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Ask Us

Q—How many farms and ranches are there in Texas?

A—According to the Texas Farm Bureau, there are 186,000 farms and ranches in the state, which makes Texas tops in the nation. Missouri is next with 108,000.

In Brief

China blast

HONG KONG (AP) — Workers in southern China detonated 12,000 tons of dynamite today to level a hill for an airport expansion project. Tremors from the blast, whose force was nearly equal to the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, were felt 27 miles away.

The explosion caused an earthquake measuring 3.4 on the Richter scale, said Stephen Chang of Hong Kong's Royal Observatory.

There were no reports of damage or injuries from the tremors, which were felt in Hong Kong, 27 miles from the blast, and in Macao, 18 miles away. The dynamite was set off at Potai Mountain in the southern Chinese city of Zhuhai.

Arms talks

GENEVA (AP) — Last-chance talks to wrap up a nuclear missile reduction treaty before President Bush leaves office opened today with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev offering to bet a bottle of whiskey on a successful outcome.

Even before the first session began at the Russian mission, Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger had rated the chances at better than 50-50, but stubborn technical problems remained.

Kozyrev and Eagleburger met alone for about an hour before being joined by the U.S. and Russian delegations. An afternoon session was scheduled at the American mission.

Local

Retirement

A retirement reception for Cliff Necessary will be held at the Lone Star Gas Company office, 1712 27th St. from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday.

Health Unit

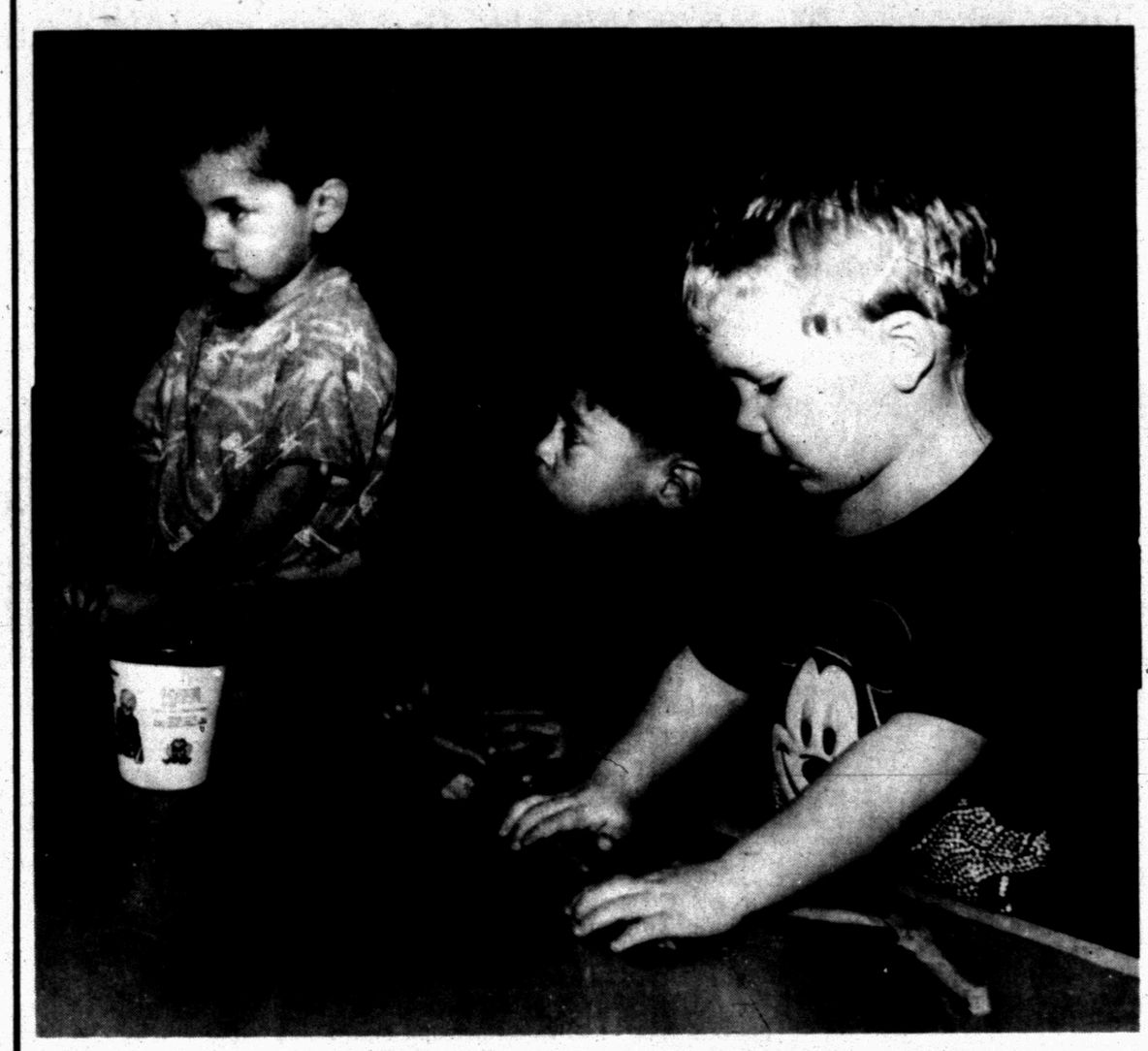
Scurry County Health Unit will not hold immunization clinic Thursday. Clinic will be held Tuesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 51 degrees; low, 31 degrees; high Sunday, 65 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 49 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 27.71 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Low in the lower 50s. South wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. High near 70. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Forecast for New Year's Day, mostly cloudy. Low in the lower 30s. High in the mid 40s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:49. Sunrise Tuesday, 5:47. Of 363 days in 1992, the sun has shone 338 days in Snyder.



PLAYTIME FUN — Alex Chavira, Josh Lara and Ralston Loveall, left to right, enjoy playtime this morning at Snyder Child Daycare Center. The children are in Frances Rios' class at the center. (SDN Staff Photo)

Somalia warlords pledge to reunite city of Mogadishu

BELET HUEN, Somalia (AP) — U.S. and Canadian soldiers today seized this famine-wracked town, the final target of their campaign to make Somalia secure for food shipments. The capital, Mogadishu, was awash in celebration as two warlords promised to reunite the city.

Mohammed Farrah Aidid and Ali Mahdi Mohamed, the two warlords who control the divided, war-damaged capital, met at a public gathering for the first time in more than a year and announced their war was over.

Thousands of their followers, ululating, clapping and blowing into conch shells, celebrated the promise to reunify the capital, but it was unclear how soon the pledge would become a reality. Shooting incidents around the edges of the rally indicated gunmen were angry their days of plunder and mayhem might be drawing to an end.

Journalists in the area were harrassed, robbed and one was shot at, as Aidid and Ali Mahdi met for about 20 minutes amid the shell-shattered buildings around the old parliament.

American Marines exchanged fire with three Somalis who tried to rob a television crew from Britain's Visnews outside the main gate of Mogadishu's international airport, now a military base.

One of the bandits was killed, and a South African soundman was slightly injured in the elbow. The Visnews cameraman and soundman said they were accosted by three armed Somalis as they approached the airport gate.

Some 200 members of the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Infantry Regiment and 40 Canadian soldiers entered Belet Huen unopposed, as was the case in seven other cities secured by the U.S.-led force since it began arriving in the country Dec. 9.

The U.S.-Canadian force swept onto Belet Huen's dirt airstrip aboard 10 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters just after dawn after a flight from Beli Dogle,

Century II deadline is Thursday

Thursday is the deadline for anyone wishing to apply for the ninth session of Century II Leadership Scurry County.

The program, sponsored by Western Texas College and Snyder Chamber of Commerce, is aimed at developing community knowledge and leadership skills.

The class will begin Monday, Jan. 11, 1993, and conclude on June 28, meeting twice monthly on Monday afternoons.

Tuition is $225 for each student, payable to Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

The instructor will be Dr. James Palmer, division chairman for the social and physical science divisions at WTC.

Century II Leadership is aimed at developing and maintaining a pool of well-informed and well-motivated men and women qualified to assume present and future leadership roles in Scurry County. The course will address such topics as the economy, government, education, health care, criminal justice system and petroleum industry in and around the county. The course concludes with an all-day tour of agricultural interests in the county.

Applications are available at the chamber of commerce.

Walsh was 'totally unethical' a pardoned Weinberger says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Escalating a bitter war of words, newly pardoned Caspar Weinberger denied today that he concealed notes about the Iran-Contra affair and accused the special prosecutor of trying to force him to falsely implicate Ronald Reagan in exchange for lenient treatment.

Weinberger, making the rounds of television talk shows, said special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh was "totally unethical" in his pursuit of convictions. "When he was after me, he was really pursuing President Reagan, and now President Bush," Weinberger said.

Walsh has heatedly defended his investigation and said that Weinberger's "concealment of notes is a part of a disturbing pattern of deception and obstruction that permeated the highest levels of the Reagan and Bush administrations."

"He simply is not telling the truth. These notes were not concealed at all," Weinberger said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Weinberger called those notes "little jottings that I'd made for 35, 40 years. ... and about five, six, seven percent of them related to the Iran-Contra."

Weinberger, asked on NBC's "Today" show if he had spoken with Bush since the Christmas Eve pardons, said: "Yes, I thanked him. I called him at Camp David, expressed my appreciation for what I thought was a courageous and a proper action."

Walsh, who has said he was turning his investigation's focus to Bush after the pardon, has disputed Weinberger's assertion that he was trying to coerce Weinberger into incriminating Reagan.

"Walsh did not ask Caspar Weinberger to incriminate anyone," said Mary Belcher, spokeswoman for Walsh. "False testimony is the last thing a prosecutor wants. All he asked Weinberger for was the truth."

Just a day earlier, Walsh's assistant, James J. Brosnahan, suggested Bush may have granted pardons to avoid being a witness at Weinberger's trial.

Bush, vacationing in Texas, declined Sunday to answer reporters' questions on the Iran-Contra affair.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," Weinberger acknowledged errors and misstatements in his Iran-Contra testimony to Congress.

But he said he lacked criminal intent, and charged that Walsh had pursued his indictment only after Weinberger refused to cooperate in the prosecution of higher ups in the scandal over arms-for-hostages exchanges with Iran during the Reagan administration.

"Cooperation meant giving them the testimony that they wanted that would enable them to implicate President Reagan," Weinberger said.

By commissioners...

County audit report okayed

County commissioners this morning approved a report from the county auditor's office and rejected a single bid for a used tandem-axle truck for Precinct 4.

Deputy Auditor Chloanne Lindsey presented a letter updating which offices have been audited as required by county government code.

Offices receiving physical audits of records for calendar year 1992 were justice of the peace Precincts 1 and 2, the tax collector's office, county clerk, district clerk, Hermleigh Water Works and the sheriff's office and county jail.

Offices which were audited through monthly receipts, reports and deposits were the treasurer's office, juvenile probation, adult probation, airport, library, health unit and the coliseum.

The auditor's office is required to audit each office on an annual basis, and all audit records are on file in the auditor's office.

The court voted to reject a bid of $17,500 on a 1984 model Mack tandem-axle truck. The cost included the trade-in of a 1970 Mack truck and a 1980 GMC truck.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway made the motion to reject the bid, saying that the bid was "more than we can afford to spend on a used truck."

Seven line-item transfers were approved by commissioners, including transfers for the library, health unit, county clerk, work center, county judge's office and Precincts 3 and 4.

Approval of bills and minutes from the court's Dec. 21 meeting were the only other items on the agenda.

County Judge Bob Doolittle presided. Present were commissioners Gannaway and Jerry Morgan. Roy Idom and C.D. Gray Jr. were absent.

1992 a rocky year for Scurry County

School reorganization, Milford case, audit of jr. high funds

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the first in a four-part series reviewing major events which impacted Scurry County in 1992.

The fact that Scurry Countians went through some trying times in 1992 should not have been a surprise. Afterall, the year began with an earthquake, albeit a small one.

The quake, which was actually centered in Andrews County and only gently rocked Scurry County on the morning of Jan. 2, might have forewarned of bigger things to come — another substantial drop in taxable values, an elementary school reorganization plan that drew the ire of a large number of parents, a failed attempt to gain another 1,000 bed prison and a murder, to name some.

But there was bright news, too. Walls Industries reopened its garment factory in April, Koch Industries moved 18 families into the area and Western Texas College's relationship with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice grew by leaps and bounds.

Of all the events which took place in 1992, probably the school reorganization plan touched the largest number of people.

Under the plan, North Elementary school was to close. Each of the five remaining elementary campuses would house kindergarten and first graders, plus one other grade. The plan was designed to save money by closing one campus and reducing the ISD workforce. An added bonus was that it would create racial balance.

It had two major drawbacks — splitting brothers and sisters into different schools, and busing. Some 950 concerned citizens attended a public hearing Feb. 4 over the plan, the majority voicing disapproval. Other meetings were held at each campus. During many of the meetings, mothers and fathers spoke of the reorganization plan as outrageous.

But, saying that the plan was financially and educationally sound, Snyder school trustees eventually approved it on Feb. 13 by a 6-1 vote.

There were expected problems as the 1992-93 school year began, particularly with busing. But, although some parents would no doubt disagree, school officials reported near the end of the first semester that complaints were few, and children were adjusting well.

A story which touched fewer people, but peaked their interest, was the murder of Paul Milford.

The owner of Fast Oil Change, Milford was reported missing in early November of 1991. Also missing were an employee, Arthur Lee Harding, and Harding's girlfriend, Nina Jonell Henderson.

After almost five months, Milford's body was found in a cistern near Fluvanna on March 30. An autopsy revealed that he had been shot twice in the chest with a small caliber weapon. In June, Harding and Henderson were arrested outside a Louisiana motel and charged with Milford's murder. They are presently in Scurry County Jail, awaiting trial.

The oil field has always had a major impact on Scurry Countians and the biggest news from the oil patch in 1992 came in September. Pennzoil Co. announced that it bought a significant share of Chevron Corporation's domestic oil and gas fields, including a 20.84 percent interest in the SACROC unit. The action followed a corporate decision by Chevron a year ago to sell its interest. At that time, SACROC had 95 employees and 55 contract employees in the county. Since that time, early retirement and separation packages, along with transfers, has resulted in a decrease in local employees and an increase in contract employees.

SACROC interest owners are to get together early in 1993 to determine the new operator for the unit.

Also for sale is Oryx's 27.1 percent interest in the unit.

Understanding that the tax base is declining — taxable values for Snyder ISD dropped from $780 million in 1991 to just over $650 in 1992 — citizens took action in January to try and attract new industry. On Jan. 18, Snyder citizens approved a ½ -cent sales tax by a 56.5 percent margin. Of the tax,

(see 1992, page 8)

Proposal to restore Adirondack moose sparks controversy

POTTERSVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — A moose on the loose can be a thrill to behold. It's the thought of more than 1,300 of the beasts galumphing around without regard for the rules of the road that worries some people.

"It's nice to see one of these animals until one comes through your windshield and kills your wife — or you," said Neal Rossner of Pottersville.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has proposed restoring moose to their old stomping grounds by reintroducing 100 of the animals over three years to wilderness areas of northern New York. The $1.3 million plan would result in 1,300 moose in the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park within 20 years. A decision is expected next month.

Proponents say it would be a way to bring back some majesty to the Adirondacks that was lost when hunters killed off the native moose population about 120 years ago.

"This is a way of improving the ecological condition of the Adirondacks without building ski slopes and condominiums and things we know are destructive to the wild environment," said William Porter, a professor of wildlife biology at Syracuse University, who helped develop the proposal.

The moose already is making something of a comeback, charming locals who have glimpsed the beasts trotting through woods or fording streams.

Patricia Ball of Lisbon spotted a six-footer chomping apples from a tree in her yard. "I was astonished," she said. "My husband needs a ladder to reach that high."

But the state proposal has raised fears that the animals could become what one critic called "mooseances."

Moose can grow 7 feet high at the shoulders and weigh more than 1,100 pounds. They generally don't attack people, hurt crops or threaten livestock.

Still, they're traffic hazards because they're wanderers by nature. They have been spotted as far south as Westchester County, just outside New York City, and as far west as Syracuse.

"You'll always have some moose going boldly where no moose has gone before," said Alan Hicks, a state wildlife biologist.

Environmental officials estimate that with 1,300 moose on the loose, 25 to 142 would get hit by cars in a year. People would be injured in about 14 percent of those accidents and someone would die in a car-moose collision every 2.6 years.

In Maine, with a moose population estimated at more than 20,000, some 600 were hit by cars last year, according to Maine's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

New York state Assemblyman Christopher Ortloff said he opposes the reintroduction plan because moose are coming back to New York — albeit slowly — on their own. About 30 moose have ambled in from Canada and New England.

"The moose restoration project is clearly unnecessary," he said. "The Adirondack region is not some environmental Disneyland, in which what looks like a natural environment has been concocted by human 'imagineers.'"

State environmental officials haven't said exactly what they will recommend come January. Hicks said they could choose a more modest project or decide to better monitor the moose already around.

4th suspect arrested in burglary ring

DALLAS (AP) — A fourth suspect in a rash of North Dallas burglaries surrendered to Grand Prairie police Saturday, three days after he was charged in an arrest warrant with the slaying of a burglary victim.

Police described William Alexander Gates, 25, as a major participant in the violent ring, suspected of committing nearly 40 burglaries in the past three months.

Gates was being held in Lew Sterrett Justice Center on a capital murder charge in the Dec. 10 shooting of Louis Dolch, 89, who apparently startled intruders in his home.

Bail for Gates was set at $1 million.

Gates surrendered to Grand Prairie police Saturday afternoon, was questioned and then taken to Lew Sterrett.

Police didn't expect further arrests in the murder case.

The man accused of leading the ring, paroled car thief Karl Christopher Anderson, 25, was arrested and charged Tuesday with theft and capital murder in Dolch's death. Police also arrested Anderson's girlfriend, Vivian Bryant, 25, on two charges of receiving stolen property.

A day earlier, authorities arrested Carlos Alfredo Alvarez, 30, who was charged with two counts of receiving stolen property.

The burglars broke into homes at night, shooting at residents who confronted them. They earned the nickname "phone line" burglars because they would cut phone lines to the homes of their victims.

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In 1690, the army of England's Protestant king, William III, defeated forces loyal to the former Roman Catholic king, James II, in the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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Two Halves Make a Whole, In Math as Well as Chickens

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle an argument I recently had with a friend.

We were in a restaurant discussing chicken anatomy after I had ordered a breast of chicken and was served half of a chicken breast. Abby, does a chicken have a singular breast or two breasts? So far, we have consulted vets; science teachers and butchers in several grocery stores; nobody seems to know.

I say a chicken has only one breast, not two — only two halves. I would appreciate any help you can give me on this one.

DICK IN DENVER

DEAR DICK: Over the years, I have dealt with problems involving "chicks," hen-pecked husbands, dumb clucks, and all manner of "fowl" play; however, at the risk of laying an egg, I'll try to answer your question.

Unlike humans, chickens do not have two breasts. In the chest area, they have one "breast," which is divided by bone and cartilage.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Please remind nurses and other health care professionals that a person's weight is a personal and private matter.

The scales in my doctor's office are right beside the receptionist's desk, and only a few steps from the waiting room.

The nurse who weighed me on my last visit saw fit to announce my weight loudly enough for my husband as well as the other eight people in the waiting room to hear.

Abby, I am not ashamed of my weight, but it doesn't have to be a matter of public record. Incidentally, the nurse who blurted out my weight was plenty large enough to assure me that she would not care to have her weight announced.

Later, in the privacy of the examination room, this same nurse was struck mute when I asked her what my blood pressure was. I guess that information would require a security clearance from the government, but a patient's weight can be shouted to the multitudes.

This may seem like a small matter compared to some of the problems you hear about, but in this weight-conscious, eating-disordered society it would seem that a little sensitivity would be in order.

I thought I was the only person who felt this way, until others — men as well as women — began voicing the same sentiments. Abby, people don't need another reason to avoid going to their doctors, and this practice of weighing in and loudly announcing the results is one of the reasons people dread this checkup. I finally told that nurse, "Write it down and show it to me if I ask!"

KEEP IT PRIVATE, MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR KEEP IT PRIVATE: I'll bet this letter will be tacked up on a few bulletin boards. Thanks for writing.

* * *

WORTH QUOTING: "I had bought two male chimps from a primate colony in Holland. They lived next door to each other in separate cages for several months before I used one as a heart donor.

"When we put him to sleep in his cage in preparation for the operation, he chattered and cried incessantly. We attached no significance to this, but it must have made a great impression on his companion, for when we removed the body to the operating room, the other chimp wept bitterly and was inconsolable for days.

"The incident made a deep impression on me. I vowed never again to experiment with such sensitive creatures."

DR. CHRISTIAAN BARNARD

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Want your phone to ring? Get Abby's booklet, "How to Be Popular" — for people of all ages. To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Effort for D.C. statehood faces defeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boosters of statehood for the nation's capital have a friend headed for the White House, but ebbing support in Congress could wash away their hopes.

And while Bill Clinton the candidate said he would like to see statehood for the District of Columbia in his first term, President-elect Clinton appears unwilling to spend much political capital to make it happen.

"Congress would have to act, but I believe in it ... and I assume a bill will be introduced and I expect to support it," Clinton told reporters recently.

Moreover, the biggest issue of all — whether the Constitution would have to be amended for D.C. statehood — is far from resolved.

The Constitution gives Congress the right "to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever" for the nation's capital.

Statehood supporters say that means Congress can erect any form of government it wants, including a state, but every attorney general since Robert F. Kennedy, as well as several legal scholars who support statehood, maintain the Constitution must be changed.

Always dicey at best, chances for D.C. statehood have been harmed by recent events that have raised lawmakers' eyebrows anew about the political acumen of the city's leaders and voters and the economic wherewithal to support a state government:

—A fiscal crisis that Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly largely ignored her first two years in office, and that persists despite a 40 percent increase in federal payments to the city.

—Election of former Mayor Marion Barry to a City Council seat after his release from prison on a misdemeanor cocaine conviction. It's conceivable he could be elected governor if statehood comes to pass.

—Continued flight of middle-class taxpayers, black and white, to suburbs in Maryland and Virginia. The capital city's population has shrunk 20 percent, by 157,000 people, over the past 20 years.

"People who have been here a long time have never seen the District in a more irresponsible posture," lamented one statehood activist on Capitol Hill, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "It is devastating for statehood and it even hurts home rule."

Meanwhile, Clinton's support for statehood, in contrast to opposition from both Presidents Bush and Reagan, has intensified Republican antipathy.

"We Republicans view it as really a method by which the Democratic Party gets two automatic senators in perpetuity," said House GOP Leader Robert Michel. "We're on the margin right now. So I don't see how we Republicans, except maybe a few, would be amenable to statehood for the District of Columbia."

"New Columbia" statehood bills have been introduced in every Congress since 1987.

Bush 'hurt'

HOUSTON (AP) — President Bush wound up with a black eye after taking a snowball in the face from one of his grandchildren.

Bush, who stopped here en route to Beeville, for his annual post-holiday quail hunt, had a large bruise just below his right eye when he spoke with reporters Sunday about the United States shooting down an Iraqi jet.

Aides said one of his grandchildren caught him with a hard snowball at Camp David, Md., on Christmas.

New House members were in TV news

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dan Rather in Congress?

Not quite, but three newly elected House members have traded in their notebooks and tape recorders for an office on Capitol Hill.

Some say it has been difficult adjusting to life on the other side of the camera.

"It was tough on the local level because a lot of the people covering the campaign ... were people I worked with for many years," said Ron Klink, a Pennsylvania Democrat who gave up his weekend anchor spot at Pittsburgh's KDKA-TV to run for Congress. "We had our own relationships, whether they were good, bad or indifferent. ... It was difficult."

Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, another Pennsylvania Democrat, was an Emmy Award-winning correspondent for WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., and reported for stations in New York and Philadelphia before winning a House seat in suburban Philadelphia. She may be best known from her appearances over the last decade on NBC's "Today" show.

And Republican Rod Grams had been a news anchor in Minnesota before landing in Congress.

"It's so different being on the other side of the microphone, but I learned some very good lessons from being a journalist," Margolies-Mezvinsky said, citing the importance of not being afraid to ask questions and acknowledging the value of a pithy sound bite.

Rep. Scott Klug, R-Wis., a former TV newscaster, refers to himself as a member of Capitol Hill's "hair dryer caucus." The biggest challenge in making the switch, he said, was establishing credibility off the TV screen.

Other journalists have moved to Congress before.

Rep. Helen Delich Bentley, R-Md., was a reporter and editor for more than 20 years at The Sun in Baltimore. Vice President-elect Al Gore worked as a reporter and editorial writer early in his career.

Understanding the media is clearly beneficial in a city where much of the drama is played out on a television screen or the front page, and Klink says the street-level problems he witnessed as a reporter helped shape his political agenda.

Margolies-Mezvinsky says it will be hard to leave behind habits formed during a quarter century in the newsroom. Only recently, she found herself scribbling notes during a speech by President-elect Clinton.

"Let me say clearly to all those out there, the leaks are not coming from me," she quipped.

Klink talks about his news job as the career "I'd wanted to be in as a young boy." But he quickly adds: "The metamorphosis is completed now. ... I have made that transition now to politics and the whole television career is done."

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 28, 1992

Today is the 363rd day of 1992 and the eighth day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1935, the Works Progress Administration Federal Art Project Gallery opened in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), U.S. president-educator; Lew Ayres (1908-), actor, is 84; Terry Sawchuck (1929-1970), hockey star; John Akers (1934-), U.S. computer industry executive, is 58; Maggie Smith (1934-), actress, is 58; Denzel Washington (1954-), actor, is 38; Ray Bourque (1960-), hockey player, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1902, the Syracuse Athletic Club defeated the Philadelphia Athletics, 6-0, in the World Series of football played in Madison Square Garden.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would never read a book if it were possible to talk half an hour with the man who wrote it." — Woodrow Wilson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1897, Dayville, Ore., was the exception to cold winter weather. It reached a record high of 61 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 23) and first quarter (Dec. 31).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Isn't it wonderful? Beginning Jan. 1, you can charge stuff you won't have to pay for till June — or so some ads say.

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Counterdemonstration scheduled for Klan rally

AUSTIN (AP) — Some civil rights groups are planning demonstrations of their own next month to counter a planned Ku Klux Klan rally to express opposition to a state holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

The People's Anti-Racist Coalition has created an "anti-Klan hot line" that will provide information on meetings to organize the counterdemonstration, officials say.

The Klan has protested the holiday each year for a decade in some states, said Loretta Ross, program director at the Center for Democratic Renewal in Atlanta.

The Jan. 16 Klan rally in Austin, announced last month, is expected to draw about 60 members who want the King holiday repealed in Texas.

The holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader was observed this year in Texas for the first time. The holiday will be observed on Jan. 18.

Mark Adams, coordinator for the Martin Luther King Statue Foundation at the University of Texas, said foundation members probably will participate in the counterdemonstration.

"Many UT students are going to be there and hopefully give the KKK some hell," said Adams, who emphasized King's contributions to today's society. "Too many of our holidays commemorate American heroes from previous centuries.

"Martin Luther King is just as important a hero as we have today."

Michael Lowe, grand dragon of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, said he planned the rally "so that the American public will know that not everyone will take this idea of Martin Luther King as a hero."

King was "no more than a communist, an anarchist," said Lowe, who lives in Waco and heads the Klan in Texas. "He shouldn't be made a hero (just) because he's black."

It will be the first time the Klan has demonstrated against the King holiday in Texas. In 1983, a Klan march at the Capitol drew 3,000 protesters and resulted in 11 injuries and 13 arrests.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 12-R W.R. Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. The well produced seven barrels of 29.1 gravity oil and 26 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,184-3,110 feet, and location is in Section 130, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 18 W.R. Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. The venture was finaled to produce 34 barrels of 29.1 gravty oil and 26 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,184-3,153 feet, and location is in Section 130, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Petrotex Inc. has completed the No. 1-A Coates in the Vealmoor east field, 10 miles southeast of Gail. The well produced 24 barrels of 47 gravity oil and 24 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,443-447 feet, and location is in Section 14, Block 52-A, PSL survey.

Nolan County

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 1 Ruby Hermanson in the Suggs field, three miles northwest of Blackwell. The re-entry project was finaled to produce 34 barrels of 38.5 gravity oil and 175 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 295-1 with perforatons from 5,847-6,465 feet. Location is in Section 206, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Blair Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 2 Wilkinson, a 10,500-foot wildcat located 7.5 miles northwest of Big Spring. Location is in Section 20, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

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Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Hobbs Co-Dependent 12-Step group; Hobbs school gym; call Sharon or Jimmy Prayton at 735-3640 (Rotan); 7 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Rotary Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Volleyball for singles, divorced or widowed people; multipurpose building of First Baptist Church; 7 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Memorial set for ordained gay minister

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Friends of the Rev. J. Robert Williams planned to remember today the first openly gay minister to be ordained in the Episcopal Church at a memorial service in his hometown of Abilene.

Williams died on Christmas Eve at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston of an AIDS-related pulmonary infection. He was 37.

Williams, who was asked to resign just six weeks after his controversial ordination in December 1989, was diagnosed with AIDS in November 1990.

"Robert taught me a number of things I'm forever grateful for," said New Jersey Bishop John S. Spong, the man who ordained Williams in 1989, only to ask him to resign weeks later.

"He taught me a lot about what gifts gay and lesbian people might have to give to the church," Spong said. "I regret the path that his life took. I think it's a sad waste. He was an enormously gifted man."

Williams renounced his association with the Episcopal Church in 1991, but continued to work as a Christian priest, joining the Western Orthodox Catholic Church in America. The group is a small denomination unaffiliated with Rome or the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Born in Abilene on July 21, 1955, Williams was raised as a Southern Baptist.

He was a 1975 graduate of Abilene Cooper High School, where he was a member of the band, a student council officer and was awarded the Abilene Reporter-News scholarship for journalism.

He was a 1979 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University where he was editor of the school paper, the Brand.

He was active in Abilene Community Theater and was arts and entertainment editor for the Reporter-News. He also worked as a journalist in Dallas and Fort Worth before dedicating his life to religion.

He received his master's of divinity degree in 1988 from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge.

Williams was the author of "Just As I Am: A Practical Guide to Being Out, Proud and Christian," and had been working on a second book, "Beloved Disciple," based on the relationship between Jesus and Lazarus.

Survivors include his partner, Kevin McKowen of Boston, and his father and stepmother, Bob and Patsy Williams of Abilene.

His body will be cremated and the ashes scattered over Cape Cod Bay.

Williams' ordination marked the first time an openly gay man was allowed into the traditional Protestant denomination's priesthood and it reopened a debate over whether sexually active homosexuals should become priests.

He was asked to resign from the clergy after publicly criticizing the church's teachings on sex and marriage. Williams refused to resign but gave up his position as head of The Oasis, a gay ministry at All Saints Episcopal Church in Hoboken, N.J.

Among other things, Williams said Mother Teresa would be better off if she had sex, monogamy was as unnatural as celibacy and Jesus Christ had a gay lover.

The following year, 1991, Williams was denied permission to act as a priest in the Massachusetts diocese, where he had led a healing ministry in Provincetown on Cape Cod.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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A calendar of deals

By Phillip Alder

These days you can get a calendar featuring just about anything: cat photos, curmudgeon quotes, jokes, sports trivia; the list is almost endless. Now you can even buy a calendar containing bridge deals. It is called "The 1993 Tops and Bottoms Wall Calendar" ($12.95, Granovetter Books, 216-371-5849). The 12 deals, taken from the book "Tops and Bottoms," are a mixture of technical and humorous. My favorite is in today's diagram.

You are in six hearts. West leads the spade seven: six, jack, ace. How do you continue?

South was Henri Szwarc, a great French player who won the World Team Olympiad in 1980 and the European Championship three times.

After winning with the spade ace, Szwarc drew trumps in three rounds. Then he cashed the diamond king. When East discarded, the hand had counted out. Taking East's pre-emptive opening bid into account, declarer knew West had started with 1-2-7-3 distribution and East with 7-3-0-3. It looked as though Szwarc had to guess which opponent was holding the club queen. If it was West, Szwarc could take the finesse. If it was East, he could be strip-squeezed in the black suits.

Yet Szwarc found a play that avoided the guess. He led a club to dummy's king and cashed the club ace, discarding his diamond *ace*. Next, he ruffed a club, which brought down the queen. Finally, declarer led his last diamond toward dummy's jack. West had to let Szwarc into the dummy to cash a couple of clubs and discard his spade losers.

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Artists decry barriers to their cultural trade

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — It should be easy for El Paso and its sister city, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to exchange art for exhibits, but red tape and the bureaucracy on both sides of the border make it a nightmare.

Arts groups and artists in the United States and Mexico say trading art and culture across the U.S.-Mexican border often is stymied by agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Mexican customs.

"We're an international city. There should be a free flow of arts and artists," said Alejandrina Drew, director of the El Paso Arts Resources Department. "Right now, that's not at all how it is."

Drew has asked the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Arts committee to start a letter-writing campaign to persuade president-elect Bill Clinton to barter for provisions for improved cultural trade in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mexican customs is the single biggest barrier to cultural trade, local artists and arts officials said in a story published in Sunday's El Paso Times.

For more than 20 years, Mexico has strictly governed the importing and exporting of art and artifacts to ensure Mexico's treasures are not lost to foreign collectors.

But the strict enforcement can cause problems.

Juarez Museum Director Jose Lizarraga pledged never to exhibit American artists works again after El Paso tried to loan him 15 paintings. When Lizarraga and an El Paso gallery owner tried to cross the border with the art, they were stopped by Mexican customs.

They waited four hours for their passage to be approved and were forced to pay a $300 fee to a customs broker to handle temporary importation paperwork.

"They made me to pay for something we used to do ourselves," he said. "Now we simply can't afford to bring in artists from the United States."

Mexican customs spokesman Sergio Martinez said Lizarraga could have avoided the charge by consulting high-ranking customs officials. Martinez said a museum can avoid the costs with good-faith agreements with customs authorities.

On the U.S. side, the Immigration Service and the IRS also put up barriers, Drew said.

Any performer coming into the United States must be deemed an "extraordinary performer" by the Immigration Service.

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Harris County GOP leader wants to restore U.S. Christian heritage

HOUSTON (AP) — Dr. Steven Hotze's goal of rebuilding American government and society into a system strictly based on biblical law has drawn attention — and wrath — from more moderate GOP officers since he became a key Houston Republican leader.

His philosophy has some popular themes: limiting government, cutting taxes, getting tougher on crime. But it also contains elements that many find disturbing, especially a belief that strict penalties should be enacted to discourage homosexual activity, adultery and abortion.

"I'm a restorationist," said Hotze, who has assumed leadership of a committee governing a substantial portion of the Harris County Republican Party. "I want to restore America to its Christian heritage."

He believes he knows why his ideas bother some. "They're scared to death," Hotze told The Houston Post, "that maybe we're going to turn this country around."

Betsy Lake, the chairwoman of the local GOP, said she tried to call attention to Hotze four years ago, only to be dismissed. She recently broke away from the traditional party structure because Hotze and his supporters had won a majority of its elected posts.

"He's been very consistent," Ms. Lake said. "I think a lot of people just hadn't realized what the significance of what he's saying really is."

Hotze believes America's founding fathers wanted the country to be run according to Christian laws and principles and that the nation's problems are linked to its path away from those values.

He advocates the eventual elimination of the welfare system, Internal Revenue Service and Federal Reserve. Each would be replaced with a biblically based system.

Hotze, who led a successful effort in Houston several years ago against a gay-rights measure, claims the Old Testament considers homosexual activity a capital offense.

Hybrid orange can be used, FDA decides

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has ruled that a hybrid orange bred to withstand cold weather can be used without restriction in processed juice products.

The Ambersweet is half orange, three-eighths tangerine, and one-eighth grapefruit.

C. Jack Hearn, a plant geneticist in USDA's Agricultural Research Service, bred the hybrid as the first cold-hardy orange.

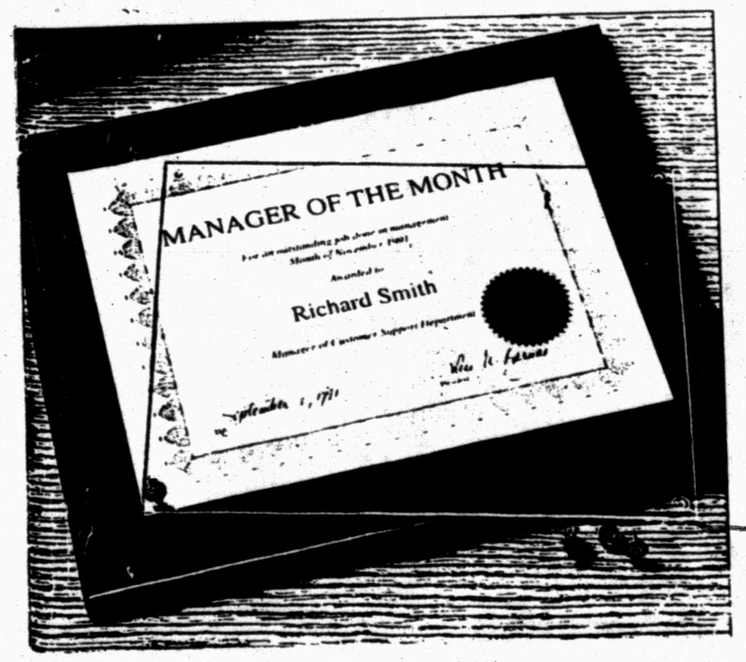
"That effort paid off because Ambersweet has weathered freezes that wiped out less hardy citrus groves," Hearn said.

Until the FDA ruling, only juice from the sweet orange species C. sinensis was approved for use without limitation in making orange juice, Hearn said. As a hybrid, Ambersweet did not qualify.

Hearn said ARS scientists in Winter Haven, Fla., developed a way to prove that juice from the hybrid was more like that of an orange than that of a grapefruit, tangerine or any other type of fruit.

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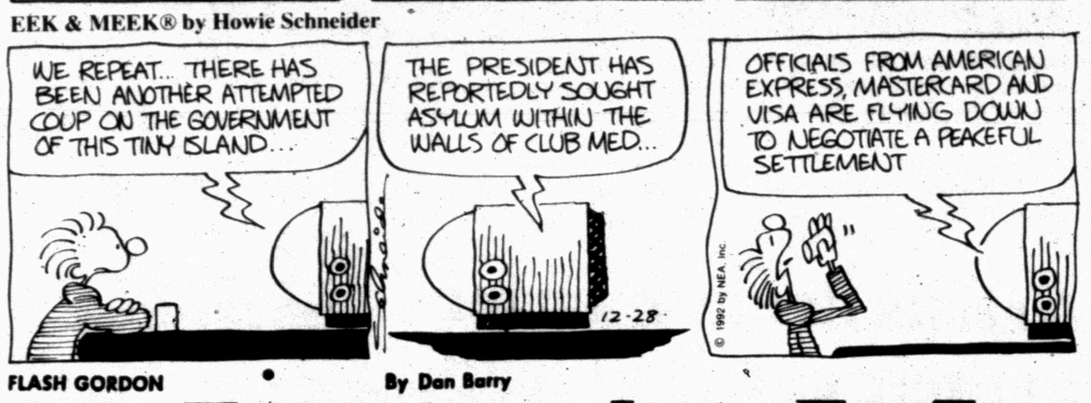
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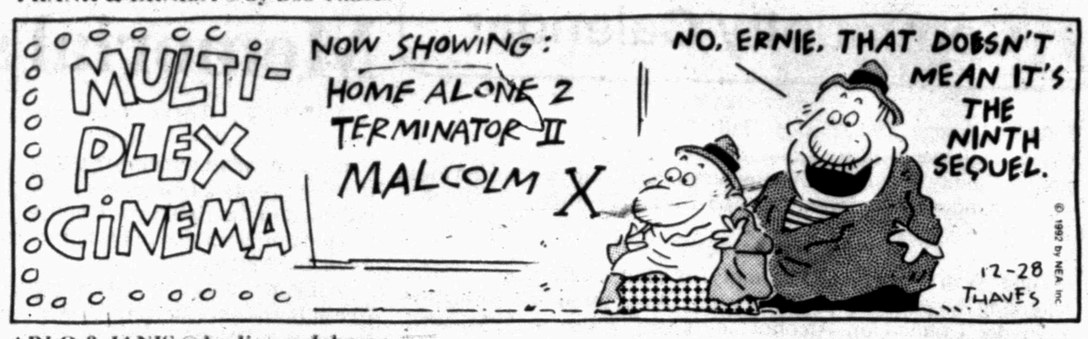
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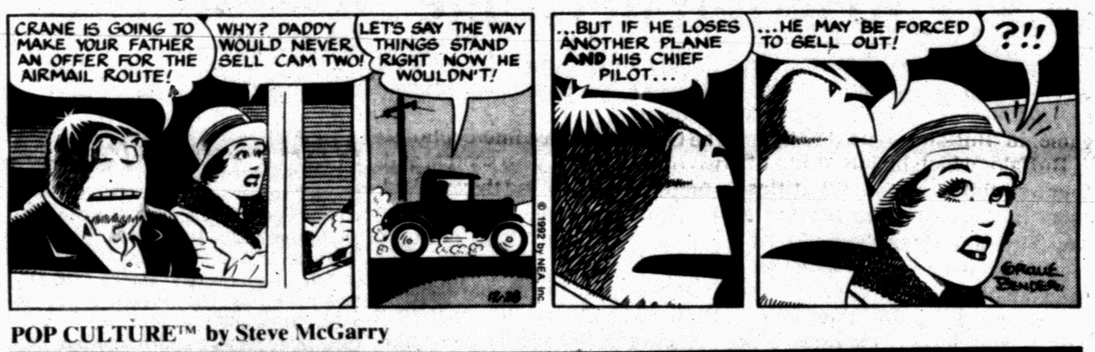
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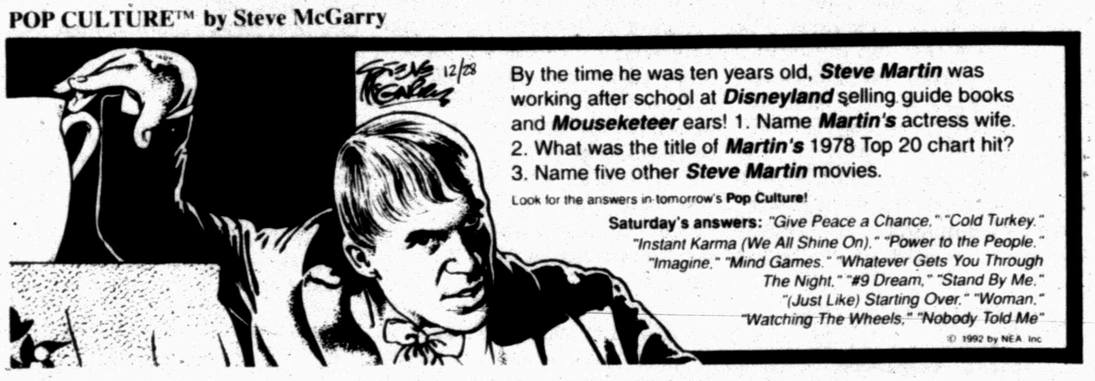
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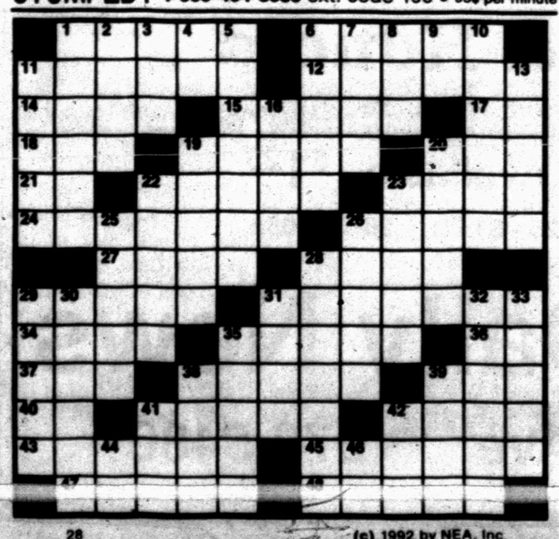
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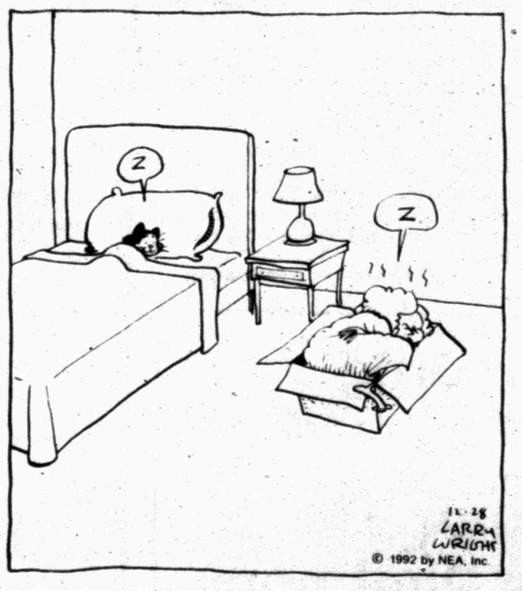
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SHS boys compete at Canyon tourney

The Snyder Tigers, fresh from a fourth-place finish at the Brownfield Rotary Invitational basketball tournament, will try to break their season's first 2-game losing skid when they take on Tulia at 4:30 p.m. today.

The Snyder-Tulia matchup is one of four first-round battles in the Canyon Rotary Holiday Tournament.

Other opening round matchups today include Amarillo Highland Park taking on Dalhart at 3 p.m., Hereford and Floydada tangling at 6 p.m. and Littlefield and host Canyon in the 7:30 p.m. nightcap.

Canyon Rotary Holiday Tournament
Monday, Dec. 28
Highland Park vs. Dalhart at 3 p.m.
Tulia vs. Snyder at 4:30 p.m.
Floydada vs. Hereford at 6 p.m.
Littlefield vs. Canyon at 7:30 p.m.

The Tigers carry a 9-3 season slate into the tourney, including consecutive losses to Brownfield and Artesia, N.M. at the Dec. 17-19 Brownfield event.

Snyder was led in the tourney by senior forward Adrian Sneed, who scored 31 points in the first-round battle against Sweetwater, then added 24 versus Artesia.

Seniors Barretta Collins and Tory Garza were all-tournament selections in Brownfield.

The Canyon tourney resumes Tuesday with elimination games at 3 and 4:30 p.m., followed by semifinal contests at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

The championship final is scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Cowboys top Bears, 27-14...

Smith wins NFL rushing title

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith ended all suspense on another one of his amazing bowling ball runs.

He broke two tackles and rolled 31 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter Sunday to successfully defend his NFL rushing title and help put away the Chicago Bears, 27-14.

"It was nice to do it all in one shot," Smith said. "I got a touchdown, we won the game, and I got the rushing title."

It was bye, bye Barry Foster.

"I heard what Foster had done before the game, so I knew it was going to be difficult, particularly against a team with a good rush defense like the Bears," Smith said. "It was the best feeling I've had after a run this year."

In becoming only the ninth player to successfully defend his rushing title, Smith gained 131 yards on 20 carries to beat Pittsburgh's Foster by 23 yards. Smith's 1,713 yards rushing also beat the single-season club record of 1,646 by Tony Dorsett in 1981.

Smith has a chance to do what no rushing champion has ever done — get a team to the Super Bowl.

"I'll feel a lot better about my rushing title if we get to the Super Bowl and win it," Smith said. "That Super bowl jinx doesn't bother me. I'm not superstitious."

Smith, who won the title last year with 160 yards on the last day against Atlanta, said he figured he would have a long 60 minutes against the Bears.

"I thought it was going to be a long day," Smith said. "But we're 10 times better of a team than we were last year and we showed it again."

The Cowboys finished the season with a 13-3 mark, a club record for regular-season victories victories. Dallas has won 12 games in a season seven times.

Dallas will get a bye in the first round of the playoffs. The Cowboys will play on either Jan. 9 or Jan. 10. If Minnesota defeats Washington, the Cowboys will play host to the Vikings.

Chicago was 5-11 in its worst season since 1973.

It could have been the last game in Chicago for coach Mike Ditka, who has a year left on his contract. Club president Mike McCaskey and Ditka will discuss the future next week.

Ditka said, "I'm not sure where the line is where you apologize, but I won't be on it. I know that I'm a Bear whether some people like it or not."

He added, "it would be nice to know something as soon as possible. When I find out, I'll talk about it. We'll see what happens. I'm an optimist. I believe in the best."

It also marked the final appearance of Bears linebacker Mike Singletary, who retired after 12 years in the league.

"Mike was a joy to coach," Ditka said.

The Cowboys also scored on field goals of 21 and 34 yards by Lin Elliott, a 26-yard fumble return by tackle Russell Maryland and Curvin Richards' 3-yard run, his first score in the NFL.

Chicago rookie Will Furrer, a fourth-round pick from Virginia Tech, made his NFL debut at quarterback, but was intercepted three times.

"Every play was a learning experience," Furrer said. "The Dallas defense was really strong."

"We thought we would take a shot with Furrer," Ditka said. "I'm not unhappy with the way he played."

Chicago's Mark Green scored on a 6-yard run after Donnell Woolford's 32-yard interception return of Steve Beuerlein's pass in the fourth quarter.

Tackle Chris Zorich then returned a fumble 42 yards for the second Chicago score in the fourth quarter, making Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson most unhappy after the game.

"I'm never happy with sloppy play, I don't care what the score is," Johnson said. "It was a good season, but the 13 victories won't mean anything unless we are successful after this."

Defensive end Jim Jeffcoat, who played under Tom Landry, was more joyous.

"It's a great feeling to have the franchise record considering all the adversity this team has faced through the years," Jeffcoat said.

As was Smith:

"People could have said I was lucky last season, but with this one (rushing title), I can show it wasn't luck. Lightning never strikes in the same place twice. But it did."

Houston hammers Bills 27-3 to set up post-season rematch

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers put the heat on Buffalo in the Astrodome and now the Bills are planning an icy welcome for the Oilers when the NFL playoffs begin.

The Oilers (10-6) closed out the regular season with their best game of the season Sunday, capitalizing on the injury of quarterback Jim Kelly for a 27-3 victory that cost the Bills the AFC Eastern Division title.

"Buffalo came in here and I think the heat in the Dome affected them quite a bit," Houston coach Jack Pardee said. "They are used to colder temperatures."

The Oilers will be out of their element Sunday against the Bills (11-5) in Rich Stadium Sunday in a first round playoff game. The Bills are 5-0 in playoff games in the stadium. Houston hasn't won a game in Buffalo since 1976.

Buffalo, which had its string of four straight divisional titles snapped, could have repeated with a victory over the Oilers and obtained the home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Instead, Miami captured the division title and the Oilers will get to test themselves on the road.

"The scouting report will be easy, just add one week to it and we're done," Pardee said. "It will be the same for them. I'm sure both teams will have some changeups next week."

Kelly completed five of nine passes and had the Bills on the Oiler eight-yard line in the second quarter when he was sacked by Oiler defensive tackle Ray Childress and fell to the ground with a sprained ligament in his right knee.

He did not return and his status against the Oilers Sunday was undetermined Sunday night.

"It's hard for me to determine the extent of the injury until further X-rays," Kelly said. "It's just something that happens in football because of the nature of the game."

Buffalo trailed 10-3 after the first quarter on Cody Carlson's 13-yard touchdown pass to Leonard Harris and a 28-yard field goal by Al Del Greco. Steve Christie kicked a 40-yard field goal for the Bills.

But Kelly started the second quarter by driving the Bills from their own five to the Oilers' eight-yard line. That's where he was sacked by Childress and suffered the injury.

The Bills did not score again. The Oilers had three interceptions, two of them setting up scores, and a fumble recovery and they sacked Kelly and Frank Reich seven times for 56 yards in losses.

But there's more work to do for the Oilers.

"Beating Buffalo tonight means nothing," running back Lorenzo White said. "The team we play next week is going to be even tougher. When you're in the playoffs, it gets nothing but tougher."

Warren Moon, sidelined since Nov. 15 with a broken arm, got his first playing time since the injury and completed six of 12 passes for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Moon completed a 17-yard touchdown pass to Haywood Jeffires in the second quarter and Del Greco added an 18-yard field goal as time expired in the first half for a 20-3 lead.

After a scoreless third period, Gary Brown scored on a one-yard run with 4:49 left in the game.

"It's good we get to try them again next week," Bills linebacker Shane Conlan said. "We'll be all right in the playoffs, especially at home. We get them next week and their plays are very fresh on our minds."

Thurman Thomas won the NFL scrimmage yards title for the fourth straight year, breaking the record of three he shared with Cleveland's Jim Brown, who had three straight titles in 1963-65.

James Lofton caught six passes for 75 yards, finishing the season with 750 career catches, tied for third on the NFL's all-time list with Bills receivers coach Charlie Joiner.

Slaton b'ball tourney features Lady Tigers

Coach Jerry Tucker's Snyder Lady Tigers open the second half of play in the West Texas Invitational basketball tournament against defending tourney champ and host Slaton at 7:30 p.m. today.

Besides Slaton, 12-4 so far, the event boasts several strong challengers including defending District 2-4A champion Levelland, District 3-4A favorite Big Spring, Abilene Wylie and Wall.

Snyder enters the tournament with a 3-11 mark. The Lady Tigers' last action was a 52-48 loss to Sweetwater on Dec. 19.

Junior Annie Ragland leads the Snyder girls, putting in about 10 points a game.

Slaton is paced by freshman post Phylesha Whaley, who is averaging almost 16 points and a dozen rebounds a game.

West Texas Invitational at Slaton High School
Girls
Thursday, Dec. 28
Crosbyton vs. Floydada at 9 a.m.
Ralls vs. Littlefield at 10:30 a.m.
Lockney vs. Levelland at noon
Big Spring vs. Morton at 1:30 p.m.
Dalhart vs. Sweetwater at 3 p.m.
Abilene Wylie vs. Roosevelt at 4:30 p.m.
Wall vs. Perryton at 6 p.m.
Snyder vs. Slaton at 7:30 p.m.

First-round tournament action started at 9 a.m. today when Crosbyton took on Floydada. Ralls faced off with Littlefield at 10:30 a.m. followed at noon by Lockney versus Levelland and Big Spring versus Morton at 1:30 p.m.

Other afternoon contests include Dalhart versus Sweetwater at 3 p.m., Abilene Wylie versus Lubbock Roosevelt at 4:30 p.m. and Wall versus Perryton at 6 p.m.

The tournament will conclude with finals in both championship and consolation brackets on Wednesday.

Snyder's next outing will be Saturday when freshmen, JV and varsity squads take on Midland Lee on the Lady Rebels' home court.

The Lady Tigers' next home appearance is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 5 when they host San Angelo Central at Scurry County Coliseum.

NBA roundup...

Phoenix rips hapless Nuggets

PHOENIX (AP) — Two teams headed in opposite directions produced a predictable result.

The Phoenix Suns, behind a career-high 27 points from Richard Dumas, extended their winning streak to 13 games with a 129-88 rout of the Denver Nuggets on Sunday night.

It was Denver's 11th loss in a row, tying a team record.

"The only team that can beat our starting five is our bench right now," said the Suns' Kevin Johnson, who had 12 points and 12 assists in his second game since coming back from an injury.

Phoenix's winning streak is the longest in the NBA this season. The Suns haven't lost in December and their 20-4 record gives them three fewer losses than Chicago, which has the second-best record in the league.

Denver can tie the Dallas Mavericks' NBA season-high 12-game losing streak on Wednesday if they lose to San Antonio.

Elsewhere in the NBA Sunday, Philadelphia beat the Los Angeles Clippers 110-106 and Sacramento topped Boston 118-102.

Dumas notched his career-best on 11-of-15 shooting. Charles Barkley had 21 points, 15 in the first half, and the Suns' reserves outscored the Nuggets' bench players 67-37.

The Suns steadily increased their lead, using runs at the end of the first two periods to build a 60-39 advantage at halftime.

"I told the team before the game I was tired of the fourth-quarter heroics and I wanted a blowout," Suns coach Paul Westphal said. "I realize now I should have asked for it sooner."

Barkley played just 25 minutes, leaving with the Suns ahead 80-51 and four minutes left in the third quarter.

"Let's face it. I'm not making excuses because we were awful, but this team is playing better than any team in the NBA right now," Nuggets coach Dan Issel said. "I wouldn't go as far to say that it's the worst I've seen any team play. Someplace in professional basketball, sometime, someone has played worse."

Kings 118, Celtics 102

At Sacramento, the Kings ended a 12-game losing streak to Boston that dated back to Feb. 11, 1986.

Wayman Tisdale scored 31 points and Lionel Simmons added 25 for Sacramento, which used a 9-0 spurt in a 48-second span midway through the fourth quarter to put the game away.

76ers 110, Clippers 106

Philadelphia has turned one of the NBA's conventional wisdoms upside down.

Most teams play better at home and struggle on the road. Not the Sixers, who are 3-10 at the Spectrum and improved their road record to 5-6 by beating the slumping Clippers.

Jeff Hornacek scored 30 points and Hersey Hawkins had 11 of his 23 points in a 15-3 fourth-quarter rally.

Tyson rape trial voted 1992's top sports story

NEW YORK (AP) — Basketball was clearly the sport of 1992.

Though Mike Tyson's rape conviction last Feb. 10 was voted the top sports story of the year in balloting by Associated Press sports editors and broadcasters, basketball stories accounted for five of the first eight selections.

Tyson's conviction for the rape of beauty contest contestant Desiree Washington received 22 first-place votes and 448 total points. Voters were asked to pick their top 10 stories, with points awarded on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

"Mr. Tyson is the most famous or notorious convicted rapist in the world," his own defense lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, once called him. "He wears a scarlet letter on his forehead."

The No. 2 story was the ouster of baseball commissioner Fay Vincent, but five of the next six top vote-getters were basketball stories, with Magic Johnson at the heart of the two biggest.

Third place, with 304 votes, went to the Dream Team, the U.S. Olympic basketball team that breezed to the gold medal at the Barcelona Olympics, led by Johnson. The Dream Team received 11 first-place votes, second only to Tyson's conviction.

Johnson's own story, his comeback and second retirement, was voted No. 4 with just one point less than the Dream Team, 303, and eight first-place votes.

"He's an icon now, almost a crusader," former Boston Celtics all-star Dave Cowens once said of Johnson. "The importance of basketball is almost diminished in the eyes of those watching him. With all the distractions, the scrutiny, the talk shows, the president's commission, it's not as simple as it used to be."

The Toronto Blue Jays' World Series victory snuck in at No. 5, followed by three more basketball stories: Larry Bird's retirement and repeats by the Chicago Bulls as NBA champions and Duke as NCAA champion.

The Blue Jays' six-game victory over Atlanta received 272 points, Bird got 262 points, the Bulls had 173, and Duke 167. Toronto had five first-place votes, Bird four.

Vincent's forced resignation on Sept. 7, four days after major league owners voted overwhelmingly for a no-confidence resolution, received 323 points, including six first-place votes.

The dual national football championships of Miami and Washington (109 points, one first-place vote) and Richard Petty's retirement (103 points) rounded out the Top 10 stories.

JV girls get surprise bye

Snyder's JV girls basketball team will be idle for today's first round of the Abilene Junior Varsity Tournament following the last-minute withdrawal of Breckenridge, the Lady Tigers' scheduled first-round opponent, this morning.

Snyder will automatically advance in the winners' bracket, facing the winner of today's San Angelo Lake View-Abilene Cooper matchup at noon Tuesday.

The tournament winds up with championship and consolation finals tomorrow.

College hoops

by The Associated Press
SOUTH
NE Louisiana 84, E. Washington 58
Southern Cal 86, Miami 66
Tulane 64, Hofstra 55
MIDWEST
North Dakota 97, E. Montana 62
FAR WEST
Hawaii Pacific 101, Illinois Weslyn 90
TOURNAMENTS
Cowboy Shootout
First Round
Texas Tech 79, Montana St. 70
Texas-Arlington 79, Wyoming 70
Hoosier Classic
First Round
Colorado 79, St. Francis, NY 61
Indiana 90, Butler 48
Rainbow Classic
First Round
Hawaii 83, Fordham 64
Kansas St. Jackson St. 59

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	16	9	.640	—
Orlando	12	10	.545	2½
New Jersey	14	12	.538	2½
Boston	12	15	.444	5
Philadelphia	8	16	.333	7½
Miami	7	17	.292	8½
Washington	7	19	.269	9½
Central Division				
Chicago	19	7	.731	—
Charlotte	14	11	.560	4½
Cleveland	15	12	.556	4½
Detroit	13	11	.542	5
Indiana	13	13	.500	6
Atlanta	12	13	.480	6½
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	16	8	.667	—
Houston	14	9	.609	1½
San Antonio	13	11	.542	3
Denver	7	18	.280	9½
Minnesota	5	17	.227	10
Dallas	2	20	.091	13
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	20	4	.833	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	3½
Portland	16	8	.667	4
LA Lakers	14	10	.583	6
LA Clippers	14	12	.538	7
Golden State	13	13	.500	8
Sacramento	9	16	.360	11½

Saturday's Games
New Jersey 119, Cleveland 114
Utah 108, Boston 92
Detroit 99, Washington 97
Miami 106, Orlando 100
Chicago 95, Indiana 84
Atlanta 113, Minnesota 105
Golden State 110, Dallas 96
Houston 90, Denver 82
Milwaukee 102, New York 100, OT
Phoenix 113, Seattle 110
Portland 121, Philadelphia 115, OT
San Antonio 104, LA Lakers 92
Sunday's Games
Phoenix 129, Denver 88
Philadelphia 110, LA Clippers 110
Sacramento 118, Boston 102
Monday's Games
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston vs. Seattle at the Kingdome, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Player reacts to racial slur

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — New York Jets defensive back Erik McMillan told teammates a racial epithet from a game official prompted his strong reaction, which included spiking the ball at the official's feet.

According to several teammates, McMillan was livid after referee Larry Nemmers allegedly called him "a nigger" late in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 20-0 loss to New Orleans. After downing a punt, McMillan spiked the ball at Nemmers' feet after refusing to hand it to two other officials.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Miami	11	5	0	.688	340	281
y-Buffalo	11	5	0	.688	381	283
Indianapolis	9	7	0	.563	216	302
N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	220	315
New England	2	14	0	.125	205	363
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.688	299	225
y-Houston	10	6	0	.625	352	258
Cleveland	7	9	0	.438	272	275
Cincinnati	5	11	0	.313	274	364
West						
x-San Diego	11	5	0	.688	335	241
y-Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	348	282
Denver	8	8	0	.500	262	329
LA Raiders	7	9	0	.438	249	281
Seattle	2	14	0	.125	140	312
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	13	3	0	.813	409	243
y-Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688	354	245
y-Washington	9	7	0	.563	300	255
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	306	367
Phoenix	4	12	0	.250	243	332
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	5	0	.688	374	249
Green Bay	9	7	0	.563	276	296
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	267	308
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	267	365
Chicago	5	11	0	.313	295	361
West						
x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	407	230
y-New Orleans	12	4	0	.750	330	202
Atlanta	6	10	0	.375	327	414
LA Rams	6	10	0	.375	313	383

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
New Orleans 20, New York Jets 0
Los Angeles Raiders 21, Washington 20
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 23, Cleveland 13
Kansas City 42, Denver 20
Minnesota 27, Green Bay 7
Indianapolis 21, Cincinnati 17
Miami 16, New England 13, OT
Philadelphia 20, New York Giants 10
Los Angeles Rams 38, Atlanta 27
Dallas 27, Chicago 14
San Diego 31, Seattle 14
Tampa Bay 7, Phoenix 3
Houston 27, Buffalo 3
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Texas Supreme Court Justice Tom Phillips says...

Visiting judge program at times hampers justice

HOUSTON (AP) — A number of controversial or infirm ex-judges still are adjudicating cases around the state, despite being rejected by voters, reprimanded by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct or too feeble to run for re-election, a newspaper has reported.

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips estimates that up to one in eight of all state district court cases is heard by an ex-judge. And he acknowledges that the visiting judge program at times has had a negative effect on the quality of Texas justice, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Texas officials say state district courts cannot function without the visiting judge program, which provides for use of former or retired judges to substitute for deceased, sick, or otherwise occupied incumbents, and for judges who are recused.

But Phillips said that useful as it is, the visiting judge program at times has had a negative effect on the quality of justice.

He said that lawyers have complained "that some visiting judges just are not competent," and the complaints are "not necessarily" from the losers. He also said that he had received complaints that one visiting judge in particular "lacked sufficient vision and hearing to make valid decisions."

Critics say that rejected judges may seek work despite the will of the voters because they can still earn credit toward retirement benefits.

Other visiting judges have earned reputations for their abrasiveness, flamboyance, insensitivity or speckled backgrounds.

In 1980, the Commission for Judicial Conduct affirmed allegations that Tarrant County Judge Harold L. Valderas on two occasions displayed conduct "inconsistent with the proper performance of" the duties of a judge, and in a public reprimand stated that Valderas' behavior "casts public discredit upon the judiciary."

In one case, the judge set aside a divorce judgment after the death of one of the parties without having the authority to do so, the commission found, and without notifying the next-of-kin of the deceased.

The commission also found that Valderas' scolding of attorney Charles Van Cleve "and holding him up to public scorn" was a "gross abuse of your judicial authority."

Valderas, however, currently is a visiting judge, recently serving in Harris County.

In 1990, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct publicly reprimanded a defeated district judge who, working as a visiting judge in the same county, gave his own former campaign treasurer an early release from a deferred sentence on a bad check charge. The action of former Tarrant County Criminal District Court Judge L. Clifford Davis "gave rise to an appearance of impropriety," the commission found.

In the Second Administrative Region, former El Paso District Court Judge John C. McKellips, whose family life became such a scandal that his own children supported his opponent in 1988, is serving as a visiting judge in Fort Bend County in stints of six months.

With the exception of a Dallas bar poll that lets lawyers evaluate their performance, no system is in place to judge the visiting judges.

To be eligible to work as a visiting judge, an incumbent leaving office need only write a letter, depending on the length of tenure, to the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court or the presiding judge in the region the judge lives in, to declare the desire to be appointed. Phillips noted the law provides no authority to withhold approval of the request.

Senior Center Menu

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Major would let Charles remarry within church

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister John Major favors a change in British law to allow Prince Charles to remarry within the Church of England if Charles and Diana divorce, a newspaper reported today.

The Daily Express said Major sympathizes with Queen Elizabeth II's desire to get rid of the 1772 Royal Marriages Act, which prevents the church from issuing marriage licenses to members of the royal family who divorce.

Major is prepared to ask Parliament to change the law, the Daily Express said, citing government sources it did not identify. A spokesman for Major said the story was "just speculation."

Panel examines frequent flier credits

AUSTIN (AP) — A legal opinion being considered by the Texas Ethics Commission could outlaw a practice used by most major state agencies that allows employees to convert frequent flier mile credits to personal use.

At issue is whether employees or the state government should get the frequent flier credits when a public employee flies frequently on state business.

Sometimes the frequent flier credits can be worth hundreds or thousands of dollars.

"When the state pays for an airline ticket for official travel, frequent flyer mileage available for travel on that ticket belongs to the state," says the opinion drafted by the Ethics Commission's staff. Presumably, the government could use the credit for other official trips, saving taxpayers' money.

If the Ethics Commission adopts the opinion, it would replace an earlier ruling allowing state employees to personally take advantage of frequent flier credits.

Under frequent flier programs, travelers can earn free trips by logging enough miles with a particular carrier. Such promotions are intended to develop loyalty to an airline.

The Ethics Commission's staff said the airlines discourage attempts by corporations or governments to claim credit for their employees' flights.

"A common characteristic of these programs is that participation is restricted to individual travelers, as opposed to a corporation, business entity or government agency," the draft opinion said.

"At best, one may conclude that most airlines demonstrate a certain lack of enthusiasm for the idea of employers controlling the use of awards earned by their employees."

However, Marty Heires, a spokesman for American Airlines, said the company does not object to the state using the frequent flier credits.

"They are earned on an individual basis," Heires said. "The program is set up to build loyalty with American Airlines travelers.

"But we do not have an issue with a government entity or private employer capturing these miles and using them for official travel. We don't have an issue with the state telling employees, 'You go ahead and earn these miles, but you turn in these awards so we can put them in a pool for everyone to use.'"

Most states that have considered the issue determined that frequent flier credits must be given to the government.

The U.S. comptroller has ruled that frequent flier credits earned by a federal employee from official travel are the property of the federal government.

A survey by the Austin American-Statesman of state agencies found that they have different and often conflicting policies on frequent flier mileage.

The offices of the governor, state comptroller, state treasurer and land commissioner, as well as the Higher Education Coordinating Board, all allow their employees to accept frequent flier credits.

Spokespeople for some of the agencies say it would be impossible to make employees turn the credits over to the state.

Bill Cryer, a spokesman for Gov. Ann Richards, said enforcing such a rule would be "a logistical nightmare."

Andy Welch, spokesman for state Comptroller John Sharp, said Sharp's auditors looked at the frequent flier credits when they examined the operations of agencies last year.

"Because of the way it's set up, there just doesn't seem to be a way to tap into it," Welch said. "To figure out a way to monitor it would cost more than your potential savings."

He said airlines keep confidential how many frequent flier miles their passengers have accrued.

When University of Texas employees travel on official business, the frequent flier credits belong to UT. "We've put memos out on that," said G Charles Franklin, vice president for business affairs. "They're to be used for official university business, not for personal use."

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Non-traditional crops may prevent farmers from getting credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Credit may be out of reach for beginning farmers and growers who produce non-traditional crops or livestock, congressional investigators say.

But farmers of more traditional crops appear to have better access to credit, according to a recent report by the General Accounting Office.

The congressional watchdog agency looked at the availability of credit to farmers in Kansas, Montana, Mississippi and Virginia. Commercial lenders in all four states indicated that agricultural credit was generally available, and other studies suggest the same is true nationwide, GAO said.

But some officials in Mississippi told GAO that farmers there had trouble getting loans. Katherine Ozer, director of the National Family Farm Coalition, said she believes farmers nationwide are having trouble getting credit.

"All across the country we're hearing about problems with farmers receiving credit and delays with decisions relating to credit ... which are often very disruptive to basic farm planning," Ozer said. "These issues are critical to the survival of that farming operation."

GAO said it also found that certain types of agricultural borrowers, such as beginning farmers and farmers growing non-traditional crops, "were generally considered to be higher risk and may have been less able to obtain credit."

Some officials in Mississippi and several studies also expressed concern about the availability of credit for minority farmers in the state, the GAO report said.

Ozer said farmers hurt by the farm crisis of the 1980s are finding that their credit histories haunt them today, even though they've turned their operations around. Others having trouble are growers hit by several years of weather disasters or low prices.

"There also seems to be a consistent problem for farmers who are either making changes in farming practices, such as the transition to less chemically intensive practices, or to new crops," she said.

GAO said the tougher lending standards to farmers in general are in response to problems in the banking and savings and loan industries and the problems encountered by rural banks during the farm crisis of the '80s.

For example, rather than basing loan decisions on the value of the farm assets offered as loan security, many lenders have been placing greater emphasis on an agricultural borrowers' ability to make loan payments out of current income.

Ozer said she sees tight credit for farmers facing low commodity prices and rising operating costs. She said she heard numerous reports last spring of farmers who were getting credit-card type credit, with interest rates of 18 percent, from seed and implement dealers, rather than more traditional bank loans.

'Joy killing' claims 5 lives

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Five people have been shot to death since Thursday in what police called a "joy killing" spree.

The latest victims, a man and a woman who were shot in the head, were found Sunday in a former landfill.

The shootings "started out as robberies, but it became easier and we think it turned into joy killing," Sgt. George Hammann said. The assailants "were like a shark — once they tasted blood they couldn't stop."

Police believe the deaths Sunday are linked to a string of holdups in which three people were slain and two wounded, Sgt. Larry Grossnickle said. He would not elaborate on the link except to say that the latest victims "were found using information gained out of the investigation of the other slayings."

On Thursday, a woman was fatally shot seven times while standing at a pay phone. On Friday, a man was found shot to death in a wrecked car. On Saturday, two people were wounded during an attempted robbery at a store.

U.S. sending carrier to the Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is dispatching the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk from Somali coastal waters to the Persian Gulf in response to Iraqi attempts to penetrate the no-fly zone over southern Iraq, Pentagon officials said today.

A U.S. fighter plane shot down an Iraqi MiG that was flying below the 32nd parallel over Iraq on Sunday, the first incident of its kind since the no-fly zone was established last August.

The United States normally has had a carrier stationed in the Persian Gulf-Arabian Sea area but none has been present since the buildup of U.S. forces in Somalia began earlier this month.

The Kitty Hawk was sent to Somali coastal waters recently and is returning to the Persian Gulf area, with arrival expected in the next day or two, said the officials, asking not to be identified. The carrier normally has about 70 combat aircraft aboard along with 5,500 troops, they said.

Meanwhile, President Bush and President-elect Clinton say they are united in their determination to enforce the U.N.-imposed no-fly zone, and that it would be a mistake for Saddam Hussein to test their resolve.

"We are not threatening anybody, but we must enforce those resolutions. He (Saddam Hussein) must comply with the U.N. resolutions," Bush said Sunday after U.S. F-16 jets shot down an Iraqi warplane in the restricted area.

The Pentagon said the incident was sparked when two Iraqi planes "turned to confront" two U.S. planes patrolling the area. The fate of the Iraqi pilot was not immediately known, but the Americans were not injured, U.S. military officials said.

Clinton called the incident "part of a series of tests" of the resolve of the international community to make Iraq comply with the U.N. resolution.

"Saddam Hussein is mistaken if he believes the United States or the United Nations lacks that resolve," Clinton said in Little Rock, Ark. "I support efforts to bring Iraq into compliance."

It was the first Iraqi aircraft downed since an Aug. 27 U.N. resolution created a no-fly zone for Iraqi warplanes south of the 32nd parallel to protect Iraqi Shiite Muslims from repression by Saddam.

There is a second no-fly zone in northern Iraq to protect the Kurdish minority.

State Department spokesman Richard A. Boucher called the incident "blatant defiance" by the Iraqis, and said U.S. forces "were prepared to respond as necessary to further provocations."

In a Baghdad radio broadcast, Iraq said it reserved the right to respond to the downing of the plane "in the appropriate manner and at the appropriate time."

The Iraqi ambassador to the United Nations, Nizar Hamdoun, said it was his understanding that the no-fly rule was not absolute and that the Iraqi jets were on routine maneuvers.

CIA Director Robert Gates, in an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the incident was "part of the pattern over the last several months of increasing Iraqi aggressiveness in challenging the U.N." However, he said it was "too early to read larger implications into it."

The Pentagon said two Iraqi aircraft crossed the no-fly line about 2:40 a.m. EST, then turned back north.

"Twenty minutes later, coalition forces identified another flight of aircraft approximately 20 miles inside the no-fly zone," the Pentagon said.

Two F-16s flew toward the Iraqi planes and issued a verbal warning, the Pentagon said, adding that the Iraqi pilots ignored the admonitions and "turned to confront the U.S. aircraft."

One Iraqi jet was shot down and the other flew away to the north, the Pentagon said.

In London, the editor of Jane's Defense Weekly speculated that the Iraqi planes may have been engaged in a cat-and-mouse game that got out of hand — and that U.S. pilots may have been mistaken in what they thought was a confrontational maneuver.

"Most of these Iraqi pilots have been trained by the Russians," Jane's editor Paul Beaver said in an interview with Sky Television. "That (turning in) is a standard Soviet tactic — whenever you are engaged by a potential enemy ... and I think they (the U.S. pilots) may have misread that situation."

He said the Iraqis may have been "trying to nudge the Americans."

"I think they may have been playing a game which went wrong. They may have been trying to fly to the border and then turn back," Beaver said.

Pilot credits training with saving two lives

CLINT, Texas (AP) — A West Texas pilot credited his training with allowing him and his passenger to escape serious injury when his plane lost power and crashed into a field near Clint.

"If I hadn't had a crop duster pilot teach me how to fly, we would've been gone," pilot David Armstrong told the El Paso Times Sunday from his hospital bed.

Armstrong, 29, and passenger Edgar "Bubba" Burr, 21, both of El Paso, were flying in a Cessna 150 near Clint Sunday when the plane lost power.

"I was at about 500 feet in a left turn when the engine started losing power," said Armstrong, who has been flying since 1990. "I had good airspeed but I couldn't get the rudder to react, nothing."

The pilot told Burr to hold on and looked for a place to set down. He estimates that about 15 seconds passed from the onset of trouble to the crash, which left him dazed.

Armstrong suffered facial cuts and a possible bruised heart and Burr was scraped up and also got some facial cuts. Armstrong was kept overnight to monitor his condition, but family members said Burr would be released late Sunday.

Obituaries

Francisco Torres

1913-1992

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Francisco Torres, 79, of Snyder Nursing Center who died at 9:05 p.m. Friday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1913.

Jane Welch

1909-1992

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dallas for Jane Welch, 83, who died Friday in Snyder Nursing Center following a lengthy illness. Officiating will be the Rev. M.E. McGlammery.

Born in Kaufman County on Feb. 28, 1909, she was married to Tom Dean Welch in 1937. He died in April of 1987.

Mrs. Welch had been a resident of Snyder since October of this year, moving from Dallas where she spent most of her life. She was a member of the Hampton Place Baptist Church in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include two nieces, Etheline Schwartz of Hawley and Pauline Goss of Mt. Grove, Mo.; a nephew, Tom Ray Smith of Stamford; and two great-nieces, Marilyn Lockhart of Snyder and Janie Story of Abilene.

The body will be at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home today until 9 p.m.

Leland Light

1914-1992

ROSCOE — Services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Roscoe Church of Christ for Leland "Runt" Light, 78, who died Saturday at his home. Burial will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery.

He was the brother of George Light of Snyder.

A life-long resident of the Roscoe area, Mr. Light farmed south of Roscoe for a number of years. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, and he was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Light of Roscoe; a daughter, Schylon Garrett of Roscoe; three sisters, Lera Hrbacek of Marble Falls, Eunice Darden of Roscoe and Gladys Rannefeld of Sweetwater; two other brothers, Buford Light of Sweetwater and Leroy Light of Purdy, Mo.; and two granddaughters.

Two tickets pick correct numbers

by The Associated Press

Two tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The tickets are worth an estimated $2.5 million each.

One of the jackpot tickets was sold in Dallas, the other in Central Texas, lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 17, 21, 23, 26 and 38.

The numbers are listed in sequential order, but any combination wins.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 362 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $424. There were 16,206 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $34. And there were 186,476 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $2 million.

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Police note three arrests

Snyder police made three arrests and worked a burglary during an otherwise quiet holiday weekend Saturday and Sunday.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man for driving while intoxicated at 7:56 p.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of Avenue J.

At 10:08 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 21-year-old man in the 1900 block of 37th Street for driving while his license was suspended.

Saturday's other arrest came minutes later, at 10:14 p.m. Police arrested a 58-year-old man in the 1700 block of 37th Street for driving while his license was suspended and no liability insurance.

James Anderson contacted police at 1:24 p.m. Sunday in reference to a possible theft. Upon police investigation, a report was filed for burglary of a residence.

Delbert Johnson came to the police department at 8:19 p.m. Sunday to report his bicycle stolen. A report for theft of a bicycle was filed.

At 10:02 p.m. Sunday, police were notified that two male juveniles appeared intoxicated and had been attempting to purchase some cigarettes from a convenience store. The boys, ages 15 and 16, were taken into custody and later released to their parents.

Police also worked one traffic accident over the weekend. The mishap came at 12:38 p.m. Saturday in the 3900 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1983 Honda driven by Audie Mitchell of 961 E. 16th St. in Colorado City and a 1983 Chevrolet driven by Clyde Albert Murphree of 2908 Ave. X.

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AlliedSignal	61	60 5/8	61	+1/2
ALLTEL Cp	48 7/8	48 5/8	48 5/8	
AmStores	44 3/8	44	44	-3/8
Amer T&T	52 5/8	52 1/4	52 5/8	-1/8
Ameritech	71 1/2	71 1/8	71 1/8	-1/4
Amoco	50 5/8	50 1/8	50 1/2	+3/8
AndarkPtr	27 5/8	27 1/4	27 1/2	
Arkla	83/8	81/4	81/4	-1/8
ArmcoInc	6 5/8	6 1/2	6 5/8	
AtlRichfld	113 7/8	113 1/2	113 5/8	-1/8
BakerHugh	18 3/4	18 5/8	18 3/4	+1/8
BancTexas	17/8	13/4	13/4	-1/8
BellAtl	52 7/8	52 1/8	52 1/4	-3/4
BellSouth	53 3/8	52 7/8	53	-3/8
Beth Steel	16 5/8	16 1/8	16 5/8	+5/8
Borden	28 7/8	28 5/8	28 7/8	+1/8
Caterpllr	54 3/8	54 1/8	54 3/8	+1/8
Centel	33 5/8	33 1/2	33 5/8	
CenSoWst s	29 3/4	29 1/2	29 3/4	+1/8
Chevron	69 1/4	68 7/8	69 1/4	+1/4
Chrysler	32	31 5/8	31 3/4	
Coastal	23 3/4	23 1/2	23 3/4	
CocaCola s	43 3/4	43 1/2	43 5/8	+1/8
ColgP	57 1/4	56 7/8	56 7/8	-1/4
ComlMetl	26 1/8	26 1/8	26 1/8	-1/8
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DresserInd	18 1/8	17 7/8	18 1/8	+1/8
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EljerInd	8 5/8	8 5/8	8 5/8	-1/8
Enserch	14 7/8	14 3/4	14 3/4	
Exxon	62 1/2	62	62 1/2	+3/8
FlowerInd	20	19 7/8	19 7/8	
FordMotor	42 1/2	42 1/8	42 1/4	-1/8
GTE Cp	34 3/4	34 1/2	34 1/2	
GaDynam	104 5/8	104 3/8	104 1/2	-1/4
GenElct	86 1/2	86	86 1/4	-1/4
GnMill	71 3/8	71 1/8	71 3/8	-1/4
GenMotors	33 1/4	32 7/8	33 1/8	+1/8
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GaPacif	60 1/2	60	60 1/4	-5/8
GlobalMar	21/4	21/8	21/8	-1/8
Goodrich	47 1/4	47	47	-1/8
Goodyear	68	67 5/8	67 3/4	+1/8
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Medtronic	92 1/4	89 5/8	90 1/2	—1 3/8
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Motorola	104 1/4	103 7/8	104	-1/8
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Pennzoil	50	49 3/4	49 3/4	-1/4
PepBoys	23 1/4	23 1/8	23 1/4	+1/8
PhelpD s	46 5/8	46 3/8	46 3/8	-1/4
PhilipPet	25 3/8	25 1/8	25 1/8	-1/8
PilgrmPrd	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/4	-1/4
Polaroid s	32 1/4	32 1/8	32 1/4	
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Census: 42 (Med.-9, Long-Term Care-32, CCU-1).

Jim Bakker visits dad

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Jim Bakker was allowed out of prison for the day to visit his 86-year-old father, who suffered a broken hip in a car accident.

The former TV evangelist was accompanied by a supervisor from the Federal Medical Prison in Rochester, Minn., during the visit Sunday to the Carolinas Medical Center to see Raleigh Bakker.

"I'm so grateful for visiting my family at this time of need," Bakker said in a statement. "Despite our troubles, we give thanks for so many blessings."

Survey: students rely on school nurse for for primary med care

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of children school nurses see each day has more than doubled in the past two years, a survey by the Texas Association of School Nurses shows.

They say the increase is an indication many students are using the school nurse for primary medical care.

"It's overwhelming," said Donna Morin, a nurse at the Pasadena school district's Mae Smythe Elementary School.

"What now is occurring is the school nurse is the primary health-care provider," said Shirley Schreiber, president of the Texas Association of School Nurses. She supervises 54 nurses in San Antonio's Northside Independent School District.

The school nurses' group is lobbying the Legislature to require a registered nurse for every 1,000 students.

"As school budgets get tighter, school districts could decide tomorrow they can't afford registered nurses," Ms. Schreiber said. "And that's scary particularly when we're looking at the needs of children now."

Her association surveyed campuses representing about 60 percent of Texas' student population. It showed a jump in the number of students seen daily by school nurses from 198,980 in 1990 to 515,599 in 1992.

Holiday gift program for needy sets record

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Elf Louise holiday gift project delivered a record number of toys this Christmas, serving more than 26,000 needy San Antonio children.

"We've never gone over about 25,000 (children) in the past," said Bill Harrison, the project's co-coordinator and corporate president.

A total of 7,650 families were helped this year, he said.

The project met all its obligations despite a temporary shortage of volunteers to make deliveries as Santa Claus this year, coordinators said. Between 50 and 60 Santas delivered gifts each day two weeks prior to Christmas.

Corporations and school and civic groups also made donations, including wrapping paper, tape and other supplies.

Harrison attributed a 30 percent shortfall in monetary donations this year to cautious recession spending and last year's United Way scandal, in which the organization's leader was accused of abusing company perks.

"Nobody's getting paid for this and we can prove ourselves (to the public)," Harrison said. "That's the integrity issue that we can bring to the community."

The upcoming year will be Elf Louise's 25th anniversary, and Harrison said the challenge facing the organization is finding an office and operation space for next year.

1992 rocky for county

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three-eighths of a cent is directed toward economic development and one-eighth toward ad valorem tax relief.

Scandal, of sorts, made the news in September. A story which actually impacted few people but gained the interest of almost everyone, was a two-year audit of the junior high school soft drink and candy fund which indicated shortages in deposits of almost $8,000.

The audit was accepted by trustees on Sept. 10, but before the month ended, they met again to consider continuing an investigation. After hearing from Gary Patterson, who was junior high principal during the time covered by the audit, trustees voted 4-3 to end the investigation.

However, a Scurry County grand jury, meeting Oct. 5, asked the Texas Rangers to investigate. On Oct. 15, after hearing testimony from the Texas Rangers and Patterson, the grand jury found no evidence of criminal intent.

Scurry County's only murder of 1992 came in October when 30-year-old Delbert Dean Osbrander was shot with a .380 caliber handgun during an argument. Rosario (Roy) Antonio Carreon was charged with the shooting — and with murder when Ostrander died a few days later in a Lubbock hospital. Carreon is awaiting trial.

Some of the best news of the year was the announcement that Walls Industries would be reopening, and that Western Texas College's relationship with the TDCJ was expanding.

Walls, which had closed its factory in July of 1991, noted in April that it was interested in reopening the facility. More than 250 people turned out for applications and interviews, indicating a strong employment base. The factory resumed operations on April 27.

Western Texas College's in-service contract with TDCJ skyrocketed from $25,000 to $170,000 with the notice that WTC would provide training for officers from the Preston Smith Unit in Lamesa and the French Robertson Unit near Abilene. Western Texas has also been given approval to teach college credit and vocational courses at the Robertson Unit.

In an unrelated but nonetheless key move, WTC also sought and was granted permission for a police academy in 1992. The academy will get its start in 1993.

Several other major news events which impacted Scurry County residents in 1992 were:

—Snyder made the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's short list for a second 1,000 bed prison in March and more than 800 people turned out in support of the effort during an April 1 public hearing. Hopes were dashed, however, when the state announced April 10 that the TDCJ board had bypassed Snyder in the final selection. In December, local officials began working with Corrections Corporation of America to apply to TDCJ for a privately operated 500-bed unit.

—After the June announcement that Kelly Green had accepted another coaching position, Western Texas College trustees voted 4-3 to discontinue the men's basketball program, at least for the 1992-93 year.

—In a unanimous vote on May 26, Snyder City Council awarded the construction contract for the city's planned $4.75 million wastewater treatment plant to R.P. Contractors of New Braunfels. The plant is to be completed by August, 1993.

—More than 1,000 people gathered around the south side of the courthouse square on June 27 for the lighting of the old Ritz Theatre. The project was the "kick-off" event for the Ritz Theatre board, which plans to turn the old movie house into a community theatre.

—Snyder public schools trustees unanimously approved a salary increase package on July 20 to pay teachers $2,000 above state base, effectively giving all teachers in the district a $1,000 pay hike. The $450,000-plus package included additional half-step raises for 108 teachers, percentage hikes for all other SISD employees, and compensation of a deafed instructor, teachers with masters degrees and librarians.

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How to cope with nighttime dry mouth

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from dry mouth, particularly while sleeping. This results in my getting up three or four times a night to use a mouthwash and clean my teeth. I've heard of a product called pilocarpine to stimulate saliva and wonder if this might be my answer.

DEAR READER: I suggest a simpler and safer alternative: a humidifier. Often when we sleep, we breathe exclusively through our mouths. The constant drying effect of room air can lead to "cottonmouth." By adding additional moisture to the inhaled air, you may be able to overcome the problem without resorting to prescription drugs, such as pilocarpine, which is used for certain eye diseases and intestinal disorders.

In addition, stop using mouthwash; many brands are irritating to the lining of the mouth. Finally, don't brush your teeth during the night because this activity will really wake you up and disrupt your sleep. If you need to relieve your dry mouth, keep a glass of water at your bedside.

To help you obtain a more restful sleep, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Sleep-Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've gained 20 pounds during the last three years, which my doctor attributes to an elevated TSH reading. My doctor prescribed L-Thyroxine and indicated I would lose the excess weight. How can a thyroid pill cause me to lose weight without me changing my eating habits, or will I have to reduce my caloric intake as well?

DEAR READER: Thyroid hormone governs the rate of metabolism. In the presence of a thyroid deficiency, patients are listless, constipated and anemic; they may gain excess water-weight. Untreated hypothyroidism leads to heart disease and a plethora of other physical problems.

In contrast, an over-abundance of the hormone causes weight loss (despite adequate caloric intake), nervousness and other symptoms attributable to hyper-metabolism. If left untreated, hyperthyroidism can be fatal because of excessive demands placed on the heart and other organs.

You have an elevated level of TSH, thyroid-stimulating hormone. This is the substance that regulates the normal thyroid gland. The observation that your TSH is high means that your thyroid gland is probably underproducing; you may have hypothyroidism. Thus, your physician prudently chose to administer supplemental thyroid hormone to correct the deficiency.

Although I doubt you will lose much weight, you will lose some (fluid). More important, your metabolism will return to normal and you will utilize your food more appropriately, thereby storing fewer calories as fat.

If you are 20 pounds (or more) overweight, a modest weight reduction diet (no alcohol, sugar and junk foods) will help you feel healthier. I don't believe you can rely solely on the L-Thyroxine to achieve an ideal weight.

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MHMR agrees to investigate all workers and volunteers

AUSTIN (AP) — Background checks are in store for as many as 30,000 Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation workers as the result of a fatal injury to a patient at a state school.

Under pressure from state lawmakers and the public, MHMR officials have agreed to investigate the backgrounds of all workers and volunteers who have contact with the mentally ill and mentally retarded in state institutions or programs.

The agency will pay the Texas Department of Public Safety to run a criminal history check on workers and volunteers, officials said. However, the investigation will not begin until March 1 in order to give workers and volunteers notification.

The decision to investigate backgrounds came after publicity about Bobby Phillip Masters, charged with the first-degree felony of injury to an invalid individual. Masters worked at San Angelo State School despite having a criminal record.

Margarito Correa, 61, the man he is accused of wounding last fall, died Dec. 13 in a skilled nursing facility in San Antonio. Correa, who suffered a broken neck, was left a quadriplegic by the injury and had been on life support.

Masters "shouldn't have ever been employed," said Allen Williams, superintendent of San Angelo State School. The supervisor who hired Masters with knowledge of his prison record "is no longer with us. He kind of retired in November," Williams said.

Masters, whose case was passed on by a grand jury this month and may be presented to another, had a felony record when he was hired in 1987, records show. He had twice been convicted of burglary.

After being hired, Masters was convicted of a misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor possession of marijuana, records show.

The Texas Legislature in 1983 gave MHMR permission to conduct criminal background checks on people being hired. And, last year, the Legislature passed a bill by Rep. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, giving MHMR authority to check the criminal history of current employees and volunteers.

But MHMR did not take advantage of the new authority.

"It was optional," said Denny Jones, commissioner of MHMR.

"I think the general rationale (for not checking current workers) was we'd been picking people up since 1984 (through background checks on new hires), and if you've got somebody who's been on board for eight years that it's a question of what's the payoff for doing it versus the cost of it, (and) potential downside from the employees' standpoint."

He said officials feared that workers would think "Big Brother is watching," and would feel "you don't trust me; my work record doesn't speak for itself."

But when Rep. Rob Junell and Sen. Bill Sims, Democrats from San Angelo, learned MHMR had not investigated the criminal histories of current workers, they demanded a meeting with top agency officials.

After the meeting in San Angelo, MHMR officials decided to conduct the investigations. The agency also is creating a self-reporting system, also to begin in March, for employees to advise the agency of all arrests, indictments, deferred adjudications or convictions after they are hired.

A criminal history is not grounds for automatic termination or discipline, MHMR officials said.



Bexar Co. begins streamlined procedure for felony cases

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The caseload for grand juries in Bexar County should be reduced beginning this week when a new computer program takes over the task of setting court dates for people charged with felonies.

Bexar County is scheduled to join Harris County as the only urban Texas counties to use the new system of direct filing of felony cases at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

"We are completely revolutionizing the system of justice in Bexar County," District Attorney Steve Hilbig said.

However, grand juries aren't being eliminated. They still will be used to consider cases in which defendants don't plead guilty or accept plea bargains after their initial court appearance.

Under the new method, every person charged with a felony offense will appear in a district court within 30 days after arrest. In the current system, the first appearance does not occur until 120 to 150 days after arrest.

The old system requires the case to undergo an odyssey that includes review and investigation by the district attorney's intake prosecutors and investigators, grand jury review and indictment, assignment of the case to a court and preparation for trial by different prosecutors.

The new system provides for clerks to assign a case to a trial court at the time a person is booked on a felony charge at the Bexar County Jail.

"For the first time, prosecutors who start with a case will pursue it to its conclusion," Hilbig said.

According to Hilbig and Administrative District Judge Pat Priest, felony cases will move through the system quicker and reduce backlogs in the courts.

The changeover will not affect about 8,000 felony cases pending in the county's seven criminal district courts, Priest said.

The county commissioners court has appropriated about $500,000 to fund the direct-filing system. Almost three-fourths of that, or $366,000, will go for seven new prosecutors.

Hilbig said a fourth prosecutor will be assigned to each of seven criminal district courts.

District Clerk David Garcia is hiring four new clerks to begin district court files on arrested felons as soon as they are processed at the county jail.

Clerks will assign each case to a district court, based on a rotating system. The defendant, before leaving jail, will be given notice of a date within 30 days to appear in court.

The defendant will be instructed to employ an attorney within 10 days or to report to district court administrator Mercedes Kutcher's office to be interviewed to determine eligibility for a court-appointed attorney.

San Antonio police officials have agreed to provide police reports to the district attorney's office within 20 days after arrest, Hilbig said.

At the first hearing, prosecutors and defense attorneys should be familiar with the details of the cases, officials said.

Defendants will have an opportunity to plead guilty and to accept a plea bargain. If no decision is reached, the cases may be reset for a second hearing.

"We expect most cases will result in pleas or get dismissed at the first or second settings," Kutcher said.

The others will be referred to the grand jury for consideration of indictments.

"I'd like to have those cases indicted by Day 60," Hilbig said.

In the direct-filing system, each of the seven courts is expected to be assigned 21 cases a week for a total of 7,644 cases a year assigned to the courts.

Kutcher said direct filing will not reduce the population of the county jail. Built for about 1,800 inmates, the jail now has about 3,000 prisoners.

However, direct filing will result in felony prisoners being convicted and assessed prison time quicker than before. Therefore, the state will reimburse the county for the time the convicted felons spend in the county jail awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Corrections.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your leadership qualities will be evident to your peers today, although you might not recognize them. Don't take a back seat if they are calling for you up front.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have to deal with some uncertainties today, but don't let this disturb your blithe spirit. Find ways to enjoy yourself regardless of the circumstances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may feel a strong desire to socialize with friends today. Try to select a quiet atmosphere, because although you might need companionship, you don't need a loud environment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a subtle, authoritative charisma today. This enviable asset could enable you to take command of situations without shaking everyone up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of making snap judgments today, take adequate time to sift through all of the information at your disposal. Each fact could be significant in its own way.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take pains to be extra tolerant of people with whom you deal on a one-to-one basis today. Kindness and understanding will help you accomplish your objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Projects where you utilize your imagination and resourcefulness could prove to be especially rewarding for you today. Keep your focus on creative endeavors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People who already like you will be even more enamored today, because they will see exceptional qualities in you that are absent in others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is very important at this time that you finalize something you recently started before taking on any new endeavors. It will give you gratification to know you have finished what you started.

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Connick Jr. arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — Harry Connick Jr., the Grammy-winning crooner who has brought back standards by George Gershwin and Hoagy Carmichael, was jailed overnight on charges he tried to board a plane with a gun in his carry-on bag.

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U.S. election, L.A. riots were top AP stories

By Mitchell Landsberg
AP National Writer

Headlines turned homeward in 1992, when the top three news events of the year — the presidential campaign, the Los Angeles riots and Hurricane Andrew — took place on American soil, according to an Associated Press poll of news executives.

Those stories were followed by two international events, the U.S. intervention in Somalia and the civil war in Yugoslavia. The stories were ranked in the AP's 56th annual survey of U.S. newspaper editors and broadcast directors.

After several years in which the survey was dominated by international news, this year's rankings were top-heavy with domestic stories, which accounted for six of the 10.

A sign that Americans are turning inward? Perhaps, although the response to starvation in Somalia might suggest otherwise. It could be that the rankings simply reflect the drama of an unusually turbulent year at home.

The election of a new president is always big news, and this year's campaign — which easily captured the No. 1 spot — was especially rich in unexpected twists and theatrical turns. The riots and hurricane were two of the worst disasters in the nation's history.

The second half of the Top 10 similarly included three domestic stories, the U.S. recession (No. 6), the Supreme Court's abortion ruling (No. 8) and the trial of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer (No. 10).

In between were the aftermath of the Soviet Union's collapse (No. 7) and the release of the final Western hostages in Lebanon (No. 9).

The lineup:

1. In January, everyone knew what would happen on Nov. 3: George Bush would be re-elected president in a landslide. But the biggest slide between January and November was in Bush's popularity, and by Election Day, the word "landslide" was usually preceded by the word "Clinton."

What happened in between? First and foremost, nothing — at least as far as the lagging economy was concerned. Beyond that, several things conspired to make Bush a one-term president.

Ross Perot launched, unlaunched and relaunched his quixotic campaign. The far right hijacked the Republican convention. And Bill Clinton and Al Gore rode their campaign bus into the heart of Main Street America — and into the White House.

If the election wasn't a landslide, it was close enough for the Democrats, who won the presidency for just the second time since 1964.

2. It couldn't have helped Bush that on April 29, the nation's second largest city erupted in rioting. That was the day four white Los Angeles police officers were acquitted of nearly all charges in the beating of a black motorist, Rodney King.

The reaction in predominantly black South-Central Los Angeles was quick and violent, an outburst of mayhem, arson and looting that was directed first at whites and Koreans, and then, seemingly, at anyone and anything in the rioters' paths.

The city was placed under curfew and the National Guard called out. A tearful Rodney King went on television to plead with his fellow citizens: "People, I just want to say, you know, can we, can we all get along? Can we get along?"

The final toll: 53 deaths, 2,383 injuries, 10,000 businesses destroyed, an estimated $1 billion in property damage and incalculable harm to a city's psyche and a nation's sense of civility.

3. As summer began and L.A.'s smoke receded into smog, it seemed hard to believe that a worse catastrophe lay ahead. But Hurricane Andrew, which hit South Florida before dawn on Aug. 24, was worse, far worse, in terms of sheer physical destruction.

The storm blew in from the Bahamas and shrieked through Miami and its southern suburbs with winds of 160 mph and more. It ripped the roofs off houses, tossed mobile homes about like empty cans, tore boats from their moorings and trees from their roots.

The toll: an estimated 250,000 people left homeless, more than $20 billion in damage in the Bahamas, Florida and Louisiana, and 55 people dead.

4. From terrible to worse: Somalia.

All year, reports from Africa had spoken of the situation there with increasing urgency. Somalians were dying — as many as 350,000 of them — as clan warfare robbed the country of its economy and plunged it into famine.

On Dec. 4, President Bush announced a U.S.-led military mission, under the auspices of the United Nations, to protect aid shipments and help the starving. At year's end, U.S. soldiers and Marines were doing just that. But questions hung in the air: How long will they have to stay? And then what?

5. And another question: What about Yugoslavia?

Civil war in the provinces that once comprised that country had mounted into the worst bloodshed in Europe since World War II. There were overtones from that era, too, in the ruthless "ethnic cleansing" campaign carried out by Serbs against Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The United Nations sent troops to keep relief shipments flowing, but that was only partly successful and did nothing to stop the fighting. The European powers were loathe to get involved. President-elect Clinton said the United States might have to "turn up the heat."

6. At home, people had other worries, chief among them the economy. Officially, it was said to have pulled out of recession. As Clinton said in early December, "Sometimes the headlines seem so in conflict with the personal experiences people are having."

Clinton held a two-day economic summit to plot strategy, or at least to hear what economic leaders had to say. A survey of the nation's top economists showed that most believed economic growth would pick up in 1993 — but modestly.

7. The U.S. economy, of course, was a well-oiled machine next to the economy of its old foe, the former Soviet Union, whose lurching journey toward decentralization and capitalism was one of the year's simmering stories.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin's efforts at economic reform were partly stymied by an old-line parliament. And much of the old empire was absorbed in ethnic fighting — between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, Georgians and South Ossetians and Abkhazians ... and on and on.

8. By those standards, the conflict over abortion in this country was relatively civil, but no less bitter. It got new ground rules in June, when the Supreme Court ruled that states may not outlaw most abortions or impose "undue burdens" on women's constitutional rights to them.

At the same time, the court chipped away at its own Roe vs. Wade ruling by upholding a Pennsylvania law that mandated counseling and a 24-hour waiting period for women seeking abortions. The fight was expected to continue in state legislatures in January.

9. The release of two German hostages in Lebanon was not big news in Germany, where relatively little attention had been paid to their plight. Nor did it necessarily grab big headlines in this country.

But it did resonate with editors, apparently, because the Germans were the last Westerners known to be in captivity in Lebanon, and their release marked the end of a long and tortuous saga. The last American hostage was AP correspondent Terry Anderson, freed in December 1991 after more than 6 1/2 years in captivity.

10. Finally, the trial and conviction of Jeffrey Dahmer on 16 counts of murder. Dahmer, who was arrested in Milwaukee in July 1991, had confessed to killing 17 young men, having sex with some of the corpses and mutilating — and even eating — some of them.

He was judged sane and sentenced to life, 16 times over. One case never went to trial because of a lack of evidence.

Government panel suggests amnesty

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A government commission has recommended amnesty for two Communist rebels convicted of killing an American colonel despite objections by U.S. authorities, an official said Monday.

Assistant State Prosecutor Nilo Mariano said he made the recommendation to Justice Secretary Franklin Drilon. Mariano said he expected Drilon and President Fidel Ramos to approve the recommendation.

They were among 23 rebels recommended for amnesty, Mariano said.

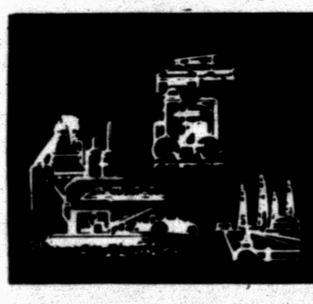
The two — Donato Continente and Juanito Itaas — were sentenced to double life sentences for the April 1989 assassination of Col. James N. "Nick" Rowe of McAllen, Texas.

Rowe, a counterinsurgency expert and Vietnam War hero, was ambushed on his way to the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group in suburban Quezon City.

The rebel New People's Army said it killed Rowe because he was secretly helping the government in its counterinsurgency campaign.

Mariano is a member of a commission studying pardons for rebels as part of the government's campaign to end the 24-year Marxist insurgency.

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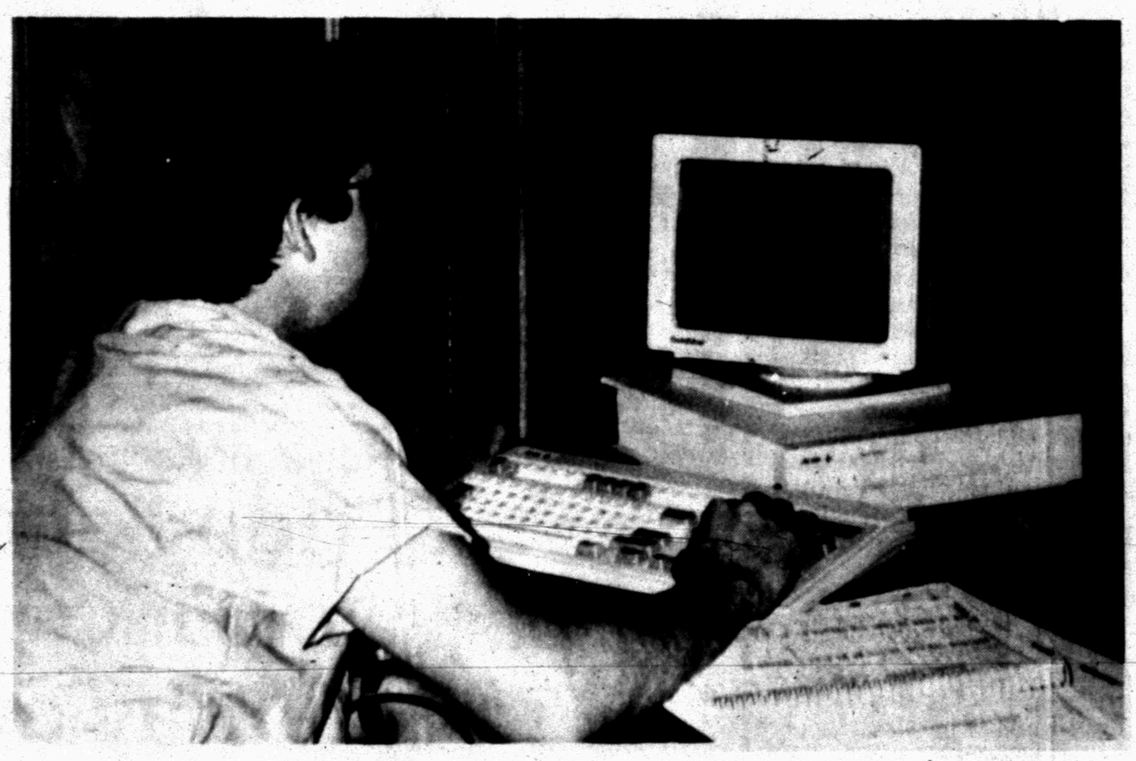
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