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Commissioners receive 911 update, name road

A previously undesignated road was named this morning by Scurry County commissioners during their weekly meeting at the county courthouse.

Joe Cheyne, Scurry County coordinator of the 911 emergency system, was present at the meeting to ask commissioners to name a road at the request of the post office, phone company and for the mapping purposes for the county's 911 system.

Cheyne told the court that the road was off 37th St. and was the one that led to the old city dump ground. The late Mrs. Oran Thompson lived on the road and received her mail at a mailbox on 37th St., said Cheyne.

Cheyne said that the residence had been known as the Thompson place for several years and suggested that the road be designated Thompson Road.

Commissioners approved the designation. The road will begin at the 3700 block and stop at the 5500 block where the residence is located.

In addition, Cheyne gave the

court an update of the county's situation with the 911 system. He said currently undesignated county roads are being located so that the court can name them and residents may be assigned an address.

The next step would be verification of phone numbers with the phone company, said Cheyne.

The State Legislature has mandated that the entire state will eventually be equipped with a 911 emergency system, Cheyne told the court. He said that the county's system should begin "hot testing" during the first of 1992.

Present at the meeting were County Judge Bobby Goodwin and Commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Tommy Pate, Duaine Davis and Ted Billingsley.

The court was to meet again today at 1:30 p.m. with Bob Robinson of the Texas A&M Extension Office in Lubbock and a prospective candidate for the county's agriculture agent position.



MILLION DOLLAR CHECK — Mark Tomlinson, right, of Chevron U.S.A. presents County Tax Assessor-Collector Rona Sikes with a check for \$1,037,661.32 for the company's county and college taxes. Chevron tops the list of county taxpayers. Also pictured is County Judge Bobby Goodwin. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tax forms due out with Friday's mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — A late Christmas card from your procrastinating Uncle Harold won't be the only thing missing from your mailbox today. Your annual greetings from the Internal Revenue Service won't be in the mail either.

The IRS, after years of sending its tax packages out on the day following Christmas, has decided to give taxpayers a brief reprieve.

This year, the forms will go out on Friday, three days following Christmas.

"We want to move it away from the Christmas holiday to allow folks to enjoy that period of the year as long as they possibly can before we throw a wet blanket on them," said Arthur Altman, director of the IRS tax forms division.

The packages, which cost the government \$29 million to print and mail, have been waiting at local post offices for weeks and a few taxpayers may have already received theirs from eager-beaver letter carriers who disregarded the Dec. 28 date.

However, the bulk of the packages will be distributed in the period from Friday through the first week in January.

The tax forms, for the second year in a row, will feature few changes, a pleasant relief following the massive revisions brought about by the 1986 rewrite of the tax law.

Among the modifications this year:

— The personal exemption, the amount you may exempt from taxation for yourself, your spouse and each dependent, increases to \$2,050, up from \$2,000 last year.

— The standard deduction, claimed by people who do not itemize, rises to \$3,250 for a single person, up from \$3,100 last year. The ex-

(see IRS, page 8)

In Scurry County...

Chevron tops list of taxpayers

Chevron headed the list of the top 10 taxpayers in Scurry County for 1990, paying out just over \$3 million, according to the tax assessor-collector's office.

Chevron's bite of the tax load was \$1,933,604 to Snyder Independent School District, \$682,610 to Scurry County and \$385,280 to the junior college district.

Exxon Corp. paid out \$1,074,211 with \$687,782 going to Snyder ISD

and \$246,389 to the county. Exxon also paid taxes of \$139,328 to the college district and \$712 to the City of Snyder.

TU Electric and Southwestern Bell were the largest contributors on the city's tax roll, paying \$17,505 and \$17,032, respectively.

A list of the top 10 taxpayers, total taxes and a breakdown by entity follows.

Chevron: Total- \$3,001,494; Snyder ISD- \$1,933,604; County- \$682,610; College- \$385,280.

Exxon: Total- \$1,074,211; Snyder ISD- \$687,782; County- \$246,389; College- \$139,328; City- \$712.

Texaco: Total- \$521,562; Snyder ISD- \$334,917; County- \$119,226; College- \$67,419.

Oryx: Total- \$368,712; Snyder (see TAXPAYERS, page 8)

Gulf crisis...

Source says deadlock broken; date for talks being discussed

By The Associated Press Just three weeks before the U.N. deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face

possible attack, an Israeli newspaper said today that Washington and Baghdad had set a date for talks. The State Department denied the report.

The independent daily Maariv, quoting Israeli diplomats in contact with American officials, said Secretary of State James A. Baker III will likely meet with Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on Jan. 9.

But in a speech to Jordanian politicians visiting Baghdad Tuesday, Saddam didn't appear willing to negotiate his position, saying he wouldn't leave Kuwait until the "liberation of Palestine." The United States has refused any linkage between Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait and the Palestinian question.

Also today, in the Arabian Sea helicopter-borne U.S., British and Australian Marines fired warning shots and then seized an Iraqi vessel loaded with sugar

and bound for the Iraqi port of Basra, military spokesmen said.

Naval units of the multinational force arrayed against Iraq in the region are enforcing a U.N.-ordered trade embargo aimed at pressuring Saddam into relinquishing Kuwait.

The Israeli newspaper said senior officials in Washington told Israeli representatives that Baker would visit Baghdad on Jan. 9, despite proximity to the United Nation's Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait.

The newspaper said the date for talks aimed at resolving the gulf crisis was apparently set amid secret negotiations between the United States and Iraq.

A State Department spokeswoman, however, today denied any date had been set, and an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said he had no information on such an agreement.

"Our embassy in Baghdad is in almost daily contact with the Iraqi Foreign Ministry. There has been no Iraqi movement on the question of dates," said Sondra McCarty, the State Department spokeswoman in Washington.

Saddam has previously offered to receive Baker in Baghdad on Jan. 12, but the White House has rejected that date as being too late. It has said any date after Jan. 3 would not give Iraq time to withdraw by the U.N. deadline.

Earlier this week, however, it was learned that Iraq had recalled its ambassadors from Western Europe, the United States and other nations. There was speculation that Iraq was planning a new diplomatic initiative.

Diplomats in the region say Saddam might be willing to make concessions if he can secure linkage between resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis and efforts toward establishing Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The United States has rejected linking an Iraqi pullout from Kuwait to the Palestinian issue.

Ask Us

Q—Where can I get some information on arthritis? A—Try the Arthritis Foundation at 1-800-283-7800.

In Brief

Cold weather

by The Associated Press Another cold wave crept toward the Lone Star State today, a day after Texans got a brief reprieve from a bitter cold snap that delayed holiday travelers and dampened festivities.

Forecasters said the cold wave from the north would move into the southern portions of North Texas by tonight. The front eventually was expected to become stationary in South Texas, causing overcast skies through Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

Though the air mass would not be bitterly cold, a mixture of sleet, snow and light freezing rain was possible in North Texas through Thursday, the weather service said.

Fatal fire kills 7

WESTLAND, Mich. (AP) — An overheated Christmas light bulb started a house fire that killed a suburban Detroit man and six of his nine children, a family member says.

Meanwhile, police in Wayne County's Canton Township said Tuesday that more than \$30,000 has been raised to help Debbie Dell'Orco, whose husband, Martin, and children were killed in Saturday's fire.

Fire investigators initially said the tree fell over, broke a bulb and started the blaze.

Plan okayed

MOSCOW (AP) — The Congress of People's Deputies approved Mikhail S. Gorbachev's sweeping reorganization plan today, giving him wide powers to exercise direct control over the 15 republics and the national economy.

Also today, Gorbachev nominated Gennady I. Yanaev, a 53-year-old lawmaker and historian, to take the new job of vice president in a reorganized government.

Local

Hermleigh

A Hermleigh Community Association dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 29, at the National Guard Armory in Snyder from 8 p.m. until midnight. Proceeds will benefit the Hermleigh water works.

Tickets are \$5 each at the door. The Sydney Porter band of Sweetwater will provide music. Call 863-2399 for more information.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 27 degrees; low, 5 degrees; high Tuesday, 46 degrees; low, 24 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 25 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for December, 1.41 inches; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 30.45 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 20s. Light and variable wind. Thursday: mostly cloudy and not as cool. High in the mid 40s. Wind light and variable early, becoming south 10 to 15 mph by noon.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The movie rating system is hard to understand. Some movies are for mature audiences with immature tastes."

One more Christmas story:

We heard about a local tightwad who went to an antique shop to buy a present for a friend. Everything was too expensive until he saw a broken vase.

The tightwad bought the vase for nearly nothing. In fact, it cost more to have the clerk package and mail the gift to his friend. The tightwad figured the friend would think it was broken in the Christmas mail rush.

Just before Christmas, our tightwad got the following thank you note: "Many thanks for the vase. It was nice of you to wrap each piece

separately."

A guy in the coffee shop told us about his grandkids who were visiting in Snyder for the holidays.

Late Christmas afternoon, the two small children got into a sibling feud over who got to play with what Christmas toy.

Before doing something he might regret, the cautious six-year-old asked his grandmother, "Is Santa Claus still watching us or is it all right to start hitting Bubba again?"

Two women in the grocery store were already making their New Year wishes.

Said one, "I hope I get as many credit card offers in 1991 as I did in this year, so I can pay off all those 1990 cards."



THEME WINNER — The Ray Wagner home at 2301 Ave. T took first place in the theme category in the Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest, held last weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

3 youths drown

CISCO, Texas (AP) — Two teen-agers drowned over the Christmas holiday in this Central Texas town while playing near Lake Cisco that was partially frozen, authorities said.

In another ice-related death, one boy died and two others were injured after they fell into a par-

tially frozen stock pond in Argyle, about 20 miles north of Fort Worth.

Joey Hokett and Jackie Carl Hendricks, both 15 and of Cisco, were playing near Lake Cisco when the lake gave way, officials said.

Justice of the Peace J.V. Heysler pronounced Hokett dead at 1:10 p.m. and Hendricks dead at 1:25 p.m.

Heysler said he was told the boys could be seen under the ice, but a rescue boat could not reach them immediately because of the ice.

"They had to bust the ice to the hole they fell through," he said. Water was from 8 to 10 feet deep at that point, he said.

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The boomerang issue returns

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers returning to work Jan. 8 will find insurance regulation in Texas under attack. Sound familiar?

In 1989, the Legislature passed sweeping insurance reforms to clean up a battered State Board of Insurance and also produced an overhaul of the workers' compensation insurance system.

Since then, a special Travis County grand jury and the state auditor's office have found that major problems continue in the insurance board's oversight of the nearly \$30 billion per year industry.

The grand jury warned that a "savings-and-loan type disaster" in insurance could be around the

corner.

The future of the new workers' compensation law, the product of a vicious political battle, was in doubt before its Jan. 1 effective date. A state district court judge has issued a temporary court order to stop major portions of the law from taking effect. The state has appealed the order.

Throw into this mixture Gov.-elect Ann Richards, who promised pro-consumer insurance reforms in her campaign, and the stage is set for another fight with one of the most powerful special interest groups in the state.

"If we're going to reform insurance, it's got to be done this session or it's not going to be

done," said Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi.

Kay Doughty, public counsel in the Texas Office of Consumer Protection, said insurance is one of the most important pocketbook issues for Texans.

"It's expensive, and then it seems invariably that when people have a claim, their insurance company hassles them over it," Ms. Doughty said.

However, insurance industry spokesman Rick Gentry said many of the problems are because the public expects more.

"They seem to be saying they want more coverage for less dollars, and they don't want anybody to become insolvent," he said.

A special legislative panel has set the table for lawmakers with about 40 proposed changes to insurance laws.

"These are significant recommendations towards rather major reforms," said state Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, who served as co-chairman of the Joint Committee on Insurance Regulation.

The committee endorses expanding state regulation of property and casualty insurance, plus measures to crack down on fraudulent insurers.

These are some of the major in-

Enforcement
—State officials criticize the insurance board for failing to surance issues that will be contested before the 72nd regular legislative session:

No-fault auto insurance
—The insurance industry has promoted no-fault policies, in which the driver collects compensation in an auto accident from his or her insurer. In return, the policyholder cannot be sued and gives up the right to sue the other driver, except in severe cases such as death or the loss of a limb.

Insurance companies say this will shorten and simplify the claims process, hold down litigation costs and lower premiums.

Personal injury lawyers and some consumers oppose no-fault, saying it would prevent those who have been hurt from collecting full compensation.

An advisory committee to the insurance board recommended legislation that would give drivers the choice of purchasing conventional coverage or no-fault.

police fraudulent insurers and moving too slowly to take over financially troubled companies.

The special committee recommended beefing up enforcement and accelerating development of an "early warning system" to detect problem companies.

Consumers want lawmakers to pass a "revolving door" policy to prevent former insurance board employees, for a period of time, from representing the companies they once regulated.

Deregulation
—Montford said nearly half of the property insurance policies in Texas are written by unregulated companies, which take the best risks and drive up premiums in the regulated market. He says all these policies should be either regulated or deregulated. Consumers say deregulation would mean disaster, pointing to deregulation in other industries, such as savings and loans.

Anti-trust
—The insurance industry is exempt from anti-trust laws, and consumer groups say that allows collaboration and price-fixing. Cavazos said removing the exemption and giving the Insurance Board the ability to collect its own data in establishing rates are the two most needed reforms.

Astro-Graph
By Bernice Bede Osol



Dec. 27, 1990

Big improvements in your social life could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. You may be able to do things assisted by your new friends that you were unable to do previously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your dealings with most people today should be constructive and harmonious. However, you might have to contend with one individual who nobody can please. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What serves your best interests today might not be equally advantageous to someone with whom you're closely linked. Hard decisions might be required, so brace yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a possibility you might receive good news today from two unrelated sources. Should this occur, it's best not to discuss these matters until they're successfully finalized.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions in general look good for you today, especially matters that reflect upon your material well-being. However, there are also indications you might not capitalize on these possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might be exposed to some important knowledge today that you could later put to valuable use. Be a good student the first time around, because this information may not be repeated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you rely more upon your perceptions and hunches today than you do upon your common sense and logic, you could be doing yourself a disservice. Realistic assessments are imperative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your opinions and views are important today and your friends will be interested in what you have to say. However, this doesn't mean they want you to dominate the conversations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have the ability today to spot opportunities that others may overlook. However, you might use faulty measures that fail to maximize your advantages.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you're a rather methodical person who does things in proper sequence, but today, in order to get things done in a hurry, you might put the cart before the horse. Slow down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A business arrangement in which you're presently involved has profitable potential, but there still are important elements that have to be worked out. Be alert for hidden costs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let your ego get in the way today and cause you to abide by a poor decision you've recently made. Associates will respect you more if you try to rectify bad judgments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be very careful today you do not take full credit for something another played an important role in helping you bring about. If you fail to share, this person won't be around when you need him/her again.

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Study finds racial woes haven't eased

HOUSTON (AP) — Blacks continue to feel afraid, isolated and alienated on college campuses despite more than 20 years of affirmative action and aggressive recruiting, a recent survey indicates.

Nearly half of the black students polled in the survey feel college recruiters misled them about college life, and about half the students — both black and white — said they would choose another college if they had it to do again.

The survey by the Southern Regional Education Board drew on impressions of 5,000 black and white students from 40 colleges, including 99 blacks and 61 whites from Prairie View A&M, which has a 90 percent black student body. It was conducted by the Southern Regional Education Board, an Atlanta-based interstate compact of public higher educational institutions.

Among the areas misrepresented, researchers said, were "campus social life, friendly atmosphere, nice faculty and no race problems."

The \$25,000 study, entitled "Racial Issues on Campus: How Students View Them," took more than a year to conduct. The results were released last week.

In the survey, students were asked about the racial attitudes and opinions they brought to college; their satisfaction with the institution they attended; the academic and social climate on campus; the factors they believe are important in choosing a college; and the factors they believe are important in recruiting minority students.

Snoopy is Coming... Get Met It Pays!

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Tea; Cogdell Hospital; 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Overeaters Anonymous; 1:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park.
For more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.

Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; 2:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park. For more information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Black Women's Assoc.; community room Snyder National Bank; 5 p.m.

Shoppers buying big-ticket items now

DALLAS (AP) — Christmas has passed, but for upper-crust shoppers trying to avoid hefty federal luxury taxes, the shopping spree has just begun.

The well-heeled are rushing to buy cars, jewelry, boats and other top-of-the-line goods at a time when an impending recession is forcing many Americans to curtail their purchases. Federal luxury taxes go into effect Jan. 1.

Retailers, who for the most part have experienced a lackluster holiday season, are en-

joying the upsurge in business. "The response has been tremendous," said Bill Noble, owner of William Noble Rare Jewels in the tony Highland Park Village. "There is definitely an increase (in sales)."

Noble said sales are double what they were this time last year — and "last year was a record."

Many customers have purchased several gifts to put away for future occasions, Noble said.

"Even in recessionary times, some businesses are counter-cyclical," he said.

The swelling business is, for the most part, courtesy of a luxury tax in the budget package Congress and President Bush enacted in the fall.

Beginning Jan. 1, it slaps a 10 percent tax on the amount paid above \$30,000 for cars, \$100,000 for private boats, \$250,000 for

jewelry and furs. The government expects to reap \$1.5 billion from the levy over the next five years.

Sales managers at Neiman Marcus' 24 upscale department stores are reporting increased purchases of expensive furs and jewelry, said Neiman Marcus spokeswoman Pat Zajac.

At one of the upscale retailer's Dallas stores recently, she said, a man ready to buy an \$11,000 fur decided to buy a \$22,000 one instead when he learned of the tax savings.

The tax is "just annoying as the dickens," said Carla Francis of Carla Francis Gems and Jewels.

"Retail jewelers are not pleased with it," she said, terming the tax "discriminatory."

Kurt Kalkomey, district director of the Boating Trades

Association of Texas, said many dealers are concerned the tax will curtail luxury boat and yacht sales.

Boating manufacturers are concerned the tax will put many poor people out of work in an already depressed industry, he said.

While retailers are enjoying the flush side of the tax right now, sales of luxury items are likely to take a strong downturn after the first of the year, said James A. Blanda, retail partner for KPMG Peat Marwick in Dallas.

"We're almost at a new age of less-conspicuous consumption," he said.

Despite a common misconception that it snows heavily all over Antarctica, some areas of the continent receive less than 2 inches of precipitation a year.

Bridge By James Jacoby

NORTH 12-26-90
♦ K Q 4 3
♥ J 10
♦ A Q 4
♣ J 10 4 3

WEST EAST
♦ 10 8 5 ♦ A J 9 2
♥ 5 4 3 ♥ K 8 7 6 2
♦ 9 8 7 ♦ 5 2
♣ 9 8 5 2 ♣ 7 6

SOUTH
♦ 7 6
♥ A Q 9
♦ K J 10 6 3
♣ A K Q

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 NT	All pass		

Opening lead: ♦ 9

Give declarer a way to go wrong

By James Jacoby

Although defending a hand properly usually involves determining where partner's high cards are and how best to utilize them, one can sometimes know immediately that partner has nothing at all. In that event, the responsibility of the defender is to find a way to make the declarer go wrong. Place yourself in the East position in today's deal, and listen to the bidding.

South plays six no-trump after jumping to two no-trump as a rebid, traditionally showing 18-20 high-card points. West leads the nine of clubs. As soon as dummy is tabled, East should calculate with little effort that West cannot hold any high cards at all. (At most, West could have the jack of diamonds.) Therefore, if declarer needs to find the 12th trick in the heart suit, a successful heart finesse will provide it. East needs to smoothly provide declarer an alternative in the play, an alternative that will fail.

So declarer won the opening lead with the ace of clubs and immediately played a spade to dummy's king. If East took the ace, whatever the subsequent defense, South would fall back on the heart finesse and make his contract. But East casually played low on the king of spades. Declarer returned to his hand and played another spade to dummy. When he went up with the queen, East won his ace and cashed the jack and nine to set six no-trump two tricks. Was declarer gullible? Perhaps, but West gave him the chance to err.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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Romanian tots see first Christmas in new land, with new family

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — They might not yet know what to make of it, but Stacey and Ben Disney's children received a very special Christmas gift: a notebook describing how their parents rescued them from the squalor of a Romanian orphanage.

The Disneys' 11-month-old son and 7-month-old daughter are much too young to appreciate the significance of the gift. But someday they will thumb through the newspaper clippings and videotapes of news reports chronicling the plight of Romania's institutionalized children and understand that Christmas-1990 brought them a gift of love.

"We're putting everything in (the notebook), so when they're older, they'll know everything about where they came from," said Ben Disney.

"Every once in a while, you look at them and remember where they came from and what you went through to get them," he said. "I don't want to hurry them, but I want to see them grow up and see how they turn out."

The Disneys, who live in Dublin 75 miles southwest of Fort Worth, welcome a home filled with active tots.

"I used to say, 'Maybe we'll have a baby next Christmas,'" Mrs. Disney said. "This is what I get for wishing for babies," she said, laughing as Cameron and Laura squabbled over a book.

The Disneys traveled to Romania four months ago to adopt the babies, who were among thousands mired in orphanages there.

The Disneys, both 33, had been trying to adopt locally but changed their minds after they saw a report on ABC's "20-20" earlier this year on the horrendous conditions many of the orphans lived

in. The couple arrived Aug. 24 in Romania, bringing donated medical supplies and the hope of adopting two babies. They combed understaffed orphanages outside Bucharest, where babies lay in cribs most of the day with little attention.

After wading through the bureaucratic red tape, the Disneys were able to adopt Cameron and Laura, who are thriving under the solicitous care of the couple.

Disney, minister of First United Methodist Church of Dublin, and his wife have written a booklet to help other couples seeking to adopt Romanian children.

Disney, who is on a committee of the United Methodist Church conference that sponsors immigrations, also is trying to find a way to secure visas for the Romanian couple that helped them through the adoption process.

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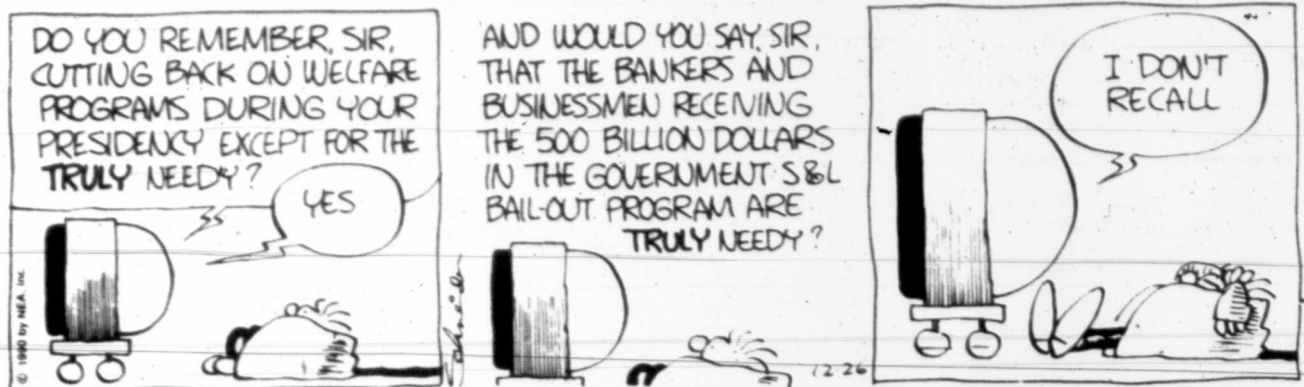
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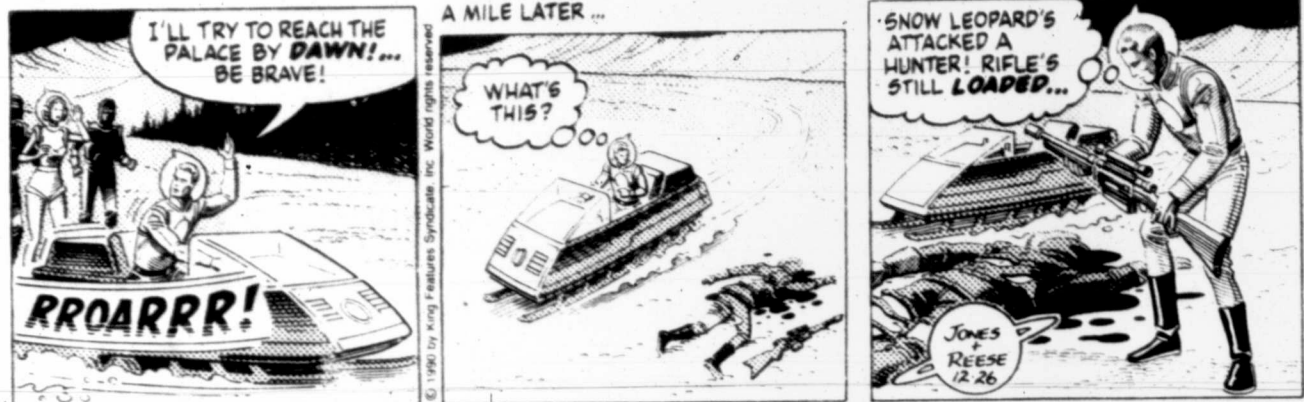


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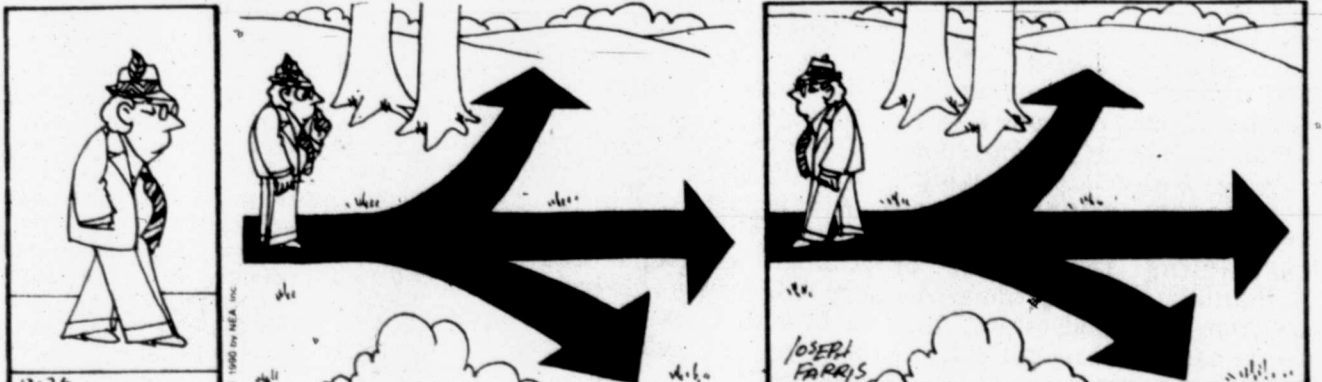
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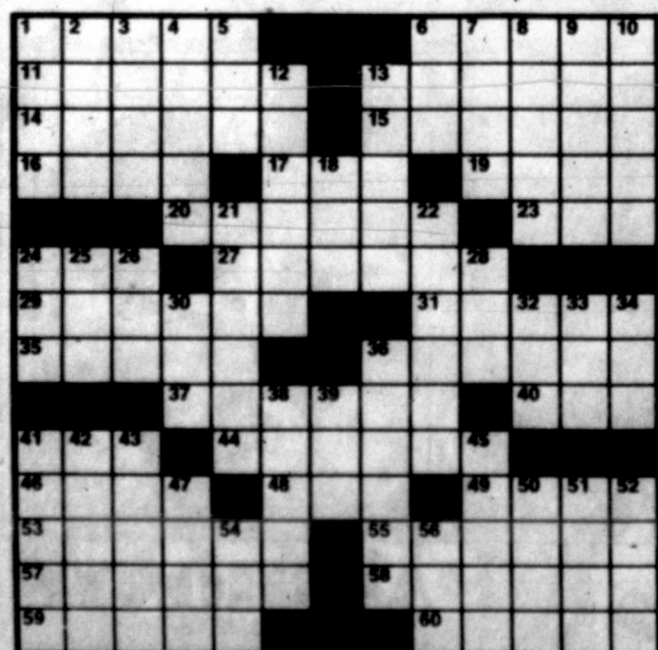
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Dallas sports stars plagued by injuries

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas sports fans this year have learned just how strongly a team's fortunes rise and fall with their premier players.

Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan, Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley and Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman have been taken out with injuries while playing at a level destined to take their teams to the top.

Aikman's season-ending shoulder injury in Sunday's 17-3 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles came on the heels of a four-game winning streak.

Backup quarterback Babe Laufenberg, who relieved Aikman and went 13-for-36 with four interceptions, is now the Cowboys' hope for their first post-season appearance since 1985.

Laufenberg faces the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday with just three passes in three seasons under his belt before his Philly performance.

His backup at Atlanta, and in the playoffs should they win, will be Cliff Stoudt, a 35-year-old 12th-year pro the Cowboys signed Monday. Stoudt has played little in the NFL since a stint in the USFL in 1984-85.

Aikman, the sixth quarterback injured by the Eagles this year, faces probable surgery in Los Angeles this week. Dr. Frank Jobe will examine Aikman and determine if an operation is necessary to repair torn ligaments in his shoulder and remove bone chips from his right elbow.

Before being knocked out by Eagles defensive end Clyde Simmons, Aikman had led the Cowboys from a 1-15 season a year ago to a 7-7 mark.

"Losing Troy is a big setback for us," Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson said. "But fortunately, it's not career-threatening, and we fully anticipate that Troy will recover quickly and be back to take snaps the first day of spring drills."

"He'll pick up right where he left off, I have no doubt about that."

Aikman's sidelining continues a trend for Dallas sports superstars.

In November, the Mavericks lost forward Roy Tarpley for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. It was the first of a rash of injuries that already have Mavs fans talking about next year and the crop in the NBA lottery.

The Mavericks were picked as pre-season favorites to win the

Western Conference title after they added All-Star veterans Pat Lever and Rodney McGray to the lineup with a newly-motivated Tarpley.

Lever, the team's lead reserve guard, also required knee surgery and was reactivated Monday. He won't see action until January.

But it was the loss of Tarpley that hurt the Mavericks the most. In five games, Tarpley averaged 20.4 points and 11 rebounds, even while playing about 20 pounds overweight.

The Mavericks were off to their best start since 1982-83 at 4-1 when it came crashing down in a 111-99 victory over Orlando. Tarpley's right kneecap slipped out of place when he landed after making a shot on a fastbreak.

Arthroscopic surgery revealed a tear of the anterior cruciate ligament and Tarpley could see playing time in May at the soonest, providing the Mavericks make the playoffs.

"This is just devastating," Dallas coach Richie Adubato said at the time. "I'm shocked. The kind of great basketball he was playing, we were going to go places."

The Mavericks have stumbled to a 9-14 mark. Even the Rangers had to sweat it out this year when they feared all those fastballs had finally caught up with the 44-year-old Ryan. A stiff back sent Ryan to the disabled list from May 18-June 5. Even when he returned, he experienced pain with each pitch. He also suffered all season from a tightening hamstring and a strained achilles tendon.

But on June 11, Ryan threw his record sixth no-hitter, beating the Athletics in Oakland. The next day he learned a stress fracture in his lower back had been causing the discomfort.

And on July 31, he beat the Milwaukee Brewers for his 300th career victory. He finished 13-8, but could have done better. His bullpen lost six leads for him after the All-Star break.

"All in all, I'd have to say this was one of my better years," Ryan said. "The no-hitter, No. 300. But it was also one of the more painful."

"This could have been my best year. But that's the way it is in baseball, in any sport, you risk injury. And when your main guys are hurt, you just hope the rest can pull together and go on without you. All you can do is root them on."

Dallas is getting used to that.

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Thursday, Dec. 27

Basketball
Snyder Tigers at Canyon Tournament. Times and opponents TBA.
Snyder Lady Tigers at Slaton Tournament. Times and opponents TBA.

Friday, Dec. 28

Basketball
Snyder Tigers at Canyon Tournament. Times and opponents TBA.
Snyder Lady Tigers at Slaton Tournament. Times and opponents TBA.

Saturday, Dec. 29

Basketball
Snyder Tigers at Canyon Tournament. Times and opponents TBA.
Snyder Lady Tigers at Slaton Tournament. Times and opponents TBA.

Syracuse tramples UA, 28-0, in Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — The sun arrived late for the Aloha Bowl. In some ways, Arizona never did show up.

On a soggy Christmas Day in Hawaii, Syracuse won 28-0 by shutting down the Wildcats' offense, mounting long drives and taking advantage of defensive lapses.

Marvin Graves passed for two touchdowns and rushed for two more for Syracuse (7-4-2). He was named most valuable player for the Orangemen.

"I can't say enough for the football players because a shutout is

a tough thing to get in this day and age of high-powered offenses," Syracuse coach Dick MacPherson said.

And getting a shutout against Arizona has proven especially tough. The Wildcats had scored in 214 consecutive games since a 31-0 loss to Arizona State on Nov. 27, 1971. It was the second-longest scoring streak in the nation behind UCLA's 227 in a row.

Arizona (7-5) didn't move the ball beyond the Syracuse 28-yard line.

"It's not one of the better Christmases I've had," Arizona coach Dick Tomey said. "It was a terrible performance."

Syracuse kept almost constant pressure on Arizona quarterbacks Ronald Veal and George Malauulu, sacking them four times, and the Wildcats were unable to sustain any drives.

"Momentum-wise, they shut the door on us," Tomey said. Syracuse held Arizona to 226 yards total offense, including just 77 yards passing.

Graves, a redshirt freshman, completed 10 of 19 passes for 145 yards and was intercepted once. He rushed 11 times for 45 yards.

The young quarterback said the win took some of the sting out of a 33-7 loss to Miami in Syracuse's final regular-season game.

"Coming out of the loss to Miami, I think a lot of us were embarrassed, so we wanted to prove something," Graves said.

He scored on a 5-yard quarterback draw on Syracuse's first possession. In the second quarter, Graves found a wide-open Terry Richardson on a 47-yard touchdown pass as Syracuse took a 14-0 halftime lead.

Arizona drove into Syracuse territory three times in the third quarter, but came up empty.

Syracuse put the game out of reach with fourth-quarter touchdown drives of 90 and 49 yards.

Graves capped the first by connecting with Chris Gedney, who bulled into the left side of the end zone to complete a 6-yard touchdown.

Graves ran a quarterback option in from five yards out for Syracuse's final score.

OU standouts pace Blue in holiday tilt

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Probation prevented Oklahoma from playing in a bowl game, but it didn't keep four Sooners from grabbing some postseason attention.

Scott Evans made a key interception to halt one drive and teammate Frank Blevins stopped another with a goal-line tackle as the Blue team held on for a 17-14 victory Tuesday in the 53rd annual Blue-Gray college all-star game.

Evans, a defensive lineman at Oklahoma, was named the Blue's most valuable player, adding two sacks to his interception.

Blevins, a Sooners linebacker, stopped Houston's Chuck Weatherspoon on fourth-and-goal at the 1 and finished with six tackles, tied for the team lead with yet another Oklahoma player, lineman Tom Backes, who also recovered a fumble. The fourth Oklahoma defensive player, lineman James Goode, chipped in with five tackles.

"We weren't going to a bowl, so we wanted to prove ourselves," Evans said. "We wanted to show people around here that we have some players at Oklahoma. I think we did that."

The final totals for the Oklahoma contingent: 20 tackles, two quarterback sacks, an in-

terception and a fumble recovery.

Oklahoma State's Cary Blanchard broke a 14-14 tie midway through the fourth quarter with a 25-yard field goal. But the Gray's downfall was a lack of production deep in Blue territory and a failure to capitalize on six Blue turnovers.

Five times the Gray had a first down inside the Blue 15. Only once did it come away with points.

In the first quarter, the Gray had a first-and-goal at the 7. Three plays gained six yards, and then the 230-pound Weatherspoon was thrown for a 1-yard loss by Blevins on fourth down.

"We guessed that they were going to try to run up the middle," said Blevins, who weighs 225. "It was clogged up and I happened to be there ... I was surprised we stopped him. He's a load."

In the fourth quarter, after rallying from a 14-0 deficit only to fall behind on Blanchard's field goal, the Gray wasted two more chances to win.

On a first down from the Blue 11, a screen pass by Scott Zolak of Maryland was intercepted by Evans with 6:25 remaining.

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	22	4	.846	—
Philadelphia	18	8	.692	4
New York	12	14	.460	9 1/2
New Jersey	10	15	.400	11 1/2
Washington	10	15	.400	11 1/2
Miami	6	19	.240	15 1/2

Central Division
Milwaukee
Chicago
Detroit
Atlanta
Cleveland
Indiana
Charlotte

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	18	8	.692	—
Chicago	18	9	.667	1/2
Detroit	16	11	.593	2 1/2
Atlanta	12	13	.481	5 1/2
Cleveland	11	16	.407	7 1/2
Indiana	10	17	.370	8 1/2
Charlotte	8	16	.333	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	17	6	.739	—
Utah	17	10	.630	2
Houston	15	11	.577	3 1/2
Dallas	9	14	.391	8
Minnesota	7	18	.286	11
Denver	5	20	.200	13
Orlando	5	22	.185	14

Pacific Division
Portland
LA Lakers
Phoenix
Golden State
Seattle
LA Clippers
Sacramento

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	24	3	.889	—
LA Lakers	15	9	.625	7 1/2
Phoenix	15	9	.625	7 1/2
Golden State	10	10	.500	8
Seattle	10	13	.435	12
LA Clippers	11	15	.423	12 1/2
Sacramento	6	18	.250	16 1/2

Tuesday's Game
Chicago 96, Detroit 86

Wednesday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.

Golden State at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	13	2	0	.867	414	234
y-Miami	11	4	0	.733	313	225
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	264	330
N.Y. Jets	5	10	0	.333	279	331
New England	1	14	0	.067	171	433

Central
Pittsburgh
Cincinnati
Houston
Cleveland

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-LA Raiders	11	4	0	.733	320	256
y-Kansas City	10	5	0	.667	348	247
Seattle	8	7	0	.533	276	276
San Diego	6	9	0	.400	303	264
Denver	4	11	0	.267	309	361

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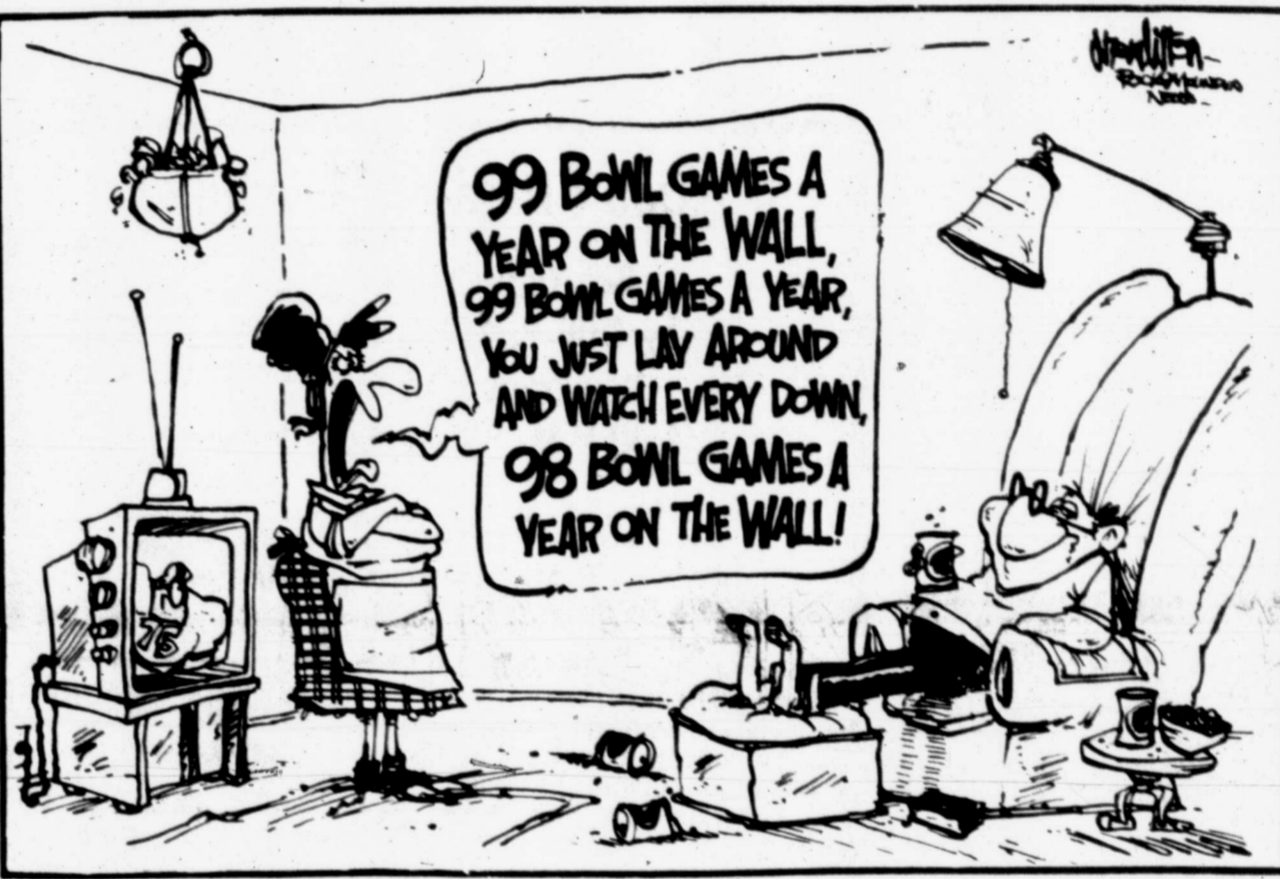
Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	12	3	0	.800	322	201
y-Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	373	278
y-Washington	9	6	0	.600	352	287
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	237	282
Phoenix	5	10	0	.333	237	373

Central
x-Chicago
Tampa Bay
Green Bay
Detroit
Minnesota

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	333	222
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	254	258
LA Rams	5	10	0	.333	328	393
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	322	358

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth
Saturday, Dec. 29
Kansas City at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30
Buffalo at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at New England, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Denver, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 31
Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
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Bulls notch win over Detroit

CHICAGO (AP) — The alibi sounded familiar, even if the guy who got caught using it did not.

"Credit them with good, aggressive defense," Detroit coach Chuck Daly said Tuesday after Michael Jordan, celebrating the birth of his second son, scored 37 points as the Chicago Bulls held off Isiah Thomas and the slumping Pistons 98-86.

"We just couldn't score in the second half. Thirty-six points just isn't enough to win in this building. They double-teamed Isiah," he added, "and we didn't adjust."

Substitute the name "Michael" for "Isiah" in the alibi above and you have, almost word for word, the kind of postgame speeches Chicago coach Phil Jackson, his players and his predecessors have been stuck making for three seasons now.

So how happy were the Bulls to do the whipping instead of getting whipped?

"This is probably the biggest Christmas present I have ever had," the Bulls' Horace Grant said.

Still, it was hardly overstatement when he added a moment later, "It was a big present for the team, also. It helped us out psychologically."

The Christmas Day meeting was the second this season in a white-hot rivalry that has become one of the NBA's most closely watched, if not competitive, over the last three seasons. The Pistons, who reached the NBA finals in the first of those seasons and followed with consecutive championships, beat the Bulls in each of the last two Eastern Conference finals.

They held a 15-3 advantage in regular-season games coming in to this year, including five straight and 10 of 11. And on top of that, Detroit ended its worst skid since 1985 by hammering the Bulls 105-84 at home last week in their only previous meeting this season.

John Paxson took advantage of Detroit's double- and triple-team defensive schemes against Jordan to contribute 15 points, and Pippen finished with 14. Grant, who lost his starting role to Stacey King for the first time this season, had eight before he was ejected.

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Christmas cheer and charity mark 1990 celebration

By The Associated Press

Thousands of the poor, sick, homeless and hungry were showered with gifts, food and shelter — at least for one day — as millions of Americans put aside worries of war and recession to enjoy a Christmas Day of peace and giving.

Volunteers across the nation served up holiday dinners, sang gospel songs and even tested the blood pressure of the downtrodden, while families of servicemen in the Persian Gulf prayed for their loved ones' safe return.

"Most people at this time of year are selfish in one way or another," said Iqbal Emamudeen, one of about 135 volunteers who handed out turkey dinners to the hungry in Newark, N.J.

"You have to liberate yourself spiritually, emotionally and mentally," Emamudeen said. "I cannot change the world, but I know for a fact that I can make a difference."

In New York City, Mayor David Dinkins was among those serving dinners to the homeless, while the city's Meals on Wheels program brought food to some 6,000 elderly people too frail to go out.

Boston officials opened City Hall to the elderly, newly arrived immigrants and others who might otherwise spend Christmas alone.

"This really means a lot for our first Christmas in America," Phuong Ngo, a recent immigrant from Vietnam, said as he sat down for a turkey dinner.

In Atlanta, 5,000 volunteers dished out 47,000 dinners to the hungry and homeless at the Georgia World Congress Center. Volunteers also provided free haircuts and blood pressure tests as gospel singers performed.

"There's no program in this city that brings us together as a family — black, white, rich, poor — in this city than this dinner," said veteran civil rights activist

Hosea Williams who has organized the event for 20 years.

San Francisco's Glide Memorial Church handed out about 6,000 turkey dinners to the homeless, while 50 miles south in Los Gatos, 17 families of soldiers prayed for their loved ones' safe return.

In New York City, Cardinal John O'Connor prayed for peace, and in Washington, D.C., political activist Dick Gregory demonstrated in front of the White House for a peaceful resolution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Soul singer James Brown, serving a six-year prison term for assault, used part of his 72-hour Christmas furlough to perform for 4,000 soldiers at Fort Jackson, S.C. The soldiers' holiday leave was canceled because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

But Tuesday was also a day for old-fashioned fun as millions tried out new toys left under the Christmas tree, partied or took part in their own special holiday traditions.

In Lincoln, Neb., Barb Klimet's two children got up early to see which of the family's 12 Christmas trees Santa left the presents under.

"Christmas is always a neat time," Klimet said. "The lights were always a fantasy for me. This thing has just kind of mushroomed for us."

The lights were also bright at the casinos in Atlantic City, N.J., where hordes of gamblers were hoping for a holiday visit from lady luck. They appeared to be boosting the fortunes of embattled entrepreneur Donald Trump, who operated three casinos there.

"I'm sort of amazed we're as busy as we are," said Ed Tracy, president and chief executive for Trump's Atlantic City operations. "Maybe people are celebrating that we're not at war."

Angry mayor ready to take on ACE over flooding woes

SPRING CITY, Tenn. (AP) — For Mayor John Landreth, the fourth flood in 18 months really took the cake. His 50th anniversary cake.

"When we opened (the banquet hall) up on Sunday, there was a foot of water and the cake was floating on the floor," said his wife, Mildred.

In addition to ruining the party at the Legion Hall, the flood on Piney Creek caused \$500,000 in damage and forced more than 160 people from their homes.

Now Landreth is ready to take on the Army Corps of Engineers.

"We don't need another study," the mayor said Tuesday. "We need the damn creek fixed. Take what money would be spent on the studies and get in there and do some corrective work."

The creek has been studied by the Corps since 1957, when floods "almost wiped the town out," Landreth said. He witnessed his first flood in Spring City, 60 miles north of Chattanooga, in 1921 at age 6.

The Corps last year offered to do a free 18-month preliminary study, a comprehensive two-year study and finally another 18-month feasibility study on how to stop Piney Creek from flooding.

During a three-week period starting in June 1989, the creek flooded three times and caused up to \$225,000 damage. Over the weekend, more than three inches of rain pushed the creek over its banks and flooded the town of 2,250.

"We know what needs to be done. We don't need somebody in Washington or Nashville sitting behind a desk looking at it on paper and telling us what needs to be done," the mayor said.

"But we didn't qualify for federal disaster assistance last time. We got no federal help and very little state assistance."

The creek drains a 20,000-acre watershed and winds downstream with two sharp bends near city limits. Straightening the curves would be the quickest and easiest solution to the flooding problem, Landreth said.

The Army Corps of Engineers

was unavailable for comment because of the Christmas holiday. The Corps has jurisdiction over flood control on many national waterways.

Landreth said a group of businessmen and a city crew cleared another problem creek, Town Creek, last spring without a permit. The creek stayed within its banks over the weekend.

A businessman wanted to clear out the bends in Piney Creek last spring and was encouraged to do the work out of sight, the mayor said. But the man was reported to the Corps, which halted the work, he said.

The mayor met Monday with a representative from Gov. Ned McWherter's office.

"If we can't get some cooperation from the Corps this time — and I'm going to ask the governor to intercede for us — we are just going to get in there and do it anyway and work on it until we get stopped and hauled to jail," Landreth said.

"We can't just keep sitting here, waiting for the next flood."

Hamilton almost lost out on part

NEW YORK (AP) — George Hamilton, who hasn't had a role in a feature film since 1981, almost didn't end up in "The Godfather, Part III."

Hamilton, 51, plays a WASP lawyer who sets up a deal for the Corleone family with the Vatican Bank.

Hamilton said in the January issue of Vanity Fair that his agent at first turned down the role because he had been told it would be a cameo.

"You did what?" he recalled telling his agent. "We're talking about 'The Godfather' here."

Finally Hamilton called director Francis Ford Coppola in Italy and Coppola assured him that he still wanted the actor.

"I said, 'Francis, you're telling me that you will work with me to make it good. That's all I need.' And I jumped on a plane and went to Rome," Hamilton said.

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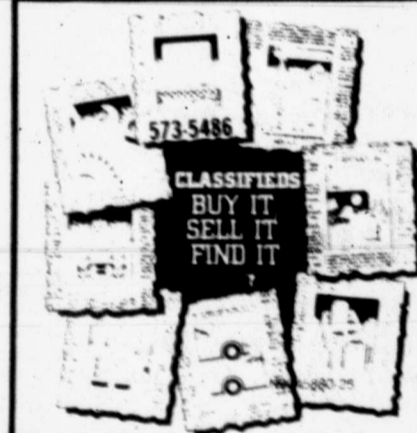
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Hope's tour kept quiet to avoid propaganda

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — The Pentagon has banned the news media from covering the Bob Hope tour and toned down the show to avoid offending the Saudis and prevent the Iraqis from using the visit as propaganda fodder.

Hope was to take his show to the Marines in the northern Saudi desert today, wrapping up a three-day tour.

The 87-year-old comedian, whose tours for U.S. forces over the past 50 years have included such sirens as Joey Heatherton and Brooke Shields, lamented on Tuesday that he had to leave behind Marie Osmond and the Pointer Sisters.

The Saudis prohibit female performers. Hope joked about having to do an all-male show, with only his wife, Dolores, to sing "White Christmas" as a finale.

The comedian also told a news conference Tuesday that he eliminated "a lot of jokes" so as not to offend the rulers of this Moslem desert kingdom.

"I know exactly what they're doing. The king's running the place. They have their religion and their beliefs and you have to kind of abide by it," he said. "What bothers me is they don't want any entertainment and they still invited me."

Hope is not the first entertainer to be restricted during Operation Desert Shield. Comedian Steve Martin's visit in October was kept low-key and Ms. Shields reportedly was asked not to come.

Most women in the country appear in public completely veiled and the sexes are not supposed to mingle outside private homes.

The U.S. Central Command said in a statement

Tuesday that it restricted coverage of Hope's three-day tour for security reasons and because media coverage "however well-intentioned, has a very great likelihood of being exploited by the Iraqis for propaganda purposes."

The Iraqi government has attempted to stir up Moslem fundamentalist opposition to the presence of Western culture in Saudi Arabia, home to Islam's holiest sites.

The U.S. military has been at pains not to offend sensibilities in this Moslem kingdom — where all other religions are banned.

Hope said he made seven stops on Christmas Eve, including a show for 7,000 troops in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Among those in the audience at the Riyadh show were Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of

U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, and his deputy, Lt. Gen. Calvin Waller.

Waller made headlines last week when he said U.S. combat units won't be ready for war with Iraq by the U.N.-imposed Jan. 15 deadline for Iraqi troops to pull out of Kuwait or face possible attack.

Hope said he got "a lot of laughs" when he told the troops that President Bush called Waller and said: "From now on, you'll be known by your first name" — an allusion to Saddam Hussein, who is also commonly known by his first name.

Any jokes about Saddam?

"I've been working on Hussein a hell of a lot," Hope said. "Saddam, he thinks he's Saddam Santa Claus now. Saddam Claus, that's his new nickname now. And you know what Saddam is spelled backwards — Mad Ass."

Police officers play Santa after Grinch robs family's home

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Police didn't catch the Grinch, so they played Santa instead.

Christmas Day dawned dark and awful for Neona and Dan Calovich when they returned from her parents' home to find a thief had kicked in a door to their house.

The home was ransacked. Thieves even took gifts placed under the Christmas tree for the couple's two young sons.

But then officers, dispatchers, jailers and other police employees arrived bearing gifts.

"It has been a very emotion-filled day, a most overwhelmingly happy Christmas," Mrs. Calovich said.

Officer David Gilgour, who had taken the family's burglary report, thought of the couple's sons, ages 3 and 18 months, and of his own 4-year-old boy.

"I know how hurt he'd be without any presents," Gilgour said. "And how I would feel myself if I couldn't provide a Christmas for him."

Gilgour radioed police dispatcher Jane Smitka and suggested the department help the family. By the time he returned to the station, teddy bears, toy trucks and cars, turkeys, cash and other gifts were pouring in.

"The stuff came from their individual homes," police Capt. Don Huntsinger said. "In some cases, I suspect, from their own Christmases."

Police investigating holiday burglary

Snyder police investigated a report of criminal mischief, several theft cases, two reports of assault and the burglary of a downtown merchant during the Christmas holiday beginning Sunday.

Police were called to Thompson's Shoes on the east side of the square at 11:05 a.m. Tuesday where a front window had been broken out and an undetermined amount of merchandise was taken. According to police, the burglary occurred in the early hours of Christmas morning.

At 9:13 a.m. Monday, Kathy Block of 105 Browning told police that damage had been done to a side mirror on her vehicle while parked in the 100 block of Browning. A report for criminal mischief Class B was filed.

Pam Alarcon of Eastridge Apartments advised an officer at 1:46 p.m. that a radar detector had been stolen from her vehicle. A report for theft Class B was filed.

At 2:45 p.m., a report for Class

A theft was filed after Walt Baize of L&L said that an undetermined amount of cash was missing from the business.

At 10:35 p.m., police were called to the 1400 block of 7th St. where a woman said she had been assaulted by her husband. A report for assault Class A was filed.

The day's single arrest came at 10:58 p.m. in the 500 block of 34th St. A 33-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to Scurry County Jail.

Police were called to Kmart at 2:54 p.m. Sunday where they took two females, both 23-year-old, into custody and charged them with theft Class B.

A 28-year-old male was taken into custody on DPS warrants for a seatbelt violation and failure to appear at 7:20 p.m. at Varsity Square Shopping Center.

Police were called to a residence in the 3700 block of Muriel where a woman said she was being threatened by her intoxicated husband. Police arrived and were advised that all would be in order. Officers were called back to the residence at

Four accidents reported to police

Four motor vehicle accidents were worked by Snyder police over the Christmas holiday period, beginning Sunday.

At 10:58 a.m. Monday, police were called to a minor accident in the 3600 block of College Ave. Involved were a 1988 Toyota driven by Ronny Lindsey of 3410 Ave. V and a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Alvin Orr of 3616 44th St.

An accident in which both vehicles had to be towed from the scene was reported at 2:24 p.m. in the 2400 block of 30th St. A 1984 Volkswagen driven by Robert Patterson of 2803 El Paso was in collision with 1982 Chevrolet driven by Doris Beard of 2200 45th St. No injuries were reported.

The day's third accident occurred at 8:49 p.m. in the 200 block of 20th Pl. A parked 1985 Plymouth owned by Ricky Hammitt of 124 20th Pl. was struck by a 1983 Chevrolet pickup driven by Fred Garcia of 126 20th Pl. Damage was reported as minor.

A single traffic mishap was recorded Sunday. Police worked a minor accident in the parking lot of Kingswood Apartments. Involved were a 1978 Chevrolet pickup driven by Dan Hicks of 4500 Denison and a parked 1982 Ford owned by Marie Contreras of Abilene.

DWI arrest made

A Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 23-year-old male for driving while intoxicated at 6:11 p.m. Tuesday at U.S. Hwy. 84 and FM 1673. The subject was taken to Scurry County Jail.

Eccentric woman's family still battling over her will

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A woman who allowed her goats and other animals to run through her dilapidated house as a ruse to would-be thieves started a legal battle when she excluded her family from her inheritance.

This month, Probate Judge Robert Burnett ruled valid a will left almost four years ago by Frances Corinne Holiman, dubbed the Goat Lady by kids because of her roaming animals.

Ms. Holiman left her fortune to two friends, a mail carrier and two hospitals, and expressly excluded her family from the inheritance after she fell on her porch and died from natural causes almost four years ago.

The 80-year-old woman's actions sparked a fight by her family for her estate that includes 50 acres of prime real estate near the proposed Highway 360 extension in Arlington, a Dallas suburb.

Relatives were outraged at the exclusion Ms. Holiman said was "due to dealings I have had in the past several years." The family disputes the authenticity of Ms. Holiman's signature on the document that wasn't notarized, and said they will appeal Burnett's ruling.

"We were not disowned and this is not over," said her sister, Nell Holiman Haynes, from her home in Wisconsin. "We were in contact with her over the years and the land should stay in the family."

The two witnesses who signed the will have not been found, prompting Ms. Holiman's family to claim the witnesses don't exist. But Burnett ruled that there is no evidence disproving the existence of the witnesses, James and Karen Harrison.

The heirs named in the will,

which was found three days after Ms. Holiman's death, are: Lavena Walter, Ms. Holiman's former mail carrier; Ms. Holiman's friends, Oleta Perry and Joe Warren; and Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center and Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

Ms. Walter was named executor of the will and received \$10,000 in cash.

Warren, 74, on Monday told the Dallas Times Herald that he took

Former king is deported hours after his return

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The government early today deported Romania's former monarch, King Michael, less than 12 hours after he arrived on a surprise visit, his first since being exiled by Communist rulers 43 years ago.

The 69-year-old former king returned to his homeland exactly a year after the execution of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in a popular revolution, apparently securing a visa upon arrival.

The National Salvation Front that took power during the revolution and won subsequent elections had previously refused to grant Michael a visa.

After Ceausescu was overthrown, Michael had announced himself ready to return to Romania from exile in Switzerland as head of a constitutional monarchy "if my people want me to come back."

No invitation was extended. In June, he accused it of leading the country back toward Communist dictatorship.

At the airport before departing for Switzerland on a government-owned plane this morning, Michael termed his expulsion "a rather sorry state of affairs." The government, already facing mounting strikes and protests by an opposition that accuses it of being a Communist regime in disguise, apparently feared the unannounced visit might stir up unrest.

Michael arrived on Tuesday night at Bucharest's Otopeni airport, flying in on his private plane from Switzerland.

The former king, who is of the house of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, ruled Romania twice for short periods.

He first succeeded his grandfather Ferdinand in 1927 as Michael I, after his father, Carol, was excluded from the succession.

care of Ms. Holiman's animals for about 30 years and performed odd jobs around her house.

"I fed the animals, doctored the cows and just took care of things," said Warren, who lives about three miles west of the estate. "I fixed her fences and nailed up her windows and never charged her a dime. She was a friend who never bothered anyone."

Ms. Holiman bequeathed Warren "all livestock I possess, including chickens, kittens and dogs."

She left the 50 acres of farmland along Mansfield Webb Road in the proposed highway extension (valued at \$650,000) to Perry and the hospitals.

53 bales lost in Dunn Gin fire

A cotton fire at the Dunn Gin kept Snyder firefighters busy Christmas Eve morning.

Units of Snyder Fire Department were dispatched to the gin at 4:54 a.m. Monday. Firemen battled the blaze, which destroyed 53 bales of cotton, for six hours.

Cause of the fire is still undetermined.

At 5:19 p.m. Tuesday, firemen responded to a fire call three miles of east of town where they found a vehicle belonging to Jimmy Gaddis on fire. Firemen extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

Taxpayers

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 ISD- \$238,664; County- \$83,005; Colleague- \$46,938; City- \$105.
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Obituaries

Ethel Graham

1906-1990
 WINTERS — Services are pending at Winters Funeral Home for Mrs. Lester (Ethel) Graham, 84, of Winters.

She passed away Dec. 24 at the Winters Hospital.

Survivors include a niece, Pauline Proctor, and an aunt, Mrs. Blanche Murry, both of Snyder; and several other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Winters Funeral Home.

9:17 p.m. by the woman who said she had been assaulted. Her 61-year-old husband was taken into custody for assault Class A.

Nancy Cruzan, woman at center of right-to-die case, dies at age 33

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP) — Nancy Cruzan, an auto crash victim who lay severely brain-damaged for years while a landmark right-to-die battle was waged around her, died today, 12 days after her feeding tube was removed.

Ms. Cruzan, 33, died at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center about 3 a.m., said hospital spokeswoman Barbara Shoun.

"Knowing Nancy as only a family can, there remains no question that we made the choice she would want," her parents, Joe and Joyce Cruzan, said in a statement read by Don Lamkins, the center's director. "Nancy, we will always love you and hold your memory in our hearts."

The tube that had sustained Ms. Cruzan for eight years in what doctors described as an irreversible vegetative state had been removed at the Cruzans' request after a three-year legal battle that produced the U.S. Supreme Court's first right-to-die ruling.

Ms. Cruzan's condition had deteriorated rapidly Tuesday, dropping from deteriorating to serious to critical, Miss Shoun said.

In its 5-4 decision in June, the Supreme Court blocked the Cruzans from withholding food and water from their daughter in the absence of "clear and convincing" evidence she would have wanted to die.

After former co-workers of Ms. Cruzan's testified they recalled her saying she would never want

to live "like a vegetable," a state judge ruled such evidence existed, and he gave permission Dec. 14 to remove the tube.

Doctors had said the death would be painless.

"She remained peaceful throughout and showed no sign of discomfort or distress in any way," Lamkins said at a late-morning news conference today.

About 10 anti-euthanasia demonstrators had camped out outside the hospital overnight. They packed up their belongings early this morning and prepared to leave after a prayer session.

"It's a shame that as a society we have no more compassion for the helpless than to starve them when they become useless to us," said the Rev. Joseph Foreman, a Presbyterian minister and one of the protest leaders.

"There were hundreds of bona fide offers to care for her, and they were rejected in favor of starving her to death," he said. "She was not given the legal protection that a criminal would have."

A spokesman for the Society for the Right To Die said the ramifications of the Cruzan case would be far-reaching.

"They (Supreme Court judges) found that there is a constitutional basis for the right to refuse treatment," said Doron Weber, the society's spokeswoman said in a telephone interview from New York.

"We feel that Nancy Cruzan has made legal history. (But) her dying is an entirely private matter."

IRS forms due out

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emption for a couple increases to \$5,450, up from \$5,200 last year.

Families with income as high as \$20,264 may qualify for an earned-income credit, up from a limit of \$19,340 last year. The maximum credit available is \$953.

The basic tax rates remain the same at 15 percent, 28 percent and 33 percent, but the tax brackets have been widened so that more income will be taxed at a lower rate, thus compensating for the effects of inflation.

Only 10 percent of interest paid on credit card debt, auto loans and other personal debt will be deductible on 1990 returns, down from 20 percent last year.

The IRS said it expects 113 million returns will be filed this year and that 70 percent of all taxpayers will get refunds. The average refund last year was \$900.

Two-thirds of all taxpayers are expected to file the long Form 1040, which is used by persons who itemize deductions. The other one-third will use either the simpler Form 1040A or the nine-line, Form 1040EZ.

In an effort to encourage use of the shorter forms, which are easier to process, the IRS made an important change to the Form 1040A this year which will allow 4.5 million elderly persons to use it to report retirement income they previously could report only on the longer 1040.

These taxpayers will receive the shorter form with an explanation of the change.

The IRS is again encouraging people eager for their refund checks to use an electronic filing service. The fee normally ranges from \$25 to \$50 but it usually means a refund check will be mailed out in two weeks to three weeks, versus the five weeks to six weeks it takes to process a refund from a paper return.

People who need tax forms other than those included in their package can call a new IRS toll-free telephone number, 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3876).

'Fad' diagnosis questioned

CHICAGO (AP) — People who think the modern, chemical-saturated environment is making them sick may simply be suffering mental problems, a University of Iowa research group says. Critics called their study naive and sloppy.

Patients diagnosed with the syndrome known as environmental illness often get sick after exposure to everyday items like processed foods, newsprint, gasoline and clothing. Belief in the condition, also

called multiple-chemical sensitivity, varies in the medical community, with some doctors doubting its existence altogether.

"It's my belief that people diagnosed as having environmental illnesses in most cases do have something wrong: a garden variety emotional disorder," said Dr. Donald W. Black, who headed a study at the university's medical school published today in the Journal of the American Medicine Association.

New study says they may not work...

Teen suicide prevention programs analyzed

CHICAGO (AP) — School suicide-prevention programs for teenagers can do some youngsters more harm than good, researchers said today.

Columbia University researchers said they found little evidence that such programs reduced suicides or suicide attempts, according to a study in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"There was some evidence of unwanted effects" on teen-agers who have attempted suicide,

researchers from Columbia's medical school.

Discussing the topic openly often stirred up suicidal feelings, subjects of the study said. Of those who had tried to kill themselves before taking part in school counseling, 26.7 percent thought the programs increase the chances that youths will attempt suicide.

"Attempters exposed to programs were significantly less likely to recommend that the programs be presented to other

students and significantly more likely to indicate that talking about suicide makes some kids more likely to try to kill themselves," the study said.

"There is a clear need to evaluate such programs to determine their efficacy and safety."

The team, headed by David Shaffer, director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at the medical school, studied the impact of prevention programs on the attitudes of students in the ninth and 10th grades who said they had tried to commit suicide.

The researchers found that those teen-agers continued to believe suicide was a possible solution to their problems and that they would be less likely to seek help or discuss their feeling with peers who haven't tried to

kill themselves.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people 15 to 24 years old.

A psychiatrist not connected with the study said he was not surprised by the results.

"You can't just get kids not to commit suicide by just educating them about the problem and telling them where to get help," said Dr. Jan Fawcett, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and an authority on suicides.

"It's not an intellectual exercise. There's more to it than that."

The study evaluated the impact of school-based suicide prevention programs on 973 teen-agers, 63 of whom said they had tried to

kill themselves.

The students were divided into two groups, with 524 participating in prevention programs, including 35 suicide attempters. The 449 others — 28 of whom had tried to take their lives — did not participate in the programs, which were conducted by specially trained teachers.

The warning signs of young people at risk were described in the programs, some of which lasted as long as three hours. The programs were intended to raise awareness of teen-age suicides and recommended counseling among participants, who were surveyed about their attitudes before and after the programs.

Researchers also concluded that the attitudes of suicide attempters who did not participate

in the programs were not significantly more negative than those who did.

Fawcett said prevention programs should treat suicide like an illness, such as depression or stress, which can be treated with the help of friends, family and professionals.

The programs must be careful not to focus too heavily on suicide and should instead concentrate on the factors that often lead to it, he said.

"The problem is deromanticizing suicide," Fawcett said. "Kids are very suggestible. They see reports about suicide on television and may begin to see suicide as a way to end their troubles or make their parents feel bad. They may not have a concept of death as a final consequence."

Parishioners in last days of fight to save old church

CHICAGO (AP) — The faithful who gathered at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church hoped it wouldn't be the last Christmas celebrated in the deteriorating church, one of the few buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Parishioners need to raise \$125,000 more by New Year's Eve to save the 130-year-old Victorian Gothic church, said Dick Barry, a spokesman for the Holy Family Preservation Society.

"We're going to make our goal," the Rev. George Lane said Monday. "Our motto is 'Say prayers and send money.'"

Barry said parishioners would gather on the steps of the church this evening to begin a five-day rosary vigil led by Lane.

The Society of Jesus, which owns the church, has threatened to tear it down and sell the property unless the parish can raise \$1 million of a \$3 million repair bill by the deadline.

Construction on the church began in 1857. By 1860, it was the third-largest church in the United States. Its 226-foot bell tower was the tallest structure in Chicago and its stained glass windows were the first installed in the city.

When fire broke out in October

1871 and devastated the city, Holy Family, only five blocks from where the fire began, was unharmed. It was one of only five public buildings spared by the fire.

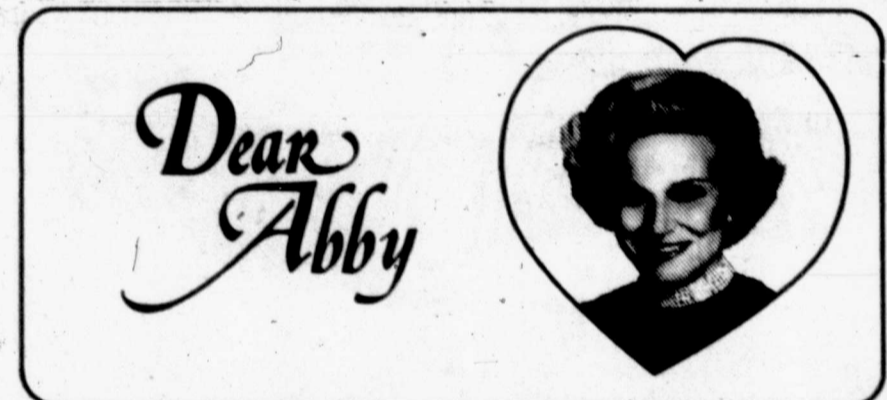
"The Rev. Arnold Damen, Jesuit founder of the parish, vowed that if the church was spared, seven lights would burn perpetually at the church's shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help," Lane said.

"The seven lights, now electrified, still burn in the church today, even though the main section of the building has been closed for six years."

The congregation has been using the side chapel since falling plaster made the main room unusable. But the main nave is still structurally sound and seats more than 1,200, so church officials would like to reopen it after repairs.

Barry said the church needs repairs to its slate roof and its copper sheeting, as well as work on its downspouts and interior plaster.

"The first \$1 million would go for that, and we'd use the rest for less urgent things, like renovating the interior and adding modern improvements," he said.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have a charming Australian boyfriend (I'll call him Aussie). We've been together for four years, but we have a few knotty problems. When Aussie was a foolish boy of 18, he married an Australian woman. Two years later, she ran off with another man. Aussie never bothered to get a divorce.

Three years later, Aussie moved to London where he became involved with a South American woman whose visa was about to expire, so he married her so she could stay in England. A year later, they separated, and Aussie figured he was already in such a mess, why bother with a divorce. So, he lost track of her, too.

Now 11 years after Aussie's first wife left him, she contacted his mother, saying she needs a divorce because she has met a fine Australian gentleman who wants to marry her. My Aussie is thrilled because he wants to wipe the slate clean so he can marry me!

My question is whether Aussie needs to obtain a divorce from wife No. 2 in England for our marriage to be recognized there — also, would it be recognized here in the United States?

What are the British laws on bigamy? Should Aussie go back to England and contact a lawyer? And could he be prosecuted there if he divorces his Australian wife and marries me?

CONFUSED IN NEW YORK

DEAR CONFUSED: I have a long-standing agreement with the American Bar Association. I promised not to practice law, and they have promised not to write an advice column.

However, this advice may help: Contact a lawyer in New York who is licensed to practice international law.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a terrible spot. Debby is my best friend. She is very much in love with a fellow I'll call Richard. Debby thinks Richard loves her, too. Well, maybe he does, but yesterday Richard called me up and asked me to go out with him. I told him no.

Now, here's where you come in, Abby. Should I tell Debby that Rich-

ard asked me out? Or should I let her keep on being in love with a rat like him? Answer in the paper, please, and sign this ...

YES OR NO

DEAR YES OR NO: I vote no. If Debby really loves Richard, nothing you say will change her feelings for him. If you tell Debby that Richard asked you out, she might be angry with you. (When some people get bad news, they blame the messenger.)

Rats like Richard eventually trap themselves. And when that happens, Debby will need a good friend, and you will be there for her.

DEAR ABBY: I live in Toronto, and I've been reading "Dear Abby" all my adult life. I trust your judgment. I just read that a Canadian jury has found the albums by a punk-rock group named Day Glo Abortions were not obscene.

One of the albums was titled "Feed Us a Fetus," and it was laced with four-letter words and described sex, satanism, bestiality, murder, rape and suicide.

Now, if that isn't obscene, I don't know what is, do you?

ANGERED IN CANADA

DEAR ANGERED: My Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines "obscene" as: "disgusting to the senses, repulsive, abhorrent to morality or virtue; designed to incite lust or depravity."

I do not know a more appropriate word to describe the above-mentioned album. I would be interested in knowing how the jury arrived at its conclusion.

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Companies work hard to fill orders

DALLAS (AP) — Several Texas companies that were in a "scale-back mode" less than six months ago from declining Defense Department business, are now scrambling to hire hundreds of people to fill emergency orders for Operation Desert Shield.

"This whole industry was in a scale-back mode because of the cuts. Now we are going to the other extreme," said Roy Terracino, president of San-Antonio-based Sterling Foods. "We have increased our employment dramatically. We are working six days a week."

Since the Persian Gulf crisis began Aug. 2, several Texas companies have snatched up millions of dollars in new U.S. military orders for everything from sand-confinement grids and repackaged bread loaves to gas protection suits.

The new business has boosted the economy in some Texas communities that had high unemployment and rescued some companies forced to lay off employees in the past.

—Sidran: The Dallas-based clothing manufacturer has a \$15.7 million order for protective suits, an order that led to 200 hires, said Roland Mizrahi, the company's chief operating officer.

He said Sidran has orders for 200,000 suits designed to protect soldiers from poisonous gas and could get orders from the Pentagon for 200,000 more.

"It has definitely helped our business," Mizrahi told the Dallas Times Herald. He estimated annual revenues will double to more than \$20 million.

Sidran's work force, reduced to 260 people from 470 employees in April, will be rebuilt to almost 500 by March when it reaches peak production for military contracts, Mizrahi said.

—AGH Industries: The

Richland Hills Company plans to almost double its work force to 56 people by mid-January when it starts delivering the first of 40,000 sand-confinement grids for Operation Desert Shield, vice president Hal McGlothing said.

"It's a new item that the U.S. Army has designed, and it has not been in production before," he said of the grids. A Nov. 16 \$5.5 million contract for the grids more than doubles the company's backlog of orders, McGlothing said.

The grids, sheets of plastic honeycomb, are used to confine desert sand and would be used to make temporary roads, landing pads or tent floors. In the future, the grids could have commercial applications to control soil erosion, McGlothing said.

—Right Away Food Corps.: The McAllen-based company expects to hire 200 to 250 more people under a \$36 million contract to produce 216,000 cases of sundries, including razor blades, pens and writing tablets, for troops.

Post-Christmas sales lure the bargain hunters

By The Associated Press

Shopkeepers across the country looked to bargain-hunting shoppers for relief today, traditionally one of the busiest shopping days of the year as hordes descend to returning gifts and comb aisles for after-Christmas deals.

Prospects for a reversal of the lackluster holiday shopping season were slight, with much of the country mired in economic recession, but buyers who take advantage of steep markdowns on Christmas cards, decorations and wrapping paper might help ease storekeepers' pain somewhat.



CHRISTMAS PROJECTS - Mrs. Cindy Rogers' third grade students at Hermleigh are wearing the Texas Tee Shirts they made recently. Banners which they made for Christmas gifts can be seen on the blackboard behind the students. Also, two students in the front row are holding two books created by classmates. Students pictured are, back row, left to right, Joey Garza, Pablo Alfaro, Andy Luna, Tracie

Chandler, Jami Simpkins, Trina Chandler and Tony Molina. Front row, from left, Tracey Luna, Crystal Jackson, Brandy Wood, Tifanie Moore, Charley Garcia, Jared Higgins, Joe Dan Davenport, April Digby, Kendra Dacus and Trey Roemisch. Not pictured are Rosalinda Rivera and Julie Torres. (SDN Staff Photo)

Suriname Army promises interim pre-election government

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — The army leaders who seized power over Christmas are promising elections in 100 days, but many Surinamese believe longtime military chief Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse is back in the saddle to stay.

In a radio address Tuesday, acting army chief Cmdr. Ivan Graanoogst said the army would set up an interim government that would administer the elections in this Georgia-sized nation on South America's northeastern coast.

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Have you ever heard of Candida syndrome? What causes it, and what is the treatment?

DEAR READER: Candida is a yeast that causes oral infection (thrush) in infants, vaginitis in women taking antibiotics and various skin infections in diabetics and persons with deficient immune systems.

A few years ago, the concept of a yeast syndrome, called chronic candidiasis, was popularized by several non-M.D. authors who believed that it caused chronic fatigue, depression and ill health. Candidiasis became a fad illness, a designer disease that toppled hypoglycemia as the affliction of the decade. (Candidiasis has subsequently been nudged out of first place by chronic Epstein-Barr virus infection.)

Candida infection does exist, but it is not a "hidden epidemic" and is not a syndrome causing fatigue and other symptoms, such as swollen glands and susceptibility to infection. Chronic fatigue syndrome is an elusive ailment of unknown cause.

Candidiasis is diagnosed by a fungus culture, and it is treated with nystatin (Mycostatin).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 73-year-old male diagnosed with lumbar stenosis. I'm in great pain and wonder if there is any recourse other than surgery for relief?

DEAR READER: Lumbar spinal stenosis means that a portion of the bony spinal column has narrowed and is pinching a nerve to your lower back and legs. The symptoms (buttock and

leg pain, numbness and tingling) resemble those of sciatica, a more common condition caused by a slipped or herniated disc between the backbones. Ordinarily, spinal stenosis and disc disease respond to rest, heat and analgesics.

However, in some patients, the narrowing is so severe that it causes weakness, such as foot drop (weakness of the foot). Such cases require surgery to repair the stenosis and release the nerves, which will function normally once the compression is removed.

Lumbar stenosis and other, similar back problems are diagnosed by MRI scans, which use electromagnetic radiation to produce a picture of the spine. Also, a myelogram (special spinal X-ray) will indicate the extent and position of the stenosis.

In my opinion, you should see a neurosurgeon. After examining and testing you, this specialist can advise you whether surgery — in preference to other non-operative treatments — is necessary or whether you can safely wait and control your symptoms as they appear. Surgery can properly be considered a last resort if pain is your only symptom and you have no signs of leg weakness.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach To Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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