Now

they're trying to reinvent the wheel," Harder said.

Agriculture Minister Ralph Goodale is proposing some modest reforms to give farmers more input into board policies. But he says abolition of the board would play into the hands of U.S. interests that want to curb Canada's 21-percent share of the world export market.

David Orchard, a Saskatchewan farmer who has written a book about Canada's fight against U.S. expansionism, says the wheat board's role is crucial in preventing American corporations from taking over the Canadian grain industry.

"The U.S. is not the Friendly Giant," Orchard wrote in a commentary for the

Toronto-based newspaper *The Globe and Mail*. "It is Canada's competitor, and by far its most dangerous one. Those who would destroy the wheat board are playing with fire."

The rhetoric on the other side is just as heated, particularly from Farmers for Justice, a militant coalition of about 600 or 700 growers who have organized the civil-disobedience campaign.

Their No. 1 martyr was Andy McMechan, a 46-year-old Manitoba farmer who was jailed in July for refusing to comply with a bail condition that he surrender to customs officials a tractor he used to haul grain over the U.S. border. While in custody, he was sentenced to four more months in jail for

illegally exporting grain. He was released on Dec. 10, after agreeing to hand over the tractor.

Farmers for Justice went so far as to ask Amnesty International to declare McMechan a political prisoner. The human rights group declined.

"Andy has endured treatment we would expect to read about in totalitarian regimes ... not in peaceful, tranquil rural Manitoba," the group said.

While Farmers for Justice has dominated the headlines with its defiant cross-border convoys, other foes of the wheat board — notably Alberta's provincial government — may have greater success in the long run with court challenges of the board's monopoly.

Mall workers didn't react to freighter signal until last minute, many injured to the sound of sirens, horns

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In her seven years as owner of a jewelry store in the Riverwalk complex, Shoba Kailas often heard the horns from the boats traveling the Mississippi River and ignored most of them.

The horns are blown so frequently, her employees didn't think anything of the sirens com-

ing from a 735-foot freighter about to barrel into the riverfront stretch of stores, restaurants and hotel rooms.

"We never bother with the horns, but my employees said when the horns persisted, they turned around and the ship was coming straight at them," Mrs. Kailas said Sunday. "I think that's

why people didn't leave the mall sooner, because we always hear the horns."

The freighter lost power around 2 p.m. Saturday as it headed downstream in one of the busiest and most dangerous bends of the Mississippi River. After anchors dropped in a desperate attempt to stop and the

helmsman managed to avoid two ships holding some 1,700 people, the freighter crashed into the riverside mall near its food court.

An estimated 1,000 people were in the mall and many scrambled for safety as two of its three levels collapsed into the water. No deaths were reported.

Mayor Marc Morial said 116

people were seen by doctors after the accident. Some people were trampled, while a few jumped into the water from the riverfront and a gambling boat trying to avoid the giant ship. Three remained hospitalized today, but their names and conditions were not released.

The Coast Guard suspended its

search of the river late Sunday after receiving no reports of missing people.

"We're pretty confident that, so far, there has been no loss of life," Coast Guard Capt. Thomas Landvogt said.

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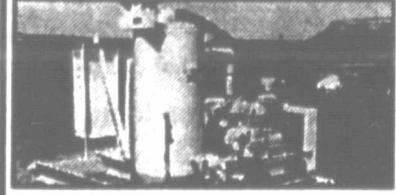
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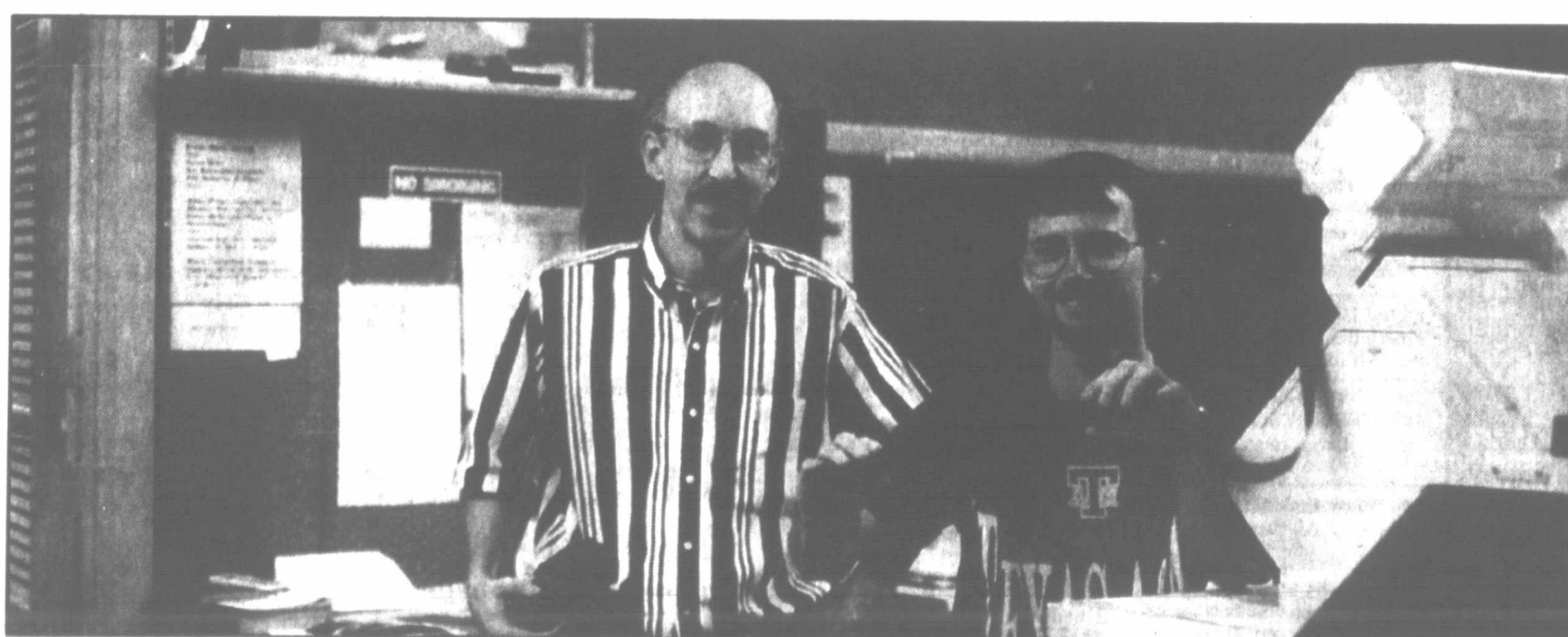
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