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Snyder Laundry...

Fire still under investigation

The cause of the fire which destroyed Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaners a week ago is still under investigation, said Texas Ranger John Billings.

Representatives of the State Fire Marshal's office and the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms department remain in Snyder conducting the investigation, along with Billings.

"We have not determined the cause," said Billings.

He did say that investigators have recovered video tape from surveillance cameras which were in the building. The tape has been sent to ATF laboratories for viewing.

The fire was reported early in the morning on Dec. 5 when a passer-by notified sheriff's dispatchers.

Fire was coming through the roof when the first firemen arrived. The explosive nature of the material inside the cleaning establishment created such an intense heat that metal structural beams were twisted.

Only the walls remained intact.

Owner David Wickline estimated on the day of the fire that some 1,000 items were in the shop to be cleaned or were ready for customers.

Items were covered by insurance, said Wickline, and customers who had clothing in the shop are being asked to give information about it to an employee of the laundry who is at the site at 1401 26th Street. Information can also be mailed to the laundry.

TxDOT meeting tonight

Snyder will be the site of the fourth presentation in as many days in West Texas for citizens to meet with representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation as part of a federally-funded study to get input on highway expansion plans in this area.

Meetings were held Monday in San Angelo and on successive nights in Odessa and Big Spring.

The meeting here is set from 7-9 tonight in the county courtroom.

Specifically, the purpose is to gather additional information concerning the five corridors identified as possible expansion routes of Interstate 27 from Lubbock south. An overview of the project will be presented and participants will be separated into small workgroups to identify particular areas of concern.

Prison construction problems alleged by state engineers board

AUSTIN (AP) — The state board that licenses engineers has listed numerous alleged problems related to the state's just-completed $1.5 billion prison building program.

Among the allegations: engineers' designs on new prisons were changed without their permission; boilers and ventilation systems may have been improperly designed and installed; prison employees passed out business cards claiming to be engineers, when they weren't.

"They asked for the list and we've provided it," said John Speed, executive director of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

"We're providing them this list so they can have tools to implement the agreement they have with us," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice had told the engineers' board to put up or shut up about alleged wrongdoing in the just-completed, $1.5 billion prison-building program.

Last month, the prison agency signed an unprecedented agreement with the engineers' board in which it agreed to clean up an array of problems and law violations in its construction program — to make sure licensed engineers properly supervised all projects, to ensure designs and construction were proper.

The agreement headed off possible enforcement action by the engineers' board against the prison agency that could have resulted in fines and criminal prosecution.

In a letter to prison officials, Speed acknowledged that many of the alleged problems have been corrected and said there is no indication any prisons are unsafe.

Art Mosley, the prison system official who oversees construction, said the allegations will be thoroughly investigated.

"A lot of these problems we have been aware of and have addressed already," he said. "A lot of this was due to the rapid rate of construction we were engaged in at the time. ... But our goal now is to make sure we have no faults at any units that create hazards."



DEBUTS FRIDAY — Sue Sewell, Lisa Cross, Melinda Early, Crisalda Tyler and Matt Cross, from left, rehearse "The Butterfingers Angel, Mary & Joseph, Herod the Nut and The Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree" that will begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Ritz Theatre. Other performances will be Saturday and Sunday at 2:30, and Monday at 7:30. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Next time you feel the urge to procrastinate...just put it off."

Classified advertising pays.

The sheriff in Dallas County ran an ad seeking applicants for jobs in the sheriff's department. The ad resulted in more than the department had bargained for.

A sheriff's deputy told the Dallas County commissioners court that the newspaper ad attracted 340 reponses, resulting in about 40 people being hired.

But after polygraphs, background checks and physical examinations, the list of hirees was trimmed to 31.

The worst part, however, was that some of the applicants had to be arrested. Several of them were jailed for outstanding warrants.

Humm...in Dallas County if you have a record — you can be a county commissioner, but you can't work for the sheriff's department.

Maybe they'll get the Christmas spirit...

We heard the story about a little guy who was miffed when he didn't get the part he wanted in the Christmas pageant. He had hoped for the role of Joseph, but instead got stuck with being the inkeeper.

During rehearsal, he decided to pull a fast one to get even. So, when Mary and Joseph came to his place seeking shelter, he said, "Sure, folks, come right in. There's plenty of room."

The perplexed children playing Mary and Joseph entered and were shown around. Joseph, however, was determined not to be upstaged.

"Hey, this place is a dump! We'd rather sleep in the stable."

Can you just imagine the look on the otherwise proud mom's and dad's faces.

We're told it really happened a couple of years ago. In the children's Christmas play, Joseph asked the inkeeper if he had any room.

The innkeeper replied, "No, we have no room..." He had forgotten his next line, but he improvised:

"...but, why don't you come on in and have a drink."

Regarding last's Sunday's riddle, the answer — depending on which version of the Bible you might use — is "fish" or "whale."

Clinton pledges sensitivity toward programs for poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today he would be "exceedingly sensitive" toward programs for the poor, hoping to quell criticism that his budget writers are eyeing deep cuts in housing and energy assistance.

During a White House gathering with airline executives, the president said his record shows that, despite four straight years of deficit reduction, there are 2.1 million fewer families on welfare and 1 million fewer children living in poverty.

He said he would continue to "reduce the deficit in a way that would be fair to all Americans," without harming the social safety net.

"We have to be exceedingly sensitive to what policy judgments are made, so that we don't do the rest of the work of balancing the budget on the backs of poor children," Clinton said. "We have to be very, very sensitive from here on in, and I assure you we're working on that."

Clinton's comments came a week after a member of his Cabinet publicly denounced a proposal by the Office of Management and Budget to trim the federal housing budget. Earlier this week, a group of Northern senators asked him to avoid a proposed 25 percent cut to the federal energy assistance program.

Wednesday, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the president's budget advisers are looking for ways to protect programs "that are a valuable part of the social safety net," including federal subsidies for rent and for heating bills of poor families in cold climates.

BankAmerica to cut 3,700 jobs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — BankAmerica Corp., one of the nation's biggest banking companies, will cut about 3,700 jobs and close scores of California branches as part of a restructuring plan announced today.

The precise number of people laid off will depend on several factors, including attrition and the availability of other jobs within the system.

BankAmerica, which ranked as the third-biggest banking company in the United States in September, has 92,700 workers, primarily in California.

It will close about 120 of its 1,400 branches in the state. While the parent company is now BankAmerica, its branches still operate under the older Bank of America name.

BankAmerica will absorb a pretax charge of $280 million to cover such items as severance pay and other costs stemming from the decision. The charge will reduce after-tax net income by approximately $165 million in the fourth quarter of 1996.

According to company spokesman John Keane, 30 percent of the positions being eliminated are in consumer services, 30 percent in business services and the rest in staff support.

Official ruling still pending in tragic shooting death

An 18-year-old Snyder man was apparently playing some form of "Russian roulette" when a pistol he was holding discharged and tragically ended his life, the investigating officer said this week.

Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds is still awaiting autopsy reports before making an official ruling on the death of Kenneth Brock Gard who died Nov. 27 of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"I would imagine the medical examiner in Lubbock is waiting on toxicology results before sending us even preliminary findings," Reynolds said this morning.

Scurry County deputy Jerry Cowin investigated the shooting and he said only Brock's fingerprints were found on the weapon, and he was apparently playing some form of "Russian roulette."

"Witnesses at the scene said Gard took the .38-caliber pistol out of a closet, took all the shells out, and then put one back in," said Cowin.

The deputy said witnesses told him Gard then spun the chamber, Sheriff-elect Darren Jackson and pulled the trigger. He spun the chamber a second time, and pulled the trigger again. The gun discharged with the barrel placed against his head, Cowin said.

said on the morning of the shooting that it appeared to be self-inflicted, but accidental.

Jackson also said there were no visible signs of alcohol or drugs being a factor in the shooting, which was reported to sheriff's dispatchers at 4:51 a.m., Nov. 27.

Gard, who had graduated from Snyder High School this past spring, died at a residence located at 5971 FM 1269, approximately three miles south of Fluvanna.

At the time of the shooting, there were nine people in the residence.

ASK US

Q—Are vehicle license plate frames with florescent lights legal?

A—According to the Department of Public Safety, they are not legal and motorists who use them can be issued a citation.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 76 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Thursday, 53; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 35-40. Light wind. Friday, sunny. High, lower 70s. Light SE wind.



Rene Hernandez
Sunny

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:34 a.m.
Of 346 days in 1996, the sun has shone 342 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 1:6 NKJV) For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Republicans taking a look at 'their' Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate has a new look. A Republican reflection. A GOP pose.

But just because there's a new party in control, don't look for big changes in the way the place runs, the senior Republican senator says.

"I think Republicans respect the Senate as an institution," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, who chairs the Senate GOP caucus.

A senator since 1981, Brown is the longest-serving Republican there, a distinction that gained considerable weight Tuesday night.

That's when Republican Robert Duncan won the special election to replace resigned Democratic Sen. John Montford. His victory gave the GOP 16 of the 31 Senate seats and its first majority in 125 years.

Democrats still control the state House, 82-68. And the Senate's presiding officer, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, is a Democrat.

But much of Bullock's power — appointing committee members and chairmen, controlling the flow of legislation — comes from rules passed by the senators themselves.

Their new majority means Republican senators could — if they wish — change the rules. Brown and others said they doubted there would be such a push in the 1997 session, which opens next month.

"We recognize that the lieutenant governor is elected by the people of Texas, and we've all been sent here to represent our districts and do a good job," Brown said Wednesday.

For his part, Bullock has been careful to appoint Republicans to key positions. Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, heads the budget-writing Finance Committee, and Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is in charge of the Education Committee.

"It's a real interesting legislative body," Brown said. "It is not organized along party lines. Almost all the issues — probably 99 percent of them — fall on some other division than party. There's urban-rural, big city-little city, liberal-conservative."

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said she had one change in mind: making certain Republicans get majorities on all Senate committees.

"I'm hopeful we will have a majority of Republicans on each committee. I think that's just fair," she said. "When you look at pre-1996, when the Democrats had more (seats) and we were on the other side, they had the majority on most of the committees."

Ms. Shapiro said she expects more Republican issues to move through the legislative process — including requiring notification of parents when a minor seeks an abortion and term limits for officeholders.

But she and Bivins seconded Brown's basically bipartisan outlook.

"As far as attitude, I think it will be the same. I still agree that there is a bipartisan attitude in the Senate," Ms. Shapiro said.

Bivins was asked about state GOP Chairman Tom Pauken's comments that "one-man rule" in the Senate was over.

Festival set here Friday

Southern Skies Arts & Music Festival, an evening long multi-media visual explosion, will be held Friday at Scurry County Coliseum.

The event begins at 3 p.m.

A drama troupe will be bringing William Shakespeare's Henry V alive on the center stage. The play is about the conflict between England and France over the insulting gift of tennis balls. The battle erupts into a fury of rage with the clashing of swords and is resolved by the merciless defeat of the French. The countries try to heal through the marriage of King Henry of England to Princess Catherine of France.

After the conclusion of Henry V, there will be a concert on center stage featuring seven different bands from around West Texas.

The acts include Tejano, country, rock, Christian rhythm and blues and alternative music, and tentatively, a rap act. Around the corridors of the coliseum there will be other acts performing at the same time as on center stage. These acts include a mariachi band, a bluegrass band, and several acoustical performers.

Inside the festival there will be craft vendors selling such items as antiques, jewelry, pottery and crochet dolls. There will also be several artists exhibiting their works of art on the walls and floors of the festival. Following the musical acts there will be a massive after-hours techno rave extending into the early morning hours.

There will be programs available at the door listing the events and times of performances. This event is geared toward people of all ages.

The Southern Skies Art Festival is centered around the musical aspect of the arts. The Doug Roysden Band from Abilene will be performing country and western hits. Big Rock Zelany from Levelland will spice the air with a little Christian rhythm and blues. Texaz from Midland will perform Tejano dance music.

Spilling Poetry from Lubbock will perform some tight alternative music. Some local acts from Snyder, including Waller and Rigby, will perform alternative music.

Opening the musical performances will be Jake Unruh and Daniel Molina from Snyder. They will play some accoustical music.

Closing the show will be Brutal Jive from Denton. After the concert Transworld Sound will put on a six-hour rave.

The artwork in the Southern Skies Arts Festival is well diversified. Chris Compton and Coyote Classics will have Southwestern art for show and sale. Steve Smith from Big Lake, will be showing some New Age art and sculptures.

The festival is a non-stop visual explosion starting at 3 p.m. and ending the next morning at 6 a.m. The whole Southern Skies Arts Festival is designed for everyone to have a good time.

Tickets are available prior to the concerts at TJ's Pool and Games and the Movie Stop.

Tickets purchased in advance are $10. They will be $15 at the door.

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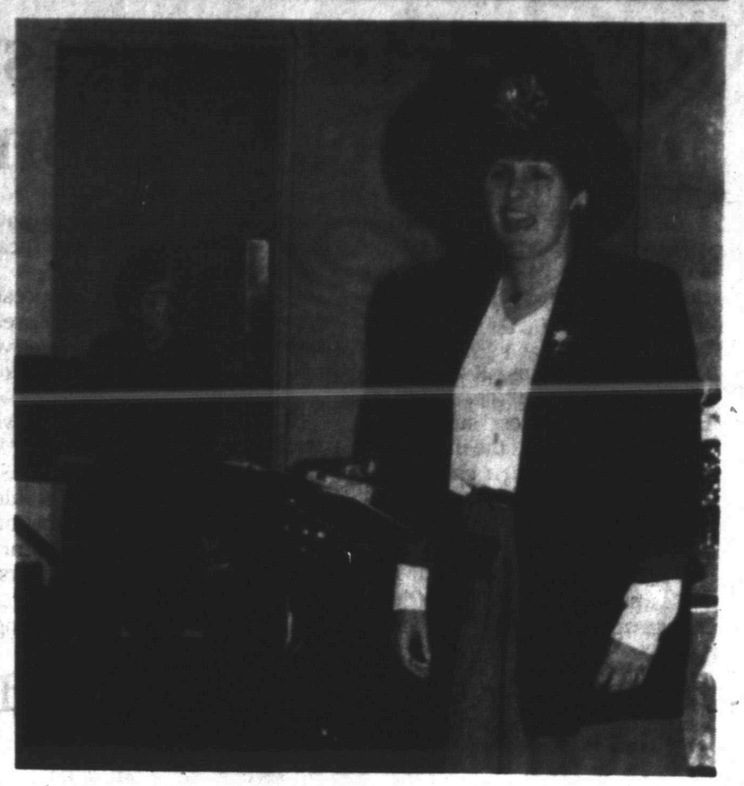
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CHRISTMAS SONGS — Emily Hataway sang Christmas songs for members of the Snyder Garden Club at its December meeting in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. She was accompanied at the keyboard by Lynn Wormeringer. Following the program members exchanged Christmas ornaments, and during the business session president Glenda Glasscock announced SGC had won first place in District VIII for the most members participating in horticulture planting. Hostesses were Sandra Browning, Maribeth Vestal and Bonnie Fry. The next meeting will be Jan. 2. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)





HOLIDAY CONCERT — Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music presented a Holiday Concert Saturday, featuring songs of worship and praise. A reception followed in the garden room. Pictured in the top left photo (from left) are, bottom row, Michael Vaughan of San Angelo, Clinton Senn of Jayton, Justin Stoker, Austin Calley, Clinton Long, Zach Greenlee of Rotan, Tyler Rogers; back row, James Nussey, Craig Bowen, Trey Gorman, David Melton of Spur, Cole McLeod, Matt Leininger of Post; Tyler Pollard, and not pictured is J.T. Williams of Jayton. Performers in the right top photo are, bottom row, Bailey Stoker, Whitney Rogers, Laura Lyn Landa, Stormy Clark, Jessica Sollis; back row, Temple Latimer of Odessa, Faith Feaster of Roscoe, Karomy Drum, Sonda Leininger of Post, Jami Thackerson of Colorado City, and not pictured are Jennifer Petty and Mandy Strain of Colorado City. In the bottom left photo, front row, are Kelsey Brinkman of Jayton, Claire Pollard, Danisha Akins, Marleah Akins; back row, Jerica Tyler of Post, Megan Muscatell of Jayton, Kelsey Shaw, Amanda Calley and Aryn Calley. In the bottom right photo are Heather Zajicek, Andria Nussey, Leslie Wright, Erin Hackfeld; back row, Nichole Ornelas, Angie Glover, Sandi Nussey, Lindsey Wilson and not pictured is Vivi Weaver. (Contributed Photo)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-12-96
♠ 6
♥ A 9 2
♦ K Q J 10 9 4
♣ 9 8 4

West
♠ J 9 8 7 5
♥ 10 5 4
♦ 6 3
♣ A K J

East
♠ A K 10 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 7 6 3 2

South
♠ Q 4 2
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q 10 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Tough, fun practice

Why are the Quakers so called?

If we may change the subject slightly, The Bridge World runs a feature called "Challenge the Champs." Each issue, two expert pairs bid 10 hands. Difficult to start with, the bidding is made even more tricky by the match-pointed pairs scoring, which gives a premium to finding no-trump and major-suit contracts.

The magazine has just published its eighth booklet of past matches. It contains 10 sets from 1972. You bid the hands on the supplied sheets, then look in the booklet to see how you fared and to compare your efforts with those of the "guinea pigs."

This deal is based on a pair of hands from an earlier booklet. How should the play proceed in three no-trump after West has led his fourth-highest spade?

North's jump to three diamonds was invitational, in the modern style. South was lured by the vulnerable game bonus.

After winning the first trick with the spade king, East cashed the ace. West, knowing South still held the queen, dropped his *jack*. East, receiving the message, switched to a club, which allowed the defenders to take the first five tricks.

"Challenge the Champs, Book 8" costs $6.50, postpaid, from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124.

The origin of the nickname "Quakers" for the Society of Friends was given by the group's founder, George Fox: "Justice Bennet of Derby was the first that called us Quakers, because I bid them tremble at the word of the Lord. This was in the year 1650."

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Van Damme admits himself in abuse program in hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jean-Claude Van Damme has checked himself into a hospital for a 30-day substance abuse program.

The action film star was admitted to the Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital on Wednesday, Van Damme's publicist, Jonathan Perry, said in a statement. No other details were released.

Van Damme's wife, Darcy, filed for divorce in June, but the couple has since reconciled, Perry said.

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Senator introduces voluntary inmates' castration proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Repeat sex offenders who are in prison would be able to seek voluntary surgical castration under a bill introduced Wednesday by a Panhandle lawmaker.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has said studies of castration in European countries suggest it dramatically lowers the likelihood of men repeating their crimes. He said the procedure is meant as medical treatment, not punishment.

"I think that the fact that this bill is purely voluntary will help its passage, especially in light of the fact that California has now passed a mandatory chemical castration bill," he said.

Bivins said there is widespread support for the bill, which passed the Senate in the 1995 legislative session but never made it out of the House.

"I think the bill would have passed the House," he said. "I think they really ran out of time."

If the measure passes, it would make Texas the first in the nation to adopt such a policy. California earlier this year became the first state to require chemical castration for repeat sex offenders, using hormone shots to lower their sex drives.

Bivins introduced six other bills Wednesday for consideration in the 1997 legislative session, which begins in January.

One of the bills would require anxious 16-year-olds to wait an additional six months before getting full driving privileges.

Rather than getting a full license at age 16, teen-agers would have to drive with an intermediate license for six months. The intermediate license would restrict their driving hours to between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

In 1995, Texas teenagers made up 5.5 percent of licensed drivers but contributed to 11.4 percent of all accidents, Bivins said.

The five other bills proposed by Bivins would:

— Allow defendants in prison to use video equipment to enter pleas, which must now be entered in person in open court. Bivins said this option would reduce counties' transportation and security costs.

— Limit the terms of office for statewide elected officials and legislators to 12 years.

— Prohibit legislators who are lawyers from representing clients before state agencies. Bivins said the practice can be intimidating to the employees of state agencies and can sway a case in the legislator's favor.

— Provide a 10-year severance tax exemption for wells that are brought back to production after two years of non-production.

— Seek to punish those found guilty of "paper terrorism," or filing bogus liens.

Teenager wrongfully accused of girl's murder files lawsuit

FORT WORTH (AP) — A teenager wrongfully accused in the murder of a Mansfield girl last year is suing the city of Grand Prairie and three police officers he accuses of trying to frame him.

Bryan McMillan, 17 of Mansfield, was arrested in December 1995 and accused of killing 16-year-old Adrianne Jones. He was jailed for 22 days before police released him due to lack of evidence.

David Graham, a cadet at the Air Force Academy, and Diane Zamora, Graham's girlfriend and a cadet at the Naval Academy, have since been charged with the crime and await trial in jail.

Miss Zamora, 18, and Graham, 19, are accused of killing Jones because of a sexual encounter the victim supposedly had with Graham.

Police say the betrayal enraged Miss Zamora, who told Graham the only way for him to redeem himself was to kill the girl, whose body was found near a lake in Grand Prairie.

In his lawsuit filed Wednesday in Tarrant County state court, McMillen claims detectives told him facts about the killing and later alleged in an arrest warrant that he knew details only Ms. Jones' killer would.

He also alleges that police used excessive force to arrest him by bursting into his home with a SWAT team at 2:45 a.m. even though he had been cooperating with investigators.

McMillan accuses officers of physical abuse during his interrogation and says he wasn't immediately allowed to contact a lawyer even though he asked for one.



READING TIME — In conjunction with the Goals 2000 reading program, Superintendent Gayle Lomax took time out this week to read a story to kindergarten and first grade students at East Elementary. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Coach charged in kidnapping, sexual assault of 15-year-old

DeSOTO (AP) — Charges of kidnapping and sexual assault have been filed against a coach and teacher at DeSoto High School, authorities say.

George Edward Washington, 41, of Dallas, was arrested last week on charges accusing him of using threats to coerce one of his students into leaving school Dec. 2 and accompanying him to his apartment in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. The student says he was threatened and sexually assaulted at the apartment.

Police said Washington was arrested as he was throwing away garbage bags that DeSoto police said were filled with "strong and compelling" evidence supporting the teen's account of what happened.

"It laid out just the way the victim described the way things happened," said Sgt. J.C. Burch, who would not specify what was confiscated.

Washington, who teaches health and is an assistant football and track coach at the high school in the southern Dallas suburb, was being held in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center Wednesday in lieu of $200,000 bond on charges of aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping. Both charges are first-degree felonies.

The school district has placed Washington on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the charges.

"He (the student) was taken from school before school started," Sergeant Burch said. "There were threats made, and he felt like they were serious and he should go with the coach. He knew he was going to the coach's apartment, but he didn't know what was going to happen to him."

Police and school officials said Washington did not report to work that day and has not returned to the school since.

The student told officers he remained at the coach's home for several hours, during which he was assaulted and threatened with a gun.

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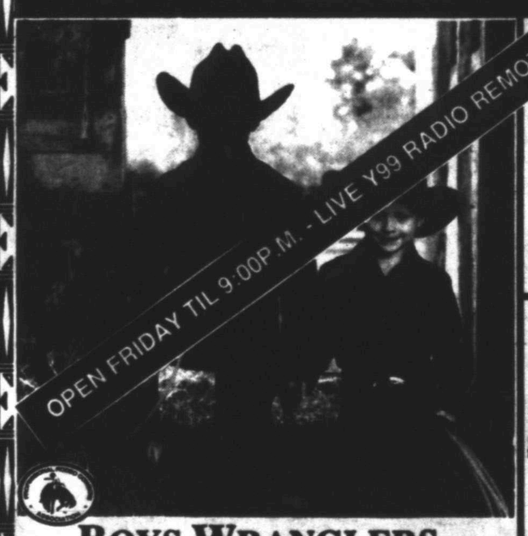
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Writer's death is mystery

CHICAGO (AP) — Eugene Izzi spent his life spinning hard-boiled mystery novels full of Chicago tough guys, sinister plots and suspense. His own hanging death from the window of his 14th-floor office has created a mystery of its own.

Investigators are leaning toward suicide as the cause, but some friends, who say Izzi had everything to live for, believe he was killed. He had received a death threat from a member of a militia group who said Izzi would be hanged, one friend said.

Izzi, who sometimes wrote under the name Nick Gaitano, was found hanging outside his Michigan Avenue office window Saturday, with the rope around his neck tied to a table inside.

He was wearing a bulletproof vest and a set of brass knuckles, and had a disabling chemical spray in his pocket. A .38-caliber revolver was found in the office.

While there was no suicide note, police said there's no indication of foul play.

Sgt. John Schillen said Wednesday that clues point to suicide: Izzi's office door was locked from the inside — police and firefighters had to break it down. He had $481 in his pocket, and there was no indication anything was stolen.

Some friends say it just doesn't make sense.

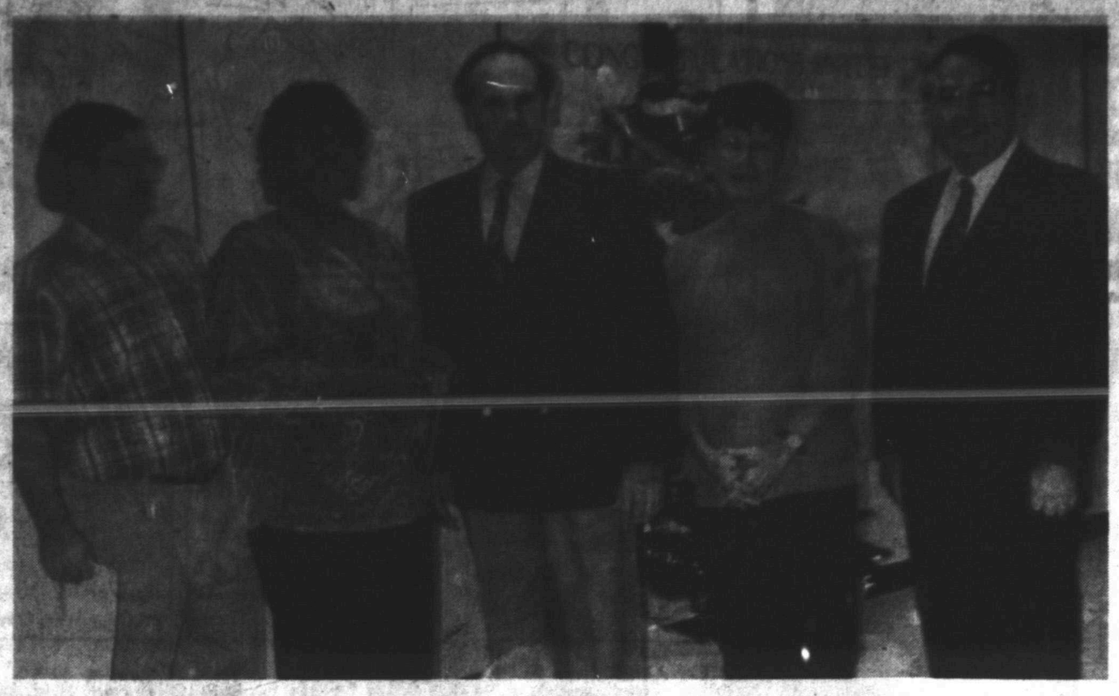
"I just don't see him doing that," said Hugh Holton, a Chicago police lieutenant who is not working on Izzi's case. "He had a book coming out, a wife and children — he had a lot to live for."

Izzi, 43, had been concerned for his life and had received at least one threat from a militia group, friends say.

"He let me listen to the voice mail," said Bob Rice, a former Chicago homicide detective. "A woman said he'd been found guilty ... and he'd be dead by hanging by the end of the year."

Rice said Izzi had infiltrated an Indiana militia group, but did not know any other details.

Mark Jacob, the Sunday editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, said Izzi had submitted a piece to the newspaper about six months ago that was critical of all militias and hate groups.



20 YEAR AWARDS — Three Walls employees recently received 20 year pins and certificates. Recipients and presenters pictured are, from left, David Wittie, Emma Garrett, Ron Istre, a Walls vice president; Shirley Giddens and Albert Archer, CEO and president of Walls Industries, Inc. (Contributed Photo)

Three Walls employees given certificates, pins

Service certificates and pins were recently awarded to three employees in Snyder's Walls Industries, Inc. facility.

Receiving 20 year awards were Emma Garrett, Shirley Giddens and David Wittie.

Wittie, plant manager, also helped present the awards, along with Ron Istre, senior vice president of manufacturing and distribution.

Walls Industries, Inc., based in Cleburne, has eight locations in Texas, employing over 1,400 persons. This year, 153 employees were honored with service awards totaling 568 years of service to the company.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is hardening of the arteries gradual?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How does hardening of the arteries affect people? Is it a gradual process? Can you diagnose this by the way a person looks or behaves?

DEAR READER: At birth, the lining of our arteries is smooth and facilitates the free flow of blood, which supplies oxygen and nutrients to our organs.

During the aging process "sludge" progressively and gradually builds up on the arterial lining. These deposits are composed of old blood cells, protein, cholesterol and other debris. Over time, such rough, arteriosclerotic plaque usually enlarges, causing two major consequences.

First, the arterial diameter is narrowed. This prevents an optimal blood supply from reaching the area supplied by the blocked artery. Symptoms vary, depending on which arteries are involved.

For instance, coronary artery obstruction usually leads to heart-muscle cramps, called "angina"; when arteries to the legs are blocked, leg cramps (called "claudication") may appear, especially during exercise, when the need for oxygen is increased. Also, brain cells may begin to malfunction, if the carotid arteries in the neck are blocked, leading to forgetfulness, confusion and other problems with cognitive thinking.

Second, because arterial plaque is so rough and uneven, tiny blood clots often form on the damaged arterial lining — or the plaque may destabilize (crack or break apart), causing larger blood clots to form.

Of course, these clots further reduce circulation through the affected artery. But, more important, pieces of the clots may break off, be carried in the bloodstream, and eventually cause tissue damage, called "ischemia," injury from lack of oxygen. Most heart attacks and strokes are caused by such blood clots.

Calcium deposits often form in or near arterial plaque, making the arteries hard and brittle, not at all like the arteries in a young person, which are soft and flexible.

As a person ages (into the seventh and eighth decades of life), the combination of arterial narrowing and blood-clot showers usually produces predictable consequences: Organs begin to function less efficiently and the elderly often develop the diseases with which we are all too familiar, including hypertension, heart disorders, stroke, kidney malfunction, and others.

Depending on how old a person is, you can pretty well estimate the extent of arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), even though the person may act normally and remain in acceptable physical shape. In other instances, senior citizens frequently exhibit the signs of arteriosclerosis that I mentioned.

Although the speed with which we age (and, thus, develop arteriosclerosis) is genetically determined, we can accelerate the process. Such contributing factors include obesity, high blood cholesterol, smoking, excessive alcohol consumption and sedentary living. Therefore, by addressing these risk factors, we can more readily live out our genetic potential.

In short, no one can undo the ravages of old age, but by being prudent and health-conscious, we may be able to avoid shortening our lives unnecessarily.

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

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Demos happy over outcome of Texas congressional races

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans boasted that 1996 would be a year of big gains for them in the Texas congressional delegation — a time when they might grab the majority.

It didn't work out that way.

True, the GOP picked up one seat overall in the 30-member House delegation, trimming the Democrats' edge to 17-13.

But that one-seat gain falls far short of the predictions that Republicans would nab two, three, four — as many as seven seats from the Democrats.

Wednesday, the day after the state's uncommonly late election season finally was wrapped up, was a day of jubilation for Democrats.

Controversial Republican freshman Rep. Steve Stockman of Friendswood fell to Democratic challenger Nick Lampson of Beaumont in a hard-fought 9th District battle; and freshman Democratic incumbent Ken Bentsen of Houston easily beat back a challenge from Houston Republican Dolly Madison McKenna in Houston's 25th District. In an all-GOP 8th District runoff outside of Houston, establishment-backed state Rep. Kevin Brady of The Woodlands turned aside big-spender Gene Fontenot of Spring.

"We had a great victory in Texas yesterday," crowed Rep. Martin Frost, the Dallas Democrat who chairs the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Republicans, he opined, "kind of fell flat on their face."

The main reason Frost can spin Democrats' one-seat loss in Texas as a victory is because the GOP had loudly proclaimed the state ripe for the taking this year because of a spate of House retirements that left Democrats defending six open seats to Republicans' one.

"We were forecasting more, but that's the way the cookie crumbles," said Rep. Sam Johnson, the Dallas Republican who headed the effort to elect Texas GOP challengers to the House.

Rice University political scientist Earl Black said: "The Republicans, I think, would certainly see Texas in 1996 as a series of missed opportunities. But on the other hand, they had a net gain of one seat."

That the Democrats were able to stave off sizeable losses is all the more impressive considering the gains Republicans have been making elsewhere in Texas.

Republicans are boasting a strength not seen since the 1870s, controlling the governor's mansion, both U.S. Senate seats, the state Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the State Board of Education and the Texas Railroad Commission. And after a Wednesday runoff in West Texas, the GOP is poised to take control of the Texas Senate.

"This is an election where the Democrats played defense very well," Black said of the House races.

Frost attributed the Lampson and Bentsen victories to good candidates backed by united party support. At the same time, Republicans were fighting among themselves, unable to rally conservatives and moderates under the same banner, Frost said.

Nonsense, said Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken.

Du Pont lawyers getting ready for insanity defense

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John E. du Pont's lawyers say they plan to pursue an insanity defense, claiming the multimillionaire was psychotic when he killed an Olympic wrestler and remains mentally ill.

Du Pont's mental illness shows up in "grandiose and persecutorial delusions and disorganization of thought," the lawyers said in court papers Wednesday.

Du Pont, 58, believes he is the Dalai Lama, the Christ child and the last surviving member of the Russian royal family, witnesses said during court hearings.

Du Pont is charged with shooting and killing wrestler Dave Schultz on Jan. 26.

Dupree returns for second year

D'Anne Dupree of Snyder, daughter of Suzane Burgess of Snyder, and William Dupree of Amarillo, has returned for the second year of training in dramatic arts in New York City at the world-renowned professional acting school, The Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre.

Dupree is one of 31 students chosen out of 70 who were invited to return for a second year of training.

The famed institution, now in its 68th year, is the original training ground for a world-wide cross section of performers, including such respected actors and actresses as Gregory Peck, Joanne Woodward, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton, Leslie Nielsen, Eli Wallach, Tony Randall, Dylan McDermott and Illeana Douglas.

Along with classes in acting technique, Dupree will supplement her training at The Neighborhood Playhouse with a wide variety of related artistic technique classes, including movement, voice/speech and music.

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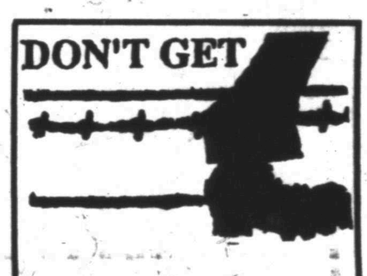
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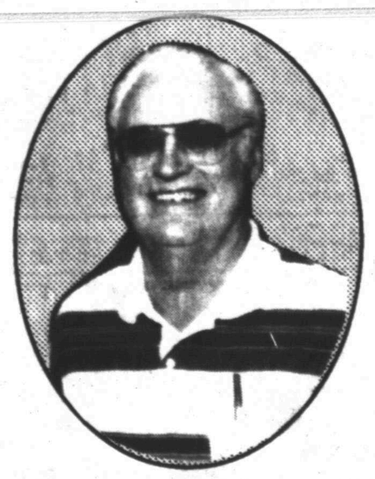
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We invite you to visit with
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Some books will be offered for sale. A part of all sales will benefit Scurry County Museum.

Museum Items On Loan
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A resident of Scurry County since 1957, Charles Anderson has recorded much of the history of Deep Creek. He is a retired school principal and writing is a lifelong hobby.

Anderson's writings of J. Wright Mooar have caught the attention of Dallas Morning News writer Kent Biffle who said: *"No one is better equipped to record this Western saga of J. Wright Mooar than historian Charles G. Anderson. He tells the tale with the accuracy and wallop of a buffalo rifle."*

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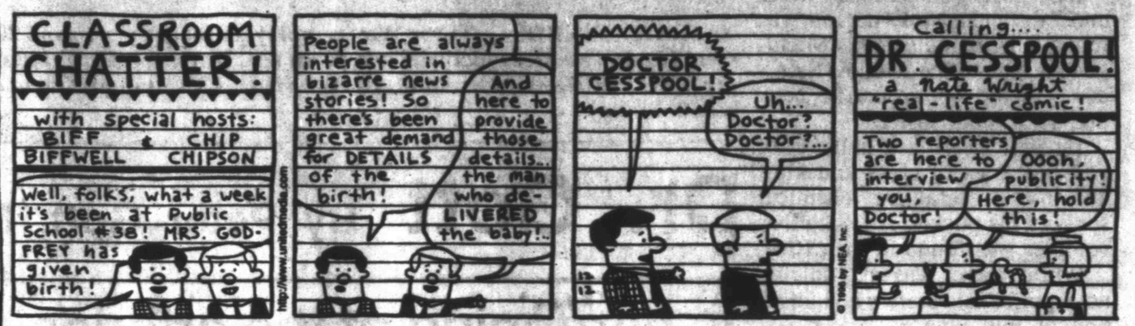
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1 Homelier
7 Lingerie purchase
11 Damp
12 Bankrupted
14 Pruned (branches)
15 Get rid of
16 Elec. unit
17 Guns the motor
19 Aardvark's diet
20 Of fever
22 Wild plum
25 After deductions
28 Sgt., e.g.
29 Employing
31 Newspaper issue
33 Least hairy
35 Feel
36 Pigpen
37 Roman 1,002
38 Congeals
39 Breaks away (from)
42 Bang
45 Door clasp
46 Muscular contraction
49 Rock salt
51 Type of sugar
53 Beetle
54 Pianist — Garner
55 Subordinate (abbr.)
56 Surgical probe

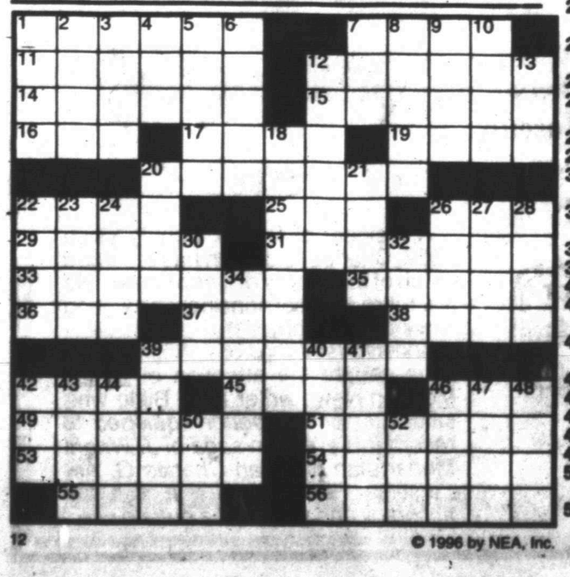
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3 Northern European
4 Mischievous child
5 Manicurist's board
6 Actress Winona —
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8 Shade of purple
9 — — the ground floor
10 Kind of fuel
12 Oxidized
13 Driller's deg.
18 — blind
20 Await decision
21 How sweet — —
22 Destroyer's targets
23 Future LL.Bs.' exam
24 Slippery
26 Baseball team number
27 Price
28 Small bills
30 Precious stones
32 Mrs. Dick Tracy
34 More ill
39 Radiates
40 Prods
41 Critics Siskel and —
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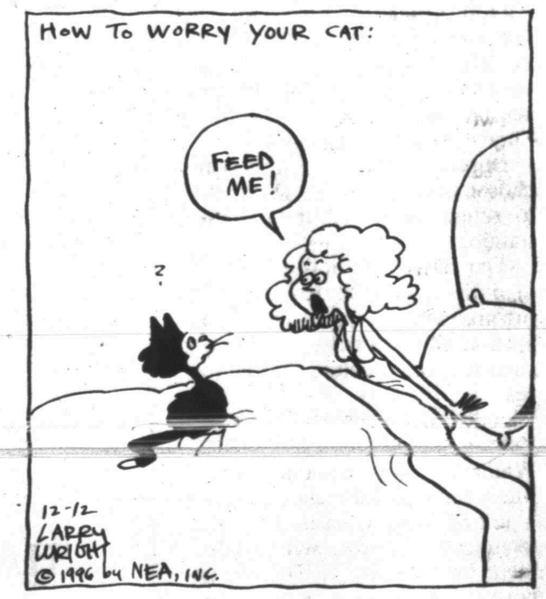
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SPORTS

No. 1 Kansas rolls without super star

By The Associated Press

Sharply dressed in a suit, Jacque Vaughn watched from Kansas' bench as the top-ranked Jayhawks shredded yet another opponent. The All-America point guard might be starting to wonder if he'll have a job once he's ready to play.

Vaughn's job is safe, of course, and he'll immediately step back into the starting lineup as soon as his injured wrist is healed. The question is, though, does Kansas really need him?

Jerrod Haase scored 22 points and Kansas blew open the game early in the second half to overwhelm George Washington 85-56 Wednesday night in Lawrence.

The game was previewed as a matchup between Kansas' front line and GW center Alexander Koul, projected as a top NBA pick. It was a mismatch.

Paul Pierce, Raef LaFrentz and Scot Pollard combined for 31 points and 24 rebounds while holding Koul to 16 points and seven rebounds. Koul did have his moments inside, but was continually frustrated as the Jayhawks (8-0) used a variety of defenses on him.

"It was a real good challenge to play against such good players," Koul said. "It was just challenging."

Elsewhere in the AP Top 25, it was No. 5 Michigan 76, St. John's 61; No. 6 Iowa State 74, Drake 50; No. 14 Duke 85, Davidson 58; and No. 22 Louisville 80, Dayton 67.

Haase scored nine points in a 25-4 run, with a 3-pointer, two driving layups and a breakaway dunk after Paul Pierce picked up a loose ball and made a blind lob toward the basket.

"He did everything right tonight," Kansas coach Roy Williams said of Haase. "He took good shots and he passed the ball to our players instead of their players."

LaFrentz added 12 points and nine rebounds, and Paul Pierce, who had just two points and six turnovers in the first half, finished with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Ryan Robertson, filling in for Vaughn, had a team-high eight assists and made all three of his shots. He also held Colonials' point guard Shawnta Rogers to 1-of-10 shooting.

College scores

EAST
Iona 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 58
Michigan 76, St. John's 61
Rutgers 62, Md.-Baltimore County 51
St. Bonaventure 89, Morgan St. 54
Vermont 73, St. Michael's 67

SOUTH
Duke 85, Davidson 58
Georgia St. 82, Covenant 72
Louisville 80, Dayton 67
Southern Miss. 75, Nicholls St. 56
Va. Commonwealth 79, SW Louisiana 59

MIDWEST
Bowling Green 90, Wright St. 63
Illinois 94, Chicago St. 57
Iowa St. 74, Drake 50
Kansas 85, George Washington 56
Nebraska 76, Mo.-Kansas City 64

FAR WEST
Gonzaga 91, Montana St. 76
San Jose St. 65, San Francisco 53

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
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Atlantic Division

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Miami	17	5	.773	-
NewYork	13	6	.684	2½
Orlando	9	8	.529	5½
Washington	8	11	.421	7½
Philadelphia	7	13	.350	9
NewJersey	5	11	.313	9
Boston	5	14	.263	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	18	3	.857	-
Detroit	16	3	.842	1
Atlanta	12	8	.600	5½
Cleveland	12	8	.600	5½
Charlotte	11	9	.550	6½
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	7
Indiana	8	11	.421	9
Toronto	7	14	.333	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	19	2	.905	-
Utah	17	2	.895	½
Dallas	8	11	.421	9½
Minnesota	7	14	.333	11½
Denver	5	17	.227	14
SanAntonio	3	16	.158	14½
Vancouver	3	18	.143	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A.Lakers	17	7	.708	-
Seattle	16	7	.696	½
Portland	12	9	.571	3½
GoldenState	8	13	.381	7½
L.A.Clippers	7	14	.333	8½
Sacramento	7	14	.333	8½
Phoenix	5	14	.263	9½

Wednesday's Games
Boston 115, Toronto 113, 3 OT
New Jersey 110, Seattle 101
Washington 106, Cleveland 95
Charlotte 101, Denver 97
Miami 84, Philadelphia 79
Chicago 103, Minnesota 86
L.A. Lakers 79, Indiana 76

Thursday's Games
Golden State at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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Navy coach says 'no' to Baylor

WACO (AP) — Navy football coach Charlie Weatherbie says he is no longer interested in the coaching job at Baylor University and will stay to coach the Midshipmen.

Weatherbie, 41, who has coached the Midshipmen into a Jeep Aloha Bowl invitation this season, made the decision Wednesday night after interviewing with Baylor president Robert Sloan and athletic director Tom Stanton on Tuesday.

Baylor is attempting to find a replacement for coach Chuck Reedy, who was fired at the end of the season.

Weatherbie's exit leaves Murray State head coach Houston Nutt and former Notre Dame offensive coordinator Dave Roberts at the top of the school's list of coaching candidates, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported today. "After going and looking at Baylor," Weatherbie said in a prepared statement from Annapolis, "I have come to realize how great a job I have here working with a bunch of great young men."

Weatherbie had earlier turned down offers to interview with Boston College and Pittsburgh, but had a special interest in Baylor.

Texas High School Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Division I
Final
Lewisville (14-0) vs. Converse Judson (13-1), Saturday, 12:07 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II
Semifinals
Abilene Cooper (11-3) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (13-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving
Aldine (13-1) vs. Austin Westlake (14-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 4A
Division I
Final
Grapevine (14-0) vs. Hays Consolidated (13-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II
Semifinals
Denison (13-1) vs. Highland Park (13-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth
La Marque (12-2) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (14-0), Saturday, 3:30 p.m., Astrodome

CLASS 3A
Semifinal
Friona (13-1) vs. Tatum (10-4), Saturday, 1 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving
Coldspring (13-1) vs. Sealy (13-1), Saturday, Noon, Astrodome

CLASS 2A
Semifinal
Iraan (14-0) vs. Holliday (12-1-1), Saturday, 7 p.m., Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Groveton (14-0) vs. Ganado (14-0), Friday, 8 p.m, Astrodome

CLASS A
Final
Windthorst (14-0) vs. Tenaha (14-0), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Pennington Field, Bedford

SIX-MAN
Final
Whitharral (14-0) vs. Gordon (14-0), Saturday, 2:30 p.m., Sweetwater

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IN TOURNAMENTS — Snyder High's two varsity hoop teams are in action starting today. The Tigers were to tipoff with Merkel in the Big Spring tournament at 5:30. A win would put the Tigers back on the court at 8:30 tonight. The Lady Tigers were to play Trinity Christian in today's opening round of the Meadow Invitational. Pictured is Snyder's Jimmy Taylor (44) surrounded by a host of Slaton defenders last Tuesday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

Celtics win in triple overtime

By The Associated Press

Those young point guards sure do shoot. They don't always shoot very well, but they sure do shoot.

Damon Stoudamire of Toronto, last season's rookie of the year, took 37 shots Wednesday night in a 115-113, triple-overtime loss to the Boston Celtics. He made 11.

Allen Iverson, the favorite to win this season's rookie award, was almost reluctant by comparison. Iverson still managed to hoist 17 attempts in Philadelphia's 84-79 loss to Miami, but he made only two.

Stephon Marbury of Minnesota, the second player taken in last summer's draft, didn't have much of a night either, shooting just 3-for-11 as the Timberwolves were beaten 103-86 by Chicago.

Everywhere else, the point guards were older and played better. Robert Pack of New Jersey was 9-for-15 as the Nets stunned Seattle 110-101, and Muggsy Bogues of Charlotte was 4-for-8 as the Hornets defeated Denver 101-97.

Two games bucked the trend. Nick Van Exel was 3-for-11 as the Los Angeles Lakers beat Indiana 79-76, and Washington defeated Cleveland 106-95 despite a 10-for-16 shooting night by Cavs point guard Terrell Brandon.

Stoudamire's 11-for-37 night translated into 31 points, but it was no solace to him or any of the other Raptors following the emotional triple-overtime loss that left the Raptors winless on the road.

Rick Fox won it for Boston with a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

"We played hard for a long time and still didn't come out with a win," Stoudamire said. "So regardless of how many points I scored, it doesn't matter."

It was the third triple-overtime game in the 50-year history of the Celtics. They've won all three.

Fox led the Celtics with 24 points, and David Wesley added 20 points and 10 assists. The Raptors dropped to 0-7 on the road.

Players union supports Rodman

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA players union is urging Dennis Rodman to file a grievance over his two-game suspension, saying the Chicago Bulls violated the collective bargaining agreement by effectively fining him over $100,000.

Rodman was suspended by the Bulls on Tuesday for a profanity-laden tirade about the officiating in Chicago's loss at Toronto on Sunday night. The comments were broadcast live on cable television.

The union contends that the two-game suspension without pay is tantamount to a $104,878 fine — the amount of salary Rodman will lose. The collective bargaining agreement allows for a maximum player fine of $25,000.

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FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Drew Bledsoe is one of the NFL's best quarterbacks for one of the league's best teams, the New England Patriots. Yet both still have something to prove in their next game.

Bledsoe will try to overcome the Dallas Cowboys' outstanding cornerbacks, Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith. And his team hopes to defeat one of its toughest opponents of the season on Sunday.

The Patriots are 10-4, have clinched a playoff berth and have won 10 of their last 12 games.

But those two losses came at home against probably the toughest teams they faced during that stretch. Washington was 4-1 and Denver 9-1 going into those games.

"I don't feel like we have stepped up and played our best football in some of our biggest games," Bledsoe said Wednesday. Against Washington and Denver, "we didn't play at our top level, so we have to prove that we can do that in a big game.

"We can play for some pride, prove that we're a good enough team to go down against the defending world champions and beat them."

If the Patriots do that Sunday, they'll clinch the AFC East title, their first home playoff game since 1978 and second in team history. If they don't, Dallas will clinch the NFC East crown.

New England would like to control the ball by running it. If they have trouble doing that — or fall behind early — they're more likely to turn to Bledsoe and his deep group of receivers.

And that could be trouble against the NFL's top-rated defense overall and against the pass.

"The receivers are going to have to work a little bit harder to get free and our offensive line may have to work a little bit harder to give me a little bit extra time in order to wait for these guys to come open," Bledsoe said.

"These guys" are wide receivers Terry Glenn, the league's top rookie receiver with 74 catches, and Shawn Jefferson, two newcomers who have given New England one of the NFL's most dangerous offenses.

But Sanders and Smith are two of the league's best cornerbacks, part of what Patriots coach Bill Parcells described as the best secondary New England has faced this season.

Two-man scramble Saturday at WTC

The WTC Men's Golf Association will host a two-man scramble Saturday. Tee time is 1:30 p.m. Pairings will be A-B and C-D flights.

Esiason walks out on Cards

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The question of whether the Arizona Cardinals are tight-fisted is getting nearly as much attention as Boomer Esiason's decision to quit the team with two games to go.

Coach Vince Tobin is benching Esiason for the second time this season; Esiason, a 13-year pro, said Wednesday the decision revolved around bonus incentives the Cardinals would have had to pay had he remained the starter at quarterback.

Esiason told Tobin that he wanted to be released from his two-year contract. Then he departed the practice facility, leaving shoes, clothing and hats in his locker below the stenciling that lists his Pro Bowl appearances in 1986, 1988, 1989 and 1993.

Linebacker Eric Hill wanted to believe Tobin was sincere in saying Graham, who has started just 10 games in five seasons, is more likely to end a two-game losing skid and help the Cardinals (6-8) break even this year.

"If it turns out that it is something else, then all of a sudden we're back to Square One again as far as the way the organization is perceived," he said. "There have been conflicts with players and upper management since I've been here, so hopefully they're trying to polish this thing up, smooth it out and get it on the right track."

The disruption came a day after Tobin named Graham to start Sunday against the Washington Redskins.

Tobin said he didn't blame Esiason, still respects him and would welcome him should he decide to return. In any case, Tobin said, the Cardinals will not release the 35-year-old quarterback.

Esiason left the New York Jets in the offseason, agreeing to play for the Cardinals for $800,000 year for two years because he owned a home in a golf-course development in nearby Scottsdale.

But the contract also included performance incentives that could have yielded him another $300,000 to $350,000 this season.



HUNTER — Randy Green, 15, killed this 11-point buck on Nov. 23. (Contributed Photo)

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BurtNoSFe	87¼	86	86⅛	— ⅛
Caterpillar	77	76¾	76¾	— ⅛
CenSoWst	26	25⅞	25⅞	— ⅛
Chevron		63⅛	62⅝	62⅝
Chrysler s	35¼	34⅝	34⅝	— ⅛
Coastal	47⅜	47¼	47⅛	— ⅛
CocaCola s	49¾	48⅛	48⅛	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	91	90¾	90⅞	+ ⅛
ConsMdStrls		31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
Cooprln	40⅛	40	40	— ⅛
CyprusAmax		24⅜	24⅛	24⅜
DellSemicn		23⅜	23⅜	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl		75⅛	75⅛	— ⅛
DigitalEq	39¼	38⅜	38⅝	— ⅛
Dillard	29⅜	29⅛	29⅛	— ⅛
DowChem	81⅞	81¼	81⅜	+ ⅛
DresserInd	31⅜	30⅜	30⅜	— ⅛
DuPont	93	92	92¼	— ⅛
EastmanChem	56⅜	55⅞	56⅜	+ ⅛
EstKodak	81⅛	80⅜	81⅛	+ ⅛
EDS Corp	46⅞	46⅝	46⅝	+ ⅛
Elsinrfld		12⅜	12⅛	12⅜
Enserch	21⅞	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
Entergy		27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
Exxon	95⅛	93⅞	94⅜	— ⅛
FstBkSan		10	10	10
Flowers	21⅞	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
FordMotor	33⅛	32⅝	32⅝	— ⅛
GTE Cp		43⅞	43⅛	43⅛
GenDynam	69⅝	69⅜	69⅜	— ⅛
GenElec		98⅛	97⅞	98 +1
GenMills		63⅛	62⅞	62⅝ — ⅛
GenMotors		58	57⅞	57⅝ — ⅛
GaPacif		73¼	73⅛	73⅜ — ⅛
GlobalMar			18⅛	18⅛ 18⅛
Goodrich		40⅛	39⅞	39⅝ — ⅛
Goodyear s		50⅛	49⅞	50⅛ + ⅛
GtAtlPac		31⅛	31⅛	31⅜ + ⅛
Halburtn		59	57⅞	58 — ⅛
Hanson ADSs		6⅛	6⅛	6⅛ + ⅛
HartfdInds		26	25¼	25⅝ — ⅛
HoustonInds		21⅛	21⅛	21⅜ — ⅛
IBM			158⅛	155⅜ 156⅛
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SunCo		24⅛	24⅛	24⅜ — ⅛
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Tandy		42⅛	42¼	42¼ — ⅛
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Tenneco		46⅛	44	45⅜ +1⅛
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Texasind		57	56⅛	56⅜ +1⅛
Texasinst		68	66⅝	66⅝ — ⅛
TexUtil		40⅛	40⅛	40⅛ + ⅛
Textron		92⅛	92	92⅛ — ⅛
Travlers s		43⅛	42⅜	42⅝ — ⅛
TrinityInds		35⅛	35	35⅛ + ⅛
TriconEagy		48⅛	48⅛	48⅜ — ⅛
Tyler			1⅜	1⅜ 1⅜
US WestCm		31⅛	31⅛	31⅛ + ⅛
USWstMdia		19⅝	19⅝	19⅛ + ⅛
USX Delhi		15⅝	15⅜	15⅛ + ⅛
USX-Marathn		24⅛	24⅛	24⅛ + ⅛
USX-USS			29⅝	29⅛ 29⅝
UnCarbde			42⅝	42⅛ 42⅛
UnPac s		57⅛	57⅛	57⅜ — ⅛
UnitedTech s		66⅛	64⅛	65⅛ — ⅛
Unocal		39⅛	39⅛	39⅛ + ⅛
Wallmrt			24⅛	24⅛ 24⅛
WstnGasRs		18⅛	18⅛	18⅛ — ⅛
WestghEl		18⅛	17⅞	17⅞ — ⅛
WinnDixie		32⅛	31⅞	32⅛ + ⅛
Woolworth			23⅛	23⅛ 23⅛
XeroxCp s		52⅛	51⅞	51⅞ — ⅛
ZenithE		13⅛	13⅛	13⅜ — ⅛

'Abductee' is arrested

A man calling 9-1-1 this morning to say that he had been abducted sent officers to Red Man Pipe and Supply Co. on the Lamesa Highway.

The 64-year-old man told officers that he and his son had been abducted by other individuals. He said he had managed to escape but his son was still being held captive. The man told officers that he broke into Red Man Pipe and Supply in order to use the telephone.

An investigation revealed that there had not been an abduction.

The man was booked into jail at 3:30 a.m. for public intoxcication and Class B criminal mischief.

One person was arrested Wednesday. A 29-year-old male was taken into custody at the Sonic Drive-In at 2:42 p.m. on city warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

In other activity, Shelly Sharp requested an officer at 8:19 a.m. Wednesday in reference to criminal mischief done to her vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of 33rd Street.

An offense report for forgery was submitted at 9:42 a.m. in reference to Dorothy Turner of 1008 23nd reporting forged checks.

Rita Staton notified deputies at 10 a.m. that a house on FM 1606 had been broken into. Household items were taken in the burglary.

A report of a family disturbance was made at 11:01 a.m.

A report of an assault was made at 4:20 p.m. Officers filed an offense report for Class C assault/family violence, and a 15-year-old male was transported to a juvenile faciltiy in Sweetwater.

Reports of prowlers were made at 8:06 p.m. from the 3100 block of El Paso and at 9:27 p.m. from the 1200 block of 28th Street.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 8:22 p.m. in reference to a security light being broken at Snyder Junior High School. Officers also discovered two broken windows at the school.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 5:10 p.m. in the 3600 block of Avenue M. Involved were a 1985 Buick driven by Asencion Luna of 3009 40th St. and a 1983 Pontiac driven by Maria Coronado of 906 27th St.

Torme enters hospital again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mel Torme is back in the hospital just one month after being released following treatment for an August stroke.

"It's nothing to be alarmed about," Rob Wilcox, the singer's spokesman, said Wednesday.

Torme, 71, had developed pneumonia after the stroke. He was admitted to an undisclosed hospital Tuesday so doctors could monitor his respiratory system, Wilcox said. It wasn't known how long the singer would be hospitalized.

Torme, known as the Velvet Fog because of his smooth, silky voice, was hospitalized for three months after his stroke.

Hospital

DISMISSALS: Jacqueline Fye, Shawn Jackson, Mary O. Smith, Crystal Porter.

CENSUS: 53 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-40, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Kristen and Audrey Miller announce the birth of their brother, Daniel Clifton, at 8:14 a.m. on Dec. 7 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces. Parents are David and Sally Miller of Snyder.

Grandparents are Paul and Ginger Vertz of Farmington, Conn.; Mary Brosz of Dallas; and Dave Miller of Bradenton, Fla.



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U.S. colleges becoming 'armed camps'

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. college campuses are havens from much of the violent and property crime that afflicts the nation. One expert says that's because they have become "armed camps."

In its first study of campus law enforcement, the Justice Department reported Wednesday that three out of four college and university campuses now employ police officers with arrest power. And the campuses have far lower violent and property crime rates than the country as a whole.

"The reason the campus crime rates are so low is that colleges and universities have recruited huge numbers of security personnel to protect students," said Jack Levin, a professor of criminology and sociology at Northeastern University. "You can't sell an expensive college education to parents who believe their children aren't going to be safe, so colleges in urban settings have become armed camps. And it's working very well."

The department's Bureau of Justice Statistics found that there were 64 violent crimes and 2,141 property crimes reported to police for every 100,000 students in 1994, the most recent year with complete data.

By comparison, in the nation as a whole that year, there were 716 violent crimes and 4,656 property crimes for every 100,000 residents.

The bureau surveyed public and private four-year institutions with 2,500 or more students last year. These schools enrolled four out of five of the nation's nearly 9 million college students.

Colleges and universities last year employed nearly 11,000 full-time sworn police officers, who had been given general arrest powers by a state or local government, the statistics bureau found.

In addition, campus law enforcement agencies employed nearly 10,000 nonsworn security officers, who did not have arrest power.

Overall, three-fourths of the schools had campus police officers with arrest power, including 93 percent of the public institutions and 43 percent of the private ones.

Police officers are armed at 81 percent of the public campuses and 34 percent of the private campuses, the bureau found.

"College students are economically better off than society as a whole and they have bought into the system or they wouldn't be spending four years studying," said Levin, who has studied campus crime. "But that alone doesn't explain the lower campus crime rates because college students are in the most crime-prone years."

"Most crimes on campus are committed by students against one another," Levin said in a telephone interview. He said these crimes can be reduced by security measures because they are more often spontaneous than premeditated.

"Violence on campus usually results from an argument in a dormitory or between classes," Levin said. "It's rarely someone singling out a person for revenge and waiting in a parking lot or at someone's home to avoid guards." The confined nature of campuses also aids security personnel, he said.

Property crime on campus is usually someone stealing a purse or computer, Levin said.

The statistics bureau said the average campus had seven violent crimes in 1994; the largest campuses averaged 25 violent crimes; those with fewer than 5,000 students averaged three crimes.

Average large campuses reported 1,000 property crimes; the smaller campuses, an average of 71 property crimes.

Date Book

Dec. 12, 1996

Today is the 347th day of 1996 and the 82nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, Ludwig van Beethoven received his first music lesson from Joseph Haydn.

On this day in 1870, Joseph Rainey of South Carolina, the first black man to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, was sworn in.

On this day in 1957, Jerry Lee Lewis married his 13-year-old cousin.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jay (1745-1829), U.S. statesman-jurist; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), anti-slavery leader; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), writer; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-), entertainer, is 81; Bob Barker (1923-), announcer-animal rights activist, is 73; Ed Koch (1924-), politician, is 72; Connie Francis (1938-), singer-actress, is 58; Dionne Warwick (1941-), singer, is 55; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Miami quarterback Gino Toretta won the Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "With reasonable men, I will reason; with humane men, I will plead; but to tyrants I will give no quarter, nor waste arguments where they will certainly be lost." — William Lloyd Garrison

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1882, more than 7.6 inches of rain fell on Portland, Ore.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 10) and first quarter (Dec. 17).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband With Wife in Nursing Home Needs to Care for Himself

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the man in Olympia, Wash., whose wife has Alzheimer's disease and doesn't even recognize him prompts me to write. Although he continues to visit her in the nursing home, he feels guilty about seeing the widow next door to him.

My husband and I were also childhood sweethearts, and we have just celebrated our 46th anniversary, too. As you reach our age, thoughts of just this sort of possibility occur.

It would pain me terribly if I thought for one minute that should I get Alzheimer's or some other debilitating disease, my dear husband would feel that he must also give up the rest of his life to sit by my bedside watching me "in a world of my own."

Obviously, this man was always a thoughtful and loving husband during their marriage. Perhaps he should try to imagine how he would feel if he were the ill partner. Would he begrudge her having some joy and comfort while he was oblivious to the world? I think not.

Please, Abby, tell that man he has no reason to feel guilty. If his wife could speak, she would give him her blessing and thank him for the last 46 years.

MARY JANE SEGERSON

DEAR MARY JANE: I told the husband that a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a grief counselor or clergyperson could help him absolve his feelings of guilt, and that an Alzheimer's support group could also be helpful. But your letter gets right to the heart of the dilemma. Although not everyone is as enlightened as you, I am with you 100 percent. This does not reduce the responsibility of the well spouse to ensure that the loved one receives the best and most compassionate care possible. But life is a gift that should be enjoyed.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I work in a small family business. A female employee spends a great deal of time in my husband's office. (I'll call her Sally.) She flatters him constantly and often brings him food. Although Sally is married and has children, my husband has gone to her home several times to assist her with setting up her computer.

Last week, we were all having lunch. Sally sat across from my husband and I noticed that her foot was touching his leg!

When I left work one evening, I forgot something and had to return to my office. My husband was in Sally's office, and I overheard him telling her not to sit next to him at lunch because I was jealous! (She was laughing!) I was enraged that he would discuss my confidences with this woman, and I later confronted him about it. He apologized for this disloyalty.

Abby, I am in a dilemma, as I must work with this woman daily. I am her supervisor. All the strange comments she has made in the past seem to indicate that there is more than just friendship between her and my husband. To make matters worse, she's unhappy in her marriage and several of her friends are going through divorces. I don't want to lose my husband. Any advice would help.

FRANTIC

DEAR FRANTIC: First, have a long talk with your husband. Show him this letter and tell him you wrote it.

Sally may or may not be a threat to your marriage. You and your husband should have counseling, because whatever is going on could not be happening without his willingness to tolerate it.

Years ago, I would have recommended that you and your husband find this woman a job elsewhere. But in the '90s, a lawsuit for sexual discrimination or sexual harassment could be more expensive than a divorce, and turn your lives upside down.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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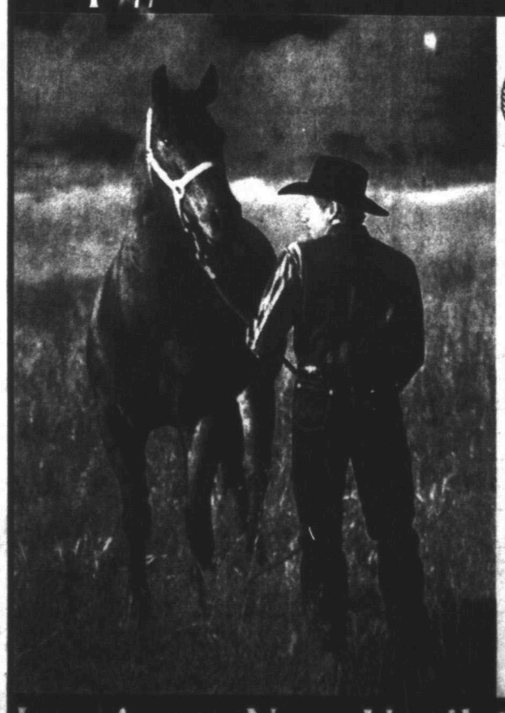
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Cooley will plead innocent

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A defiant Rep. Wes Cooley says he will plead innocent next week to what he called "trumped up" charges that he falsely claimed in state voter guides that he served in Korea.

Cooley, a GOP freshman who dropped his re-election bid after being accused of lying about his military background, faces up to 10 years in prison and $200,000 in fines if convicted of twice making false statements.

"This is a bunch of trumped up business," Cooley told Portland TV station KATU Wednesday night. "I'm sure I will be vindicated on all these charges. If you look at the whole situation, I'm kind of happy now that it will finally go to court."

A federal grand jury is also investigating whether Cooley, 64, lied about when he got married so his wife could fraudulently continue to collect benefits as a Marine widow.

The indictment, made public Wednesday, cited two 1994 state Voters' Pamphlets in which Cooley listed "Army Special Forces, Korea," among his qualifications.

While Cooley has said that he served in Korea, he told KATU that his statement in the voter guides was only meant to indicate he was a member of Army Special Forces during the Korean War.

Military records cited in published reports indicate that while Cooley did serve in the Army, he never left the United States during the 1950-53 war and didn't finish his training until after the armistice was signed.

The grand jury heard testimony from Cooley's Army buddies, his ex-wife and elections officials.

When his claim was challenged, Cooley was unable to produce any evidence that it was true. He said the records were destroyed in a fire.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson



Study evaluates family hour TV shows

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — The sexual themes and innuendoes during television's nighttime family hour fail to teach children about the risks and responsibilities of sexual behavior, a study found.

Just 9 percent of scenes of a sexual nature addressed issues such as unplanned pregnancy or birth control, said Dale Kunkel, a communications professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara who analyzed the content of TV shows from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The study released Wednesday by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Children Now shows that about 75 percent of family hour TV shows contain sexual content. That's up from 65 percent in 1986 and 43 percent in 1976.

"What we found is that there is a tremendous amount of sexual content on TV during the family hour, very little of which makes any mention of the risks or responsibilities of sexual activity," Victoria Rideout of Children Now said.

The study of programming by ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox urged networks to be more aware of their shows' impact on children did not take a position on whether they should restrict sexual themes.

"Our point is not that television should avoid the topic of sex. Our point is that we need to be aware of the kind of messages about sex that we are sending our kids," Rideout said.

The study found that children generally understood sexual comments and innuendoes.

Chris Ender, a CBS spokesman, said attitudes toward sex and its presentation have changed dramatically in 10 years, so it shouldn't be shocking that the volume of sexual content has increased.

He said CBS shows sexual content responsibly and that the network's 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. lineup is "programming that the entire family can watch together."

The study included analysis of sexual content, telephone surveys of parents with children ages 6 to 15, and eight focus groups with children ages 8 to 13 in Chicago and San Jose, Calif.

In the focus groups, most children ages 8 to 10 understood a joke in CBS' comedy "The Nanny" about the title character losing her "Virgin ... airlines ticket."

Youngsters also understood a reference to whipped cream in NBC's "The Jeff Foxworthy Show" to be about a man intending to "squirt whipped cream all over (his wife) and lick it off."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 13, 1996

You will have many opportunities to increase your assets in the year ahead. However, you must be aware of your limits. Choose your endeavors carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This will be a good day to socialize with an individual who can help you resolve a business matter. For best results, keep everything positive. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure you state desired zodiac signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions that have a direct affect on your material well-being will work in your favor today. Anticipated returns might come to you in an unusual fashion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to accomplish your goals today, imaginative tactics will be required. Do not limit your opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you might profit from something that is the product of another person's efforts. Your participation will be welcomed rather than resented.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) People whose support you'll need today will be helpful, but you shouldn't go overboard. Do not make unreasonable demands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you will have a remarkable ability to think of ways to make tough jobs easier. If you put your ideas into action, you will save a lot of time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, do not turn down an invitation to go to a place where you can meet new people. A pleasant surprise might be in store for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This will be a good day for the whole family to pull together. Your efforts could transform a negative situation into something positive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, others might think that you are more restless than usual. Try not to lock yourself into an agreement which could hold you in one place for too long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will benefit today if you are more assertive in situations which offer financial remuneration. You will be lucky in money matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ability to manage others will be impressive today. After you make a decision, don't back down or waffle. Associates won't respect your authority if you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you want to resolve a troublesome matter today, you may have to prod family members to get them to compromise.

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Lottery commissioner eyes resigning

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Lottery Commissioner Joe Morin says he might resign from the three-member panel because a group he leads leases office space owned in part by officials of the lottery's largest contractor.

Morin told the Austin American-Statesman for today's editions that he didn't know officials at GTECH Holding Corp. owned the building until told by the newspaper on Dec. 2.

Records obtained by The Dallas Morning News show the lottery has spent thousands of dollars for promotions at Retama Park, the financially ailing racetrack owned partly by GTECH near San Antonio.

GTECH Chief Executive Officer Guy Snowden and his family trust own 28.6 percent of the downtown Austin property with Morin's offices. GTECH Co-Chairman Victor Markowicz and his family trust own 28.6 percent. Melanie Barnes, wife of GTECH consultant Ben Barnes, owns 8.8 percent.

Morin is president of the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce, which leases office space near the Capitol.

GTECH operates the state's online lottery games and is the largest lottery contractor.

The Lottery Commission is investigating how Mike Moeller, a close friend of lottery director Nora Linares, got a $30,000 consulting contract with Rhode Island-based GTECH.

Commissioners want to know whether Ms. Linares has given preferential treatment to GTECH or other vendors.

Morin said there was no impropriety in the lease of his group's office space and that the group has paid market value for the space.

But the commissioner said he wants to avoid even the appearance of wrongdoing in the supercharged atmosphere now surrounding the lottery.

He told the American-Statesman he will recuse himself from any commission decisions involving GTECH and he might not seek Senate confirmation of his appointed post when the Legislature convenes next month.

'Dead Man Walking' author turned away from Travis jail

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying there are local clergy to counsel inmates, Travis County Jail officials have refused to allow a former death row inmate to visit with the Catholic nun who wrote the book "Dead Man Walking."

Sister Helen Prejean's award-winning book led to an acclaimed movie of the same title. She was in Austin Wednesday to speak at a dinner sponsored by the Texas Civil Rights Project.

As part of her trip, Sister Prejean said she arranged two weeks ago to visit inmate David L. Powell at the Travis County Jail.

Powell twice has been sentenced to death in the 1978 capital murder of Austin police officer Ralph Ablanedo. His first conviction was reversed, as was his second sentence.

Powell is awaiting resentencing, which could put him back on death row.

Woody Simmons, director of treatment and inmate services for the jail, said Sister Prejean's visit with Powell hadn't been prearranged, and Sister Prejean hadn't been cleared for the visit.

He said the whole thing seemed like a media event, even though local news outlets hadn't been notified about the jail visit.

"We generally seek Catholic counseling from the local diocese," Simmons said. "There have been on rare occasions (clergy who have come) from out of county. I've never known of anyone coming in from out of state."

Type II diabetes...

FDA panel suggests approval of new drug

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A novel drug that promises to help thousands of people with the most common form of diabetes reduce — or maybe even stop taking — their insulin shots is a step closer to market.

Scientific advisers to th Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday unanimously recommended approval of Rezulin, the first drug to attack an underlying cause of Type II diabetes.

The drug "is a truly novel approach," said Dr. Solomon Sobel, FDA's director of endocrinologic drugs. It puts doctors "in the realm of treating Type II diabetes in a more fundamental way."

Some 16 million Americans have diabetes, although only half are diagnosed. Type I diabetics, typically diagnosed in childhood, cannot produce insulin and must get daily shots of the hormone, which converts blood sugar into energy. Rezulin is not for them.

But the vast majority of diabetics have Type II, also called adult-onset or non-insulin dependent, diabetes. With this form, the pancreas produces more and more insulin but the body gradually stops reacting to it, letting blood sugar rise and risking kidney damage, blindness, heart disease and other complications.

Diet, exercise and pills to boost insulin production and decrease glucose production can help, but over 40 percent of Type II diabetics eventually need insulin shots. Even then, many can't get high enough doses to stay healthy — or the inconvenience of taking shots and the weight gain insulin can cause dissuade patients from taking proper care.

Obituaries

Sybil Wiley

1914-1996

Service has been set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Sybil Matilda Wiley, 82, of Lubbock. Homer Anderson, minister of 37th St. Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Mrs. Wiley, formerly of Ira, died Wednesday morning in the Lubbock Hospitality House after a lengthy illness.

Born on Jan. 18, 1914 in Sterling City, she married Eugene V. Wiley on Dec. 14, 1933 in Dunn. He died on Aug. 15, 1970.

Mrs. Wiley, a housewife, was a member of the East Side Church of Christ. She was a longtime resident of Scurry County before moving to Lubbock in July.

She was also preceded in death by two grandsons.

Suvivors include two daughters, Donnie Lue Halpain of Lubbock and Connie Sue Womack of Snyder; a son, Raymond Weldon Wiley of Arlington; a brother, Alton Hull of Colorado City; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Barrera

1912-1996

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Theodora G. Barrera of Snyder. She was 84. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery. Fr. Patrick Maher will officiate.

Rosary has been set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Barrera died at 5:35 a.m. Wednesday in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1912 and married Manuel Barrera Sr. in 1941 in Bastrop. He died in 1966. She was a housewife and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Living in Snyder since 1966, she had also lived in Colorado City and Hermleigh.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Louis Barrera in 1969.

Survivors include two sons, Salome Barrera and Manuel Barrera Jr., both of Snyder; three daughters, Lilly Garcia, Orlia Martinez and Delia Ruiz, all of Snyder; two sisters, Mercedes Martinez of Colorado City and Maria Terrazas of Snyder; a brother, Julio Guerrero of Anton; 26 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

What's Up?

Living Nativity scene

Colonial Hill Baptist Church presents its fifth annual drive-through living Nativity scene from 6:30-9 tonight, Friday and Saturday. Motorists are asked to enter on Denison Street, adjacent to the School Administration Building. Hot chocolate will be served to those waiting in line.

Model airplane club

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 tonight at Winston Field. Visitors are welcome.

Ministerial Alliance

The Ministerial Alliance will meet at 7 tonight at Snyder Savings & Loan.

Stanfield yearbook orders

Orders are being taken through Friday for Stanfield Elementary's 1996-97 yearbook. The yearbooks are $6 each and should be paid at the time of ordering.

NHS sale to help needy

Snyder High School National Honor Society will hold its Pink Elephant and Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the foyer of the girls' gym. Funds raised through the project will go to help needy families during Christmas. Donations are welcome.

Post office extends hours

Snyder Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday to assist those mailing Christmas packages. Also, a box has been set up by the flagpole at the post office for Santa Letters bound for the North Pole.

Children's Christmas party

A children's Christmas party, sponsored by the American Legion and VFW will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at 1800 Ave. R. Boys and girls age 12 and under are invited. Santa will be there and refreshments will be served.

Adult Christmas party

American Legion and VFW members are invited to a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Monday at 1700 Ave. T. Women are asked to bring pot luck dishes. Gifts will be exchanged; there is a $10 limit.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Where in the World Is Jesus," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

More on Monday activities

More on Monday activities for Monday at SHS will include a New Students Club meeting at 7:50 a.m. in the Home Economics living room and lunch in the Student Center with Staff Sergeant Joe Huddleston, U.S. Marine Corps. Karon Keller, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, will hand out drug awareness information in the Student Center.

Counseling staff will be available from 6-8 p.m. Call 574-6049 for more information.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
09-04-01
(nine, four, one)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-12-24-28-30-33.
Estimated jackpot: $8 million.
Number matching six of six: one.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Houston.
Matching five of six: 125. Prize: $1,387.
Matching four of six: 7,263. Prize: $86.
Matching three of six: 133,471. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

DCOS to reconvene

Development Corporation of Snyder board members will reconvene at 10 a.m. Friday to continue their search for a director of economic development.

The board held second interviews with two finalists Tuesday, then recessed after requesting further information from Ralph Andersen and Associates.

Those interviewed were Kent Sharp, director of economic development at Stamford, and John DeLille, former director of economic development for the state of Arkansas.

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