Fatality reported in holiday count

by The Associated Press

A Laredo woman became the first fatality in the holiday traffic death count conducted by the Texas Department of Public Saftey, a spokesman said today.

Sylvia Candia Rodriguez, 24, of Laredo, was the driver of one of the vehicles in a two-car collision at an intersection in Laredo, said DPS spokesman Mike Cox.

Ms. Rodriguez was not wearing a seat belt when the accident occurred at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday, Cox said.

The DPS predicts 35 people will die on Texas highways before their traffic death count ends at midnight Sunday. The count began at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Teen admits involvement in family members deaths

DAYTON, Texas (AP) — A teen-ager charged with killing his mother and stepbrother, injuring his father and setting their house on fire has admitted he was involved in the deadly rampage, police say.

Edward Lee Rouse Jr., 17, gave authorities a "voluntary statement admitting he was involved," Liberty County Sheriff's Deputy Chief Urban Valentine told The Associated Press late Wednesday.

"But I better not release details of the statement," he added.

Rouse is accused of killing his mother, Rita Porter, 38, and his 9-year-old stepbrother, Matthew J. Porter, and injuring his stepfather, Larry Porter, 37, and then setting their house on fire early Wednesday, police said.

Rouse remains in the Liberty County Jail charged with two counts of capital murder in lieu of $50,000 bond on each charge, Valentine said.

The stepfather underwent surgery at Houston's Methodist Hospital, Valentine said. He received head injuries and lacerations to the face and shoulders, but the family has asked no further information be released, hospital spokeswoman Brenda Blake said.

Neighbor Bill Robertson said Porter appeared outside his window about 3:45 a.m. Wednesday carrying a rifle.

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Public employees due break Friday

All of the city, county, state and federal offices contacted Thursday, along with Snyder banks, planned to be open through regular business hours Thursday and to be closed all day Friday for New Year's Day.

City hall and the county courthouse were operating under such a schedule, as was the Scurry County Appraisal District, offices of the Texas Department of Human Resources, Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, the state driver's license office and the federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and Soil Conservation Service.

Local banks were to be open until 3 p.m. Thursday, closed Friday and open again on Monday.

The county library was to be open until 6 p.m. Thursday and closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A spokesman for the Department of Human Resources said authorization might be received to close early on Thursday afternoon but that, otherwise, regular hours would be kept.

A highway department spokesman said only another round of bad weather would keep that office open through the holiday period.

"We'll be closed Friday unless bad weather comes in, and if bad weather comes in, we'll all be working like we did on Christmas," she said.

The post office will close Friday with no mail delivered either to boxes at the facility or on routes. Normal deliveries will resume on Saturday, a spokesman said.



$10,000 MORE — Rex Robinson, center, president of Snyder National Bank, Wednesday accepted a $10,000 check for the prison land and building purchase fund from St. Mary of the Plains Hospital president Charley Trimble, left, and vice president for business development Dan Griffis. St. Mary will assume management of Cogdell Memorial Hospital next week. (SDN Staff Photo).

Selection by TDC rings out old year

The announcement that Scurry County was named on Nov. 9 as one of six sites for a new Texas Department of Corrections prison was the top story of 1987's final quarter, the year and, most likely, years to come.

And with the announcement, the months of October, November and December featured many related stories--each making their respective impacts.

A $1 million fund raising campaign to help finance the project was completed from Nov. 19 through Dec. 11.

Opposition to the prison by a group of individuals also made the news. Two lawsuits have been filed to date related to it, one prompting a hearing as recently as Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Another top story of the year and the quarter was the announcement Nov. 3 that Cogdell Memorial Hospital would be turning over its management chores to St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

In relation to this, a new hospital administrator--who will technically be an employee of St. Mary's--was named Dec. 26, Thomas Hochwalt.

Other top stories of the final months of 1987 have included the announcement that former mayor Rod Waller will now seek the area's state representative's seat and final word that Snyder ISD must alter its board makeup, expanding to five the number of seats represented by single member districts.

The following is a chronological listing of the headlines for 1987's final three months:

October 4

SACROC officials now foresee stability in the once volatile oil market and, thanks to other recent developments, say the unitized field's immediate future appears brighter than it did six months ago, it was reported Sunday.

The current operating budget for SACROC--which runs through Dec. 31--was based on $15 per barrel oil. This coming year, the estimate will rise to $18.

October 5

For the second year in a row, Snyder has experienced a 50 percent decrease in new construction totals, back-to-back declines which have seen the year's building fall from some $7.4 million in 1985 to the just counted $1.7 million, it was reported Monday.

The decline is even more stark when compared to three years ago, when an all-time high of $9.4 million was recorded.

October 7

The visit Wednesday by a three-member team from the Texas Department of Corrections was a "good day," says a member of the economic development committee here, while noting the final selection process still has "a lot of political decisions" ahead.

October 8

A Twilight Serenade at 7:30 p.m. Thursday closed out a day-long observance marking the completion of the patio renovation project at Snyder Junior High.

October 13

A Texas Education Agency ranking of Texas school campuses--a statistical listing which takes into account the reported number of low income or minority students by campus, a factor which apparently worked against the local district--lists Snyder High School in the state's lower 25 percent regarding student performance on last year's statewide TEAMS testing of academic ability.

The ranking was reported Tuesday to school officials.

The addition of possibly 17 more teachers to Snyder's career ladder list was approved Tuesday by a 5-2 split vote of the school board--an expense to the district estimated at some $25,500.

October 14

Nominations for the five-member Scurry County Appraisal District board ended Wednesday with local taxing entities responding by proposing five candidates.

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'87 In Review

Sales tax to change

Friday will mark the first day a new ½ cent sales tax will be collected in both Snyder and Scurry County.

The change has been ushered in by a county vote approving the measure here last Aug. 8.

For applicable sales tax items, a rate of 7½ cents per $1 of purchase will be charged inside the city limits of Snyder, increasing from 7 percent.

Out in the county, the previous sales tax was 6 percent, the amount the state charges for purchases which come under the tax. The ½ cent addition will see it go to 6½ cents and the extra revenue must be applied toward a county property tax reduction.

Property owners locally will feel the effects of this reduction next tax year in their billing

See TAX, page 9

Forgery is alleged

Three Midland residents have been arrested in connection with the passing and attempted passing of forged checks at a Snyder bank.

Indictments will be sought against Sylvester Harrell, 52, Carol Morris, 37, and Debra Bouldin, 32, for either forgery or forgery by passing, a spokesman for the sheriff's office said Thursday.

They were arrested while attemping to pass an $889 check at American State Bank and were later released on $20,000 bond.

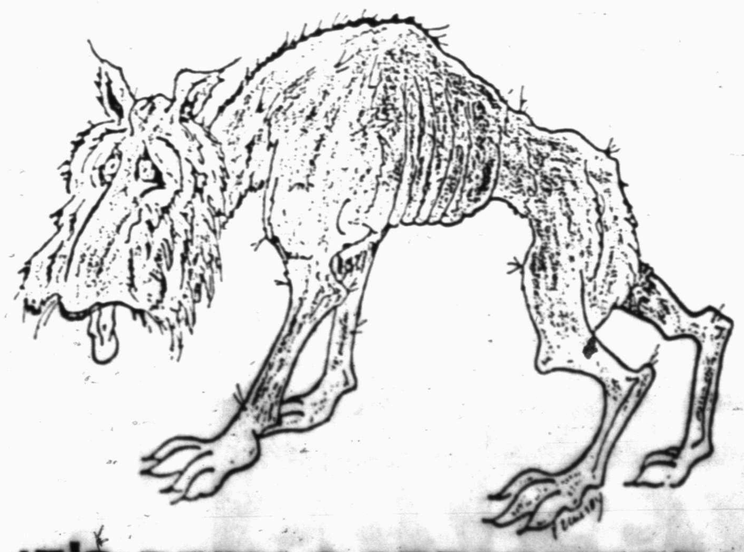
A deputy said she allegedly passed a $617 check at the bank Dec. 9, giving the name and account number of a bank depositor, depositing $200 and receiving cash for the rest. The second incident at ASB occurred Dec. 18.

The checks had been stolen from Sonny's Oil Field Supply in Hobbs, N.M., he said.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Whew!"



IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR!

Thursday

Dec. 31, 1987

Ask Us

Q. — Has anyone scheduled a drive home service here for persons who have had too much to drink on New Year's Eve?

A. — The service was offered last year by a singles group here, but the SDN has not been notified of any such activity this year.

In Brief

Tanker blast

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — People were thrown against walls and floors when a railroad tanker car exploded on the outskirts of this East Texas city, injuring at least two people, derailing adjacent rail cars and damaging buildings up to six miles away, authorities said.

The blast occurred about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday on a tanker containing what may have been butane at the Rescar Inc. plant on the city's south side, police Sgt. Ralph Hicks said.

"It was not a derailment," he said. "It exploded, and we don't know the reason for the explosion. I got one report it was butane in it, but we really don't know what was in it."

Police spokesman Mike Healy said today that 78 homes and businesses were damaged by the blast, including 14 businesses that were "almost a total loss."

Laura Chasteen, 17, and Rhonda McFadden, 22, both of Gladewater, were treated for minor injuries suffered in the blast and released from Good Shepherd Hospital.

Pit bull death

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — An 83-year-old man injured Nov. 20 when he was attacked by two pit bull terriers died at a hospital from his wounds, officials said.

Johannes Wilkins, who had been in intensive care since the attack and had part of his left arm amputated, died Wednesday at the University of Texas Medical Branch John Sealy Hospital, a spokesman said.

The two dogs that attacked Wilkins have been destroyed, along with two puppies, according to Galveston City Attorney Steve Williams.

The dogs' owners, charged with possession of vicious animals and allowing a dog to run loose, have disappeared, Williams said. Additional charges against the owners may be filed, he said.

Ford surgery

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Former first lady Betty Ford, who underwent heart surgery last month, was resting early today following an unplanned operation for "a minor wound problem," a hospital spokesman said.

The 69-year-old wife of former President Gerald R. Ford was recovering in the cardiac surgical unit at Eisenhower Medical Center.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 51 degrees; low, 3, degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 29 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1987 to date, 19.13 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, colder with low in lower 20s and wind north 5 to 15 mph. New Year's Day, cloudy, high upper 30s and wind north 5 to 10 mph. Remainder of the holiday weekend, cloudy with highs upper 30s to near 40 and lows mid 20s to near 30.

Sheriff reconstructs killings

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The man suspected of one of America's worst mass murders probably began slaughtering 16 people by stealthily strangling his sleeping children on Christmas Eve, the sheriff said.

R. Gene Simmons Sr., 47, of Dover was formally charged Wednesday with two counts of capital murder and four of attempted murder. Prosecutor John Bynum said he would seek the death penalty.

Simmons was transferred secretly from the jail where he had been held without bond to State Hospital in Little Rock for a psychiatric examination because, "We had death threats he wouldn't get there," Chief Sheriff's Deputy Billy Baker said. Russellville is 70 miles northwest of Little Rock.

Authorities seized two pistols, a crowbar, two hammers and several small ropes they believe may have been used to shoot, bludgeon or strangle the victims, including 14 of Simmons' relatives.

Pope County Sheriff Jim Bolin, who described the killer as calculating and cunning, has constructed a chronology that breaks the killings into three clusters:

—Seven slain at Simmons' eight-room house near Dover on Dec. 23 or Christmas Eve.

—Seven more slain at the house Friday or Saturday.

—Two slain in a shooting spree Monday at four businesses in Russellville, seven miles south of Dover.

The sheriff said those killed in the first cluster were Simmons' wife, Becky, 46 — who Baker said was considering leaving Simmons — sons R. Gene Jr., 26, and Eddie, 14; daughters Loretta, 17, Marianne, 11, and Rebecca, 8; and granddaughter Barbara Jean, 3.

The eldest son, who had come home for Christmas from his job at a military base in Texas, would have been the chief threat to the killer, so he may have been saved for last while weaker victims were quietly strangled or suffocated in their sleep, the sheriff said.

The second group killed were Simmons' son, William H. Simmons II, 23; the son's wife, Renada, 22; their son, William Jr., 1; Simmons' daughter, Sheila McNulty, 24; her husband, Dennis, 23; their daughter, Sylvia, 6; and their son, Michael 1. Relatives have said Sylvia actually was Simmons' daughter from an incestuous relationship with his daughter Sheila.

The bodies of the adults and the oldest child were found in the house Monday.

Reagan program shaping up as more of same in '88

AP analysis

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — If President Reagan has dramatic new proposals up his sleeve as he starts his final year in office, the White House is keeping them under wraps.

To judge from the rhetoric here, as the vacationing president prepares to ring in the new year, 1988 will hold more of Reagan's familiar exhortations to reduce federal spending and the scope of government.

Seven years of this has not stemmed huge federal deficits, but the president's aides say the trend to bigger and more costly government has been put into reverse gear and Reagan wants to keep it that way.

The president has been keeping a low profile during his California stay, and the first indication of his 1988 plans may not come until he delivers his State of the Union message to Congress. Although the date for the address hasn't been announced, aides say privately it will be Jan. 25.

Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the president has been studying papers in preparation for writing the speech. He insisted it will be more than just a tying up of loose ends and will include new ideas.

Fitzwater was asked the other day whether Reagan had any new strategy to work with Congress so that his budget would not be declared "dead on arrival" as soon as it reaches Capitol Hill.

"No, we think it's most unfortunate that Congress hasn't followed our earlier budgets," Fitzwater said. "If they did, we'd be $200 billion less in the deficit than we are today."

"But they haven't," a reporter argued.

"But they should," Fitzwater said. "The debate over spending priorities is a very real one, and may not change dramatically."

"Most of the people who don't like the budget are people who want to spend more, or they have different spending priorities," Fitzwater said. "Those priorities are going to stay the same. Ronald Reagan is not changing his philosophy, and you can expect a continued emphasis on reduced federal government, and on reduced federal spending."

In other words, Reagan's quarrel with Congress in 1988 will have a familiar ring.

In foreign affairs, 1988 is likely to be a better year for Reagan than 1987, the year that saw him dogged by the Iran-Contra affair.

As 1987 began, the crisis was deepening over the covert sales of U.S. weapons to Iran, and the prospects for an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union were dampened by the collapse of the Reykjavik, Iceland, summit in October 1986.

As 1987 ends, Reagan has a successful superpower summit and an intermediate nuclear arms pact behind him and appears to be headed for Moscow at midyear, possibly to sign a more far-reaching agreement on intercontinental missiles.

Here again, however, both sides are ploughing over some of the same ground. It was Reagan's insistence on going ahead with the Strategic Defense Initiative anti-missile program that was the sticking point at Reykjavik. He still insists on it.

3 month delay is possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA officials say the failure of a full-power booster rocket test means a delay of two weeks to three months in getting the first post-Challenger shuttle flight into space.

"It is a setback," James C. Fletcher, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said Wednesday. "But at this point it does not appear to be a major one and we are thinking of a launch delay in terms of weeks."

At the Kennedy Space Center, launch director Bob Sieck said a three-month postponement "would be pretty close to the worst case."

Engineers at the Morton Thiokol plant in Utah, where the shuttle is built, had only partially dismantled the nozzle used in the full-scale firing last week and did not expect to complete that task until Sunday night or Monday.

"We want to make sure the work we do does not destroy evidence," Thiokol spokesman Rocky Raab said.

Broken pieces of a "boot ring" was found inside the nozzle and on the ground after the Dec. 23 test firing. The boot ring joins the swiveling part of the nozzle to a fixed part on the bottom of the last segment of the booster rocket.

Engineers focused on the nozzle's movement for a clue and Morton Thiokol canceled the scheduled Saturday shipment to Cape Canaveral, Fla., of two aft rocket segments for the June flight.

Berry's World



"Why is it ALWAYS little boy babies that represent the New Year — and NEVER little GIRL babies?"

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 1, 1988

People to whom you've been kind in the past without thought of reward will repay their debts in the year ahead. You'll enjoy being on the receiving end for a change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions in general appear fortunate for you today. You'll have good beginnings as well as the kind of endings you hope for either careerwise or romantically. Major changes are ahead for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 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) Be footloose and fancy-free today. You'll be able to enjoy one group for awhile, then flit off to another where you'll have an equally good time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's possible that Lady Luck may deal you a few more trump cards today than she does others. Capitalize on situations where you sense an advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) New friends you make at this time will play significant roles in your affairs over the coming months. One person in particular will have a big impact on your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions are extremely favorable today where your material interests are concerned. Benefits could suddenly develop for you without your bidding or knowledge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your chances for getting something for which you've been hoping are starting to look better and better. Someone who likes you is about to throw his/her weight into the endeavor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, an opportunity may present itself to talk to someone who can further your ambitions. For best results, be as frank as possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Greater harmony will soon prevail in a situation that has been causing you concern recently. Keep holding positive thoughts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be alert for a tip today that could substantially increase your earnings. The information may come through a friend who's in a different field of endeavor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Crowds are not numbered among the things you need to make you happy today. What you require is time alone with one who enjoys you as much as you enjoy him/her.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your priorities attuned to business or career matters today. While others are enjoying partying and levity, you'll get a bigger bang out of making a buck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being alone won't be your cup of tea today, so if you're not invited to a party, go out somewhere with the special companion whom you admire the most.

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Dear Abby



Taking Life a Day at a Time Is Right Pace for New Year

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Last New Year's Eve you published some New Year's resolutions. I cut that column out and taped it on my bathroom mirror where I could read it every morning. I want you to know that it has helped me to become a better person. I am not saying that I kept every one of those resolutions every day, but I kept most of them, and they have now become habits that have made a remarkable improvement in my personality and character.

I hope you will run it every New Year's Eve. I'm sure it will benefit many others as it has me.

NEVER TOO OLD

DEAR NEVER: My "resolutions" column has become an established annual tradition:

DEAR READERS: These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have taken the liberty of using that theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those things I cannot correct.

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know is fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today I will be totally honest. If someone asks me something I don't know, I will not bluff; I'll simply say, "I don't know."

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet or straighten out those dresser drawers.

Just for today, before I speak I will ask myself, "Is it true? Is it kind?" And if the answer to either of those questions is negative, I won't say it.

Just for today I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not improve anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half-hour to relax alone. During this time I will reflect on my behavior and get a better perspective on my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions. I will expect nothing from the world, but I will realize that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

Have a happy, healthy New Year. And pray for peace!

LOVE, ABBY

P.S. If you are driving tonight, don't drink. And if you're drinking, please don't drive.

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Texas Senate race gains 3 candidates

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Republicans say they will seek the GOP nomination to challenge incumbent Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, and a third might join the race before Monday's filing deadline.

Georgetown industrialist and inventor Edwin "Ned" Snead, who has filed for the GOP nomination, says Bentsen would be a formidable opponent.

"Everybody wants to know how I can possibly beat Lloyd Bentsen. Well, he will have to make some mistakes between now and November, because he hasn't made many so far," Snead said Wednesday.

Snead, 58, is co-owner of the Texas Crushed Stone Co., board chairman of the Georgetown Railroad Co. and holder of 15 patents.

Also in the race is former state Rep. Milton Fox of Houston, a Republican who lost a 1986 Railroad Commission race to Democrat John Sharp.

Several Republican Party sources have said they expect Amarillo Congressman Beau Boulter, first elected in 1984, to seek the party's Senate nomination.

Boulter was on vacation and not available for comment, his Amarillo district office said Wednesday. But he said earlier he was 80 percent of the way toward joining the race.

Snead said he hadn't received much encouragement so far from state GOP officials. "They don't have much faith that they can beat Mr. Bentsen," he said.

"As a matter of fact, they are a little bit afraid that if a really strong candidate comes out against Bentsen that he'll turn loose all of his money and power and defeat more than me. I'm going to have to prove that I can help them rather than be a liability to the Republicans," Snead said.

Fox said he wasn't worried about a primary fight, telling the Dallas Morning News that he would take his message to "all identifiable Republicans that I'm the best horse to carry their colors."

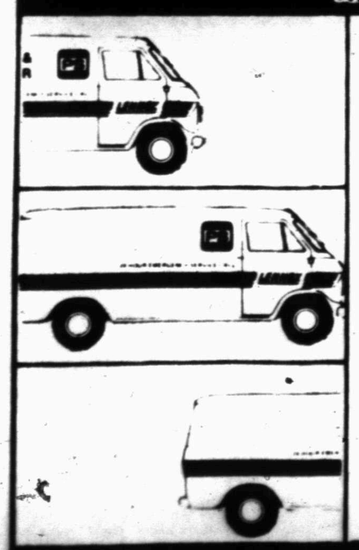
Bentsen so far has drawn no primary election opponent, said Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

"We have no reason to think that any serious candidate would run against Sen. Bentsen," Martin said.

Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson was born in 1890.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; The Shack; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; $25.

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

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

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.



STARGAZERS MEET — Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club met Dec. 15 at the Spanish Inn for a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and 1988 officers were elected. Pictured from left, front are Pauline Withers, secretary-treasurer and Mildred Rogers, council delegate. Standing are Daisy Lewis, vice-president; Joy Early, reporter and Lori Withers, president. (Club Photo)

Bridge

James Jacoby

No bubble? No trouble

By James Jacoby

If you're at a party tonight and your glass of champagne is flat, you can try some from a different bottle. That's a good approach to take toward today's slam contract. Try one play. If it falls flat, try a different one.

Without an opening heart lead, the play for six clubs would be very good. Declarer would take a diamond finesse. Even if it lost, he could shed a heart on the ace of diamonds and later take a spade finesse. He would make the slam whenever either the diamond king or the spade king was in the right hand for him. Unfortunately the lead of the heart jack put a kink in this nice little plan. Dummy's queen of hearts was covered by East's king, and now South had no more free finesses. But he did have an extra option. He won his heart ace, played the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond, went to dummy's 10 of clubs and ruffed another diamond. When the king fell, he played back to dummy's club queen, shed a heart on the good queen of diamonds and later took a spade finesse. Although that lost, he still made his contract.

NORTH 12-31-87
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♥ Q 4 3
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ Q 10 9 8

WEST
♠ 10 8 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 9 8 6 5 2
♣ 5

EAST
♠ K 6 5 4
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ K J 3
♣ 7 4

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 3
♥ A 5
♦ 7
♣ A K J 6 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

West	North	East	South
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Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ J

And what if the king of diamonds did not fall? Too bad. Now declarer would simply have to hope that West held the spade king. To play for the diamond king to fall by ruffing is best because it gives declarer an extra chance without his having to take the risk of an immediate finesse.

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

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President Harry S. Truman announced Sept. 23, 1949, that the Soviets had exploded a nuclear device.

Amerasian children leave for U.S.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Dozens of Amerasian children arrived in Thailand on New Year's Eve to prepare for resettlement in America under new arrangements that ended a long dispute between the United States and Vietnam.

The children and their relatives carried small American flags as they arrived from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. They were the first group of Amerasians to leave under a revived Orderly Departure Program, which Vietnam agreed to resume in September after having interrupted it since January 1986.

At a welcoming ceremony, William A. Brown, U.S. ambassador to Thailand, said: "This is going to be a very exciting new year for you and your new homeland as you get to know its people ... and its language."

He presented two of the half-American children, Pham Hung Huy, 14, and Le Thi Thao Ly, 17, with a picture book entitled "All-America: The Catalogue of Everything American."

They were among 65 Amerasians and 91 relatives who were to arrive on four flights today, which also carried 217 other Vietnamese joining relatives in the United States under the program. Amerasians were fathered by U.S. servicemen and civilians during America's decade and a half of military involvement in Vietnam, which ended with a 1973 pullout.

"Many of these children were abandoned as babies and grew up in foster care," said Elizabeth Berube, the program's deputy director in Bangkok.

"Maybe I'll meet my father, and I'd be very happy," Huy said as he waited at the Bangkok airport terminal with his mother, Pham Thi Tri. They were watching a videotape of American cartoons.

The Vietnamese are processed in Bangkok, then moved to a camp in the Philippines for about six months of language study and cultural orientation.

Ms. Tri said she was four months pregnant when her boyfriend, a U.S. serviceman, finished his tour of duty and left Vietnam in 1972. They have lost contact since.

Miss Ly said she knew nothing about her parents. She was abandoned in a hospital and was adopted when she was three days old by two Vietnamese, Nguyen Thi Xuan and Le Van Giang, with whom she is resettling in America.

Tears rolled down Miss Ly's face when she was asked how other children treated her in Ho Chi Minh City.

"When I go to school they tease me. I feel ashamed," she said. "They say: 'You Amerasian. Why don't you go home? Why do you stay here?'"

Giang said he earned about 20 cents a day selling used bottles. Life was hard after the 1975 Communist victory, he said, with the family sent to, and then fleeing from, the remote New Economic Zones.

Like other parents, Giang said his greatest hope in going to America was the chance for a good education for his child.

The Amerasians wore Western-style clothing while some parents wore traditional full-length dresses. One young man wore a T-shirt that advertised the "Hard Rock Cafe-Chicago."

On their laps was a booklet, "This is America," telling them the United States is "a melting pot because many of its people are descended from settlers who came from all over the world to make their homes in the new land."

When Hanoi stopped the interviewing of new applicants for the program, it complained that the Amerasians were not leaving quickly enough. Those previously interviewed continued coming out, but in the year ending Sept. 30, 1987, only 271 Amerasians and relatives left.

Under the new arrangements, U.S. immigration and State Department officials decide on applications in Ho Chi Minh City, substantially faster than the old system of having documents forwarded to Washington.

Ambassador Brown said the United States has files on about 8,000 more Amerasians, 83 of them documented U.S. citizens. He said 300 Amerasians and relatives are due to leave in the coming months.

Since the program was established in 1979 as an alternative to the hazardous boat exodus, 4,000 Amerasians have gone to the United States. Including Amerasians, 60,000 Vietnamese have resettled in the United States under the program, and there are 650,000 more applications on file.

Voodoo princess reported captured

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The capture of legendary voodoo priestess Alice Lakwena ended a year of attacks against the Ugandan government by thousands of troops who believed the oil she rubbed on their chests would ward off bullets.

At the height of her power as leader of the Holy Spirit Movement, Ms. Lakwena commanded as many as 7,000 warriors who sang hymns as they marched into battle with sticks and stones they believed would explode like grenades. Army troops with modern weapons mowed them down.

Only seven followers remained with the 27-year-old clergyman's daughter Saturday, when she was arrested crossing illegally into Kenya, Justis ole Tipis, Kenya's minister of state in charge of security, said Wednesday.

"She was subsequently convicted and sentenced to four months imprisonment," Tipis said in a statement. "She will be repatriated to Uganda at the expiry of her prison term."

Her men called her Mama Alice. She told them she could change bees into bullets and that spirits spoke through her and ordered the attacks.

But her army, one of about six fighting the Ugandan government, was never a serious threat, and the government was embarrassed by publicity foreign media gave her.

Ms. Lakwena's rebels fought the government of President Yoweri Museveni, who came to power Jan. 26, 1986, when his rebel National Resistance Army routed the army of a 6-month-old military government.

The defeated army fled north, where its soldiers regrouped and began rebel attacks of their own. Ms. Lakwena, from the small Acholi tribe in the north, started her movement with 4,000 soldiers in the region last December.

In January, 3,000 of the rebels attacked government positions near Kilak Corner about 300 miles north of Kampala. Museveni said then that 300 insurgents died over two days. "They just came wildly singing and shouting, so our forces massacred them," Museveni said.

Captured soldiers said Ms. Lakwena anointed their chests with animal blood, oils and herbs and told them the potion would protect them.

In September, more than 500 Holy Spirit rebels reportedly attacked an army base at Ngora about 200 miles north of Kampala and 185 were killed.

The rebels were armed with guns and white stones, their bodies were smeared with oil, their ears were stuffed with cotton and they carried bags of drugs they believed would cure them if wounded, news reports said.

The movement gained strength, and Ms. Lakwena moved her forces 400 miles from her northern Gulu district to the bush of the eastern region at the headwaters of the Nile. Captured followers said she recruited thousands more on the way and sometimes forced young men to join at gunpoint.

In November, Museveni's government said about 8,500 Holy Spirit rebels had been killed since January, 1,490 of them between Oct. 4 and Oct. 29.

The major blow came Nov. 5, when government soldiers attacked rebel positions and wounded Ms. Lakwena in the leg. The Ugandan government newspaper New Vision said she fled on a bicycle pushed by a few followers.

New Vision said Otim Oyo, her chief commander, and nearly all her followers were killed in the battle at Bukhadhe-Ndhoya, 80 miles east of Kampala, but the report did not give figures.

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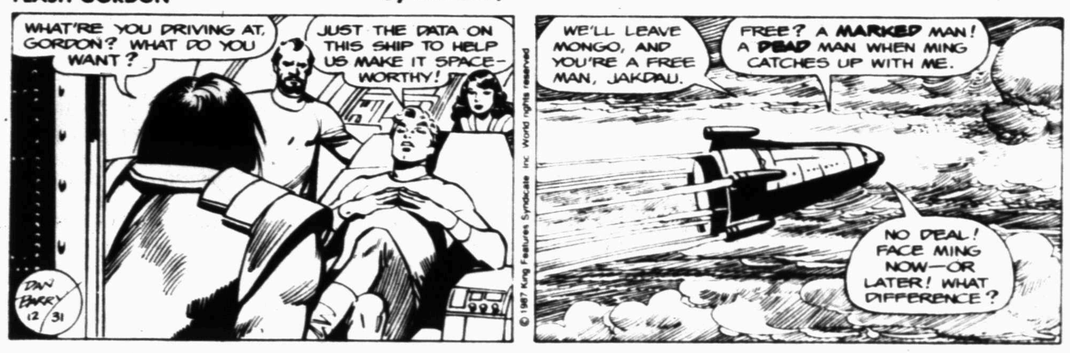
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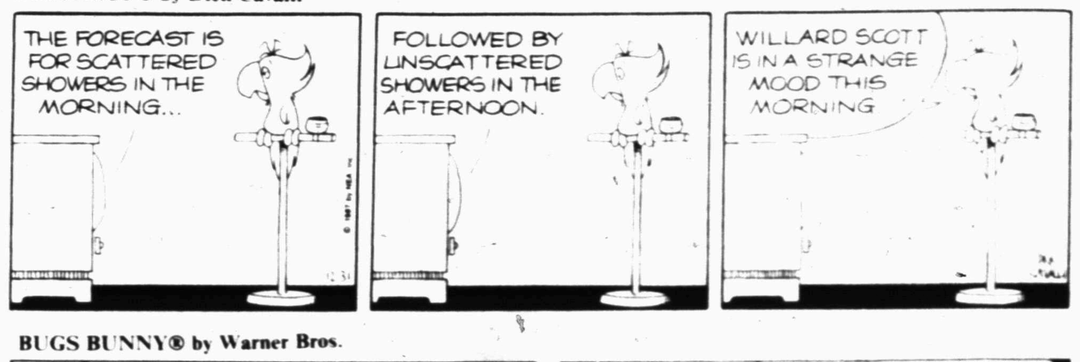
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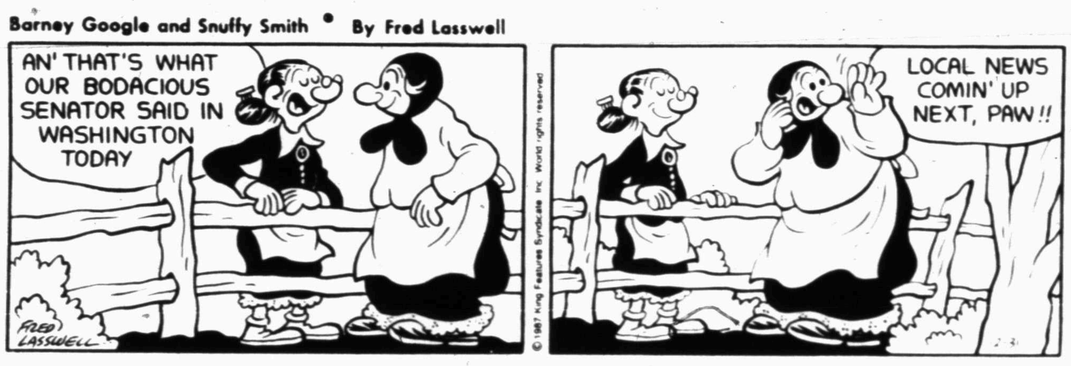
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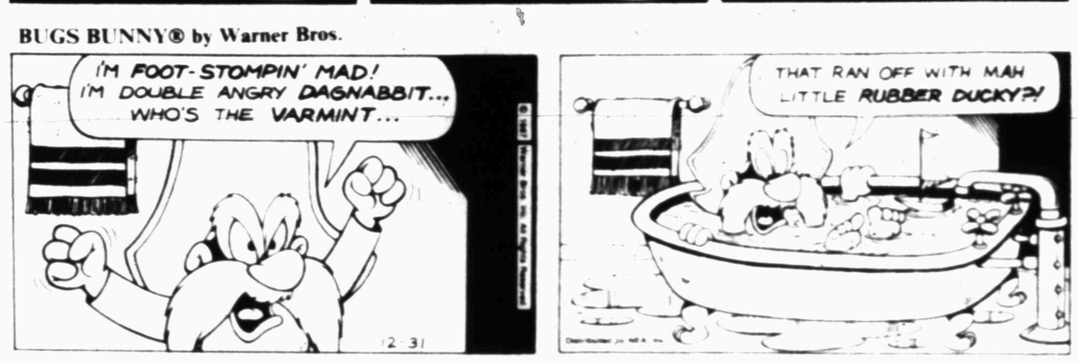
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Metcalf, Heyward highlight tonight's Bluebonnet Bowl

by The Associated Press

HOUSTON -- Pittsburgh's Craig Heyward, who likes to run over defenders, and Texas' Eric Metcalf, who prefers to run around them, will duel tonight in the Astrodome in the 29th annual Bluebonnet Bowl.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m., CST.

Today's other game was the Gator Bowl, with No. 7 Louisiana State facing No. 9 South Carolina this afternoon.

Friday, No. 6 Auburn plays its first indoor game since the 1984 Sugar Bowl when the Tigers make their reappearance in the Superdome against Syracuse.

In other games Friday, the national championship will be decided at the Orange Bowl, with No. 1 Oklahoma playing No. 2 Miami. Third-ranked Florida State plays No. 5 Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl; No. 8 Michigan State takes on No. 16 Southern California in the Rose Bowl; No. 14 Clemson faces No. 20 Penn State in the Citrus Bowl; and 12th-ranked Notre Dame opposes No. 13 Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.

The bowl season ends Saturday with the Peach (No. 17 Tennessee vs. Indiana) and Hall of Fame (Alabama-Michigan) bowls.

The Texas Longhorns, 6-5 in their first season under Coach David McWilliams, are trying to end a four-game losing streak in bowl games and the Panthers, 8-3, are appearing in their first bowl game since 1983.

Heyward, a 270-pounder who finished fifth in Heisman Trophy balloting, and Metcalf, who hopes to move into that class next season, will be in a battle within a battle in the New Year's Eve game.

Both are expected to compete for individual honors next season, and they both recognize the comparisons will start with their bowl performances.

"What I do is try to make people miss," said Metcalf, the nation's No. 3 all-purpose runner. "The only time I'd try to run over someone is when I had enough speed built up to where I thought I could do it."

Heyward rushed for 1,655 yards to finish second nationally, using a blend of power and agility.

Describing his running style, Heyward said, "It's a freak of nature. I just go out there and try to add something to the game each time."

Pittsburgh ranks No. 4 nationally in total defense, allowing an average of 233 yards per game, and fourth in scoring defense, allowing only 10.4 points per game.

The Panthers had three shutouts this season and allowed only five points in their last three games.

The Longhorns are led on offense by Metcalf, with 1,161 rushing yards and quarterback Bret Stafford, who owns 13 schools records.

"The key for us is to avoid the turnovers," Stafford said. "That was the key for us all of our season. If we turned the ball over we lost, if we didn't we won."

Dorsett wants respect; may ask to be traded

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Dissident Dallas running back Tony Dorsett says he doesn't think the Cowboys have given him enough respect.

"My situation could have been handled more tastefully," Dorsett said Wednesday. "Management in Chicago gave Walter Payton his proper respect. They let him go out gracefully."

Dorsett said he will meet with



TONY DORSETT

Coach Tom Landry in January to discuss his future with the NFL team.

"My thinking right now is being traded, but if that can't happen, then I need to know what the other possibilities are," Dorsett said.

Dorsett lost his starting tailback job to Herschel Walker during the Cowboys' recently concluded 7-8 season. Dorsett didn't play in the season-closing game against St. Louis because of chest problems.

"I'm not going to retire, so I need to see what my situation is going to be," Dorsett said. "I'm not sure Coach Landry will try to persuade me one way or the other."

Dorsett, who has a $1 million-a-year price tag, said he would not be a disruptive force if he had to finish his career with the Cowboys.

"Why would I be a disruptive force?" Dorsett said. "I wasn't this year."

Any team getting Dorsett in a trade also would have to pay two-fifths of his $6.8 million annuity.

"I don't know if my price tag would scare anybody off," Dorsett said. "Things can be restructured."

Dorsett became the NFL's fourth 12,000-yard rusher this year. He is only 95 yards away from becoming the third-leading rusher in NFL history.

"I've still got some goals I want accomplished, so I will play at least two more years," Dorsett said. "I will be 34 years old, but I can still play. I'm in good shape."

Dorsett said he enjoyed his backup role in a Monday night 29-21 victory over the Los Angeles Rams. He got to carry 12 times.

"That role was good for myself and good for the team," Dorsett said. "I was able to get into the flow of the game."

Mora NFL coach of year

NEW YORK (AP) - Jim Mora, who coached the New Orleans Saints to their first winning season and first playoff berth ever, was named today the NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press.

Mora, whose Saints finished 12-3 for the second-best record in the league, was a run-away winner in the voting by three sports writers and sportscasters representing each of the 28 NFL teams. He got 76 of the 84 votes.

Bill Walsh of San Francisco got four votes, Ron Meyer of Indianapolis got three and Marv Levy of Buffalo got the other vote.

Eagles' White honored

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - "I just thank God for the opportunity," Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Reggie White said after The Associated Press named him the NFL defensive player of the year.

White, who was was just one shy of tying the National Football League record of 22 quarterback sacks despite only playing 12 games in the strike-shortened season, was a runaway winner of the award, receiving 63 votes from sportscasters and broadcasters.

Runnerup was defensive end Bruce Smith of the Buffalo Bills, who got 10 votes, followed by linebacker Fred Young of Seattle with three.

Cooper new OSU coach

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - The big decision and the bowl game behind him, John Cooper was both proud and sad to be leaving Arizona State.

Cooper's Arizona State Sun Devils beat Air Force 33-28 in the Freedom Bowl Wednesday night, and he announced moments afterward that it was his final game as the Arizona State coach.

Cooper will replace Earle Bruce, who was fired by Ohio State President Edward Jennings on Nov. 16, five days before the Buckeyes' last game of the season, against Michigan.

The 50-year-old Cooper made $225,000 to $300,000 as the Sun Devils coach. He reportedly will make $300,000 to $350,000 annually in his five-year contract with Ohio State.

Cowboys, Redkins fined

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The NFL has levied a total of about $30,000 in fines on as many as 70 players from the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins for their part in a brawl late in their game Dec. 13.

The incident involved Dallas quarterback Danny White and lineman Daryle Smith, and Washington's Dexter Manley and Neal Olkewicz.

"It was worth every penny," said Olkewicz, a Redskin linebacker who was fined $800.

Cowboys president Texas Schramm said he was unconcerned about the amount or number of fines.

"No one likes to pay fines, but this is standard operating procedure," Schramm said. "Whenever you get one that empties the bench, you get a bunch of them.

Sun Devils put hex on Air Force, 33-28

ANAHEIM, Calif -- Daniel Ford threw for a career-high 272 yards, including a 61-yard touchdown to Aaron Cox that capped a 24-point second quarter, as Arizona State beat Air Force 33-28 in the Freedom Bowl Wednesday night.

At San Diego, No. 18 Iowa rallied for two fourth-quarter touchdowns to edge Western Athletic Conference champion Wyoming 20-19 in the Holiday Bowl.

Merton Hanks keyed Iowa's comeback by blocking a punt that was returned for a touchdown, and a field goal in the closing seconds as the Hawkeyes concluded a 10-3 season. Wyoming also finished 10-3.

Ford, a junior who was named Arizona State's most valuable player in the Freedom Bowl, completed 16 of 30 passes. His previous career best was 233 yards.

Channing Williams and Darryl Harris scored on 2-yard runs for Arizona State in the second quarter, and Kirk Wendorf scored on a 20-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The Sun Devils converted two turnovers by Air Force quarterback Steve Letnich into 10 points in the second quarter en route to a 24-14 halftime lead.

The Sun Devils increased the lead to 33-14 in the second half despite having two scores called back because of penalties - a 38-yard Ford-to-Cox pass and a 15-yard run by David Winsley.

The Falcons, whose 386.3 yards-a-game rushing average ranked second nationally to top-ranked Oklahoma, were forced to play without quarterback Dee Dowis. Dowis broke his hand in the season finale against Hawaii after establishing an NCAA quarterback rushing record of 1,315 yards.

The Sun Devils finished 7-4-1 while Air Force, losing for the first time in five bowls this decade, is 9-4.

Bowl glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Arizona St. 33, Air Force 28
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Iowa 20, Wyoming 19
Thursday, Dec. 31
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
South Carolina 8-3-0 vs. Louisiana State 9-1-1, 2:30 p.m. (CBS)
Bluebonnet Bowl
At Houston
Pittsburgh 8-3-0 vs. Texas 6-5-0, 8 p.m. (Mizlou)
Friday, Jan. 1
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson, 9-2-0 vs. Penn State, 8-3-0, noon (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Florida State 10-1-0 vs. Nebraska, 10-1-0, 1:30 p.m. (NBC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Notre Dame, 8-3-0 vs. Texas A&M, 9-2-0, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Syracuse, 11-0-0 vs. Auburn, 9-1-1, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan St., 8-2-1, vs. Southern Cal, 8-3-0, 5 p.m. (NBC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Oklahoma, 11-0-0 vs. Miami, Fla., 11-0-0, 8 p.m. (NBC)
Saturday, Jan. 2
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Tennessee, 9-2-1, vs. Indiana, 8-3-0, 2 p.m. (Mizlou)
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan, 7-4-0, vs. Alabama, 7-4-0, 1 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 10
Japan Bowl
At Yokahama, Japan
TBA
Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At San Francisco
3 p.m.
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
1 p.m.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	17	9	.654	—
Philadelphia	12	13	.480	4½
New York	9	18	.333	8½
Washington	8	17	.320	8½
New Jersey	5	21	.192	12
Central Division				
Detroit	18	6	.750	½
Atlanta	20	7	.741	—
Milwaukee	15	10	.600	4
Chicago	15	12	.556	5
Indiana	13	13	.500	6½
Cleveland	12	15	.444	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	17	8	.680	—
Denver	16	11	.593	2
Houston	14	12	.538	3½
San Antonio	13	12	.520	4
Utah	14	14	.500	4½
Sacramento	7	21	.250	11½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	20	6	.769	—
Portland	17	10	.630	3½
Seattle	15	13	.536	6
Phoenix	10	15	.400	9½
L.A. Clippers	8	16	.333	11
Golden State	4	20	.167	15

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 105, Indiana 95
Portland 117, Washington 112
Atlanta 117, Cleveland 110
Houston 102, Milwaukee 93
San Antonio 140, Sacramento 108
Utah 104, Golden State 103
Phoenix 121, Los Angeles Clippers 102
Seattle 111, Boston 105

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
Los Angeles Clippers at New York
Denver at Washington
Philadelphia at Portland

In Rainbow Classic...

Ponies dunk Aggies, 89-66

by The Associated Press

Glenn Puddy scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Southern Methodist over Texas A&M 89-66 for the Rainbow Classic consolation championship.

In other Wednesday games involving Southwest Conference teams, New Mexico defeated Texas 86-74, Maryland stopped a seven-game win streak by Arkansas with a 88-61 victory, and Baylor defeated Northwestern Louisiana 70-54.

In Honolulu, Carlton McKinney added 15 points for the Mustangs, 10-2, while the 8-6 Aggies were led by Donald Thompson's 17 points and 10 rebounds.

SMU jumped out to a 16-2 lead and built 48-25 margin at the half. With 9:12 left in the game, Todd Alexander scored on a layup, giving SMU a 69-41 lead, its largest of the game.

But Thompson ignited a 13-2 spurt for the Aggies with six points, cutting the margin to 71-54. Texas A&M never got closer.

In Austin, 7-foot postman Rob Loeffel scored 17 points to lead the New Mexico Lobos past Texas 86-74.

Alvin Heggs had 12 points and 10 rebounds in the first half and finished with 24 to lead Texas, 6-6.

The Longhorns led 37-34 at the half, but the Lobos went on a 13-2 run in the first four minutes of the second half to grab a 47-39 advantage.

"We kind of dug ourselves a hole in the first five minutes of the second half and couldn't get out," Texas Coach Bob Weltlich said. "It got easy for them when they finally got ahead. We started doing some negative things and tried to make a 10-point basket and there is no such thing."

New Mexico, 11-3, shot 70 percent from the field during the second half and led by 20 at one point.

In College Park, Md., Terrapin guard Rudy Archer sank five of five 3-point shots to lead Maryland over the Razorbacks. Archer, who scored 19 points, led a Maryland long-range assault that saw the Terps, 7-2, hit 13 of 15 3-point shots.

The Terrapins, who trailed 41-33 at the half, shot into the Arkansas game plan.

"I've never coached against a team that went 13-of-15 on three-pointers," Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson said. "They were doing exactly what we wanted them to do. ... We thought there was no way they could keep shooting (three-pointers) like that, but they kept hitting them."

The 13 three-pointers broke the previous Maryland school record of six, set last year.

Arkansas, which had won seven straight at home, fell to 8-2 with both losses coming the road. Tim Scott scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half to lead Arkansas.

In Waco, Darryl Middleton scored 24 points and Baylor launched a 19-4 run in the final six minutes as the Bears defeated Northwestern Louisiana 70-54.

The Bears, 8-4, and the Demons, 4-4, were tied at 26 at the half.

Middleton pulled down 10 rebounds, while Michael Williams added 14 points for Baylor. Junior guard Pernell Smith led Northwestern Louisiana with 12.

Baylor out-rebounded the Demons 24-15 and shot a season-best 60 percent from the field.

Bobby Richardson, New York Yankee second baseman, was named most valuable player of the 1960 World Series against Pittsburgh. He was the only player on a losing team to be so honored.

Local hoop teams greet big weekend

Snyder basketball teams are in action today, Friday and Saturday, at least if the weather holds out.

Gusty winds are predicted to force temperatures lower this weekend, although no snow has been forecast. Temperatures are expected to be hot on the courts, however.

Only two of the games are scheduled locally. Friday, New Year's Day, Snyder's Lady Tigers will entertain Odessa in the high school gym. The Tiger freshmen will play Odessa junior varsity at 2 p.m., and the varsity game will follow.

Out-of-town action began today as Snyder junior varsity basketball teams took on Crosbyton ballclubs in first-round action of the Jayton Tournament.

The girls were to battle Crosbyton at 1 p.m. while the boys were to take their turn at 2:30 p.m.

The tournament continues through Saturday.

Also on Saturday, Snyder's varsity boys challenge Central High School in San Angelo. Snyder sophomore boys will play Central junior varsity at 6 p.m. The varsities play at 7:30 p.m.

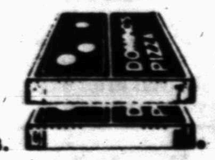
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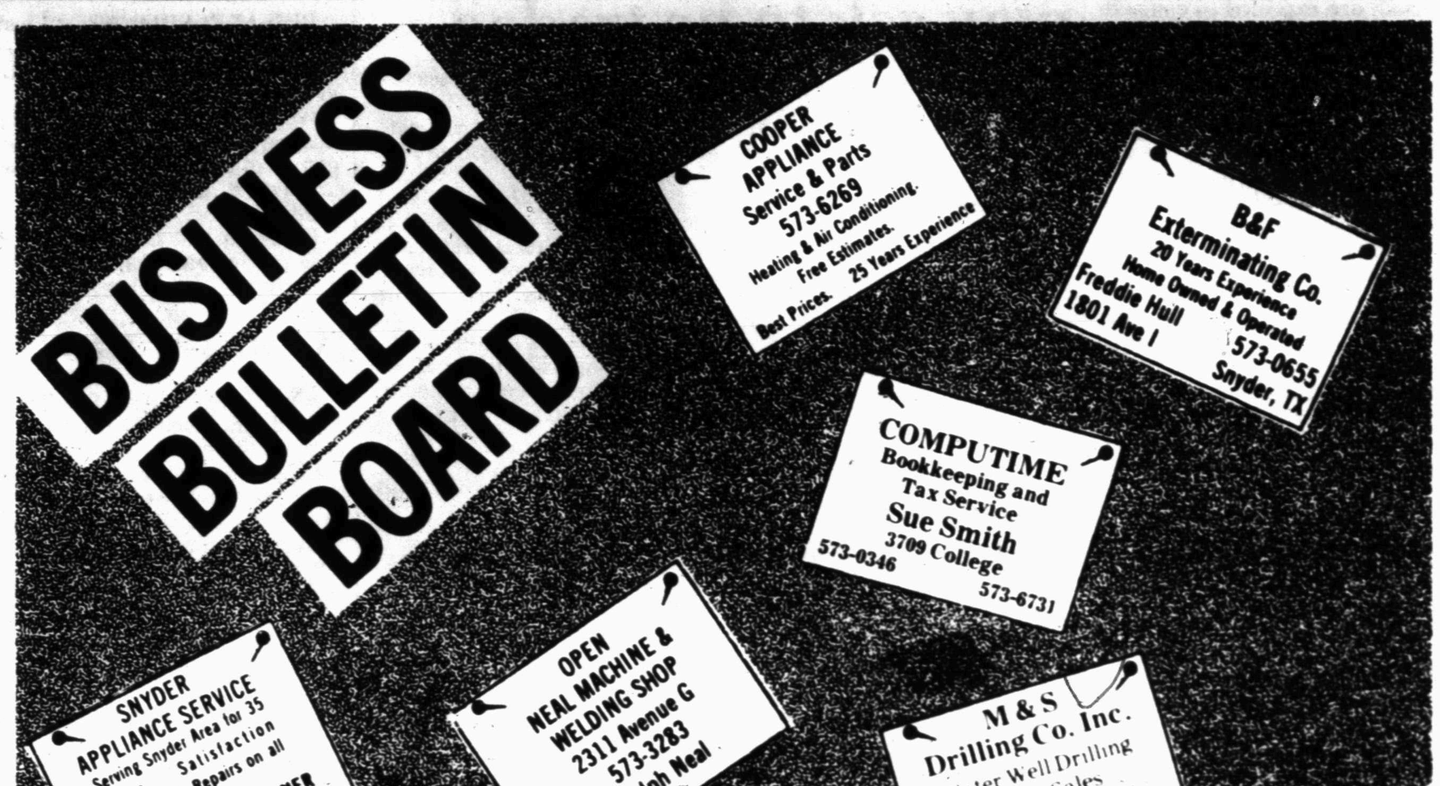
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Holiday on hold while boy clings to life

McCAMEY, Texas (AP) — Parents of a critically injured 6-year-old boy are hoping a Christmas-season miracle will save their son, but doctors hold out little hope.

Javier Navarrete has been in the intensive care unit at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa since Dec. 20, when he suffered a severe head injury after falling off a golf cart his father was driving at the McCamey Country Club.

"The doctors don't give us any hope," said the boy's mother, Corina Navarrete, 31. "But we have strong faith. This is the season of miracles, and we won't give up."

Doctors have told Mrs. Navarrete and her husband, Roberto, that their son is brain dead.

"Now the doctors say he would die in a matter of seconds if they turned off the respirator," Mrs. Navarrete said Wednesday. "This is the worst thing a parent can go through."

Javier and his three brothers, ages 12, 9 and 7, were golfing with Navarrete when the accident occurred.

"I rushed him to the hospital in McCamey. He was unconscious, and as soon as they stabilized him, they transferred him to Odessa," Navarrete told the Odessa American.

The boy's accident has put the family's Christmas on hold indefinitely. Javier's gifts remain unopened under the tree at his home, and the bike he asked Santa to bring him has yet to be ridden.

"We're waiting. We'll have Christmas in May or whenever the good Lord gives us our baby back," said Mrs. Navarrete.

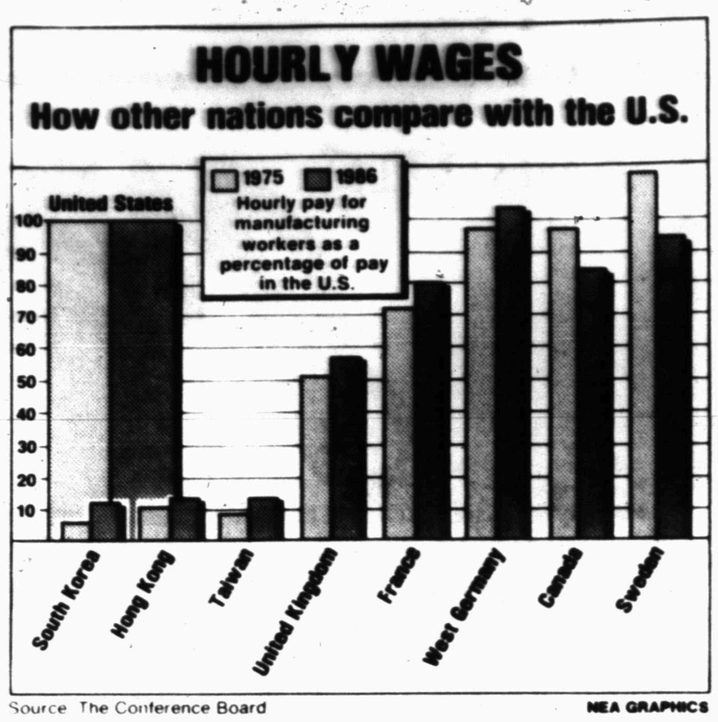
A bank account to cover the boy's medical expenses was set up Wednesday at MBank Odessa by Jane Blue, an Odessa teacher who has befriended the Navarretes since the accident. Ms. Blue, who visits with the family at the hospital, said she opened the account with an undisclosed sum of money.

Members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCamey have been a source of strength and comfort, Mrs. Navarrete said.

"Our priest said our little boy has pulled the community together and they are all praying for him," Mrs. Navarrete said.

Ministers and members of various churches have stopped by the hospital waiting room to offer comfort, she said.

"I used to read about things like this that happened to other people's children, and I wondered how I could stand it if something like that happened to mine, but I've realized that our children are not ours. They belong to Jesus," she said.



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U.S. workers make about the same hourly wage as their counterparts in some industrialized nations. But the hourly wage for Americans employed in manufacturing industries is more than seven times that of workers in the quickly developing Asian nations of South Korea and Taiwan.

AF sergeant leaked classified document

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A staff sergeant at Lackland Air Force Base has been charged with stealing a classified document while stationed in Turkey and disclosing its contents to an unauthorized person.

Staff Sgt. John E. Cason, 42, of Arlington also was charged Wednesday with purchasing a classified document, Lackland spokesman Jim Sandefur said. The action by military authorities is similar to grand jury proceedings in civilian courts.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 19 to determine whether officials will convene a court-martial against Cason. The hearing will be closed to the news media, and officials say if a court-martial is convened, it too will be closed.

If convicted of the charges, Cason could be sentenced to seven years in prison.

After Wednesday's proceeding, the 20-year Air Force veteran returned to his job at the Lackland housing office, where he temporarily has been assigned as an administrative clerk. He refused to talk with reporters.

Cason last month was ordered to Lackland from a base in Turkey to undergo a psychiatric examination at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center.

Air Force officials refuse to discuss the case, saying it involves sensitive material. They have said, however, the case does not involve espionage.

Sources who asked not to be identified told the San Antonio Light that Cason, a history and archaeology buff who took frequent trips outside the Incirlik Air Base where he was stationed, tried to obtain a classified map for personal use.

Seven shot dead in murder-suicide

ALGONA, Iowa (AP) — Four adults and three children were shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide at a holiday gathering, stunning this small town which hadn't had a homicide in at least five years, authorities said.

There were no survivors in the home of John Dreesman, 79, and his wife, Agnes, 74, where the killings are believed to have occurred Wednesday afternoon, said Kossuth County Attorney Jim Murphy.

"It appears it was a murder-suicide situation at the residence," Murphy said. "I think it would be too early to speculate who did the shooting."

The Des Moines Register, quoting authorities it did not identify, reported today that the focus of the investigation is the Dreesman's 40-year-old son, Robert, who friends and neighbors described as a loner.

In addition to John, Agnes and Robert Dreesman, the victims were identified as daughter Marilyn Chuang, 48, and her children, Jason, 12, Jennifer, 11, and Joshua, 8. The daughter and grandchildren had traveled from Honolulu for Christmas, neighbors said.

Authorities said they would not discuss where the bodies were found, whether there were signs of a struggle or what led them to call the case a murder-suicide.

"We just as soon not talk about that at this time, until we get some more preliminary things done in the laboratory," Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent Ron Makin said at a news conference Wednesday night.

Makin said Dr. Thomas Bennett, the state medical examiner, would join the investigation today.

It was the nation's second mass killing of relatives in a week. R. Gene Simmons Sr. was accused of killing 14 family members and two other people in the Russellville, Ark., area.

Asked if it was possible that the Algona slayings may have been a "copycat" crime, Murphy said he was not aware of any connection with the Arkansas deaths.

Firearms were found at the Dreesman home, Murphy said, refusing to say how many or what kind or whether they were used to commit the shootings.

Sporting goods stores in the area were being questioned about recent purchases of .223-caliber ammunition, the type used in M-16 rifles, the Mason City Globe-Gazette reported today.

Algona, a north-central Iowa community of 6,300 about 110 miles north of Des Moines, had not had a homicide in at least five years, and residents were left stunned, Murphy said.

"I've been here 22 years and I haven't seen anything like that," said Sheriff Charles Day.

"I guess that people I've talked to in the last two or three hours, everybody's shocked, everybody's numb. I think there's a hope that what they've heard isn't true," said the Rev. Gary Dehnke of Trinity Lutheran Church, where the Dreesmans took the grandchildren for Christmas services.

Neighbors said John Dreesman, a former city council member, and his wife were well respected, but that their son went out of his way to avoid people.

"Nobody knew him," said Brian Keith, one of several Algona residents who gathered at a house across the street from the Dreesman home.

Neighbors said Robert Dreesman was a 1987 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport and had a medical degree from the University of Manila in the Philippines.

"He was an extremely intelligent kid who really didn't function normally in school," said Dale Teeter of Algona. "When we were young kids, growing up with him I did think he was pretty much of a loner at that time."

Jan Woodyard, who lives across the street from the brick and frame ranch-style house, said she was not sure whether Robert Dreesman lived with his parents. "He was always there," she said, "but I don't know whether he lived there."

Junior high opponents join district's efforts

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — While divided on whether to build a new junior high school, school officials and four women participating in a desegregation suit have jointly asked a judge to expedite an appeal of an order that allows the school's construction.

Building the new school was part of a consent decree negotiated by the Lubbock Independent School District and the U.S. Department of Justice to help close the desegregation suit the Justice Department filed in 1970 against LISD.

Olga Riojas, Felipa Nettie Gloria, Maria Chavez Richardson and school district trustee Linda DeLeon had sought an injunction against the school's construction, but later dropped the request, said one of their attorneys.

The women are appealing U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward's Nov. 2 approval of the new school.

Tomas Garza, one of five lawyers for the women, said efforts to obtain the injunction were dropped because the school district last week asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to expedite a hearing on the case since the women's appeal leaves the district unable to proceed with the new school.

"We want an expedited appeal as well," he said. "We don't want to sit around here forever."

Garza said the women's actions were not designed to delay a resolution of the desegregation suit.

Woodward has set a Jan. 12 meeting with attorneys in the desegregation case to study a schedule for ending the case. School officials want the court to declare the school system free of all vestiges of segregation.

The women became involved in the desegregation suit in June 1986 when they filed suit alleging that the district's desegregation plan places a disproportionate busing burden on minorities.

They originally sought to reopen a closed junior high school. Woodward threw out that request but allowed them to challenge the consent decree.

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A Pre-Bidders' Conference concerning Contract Mowing on Highway Right-of-way will be held at the District Headquarters Building, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, 4250 South Clack, Abilene, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., January 12, 1988. All Prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend.

Sealed Proposals for Contract Mowing on various tracts will be received, publicly opened, and read on January 20, 1988, at the following respective time schedules: Borden, Howard and Mitchell Counties, 9:00 A.M.; Fisher, Nolan, and Stonewall Counties, 9:30 A.M.; Callahan, Shackelford, and Taylor Counties, 10:00 A.M.; Kent and Scurry Counties, 10:30 A.M.; Haskell and Jones Counties, 11:00 A.M.

Each completed proposal shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope so marked to indicate its contents, and submitted to Mr. William G. Burnett, District Engineer, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604; or, it may be hand delivered to Room 225, District 8 Headquarters Building, 4250 South Clack, Abilene, Texas.

The Specifications and Proposals are available at the District Maintenance Office, Abilene, Texas.

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SEALED BIDS will be received by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department until 10 AM, January 15, 1988 on a 1985 Dodge Ramcharger. Contact Game Warden Mel Reed, 915-573-2884.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: JAMES E. DAVIS and wife, MABLE N. DAVIS, and their unknown heirs and representatives, and the unknown owners or claimants of interest in and to the property described below.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 18th day of January, A.D., 1988, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Scurry County, at the Court House in Snyder, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of December, 1987.

The file number of said suit being No. 16,303:

The names of the parties in said suit are: JAMES EARNEST DAVIS as Plaintiff, and JAMES E. DAVIS and wife, MABLE N. DAVIS as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

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SAVE AND EXCEPT all of the oil, gas and other minerals in, on and under said property, same having been previously reserved.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 4th day of December, A.D., 1987.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Snyder, Texas, this the 4th day of December, A.D., 1987.

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Obituaries

Thelma Devenport

Services for Thelma Pearl Devenport, 69, of 112 Canyon are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died at 11:10 p.m. Wednesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 21, 1918. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church and was married to Lloyd Devenport who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by three brothers.

She is survived by a daughter, Janis Thompson of League City; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Alice McClammy of Hico, Gladys McCutchen of Ft. Worth and Oleta Rothrock of Lincoln, Ark.

William Wade

Services for William Edward Wade, 72, of 3601 Hill are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He died at 5:35 a.m. Thursday at his home.

He was born June 6, 1915 in Talpa, Tex. He was a retired employee of the U. S. postal service, serving as the Jayton Post Master for 17 years and as a rural carrier at Girard for 23 years.

He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife, Mozelle of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Wendy) Hicks of the home; two grandchildren; two sisters, Ester Whitney of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Catherine Peters of Graysvell, Wyo.; four brothers, Eldon C. of Star City, Ark., H. Cobb of Snyder, Herbert of Reno, Nev., and Halley of Jayton.

Bobby Bagwell

Services for Bobby Louis Bagwell, 56, of 2103 Avenue N are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He died at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday at the Midland-Odessa Air Terminal in Midland. He had just put his son and daughter-in-law on a plane to Houston when he was stricken with an apparent heart attack.

He was a retired owner of a laundry.

He is survived by his wife, Vera of the home; one son, Larry of Houston; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bagwell of Sweetwater; one sister, Faye Welch of Clifton; three brothers, Bill of Sweetwater, Hulen of Colorado City and Al of Big Spring.

Elena Segura

ROBY--Mass was scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Thursday for Elena Segura, 77, who died Tuesday at her home. Burial was to follow in the Rotan Cemetery.

She was the sister of Toribio Rivera of Snyder.

Born in San Antonio, she was a long-time resident of Fisher County. She was the widow of Cruz Segura and was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Severa Ramon of Roby and Mary Rogers of Clifton; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Alpha Bilberry

POST--Services for Alpha Delia Bilberry, 86, were set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Post First Baptist Church with burial to follow in the Terrace Cemetery.

The mother of Lawrence Bilberry of Snyder, she died Tuesday afternoon in Bender Terrace Nursing Home after a long illness.

Born in Weatherford, she moved to Post from Lubbock 12 years ago. She married John Henry Bilberry on Feb. 6, 1921 in Dickens, and Mr. Bilberry died in 1943. A son, Luther, also preceded her in death.

She served as a nursery hostess at the First Baptist Church for 30 years.

Survivors include another son, John Bilberry of San Angelo; four daughters, Gretta Cooper of Carlsbad, N.M., Wanda Jean McDonald of Grand Prairie, Linda Lou Bach of Carrollton and Joyce Edwards of Lubbock; two sisters, Ruby Jean Garner and Hazel Fowler, both of Mableton, Ga.; 27 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

In 1926, Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

Federal milk price supports at 10-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department will greet farmers on New Year's Day with a 50-cent reduction in the price support of milk to a decade low of $10.60 per 100 pounds.

Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng said Wednesday the reduction, equal to about a penny a quart, was ordered under the Food Security Act of 1985. The law requires a reduction in the support price on Jan. 1 if the Agriculture Department estimates it will boost surpluses over a certain level in calendar 1988.

No significant impact on consumer prices is expected as a result of the cut in price supports. Department economists say retail prices of dairy products as a group in 1988 could decline from this year or rise by as much as 2 percent. Food prices overall are expected to go up 2 percent to 4 percent in 1988.

The dairy program involves the purchases, or "removals," of surplus butter, cheese and nonfat dry milk by the department's Commodity Credit Corp. to keep prices paid to farmers from dropping significantly below the support level.

Supports have been lowered progressively since 1983 when the floor was $13.10 per hundredweight to discourage further surplus production.

Total U.S. milk production in 1987 is estimated at about 142 billion pounds, down about 1 percent from 1986. However, USDA economists say milk production will rise again in 1988, despite the lower support price.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK AP

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	35¼	34⅝	34⅝
Ameritech s	84⅛	83¾	84⅛
AMI Inc	13	12⅝	12⅞
AmStand	37⅛	36⅝	36⅝
Amer T&T	27½	27	27⅛
Amoco	69⅝	68⅛	69
Armcolnc	11⅝	11⅜	11⅜
AtlRichfld	70½	69⅜	69⅞
BakerHugh n	13⅝	13½	13½
BancTexas n	1⅝	1½	1½
BellAtlan	66	64⅝	65⅝
BellSouth s	37	36	36⅞
Beth Steel	17⅛	16⅝	17⅛
Borden	50⅝	49	49⅝
Caterpilr	61⅛	60⅝	61
Centel s	35⅛	35⅛	35⅝
Chevron	39⅛	39	39⅛
Chrysler s	22⅛	21⅞	22
Coastal s	25⅝	24⅝	24⅝
CocaCola	38½	38	38⅛
Coleman	32½	31⅝	32
Colg Palm	39¼	38⅛	39
ComlMetl s	18⅝	18½	18½
DeltaAirl	37⅞	37	37⅝
DigitalEq	136⅞	135¼	135½
DowChem	90	89⅛	89⅜
DresserInd	26½	26⅛	26½
duPont	87⅜	86⅛	86⅝
EstKodak s	49⅜	49⅛	49⅜
Enserch	17⅛	16⅝	17
EntexInc	19⅝	19⅜	19⅜
Exxon s	38⅞	38⅜	38⅜
Firestone	31⅝	31⅜	31⅝
FtBcpTex	7 16	5 16	11 32
FstRepubbk	3¾	3⅝	3⅝
FlowerInd s	19⅝	19½	19⅝
FordMotr	76⅛	75⅜	75⅞
FordMot wi	38½	38½	38½
GAF Cp	44½	43⅞	44½
GTE Corp s	35⅞	35⅛	35⅝
GnDynam	49⅜	48⅜	48⅜
GenElct s	44⅜	43⅞	44⅜
GenMills	49	48⅞	48⅞
Gen Motors	61	60½	60⅝
GnMotr E	37⅜	36⅝	37⅜
Goodrich	40½	40⅛	40⅛
Goodyear	59⅜	59	59½
GtAtlPac	37⅝	36⅜	37⅜
Gulf StaUt	5⅛	4⅞	4⅞
Halliburtn	24⅛	24⅛	24⅜
HolidayCp n	25	24⅝	24⅝
HollyFarm s	27	26½	27
HoustInd	29⅜	29⅛	29⅜
IBM	116	115	115⅜
IntlPaper s	42½	41⅛	41⅜
JohnsJn	75⅜	75⅛	75½
K mart s	30	29½	29⅝
Kroger s	24⅝	24¼	24¼
vjLTV Cp	2½	2⅜	2⅜
Litton Ind	72	71⅜	71⅞
LoneSta Ind	21⅜	21¼	21½
Lowes	16⅛	16⅜	16½
Lubys	25	24¼	24⅜
MCorp	2⅜	2¼	2½
Maxus n	7	6⅜	6⅝
MayDSt	29⅜	29⅛	29¼
Medtronic	93⅛	93½	93½
Mobil	39⅜	38½	39⅜
Monsanto	83½	82⅜	83⅛
Motorola	49⅜	49	49⅜
Navistar	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
Nynex	64½	62⅞	63⅛
PacTel s	26½	25½	26⅜
PenneyJC s	43½	43	43⅛
Phelps Dod	45⅜	45½	45⅝
PhilipPet	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜
Polaroid s	24	23⅝	23⅞
Primerica s	24½	24	24⅛
ProctGamb	85½	83⅝	85
PubS NwMx	18⅝	18⅛	18⅝
Sabine	13	13	13
SFeSouPac	46⅜	46⅛	46⅜
SearsRoeb	34⅛	33⅝	33⅝
SherwinWm	25	24⅝	25
Singer Co	46½	45⅝	46⅛
Southern Co	22⅝	22⅛	22½
SwstAirl	13⅝	12⅞	13⅜
SwstBell s	34½	33½	34½
SunComp	52	51	51½
TNP Ent	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
Tandy	33¼	32⅝	32⅝
TempleInld s	49	48	48⅜
Tenneco	40⅛	39⅝	40
vjTexaco	37½	37⅛	37⅜
TexAmBnch	3⅜	3⅛	3⅛
TexEastn	21⅝	21	21⅛
TexasInd	30⅜	30½	30½
TexasInst s	55⅛	55⅛	55⅝
Tex Util	27⅛	26⅝	26⅝
Textron s	22⅛	21⅝	21⅞
Tyler	10½	10⅜	10⅜
USX Corp	29⅝	29	29⅛
UnCarbde	22	21½	21⅝
UnPacCp	53⅛	52½	52⅝
US West	50⅝	50⅛	50⅜
UniTel	24⅝	24⅛	24½
Unocal	28⅛	28⅛	28½
WalMart s	26⅛	25⅝	25⅞
WestghEl	49⅛	49⅝	49½
Xerox Cp	57⅛	57⅛	57⅛
ZenithE	14⅞	14½	14⅝

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Melquiadez Ortiz, Snyder Oaks Nursing Center; Estelle Swan, 602 27th; Nancy Guerra, 307 N. Ave. Y; Robert Youngblood, Rt. 3, Box 112; Amy Copeland, Sterling City.

DISMISSALS: Lester Pittman, Robert Essery.

Births

Ramon and Teresa Herrera are the parents of a baby girl, Racheal Lynn, born at 1:19 p.m. Dec. 13 in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater. She weighed seven pounds and was welcomed home by a brother, Randy. Grandparents are Johnny and Linda Kincheloe and Jaime and Beva Herrera. Great-grandparents are Mary Wampler and Jonie and Willie Kincheloe.

Nancy Guerra is the mother of a baby boy weighing six pounds six ounces born at 9:24 a.m. Wednesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Four arrested on Wednesday

Two men were arrested Wednesday night on drinking and drug-related charges.

A 29-year-old man was taken into custody for public intoxication at 11:43 p.m. in the 1400 Block of 22nd St., and his 23-year-old companion was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A 26-year-old man was arrested for being intoxicated on licensed premises at 6:35 p.m. at a College Ave. restaurant.

A 38-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 2:38 a.m. Thursday at a Snyder truck stop.

New sales tax set to startup

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from Scurry County.

The local option sales tax was approved by the state legislature in 1986 and could raise about $93.1 million for cities and counties where it has been enacted.

It has been estimated the added ½ cent for Scurry County will generate some $393,138.

Scurry County will be among some 82 Texas counties and 54 cities adding the new optional half-cent sales tax.

Prison officials quash inmates holiday party

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A flip-flop series of decisions on an inmate Christmas party has made this holiday season a little bleaker than usual on Texas' death row.

The traditional affair, actually two separate gatherings involving about 50 inmates in each of two prison wings, has been held the Saturday before Christmas the past two years.

But about two weeks before Christmas this year, inmates said they were told the party would not be allowed because of security considerations.

"They just blew it off," death row inmate James Beathard said Wednesday. "Nobody would really give us any information. Basically what you have is a power play.'"

A week ago, however, officials termed the party cancellation a "misunderstanding" and said it could be held Christmas Eve. Prison officials also said they would allow extra purchases of food items from the commissary so inmates could set up their own food spread, which in previous years has included roast beef sandwiches, soft drinks and ice cream.

But last Thursday — the rescheduled day of the party — the commissary purchases were denied, inmates said.

"No one was prepared. No one had bought anything," inmate Lester Bower said. "It's after Christmas now. The story is kind of moot now."

Warden Jerry Peterson, who said a week ago the party would be allowed, was not at the prison Wednesday. Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown said he had no details about the party flap.

'87 review concludes

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Two nominees are holdover board members, Mairl McFaul and Dwaine Williams. Others are E.D. (Doug) Flynn, Juluis Roemisch and Mickey Sterling.

October 19

Plans were announced Monday to open a Wal-Mart Discount department store in Snyder.

The 50,968 sq. ft. store will be located at the former site of the Tiger Drive-In theatre in the 4600 Block of College Ave.

October 20

Western Texas College trustees heard Tuesday morning a contractor's report that numerous campus buildings have roofs in a serious state of disrepair.

It was estimated the total roof repairs might cost in the neighborhood of $300,000.

October 21

Economic Development Committee members were told Wednesday that two Scurry County bids--proposals for both two 2,250-bed maximum security prisons and four 1,000-bed units to be built by the state--have made the final cut announced by the TDC.

October 23

A Crossbred steer shown by Scurry County 4-H Club member Melissa Williams has won grand champion honors at the State Fair of Texas, it was reported Friday.

October 28

An outbreak of "Welcome TDC" signs and official resolutions from city council's in six other surrounding communities were part of the package shown to a visiting delegation from the TDC Wednesday morning.

November 3

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers voted unanimously Tuesday to accept an offer from St. Mary of the Plains Hospital officials in Lubbock to act as management consultants for the facility.

In effect, the agreement will replace the current type of management at Cogdell involving a hospital administrator.

November 5

Community leader Lyle Deffebach, whose association with Snyder dates to two year's after its incorporation as a city in 1907, died Thursday morning as a result of head injuries suffered in a one-vehicle auto accident here Wednesday.

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Snyder has launched its own "Christmas in April" program, an all-volunteer effort to repair the homes of the elderly and handicapped.

November 6

A controversial ranking of Texas school campuses--using a combination of last year's TEAMS test scores and a "projected" performance level based on the number of low income or minority students--has been rescinded by the state agency which initially released it.

The listing, with the "projected" formula figured in, ranked SHS as among the state's lower 25 percent in test score rankings. In actual scores, SHS ranked in the 43 percent level.

November 9

Scurry County was chosen as the sight for a 1,000-bed TDC prison unit in Austin Monday with a 16-month building effort projected.

At the same time, local supporters of the project learned that there is a good chance the TDC unit will be doubled in size if funding from the state legislature is granted in 1989.

November 10

The area adjacent to the Scurry County Coliseum is to gain its second historical building as members of the historical commission unveiled plans Tuesday to move the old Dermott School building on site.

November 11

Members of the Scurry County Economic Development Committee played one final card at the political poker game involving TDC officials--a game which featured a $6.7 million annual payroll as the pot, it was reported Wednesday.

Just prior to the county's oral presentation for one of six TDC prison projects, committee members opted to donate to TDC the industrial foundation building in exchange for either a 2,250 or a 1,000-bed unit.

November 13

In a change designed to improve academic performance at SHS and the junior high, parents are now being notified each time their child fails to turn in homework assignments from the previous night, it was reported Friday.

November 15

The new superintendent for SACROC operations here has now reported for work, H.J. Payne, who served a one-year stint at SACROC earlier in his career as a drilling engineer, it was reported Sunday.

November 19

A two-week campaign to raise $1 million as Snyder's incentives for location of a state prison here began Thursday.

The $1 will be used to purchase a section of land for the prison site and the industrial building--both of which will be donated to TDC.

November 22

A 40-year-old Snyder man has filed a $1 million lawsuit against the City of Snyder, a city detective and two former city officers in connection with what he claims was excessive force used in his arrest here two years ago, it was reported Sunday.

November 24

The "contractural release and subsequent resignation" of head coach and athletic director Dennis Tomlin was accepted by the Snyder school board Tuesday--an agreement apparently reached in principle between Tomlin and the board last Thursday and ratified on the board's part Tuesday.

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Snyder fireman Alton Sutter was named "Fireman of the Year" Tuesday at the Snyder Fire Department's 58th annual Thanksgiving banquet.

December 1

More on-site facilities than originally announced--to include an industrial building and staff residences--and a design plan which will accomodate future expansion were highlights of details offered here Tuesday by a construction team representing the TDC.

December 3

Describing himself as "always a conservative" and the 12-county area he now seeks to represent as "conservative also," former Snyder mayor Rod Waller officially announced Thursday as a Republican candidate for the 78th District of Texas, a seat now held by Steve Carriker (D-Roby).

December 7

The city council unanimously authorized Monday a city commitment to provide utility services for the TDC prison to be built some 5 miles northwest of Snyder.

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A 25-year-old man was indicted Monday for possession of a bomb that police said Tuesday was to be used in an alleged bomb threat against District Attorney Ernie Armstrong.

December 8

To encourage math, science and English courses emphasizing research and compositions skills--subjects viewed as preparatory classes for college--school trustees approved Tuesday a new method of ranking students by grade point average at SHS.

December 9

Twenty-two Scurry County taxpayers--some of them associated with a Concerned Citizens effort which dates to last March against the Snyder prison project--filed Wednesday a legal document in 132nd District Court asking for disclosure of information related to the project.

December 11

Snyder community leaders were celebrating Friday morning as the prison fund exceeded its $1 million goal.

The Economic Development Committee's finance committee met Friday morning to announce that the fund-raising effort was "over the top" with $1,019,700 in the form of either cash or pledges.

December 13

Negotiations for St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock to assume management of Cogdell Memorial Hospital hit an apparent snag Friday over the issue of elective sterilizations, it was reported Sunday.

December 17

The management agreement between Cogdell Memorial and St. Mary of the Plains is on again, and the Cogdell board of managers was scheduled to interview an administrator recommended by St. Mary executives in a Thursday meeting.

Jake Henry, regional president of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (California) system, said at a Wednesday board meeting that, contrary to expectations, Bishop Michael J. Sheehan of Amarillo has okayed the continuation of elective sterilizations at Cogdell.

December 18

The postmaster for Snyder's post office, Wendell Thomas, and the superintendnet for postal operations, J.O. Morrison, have announced plans to retire, it was reported Friday.

December 20

Initial estimates for the 1987 county cotton crop--already considered one of the best ever regarding quality of the fiber--indicate its average will equal or better the "bale to the acre" criteria often cited as the mark of a bumper crop.

With some 61,000 acres planted, current projects for the final bale count are in the range of 63,000 bales, it was reported Sunday.

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School officials have learned that Snyder ISD must expand its single member district representations on the school board--increasing from four to five trustees elected to represent specific geographic locations.

The trustee most directly affected will be Billy Bob McMullan, whose board status will change after the spring elections from an "at-large" trustee to the the board member representing single member district 4.

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Scurry County United Way directors--assisted in the final days by memorial donations in honor of the late Lyle Deffebach--made good their promise to be "On the Rebound" Friday by declaring the 1987 campaign at 100 percent of its $80,000 goal.

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More than a 60-hour vigil was begun after dark Sunday by a small group of individuals hoping to be "first in line" for the third and final Christmas prize giveaway session sponsored through the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

December 23

The story of how the Cogdell Memorial Hospital staff was caring for a true Christmas baby--a child who was born, left homeless and adopted all on the same morning--was reported Wednesday.

December 27

A new administrator for Cogdell Memorial Hospital was announced Sunday.

Assuming the post effective Jan. 18 will be Thomas Robert Hochwalt, who now serves as chief financial office for Lea Regional Hospital in Hobbs, N.M.

December 28

Opponents of location of a Texas Department of Corrections facility in Scurry County have filed a second suit against Scurry County commissioners and members of the Cogdell hospital board of managers.

The suit, filed Monday by six Scurry County taxpayers, seeks an injunction to prevent the hospital from proceeding with plans to cooperate with TDC for health care of prisoners.

December 29

A legal filing which seeks information related to Scurry County's bid for a Texas Department of Corrections prison produced a combative 8½ hours in 132nd District Court Tuesday.

The ruling which concluded the hearing was in favor of defendants in the case--representatives of various public entities and the economic development committee which worked to secure the TDC facility here--but the wealth of testimony offered dwelt on the TDC bid process rather than the matter technically before the court.

2 hit-and-runs worked locally

Police investigated two minor accidents Wednesday, one of them a hit-and-run.

A 1984 Mazda owned by Bryan Hibbitt of 2258 Sunset Ave. was hit and damaged by an unknown vehicle and driver in an incident reported at 5:55 p.m. in the 2200 Block of Sunset.

A 1971 Mercury two-door driven by Annie Gregory of Colorado City was in collision with a 1976 Ford Pinto driven by Ronnie Williamson of Box 738 at 12:04 p.m. in the 1900 Block of Ave. R.

Theft involves chrome wheels

Police are investigating a vehicle burglary outside a Snyder pharmacy in which two chrome wheels were stolen.

Jamie Cofer reported the theft at 5:26 p.m. Wednesday, officers said.

Feazell claims police officials tried to frame him

WACO, Texas (AP) — McLennan County's district attorney says he has two taped telephone conversations between a Waco police detective and a jail inmate that prove police officials solicited the ex-convict to set him up.

Vic Feazell said Wednesday that evidence shows the Waco police chief and two detectives solicited the three-time convicted felon to plant evidence in the district attorney's car to link him to narcotics trafficking and to testify against him.

But Police Chief Larry Scott denies meeting with the inmate, saying, "There is just not any merit to it, period."

The claims by Feazell are only the latest in a series of controversies in which the district attorney has been involved.

In June, Feazell was acquitted of federal bribery and racketeering charges, which he claimed were the result of a vendetta against him by the Texas Rangers.

Feazell said the inmate, 31-year-old Ronald Eugene Dempsey, has been in the county jail since April on a variety of charges and has served as a confidential informant on drug cases

Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

Respirator poses problems

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How long can a person live on a respirator? Can a patient get infections from one? Why would a person on a respirator swell up? What would fluctuating blood pressure mean?

DEAR READER: Respirators are machines that provide mechanical ventilation for patients who cannot breathe on their own. With proper care, a person can be hooked to a respirator indefinitely.

Because respirators are not as efficient as normal respiration, infection can be a problem. Patients on assisted ventilation cannot clear out ordinary mucous secretions (because they can't cough); therefore, such patients usually have to be suctioned mechanically to remove phlegm, which provides a fertile ground on which bacteria will grow. Respirator patients can easily develop pulmonary infection that spreads from the endotracheal tube, the device in the trachea through which artificial breathing takes place.

Edema, swelling of the face and upper body, is a technical complication of the setting on the respirator and the position of the endotracheal tube. Edema of the lower body usually indicates fluid overload, a consequence of intravenous therapy. Edema is often the result of overly aggressive medical management of the respirator-dependent patient.

Fluctuating blood pressure is normal in everyone. In mechanically ventilated people, it can reflect a metabolic imbalance or improper monitoring of the respirator.

Respiratory assistance is a demanding and tricky medical situation that must be constantly supervised by qualified medical personnel.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 77 and in good health. For more than 40 years, I've had a sore in my right nostril that doesn't heal. It forms a scab that plugs up the nostrils. When I remove it, the bleeding starts all over again. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Have it removed surgically. The bleeding area is unlikely to be a skin cancer; otherwise, it would have grown in 40 years. However, it could be a chronic abrasion associated with a little arterial "bleeder" that lets go once in a while. I'd opt for surgery and/or cautery to take care of this annoyance.

Dr. Gott's new Health Report on weight loss tells you how to lose weight wisely — and keep it off. For your copy, send $1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland OH 44101-3369. Be sure to ask for WINNING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE.

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Officers fired for their conduct

DALLAS (AP) — Two members of a police department drunken-driving unit were fired because they told people they arrested to refuse a breath test and recommended a lawyer to represent them, police say.

Police Chief Billy Prince on Wednesday fired William Shields, 44, who had been with the department for 16 years, and David Thibodeaux, 43, a four-year employee, from the department's driving-while-intoxicated unit.

Prince has fired 16 department employees this year, including Shields and Thibodeaux. Before the last two firings, five employees were fired this month for charges that included physical abuse and using unnecessary force.

In 1986, 12 employees were fired. Eleven were fired in 1985 and 13 in 1984.

While Wednesday's firings signaled the end of the internal police investigation, the department's intelligence unit will continue to work with the Dallas County district attorney's office to investigate possible criminal wrongdoing, police said.

Officials with the specialized crime unit of the district attorney's office could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Police, the district attorney's office and the State Bar of Texas also are investigating a lawyer, Randy Taylor, whose name was given to many of those arrested by the officers, Lt. Doug Kowalski said.

Neither Taylor nor state bar officials could be reached for comment Wednesday. When contacted about the police investigation of the officers last month, Taylor said he had "heard some rumors" that police had recommended his services to suspects they arrested.

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