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Clinton arrives in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Under tight security in this war-scarred city, President Clinton said today the United States is proud of its role in resurrecting the crippled Balkans but declared "the future is up to you — not the Americans, not the Europeans, not to anyone else."

Clinton exulted in the new face of Sarajevo, bustling with people and cafes and thriving businesses, a few short years after the guns were silenced. He met privately with Bosnia's federation of leaders and described his message to them:

"You owe it to your country to bring out the best in people, acting in concert, not conflict, overcoming obstacles, not creating them, rising above petty disputes, not fueling them."

"We in the United States are proud of our role in Bosnia's new beginning," he added.

Later, the president visited the American base in Tuzla, 50 miles north of Sarajevo, to thank many of the 8,500 U.S. troops who learned last week that the U.S. military stay here will be indefinite.

In Sarajevo, Clinton's speech was directed at Bosnia's people and its quarrelsome leaders.

To the people, he said: "You must make your desire for peace and the common future clear to the leaders of each group."

To the three members of Bosnia's presidency, he said: "Your responsibility is to turn the documents signed in Dayton (in 1995) into a living reality."

"In the end, the future is up to you, not to the Americans, not to the Europeans, not to anyone else," he said. Of their responsibility, Clinton said, "Those who shirk it will isolate themselves. The world, which continues to invest in your peace rightfully expects that you will do your part. More importantly, the people of this country expect results and they deserve them."

GOODFELLOWS DISTRIBUTE FOOD — Frank Luna Jr., Tony Haley and David Sutton were pictured as they were helping load food for Goodfellows early Saturday. Almost 300 families were given enough food for a week. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

County receives good winter rain

Scurry County received some significant rainfall Saturday and appears to be in for some more of the same.

Portions of the county received up to an inch and a half Saturday. The City of Snyder received nine-tenths, bringing its total for the year to 25.26 inches. It rained just 18.24 inches all of last year.

The forecast calls for possibly heavey rain tonight and Tuesday. According to the National Weather Service, Scurry County could experience some sleet and snow as well. Most of that is expected to stay north of the county, however.

Residents in western Scurry County reported 1.5 inches of rainfall on Saturday. Gail, in Borden County, received one inch and Lake J.B. Thomas recorded seven-tenths at the dam.

Northern Scurry County got one inch and eastern Scurry County received 1.3 inches, as did Hermleigh. Dunn recorded eight-tenths and Ira reported six-tenths.

Dermott residents recorded 8.3 tenths Saturday while Polar had eight-tenths and Camp Springs reported a half-inch.

Gauges elsewhere read eight-tenths at Farmer's Co-op Gin and 7.5 tenths at Paymaster Gin.

Rain

Rainfall totals from Saturday, as reported by county residents.

Snyder	.90
East of City	1.30
West of City	1.55
North of City	1.00
South of City	.80
Fluvanna	.90
Dunn	.85
Ira	.60
Hermleigh	1.30
Lake Thomas	.70
Paymaster	.75
Farmer's Co-op	.80

Weather deadly for some motorists

DALLAS (AP) — Forecasters are warning that rain-soaked North Texas may get as much as 2 to 4 inches more rain in the wake of severe flash flooding that killed eight people during the weekend.

The additional rainfall is expected Tuesday, the National Weather Service said today.

"This is a dangerous situation," Brian Curran, a meteorologist with the NWS office in Fort Worth, said. "People should take appropriate action and protect their property and livestock.

The same storm system that caused as much as half-foot of rain, also triggered snowfall in the Texas Panhandle.

At least four deaths came in Killeen, where high water forced the evacuation of dozens of homes along Nolan Creek.

Law enforcement agencies also reported scores of high-water rescues. Creeks and rivers across wide sections of Central, North and East Texas were at or above flood stage Sunday.

Killeen police discovered the bodies of two Harker Heights teen-agers on Saturday after their vehicle was swept from a bridge by raging waters.

The victims, whose identities were withheld pending notification of next of kin, were pronounced dead at the scene at 10 p.m. Saturday. Autopsies were ordered.

Earlier Saturday, Walter Fisher, 50, and his wife, Sherrie Fisher, 43, both of Killeen, were struck by a vehicle while walking near Business Highway 190, Nolanville Police officer Rodney Speers said.

Walter Fisher, a student at Texas A&M University, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Garland Potvin. Mrs. Fisher was taken to Darnall Army Community Hospital, where she later died.

The driver of the vehicle was not cited, with police saying rainy weather played a role in the deaths.

Harker Heights Emergency Medical Services Director Leon Charpentier said late Saturday that the city's EMS personnel had been involved in more than 40 life-saving rescues during the evening.

The rains forced the closings of roads throughout Central Texas.

In the Texas Panhandle, six inches of snow fell. Some flights were canceled at Amarillo International Airport.

Al Becker, spokesman for Fort Worth-based American Airlines, said delays from the lightning-packed storms ran from about 30 minutes to an hour. No flights were canceled.

Buckle up, don't drink...

Hazards await travelers

The Department of Public Safety is predicting that as many as 42 people will die in auto accidents over the 102-hour Christmas holiday.

Local DPS troopers are urging everyone to drive safely and obey the traffic laws.

"We've had a couple of bad accidents recently which resulted in one death and severe injuries for others," said DPS trooper Jeff Buuck.

The injured and the deceased were not wearing seatbelts, said the trooper.

"All of us, Rick Campos, Joe Salinas and myself, urge everyone to obey the law and wear a seatbelt," said Buuck.

Buuck said forcasters are calling for rain and possible sleet or snow during busy travel times and asks that motorists observe weather conditions regardless of the posted speed limits.

"Most of the accidents result when drivers are just not paying attention to what is happening around them," said Buuck.

Buuck said troopers will have a zero tolerance for driving and drinking.

"A vehicle is not the place to have a party," said Buuck.

Sparky Dean, senior trooper with the DPS safety education service, said alcohol and failure to wear seat belts plays a major part in accidents and fatalities.

"In 1996, the final count for the 30-hour Christmas holiday was 18 deaths. Of the 14 fatal accidents, 74.1 percent involved alcohol or speeding," said Dean. "Of the 18 fatalities, 17 were occupants of vehicles and one was a pedestrian. Of the 17 vehicle occupants, 64.7 percent were reported not to be wearing seatbelts."

There were 38 deaths in 1994 during a 78-hour holiday period and 24 deaths in 1995 over the same period.

The death estimate is up for 1997 because of the longer holiday period — from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Sunday, Dec. 28.

Safe driving tips include:

—Drive with your headlights on during daylight hours to make your vehicle more visible.

—Make sure the driver is well rested. Take frequent breaks on long trips.

—Check your vehicle before you set off. Make sure your vehicle has enough oil, coolant and other fluids, and check the condition of your tires and engine belts.

—Be aware of weather conditions along your route.

—If you become stranded along the roadside, call the DPS toll-free stranded motorist line at 1-800 525-5555, and a law enforcement officer will come to your aid. That number can also be used to report traffic accidents, unsafe drivers or illegal drug trafficking. For emergencies, it is best to call 911 in most parts of the state.

IRS faces technology update

Must keep programmers from leaving for more lucrative markets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer geeks at the IRS had better stock up on a lot of colas, cookies and potato chips, because they can expect to put in marathon hours in the coming year as they deal with a technological triple whammy.

First, the so-called Year 2000 problem: At the Internal Revenue Service, that involves scouring 62 million lines of computer code to ensure computers don't crash at the next millennium. The estimated cost is $900 million, second to the Defense Department as the costliest Year 2000 fix in government.

In addition, the IRS faces a huge job reprogramming its computers to reflect major tax code changes from the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act.

And the agency still must pick a private contractor for modernizing its far-flung computer system, perhaps history's biggest computer upgrade. Just one part of this 15-year project's first phase is expected to cost $639 million.

With all this work ahead, the IRS faces the unwelcome headache of keeping its computer programmers from jumping ship to more lucrative jobs in private enterprise.

"The concern is as we go along we will run up against a logistic logjam of trying to convert so many pieces at once," said John Yost, IRS Year 2000 project director. At the same time, Yost said he's concerned the IRS could "run out of people to do the job."

"One of our problems now is competing to hold on to the people that we have," said Yost. In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the IRS lost 8 percent to 9 percent of its computer programming staff, he said. That attrition rate may be comparable to private industry's but is 35 percent higher than the departure rate for computer specialists government-wide, according to the Office of Personnel Management.

The Year 2000 problem evolves from the programming of many old computers to recognize dates in two-digit formats — "97" would represent 1997 — and the fear that if unrepaired, they will run awry after the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31, 1999. They would consider the year designated 2000 as 1900.

The Office of Management and Budget estimates a $3.9 billion price tag to avert widespread government computer crashes from what's being called the "millennium crisis."

Demand for computer programmers with knowledge of the COBOL and other old computer languages is high, especially in the Washington area, said Michael Higgins, a specialist in Year 2000 issues.

The highest-salaried nonmanagerial computer worker makes about $71,000 annually after 20 years at the IRS, Higgins said, while some companies are paying $85,000. "It's getting tighter and tighter with every day that passes," said Higgins, president and chief executive of Century Services Inc., Germantown, Md.

Higgins, whose firm worked on Year 2000 with major banks and corporations, said the IRS has moved too slowly.

County sets meetings dates, time to open fuel and oil bids

Scurry County commissioners took care of two items necessary to the operation of the county in 1998 when they met briefly this morning.

The court set the third Monday of the month as the regular meeting day and agreed to open bids for fuel and bulk oil on Jan. 19.

Commissioners also approved a number of budget amendments totaling $39,893:

—Winston Field Airport: request for $3,846 in general payroll, $2,316 in part-time payroll, $474 in Social Security, $3,800 for other equipment, $454 for sales tax, $575 for resale, $465 for utilities and $100 for operating supplies.

—Precinct 1: request for $5,810 for repairs.

—District Clerk: request for $3,463 for maintenance agreements.

—Precinct 3: request for $1,050 for operating supplies and $6,900 for repairs.

—Consolidated precinct: request for $9,926 for part-time payroll and $714 for repairs.

Twenty-six line-item transfers were also approved.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Howard Limmer, Jerry Gannaway, Ralph Trevey and Roy Idom.

Routine items for CMH board

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday to handle routine items.

Dr. Gary Nussey will report on the medical staff officers for 1998 and the board will hear the medical staff report, nursing report and financial report.

ASK US

Q—Does the chamber of commerce have an events calendar set for 1998?

A—Yes, they are available at the chamber office. For those who have access to the Internet, the calendar may be found at: www.snydertex.com/chamber/events.htm

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 52 degrees; low, 31; high Sunday, 46; low, 31; .90 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 25.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, heavy rain possible. Low near 40. E-NE wind 15-25 mph. Tuesday, heavy rain possible. High, 40s. N wind 15-25 mph. Christmas: Partly cloudy. Lows, lower 30s; highs, 50s.

Austin Owens
Rain

Sunset: 5:46 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.40 a.m.
Of 355 days in 1997, the sun has shone 340 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He that riseth late must trot all day.

Benjamin Franklin.

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Clinton staffers launching anti-drug media campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is kicking off a $195 million anti-drug media campaign aimed at youth with a $20 million effort in 12 cities from Connecticut to California.

During the four-month opening phase, anti-drug messages will run everywhere that children ages 9 to 17 are likely to be watching, such as television or the Internet, Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said Sunday.

"Today's announcement marks the January initiation of a multi-faceted national campaign that will harness the energies of parents, mass media, corporate America and the anti-drug coalitions to halt and reverse the disturbing rise in drug use among young people," McCaffrey said in a statement.

The ads are to be tested in Atlanta; Baltimore; Boise, Idaho; Denver; Hartford, Conn.; Houston; Milwaukee; Portland, Ore.; San Diego; Sioux City, Iowa; Tucson, Ariz., and Washington.

McCaffrey said the cities were selected for their diverse ethnic, demographic and geographic audiences. The messages will focus on "entry-level," or easily obtained, substances such as marijuana and inhalants. Some cities will also see ads addressing drug problems specific to them.

Had it with critics

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — First they loved him. Then they hated him. Now Kevin Costner says he has had it with critics.

"I could deal with critics better if I could learn something from them, but when they write in a vein of cynicism and elitism, I can't learn from that," said Costner, whose new movie, "The Postman," opens Christmas Day.

Berry's World

"I wonder if it's scary when you're not in it for the long haul!"

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender

Cuban Catholics preparing for extra special Christmas

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — The little boy and girl in white robes led their catechism classmates in a Christmas procession — a common sight in much of Latin America except this communist state, which has only recently begun to tolerate religious displays.

The traditional "posada" was enacted Sunday by Roman Catholic students who paraded through their neighborhood, singing Christmas songs and re-enacting the search for an inn where the Virgin Mary could give birth.

The unusual Christmas demonstration drew neighbors to their balconies and front porches to watch the students walk by. Some said it was one of the only "posadas" they'd seen this decade.

The "posada" and other rare religious manifestations of Chistmas now appearing in Havana are the result of increasingly warming relations between the government and Holy See — a process that's gaining steam as Pope John Paul II's Jan. 21-25 visit approaches.

However, this "posada" had a distinctive Cuban twist, reflecting continuing concerns about Cuba's struggling economy.

"Do you have any money?" one child dressed in robes asked the classmate playing the role of Joseph, Mary's husband.

"We don't have any fula," responded Joseph, using the Cuban slang term for U.S. dollars. "We only have national currency. The situation is very bad."

Turned away, the young Joseph and Mary had to travel blocks through the Santo Suarez neighborhood of large, crumbling homes before someone finally let them in.

The event, along with Christmas trees and ornaments in many homes, are clear signs of the first government-sanctioned Christmas holiday in decades.

As preparation for the pope's visit, Cardinal Jaime Ortega has called on Catholics to prepare for a very "special" Christmas — one that includes the Christ Child.

Catholic parishes throughout Havana are planning Christmas Eve masses that will feature the placing of the Baby Jesus in front of the churches.

"This sanctuary will be standing-room only," predicted Pilar Marrero Hernandez, 37, who has belonged to Santo Suarez's Medalla Milagrosa parish.

"We are recovering our traditions," said Marrero, whose daughter participated in the "posada."

"I am very happy that our president has made Christmas a national holiday this year," said fellow parishoner Adolfo Suarez, 34, who wore a wooden cross and a silver Virgin Mary medal.

Santa's workday never done

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — It's not easy being Santa. Bob Garnes knows.

In the height of the holiday season, he leaves home at 7:33 a.m. for a five-hour stint ho-ho-hoing at the mall. Then another appearance in the afternoon, with just enough time for a burger. The other day, another Santa quit, and Garnes was back in his red suit all evening.

Not all would-be Santas can handle the stress that dozens of tiny toddlers can bring.

"He just didn't have the proper attitude to become a Santa," Garnes said. "He thought he could just sit down and children would tell him what they wanted and that would be it. He discovered it wasn't so easy."

"I call it Santa burnout," said Diana Sutton, owner of Photo Promotions, the Portland company that employs Garnes and 15 other Santas. She also employs numerous Easter bunnies, but that's another story.

Garnes, 47, takes naturally to the job. At 5-foot-6 and 326 pounds, with white hair, beard and what can only be called a Santa-like demeanor, most kids take him at face value.

"I'm Santa 365 days a year," he said. For his regular job, he runs a daycare called Mr. Mom.

He started wearing the red suit about 12 or 13 years ago at school and church gatherings, then went professional three years ago.

Once, while strolling through the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., a mall official asked if he would be the mall's Santa. He was offered a sleighload of cash — he won't say how much — for a month's work, chauffeur-driven limo included. But Garnes decided to stay home with his family.

"Santa's not here for the money," Garnes said. "I could probably retire just on what I make at Christmas. I could make $200 to $300 an hour. It'd be so simple. But money's not the reason I do it."

He's the star attraction at Clackamas Town Center in Portland, drawing as many as 500 youngsters a day.

Both children and adults can chat, on or off the lap, and can get a souvenir set of Santa pictures for $12. But, as Sutton said, "It's more than just money. It's about love."

"You almost have to become one of them. It puts you at their level. That's what I do, so it's really easy for me," Garnes said. "I just try to hold the kids' hands and to be real friendly with them."

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 1-R J.M. Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 23 barrels of oil and 93 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,367-3,279 feet, and location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 3-R McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. The venture was completed to produce 19 barrels of oil and 89 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,321-3,326 feet, and location is in Section 179, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 6 McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 13 barrels of oil and 157 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,327-3,306 feet, and location is in Section 179, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Baytch Inc. has completed the No. 1-64 Ochsner in the Mirage field, two miles southeast of Dunn. The well was completed to produce 90 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,363-374 feet, and location is in Section 64, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Vista Resources Inc. has completed the No. 3-B Hardee in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles southeast of Ira. The well was completed to produce 13 barrels of oil and 65 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,594-677 feet, and location is in Section 31, Lot 6, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 7 Bishop in the Sharon Ridge field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 164, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 14 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 15 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 6-R Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 19 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Also planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 17 Van Norman in the same field, three miles northwest of Ira. Contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 16 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 12 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 11 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petrolwum will drill the No. 8-$ Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 18 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge feild, three miles northwest of Ira. The venture is set for a depth of 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Spalding Energy Inc. will drill the No. 4-B Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles north of Fullerville. Contracted for 2,500 feet, drill site is in Section 662, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Spalding Energy will drill the No. 1-C Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles nroth of Fullerville. Also set for a depth of 2,500 feet, location is in Section 662, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Phillips Petroleum has completed the No. 912 Jo-Mill west field unit, 16 miles southwest of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 159 barrels of oil and 25 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,484-504 feet, and location is in Section 21, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Chevron has completed the No. 2408 North Westbrook field, unit, six miles northwest of Westbrook. The venture was completed to produce three barrels of oil and 14 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,025-425 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural Reserve USA will drill the No. 3 Horwood in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,450 feet, location is in Section 3, Block 29, t1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural will drill the No. 13 Etta Holt Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,450 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer will drill the No. 15 Etta Holt Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Scheduled for 3,450 feet, location is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer will drill the No. 1 Horwood in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,450 feet, location is in Section 3, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer will drill the No. 14 Etta Holt Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for 3,450 feet, drill site is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1-A John in the Happy field, 12 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,150 feet, location is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Nolan County

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 1221 Southwest Nenu Lucia field unit, eight miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 123, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1997

Your material prospects look encouraging for the year ahead, but this is not where you're likely to place your emphasis. Your greatest joys will come from the intangibles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, Lady Luck might work out something more palatable for you than you could put together for yourself. Give her ample room in which to operate. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There should be noticeable improvement today in conditions that affect your personal interests. It will put you in a happy state of mind as events unfold.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Joint commercial endeavors have good chances for success today, especially if you're involved with an Aquarius or Gemini native.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A kindness you recently did for a friend made a powerful impression. He or she has remembered it fondly and may try to reciprocate today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Temper your businesslike attitude when dealing with co-workers or clients today. If you behave with warmth, it will generate the response you desire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A concept with which you've been toying has potential for profit, if you can get it to the right people quickly enough. Its shelf life has limitations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could be a good day for you to have a few friends over for holiday entertainment. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just a stimulating get-together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be much luckier today doing things with another rather than striking out on your own. Find a good partner and go after something meaningful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may benefit or be rewarded in some unique manner today. It could be a material gift or some type of service another performs for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Things should work out well today if you adhere to your own counsel rather than to the advice of someone else, especially in the romance department.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People who have your best interests at heart will be working secretly today to improve your lot in life. Their identities won't be revealed yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An arrangement in which you lack total control looks like it will work out well for you today. Do not rock the boat, ride the tide.

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Di's estate may sue Ritz

LONDON (AP) — Advisers to Princess Diana's estate are considering a multimillion-dollar claim against the Ritz Hotel in Paris in compensation for her premature death, The Sunday Times reported.

The estate could sue if French investigators rule that Ritz chauffeur Henri Paul, who was driving the Mercedes limousine Diana was in when it crashed in a Paris tunnel, was responsible for her death. Paul and Diana's boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, also died in the Aug. 31 accident.

Fayed's father, Mohamed Al Fayed, owns the Ritz.

Tests revealed that Paul was three times over the French drunken driving limit when the car crashed in a traffic tunnel.

Quoting an unidentified royal source, the paper said the minimum claim would be $13.4 million, the amount of the inheritance tax bill on Diana's $35 million estate. But it said the estate could also claim another $42 million in interest that would have accrued on the estate during her lifetime.

But Diana's former head of staff, Michael Gibbins, said Saturday, "No consideration has been given to the question of any civilian action, nor would that consideration be given until the criminal investigation has been completed.

"The hypothesis that a Ritz Hotel employee was responsible is no more than a hypothesis at the moment," Gibbins said.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke Free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Septuplets won't be home for Christmas

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — This will probably be the quietest Christmas at the McCaughey home for years to come.

On Dec. 25, only 22-month-old Mikayla will be home with her parents unwrapping presents, since her seven brothers and sisters, though thriving in the hospital, aren't expected to be released until late next month.

The world's only living set of septuplets — born a month ago to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey — will get visits from the family. But for Kenneth, Alexis, Natalie, Kelsey, Brandon, Nathan and Joel, Christmas Day is "going to be mainly a fairly quiet day," said their proud grandfather, Bob Hepworth.

Mikayla and her mom and dad plan to spend Christmas morning with his parents, Val and Kenneth McCaughey, and the afternoon with hers, Peggy and Bob Hepworth.

Besides presents and dinner, Bob Hepworth, an ordained Baptist minister, will read the Christmas story from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Since the children's birth, the McCaugheys have been trying to return normalcy to their lives. They've hired an agent to handle the countless inquiries from the media, corporations and well-wishers.

They've granted few interviews, the latest with "America's Family Coaches" — a syndicated weekly religious show originating in Des Moines.

"We're focusing more on our private (life) than the public," McCaughey said on Saturday's show. "We understand what our status is, but we really didn't ask for it. It was kind of given."

At Missionary Baptist Church, friends want to help out with the babies and help the family feel comfortable.

"The key thing is, they've been at the center of all this attention," said the Rev. Robert Brown, pastor of Missionary Baptist Church. "They don't want anything special. They're just a family with eight children. Our role is to try to make them feel comfortable."

McCaughey, a billing clerk at a car dealership, has gone back to work.

Mrs. McCaughey's swollen feet have returned to normal and she can wear her old shoes again.

Officers use program to help needy families on their beat

DALLAS (AP) — Police officers in two cities are helping Santa Claus make the rounds through the Lone Star State this year.

And for at least one week of the year, they're not delivering tickets.

The Dallas Police Department's Santa Cops donate gifts and solicit help from corporations, small companies and individuals to provide for poor families, said Senior Cpl. Deanna Stratman, who helped organize the effort.

She said officers submit names of families they run into while working their beats.

On Saturday, the warehouse at the department's Property Division was crammed with boxes of goodies for about 500 families. They were all delivered before the day's end.

"The biggest thing that officers get out of this program is that when we go to someone's door, it's to deliver bad news," said Senior Cpl. Stratman. "This lets us come on a positive note. It's nice to be able to give good news."

Jeanette Malcolm was pleasantly surprised when she opened the door to see two officers with a box filled with toys and food.

Ms. Malcolm is raising five grandchildren, and said she knew the Lord would provide somehow.

"I knew God would make a way," she said later. "I told my daughter, who's sick with sickle cell, that the good Lord was going to bless us. I never overlook the blessings of the Lord."

In Brownsville, Santa Claus merrily greeted 10,000 smiling little faces at the Police and Fire departments' annual toy giveaway Saturday.

More than 4,000 children surrounded the Dean Porter Park pavilion for the firefighters' Operation Good Samaritan, and 6,000 more children eagerly waited outside the Brownsville police department for their gifts.

Fire Marshal Raul Salazar said the gifts go to needy families who probably will not have enough money to buy their children anything for Christmas.

Jose Martin, 7, received a Tonka construction truck from the firefighters.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-22-97
♠ 4
♥ A Q 5 4
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 9 8 5 4

West
♠ A 7 5 2
♥ 10 8
♦ 10 7 5 4 3
♣ 7 2

East
♠ J 10 9 8
♥ J 9 6 3
♦ K 9
♣ A 6 3

South
♠ K Q 6 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q J 8
♣ K Q 10

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Think first, finesse later

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal is the sort that traps a lot of players. Only thinkers and Ambrose Bierce's abstainer would have no trouble.

You are in three no-trump. West leads his fourth-highest diamond. How would you plan the play?

In using Stayman, North was hoping to find a 4-4 heart fit. However, when South showed four spades, North was happy to go for the nine-trick game. Note that five clubs should fail with this layout.

Many players would evaporate immediately. But you know not to do anything before counting your top tricks: those you could take now without the opponents being able to do anything about it. Here, you have four: three hearts and one diamond. You have four tricks coming in clubs, plus one in spades or diamonds. So, it looks safe to finesse at trick one. But the original declarer, during a Chicago game in Santa Fe, found that this wasn't the case.

After winning with the diamond king, East switched to the spade jack. Suddenly the defenders had five tricks: three spades, one diamond and one club.

If declarer had only called for the diamond ace and played on clubs, he would have been certain to get home safely. He would have eight tricks in the bank, and the defenders couldn't stop the ninth from being established in spades or diamonds.

Why Ambrose Bierce's abstainer? Because Bierce defined him as a weak man who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure. He wouldn't permit himself the pleasure of finessing at trick one!

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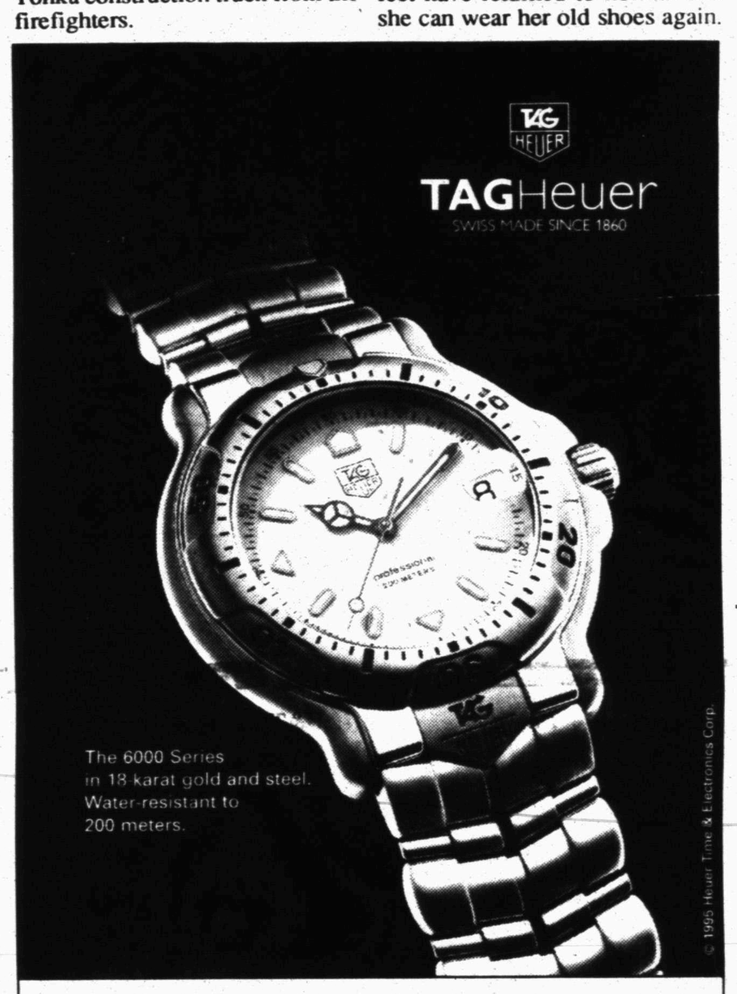

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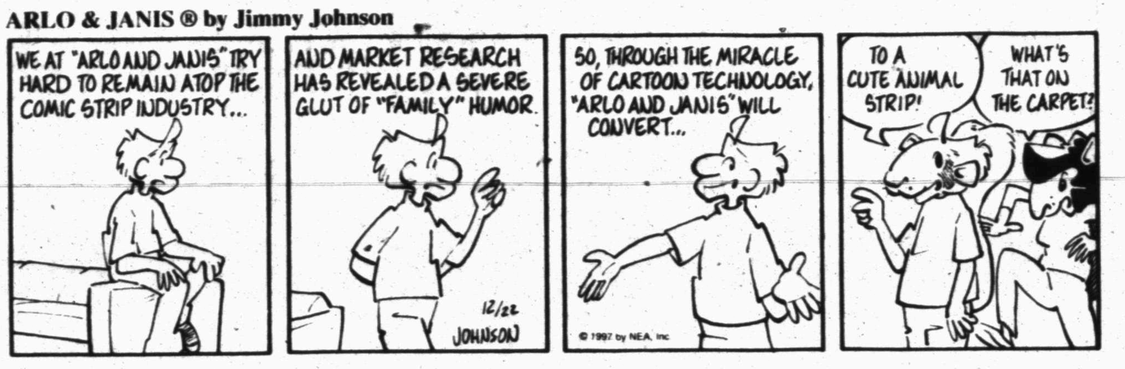

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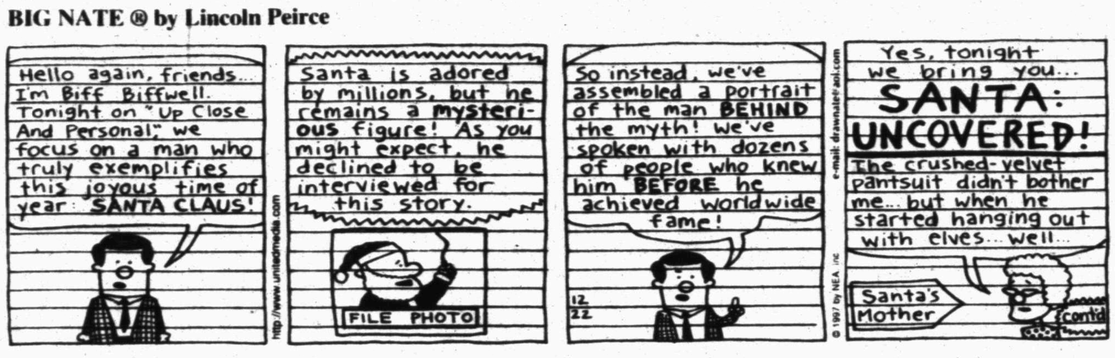

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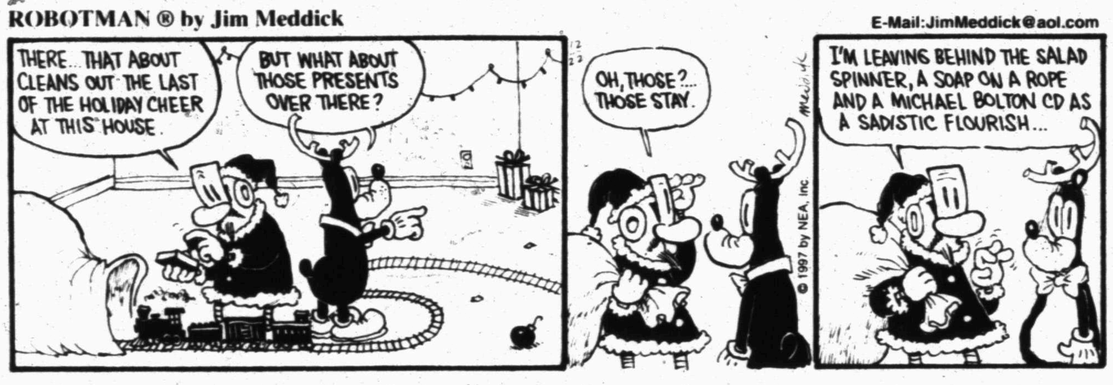

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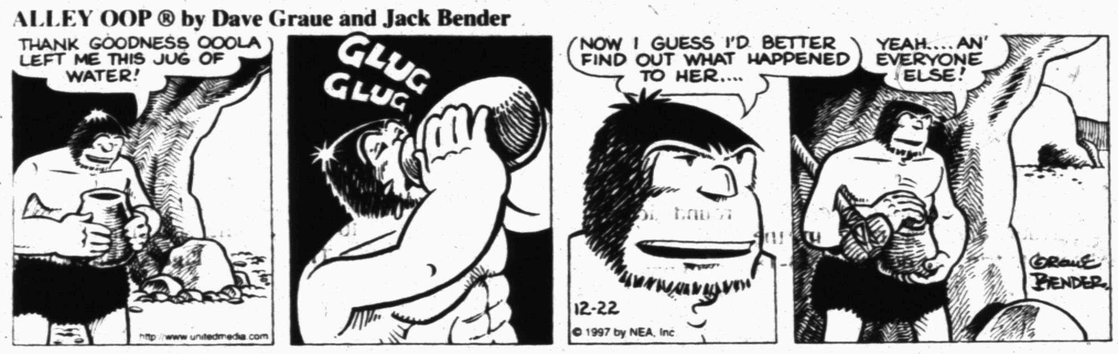

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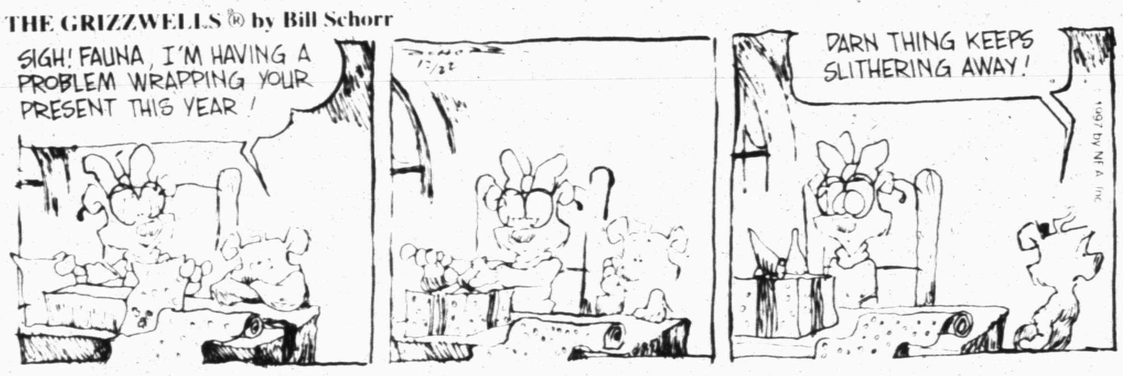

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1 Suit part
5 Prexy's asst.
9 Destroy
12 Amorous look
13 Actress Chase
14 Spanish gold
15 Concurs
17 Rower's tool
18 Compound
19 Actress Parsons
21 Soviet news agency
23 WWII area
24 The most, for short
27 Hebrew letter
29 Son of — —
32 Type of mask or tent
34 Of Swiss mountains
36 Edmonton hockey team
37 Visitors
38 Blackthorn fruit
39 Relating to a time
41 Toddler
42 Greek letter
44 Heraldic border
46 Hamlet's sweetheart
49 Set firmly
53 Life story, for short
54 Enlighten intellectually
56 Tavern
57 Wall St. org.
58 Plumbing problem
59 Type of shirt
60 Florida county
61 Art deco illustrator

DOWN

1 Viva — (by word of mouth)
2 Conceits
3 Skirt feature
4 Article of faith
5 Roman 7
6 Earliest born
7 — out (makes do with)
8 Kindergarten staple
9 Animal specialist
10 Asian sea
11 Skin opening
16 Volcano part
20 Day's march
22 Feel
24 Bovine sounds
25 Base of a leaf
26 Percussion instrument
28 Ishmael's mother
30 Do — others
31 Bird's home
33 Gaggle members
35 Soothed
40 Sounded like a lion
43 Greek epic
45 Novelist Zola
46 Newspaper notice
47 Type of cone
48 — La Douce
50 Boxer Max —
51 Coup d' —
52 Astronaut Slayton
55 Lumberjack's tool

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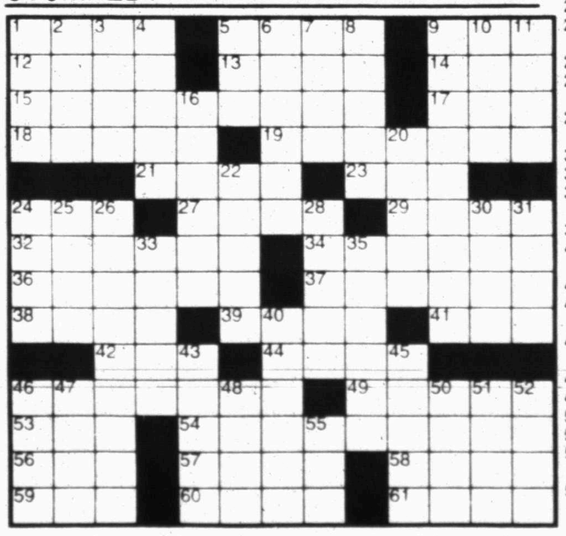

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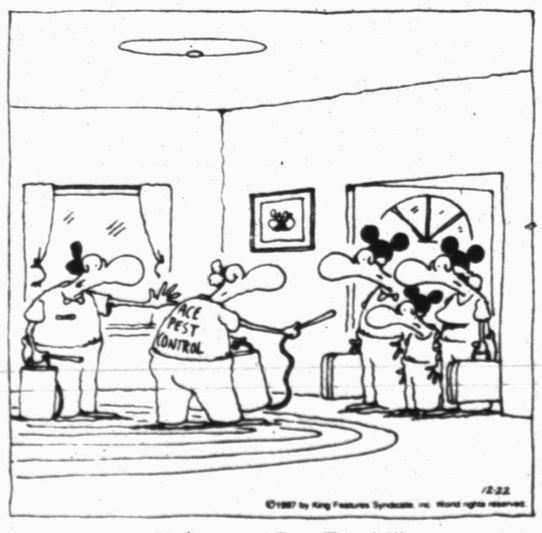

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SPORTS

Cowboys end disastrous season with 20-7 blowout loss to Giants

IRVING (AP) — Let the changes begin at Valley Ranch after the Dallas Cowboys' biggest disaster since they went 1-15 in 1989.

Coach Barry Switzer was talking like he might be gone after Sunday's season finale in which the Cowboys sleep-walked through a 20-7 loss to the NFC East champion New York Giants.

"I'm not looking at this thing through rose-colored glasses," owner Jerry Jones said. "We have a lot of work to be done."

Dallas failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1990 with its 6-10 record, which will place the Cowboys in the top 10 of the draft and give them a fourth-place schedule next season.

Jones said he will decide in late January or February about Switzer's future.

"I'm not sure I want to come back," Switzer said. "I don't want to make emotional decisions. I'm not making that decision with the emotion of today's game influencing me."

There was confusion whether Jones and Switzer ever discussed a consultant's role with the team.

"I told Jerry after the game he ought to get rid of the whole damn bunch of us," Switzer said. "Jerry will make the decision and we'll talk about that in the future. This is not the time or place to talk about it."

Offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese could be on the chopping block. He has already said he expects to be fired.

The Giants, completing the worst to first transition under rookie coach Jim Fassel, go into the playoffs with a 10-5-1 record and will be at home Saturday for a wild-card game against Minnesota. No team had ever gone undefeated through the NFC East schedule. New York was 7-0-1 with the only blemish a 7-7 tie with Washington.

"When we started the season we had high hopes, but there weren't a lot of other people who did, and rightly so," Fassel said. "But to come in here and play a game that was supposed to be meaningless and keep fighting showed a lot of character. To go undefeated in the division, we couldn't ask for anything more."

Danny Kanell threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Chris Calloway, Rodney Hampton scored his 49th career touchdown on a 1-yard run, and Brad Daluiso kicked field goals of 28 and 42 yards against the uninterested Cowboys as the Giants built a 20-0 lead. Hampton surpassed Joe Morris as the Giants' career rushing touchdown leader.

Dave Brown replaced Kanell in the second half and fumbled his first snap, which Fred Strickland recovered at the New York 20. Emmitt Smith scored on a 4-yard run with New York substitutes liberally sprinkled through the lineup.

9th grade girls handle C-City

The Snyder 9th grade girls' offense came to life Friday night.

With their second-highest point total of the season, the young Lady Tigers toppled Colorado City, 49-42.

Trailing 12-10 after the first quarter, Snyder made its run.

Paced by Cary Brown's 14, the Lady Tigers outscored C-City, 15-12, in the second to grab a lead which they would never relenquish.

Snyder extended the margin to 39-34 in the third, then posted 10 fourth-quarter points for the 49-42 victory.

In addition to Brown, Whitney Webb and Rina Geiger also finished with double digits.

Webb poured in 12, while Geiger accounted for 11.

Leslie Hancock added seven more and Angie Shoemake chiiped in five.

The win moves Snyder's record to [illegible] on the season.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Jan. 3 at Big Spring, beginning at 3 o'clock.

JV girls nab two victories

SWEETWATER — It was two games for two wins in two days for Snyder's JV girls.

Snyder trounced Colorado City, 42-24, Friday night before taking care of Sweetwater, 49-41, on Saturday.

The Lady Tigers dominated their contest with C-City, holding the Lady Wolves to single digits in all four quarters.

T'Leah Eicke poured in 14 points for Snyder, while Lexie Beard posted 10.

Against Sweetwater, it would once again be defense and Eicke that made the difference.

The Lady Tigers overcame a five-point halftime deficit, by surrendering only 15 second-half points.

Eicke finished the contest with 13, with Tessa Hildebrand accounting for 10.

The victories move Snyder's mark to 7-8 on the season.

The Lady Tigers will be on the court again Jan. 3 at Big Spring, beginning at 4:30.

Snyder 42, Colorado City 24

Snyder: T'Leah Eicke, 14; Lexie Beard, 10; Tessa Hildebrand, 6; Amber Burt, 4; Kaycee Marricle, 3; Cameron Mackey and Sharika Wofford, 2; Jodi Dennis, 1.

Snyder 49, Sweetwater 41

Snyder: Eicke, 13; Hildebrand, 10; Dennis, 8; Mackey and Terrie Moore, 6; Amber Haarmeyer, 4; Marricle, 2.

Lady Tigers fall to Sweetwater, 53-37

SWEETWATER — The emotions of the week finally caught up to the Lady Tigers.

After having six players become ill and hosting a contest with Colorado City in the wake of a tragic accident, Snyder fell, 53-37, Friday to Sweetwater.

The Lady Tigers found themselves trailing right from the start as Sweetwater jumped to a 12-6 lead after one quarter.

Snyder made a rally in the second to trim the deficit to 23-18 at halftime, but the Lady Mustangs held strong in the final 16 minutes.

Sweetwater continued to feed the ball to the low post.

The Lady Mustangs' inside players combined for 38 points on the night.

Snyder was held to only 19 second-half points, while Sweetwater posted 30 over the same span.

The Lady Tigers, which topped Colorado City by a 45-34 score Friday, sport a 9-5 record as they enter the Christmas break.

Snyder's next contest will be in the Caprock Holiday Tournament.

The Lady Tigers face Nazareth at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 29 in openng-round action.

SNYDER — McGuire 0 1-2 1, Hall 1 2-5 4, Daniell 2 0-0 4, Burleson 1 0-0 2, Delce 1 3-6 5, Kidd 2 1-2 6, Hess 5 0-0 10, Peoples 2 1-2 5. Totals 14 8-19 37.

SWEETWATER — Lehman 9 3-6 21, Leipard 1 4-4 7, Clemmons 1 1-2 3, Rannefeld 1 3-6 5, Washington 7 3-9 17. Totals 19 14-27 53.

Snyder	6	12	9	10	— 37
Sweetwater	12	11	17	13	— 53

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Kidd); Sweetwater 1 (Leipard). Total fouls: Snyder 22, Sweetwater 14. Fouled out: none.

JV boys need overtime to top Big Spring, 50-41

SWEETWATER — Playing their second game of the day and third in two days, Snyder's JV boys still weren't ready to stop.

So they played an extra quarter.

Snyder went into overtime Saturday to defeat Big Spring, 50-41, in the final action of the Sweetwater tournament.

After dropping a 54-46 decision to Wylie on Friday, the Tigers bounced back for a 53-42 victory over Sweetwater.

Against Big Spring, Snyder jumped to an early 17-8 advantage and led 24-19 at halftime.

But the Steers trimmed the margin to only three points entering the fourth quarter.

Big Spring outscored the Tigers, 11-8, in the fourth to force the game into overtime.

But in the extra stanza, it was all Snyder.

The Tigers, who were led by Sonny Cumbie's 15 points and Josh Ward's three three-pointers, surrendered a single basket in overtime and put up 11 points of their own for the 50-41 victory.

The tourney wins move Snyder's record to 7-5 on the season.

The Tigers were to have hosted Big Spring this afternoon.

Wylie 54, Snyder 46

Snyder: Greg McAnaw, 8; Trey Gorman, Michael Loper, Sonny Cumbie and Josh Ward, 7; Justin Rosson, 6; Jared Hester, 4.

Snyder 53, Sweetwater 42

Snyder: Loper, 12; Gorman and Cumbie, 10; McAnaw, 8; Rosson, 5; Ward, Hester, Layne Scott and Brad Grimmett, 2.

Snyder 50, Big Spring 41 (OT)

Snyder: Cumbie, 15; Ward, 11; Gorman, 8; McAnaw and Rosson, 5; Hester, 4; Loper, 2.

Tigers' defense stymies Mustangs in 47-36 win

The Snyder Tigers used a suffocating defense, then survived a Sweetwater run to down the Mustangs, 47-36, Saturday night.

"Holding a team to 13 points in the first half is great," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "We also did better offensively against the zone, so we played a good game at both ends of the floor."

Leading 12-6 after one quarter, the Tigers made their first run of the night.

Snyder put together a 9-0 streak in the second, capped by a Justin McNair three-pointer with 3:45 left in the half.

The Tigers headed for the locker room with a 26-13 advantage, but the Mustangs came out strong in the third period.

After McNair nailed the second of his three long-range jumpers, Sweetwater trimmed the deficit to 29-25 with a 12-0 run of its own.

"I told the guys between the third and fourth quarters that they had to get back and play defense," Birks stated. "Sweetwater had become the aggressor, so we had to pick up the intensity in the fourth."

Picking up the intensity level is exactly what the Tigers did.

Snyder opened the final period with three-pointers by McNair and Brady Cobb.

But the Tigers didn't stop there, as Chad Carter drained a 10-foot jumper and Cory Mandrell connected on two free throws to complete a 10-0 run over the first two minutes of the final quarter.

The Mustangs would get no closer than 11 points, as Snyder held on for the 47-36 victory.

"We had so many guys contribute tonight," Birks remarked. "It made it tough for Sweetwater to defend, because they had to cover everybody on the floor."

The Tigers, who were to have faced Big Spring this afternoon, are now 7-7 on the season.

SWEETWATER — Franklin 6 3-5 15, Barnes 2 0-0 5, Bishop 7 0-0 15, Brim 1 0-0 2. Totals 16 3-7 36.

SNYDER — Fabre 2 0-0 5, Cobb 1 0-0 3, McNair 5 0-0 13, Durham 1 0-0 3, Mandrell 0 2-2 2, Riggins 2 0-1 4, Taylor 6 1-2 13, Carter 2 0-0 4. Totals 19 3-5 47.

Sweetwater	6	7	12	11	— 36
Snyder	12	14	5	16	— 47

Three-point goals: Sweetwater 2 (Barnes, Bishop); Snyder 6 (McNair 3, Fabre, Cobb, Durham). Total fouls: Sweetwater 11, Snyder 13. Fouled out: none.

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Orlando	16	10	.615	1½
NewYork	15	11	.577	2½
NewJersey	13	11	.542	3½
Boston	12	12	.500	4½
Washington	13	14	.481	5
Philadelphia	6	18	.250	10½
Central Division				
Atlanta	19	7	.731	-
Indiana	17	8	.680	1½
Chicago	16	9	.640	2½
Cleveland	16	9	.640	2½
Charlotte	15	9	.625	3
Milwaukee	12	13	.480	6½
Detroit	12	15	.444	7½
Toronto	3	23	.115	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	14	8	.636	-
SanAntonio	15	10	.600	½
Utah	15	10	.600	½
Minnesota	11	13	.458	4
Vancouver	10	17	.370	6½
Dallas	5	20	.200	10½
Denver	2	22	.083	13
Pacific Division				
Seattle	21	5	.808	-
L.A.Lakers	20	6	.769	1
Phoenix	15	8	.652	4½
Portland	14	10	.583	6
Sacramento	9	17	.346	12
GoldenState	5	18	.217	14½
L.A.Clippers	5	22	.185	16½

Saturday's Games

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Washington 94, Toronto 92
Indiana 95, Orlando 92
Miami 99, Atlanta 92
Detroit 115, Philadelphia 78
L.A. Lakers 109, Charlotte 100
Minnesota 92, L.A. Clippers 91
Sacramento 89, Dallas 88
San Antonio 100, Houston 87
Phoenix 102, Denver 81
Milwaukee 98, New York 78
Seattle 108, Golden State 89

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 106, Utah 101
Boston 99, L.A. Clippers 77
Vancouver 88, Portland 86

Monday's Games

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Detroit at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

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N.Y.Jets	9	7	0	.563	348	287
Buffalo	6	10	0	.375	255	367
Indianapolis	3	13	0	.188	313	401
Central						
Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.688	372	307
Jacksonville	11	5	0	.688	394	318
Tennessee	8	8	0	.500	333	310
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.438	355	405
Baltimore	6	9	1	.406	326	345
West						
KansasCity	13	3	0	.813	375	232
Denver	12	4	0	.750	472	287
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	365	362
Oakland	4	12	0	.250	324	419
SanDiego	4	12	0	.250	266	425

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Washington	8	7	1	.531	327	289
Philadelphia	6	9	1	.406	317	372
Dallas	6	10	0	.375	304	314
Arizona	4	12	0	.250	283	379
Central						
GreenBay	13	3	0	.813	422	282
TampaBay	10	6	0	.625	299	263
Detroit	9	7	0	.563	379	306
Minnesota	9	7	0	.563	354	359
Chicago	4	12	0	.250	263	421
West						
SanFrancisco	13	3	0	.813	375	265
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	265	314
Atlanta	7	9	0	.438	320	361
NewOrleans	6	10	0	.375	237	327
St.Louis	5	11	0	.313	299	359

Saturday's Games

Green Bay 31, Buffalo 21
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New York Giants 20, Dallas 7
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Arizona 29, Atlanta 26
Jacksonville 20, Oakland 9
Detroit 13, New York Jets 10
Denver 38, San Diego 3
Seattle 38, San Francisco 9

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Boston College 69, Holy Cross 54
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SOUTH

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Alabama St. 80, Talladega 62
Austin Peay 81, Georgia Southern 66
Belmont 77, UNC-Greensboro 72, OT
Citadel 89, Greensboro 57
Coastal Carolina 67, E. Tennessee St. 61
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James Madison 76, Towson 62
Kentucky 74, Tulsa 53
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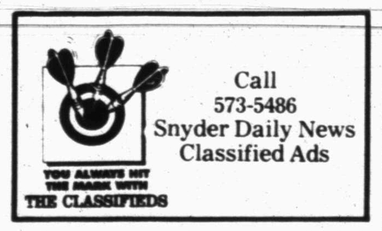

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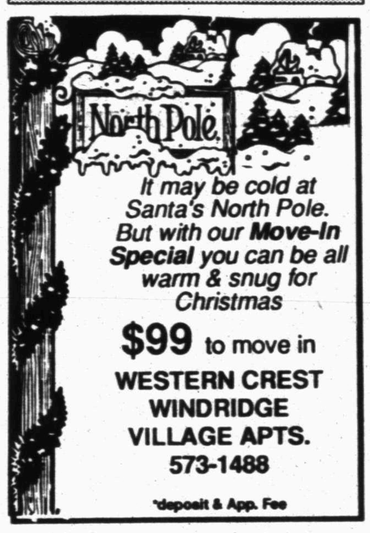

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Organ recipient's family facing Christmas holiday without her

PAMPA (AP) — Terry Lenz's philosophy was never to dwell on the possibility of dying but to enjoy the time gained through her heart and lung transplants.

Ms. Lenz, the first Oklahoman to undergo such a transplant, held on to that belief until the end. Throughout her ordeal and subsequent years of chronic organ rejection and bouts of pneumonia, she took delight in her greatest achievement — her three children.

"She wanted to see her children grow up," said Carolyn Williams, Ms. Lenz's mother. "That was her prayer and mine from the first. God gave her that time."

Now, the three gems that Ms. Lenz held so precious will spend their first Christmas without their guiding light.

"I don't know how we're going to get through it yet," Ms. Williams said.

Ms. Lenz died Wednesday in a Pampa hospital after suffering from acute lung rejection for two years, her mother said. It would have been her 14th Christmas since receiving transplanted organs May 13, 1984.

Oklahomans got to know Ms. Lenz more than 13 years ago when, as a 22-year-old divorced mother with no health insurance, she faced a battle with a life-threatening primary pulmonary hypertension.

The Laverne native, and her three children, Tasha, Jess and Brandi, received an outpouring of donations from across the state.

With donations of more than $30,000, Ms. Lenz became the 12th person to receive a heart and lung transplant at Pittsburgh University's Presbyterian Hospital.

Then-Gov. George Nigh made a nationwide appeal for a donor and then visited Ms. Lenz in Pittsburgh. She eventually became one of the longest survivors of such a transplant.

A year later, things began to turn for the worst. Ms. Lenz's weight had dropped to 80 pounds as she began a monthlong hospital stay, her mother said.

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AMR Corp	126⅝ 123⅝ 124 3-16—11-16
AT&T Corp	62¼ 61⅝ 62⅝+13-16
AirTouch	39 1-16 38 11-16 39 + 7-16
Albertsons	47⅛ 46 9-16 46⅝— ⅜
AlldSignal s	35⅝ 35¼ 35⅝— ⅛
Alltel	40⅝ 39⅝ 40 1-16+ 5-16
AmerOnline	87⅞ 85 11-16 87⅞+ 2⅜
AmStores	20⅝ 20 20 + 1-16
Ameritech	84 15-16 84 84 + ⅜
Amoco	84 9-16 84 1-16 84 3-16+1 1-16
AndarkPtr	60⅝ 59⅝ 60 1-16+ ⅜
Armcolnc	4 13-16 4 11-16 4 11-16+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	77⅞ 76⅞ 77 + 1
ATMOS Egy	28⅛ 28⅛ 28 13-16+ 5-16
Aviall	14 9-16 14⅛ 14⅛+ 1-16
BakerHughes	42 41 3-16 41 5-16+ 3-16
BellAtl	90⅛ 89⅛ 90 3-16— ¼
BellSouth	57⅛ 56⅝ 56⅝
BethSteel	8 9-16 8⅝ 8 7-16+ ⅜
BritPet s	80 1-16 79⅝ 79 11-16— ½
BurlNoSFe	94 3-16 93 5-16 93⅞
CBS Corp	28 5-16 28 1-16 28 3-16+ 1-16
Caterpillar s	49 48 3-16 48⅞+ ⅜
CenSoWst	27⅞ 26⅞ 26 15-16+15-16
Chevron	75⅞ 74 15-16 74 15-16+ ⅜
Chrysler	35 1-16 34⅝ 34 9-16
Coastal	60 3-16 59⅝ 59⅝— ⅛
CocaCola	66 11-16 65 9-16 66⅛+1 1-16
ColgatePalm s	68⅝ 67 11-16 67⅝— ⅜
ComclMetals	31 5-16 30¼ 30⅞— 5-16
CooperIn	48 5-16 47 15-16 48⅛— 5-16
CyprusAmax	14 15-16 14⅛ 14 13-16+ ¼
DallSemicn	38⅝ 37⅞ 38 9-16+13-16
DeltaAirl	116 11-16 115 115⅝—1 7-16
DigitalEq	37 9-16 37 37 7-16+ 3-16
Dillards Inc	34 1-16 33⅞ 34 1-16+ ⅜
DowChem	97 7-16 96⅞ 96 15-16+ 5-16
DresserInd	40⅝ 39⅝ 39 15-16— 1-16
DuPont s	57 5-16 56⅞ 57 5-16+1 3-16
EastmanChem	58⅝ 57⅞ 57⅞+ ⅛
EstKodak	58 15-16 58¼ 58¼+ ¼
EDS Corp	42 15-16 42 7-16 42⅜+ 1-16
Entergy	28 27⅞ 27 11-16— 3-16
Exxon s	61 5-16 60⅞ 60⅞+ ½
FstBksAm	24⅛ 24 24
Flowers s	20⅛ 19 11-16 19⅜— ⅛
FordMotor	46⅝ 45⅞ 46⅛+ ⅜
GTE Cp	50⅛ 50 1-16 50 3-16+ 3-16
GenDynam	85 7-16 84⅞ 85 3-16+ 5-16
GenElecs	74 5-16 73⅞ 73 11-16+11-16
GenMills	73¼ 72⅞ 72⅞+ ¼
GenMotors	59⅞ 58⅞ 59⅝+1 1-16
GaPacGP s	60⅝ 60 5-16 60 9-16— ⅛
GlobalMar	25⅝ 24⅛ 24⅛—11-16
Goodrich	42⅛ 41 13-16 42⅛+13-16
Goodyear s	62 13-16 62⅛ 62 7-16
GtAtlPac	28⅝ 28¼ 28¼
Halliburtn s	50⅝ 48⅝ 49 — 5-16
Hanson ADS	23 22⅝ 22 15-16— 1-16
HarteHanks	35 15-16 35 9-16 35 13-16+ ¼
HomeDepot s	57 56 5-16 56 7-16— 1-16
HoustonInds	25⅝ 25 25 5-16+ 9-16
IBM s	104⅝ 102⅝ 103 + ⅞
IntlPaper	43⅝ 42 15-16 43 + ⅜
JohnsonJn	67 1-16 66⅛ 66 9-16+ 5-16
K mart	11⅝ 11⅛ 11 3-16
Kroger s	34 13-16 34 1-16 34 1-16+ 1-16
Litton	57⅝ 57⅛ 57⅛—13-16
LockhdMart	95 13-16 94⅝ 95⅝+1 7-16
Lowes Cos	47 1-16 46¼ 46¼—15-16
Lubys	18 11-16 18 7-16 18 9-16
LucentTech	78 5-16 76 78 3-16+2 3-16
MayDeptStrs	52 7-16 51⅞ 51⅞— ⅜
Medtronic s	50⅝ 49⅝ 49⅝— ⅜
Mobils	72⅝ 71 9-16 71 13-16+ 5-16
Monsanto	41⅛ 39 15-16 40⅝—15-16
MorganJP	116⅞ 115⅞ 116⅝+ ⅜
Motorola	59⅝ 58¼ 58⅝+ ⅜
NCR Corp	29 5-16 28 9-16 28 11-16— 5-16
NationsBk s	60⅛ 59 7-16 60 + ⅞
Navistar	24 23⅝ 23⅝+ ⅜
Norwests	38 1-16 37 37 — 7-16
OryxEngy	23⅝ 22 15-16 23 1-16— ⅛
Penney JC	60 7-16 59 59 1-16—1 7-16
Pennzoil	66 15-16 66 9-16 66 15-16+ ⅜
PepBoys	23 22¾ 22¾— ⅜
PepsiCo	35⅝ 34⅞ 35⅛+ ⅜
PhelpDodge	61 11-16 61⅛ 61⅛+ ⅛
PhilipPet	47 13-16 47⅛ 47⅛— 1-16
PilgrmPrd	14 5-16 14 3-16 14 5-16— 1-16
Polaroid	48 3-16 47 5-16 48 3-16+ 3-16
Praxair	45⅝ 44⅝ 45 +11-16
ProctGamb s	80 3-16 79⅝ 79⅝
PubSNwMx	22 13-16 22½ 22½+ ⅛
RoyalDut s	53 7-16 53 53 7-16+ 7-16
SBC Comm	76 75 75 3-16— ⅜
SaraLee	55⅝ 55 5-16 55 13-16+ ½
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SouthernCo	24⅝ 24¼ 24 5-16+ 5-16
SwstAirl s	24⅝ 24 24 — ¼
Sprint	57 1-16 56¼ 56¼— ⅜
SunCo	42⅝ 41⅞ 42⅝+ ⅛
TNP Ent	30⅝ 30¼ 30 5-16+ 3-16
Tandy s	38⅛ 37⅞ 37⅞— 7-16
TempleInland	51⅞ 51¼ 51⅞+ 9-16
Tenneco	39⅝ 38⅝ 38 9-16— 3-16
Texaco s	54⅛ 53 5-16 53 7-16
TexInd s	43⅞ 43¼ 43½+ 5-16
TexasInst s	46 7-16 45½ 45⅝+ 7-16
TexUtil	40 15-16 40 7-16 40 11-16+ 5-16
Textron s	60⅛ 58⅝ 60 1-16+ 1⅛
Travelers s	53 7-16 51⅛ 52 3-16—13-16
TriconGlbR n	30⅛ 29½ 29 13-16
TrinityInds	42 11-16 42¼ 42⅝+ 5-16
TritonEngy	29 5-16 28 15-16 29 + 5-16
Tyler	5 7-16 5 7-16 5 7-16+ 1-16
US WestCm	46⅛ 45 15-16 46¼+ 5-16
USWstMda	27⅝ 27⅝ 27 9-16+ 1-16
USX Delhi	19⅞ 19 13-16 19⅞— 1-16
USX-Marathn	31⅝ 31¼ 31¼— ½
USX-USS	28⅝ 28⅛ 28⅛— ¼
UnCarbde	43½ 43⅛ 43 3-16+ ¼
UnionPacif	60 9-16 59 1-16 60 9-16+1 1-16
UnitedTech s	70⅛ 69 11-16 70 + 7-16
Unocal	39 1-16 38 3-16 38 3-16— 3-16
WalMart	39 38 5-16 38⅛+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	21 20⅝ 21 +3⅝
WinnDixie	42 11-16 42⅝ 42½
Woolworth	20⅛ 19 15-16 20 1-16+ ¼
Xerox Corp	69⅛ 68⅝ 68 11-16
ZenithE	6 9-16 6 5-16 6⅛— 1-16

'Titanic' opens No. 1, 'Tomorrow Never Dies' comes in at second place

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The epic love story "Titanic" sailed into the number one spot, earning $27.6 million in ticket sales during its opening weekend.

Close behind at No. 2 was Pierce Brosnan starring as British agent 007 in "Tomorrow Never Dies" taking in $26 million, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"Titanic" fell $5.4 million short of the record December opening set by "Scream 2," but it appeared on fewer screens and faced tougher competition.

The three-hour, 15-minute love story set on the disastrous 1912 maiden voyage of the luxury liner is the most expensive movie ever made at $200 million. It stars Leonardo DiCaprio and is directed by James Cameron of "Terminator" fame.

"You have Jim Cameron, one of the most successful filmmakers of his day, Leo DiCaprio, who couldn't be hotter, and a story so well known — we've had great elements to work with from day one," said Rob Friedman, vice chairman of Paramount Motion Picture Group, which is releasing "Titanic" domestically. Twentieth Century Fox is handling overseas distribution.

The new James Bond film dominated the young adult male market, pulling audience away from "Scream 2." In its second week, the horror sequel had $14 million in ticket sales — a 64 percent drop — and fell from first to third place.

"Titanic" managed to draw a mixed audience — 57 percent female and 55 percent in the 25-and-older category.

Friedman said that exit polls were "amazing, the 'definitely-recommends' were definitely phenomenal."

The debut of the comedy "MouseHunt," DreamWorks' third release, was a disappointing fourth place with $6.3 million, due to heavy competition from several other family-oriented movies, including "Home Alone 3," which finished eighth with $3.25 million.

The second DreamWorks movie in current release, "Amistad," based on the true story about mutiny aboard a slave ship, tied for sixth place with "For Richer or Poorer." Both movies made $3.3 million, but "Amistad" was on only 480 screens.

Estimates for the top 10 films at North American theaters from Friday to Sunday, according to Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. Final figures were to be released today:

1. "Titanic," $27.6 million.
2. "Tomorrow Never Dies," $26 million.
3. "Scream 2," $14 million.
4. "MouseHunt," $6.3 million.
5. "Flubber," $4.1 million.
6. "Amistad," $3.3 million.
6. "For Richer or Poorer," $3.3 million.
8. "Home Alone," $3.25 million.
9. "Anastasia," $1.7 million.
10. "John Grisham's The Rainmaker," $1.4 million.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is there a cure for Lyme disease?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is Lyme disease carried by any other insect but the tick? Is the disease curable?

DEAR READER: Lyme disease has now been reported to occur worldwide. It is always spread by a tick. If the disease is diagnosed during its first stage — when fever, achiness and rash are present — it is virtually 100 percent curable with oral antibiotics. However, even later stages may be curable with prolonged intravenous antibiotic therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been to a slew of doctors, because every time my husband and I have sex, I develop cramps, vaginal bleeding and a disgusting discharge. I've been checked for cancer, venereal disease, diabetes, thyroid disorders and vaginal infections — all normal. My doctors are stumped and just prescribe antibiotics, which help for a while. I am a healthy 35-year-old. My husband always uses condoms. What is causing my problem?

DEAR READER: I am reluctant to second-guess your doctors, who appear to have tested you thoroughly. However, your story suggests an unusual cause for your symptoms: an allergy to condoms. In my opinion, you could be suffering from a reaction to the latex or to the lubricant that is often applied to these products. Ask your gynecologist about this. Unless I miss my guess, he will put you on birth control pills, stop the condoms and share your joy at being able to lead a normal life once again.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an active 75-year-old male in good health. About two months ago, while taking a course of tetracycline, my bowel movements suddenly changed and have remained abnormal. My stools are no longer formed.

I brought this to my doctor's attention, and he performed a colonoscopy, which was completely normal. He said not to worry, but I am an engineer and my suspicions are aroused.

DEAR READER: You are absolutely correct in being concerned about a sudden, persistent change in your bowel pattern. Such a change could indicate a colon growth or infection.

Fortunately, your doctor was on the ball and investigated these possibilities with a full colon exam. I am glad that he found you to be fit.

At this point, I agree that a wait-and-see approach is in order. Your bowel change was probably caused by the antibiotic you took, which modified the bacterial population in your intestinal tract, leading to soft stools. Over time, the bacterial population will re-establish itself and your bowel should return to normal. Give this some more time, and follow your physician's instructions.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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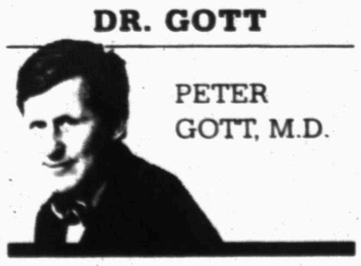
DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Woman's cancer battle brings kin together

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It was trouble that tore the Gosnell girls from one another 36 years ago, and trouble that brought them back together. But they're calling their reunion a miracle.

Now, they are hoping for one more — a marrow match between Debbie Wilson, 45, of Lee's Summit, and one of her three sisters: Patty Burns, 48, of Springhill, La.; Pamela Pace, 39, of Dallas; and Susan Tilton, 38, also of Dallas.

Wilson was diagnosed Thanksgiving week with acute myelocytic leukemia. At St. Joseph Health Center, she is hooked up to a machine that feeds her medicines intravenously and is receiving 10 days of chemotherapy, to be followed by 20 more days in the hospital.

But she will also need a bone marrow transplant. Siblings have a 1-in-4 chance of being suitable donors.

Until last week, she knew the whereabouts only of Burns. The two younger sisters had been adopted 36 years ago by another family. Back then, their names were Donna Denise Gosnell and Marcia Gosnell.

Wilson had been looking for her long-lost siblings since 1988. But nine years of searching by detectives, family and friends had failed. Burns had given up hope.

"I never thought this would happen in my life," Burns said Saturday, fighting back tears as the sisters gathered at the hospital. "It is a miracle."

Wilson, who owns two antique stores, felt nauseous and fatigued from the treatment, but she wouldn't have traded the moment for anything.

"My entire life I had longed to find them," Wilson said. "I had a deep, deep desire."

The girls were born in Shreveport, La., to alcoholic parents. They were good people, Wilson said, until liquor took over. After the family moved to Texas, the children were separated by authorities who said their parents could no longer raise them.

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Artist's crucified Santa draws fire

NEW YORK (AP) — A painting depicting the crucifixion of Santa Claus drew angry complaints from a Catholic group, while the artist stood by his jab at Christmastime commercialism.

The painting in the front window of the Art Students League in midtown Manhattan shows St. Nick on a cross with brightly colored Christmas packages at his feet. Santa's red suit is unbuttoned to reveal a pale and sagging belly. His head hangs and his bushy white beard covers his chest.

It has been on display for a week.

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights sent a letter to the school Friday demanding that the painting be moved to a less-conspicuous place. The group has complained in the past about magazine covers, films and music that it deems offensive.

Artist Robert Cenedella, who has taught at the Students League for 10 years, said the work satirizes holiday commercialism.

"I was not responsible for replacing Christ with Santa Claus. You can point the finger at capitalism," he said.

"Why use a sacred symbol to make that point?" asked William Donohue, the Catholic League president.

Cenedella said the school won't move the painting, which he painted in 1988 for an art show at the Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency.

The symbol of the cross does not belong exclusively to the Catholic church, said Cenedella, who is Catholic.

Andrew Lariviere, 33, a tourist from Providence, R.I., was taken aback by the painting. He said he agreed with Cenedella's message but not the method.

But Alberto Depaulitte, a 30-year-old editor who was at the arts school to sign up for sculpting classes, said the painting should stay where it is: "Christmas is synonymous with money. That is offensive."

Datebook

Dec. 22, 1997

Today is the 356th day of 1997 and the second day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1882, the first strings of Christmas lights were made available.

On this day in 1963, the official 30-day mourning period for President Kennedy came to an end.

On this day in 1984, Bernard Goetz shot four teen-agers in a New York City subway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924), composer; Connie Mack (1862-1956), baseball player-manager; Edward Arlington Robinson (1869-1935), poet; Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson (1912-), U.S. first lady, is 85; James Wright Jr. (1922-), congressman, is 75; Steve Carlton (1944-) baseball great, is 53; Diane Sawyer (1945-), broadcast journalist, is 52; Maurice and Robin Gibb (1949-), singers, are 48; Jan Stephenson (1951-), golfer, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1894, the U.S. Golf Association was founded.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A great mind is one that can forget or look beyond itself." — William Hazlitt

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, arctic high pressure gave Rochford, S.D., an "unofficial" low temperature of 60 degrees below zero.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Young Woman Is Old-Fashioned About Respect Shown to Elders

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old married mother-to-be. Lately, I have been increasingly frustrated with children calling adults by their first name. I am not talking about adults to whom the children are closely related; I am talking about neighbors, friends, parents, etc. I have recently been introduced to the children of several acquaintances and neighbors by my first name. I realize that I am not elderly, but *I am* an adult.

I was always taught to respect my elders and to refer to them as "Mr.," "Mrs." or "Miss" unless invited to do otherwise. It is not the children's fault — it is the adults who allow them to do this.

I plan on raising my children to follow this rule of thumb: If you're not sure what a person prefers to be called, *ask*! Some adults don't mind young children calling them by their first names, but have we become so informal that everyone is now a Tom or a Nancy? How do I get around this without sounding like a stick-in-the-mud?

OLD-FASHIONED
IN READING, PA.

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: You are correct in your statement that your dilemma is caused by the thoughtlessness on the part of the parents, who should ask you, before the introductions are made, how you would like the children to address you.

Deal with this by making your wishes known in a friendly way. When a parent introduces you as "Nancy," say with a smile, "When Jimmy and Janie are 21, they may call me Nancy. But for now, I'd prefer to be called Mrs. Smith." And then direct a friendly comment (or question) to the child.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter to warn parents how easily kids can get into things when you least expect it. My niece (I'll call her Karen) and her 1-year-old daughter, "Kimberly," were at home. Karen was in the kitchen and Kimberly was in the bedroom.

Karen became concerned because she couldn't hear what Kimberly was doing. When she checked on her, Karen found that the child had gotten hold of her purse and had the strap wrapped around her neck. Kimberly's lips were turning blue and she was very pale. Karen unwrapped the purse strap from around the child's neck and attended to her. Karen was terrified, but thankful that she had checked on Kimberly when she did.

It's amazing, Abby. My niece and her husband had baby-proofed the electrical outlets, kitchen and bathroom cabinets, and even put doorknob covers on doors they didn't want Kimberly to open. Now, after that frightening afternoon, Karen also makes sure she puts her purse, diaper bag or anything else with straps out of reach.

AN AUNT IN DENVER
WHO CARES

DEAR AUNT WHO CARES: Thank you for the warning. I'm sharing it with my readers, along with the reminder that drapery cords and those for venetian blinds can also be very dangerous for toddlers and small children, and should be kept out of reach of tiny hands.

DEAR ABBY: I need to know the proper thing to do with my wedding rings. My husband and I have been married for 12 years, and are now divorcing. He is 85 and I am 73. This is his third marriage and my second. My first husband died after 38 years of marriage.

My husband purchased the rings for his first wife, gave the same ones to his second wife, and then to me. He has now asked me to return them. I really don't feel like giving them back, but I want to do the right thing. This is a mutual, friendly separation, and we are planning to visit each other after he moves out of state. Will you please tell me the proper way to handle this?

ELOISE IN ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR ELOISE: Since the rings were originally purchased for his first wife, be a lady and return them to your about-to-be-ex-husband. However, I wouldn't blame you if, as a condition, you request that he replace them with a lovely cocktail ring.

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SNYDER CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes		Governmental Fund Types: 100-199 General Fund	Governmental Fund Types: 200-499 Special Revenue Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only): 98 August 31, 1997	Totals (Memorandum Only): 97 August 31, 1996
	REVENUES:				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 7,749,509	$ 276,043	$ 8,025,552	$ 7,937,290
5800	State Program Revenues	7,970,773	231,881	8,202,654	8,205,610
5900	Federal Program Revenues	710	1,790,646	1,791,356	1,588,164
5020	Total Revenues	15,720,992	2,298,570	18,019,562	17,731,064
	EXPENDITURES:				
	Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	9,835,552	1,353,300	11,188,852	11,206,732
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	869,288		869,288	891,540
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	1,652,136	968,509	2,620,645	2,420,723
0040	Administrative Support Services	997,534	9,691	1,007,225	1,025,889
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	2,017,119		2,017,119	1,868,023
0060	Ancillary Services	48,029	39,396	87,425	59,472
0070	Debt Service	160,000		160,000	13,799
0080	Capital Outlay	104,444	217	104,661	1,200,808
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	209,433		209,433	227,210
6030	Total Expenditures	15,893,535	2,371,113	18,264,648	18,914,196
1100	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(172,543)	(72,543)	(245,086)	(1,183,132)
7020	Other Resources	209,433		209,433	1,417,610
	Total Other Resources	209,433		209,433	1,417,610
1200	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	36,890	(72,543)	(35,653)	234,478
0100	FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	1,706,915	268,931	1,975,846	1,741,368
3000	FUND BALANCE - AUGUST 31 (ENDING)	$ 1,743,805	$ 196,388	$ 1,940,193	$ 1,975,846

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Fellow inmate turns over Zamora's letters

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Navy midshipman accused along with an Air Force ex-cadet in a love triangle ending in murder expects probation from her trial, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A prosecutor told the newspaper in Sunday's editions that a former jailmate of Diane Zamora turned over letters he says the capital murder defendant wrote to him, in return for leniency.

The newspaper obtained the letters that Ms. Zamora, who faces trial next month in the Dec. 4, 1995, slaying of 16-year-old Adrianne Jones, exchanged with inmate David Cotto during September and October 1996.

The letters were exchanged soon after Ms. Zamora and cadet David Graham, her former fiance, were jailed and charged in Ms. Jones' slaying.

"We were stupid but we're both so different now," Ms. Zamora wrote in her first letter to Cotto, dated Sept. 13, 1996. "Everyone out there thinks that we're horrible people without any respect for human life. If only they knew the truth ... ."

In the letters, Ms. Zamora shared her thoughts and feelings about life in jail, her faith in God and her love for Graham.

"I'm going to get out of here, just you wait," she wrote in one letter dated September 1996, after she was placed in a high-security cell.

"I believe God is working this all out. ... I can't wait to see the miracle he works," she said in another letter, adding: "I pray for probation in this case."

Ms. Zamora, 19, remains in Tarrant County Jail. Bond for the teen-ager and Graham, a 20-year-old Mansfield High School graduate who enrolled as a cadet at the Air Force Academy, is set at $250,000.

John Linebarger, Ms. Zamora's attorney, said his client frequently exchanged letters with jail inmates, ignoring his advice.

"I told her not to write anyone from the jail," he said, but "it's my understanding that, against my advice, she returned a lot of letters."

Police said Ms. Jones was killed and dumped along a dark Grand Prairie road because she had a one-time tryst with Graham.

"I pray that God gives us another chance at life," Ms. Zamora wrote in September. "We are not bad people. We were young, in love and not thinking straight."

Ms. Zamora wrote that she would rather be sentenced to die than remain in jail for the rest of her life.

"Believe it or not, that's an actual comfort to me because I know beyond a doubt that we would be united in heaven," she wrote. "We are both Christians and God has forgiven us. Now, if only the rest of the nation would have as much mercy. ..."

Even though the two have since ended their relationship, at the time, Ms. Zamora wrote of plans for a honeymoon and children.

"Everyone is trying to pit us against each other but don't they understand, it won't work," she wrote. "Our love is too strong for that. I'd die for David and he would die for me. ..."

Cotto wanted to turn over the letters in return for leniency in his own unrelated criminal cases. But Mike Parrish, lead prosecutor in Ms. Zamora's case, said he refused even though he knew a letter he said was from Ms. Zamora.

Speed use up; so are thefts, break-ins

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Authorities say they've seized 14 times as much methamphetamine in South Texas this year as three years ago, and that's leading to a jump in other crime.

The re-emergence of speed in the region is leading to thefts and break-ins as users support their habit, officials say.

Gary Leach, director of Palmer Drug Abuse Clinic, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that methamphetamine almost ruined his life 20 years ago during the drug's last heyday.

Now the narcotic's comeback is evident at his clinic.

"We do see it more and more," he said.

Methamphetamine — also known as speed, ice, crystal and crank — can be made from mixing over-the-counter cold treatments and diet pills with a hodgepodge of other chemicals. The drug is completely synthetic. It causes mood elevation, euphoria and heightened endurance. Users are known to become violent and psychotic.

The chemicals that are used to manufacture speed break down the body's organs and cause numerous physical ailments, officials say.

In 1994, South Texas law enforcement officers sent 260 grams (about 9.3 ounces) of methamphetamine to the Department of Public Safety controlled substance laboratory for testing, according to DPS reports.

The amount has steadily increased through this year. As of Dec. 4, the lab had tested 3,705 grams (8.25 pounds) from South Texas. It takes only 1/20th of a gram to get a user high, said Jim Dickson, field supervisor with the Tri-County Narcotics Task Force.

Leach said he was 13 the first time he tried meth in the late 1970s and that he was hooked for several years. By age 19, he was emaciated, had contracted hepatitis and was urinating blood, he said.

"It is truly a terrible drug," he said. "I've seen it take beautiful kids and destroy them. "They have no idea what they are getting into."

Drug Enforcement Administration agents believe that this year heroin and methamphetamine have surpassed crack cocaine as the drugs of choice in Corpus Christi.

"Everyone had just assumed crack was the bigger epidemic," said Max Pooley, resident agent in charge of the Corpus Christi office.

The popularity of methamphetamine can be seen throughout the community, police say, in increased burglaries, forgeries.

A string of area mail thefts, numbering thousands of pieces of mail, also is blamed on methamphetamine users, U.S. Postal Inspector Mike Kaiser said. No arrests have been made.

'Miracle' weed could be boon to farmers

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Amid commotion over the use of the age-old herb St. John's wort as a natural antidepressant or diet drug, Terry Foley is laying the groundwork for the nation's largest operation to grow the weed.

While the government has been trying to eradicate the weed, Foley's Northwest Venture Farms, Inc. is enrolling farmers to grow the commercial-grade seeds produced in his greenhouses and turn in their harvest for processing at his proposed plant near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Foley will broker the refined product to homeopathic drug companies.

St. John's wort, or hypericum, has a long record as a nerve tonic. The golden flower, with its extract hypericin, goes back 2,400 years in folk medicine, but only recently has it generated real demand in the United States as a natural cure.

"People have been taking it for thousands of years," Foley said. "It's just in the past decade that solid university studies have proven it's safe."

German psychiatrists now prescribe the herb four times as often as the antidepressant Prozac. But testing has yet to isolate the active ingredient. It could be the combination of several agents.

Foley is advertising for growers who will each plant at least 10 acres with sprinkler or subsoil watering. They would use the NVF-CH1 seed stock Foley has developed. Northwest Venture then would run the crop through a "micropulverizer" at the processing facility.

Foley has commitments from farmers for about 2,000 acres, his target, although he expects some to drop out.

If his project works out, it could be a money machine.

Foley conservatively estimates that a kilogram, or 2.2 pounds, of processed wort would bring in about $10, with each acre producing around 600 kilos — a gross of $6,000. He figures it costs only $550 an acre to grow and deliver the unprocessed wort to Northwest Venture.

"So it's a quite lucrative venture," Foley said.

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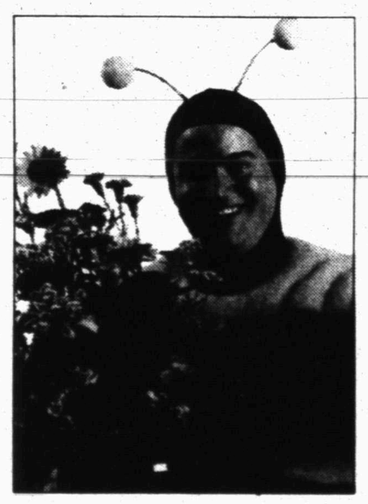

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Bargains attract Christmas shoppers

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's stores broke out big discounts this weekend, hoping to lure Americans to the malls with just a few shopping days left until Christmas.

It worked, with crowds at some of the big retailers looking for bargains.

Lines formed early at Sears, J.C. Penney and Macy's stores, with value-conscious shoppers taking advantage of the extra savings offered only during the morning.

Racks of discounted merchandise attracted shoppers to Bloomingdale's, the Gap and Kmart.

"I see people being real picky with their money," said Don Johnson, store manager at Privilege, a women's clothing store at the Glendale Galleria in Glendale, Calif.

At the Miami International Mall, Diane Cubenas spent Saturday doing all her Christmas shopping, not buying a thing that wasn't 25 to 50 percent off.

Some stores offered as much as 70 percent off, hoping to jumpstart a slow holiday shopping season, when many stores hope to do as much as 50 percent of their annual business.

"I'm looking for sales because I'm laid off," said Suzanne Schott, shopping at the Jefferson Mall in Louisville, Ky. "You'd like to spend five times as much, but I can't."

In a last-ditch effort to boost sales, many stores slashed prices over the final week. Price cuts inevitably hurt retailers' profit margins and there is no guarantee that markdowns will generate enough sales to save the season.

Last year, 41 percent of all holiday shopping was done in the final eight days of the season, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group.

"Many stores got what they were wishing for this weekend. They were very crowded," Ken Volk, marketing director for mall developer Simon DeBartolo Group, said Sunday.

Like Schott, many shoppers have watched their spending this Christmas. Despite high consumer confidence and low inflation, many shoppers haven't spent freely and only bought when offered discounts.

Tina David brought coupons and sale ads with her during a trip to a Louisville toy store.

"Sticking to a budget is the key," she said. "That way we won't have those after-holiday woes. We can sit back and see our children with smiley faces and still have money in our pocket."

This Christmas did not bring a Tickle Me Elmo mania, though Sing & Snore Ernie did sell out at many stores. Other hot hits include Bop It, Star Wars action figures, Barbie, virtual pets and video games — especially Nintendo's new Diddy Kong Racing.

Jewelry, fragrances and home furnishings were also big sellers this weekend, along with computer software and compact discs.

Clothing stores continued to struggle, as they have all season. Some of the biggest price cuts came at stores such as Ann Taylor and The Limited, which haven't been able to excite shoppers with their merchandise.

Obituaries

Opal Callaway

1904-1997

Mrs. Opal Callaway, a resident of Snyder Healthcare Center, died at 8:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Callaway, 93, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Tapp Funeral Home Chapel in Sulphur Springs. Burial will follow in the Tira Cemetery.

Born Sept. 22, 1904 in Sulphur Springs, she married M.S. Callaway on April 1, 1922. He died in 1982.

A homemaker, Mrs. Callaway had lived in Sulphur Springs before moving to Snyder.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters; three grandchildren; and one sister.

Survivors include four sons, W.W. Callaway of Dunn, R.D. Callaway of Hermleigh, J.R. Callaway of Winnsboro and Jerry Callaway of Center Ridge, Ark.; two daughters, June Caldwell of Sulphur Springs and Beth Tippett of Hobbs, N.M.; four sisters, Viola Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Martha Rogers of Fort Worth, Virgil Hardin of Odessa and Juanita Petty of Greenville; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

James Roberts

1923-1997

ANDREWS — Funeral service for James W. Roberts, editor and publisher of the Andrews County News and president of Roberts Publishing Co., is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the James Roberts Civic Center.

Dr. H.A. Hanks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate, assisted by Walter Buckel, publisher of the Lamesa Press-Reporter.

Burial will follow in the Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Mr. Roberts, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 20, in St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital in Houston following heart surgery.

He moved to Andrews in 1934 with his parents and graduated from Andrews High School in 1941. He was wounded and captured by the Germans at Anzio in Italy and was a prisoner of war for one year and one week.

After a year in an Army hospital in El Paso, he returned to Andrews and married Marie Holman on April 18, 1946 in Andrews. He was a 1950 graduate of Baylor University, returning to Andrews as editor of the Andrews County News.

In 1960, James and his father, the late C.W. Roberts Sr., formed Roberts Publishing Company which now owns newspapers in Andrews, Azle, Brownfield, Copperas Cove, Gatesville, Granbury, Hereford, Lamesa, Quanah, Seminole, Springtown, Snyder and Vernon.

Mr. Roberts was a past-president of the Texas Press and West Texas Press Associations.

He was president of the Andrews Industrial Foundation for more than 30 years, and he served on the Andrews school board when it built its new high school. He was named Andrews' Outstanding Citizen in 1963, and the county's civic center was named in his honor in 1990.

He was a member of the Andrews First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Roberts of Andrews; two sons, Phillip Roberts of Waco and Randall Roberts of Andrews; a brother, Wesley Roberts of Austin; and three grandchildren.

Arron Justus

1925-1997

CROSBYTON — Arron Justus, the brother of Lavelle Eicke of Snyder, died Saturday, Dec. 20, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Justus, 72, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Crosbyton Church of Christ. Joseph Johnston was to officiate.

Born March 7, 1925 in Mangum, Okla., he married Catherine Tyler on May 23, 1947 in Crosbyton.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion and the Church of Christ. He was the owner of Bushmasters.

Survivors also include his wife, Catherine Justus of Crosbyton; three sons, Thomas Gordon Justus of Midlothian, Arron Ray Justus and Jimmy Jack Justus, both of Crosbyton; two daughters, JoAnn Horne of Baytown and Rose Marie Reagan of Austin; three brothers, Odell Justus of Amarillo, Eural Justus of Lubbock and Ray Justus of Crosbyton; and 10 grandchildren.

Nichols' jury has resumed deliberations

DENVER (AP) — After taking the weekend off, jurors resumed deliberations today in the case against Oklahoma City bombing suspect Terry Nichols.

The jurors, ranging from a geophysicist to a telemarketer, have deliberated 25 hours since receiving the case on Tuesday. Timothy McVeigh's jury deliberated 23½ hours.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch offered them the option of working through the weekend, but they chose to take the time off.

Nichols, 42, could be sentenced to die if convicted of murder, conspiracy and weapons-related counts.

McVeigh, convicted in June, was sentenced to death and is appealing.

In a complicated, death-penalty case, jurors are bound to feel some stress, said Robert Hirschhorn, a Texas-based jury consultant who assisted Nichols' defense team.

"Each juror feels like they're carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders," he said, declining to discuss this panel specifically. "I like those kinds of jurors because it signals to me how serious and how important this decision is to them."

Six taken into custody by area peace officers

Five people were arrested over the weekend on various charges while one was booked into jail early today on an outstanding warrant.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old female at 6:28 p.m. Saturday in the 900 block of 23rd Street on outstanding city warrants for assault and failure to appear.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 7:58 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of 28th Street on outstanding city warrants.

A 35-year-old male was taken into custody at 11:17 p.m. Saturday at a location on Highway 350 and FM 1609 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 2:49 a.m. Sunday, officers jailed a 20-year-old male after arresting him in the 1000 block of College Avenue for public intoxication.

A 20-year-old male was arrested at 8:48 p.m. Sunday in the 3500 block of Kerrville on an outstanding warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Officers took a 44-year-old male into custody at 6:09 this morning in the 2400 block of Avenue R on an outstanding warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

A clerk at Town & Country notified police 3:22 p.m. Saturday about a suspicious-looking $50 bill two juveniles were trying to use to pay for items. The juveniles were gone upon arrival of the police and the clerk had given them the bill back.

At 10:54 p.m., a clerk from Rip's Truck Stop notified authorities that a short Hispanic female had attempted to pass a counterfeit $50 bill at that location.

A deputy was requested at the Willow Park Inn at 10:53 a.m. Saturday in reference to some damage to adjoining rooms. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

Officers were called to the report of a person falling at a Merrill Street residence at 10:09 p.m. Saturday. Officers determined that a woman had been assaulted but she refused treatment and would not give a statement. An offense report for family violence was filed.

Officers also investigated a report of a man hearing noises outside of his residence and another man who said his chickens were acting up. Police checked the area around each residence but were unable to locate anything.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 19-William Ballard, Virginia Bethel, Nellie Davis, and Carrie Tarter, all of Snyder; Dec. 20-None; Dec. 21-None.

Dismissals: Dec. 19-Mary Wampler; Dec. 20-William Ballard and Carrie Tarter; Dec. 21-None.

CENSUS: 33 (Med., Surg. 7., Long-term Care-26.

Weather plays role in mishaps

Saturday's rainy weather played havoc with motorists as Department of Pulbic Safety troopers worked three weather-related accidents.

At 1 p.m., a 1993 Chevrolet pickup was westbound on U.S. Highway 84, some six miles east of Hermleigh. The pickup was pulling a 1994 Prowler trailer which overturned after it hit a slick spot in the road. The pickup was driven by Harry Machin of San Antonio. There were no injuries.

Just a half-hour later, a one-vehicle accident was reported 12 miles west of Snyder on U.S. 84. A 1993 Ford rolled over after the driver lost control when the vehicle hit a slick spot in the road. Steve Divoky of Fresno, Texas, was the driver. He was not injured.

At 5:01 p.m., Jesus Torres was driving a 1988 Freightliner which was pulling a 1977 shop-made trailer on Highway 180, six miles west of Snyder. The trailer jack-knifed across the roadway on the wet roads. There were no injuries reported in this accident, either.

DPS troopers investigated a one-vehicle accident Saturday which was not weather-related.

Scott Key was driving a 1994 Chevrolet pickup which struck a tree at the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 1609 Saturday at 8:12 p.m. Key was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital and was later released following treatment.

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ONGOINGS

Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "What Happens After Death," airs at 7 this evening, followed by Lesson 3 of The Story of the Bible.

No Lions Club meetings

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday. Instead, the club needs helpers and pickups to deliver Toys for Tots beginning at 8 a.m. that day at the Girl Scout Hut.

Club members won't meet on Tuesday, Dec. 30, either.

'Hanging of the Green'

Colonial Hill Baptist Church's presentation of "Hanging of the Green, A Christmas Celebration," will air at 7 p.m. Tuesday on cable channel 2.

Christmas eve services

—First Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
—Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 7 p.m.
—First Christian Church, candelight communion, "The Gift of Life," 7 p.m.
—First Presbyterian Church, "David's Gift," 11 p.m.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

College information Hotline '98

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will so-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on Jan. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to ask questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid.

Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-5-6

(six, five, six)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5, 9, 35, 43, 44, 45.

Estimated jackpot: $18 million.

Number matching six of six: 1

Winning ticket sold in: Dallas (Quick Shop, 107 Webb Chapel Village).

Matching five of six: 115. Prize: $1,961.

Matching four of six: 7,028. Prize: $116.

Matching three of six: 142,046. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Milosevic's ally leads in elections

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — An ally of Yugoslav strongman Slobodan Milosevic claimed victory in Serbia's presidential elections, but the contest was marred by fraud charges and poor voter turnout.

For the fourth time in three months, Serbs went to the polls to elect a successor to Milosevic. The contest was between his ally, Milan Milutinovic, and ultranationalist Vojislav Seselj.

International observers described the elections as "fundamentally flawed" and Seselj threatened to challenge the results.

It was unclear whether turnout Sunday was high enough for a valid vote. Official results are expected later today.

The two received the highest number of votes in the last election Dec. 7, but neither had 50 percent of the vote, which is required to win the presidency.

First-round voting in September also failed to produce a winner, and an October runoff was invalidated because of low turnout.

Milosevic, who moved over to the presidency of the Yugoslav federation in July, was constitutionally barred from a new term. The federation is comprised of Serbia and the much smaller Montenegro.

Seselj confirmed the results but questioned whether the turnout was over 50 percent.

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