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Ask Us

Q—When was the voting age lowered to 18?

A—Congress ratified the 26th Amendment on July 1, 1971, which lowered the voting age to 18.

In Brief

'Copter crash

WOLF CREEK, Utah (AP) — A private helicopter filming a ski movie crashed into a remote northern Utah mountain, killing all four men aboard.

Weber County Sheriff Craig Dearden reported that a three-member rescue team skied into the crash site about 1 a.m. MST today and confirmed that all aboard the aircraft had died in the Sunday afternoon crash.

Waste unit

DALLAS (AP) — Parkland Hospital is using a newly installed microwave waste unit to turn infectious medical waste into confetti-like particles, officials say.

Parkland, one of the largest generators of infectious medical waste in the nation, becomes the largest hospital in the United States to use this type of a system, a hospital spokesman said Monday.

"We'll be reducing the amount of trash going to landfills by about 80 percent," said Marcelo Sautu, the hospital's director of property service.

"Plus, we won't be putting anything in the water stream or in the air. It'll be good for the environment," Sautu said.

Officials say the hospital should generate a savings of $1 million over five years in trash disposal costs.

Local

Canyon 4-H

Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria. For more information, call 573-5423.

Grand jury

Scurry County grand jury convened in 132nd District Court this morning.

Seven cases were expected to be heard.

DCOS

The Development Corporation of Snyder will meet this evening at 6 in the TU Electric Reddy Room.

Agenda items include a request from Nathalie's and a resolution supporting the building of a private prison facility in Snyder.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 51 degrees; low, 33 degrees. .21 of an inch of precipitation; high Sunday, 62 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 34 degrees; .02 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, .23 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear and cold. Low in the mid 20s. Light wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer. High around 60. Light south wind.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:54. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:43. Of three days in 1993, the sun has shone two days in Snyder.

Death toll high...

Bus crashes near Cancun

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A bus carrying tourists to Mayan ruins near Cancun overturned on a rain-slick road, hit an electrical pole and exploded, killing at least 24 people, including two Americans. The bus was apparently speeding, police said today.

Twenty-two of the victims died at the scene of Sunday's crash and two others later in a hospital, police said. The dead were taken to a funeral home pending identification, but many were reported badly burned, making identification difficult.

At least two Americans were killed and police were investigating reports that a dozen more U.S. citizens had died, said Otto Van Maerssen, the U.S. consul in the Yucatan regional capital of Merida.

Four Canadians were believed to have died, the Canadian Embassy said. The Canadian Press news agency put the death toll at 28.

Eleven injured people, including four Americans, were taken to the American Hospital in Cancun, a hospital official who refused to give her name said in a telephone interview.

The 52 tourists had been heading from Cancun, a resort on the Yucatan peninsula, to the ruins of Chichen Itza when the accident occurred 25 miles west of Cancun.

Santiago Gutierrez, director of the tour company, quoted a passenger, Philip Chang, as saying the driver swerved to avoid a car that had stopped suddenly on the highway, and hit the power pole.

The pole contained a transformer, which fell on the bus and caused it to catch fire, he said. The bus then exploded, Canadian Television News said.

"We got the fire out. ... We put it out twice but the diesel fuel kept dripping and it just started bigger fires. We pulled out as many as we could," Jerry Kubic of Canada told the Canadian network CBC News.

Gutierrez said several of the least-injured were taken to hospitals in Cancun by motorists who were passing by. The tourists aboard the bus included 13 from Canada, two from Brazil, two from Japan and three from Mexico, he said.



END OF VACATION — Public school students from Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh headed back to school this morning, wrapping up their holiday vacation. Pictured front to back are Michael Baldwin and Rocky Fuentez, who made the most of a brief warm spell before the weather turned cold again last weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

War in Bosnia...

Talks bog down; Muslims isolated

GENEVA (AP) — Talks on ending the war in Bosnia have made little headway as Serb and Croat leaders endorse dividing up the republic into ethnic provinces and the Muslim-led government resists.

Coinciding with the second day of talks on Sunday was a warning from the American and French presidents that a U.N. vote to intervene on behalf of the Bosnian government with war jets could come quickly if negotiations fail.

Heavy snowfall Sunday slowed fighting in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, but also hampered relief efforts. A U.N. official said thousands of elderly people will die in Sarajevo this winter from cold and lack of food.

In northern Bosnia, heavy gunfire was reported along a main supply route for Bosnian Serbs, who have seized two-thirds of Bosnia in a war that has claimed more than 17,000 lives by conservative estimate.

At the Geneva talks on Sunday, the Bosnian government's nominal battlefield allies — the Croats — sided with the Serbs on a political solution to the bloodshed.

Dobrica Cosic, president of Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia agreed in closed-door talks that the best solution for Bosnia was essentially a confederation of three ethnic nations.

"It's clear from the talks here so far that the Muslims will not accept the idea," Cosic said after the meeting. "They insist on a solution that is against the interest of the Serbs and the Croats in Bosnia."

Tudjman also accused the Muslims of trying to obstruct the talks.

Hajrudin Somun, an aide to Bosnia's president, Alija Izetbegovic, said the meeting revived longstanding fears that the Serbs and Croats might agree to carve up Bosnia at the Muslims' expense.

Somali leaders stage talks in hopes of ending rivalry

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Leaders of Somalia's warring factions held talks in this capital today aimed at ending the bloody rivalries that led to mass starvation and a complete breakdown of order in their land.

The U.N. presence at the negotiations provoked a deadly demonstration over the status of Ethiopia's breakaway northernmost province, Eritrea. Witnesses said at least four people were shot to death and scores wounded when Ethiopian forces fired on students protesting efforts to send U.N. observers to an April referendum on independence in Eritrea.

At the conference, President Meles Zenawi called on the clan leaders to implement a cease-fire, establish a national police force, disarm gunmen and establish a national government.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali also urged conference participants to end the anarchy in their famine-wracked nation.

"It is time to recreate the Somali state so that it may fulfill its role in the community of nations," the U.N. chief said.

But the prospect of anything emerging from the U.N.-sponsored conference talks was unclear, and three faction leaders stayed away.

In Somalia, the U.N. Children's Fund pulled its last three foreign workers out of the southern port of Kismayu following the weekend murder of an agency employee.

And in another hostile act targeting a foreigner, a U.N. peacekeeper in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, escaped harm Sunday night when a gun wielded by a Somali failed to fire, a U.N. spokeswoman said. The gunman's motives in the attack on what was believed to be a Pakistani soldier were not known.

The talks in Addis Ababa were being mediated by Boutros-Ghali, whose organization will be responsible for policing neighboring Somalia when the U.S.-led forces of Operation Restore Hope leave.

Bush administration officials say they want to pull out the first U.S. troops as early as month's end, a prospect many Somalis do not welcome.

The demonstration against Boutros-Ghali in the Ethiopian capital was the latest in a string of protests against him during his current swing through the Balkans and East Africa.

Applications due now for second COT class

The deadline to apply for a correctional officer training class which begins in February is this Friday, Western Texas College officials have noted.

Those who are eventually accepted for and complete the class will be certified by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to work in the state prison system.

The daytime academy is scheduled to run from Feb. 22 through March 17. Applications are available at the college continuing education office. The class will be the second scheduled for 1993.

Some 225 individuals will begin testing and interviewing Tuesday for the year's first class, which begins Jan. 18 and ends Feb. 10. The application period concluded prior to the holidays.

College officials said the 225 applicants include 58 Hispanics, 11 blacks and two American Indians.

The applicants list hometowns in New Jersey, California, New Mexico, Tennessee and Texas. Thirty-eight are from Snyder and 25 are from Abilene, WTC officials reported.

County okays bids, application for WIC

County commissioners this morning awarded bids for fuel and oil and approved submitting an application for the Women, Infants and Children program.

The court also tabled action concerning the re-opening of a road near Dunn.

Commissioners voted again this year to split the bid for fuel and oil for use by the county in calendar year 1993.

McCormick Marketing was awarded the bid for unleaded gasoline and diesel, pricing both at just over 6 cents over refinery costs.

A bid of $14 per barrel over refinery costs on oil was awarded to Bunch Oil Company. No other bids were received by the court.

Shirley Fritz, who currently serves as director for the WIC program, asked commissioners to apply to the state for the services the program provides under the county name, saying that the state is trying to pass the programs to counties rather than through private entities.

Fritz said that the program would still be run by Scurry Community Services, but overseen by the county.

According to the director, if Scurry County does not apply for the program, the state will award it to another county, further limiting the services provided by the program to persons in Scurry County.

"We do not receive enough for local people as it is now," said Fritz. "If the county does not do this and we lose the program to another county, we sure won't be able to."

Commissioners signed a resolution allowing County Judge Bob Doolittle to apply for the program under the county name.

Commissioners voted to table any action concerning the reopening of a road near Dunn, which crosses property owned by Gerald Crawford and the Callaway family.

The two families spoke with the court in December, questioning whether the road was a public road and whether it was ever legally closed.

Crawford told commissioners that the road that was maintained by the county in the past was not the same as outlined in the original deed, which was issued in August of 1927, but detoured through his property.

(see ROAD, page 8)

Plant construction progress, prison resolution before city

Snyder City Council, meeting at 6:30 this evening, will consider a resolution of support for a private prison for Scurry County and receive an update on construction of the wastewater treatment plant.

The council will consider a resolution in support of a proprosed 500-bed private prison, which could be built in Snyder by Corrections Corporation of America, a Tennessee-based private prison firm.

Groups such as the Board of County Development, chamber and hospital boards, as well as civic groups throughout Snyder have signed resolutions supporting the proposed facility, which would employ 170 to 200 people at an estimated annual payroll of $3 million.

A public hearing concerning the prison proposal will be held Jan. 13 in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

Representatives of the Lubbock engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper will update the council on construction progress at the city's wastewater treatment plant, scheduled to be completed in August.

The council will set May 1 as the election date for the position of mayor and for the two at-large council seats, currently held by Mike Thornton and J.D. Smith.

Council members will also be reminded of the upcoming Texas Municipal League Legislative briefing and luncheon, to be held Feb. 8 in Austin.

Approval of minutes from the previous council meeting is the only other item of business on the agenda.

Boycotts are used by many activists

By David Foster
Associated Press Writer

When protesters chanting "Save the wolf! Boycott Alaska!" were marching in a dozen U.S. cities last month, they knew Alaskans would pay attention: Tourism is a billion-dollar-a-year industry there.

Activists of all stripes are dusting off the time-honored tactic of the boycott, but raising it to new heights as they target not just corporations or industries, but entire states:

—Gay and lesbian groups are boycotting Colorado, urging vacationers and conventioneers to stay away until the state reverses an anti-gay rights amendment passed by voters in November.

—Abortion rights supporters called boycotts in 1991 against Utah and Louisiana over those state's strict abortion laws. The Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission said last March that 17 groups had canceled meetings, costing the city $116 million in lost business.

—In Arizona, convention promoters just now are recovering from a five-year boycott that cost the state at least $300 million in convention and tourism business. The boycott, prompted by the state's refusal to declare a holiday honoring civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., ended last year when voters approved a King holiday.

—In Alaska, state wildlife officials planned to reduce the wolf population by shooting more than 300 animals from helicopters — until last week, that is, when the hunt was canceled in the face of a tourism boycott promoted by animal-rights groups.

Political and business leaders in all three states cried foul, saying boycotts unfairly punish the innocent along with the guilty.

The boycotters' response: If a state wants to profit from its image as an attractive tourist destination, it had better measure up to the values held by those who would visit.

"We're not instilling the outrage in people. We're merely channeling it," said Wayne Pacelle, director of Fund For Animals, a leader of the Alaska boycott. "You can't motivate people to boycott if they're not appalled by something."

Boycotts have a long history as a tactic to protest injustice, but many famous ones were more narrowly targeted.

The boycott of the Montgomery, Ala., bus system in the 1950s cost the bus company money, and California grape growers were hurt in the 1970s by boycotts supporting the United Farm Workers.

But targets of the recent boycotts point out that victims often include those who support the boycotters' goals.

Security guard arrested on assault charge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A security guard has been arrested on a charge of sexually assaulting a woman at an apartment complex where he was working, police say.

James Napper, 37, who was employed as a security guard for Ranger American, was arrested early Sunday and ordered held in the Bexar County Jail in lieu of $10,000 bond.

Officers said a 36-year-old woman told authorities she was returning to her apartment early Sunday after attending a party when she spoke to a security guard outside her home.

The woman told authorities the guard later knocked on her apartment door and told her he had a complaint about loud music in the apartment.

The woman, who had been sleeping, allowed the security guard inside to see that she was not playing music. The woman said she fell asleep again and awakened to find the guard sexually assaulting her.

Police arrested Napper a short time later while he was making his normal rounds at the Alta Vista Apartments.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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Do the Back-Out Boogaloo From Man Who Won't Dance

DEAR ABBY: You messed up big when you told "Frustrated" she needs to "mature." (She loves to dance, but her fiance isn't much of a dancer; she offered to pay for 10 dancing lessons, but he refused.)

I think she should postpone (or cancel) their wedding until *he* matures. If he won't do her this one small favor, there will be bigger disappointments ahead if she marries this selfish man. Abby, please get this in the paper fast before it's too late.

AMY IN ALABAMA

DEAR AMY: I was inundated with letters in protest of my answer. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: What lousy advice you gave "Frustrated." I was stupid enough to believe that I could teach my man to dance after we became husband and wife. NOT! He wouldn't even try.

We attended dinner dances frequently as members of several organizations. While I was tapping my toes to the rhythm of the dance music, my husband sat there with a stony-faced frown, hating every minute of the evening after his belly was full.

Have you ever dressed to the hilt on New Year's Eve and sat watching everyone dancing and having a good time, while you count the minutes before midnight so you can go home? It's pure torture!

Have you ever taken a seven-hour car trip and couldn't turn on the radio because even "elevator music" gave your husband a headache? Well, I have, so now you know why we aren't married anymore.

ANONYMOUS IN PEORIA

DEAR ABBY: I am frustrated by your advice to "Frustrated." Dancing is not the issue. Refusing even to try in order to please her is. I married a man who would not engage in any of the activities I most enjoyed. It was always a bone of contention. I wish I had had the maturity to call it off. I hope it's not too late for "Frustrated." This time you should have advised them to both get counseling.

SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Frustrated" missed the mark. Abby, this is not about dancing. It's about compromise.

How many times in her married life will she be required to attend business functions and sporting events that she has no interest in attending?

And this selfish man can't even take 10 dancing lessons to make her happy? This marriage will never work — and it won't be *her* fault.

ONE WHO KNOWS IN SEATTLE

DEAR ABBY: "Frustrated" should use the money she offered to spend on dancing lessons for her fiance and treat him to a couple of sessions with a psychiatrist. He needs to know the real reason he doesn't like to dance. It could be symbolic of why he isn't comfortable facing her — or getting close to her — or enjoying doing something that requires him to be in unison with her.

Chances are, if he doesn't enjoy dancing with his fiancee, he probably won't enjoy doing anything more intimate with her. Have I made myself clear, Abby?

INSIGHTFUL IN CHICAGO

DEAR INSIGHTFUL: Yes. Very.

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In his element abroad...

Bush with children, troops & leaders

MOSCOW (AP) — From the stifling heat of a dirt-floor school room in Somalia to the wintry elegance of the Kremlin's gilded halls, President Bush was at home abroad, relishing the foreign policy triumphs of his waning presidency.

The hand that on Sunday signed a treaty with Russia drastically reducing the world's nuclear weapons stocks had two days earlier slapped U.S. Marines on the back for a job well done in Somalia and patted the heads of destitute Somali orphans.

The president returned to Washington just before midnight Sunday from his 25th and final foreign trip, a 19,000-mile journey celebrating what Bush sees as highlights of his presidency — using military force to aid the needy and lessening the threat of nuclear war.

"I think in terms of how the administration will be looked at, I think it will be predominantly because of these successes in world affairs," Bush told a group of Marines in Somalia at an abandoned Soviet air strip now used to fly in relief supplies to the town of Baidoa.

In a rare mood of public reflection, Bush shared with the troops his plans after leaving office Jan. 20 and moving back to Texas.

"It will be a whole shift in gears for me, away from the public life that I've loved and back to the private life that I think everybody also enjoys," Bush said.

His love of the public light was much in evidence that New Year's Day as Bush visited with Marines in their foxholes guarding the air strip, toured an orphanage in Baidoa, chatted with helicopter maintenance crews and sat on a sandbag surrounded by Army troops scooping up spaghetti and meatballs from a military ration kit.

Undeterred by the 100-degree heat, the clouds of choking red clay dust stirred up by his heavily guarded motorcade and the choppy helicopter rides that flew him from stop to stop, Bush shook hundreds of hands, posed for hundreds of photos with the troops, waved at hundreds of Somalis chanting "Welcome Bush."

He was clearly in his element, ducking in and out of tents with an "at ease" order to the troops inside.

Firms hesitant about warning systems

HOUSTON (AP) — Communities along the Houston Ship Channel have seen their share of petrochemical plant explosions and fires.

But now community leaders and company officials are working on a better warning system and more emergency preparedness.

"It's important to see this as a cultural change, that companies would talk to communities and want their input. There have been hostilities from both directions through the years, so this is a major change," said Diane Sheridan of Houston, a private consultant to such panels in Channelview, Pasadena and neighboring Deer Park.

"But it's a behavioral change, and behavioral change takes time."

It has been a slow process and the public has been as hesitant as the plant owners, Pat Pinkerton, a Channelview environmental activist, said.

"It's so threatening to you, you block it out," she said. "Who wants to get up every morning and think, 'Any time today, our community could go up in flames'?"

Three years ago when the Phillips Petrochemical Complex exploded in Pasadena, 23 workers were killed and more than 130 others were injured. And panic in the community followed the Oct. 23, 1989, accident.

"Every mother in town jumped in the car and ran down to the schools, and others jammed the phone systems, and the whole phone system went down," recalled Don Holt, chairman of Pasadena's Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The same thing happened in Channelview when the Arco Chemical Co.'s plant exploded in July 1990, killing 17 workers.

"There were so many people who didn't know how to react to that," Ms. Pinkerson said. "They were frightened, but a lot also went down to sight see. It could have harmed them if the wind had been blowing in the right direction."

But this month, Pasadena will begin looking for contractors to install the first phase of a siren warning system. Its smaller neighbors, La Porte and Deer Park, already have systems in place and unincorporated Channelview is still negotiating such a plan.

Dozens of chemical plants that ring these communities already have paid or agreed to pay much of the costs of the systems and many are active in the planning.

"I think we've made tremendous accomplishments just in working together," said David Harpole, spokesman for Channelview's Lyondell Petrochemical Co.

Pasadena's emergency committee is working with the 16 largest local industries, which have agreed to pick up 90 percent of the cost for the initial phase of its siren program. It initially calls for 10 sirens to be installed with a total of 24 eventually activated in the area.

Pasadena also is working through the public schools, teaching children what to do using a turtle mascot. "The turtle signifies sheltering in place, and that is what you do in a chemical emergency: shelter in place," Holt said.

Pasadena and Deer Park are joining efforts to ensure telephone lines don't stop working during future accidents and ensuring an adequate backup system if they do crash.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharpe Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 3 Ira, a 7,800-foot wildcat located one mile northwest of Ira. Location is in Section 138, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Paladin Exploration Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1-522 Miller, a 9,000-foot wildcat located 13 miles northeast of Gail. Drill site is in Section 522, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Grand Banks Energy has completed the No. 803 Mills-Strain unit in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles east of Cuthbert. The well was finaled to produce 26 barrels of 33.1 gravity oil and one barrel of water. Perforations were from 1,530-628 feet, and location is in Section 18, C.H. McGinnis survey.

Grand Banks Energy has completed the No. 804 Mills-Strain unit in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles east of Cuthbert. The well produced 15 barrels of 39.9 gravity oil and 14 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,461-498 feet, and location is in Section 18, C.H. McGinnis survey.

Garza County

George R. Brown Partnership will drill the No. 18 K. Stoker in the Garza field, three miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,100 feet, location is in Section 9, Block 2, GH&RR survey.

George R. Brown Partnership will drill the No. 1006 City of Post unit in the Garza field, one mile west of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 1,233, EL&RR survey.

George R. Brown Partnership will drill the No. 77 Post Estate in the Garza field, two miles southwest of Post. Planned depth is 3,400 feet, and drill site is in Section 9, Block 5, K. Aycock survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 141 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, seven miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 2,700 feet, drill site is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 433 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, seven miles southeast of Justiceburg. The venture is planned for a depth of 2,700 feet, and location is in Section 109, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 31-G Exxon fee in the Dorward field, 3.5 miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned depth is 2,700 feet, and location is in Section 116, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 30-G Exxon fee in the Dorward field, 3.5 miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 2,700 feet, location is in Section 116, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 314-A-AW Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, location is in Section 3, D.R. Stout survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 572-C Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. Also planed for a depth of 6,800 feet, drill site is in Section 145, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 614-F Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned depth is 6,800 feet, and location is in Section 6, J. Rodman survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 213-G Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. Also planned for 6,800 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 214-G Salt Creek unit in the same field, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, drill site is in Section 12, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Fisher County

Holla Petroleum will drill No. 12-7-10 ARCO in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. The venture is planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, and location is in the B.M. Aston survey.

Patton Exploration will drill the No. 4-120-C Martin unit, a 6,300-foot wildcat located 10 miles northeast of Rotan. Location is in Section 120, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Patton Exploration will drill the No. 5-120-D Martin, a 5,300-foot wildcat located 10 miles northeast of Rotan. Location is in Section 120, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Roadrunner in the Vincent north field, two miles northeast of Vincent. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, location is in Section 58, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

City known as speed trap accused of keeping excess fine money

PATTON VILLAGE, Texas (AP) — The new Montgomery County District Attorney and the Texas Department of Public Safety are looking into allegations that thousands of dollars in traffic fine revenues were misappropriated here, former police officers say.

In its Sunday editions, The Houston Post quoted several former police officers as saying Patton Village officials are pocketing state revenue, badgering motorists for unpaid fines and possibly falsifying ticket citations and receipts.

"They're a municipal corporation that has been a blight on law enforcement and a blight on municipal government," said Dan Rice, the new Montgomery County District Attorney.

This East Texas town of about 1,000 residents some 30 miles northeast of Houston once derived more than 80 percent of its $300,000 city revenues from traffic fines.

Its reputation as one of the most infamous speed traps in East Texas led to a new state law in 1989 limiting towns with populations of less than 5,000 from using traffic fines to fund more than 30 percent of their budgets. For fines above the 30 percent limit, the towns can keep only $1 from each fine and must send all other funds to the state.

The former officers told police Patton Village officials have failed to forward between $78,000 and $100,000 in fine money to the state.

"I don't get excited when I hear (allegations about the city), but if DPS comes up with offenses that are prosecutable, they'll be handled appropriately," said Rice, who previously served as an assistant district attorney and county attorney.

In mid-October, a white DPS van backed up to Patton Village's City Hall and intelligence officers began carting out virtually every record in the building.

One former officer said the seizure was necessary to prevent the destruction of records, which occurred some six years ago when the DPS was asked to make an investigation and the City Hall building was torched.

The DPS and the district attorney's office aren't talking about the latest probe.

After the records were seized, the City Council fired more than half the police department in mid-November.

"Everybody who was involved in any kind of investigation into corruption down there were all terminated," said Victor Kuykendoll, 21, who was among the seven fired officers.

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New reform plan expected to be tough sell

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is one of a series of stories examining how President-elect Clinton intends to handle a variety of issues.

By William M. Welch
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Clinton's transition team has met with congressional aides to begin filling in details of his promised health care system overhaul, but only the broadest outlines have been decided.

Whatever Clinton eventually offers, health experts and congressional sponsors agree the new president will have to win broad public support to get it through Congress.

"I think he'll have to do a hell of a sales job," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., who was secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the Carter administration.

Demand for revamping the health care system has never been greater, with 35 million or more Americans uninsured and millions discontent with rising premiums and fearful their coverage could disappear with their next paycheck.

Even so, changing an $800 billion a year system will not be easy. Vast interest groups are arrayed on all sides, from the insurance industry, to doctors and other health providers, to employers who pay much of the insurance costs for their workers.

Democrats are receptive to Clinton, but they have been deeply divided amongst themselves on health care — unable even to get together on a plan that could have presented a political challenge to President Bush during the 1992 election campaign.

How to pay for it remains the big unanswered question. Some Democrats have begun talking about making employer-provided health benefits taxable as income, in effect levying a new tax on the middle class that would provoke a major fight.

Some say Clinton is at a disadvantage because he shied away from detailing his plan during the campaign, thus forfeiting rights to claim a mandate for the one he eventually submits.

"There is overwhelming sentiment to do some sort of national health care reform, but the president-elect hasn't sold anybody on his plan," said Robert J. Blendon, chairman of the department of health policy and management at Harvard's School of Public Health.

Congress need look no farther back than its catastrophic health insurance plan for the elderly, which turned into a political catastrophe and was repealed in a furor over who was going to pay for it.

"If they don't spend time on the consensus on what to do, when it comes to getting enacted a lot of congressmen will get off the train at the last minute," Blendon said.

Clinton's proposals to revamp the nation's health care and insurance system took some shape over the course of his presidential campaign. By the fall, he had embraced the "managed competition" concept, an emerging idea providing incentives to doctors, hospitals, insurance companies and consumers to make health care more price conscious.

The idea has been gaining support in and out of Congress, but many skeptics remain and nearly everyone has a different idea of just what the term means.

According to House and Senate aides who have met with Clinton's health transition team, the managed competition plan would create quasi-public groups — called health insurance purchasing cooperatives — to act as purchasing agents for groups and employers buying insurance.

The aides, who spoke on condition they not be identified, say they expect Clinton also will propose "global budgeting" — which essentially would set government-imposed limits on what Americans could be charged for various health services.

One problem is reconciling the two notions. Managed competition is designed to make full use of the existing market-based system, something skeptics say is incompatible with a government-imposed pricing system. They say eliminating the existing tax break on employer-paid benefits is needed to make people more price conscious.

Clinton in essence has taken pieces from the various competing health care plans backed over the past two years by varying groups of congressional Democrats. Conservatives generally like managed competition, while liberals want global budgeting.

The goal of any plan will be ing insurance to all, and cost control, which global budgeting could impose.

Spotlight shifts from House to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hot light of ethics controversy shifts from the House of Representatives to the Senate with the convening of the 103rd Senate.

Last year it was bad checks at the now-defunct House Bank and laundered stamp money at the House Post Office. This year, it's assertions of sexual and financial conduct by a handful of senators — with a political spying case thrown in for good measure.

Although membership of the Senate Ethics Committee still isn't set for the new session that begins Tuesday, already the panel:

—Has inherited a preliminary inquiry into uninvited sexual advances by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

—Been asked by a California women's group to investigate the sexual behavior of Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

—Urged to take a second look at the financial conduct of Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, in connection with a vacation home built for him by a constituent.

Outside the committee, Sen. Charles S. Robb, D-Va., says he expects to be indicted and Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn., acknowledges a grand jury is investigating him.

Nonetheless, one polling expert says public confidence in Congress may be about to improve.

"There are two different things that have driven it (Congress' image) down," said Humphrey Taylor, president of the polling firm Louis Harris and Associates. "One is scandals like the Keating Five, the House Post Office and the House bank. The other factor has been legislative gridlock.

"The leadership recognizes it has to restore the image and work positively with the (Clinton) administration to get good legislation passed. Then, they would recover some. They may get out of the basement and into the ground floor."

Packwood's case has dominated most of the recent ethics headlines. At least 17 women — former staffers and associates — have accused the 60-year-old, 24-year Senate veteran of uninvited advances that some of them say involved kissing and touching.

In the Inouye matter, a woman has said the senator, now 68, forced her to have sex with him 17 years ago when she was his hair stylist. Nine other women subsequently alleged sexual abuse or harassment by Inouye to a state legislator in Hawaii, but only two gave their names.

The legislator has chosen not to purse the matter, but a Los Angeles women's group has asked the ethics committee to investigate. Inouye has denied the allegations and called them "outrageous."

Common Cause, a congressional watchdog group, has asked that the ethics committee take a second look at a construction project at Gramm's vacation home on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Robb's case has no direct ethics committee connection at the moment. He spent six hours on Dec. 17 before a grand jury investigating a political spying case and indicated afterward that he expects to be indicted.

The inquiry centers on how Robb's staff obtained and leaked an illegally recorded phone call of Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder.

Runaway horse causes fatal accident in Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A runaway horse on Interstate 37 caused three separate accidents, killing the Sinton fire chief and critically injuring a Corpus Christi man.

Billy Wayne Marburger, 59, chief of the Sinton Volunteer Fire Department since 1985, died after his pickup struck the horse Saturday, a Department of Public safety spokesman said. The horse was lying in the road after it had been hit by two other vehicles.

Marburger's pickup flipped and slid on its top about 300 feet before striking a median and rolling over, ejecting him, trooper Rey Garcia said.

Marburger was taken to the Bee County Regional Medical Center in Beeville, where he died a short time later. Marburger's son, Billy Michael Marburger, 23, was a passenger in the truck but was uninjured, the trooper said.

Garcia said Marburger's truck was the third vehicle to strike the dark-brown horse, which did not survive the crashes.

A Corpus Christi couple riding in a car was the first to strike the 1,000-pound animal, which was standing in the road, the trooper said. After being struck, the horse went up onto the hood and hit the windshield. "The horse peeled the top of the car off," Garcia said.

As it went through the windshield, the horse struck passenger Jimmy Heinz in the head, causing severe injuries, Garcia said.

Heinz, 60, was taken to Riverside Hospital in Robstown, where he was in intensive care. His 59-year-old wife, Clare, who was driving the car, suffered minor injuries and was treated and released from Riverside.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary of VFW; VFW Hall; 7:30 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

Sparklers Chamber of Commerce Volunteers; The Shack; noon.
Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.
Twentieth Century Club; MAWC; hostess, Mrs. J.T. Trice; 3 p.m.
Alpha Study Club; MAWC; hostesses, Velma Lunsford and Bea Treavey; DARE program; 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.
University Women; MAWC; 6:30 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.
Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi regular meeting; Snyder Country Club; hostess, Dena Ellis; Crazy Bridge Night; 7:30 p.m.
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

Snyder Christian Women's Club prayer coffee; home of Doris Wilson, 202 36th Place; 10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 9:30 a.m.
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.
Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.
Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 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

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 57-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

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.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-4-93
♠ 5
♥ 8 2
♦ Q 8 6 4 3
♣ Q 10 9 8 2

WEST
♠ K Q J 8 3
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 5
♣ 7 6 3

EAST
♠ 10 7 6 2
♥ J 9 6 5
♦ A J 9
♣ 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 9 4
♥ A Q 3
♦ K 10 7 2
♣ A K J

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Predicting the future

By Phillip Alder

Laurence J. Peter once said, "An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today."

Well, at the bridge table, experts are usually able to anticipate what will happen tomorrow (the next few tricks) — it is part of the art of winning at the game.

Take today's deal as an example. How would you have planned the play in five diamonds, West leading the spade king?

North's bid of three spades was Minor-Suit Stayman, which is often played in conjunction with transfer bids. However, it is unusual to employ the convention with only four high-card points. But note that here three no-trump is hopeless after the spade-king lead. Regardless, South showed amazing restraint in passing over five diamonds.

If you take the trump suit in isolation, it is normal to lead low toward the queen on the first round. Here, though, that line of play contains a hidden risk. If East can win the trick with the diamond ace and switch to a heart, you will go down if the heart finesse fails and you lose another trump trick.

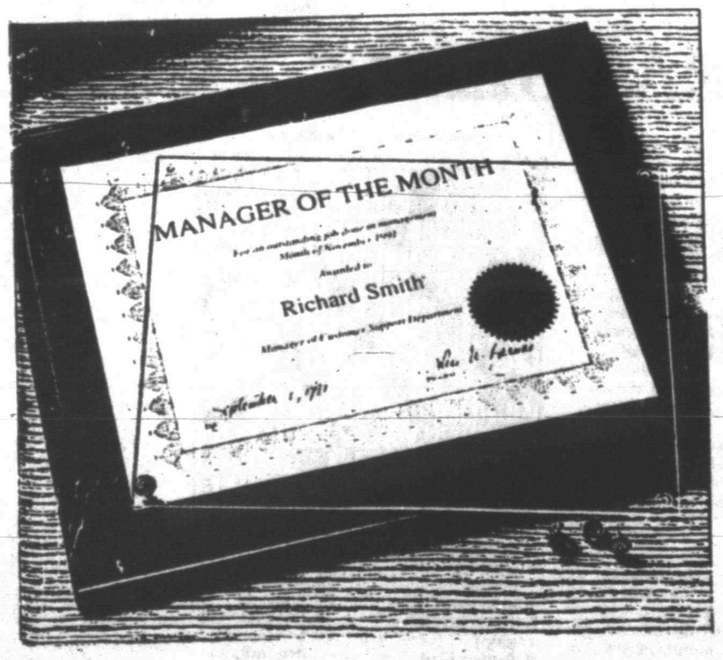
There is a virtually guaranteed line of play. After winning with the spade ace, ruff a spade in the dummy. Then lead a trump and make the strange-looking play of finessing your 10. West is welcome to win with the jack if he has it, because he cannot attack hearts. After driving out the trump ace, you can discard your heart losers on dummy's club suit. With the given layout, you even collect an overtrick.

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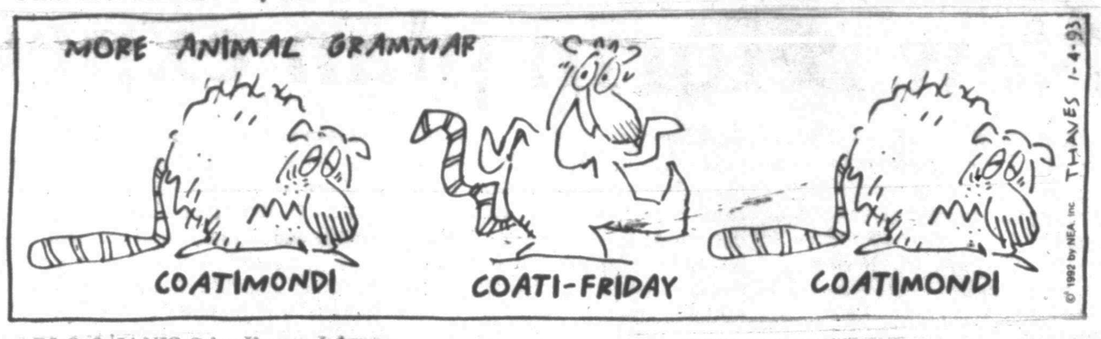
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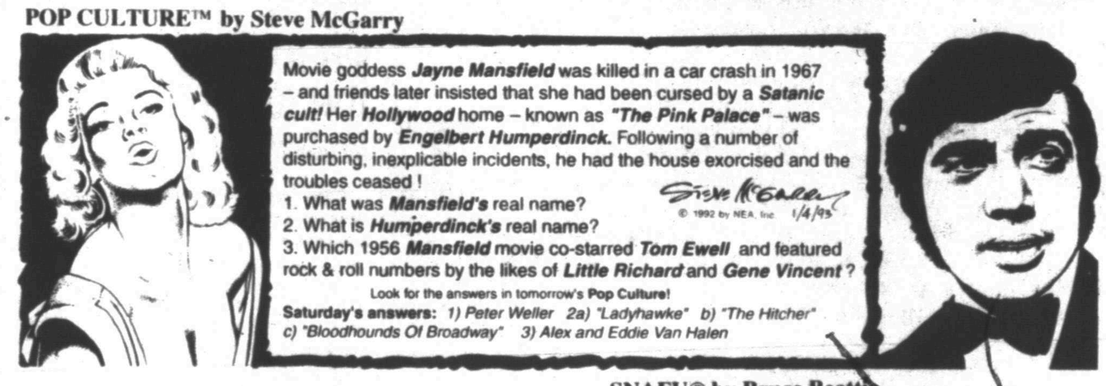
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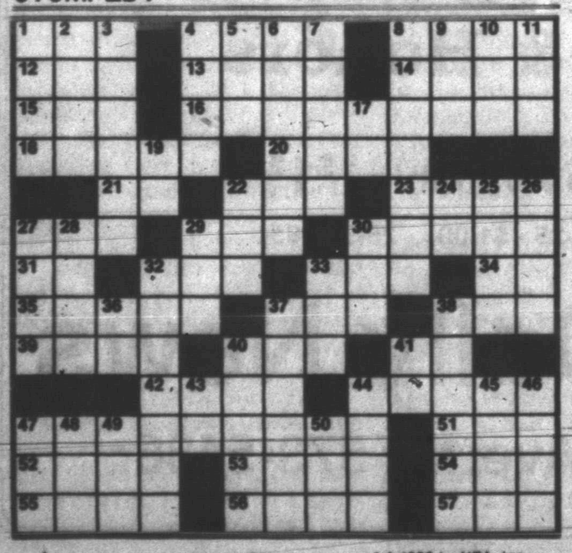
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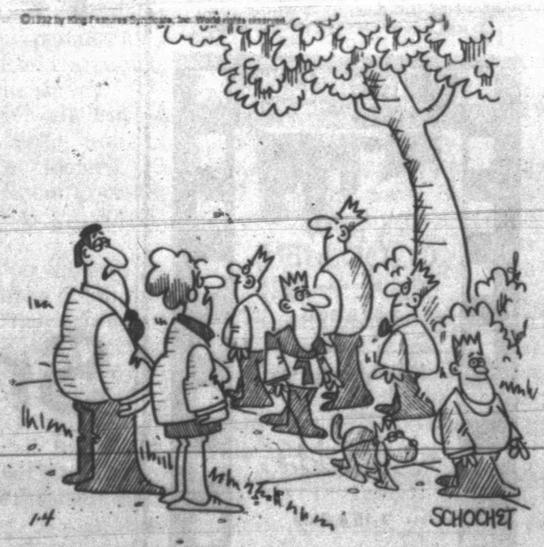


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"DAD, HOW 'BOUT GIVING ME A RIDE INTO THE SUNSET?"

Free-throw woes lead to Tiger loss

SWEETWATER — The Sweetwater Mustangs got a measure of revenge for a pair of early-season losses by handing Snyder a 59-51 non-district basketball defeat Saturday.

The Tigers hammered the Ponies, 53-23, in Sweetwater's first game out of the football season, then beat them, 63-48, in the first round of the Brownfield tournament in December.

According to Snyder coach Bud Birks, the Tigers lost Saturday's game at the charity stripe.

"The difference was definitely at the line," he said. "We shot 14-of-40 free throws and you can't beat people like that.

"In the fourth quarter alone we missed 13 possible free throws.

"We played pretty hard," said Birks, "but we have to shoot better than that. Give them credit, too. They did what they had to do to win."

While the Tigers were struggling with 35 percent free-throw shooting, Sweetwater connected on 12 of their 14 attempts from the stripe.

Snyder jumped to a 10-6 advantage after eight minutes and clung to a 26-22 halftime lead.

Sweetwater went ahead, 40-38, with an 18-12 third-quarter burst, then scored 19 to the Tigers' 13 in the final stanza.

Snyder, which slips to 11-5 on the season, was led by Adrian Sneed's 16 points. Anthony Alvarez added 10.

Zollie Steakley scored a game-high 17 for the 9-8 Mustangs. Teammates Richard Padgett and Jerry Dowell each canned 10.

In Saturday's early game, Snyder's JV boys edged the Ponies, 38-36.

The Tigers resume action Tuesday when the Lubbock High Westerners visit. The JV tilt begins at 6 p.m. at SHS and the varsity battle tips off at 8 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder will visit Greenwood Friday, then will entertain Seminole, Tuesday, Jan. 11, before beginning District 2-4A play with a home game against Frenship Jan. 15.

Snyder	12	7	12	12	51
Sweetwater	6	16	15	19	69

SNYDER (51) — Alvarez 10, Collins 8, Sneed 16, Garza 7, Patrick 2, Henry 5, Bollinger 3.

SWEETWATER (59) — Terrell 6, Clemmer 6, Garcia 2, Steakley 17, Rhodes 2, Allen 6, Dowell 10, Padgett 10.

Records: Snyder 11-5, Sweetwater 9-8.

Second-half surge lifts Midland past SHS girls

MIDLAND — The Snyder Lady Tigers kept it close in the first half of their Saturday non-district basketball matchup, but wound up losing to the Midland High Lady Bulldogs, 55-33, on a 33-15 second half run.

Snyder trailed the 5A squad just 10-9 after the first quarter, and was behind by only four, 22-18, at halftime.

However, a 17-6 surge by Midland in the third and a 16-9 margin in the fourth, left the Lady Tigers on the short end of the lop-sided tally.

The Lady Tigers, now 3-13, were led by junior Annie Ragland's nine points and eight from Rachel Crawford.

Midland had two players score in double figures. Amy Alcala hit for 20 and Julie Chancellor nailed 13 to lift the Lady 'Dogs to 15-5 on the season.

Snyder winds up the non-district campaign Tuesday with a home tilt against San Angelo Central at Scurry County Coliseum.

District 2-4A competition starts Friday when the Lady Tigers visit Lamesa.

Snyder	9	9	6	9	33
Midland	10	12	17	16	55

SNYDER (33) — Ragland 9, Crawford 8, Clay 3, Patterson 3, Crow 2, Huff 2, White 3, Worthen 2, Fambro 1.

MIDLAND (55) — Scharbauer 2, Chancellor 13, Alcala 20, Koss 6, Rogers 2, Team 2.

Records: Snyder 3-13, Midland 15-5.

A number of future NFL stars, including John Elway, were named in the 1979 baseball draft.

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Bills rally from record deficit to oust Houston from playoffs

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Maybe it's time to lay off the Bills-bashing.

Sure, they've lost two straight Super Bowls. And they have some quirky personalities. Sometimes, they bicker immaturely, airing their problems publicly.

So what. After what they showed on Sunday in staging the greatest comeback in NFL history, the Buffalo Bills deserve to be re-evaluated. And praised.

"It shows the character of our team," nose tackle Jeff Wright said after Buffalo's remarkable 41-38 overtime victory against Houston in the first round of the AFC playoffs. The Bills overcame a 35-3 deficit, getting a playoff-record 28 points in the third quarter before winning on Steve Christie's 32-yard field goal 3:06 into overtime.

"We weren't going to give up. We weren't going to roll over and let somebody score 60 points on us."

The way Warren Moon was directing Houston's run-and-shoot in the first half, 60 points seemed a conservative estimate. Moon hit 19 of 22 passes for 215 yards and four touchdowns — 3 and 27 yards to Haywood Jeffires, 7 to Webster Slaughter and 26 to Curtis Duncan. When Bubba McDowell intercepted a tipped pass and went 58 yards to give Houston a 32-point lead, the fans were booing the local, uh, heroes.

"We had control of this ballgame like no other team has had control of the ballgame," Moon said.

So much so that the Bills could have been preparing concession speeches, focusing on all their injuries. Jim Kelly was out with a knee problem, forcing Frank Reich to make only the seventh start of his eight-year career. Thurman Thomas left early in the third period with a hip injury. Star linebacker Cornelius Bennett and starting cornerback Kirby Jackson were out with hamstring woes.

"I think each individual player took it upon himself to say, 'I got to play better. I have to make the plays,'" said Andre Reed, who caught eight passes for 136 yards, including three TD throws.

"I just said this is a humiliating day," coach Marv Levy said after the remarkable rally. "Did I think we still had a chance? Well, there was a lot of time left and there was a glimmer of hope. But it's about the same chance you have of winning the New York lottery."

Jackpot.

Buffalo scrapped its dime defense and went with a basic 3-4 scheme on every down. Reich started remembering back to when he guided Maryland to the biggest rally in college history. The fans got raucous.

Ken Davis, who replaced Thomas, scored on a 2-yard run. Christie, who earlier had made a 36-yard field goal, recovered an on-side kick and Reich found Don Beebe down the left sideline for a score. Reed nearly duplicated that touchdown with a 26-yarder following a 25-yard kick by Greg Montgomery, the NFL's leading punter.

Suddenly, it's 35-24.

"That's when I thought it was within reach," said Reich, who guided Maryland back from a 31-0 hole to win 42-40 over Miami in 1984. "If the defense kept playing the way it was playing, and we kept executing on offense, there was plenty of time to come back and win the football game."

The Oilers, making their sixth straight playoff appearance, the NFL's longest current streak, recognized that, too.

"They made adjustments enough to win the game; we didn't get the counterpart," cornerback Cris Dishman said. "We knew Reich was a veteran quarterback; even though he was a backup, we knew he could do it. We should have never given him the opportunity."

By then, however, the Bills had seized the opportunity in spectacular fashion.

'I've never seen momentum change like that in my life," said Moon, who was 36 for 50 for 371 yards.

All-Pro safety Henry Jones intercepted a tipped pass at the Houston 23. On fourth down, Buffalo gambled and Reich hit a sprawling Reed over the middle for an 18-yard score. The Bills were within four points and the fourth quarter hadn't begun.

The lead touchdown came on Reich's 17-yarder to Reed after holder Montgomery couldn't handle a snap on Houston's 31-yard field goal attempt. Incredibly, the Bills were ahead.

But Moon, whose dream of a Super Bowl before he retires continues to ebb away, took the Oilers on a 63-yard, 12-play drive. He got them in range to win it, but Buffalo held and Al Del Greco kicked a 26-yard field goal with 12 seconds left to force overtime.

Moon made the final, fatal mistake when his short pass never came near an Oiler and was intercepted by Nate Odomes. A 15-yard facemask penalty on Jeffires brought the ball to the 20, and Christie won it.

The comeback surpassed San Francisco's 1980 rally from a 35-7 deficit to beat New Orleans 38-35.

NBA roundup...

Spurs stop Suns' win streak

by The Associated Press

So, how long had it been since the Phoenix Suns lost?

Hark back to Nov. 28 — it was probably the day you finished off the Thanksgiving turkey. Charles and Di were still unseparated, everyone was waiting for Bill Clinton to name his first Cabinet appointee and U.S. troops had not yet fired a shot in Somalia.

In Oakland that night, the Golden State Warriors beat the Suns 134-131. Nobody realized it then, but it was a precursor to the longest winning streak in the NBA this season — 14 games — during which Phoenix won by an average margin of 12.4 points and opened up a three-game lead in the Western Division.

The streak finally came to an end Sunday night in San Antonio, where the Spurs scored four points in the final five seconds of regulation to tie the game and went on to beat the Suns 114-113 in overtime.

"I'm one that believes in miracles and I think that we saw one tonight," San Antonio coach John Lucas said.

In other games Sunday, Boston beat the Los Angeles Clippers 120-112, Milwaukee defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 109-101 and Portland downed Houston 103-101 in overtime.

Tom Chambers had a chance to extend Phoenix's streak to 15 games, but his wide-open 18-footer from the left baseline was off the mark with two seconds left in overtime. San Antonio rebounded and the clock — and the streak — expired.

"The streak is over," Suns coach Paul Westphal said. "We'll try to start another one. The Spurs are a good team and they didn't quit. This just proves you can't go into the home run trot before the end of the game."

David Robinson made it 107-105 with 4.3 seconds left in regulation on a follow shot, then stole an inbounds pass and fed Sean Elliott for a game-tying dunk with .4 seconds to go.

It was the pivotal play of the game.

"You can't give away a game," said the Suns' Charles Barkley, who scored 31. "It was a tough loss tonight. We're obviously frustrated and disappointed. The Spurs are a good team, but our team is better."

Robinson scored 33 points and Dale Ellis had 18, including the game-deciding 3-point shot. Sean Elliott added 23 points for the Spurs, who climbed to 5-1 under new coach Lucas.

Trail Blazers 103, Rockets 101, OT

At Portland, Rod Strickland forced overtime with a steal and layup with 4.9 seconds to play in regulation, then scored the winning points with 1:01 remaining in overtime. Buck Williams preserved the victory by blocking Otis Thorpe's driving stuff attempt at the buzzer.

Hakeem Olajuwon had a season-high 40 points, 10 blocked shots and 9 rebounds before fouling out with 24.5 seconds to play.

Strickland had 25 points, 10 assists and 9 rebounds for the Blazers.

Celtics 120, Clippers 112

At Boston, two newcomers to the Celtics keyed a pair of second-half surges as Boston ended a four-game losing streak.

Alaa Abdelnaby, acquired early this season from Milwaukee, had 17 of his 23 points in the third quarter as Boston turned a 63-57 halftime deficit into an 89-83 lead.

Xavier McDaniel, signed as a free agent in the offseason, scored 10 of his 24 points as Boston took control in the last three minutes.

Bucks 109, Lakers 101

At Milwaukee, the Bucks turned the ball over only five times — a season-low in the NBA — and stole the ball 17 times to give Mike Dunleavy a win against the team he coached the past two seasons.

Eric Murdock led the Bucks with 23 points, 11 assists and five steals.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
New York	18	10	.643	—
New Jersey	16	13	.552	2½
Orlando	13	12	.520	3½
Boston	13	17	.433	6
Washington	9	20	.310	9½
Philadelphia	8	18	.308	9
Miami	8	19	.296	9½
Central Division				
Chicago	22	7	.759	—
Cleveland	18	12	.600	4½
Detroit	15	12	.556	6
Charlotte	15	13	.536	6½
Milwaukee	13	15	.464	8½
Indiana	13	16	.448	9
Atlanta	12	16	.429	9½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	19	8	.704	—
San Antonio	15	12	.556	4
Houston	14	13	.519	5
Denver	7	20	.259	12
Minnesota	6	19	.240	12
Dallas	2	23	.080	16
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	21	5	.808	—
Seattle	19	8	.704	2½
Portland	18	9	.667	3½
Golden State	16	13	.552	6½
LA Clippers	16	13	.552	6½
LA Lakers	15	13	.536	7
Sacramento	11	16	.407	10½

Saturday's Games

LA Clippers 98, New York 97, OT
Washington 100, Miami 93
Detroit 98, Orlando 97
Charlotte 118, New Jersey 117
Cleveland 106, LA Lakers 91
Milwaukee 106, Atlanta 93
Minnesota 103, Dallas 71
Chicago 109, Indiana 100
Utah 110, Portland 102
Seattle 108, Denver 104
Sacramento 154, Philadelphia 98
Golden State 113, Houston 107

Sunday's Games

Boston 120, LA Clippers 112
San Antonio 114, Phoenix 113, OT
Milwaukee 109, LA Lakers 101
Portland 103, Houston 101, OT

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press

First Round

Saturday, Jan. 2

Washington 24, Minnesota 7
San Diego 17, Kansas City 0

Sunday, Jan. 3

Buffalo 41, Houston 38, OT
Philadelphia 36, New Orleans 20

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 9

Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Philadelphia at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 4 p.m.

AP Top 25

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in the final 1992 Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (62)	13-0-0	1,550	2
2. Florida St.	11-1-0	1,470	3
3. Miami	11-1-0	1,410	1
4. Notre Dame	10-1-1	1,375	5
5. Michigan	9-0-3	1,266	7
6. Syracuse	10-2-0	1,209	6
7. Texas A&M	12-1-0	1,167	4
8. Georgia	10-2-0	1,159	8
9. Stanford	10-3-0	1,058	13
10. Florida	9-4-0	931	14
11. Washington	9-3-0	892	9
12. Tennessee	9-3-0	819	17
13. Colorado	9-2-1	818	10
14. Nebraska	9-3-0	771	11
15. Washington St.	9-3-0	618	18
16. Mississippi	9-3-0	583	20
17. N. Carolina St.	9-3-1	582	12
18. Ohio St.	8-3-1	493	15
19. North Carolina	9-3-0	491	19
20. Hawaii	11-2-0	354	—
21. Boston College	8-3-1	314	16
22. Kansas	8-4-0	183	—
23. Mississippi St.	7-5-0	167	24
24. Fresno St.	9-4-0	124	—
25. Wake Forest	8-4-0	107	—

Others receiving votes: Penn State 85, Bowling Green 60, Baylor 37, Arizona 23, Brigham Young 17, Southern Mississippi 7, Southern Cal 3, Virginia 3, Illinois 2, San Diego State 2.

AP cage poll

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 3, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous rahking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (64)	8-0	1,624	1
2. Kentucky (1)	9-0	1,539	3
3. Michigan	10-1	1,510	6
4. Kansas	9-1	1,355	2
5. Indiana	11-2	1,336	4
6. North Carolina	9-1	1,314	5
7. Seton Hall	11-1	1,257	7
8. Iowa	10-0	1,203	8
9. Purdue	9-0	1,051	13
10. Georgia Tech	7-1	973	14
11. Oklahoma	10-1	861	15
12. UNLV	6-0	807	16
13. Arkansas	8-1	794	9
14. Michigan St.	8-1	758	17
15. UCLA	9-2	669	11
16. Cincinnati	6-1	625	21
17. Georgetown	7-1	549	10
18. Vanderbilt	11-1	545	24
19. Connecticut	6-1	492	23
20. Arizona	5-2	381	22
21. Syracuse	8-2	317	12
22. Massachusetts	5-2	148	-
23. Florida St.	8-4	136	18
24. Pittsburgh	8-1	107	-
25. Virginia	7-0	98	-

Other receiving votes: Nebraska 97, Xavier, Ohio 58, Tulane 51, California 50, Tennessee 46, Brigham Young 36, Utah 34, Clemson 27, Boston College 26, Minnesota 25, Wake Forest 25, Oklahoma St. 23, Louisville 20, Maryland 17, Ohio St. 14, Villanova 14, George Washington 13, Florida 11, Memphis St. 11, New Mexico St. 11, S. Illinois 8, Southern Cal 8, Illinois 7, LSU 7, Long Beach St. 7, Houston 6, SW Missouri St. 6, James Madison 4, New Orleans 4, Iowa St. 3, Missouri 3, SW Louisiana 3, Providence 1.

Eagles post come-from-behind victory

Philadelphia's 36-20 win sets up second-round confrontation with Dallas

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles put their postseason problems behind them and set up a rubber match with their most hated rival. The New Orleans Saints added to their playoff woes with a fourth-quarter flop that left them wondering if they aren't cursed.

Trailing 20-10 and looking like a beaten team, the Eagles staged a remarkable rally Sunday in the Superdome. They scored 26 points during an 81/2-minute span in the final period to defeat New Orleans 36-20 for their first playoff win since their 1980 Super Bowl season.

The Eagles snapped a five-game postseason losing streak and advanced to the second round in Dallas, where they'll play the Cowboys for the third time this season. The bitter foes split their regular-season games.

"We've had a reputation of choking, but we didn't choke today," said Philadelphia's Fred Barnett, who caught two touchdown passes from Randall Cunningham.

"When we got behind, everybody reached down inside and came up with something extra. We just decided we weren't going to lose this game."

The Saints are now 0-4 in the playoffs and remain the only NFL team never to win a postseason game. The latest loss left cornerback Vince Buck searching for an explanation.

"Is it a Louisiana voodoo curse?" he said. "It isn't anyone on this team. To have the lead like we did and then lose, there is no words for it."

The Houston Oilers were at a loss for words, too, when the Buffalo Bills overcame a 32-point second-half deficit and edged the Oilers 41-38 in overtime in their AFC battle.

On Saturday, the Washington Redskins defeated the Minnesota Vikings 24-7 and the San Diego Chargers eliminated the Kansas City Chiefs 17-0.

Many Saints fans were speechless after watching their team build a 20-7 lead in the third quarter, then blow it.

New Orleans appeared in command after scoring on a 1-yard run by Craig Heyward, two field goals by Morten Andersen and a 7-yard pass from Bobby Hebert to Quinn Early.

Then the Eagles' big-play defense took over.

Cornerback Eric Allen sparked the comeback with an interception that set up Roger Ruzek's 40-yard field goal with a minute left in the third quarter.

After Barnett's leaping 35-yard TD reception early in the fourth period made it 20-17, linebacker Seth Joyner immediately picked off another Hebert pass and the Eagles went in for the go-ahead touchdown — a 6-yard run by Heath Sherman.

The Eagles increased their lead to 26-20 when Reggie White sacked Hebert for a safety, and the ensuing free kick gave Philadelphia good field position that led to another field goal.

Allen added an insurance touchdown, intercepting at the Saints' 18 and returning it all the way.

"We made the big plays when we had to. We turned up the heat and got it done," Joyner said.

The Saints will feel the heat in the offseason even though they tied the club record for victories with 12 and made the playoffs for the fourth time in six years.

"Next year we can be 12-0, 14-0, 15-0 and people will still say, 'When are the Saints going to win the big one?'" cornerback Toi Cook said. "This will put us a step back."

The Saints' defense, one of the NFL's best, was forced to back up for one of the few times this season.

Barnett became the first receiver to get 100 yards against the Saints this season, gaining 102 on four catches. And Sherman ran 21 times for 105 yards, five more than New Orleans usually gives up to an entire team.

The Eagles, who were 11-5 in the regular season, also scored 15 more points than any of the Saints' previous opponents. But that wasn't entirely the defense's fault, since Philadelphia converted three interceptions into 17 points and the Eagles' defense scored two points on White's safety.

"I don't know if the Saints' defense broke down," Philadelphia coach Rich Kotite said. "It's just that we were able to make a few big plays in the second half.

"It was a great comeback under some very difficult circumstances. I think everybody on the team did a magnificent job of keeping their cool, not losing their poise and not panicking."

Robinson returns to Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern Cal reached back into its storied past Sunday by rehiring John Robinson as coach.

Robinson, 57, had a 67-14-2 record in seven seasons, winning three Rose Bowls. He replaces Larry Smith, who resigned under pressure Friday after six years, a 44-25-3 record and a 27-10 loss to Fresno State in the Freedom Bowl.

After leaving Southern Cal following the 1982 season, Robinson had a 79-74 record in nine seasons with the Los Angeles Rams.

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Richards: Senate decision 'pretty close'

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards says she should soon decide who to appoint to the U.S. Senate.

"I'm pretty close," Richards said Sunday while refusing to disclose who she has under consideration.

Several published reports suggested that her options may have come down to U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs, and Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger.

Richards said protests from civil rights leaders, gay groups and environmentalists hadn't knocked Chapman off the list. But she wouldn't say much else about her Senate choice during a news conference at the Governor's Mansion.

"I'm going to talk about the Senate ... this coming week," she said.

According to published reports, Richards called Krueger to a surprise second meeting about possibly appointing him to the Senate.

Krueger told The Houston Post he met with Richards on New Year's Day in a second interview about filling the unexpired term of Lloyd Bentsen, who has been tapped by President-elect Clinton as treasury secretary.

Sources told both The Post and the Houston Chronicle that Krueger and Chapman had emerged as finalists for the appointment to Bentsen's seat.

Meanwhile, in an interview with The Dallas Morning News, former state attorney general Jim Mattox said he was the best candidate to keep the seat in Democratic hands.

"The U.S. Senate seat will be ahead of her (for re-election) on the ballot in 1994, and if she doesn't have someone strong that can unite the party like me, there could be some problems," Mattox said.

Mattox clashed with Richards two years ago in one of the most bruising Democratic gubernatorial primary campaigns in Texas history.

Bill Cryer, Richards' press secretary, said the governor has not decided on an appointee, a feeling echoed by Krueger.

"I don't think we would have had a two-hour meeting if she had already made up her mind," Krueger said.

The Chronicle said sources close to the governor say she hopes to announce her appointment choice no later than Wednesday.

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Man accused of poisoning five children during visit

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A recently divorced veterinarian tried to poison his five children with a potentially lethal drug while visiting them for the weekend, police said.

Stanley H. Zukowski allegedly told his ex-wife "that if he could not have the children, he would kill them and himself," a police affidavit said.

Police say he apparently gave them a drink laced with xylazine, an anesthetic used on animals that can be fatal to humans.

Zukowski's 11-year-old daughter was in critical condition in Baton Rouge General Medical Center, said Cpl. Kevin Cavell, a police spokesman. The other children — 9-year-old and 5-year-old twins — were in guarded condition at the same hospital, he said.

Zukowski, 42, of Mercerville, N.J., was booked Sunday with five counts of attempted murder, Cavell said. He was arrested at the Baton Rouge Metro Airport 45 minutes before he was scheduled to fly out.

The children live in Baton Rouge with their mother, Mary Zukowski, Cavell said.

She told police she had allowed her ex-husband to spend the weekend with the children. She noticed something wrong when she picked them up Sunday afternoon, police said.

"They were groggy and that's what alerted her," Cavell said.

Ms. Zukowski said her children told her Zukowski had given them something to drink Sunday morning, the affidavit said. She confronted Zukowski, who told her he had given them xylazine, the affidavit said.

Cavell would not speculate on what prompted the incident.

The names of the children were not released.

Ms. Zukowski told detectives that she "went through a bitter divorce" with Zukowski and won primary custody of the children, the police affidavit said. Zukowski filed for divorce in June 1991.

Refugees protest preferential treatment of Cuban arrivals

MIAMI (AP) — Some Haitian detainees, upset with what they say are unfair U.S. immigration practices, have vowed not to eat until they are released like "the Cubans who come in planes without documents."

On Sunday, three of the hunger strikers — who say they number 120 men and 52 women — gave their attorney, Cheryl Little of Florida Rural Legal Services, a letter explaining the action, which began Thursday.

"We want our freedom like the Cubans," the letter said.

About 220 Haitians are being detained at the barbed-wire encircled Krome Detention Center 25 miles west of Miami. They have been able to follow the treatment accorded two recent groups of Cuban defectors through television and newspaper accounts.

On Dec. 19, Orestes Lorenzo, a former Cuban Air Force major who left Cuba 21 months ago in his MiG fighter jet, borrowed a plane and returned to the island for his wife and two young sons.

Last Tuesday, pilot Carlos Cancio diverted an airliner from its scheduled run to the Cuban resort town of Varadero and landed in Miami. Of the 52 people aboard, 48 asked for political asylum and were quickly paroled into the community from Krome.

Meanwhile, many of the Haitian hunger strikers have been detained for months, even though they meet the criteria for parole, Little said.

The difference, officials with the Immigration and Naturalization Service say, is the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966, which makes those fleeing communist Cuba eligible for political asylum.

News Briefs

Injured climbers recovering

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two Edmond, Okla., climbers and their partner from Wyoming are recovering after falling hundreds of feet down Mexico's highest mountain.

Scott Jordan and Robert Walker of Edmond, and Tom Bryant of Laramie, Wyo., were injured early Friday on the icy, 18,700-foot Orizaba volcano, some 125 miles east of Mexico City.

They fell several hundred feet before their ropes caught on a rock. Jordan said he tried frantically to break his fall with an ice axe, but "the ice was too hard to make an arrest. We finally hit the rock."

Jordan suffered a broken arm and dislocated shoulder. Bryant had three broken bones in his right arm, three broken ribs, a concussion, lacerations, and head wounds. Walker had a broken ankle and leg.

Unhurt was a fourth climber, John Bowen, also of Laramie, who had untied his safety ropes from the others before they began to slide.

"We were lucky the guides from Mexico were there," said Jordan, speaking from the Betania hospital in Puebla, 65 miles southeast of Mexico City. "It could have been a lot longer," he said.

The accident occurred at about 3 a.m., Bryant said, and the men were unable to get off the mountain until about 7 p.m. because of the ice and difficult terrain.

Jordan said one of the Mexican guides was a doctor who carried Walker to safety.

Bryant said Saturday the group had stopped to climb Orizaba en route to a vacation in Costa Rica. He said Bowen and Jordan had climbed the volcano before.

Jordan was supposed to be released from the hospital Sunday. He said Bryant of Laramie, Wyo., was due out today and Walker was due for release by "maybe Wednesday or Thursday."

Woman, two children shot

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman and a child were killed and a second child wounded this morning in a triple shooting at a north Houston apartment complex, authorities said.

Police told Houston radio station KTRH that a woman and her 9-year-old daughter were shot to death early this morning.

A third victim, the woman's 7-year-old son, was taken by ambulance to Ben Taub Hospital and was in fair condition with a gunshot wound to the shoulder, hospital spokesman Roger Widmeyer said.

"He's still being evaluated, so we hope he's not too serious," said Widmeyer. He said he could not release the boy's name.

Neighbors called police shortly before 5 a.m. when they heard the victims screaming, KTRH reported.

Clerk, customer murdered

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — Three suspects were in custody today in connection with a shooting at a Baytown convenience store in which the clerk and a customer were killed, police said.

Eden's Mart clerk Lenorah June Tetzman, 60, of Baytown, died Sunday night after she was shot in the head and chest with a small-caliber handgun, Baytown police said.

Customer Todd Ray Thompson, 19, of Pittsburg, also died at the scene. He was shot once in the head, police said.

Police said robbery appeared to be the motive for the shootings. Money was missing from the cash register, and beer and cigarettes also were taken.

No charges had been filed in the killings today, police said.

Two killed & one injured

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two men opened fire at an apartment today, killing two people and injuring a third in a shooting police say may have been drug-related.

Police Detective Ramiro Alvear said two men knocked on the door of a southside triplex about 12:30 a.m. When a man and woman answered, the men sprayed bullets from a 9mm semiautomatic weapon, Alvear said.

Mary Helen Valadez, 20, was killed, and 19-year-old Arturo Mendoza was taken to Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in serious condition, authorities said.

In the next apartment, 49-year-old Ernesto Casarez was killed as he sat on his sofa and bullets came through the wall, police said.

Alvear said the apartment where the shooting took place is known as a crack cocaine house.

Mendoza reportedly tried to return fire with a gun he kept under his couch, but he wasn't successful.

"He attempted to get to his weapon and return fire, but the wounds were too serious," Alvear said. "He never had a chance to retrieve the weapon to return fire."

About two dozen shots were fired in all, authorities said. There were no immediate arrests.

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4	The Tale of the Body Thief. Anne Rice. Knopf, $24	3	10
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8	The Bridges of Madison County. Robert James Waller. Warner, $14.95	10	19
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4	Truman. David McCullough. Simon & Schuster, $30	4	28
5	Every Living Thing. James Herriot. St. Martin's, $22.95	3	17
6	The Te of Piglet. Benjamin Hoff. Dutton, $16	11	14
7	Sex. Madonna. Warner, $49.95	6	8
8	I Can't Believe I Said That! Kathie Lee Gifford. Pocket, $22	7	9
9	Genius: The Life and Science of Richard Feynman. James Gleick. Pantheon, $27.50	15	6
10	Young Men and Fire. Norman Maclean. Univ. of Chicago Press, $19.95	–	14

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1	The Doomsday Conspiracy. Sidney Sheldon. Warner, $5.99	5	6
2	The Firm. John Grisham. Island/Dell, $5.99	6	48
3	The Autobiography of Malcolm X. Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley. Ballantine, $5.99	8	8
4	The Waste Lands. Stephen King. Signet, $6.99	1	2
5	Rising Sun. Michael Crichton. Ballantine, $5.99	–	1
6	Hideaway. Dean Koontz. Berkley, $5.99	4	7
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2	Life's Little Instruction Book. H. Jackson Brown. Rutledge Hill, $5.95	3	69
3	A Thousand Acres. Jane Smiley. Fawcett, $12	1	17
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5	The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1993. Mark S. Hoffman. Pharos, $7.95	8	3
6	A River Runs Through It. Norman Maclean. Univ. of Chicago Press, $9.95	9	10
7	7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Stephen Covey. Fireside, $9.95	5	102
8	Mrs. Fields Cookie Book. Debbi Fields. Time-Life, $12.95	6	8
9	When Food Is Love. Geneen Roth. Plume, $10	4	5
10	Deep Thoughts. Jack Handey. Berkley, $6.95	–	1

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Highlights of Start II signed by Bush, Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — The START II treaty between the United States and Russia calls for a two-thirds reduction in both sides' strategic nuclear arsenals by 2003. Each side will end up with 3,000 to 3,500 warheads.

Among the treaty's major provisions:

—A ban on all long-range, land-based missiles with multiple nuclear warheads, long regarded as the most destabilizing weapons that exist. That means elimination of Russia's SS-18 missile, the centerpiece of its nuclear forces. Moscow has 308 of the 10-warhead weapons, and was already committed to dismantle half of them under the original START treaty signed in 1991. The United States also would have to get rid of or modify its 50 MX missiles, which have 10 warheads each.

—Russia may retain — and reuse for basing other missiles — 90 of the silos that are home to the SS-18s.

—Russia may convert 105 of its 170 SS-19 missiles, which have six warheads apiece, to single-warhead weapons. Likewise, U.S. Minuteman III missiles, which carry three warheads, may be modified to carry a single warhead.

—The United States would have to cut roughly in half the number of warheads it has deployed aboard submarine-launched missiles, traditionally the area in which the U.S. enjoyed the greatest advantage. The number is to drop from 3,456 to 1,728.

—The United States will grant Russian inspectors unprecedented access to its long-range nuclear bomber fleet to verify the types and numbers of weapons being carried.

The reductions called for in START II are to come in two phases: the first within seven years after the treaty goes into effect, and the second by 2003 — or sooner if the United States can help Russia pay the costs of eliminating strategic weapons.

Road

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He said that if the road is to be re-opened, it should be done along the guidelines of the original deed. Both parties agreed that this would be satisfactory, but County Attorney Pete Greene said that it could cause problems.

According to Greene, if a road is maintained a certain way and used by the public over a number of years, it legally becomes a public road. "It may not matter what the original deed says," said the attorney.

Crawford requested that members of the court come look at the property and see what the situation is before a decision is made.

Commissioner Jerry Gannaway also requested that he be given time to visit with Greene and determine whether it was a public road and what action needs to be taken.

"I would like the time to make sure everything is done properly," said the commissioner.

Approval of minutes from the court's Dec. 28 meeting was the only other item on the agenda.

Present were Doolittle and commissioners Roy Idom, C.D. Gray Jr., Ralph Trevey and Gannaway.

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Senior Center news announced

The Senior Citizens Center will host its second annual open house from 5-8 tonight and community residents who would like to know more about the center are invited to attend. Men and women nearing senior citizen age (60) are especially invited.

There will be bingo at the open house from 5-6. The Local Yokels will be performing from 6-8. Visitors can play pool, dominoes, 42 or cards during the evening. Senior center quilters will be at work and visitors are invited to join them or observe to learn more about this important part of the center's schedule of activities.

A Quilters Club has been organized in the center and they will be meeting for an evening meal on Jan. 11. Quilters who would like to join the club are invited to ask for more information at the Jan. 4 open house or on any week day.

Hoss Clayton's band will be performing in the center's dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Golden K Kiwanis Club, made up of men and women 60 years of age and older, will meet at noon and prospective members are invited to attend.

The Kitchen Band will go to Snyder Oaks for a program at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Golf instruction for senior citizens is offered at 10 a.m. Monday and Wednesday in the gym adjacent to the center.

The Tri-Chem textile painting class will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday. Entertainment for all visitors to the center will be provided by the Local Yokels in a program starting at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Friday's activities include the weekly Sing Along starting at 11:30 a.m. Blood pressures are checked from 9:45-11 each Friday morning. The Sunshine Choir will rehearse at 10 a.m. Friday.

Call 574-4035 for more information about the Senior Center. The office is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily.

Senior citizens who need transportation to the building, located at 2603 Ave. M, can make arrangements by calling that number.

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Haliburtn	29	281/2	285/8	-1/8
Hanson	183/8	18	181/8	-1/8
HoustInd	461/4	46	461/8	+1/4
IBM	517/8	51	511/4	+7/8
IntlPaper	663/4	661/8	661/8	-1/2
JohnsnJns s	503/8	495/8	495/8	-7/8
K mart s	247/8	241/4	241/4	-1/4
Kroger	145/8	143/8	143/8	-1/4
vjLTV Cp	1/2	1/2	1/2	
Litton s	45	443/4	45	+1/8
vjLoneStar	27/8	23/4	23/4	
Lowes s	243/8	241/4	243/8	+1/4
Lubys	221/2	22	221/4	
Maxus	65/8	61/2	65/8	
MayDSt	703/4	697/8	697/8	-3/4
Medtronic	947/8	943/8	947/8	-1/8
Mobil	633/4	631/4	633/8	+1/4
Monsanto	575/8	571/8	571/8	-1/2
Motorola	1051/4	1037/8	1043/8	-1/8
Motoria wi	525/8	521/2	521/2	-1/2
Nationsbk	515/8	507/8	511/8	-1/4
Navistar	23/8	21/4	23/8	+1/8
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Primerica	491/8	485/8	485/8	+1/4
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PubS NwMx	123/8	121/4	121/4	-1/8
SFePacCp	13	127/8	13	+1/8
SaraLee s	301/8	295/8	297/8	-1/8
SearsRoeb	451/2	447/8	451/8	-3/8
SherwinW	311/4	303/4	31	+3/8
SmthBck s	38	373/4	373/4	
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Southern Co	385/8	381/4	381/4	-1/4
SwAirl s	293/4	291/2	295/8	+1/8
SwstBell	731/2	731/4	731/4	
Sprint	253/4	251/2	255/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	37/8	33/4	37/8	
SunCo	281/8	277/8	28	
TNP Ent	19	187/8	187/8	-1/8
Tandy	30	293/4	30	+1/4
TempleInl	52	511/2	515/8	+1/8
Tenneco	411/2	41	411/8	+1/2
Texaco	601/4	597/8	60	+1/4
TexasInd	221/2	221/4	221/4	-1/4
TexasInst	463/4	461/8	461/4	-3/8
Tex Util	425/8	421/2	421/2	
Textron	445/8	441/8	445/8	-1/8
Tyler	41/2	41/2	41/2	-1/8
US West	39	385/8	385/8	+1/4
USX-Marathn	171/2	173/8	171/2	+1/4
USX-USS	337/8	331/8	331/4	-3/4
UnCarbde	17	165/8	163/4	+1/8
UnPac	593/8	583/4	593/8	+7/8
UnitTech	485/8	483/8	481/2	+3/8
Unocal	255/8	247/8	247/8	-5/8
WalMart	641/4	631/2	635/8	-3/8
WstnGasRs	261/2	261/8	261/2	+1/2
WestghEl	133/4	133/8	135/8	+1/4
WinnDixie	771/2	765/8	77	+3/8
Woolwth	317/8	313/8	311/2	-1/8
Xerox Cp	801/4	791/4	801/8	+7/8
ZenithE	57/8	53/4	57/8	

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Orene Minton, 3606 40th; Annie Smith, 2201 22nd; Pearl James, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Harold Clarady, Rt. 1 Box 89; James Rogers, Dallas; Dee Dee Alarcon, P.O. Box 586; William McGlaun, 1200 25th; Rosalie McGlaun, 1200 25th; Elizabeth Brinner, 406 20th Place; Stephanie Archuleta, 2608 42nd; Eunice Wood, 101 Birth; Leaann Brickey, 2102 43rd; Frances Hernandez, 3008 Ave. E.

DISMISSALS: Serena Hall, Jana Glass, Maria Robbins, Ona Burton, Erma Martinez and baby, Soledad Morales, Pearl James, Kisha Howard, Annie Smith.

Census: 59 (Med.-17, CCU-2, Long-Term Care-33; OB-4, Nursery-3)

Paddy Ryan of the U.S. knocked out Joe Goss of England in the 87th round in 1880 to win the bare-knuckles heavyweight crown.

Clinton accepts Yeltsin's invitation to summit meet

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President-elect Clinton accepted Russian President Boris Yeltsin's summit invitation, but said such a meeting likely won't happen until he and Congress get started on America's problems.

Clinton, speaking after Yeltsin and President Bush signed the START II treaty in Moscow on Sunday, said the Russian leader had asked for a meeting "pretty soon."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin also had asked to meet with Clinton.

But the president-elect, talking to reporters as he prepared to fly here from Hilton Head Island, S.C., after a vacation, reiterated that he was determined to focus initially on the nation's economy and other domestic issues.

He said that although no decision had been made on when to have a summit with Yeltsin, "I do look forward to meeting with him early."

He praised Yeltsin as being "genuinely committed" to moving Russia toward a free and "more prosperous" economy and said the United States has "a big stake" in Yeltsin's success.

Clinton said Yeltsin extended the summit invitation in a letter.

Obituaries



ORLENA PIERCE

Orlena Pierce

1892-1992

AMARILLO — Services have been set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Snyder's First Baptist Church for Orlena Pierce, 100, of Amarillo. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Don Taylor, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Mrs. Pierce died Sunday evening in Amarillo.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1892, in Coleman County and was reared in Snyder, leaving in 1922. She traveled around the world two times and visited 87 countries. She attended 10 universities. She taught school many years in Clovis, N.M., and for three years in Canyon. In Clovis Mrs. Pierce was named "Woman of the Year." She moved to Amarillo in 1986.

Survivors include a brother, Carl Periman of Amarillo; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Esther Bell of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Vera Alice Holsinger of Snyder and Mrs. Ila Bee Mitchell of Seminole.

Lester Minton

1913-1992

ROTAN - Graveside services were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Rotan Cemetery for Lester Minton, 79, who died Friday in a San Angelo hospital.

A resident of Menard, Mr. Minton was the brother of Alvis Minton of Snyder.

Born in Pilot Point, Mr. Minton was a long-time employee of Lone Star Gas. He lived in Rotan from 1944-56 and then moved to Hamlin. Before moving to Menard just over a year ago, he had lived in Austin and San Angelo.

He had been a member of the Hamlin and Rotan Lions Clubs and he was also a member of the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department. He was a Methodist.

Other survivors include his wife, Naoma Smith Minton of Menard; a son, Wesley Minton of Odessa; three sisters, Floy Moore of Harlingen, and Sadie Calfee and Mary Haney, both of Menard; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Truman Upshaw

1916-1992

ROBY — Services were conducted Sunday at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church for Truman Upshaw, 76, who died Saturday in an Abilene Hospital.

Officiating was the Rev. Tobey Clements and the Rev. T. O. Upshaw. Burial followed in the Roby Cemetery.

Mr. Upshaw was married to Margie Sharp on Dec. 30, 1934, in Fisher County.

A life-long resident of Fisher County, Mr. Upshaw was a farmer and served as a director of the Farmers Gin Company. He was a member of the Fisher County Fair and Rodeo Association, and he served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Upshaw of Roby; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Sano Upshaw of Roby; two daughters and a son-in-law, Wanda and Bill Early of Snyder and Jean Polk of Sweetwater; a brother, Glen Upshaw of Roby; a sister, Elsie Sharp of Roby; seven grandchildren, including Donna and Jacky Simpson, Larry and Wynola Early, and Linda and David Sharrock, all of Snyder; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is to report on the in school prayer petitions. We have about 1,000 signatures back and there are around 47 petitions still out.

If you have one that is filled up, please call me and I will pick it up. I am going to mail the first packet of petitions the 15th of January, then one packet ever day until they have all been mailed.

We have received requests for petitions from Levelland, San Antonio, DeSota, Anderson, Round Rock, Lubbock and Sweetwater. Someone in Lufkin made their own petition. It had 30 signatures.

We are now mailing the petitions with the letters we send out. Petitions have been sent to churches in Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Missouri and Maryland. We are getting the addresses of churches, whereever we can find them: out of town phone books, newspapers, etc.

If you have addresses we might use, please call and we will send them a petition.

I would like for the young people who attend school to write a letter to President-elect Clinton, because this issue concerns them also. If you will mail your letters to me, I will mail them with the petitions.

Shirley Davis
1902 Gilmore
Snyder, TX, 79549
573-8520

Births

George and Leaann Brickey of Snyder announce the birth of their son born at 11:38 p.m. on Jan. 3 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces.

Stephanie Archuleta of Snyder announces the birth of her seven-pound, 7½ -ounce daughter born at 8:17 p.m. on Jan. 2 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Frances Hernandez of Snyder announces the birth of her son born at 12:02 a.m. on Jan. 4 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 11½ ounces.

Police note one arrest

Snyder police made one arrest and worked a couple of traffic accidents over the weekend.

Police arrested an 18-year-old man at 6:48 p.m. Saturday in the intersection of 31st Street and Avenue I for no driver's license, no seat belt, driving on the wrong side of the road and failure to yield at an intersection.

At 11:46 a.m. Sunday, police worked a two vehicle accident which sent a local woman to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room for treatment of injuries.

Forty-three year-old Lynda Robinson of 2513 27th Street was transported to Cogdell by Snyder EMS following an accident at the traffic circle. She was treated for a sprained ankle and released.

Robinson was the driver of a 1992 Ford which was in collision with a 1987 Honda driven by Timothy Matheny of 2120 El Paso in Houston.

Police worked a minor accident at 9:33 in the 200 block of Coliseum Drive. Involved were a 1992 Ford driven by Jana Martin of Rt. 2 Box AZ and a 1993 GMC Suburban driven by Sam Jordan of 1802 Hogan Lane in Mt. Pleasant.

At 8:07 p.m. Saturday, police were notified of a shoplifter in custody at Furr's. The suspect was issued a summons for Class C theft and told to appear in Municipal Court.

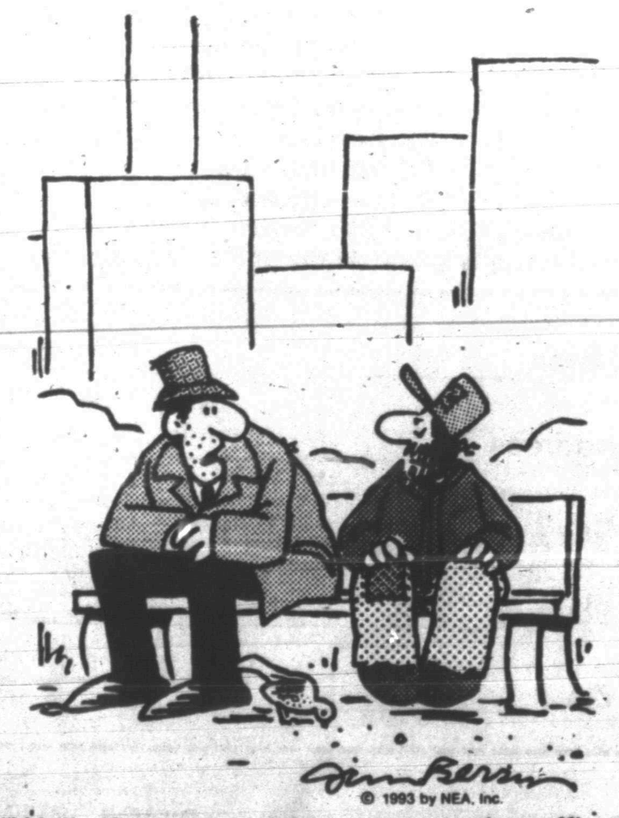
At 1:06 a.m. Sunday, a man came to the police department to complain that he had been threatened by another man. A report for Class C assault, threats, was filed.

A woman came to the department at 1:16 p.m. Sunday to complain that her 16-year-old son had been assaulted. A report for Class C assault was filed.

At 4:56 p.m. Sunday, the fire department received a report of a dumpster fire. Fire officials notified police at 6 p.m. that charges of Class A criminal mischief would be filed in reference to the dumpster fire, which took place in the 2100 block of 40th Street.

At 7 p.m., Snyder police were alerted that a 75-year-old man had walked away from Snyder Oaks. The man was located about 30 minutes later near the C&W at 25th Street and Avenue Y. He was escorted back to the nursing home.

Berry's World



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"Well, if you must know — at the office Christmas party, I made an interpersonal mistake."

Patch awarded patent

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A new patent has been awarded for a material that possibly could allow a doctor to administer a measured drug dose to a patient over the telephone.

The polymer film was developed at Southwest Research Institution. It resembles black plastic and can absorb or release certain drugs when an electric current passes through it. It apparently could deliver a wide range of small molecular drugs, including pain relievers, stimulants and antihistamines.

Charles Baker, senior research scientist with the institution's chemistry and chemical engineering division, said the material could either be implanted beneath the skin or used in a skin patch.

"It would give you the ability to have extremely accurate dosage control," said Baker, who invented the system with institute scientist Stephen Wellinghoff.

Baker said the material could administer drugs in a number of ways, using a computer chip to control the release, possibly in concert with a sensor to measure blood levels of the drug.

"Another thing you could envision is remote-controlled dosing by a doctor, with a device in the patient, hooked into a network like a mobile phone," he said.

Baker said the polymer can dissolve in water or blood so an implant would not need to be removed after it releases all the drug.

The material has been tested only in the laboratory and not in animals or humans. Southwest Research officials are talking to private firms about financing its development.

The initial research was funded by the institute, Baker said.

The facility also was awarded a second patent for an implant device made of biodegradable gel.

The cylindrical implant contains the coiled film inside, with an electrode and cathode attached.

The system also could be incorporated in a skin patch, similar to those designed to wean smokers from nicotine addiction, but using electricity, Baker added.

"If you pass a current through your skin, the skin becomes more porous, and things can diffuse through them more easily," Baker said. "So you could both release the drug and, since the material is conducting, drive it through the skin."

Still another method could involve an implant with a port outside the skin so it could be refilled with the medication using a syringe, he added.

Work on the system was done about three years ago, he said.

Police, hospital accidentally report man's death

HOUSTON (AP) — Police who reported six homicides in the first day of the new year had the number right, but the identities of the victims wrong.

Houston police erroneously reported Jose Pena, one of two bystanders shot during an argument at an apartment complex shortly after midnight, had died in surgery at Ben Taub Hospital.

But hospital officials said Sunday that Pena remained in critical condition. However, another man involved in an altercation on Friday did die.

John Wright Jr., 29, was stabbed once on the right side of his chest about 5 a.m. Friday in a driveway of a Cypress home. He was taken to the Ben Taub emergency room where he later died.

"I don't know why the mixup occurred," homicide Lt. J.W. Kunkel said. "I do know that was a busy night (at Ben Taub) and there were all kinds of people who were shot and stabbed and hit by cars."

Police said they did not learn of Wright's death until his body was taken to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office for an autopsy.

The assailants in both incidents remained at large Sunday.

Maya villages in Mexico and Central America — cherishing 3,000-year-old traditions and crafts — still have unique styles of dress, made from brightly colored, often handwoven textiles.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Does therapy cure ovarian cancer?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'd like to know more about ovarian cancer. Eight months ago my sister was operated on because of a large tumor on both ovaries. After chemotherapy she looks and feels fine, yet keeps telling me she will be lucky if she has three years left to live. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: I don't mean to sound negative, but ovarian cancer is a serious problem from which the outcome is seldom favorable.

To begin with, it's difficult to diagnose because it is painless in its early stages. Therefore, ovarian carcinoma often grows quite large and spreads to other abdominal organs before it is detected.

Second, there are no tests for this specific cancer, as there are for, say, prostate cancer. The tumor is usually discovered by accident during a routine pelvic examination, when the gynecologist feels the tumor.

Third, as you know, the larger the tumor (and the more extensively it has spread), the harder it is to treat. Thus, therapy for ovarian cancer (surgery, radiation and drugs) is rarely effective: At the time of diagnosis, the cancer is usually too far advanced.

Finally, even if the initial treatment appears successful, small nests of cancer cells almost always evade therapy and continue to grow, necessitating a cycle of treatments that are invariably debilitating.

I am glad your sister responded satisfactorily to chemotherapy. Perhaps she will be one of the few fortunate patients who can be considered "cured." In any case, I admire her attitude of cautious realism. She seems to be addressing the problem head-on, with great courage.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A friend swears that ingesting vitamin B-1 will keep mosquitoes from biting. Is this true and, if so, can you recommend a dose that is effective without side effects? Is it safe for my 18-month-old daughter who was covered with bites this summer?

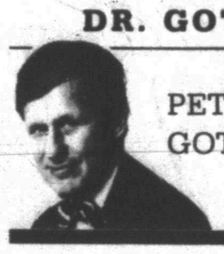
DEAR READER: I am not aware of any reports touting vitamin B-1 (thiamine) as a mosquito repellent. However, the vitamin is entirely safe for adults when taken orally; no toxicity has been reported. You'll have to ask your daughter's pediatrician about the child's thiamine dose.

The Recommended Dietary Allowance for adults is about 1.5 milligrams per day; doses of 10 milligrams or more appear to be devoid of harmful effects.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Fads I — Vitamins and Minerals." 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.

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PETER. GOTT, M.D.

'Deep Space Nine'

'Star Trek' spawns 2nd spinoff series

NEW YORK (AP) — The 24th Century comes of age with "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine."

Its superb, two-hour premiere goes to the syndicated airwaves this week, and it will delight "Star Trek" and "Star Trek: The Next Generation" fans. But that's no surprise. Trek fans DEMAND that "Deep Space Nine" be good.

Paramount Pictures, which owns the lucrative "Star Trek" franchise, has no intention of putting out a shoddy product. The costumes, prosthetic makeup, modeling, computer effects and other visuals are superb.

Yet "Deep Space Nine" is so well-written, so rich in character and design that just about anyone with an imagination could enjoy it. Credit for that goes to its creators and co-executive producers, Rick Berman and Michael Piller.

Credit for the premiere's dramatic success goes to its star, Avery Brooks, last seen in series TV as Hawk, the brooding gunman in "Spenser: For Hire."

Brooks plays Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko, a widower still in deep mourning, a single parent and the reluctant commander of a broken-down space station called Deep Space Nine in a backwater of the galaxy.

It is a lousy assignment. A career killer.

Deep Space Nine orbits the frontier planet Bajor, and was stripped bare by its previous owners, the Cardassians, a warlike species who conquered the planet 60 years earlier.

Ousted after a generation of the Bajorans' bloody terrorism, the Cardassians have withdrawn from both the station and the planet, but have looted the world of its resources, fouled its soil and water and are still powerful bullies.

The impoverished Bajorans have asked for Federation aid and Sisko is sent to administer it. Everything changes, however, with the discovery of a "wormhole" — a hole in space that opens up 70,000 light years away.

Instead of a troubled backwater, Sisko is suddenly in charge of a galactic crossroads and one of the galaxy's most valuable strategic assets.

At the same time, Bajor's religious leaders are seeking his spiritual transformation and a greater mystery is opening up before him.

Sound intriguing? Michael Piller's teleplay is a lock for the Hugo and Nebula awards, science fiction's top honors, but it deserves Emmy consideration, too.

So does Brooks, who's one of the most talented actors ever to don Star Fleet maroon. His Sisko radiates intelligence, passion and depth of feeling, yet he's never out of control.

Look for nice work, too, from Colm Meaney. Reprising his role as Chief Miles O'Brien, he migrates from Transporter Room 3 of the "Next Generation" Enterprise to become operations officer of the crippled space station.

Nana Visitor plays Sisko's tough, competent executive officer, Maj. Kira Nerys. A former Bajoran rebel, she's blunt, opinionated and sexy as anything. Rene Auberjonois is Odo, the station's security officer. A gelatinous "shape shifter" who can assume any form, Odo is also in search of his own past.

Terry Farrell completes the weird alien roster as a "joined species" — the mind and body of a 28-year-old woman, coinhabited by the consciousness of a 300-year-old man.

Purists might object to the premise of "Deep Space Nine." Here a dysfunctional space station floats at the doorway to an unexplored region of space. It's true that "Deep Space Nine" does not boldly go anywhere. But it most boldly stays, and it might be the best Trek yet.

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Astrograph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 4, 1993

Improvements in your financial base are indicated for the year ahead. However, what you receive will be due to your own strong efforts and not come from donations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although you might be justified in reacting harshly to a sticky social situation today, it could do your image more harm than good. Bite the bullet and don't make waves. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something you have left unresolved might catch up with you today and put you in a tight spot. Shifting the blame for your shortcomings onto innocent bystanders won't help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a chance today you might read ill will into things said by others where no harm was intended. This could create avoidable unpleasantness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Subdue inclinations today to take undue risks where your career or finances are concerned. Appealing long shots might turn out to be merely blanks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be careful today in challenging the convictions and views of associates. Picking apart their beliefs could create an unwanted nasty incident.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When the boss hands out assignments today there is a chance you might get the tasks others are trying to evade. Complaining won't help your cause, so just hold your nose and get started.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An instigator within your peer group might try to play politics today and attempt to use you as a pawn. He or she is a skillful manipulator, so it is imperative that you keep your guard up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A development over which you'll have no control could delay you today from achieving an objective that is important to you. Be patient and wait for calmer seas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you assume your ways of doing things are superior to the methods of persons you're involved with today, a rumble may result. None are perfect, but each have some good points.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be extremely alert in any negotiations you have today where money changes hands. If you're indifferent or careless, a loss might result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In making an agreement today you should be especially careful that the other party involved is leveling with you. Check out all the facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Carefully screen the suggestions of well-intentioned co-workers today. Instead of helping you ease your problems, they might create more.

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Radar pictures give best look at asteroid

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — When a big asteroid passed by Earth last month, NASA scientists took what are described as far more detailed radar images of that kind of rock than have ever been taken before.

And the images of asteroid Toutatis today are teaching scientists new things about the kind of object that may have killed the dinosaurs and eventually might make humans extinct.

The images are "100 times more detailed than any previous picture of a near-Earth asteroid," astronomer Steven Ostro, of the space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said Sunday.

Asteroids are big chunks of rock in space. Most are located in a belt between Mars and Jupiter, but near-Earth asteroids have orbits that bring them close to Earth.

"Every once in a while they collide with our planet," Ostro said. "They have played a role in the evolution of life on Earth" by causing mass extinctions.

The radar pictures show Toutatis comprises two big chunks of rock, probably held in contact by gravity, he said. One chunk has an average width of about 2.5 miles; the other is about 1.6 miles wide, he said.

Scientists had thought Toutatis was only 1 mile to 2 miles wide until they took pictures as it whizzed within 2.2 million miles of Earth — a close call in astronomical terms — on Dec. 8.

"It's the most irregularly shaped object we've yet seen in the solar system," Ostro said. He described the asteroid as "two highly irregular, cratered, battered, jagged objects" that have been smacked repeatedly by other asteroids.

Ostro and his colleagues bounced radar waves off Toutatis using a 230-foot-wide antenna dish at a National Aeronautics and Space Administration tracking station in California's Mojave Desert. The radar echoes were captured by a 112-foot-wide antenna.

In 1991, the Jupiter-bound Galileo spacecraft became the first to visit an asteroid, taking close-up photographs of Gaspra, located in the main belt.

Scientists increasingly believe a 6- to 9-mile-wide asteroid walloped Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula 65 million years ago, kicking up enough dust to darken the skies, chill the climate, destroy food plants and kill the dinosaurs and most other species.

Arizona's Meteor Crater and scores of other holes in the ground show Earth has been whacked repeatedly over the eons, just like the moon and other planets. An incoming asteroid blew up over Siberia in 1908, flattening nearly a thousand square miles of uninhabited forest.

Last year, a NASA report estimated a 1-in-10,000 chance during "our lifetime" that an asteroid measuring at least one-third of a mile wide will hit Earth, destroy food crops and "possibly end civilization as we know it."

If an asteroid wider than 3 miles collided with Earth, "even the survival of the human species would be at risk," the report said.

Presley stamp sold early by mistake

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — There's been another Elvis sighting. Only this one was on a letter bearing a Dec. 30 postmark with an Elvis Presley commemorative stamp that wasn't supposed to be available yet.

The U.S. Postal Service says the stamp, already the most popular U.S. commemorative stamp ever, is scheduled to be released in Memphis, Tenn., hometown of the legendary rock 'n' roll star, at 12:01 a.m. Friday. The stamp will then be released at post offices nationwide 12 hours later, at noon Friday.

But postal clerks in Amarillo jumped the gun apparently without realizing.

Matthew Peoples was one of those people who got a letter with the Elvis stamp. Only his mother, Ruth, knew that the release date wasn't until next week. So, she called the post office.

"They said they hadn't received any yet, and when they did, they couldn't sell them until Jan. 9. When I told them I had just gotten a letter with an Elvis stamp on it, all they said was 'If that's the truth, you've got a mint,'" Mrs. Peoples said.

Mrs. Peoples then called her sister-in-law, Kay Peoples of Amarillo, who had written the letter. The Amarillo woman in turn called the branch post office in Amarillo that she said sold her 60 Elvis stamps on Wednesday.

"They weren't selling them anymore," Kay Peoples told the Plainview Herald.

"They said they had received their Elvis stamps one day and a letter the next saying they couldn't start selling them until the formal release date," she said.

As of New Year's Day, she said she had used 50 of her 60 Elvis stamps. Most went on thank-you notes for those who served as pallbearers, sent flowers or food for the funeral of her husband, Earl June Peoples, a lifelong Elvis fan, who died Dec. 13 at the age of 51.

On Friday, once she realized the significance of the mailing, Kay Peoples sent envelopes to each of her children.

"I hope everyone realizes what they have before they trash the envelope," she said.

Kay Peoples said her late husband was a big fan of Presley and had long-awaited the King's stamp.

Earl Peoples had an extensive collection of Presley memorabilia.

"He has always been an Elvis fan, going back to the old days," Mrs. Peoples said.

"For Christmas, we had ordered the new five CD-pack of most of Elvis' songs. Earl had so wanted Elvis to get his stamp."

Guru offers crime-fighting plan to Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — A guru who teaches levitation has a plan to eliminate crime in Austin and 59 other U.S. cities by first sending his followers to the locales to cleanse them of negativity and stress.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi has offered to send hundreds of his meditating followers to Austin to foster an atmosphere of harmony, thereby eliminating crime within five years.

"This program will definitely eliminate crime. All crime. The groups will create positivity in city life, harmony and quality ... and eliminate the basis of crime, which is stress," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

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Neighbors joining recycling efforts

DALLAS (AP) — In the politically correct '90s, Chamblee Ferguson fits right in.

Ferguson, a 30-year-old actor who has been recycling for the better part of two decades, is encouraging others to take more seriously the idea of collecting, sorting and recycling reusable material. He attributes his interest in the environment to his ecology-minded parents.

For the past year, Ferguson, dubbed the Robin Road Recycler, has traveled up and down Robin Road northwest of downtown in his 1979 pickup on most Tuesdays, collecting glass, aluminum cans, plastic and newspapers left at the curbside by his neighbors.

"If more people would do something to help their neighborhoods, like he is doing, we'd all be better off," said Robin Road resident Buck Nutter.

Ferguson also puts out a newsletter, The Robin Road Recycler, printed, of course, on 100 percent recycled paper. The publication gives the pickup schedule as well as information on what materials cannot be recycled.

Of the 52 homes along Robin Road, near Dallas Love Field airport, Ferguson said he can usually find recyclable material waiting in front of at least 10 on any given Tuesday.

During the year, as many as 30 homes have participated in the program, which began in October 1991.

The city of Dallas' subscription recycling service was canceled last year because too few residents signed up for it.

Each Monday, Ferguson sets out a plain sign in front of his house reminding neighbors: "Remember RECYCLE Tuesday."

A ledger Ferguson keeps indicates that since 1989, he has been involved in the collection of 46,223 pounds of reusable material.

Ferguson said the money he gets for the material hardly pays for his time or gasoline. He says that's not important. The environment is.

"This really isn't a very big operation, but I do believe it's making a difference," he said.

Tourist garden said planned

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — If a Nevada developer has his way, North Texas residents may get the chance to tiptoe through the tulips, shrubs and other plants in an elaborate garden and amusement center north of Arlington.

Developer Jim Salim's firm paid more than $2 million in cash for 2,100 acres of woodlands, prairie and rolling hills along the Trinity River. He wants to convert it into a garden and amusement center that would draw upward of 3 million tourists a year.

His plans for converting the property into a tourist draw have attracted the interest of City Hall, the chamber of commerce and the state highway department.

"I really do believe that ultimately we will outdraw Six Flags," Salim said in a telephone interview from Reno, Nev., with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Salim's Metrovest Partners Ltd. bought the flood-prone property from the Resolution Trust Corp.

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Today is the fourth day of 1993 and the 15th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union message, outlined a program to move the United States toward the "Great Society."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jacob Grimm (1785-1863), philologist-folklorist; Louis Braille (1809-1852), inventor-teacher; Jane Wyman (1914-), actress, is 79; Don Shula (1930-), football coach, is 63; Floyd Patterson (1935-), boxer, is 58; Grace Bumbry (1937-), singer, is 56; Dyan Cannon (1937-), actress, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Thomas Stevens pedaled into San Francisco and became the first person to bicycle around the world. Stevens' odyssey took 2 years, 8 months, and 12 days for him to complete.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We have talked long enough in this country about equal rights. ... It is time now to write the next chapter — and to write it in the books of law." — Lyndon B. Johnson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1971, heavy snow, wind and cold combined to strand thousands of people from northern Mich. to northeast N.M.; 1,500 motorists were stranded in Russell, Kan., alone.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL® 1992 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 31) and full moon (Jan. 8).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

What law of physics is it that says square-edged things roll farther under furniture than round things that are dropped?

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The Virginia state constitution was adopted June 29, 1776, and Patrick Henry was made governor.

Video magic ressurrects Elvis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Elvis lives! Or rather, the master tape from a 1973 concert survives, which is enough to allow him to perform this week with the Memphis Symphony.

Whether he really passed away in 1977 or is touring Midwestern fast-food restaurants, Elvis Presley will wiggle again in his hometown as part of a three-day celebration of his 58th birthday Friday.

The hoopla includes the release of an Elvis postage stamp. The 29-cent commemorative stamp goes on sale at 12:01 a.m. Friday at Graceland, the king's former residence. Nationwide sales begin at noon.

Saturday's concert uses the same kind of technological wizardry that allows Humphrey Bogart to sell soft drinks on TV with Paula Abdul, and Natalie Cole and Hank Williams Jr. to sing duets with their long-dead fathers.

As Elvis, on a large video screen, croons "American Trilogy" from his 1973 Hawaiian concert, the Memphis orchestra will play and his former backup singers will take their accustomed roles.

"We've gotten the master vocal track from RCA so we could have just Elvis' voice, and we've eliminated all the music and the background singers," said Todd Morgan, a Graceland spokesman. "The orchestra will play live and the singers will sing live backup. Elvis will sing lead."

A rock 'n' roll show Thursday evening and speeches by Postmaster General Marvin Runyon and Mayor W.W. Herenton will precede the stamp's release.

Fans picking up stamps at Graceland can have them canceled at the center's small post office or the half-dozen mobile postal stations being brought in for the affair.

For the first-day sales, Graceland has 35,000 stamps attached to special covers saying "I was there." They'll go for $5 each and can be bought only at Graceland.

Also on Friday, buses will take fans from Graceland to Presley's birthplace, in nearby Tupelo, Miss., so they can have stamps canceled there.

Graceland, where Presley died Aug. 16, 1977, draws more than 650,000 visitors a year.

Elvis fans have lobbied for the stamp for years, and the Postal Service held a nationwide election last summer to select its art work. The fans went for a 1950s portrait of Presley.

Robin Minard, a Postal Service spokeswoman, says 300 million stamps have been printed and a second issue of 200 million is planned.

Computer 'porn' laws to be tested

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A former commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base goes on trial Tuesday in what may be one of the first cases under a federal law against child pornography that specifically prohibits transmission by computer as well as mail.

Col. James A. Maxwell Jr. also may be among the first to challenge the FBI's right to obtain information on items or speech transmitted through a computer bulletin board system.

Such material may be protected speech under a recently enacted federal law, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

Maxwell is accused of using the America Online computer bulletin board system to ask other users about homosexual bars, restaurants, "porn palaces" and information regarding child pornography between Dec. 1 and Dec. 9, 1991.

He has been charged under Article 133 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice with two counts of conduct "unbecoming an officer and gentleman."

He also has been charged under Article 134 of the UCMJ with violating federal law by receiving or transporting, by computer, visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct; and by transporting "for the purpose of distribution, visual depictions of an obscene, lewd, lascivious, or filthy nature."

If convicted, Maxwell could face the end of his 26-year military career, including the loss of retirement benefits, as well as more than 15 years in federal prison.

Maxwell has said that invasion of privacy issues are involved in the Air Force's charges against him.

Another concern certain to be raised by Maxwell's defense counsel, is the FBI warrants that led to the information presented to military investigators.

A search warrant for Maxwell's home was issued after a military base address showed up on a list of computer bulletin board users who may have looked at computer "visual depictions" — allegedly nudes of individuals who appear to be minors.

The FBI issued a statement claiming that the agency is continuing to investigate 87 other people, all civilians, whose names were also produced by America Online when the FBI had a three-month warrant seeking users of a particular service of the bulletin board.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Wooldridge & Son: experienced painters

Woody Wooldridge moved to Snyder in 1949 with experience in home painting. He learned the trade basics in Odessa with expert painters who were doing fine quality homes.

Woody began his own business shortly after and has been a successful independent ever since. Woody has done countless homes in Snyder and the surrounding areas over the past 40 years. Many of the homes have been remodeled since by them. He has always been known for quality, professional workmanship on these beautiful homes.

Thru the years, he worked with accomplished home builders such as H.L. Bradley, John Bailey, Prentice Bass, Jearld Smith and others who were known for fine homes.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Ronnie Wooldridge came on the scene, and, after developing his skill, changed the business' name to Wooldridge & Son Professional Painting. Together, Wooldridge & Son can tackle many kinds of finish work such as lacquer and varnishing, wall paper hanging, wall and ceiling textures, enamels, stains, taping and bedding, patchwork and some sheetrocking. They have finished many commercial buildings in Snyder and have been known to do some oil field painting.

They've always used high performance paints such as Kelly Moore, Jones-Blair and others. Wooldridge & Son run Graco spray equipment which is the best known in the contractor business.

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Stubborn weed promoted to salad green

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