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For TDCJ...

Snyder to be regional distribution center

Snyder's central geographic location in West Texas, long touted as a plus by local community leaders, was a primary factor in Snyder's selection as a regional distribution center for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The TDCJ said today that a long-term stragetic planning team had chosen five locations in Texas in revamping and automating the department's distribution system.

James Eller, former TDCJ board member who now serves as planning coordinator and assistant to the executive director, said Snyder's project is the number one priority in the system.

Eller said a team of some 29 staffers concerned with transportation, distribution, accounting and purchasing made the recommendations that include Snyder.

Another factor in Snyder's selection is the existing warehouse that was donated to the TDJC when Snyder was selected as a site for the Price Daniel unit in 1987.

Eller said the team determined that the distribution center, which will store items for 30 days or less, needed to be at the same location as the long-term storage. Eller said the present 77,000-square foot warehouse located on U.S. 84 will be used for long-term items such as shoes, blankets, clothing and canned goods.

The proposed facility, to be located on the TDCJ property adjacent to Price Daniel unit, will be 120,000 square feet. Estimated cost of the distribution center alone is $5 million.

That cost does not include a planned service and maintenance facility for TDCJ vehicles - trucks, buses, cars, vans, pickups and farm equipment.

Eller said some 20 to 25 trucks with drivers will be permanently stationed in Snyder. The current warehouse staff will more than double.

What — regional distribution center
Where — adjacent to the Price Daniel unit
Size — 120,000 square feet
Cost — $5 million, not including maintenance facility
Jobs — estimated at 40 to 50
When — operational within a year

"This could result in 40 to 50 jobs or more," Eller added.

While some inmate labor will be used, Eller said the proposed distribution center will be fully automated. "It will be on line with a Walmart type distribution outlet," Eller said.

Items purchased from free-world vendors will be delivered directly to the distribution center. Currently, all free-world purchases are delivered to Huntsville and then transported to various units and to some warehouse units by TDCJ trucks.

"We don't have enough trucks, so we have to rethink and change our methods of operation," Eller said. After TDCJ takes possession of the merchandise, the TDCJ's trucks will then distribute to various units on a regional basis.

By the year 2000, TDCJ is estimating a state prison population of 200,000 and some 40,000 of those will be in the West Texas area served by the Snyder distribution facility.

Eller said the local distribution center will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "The volume of stuff is incredible," Eller noted.

Eller said planning has already been turned over to a contract architectural firm, not only for design but for assistance in logistics and operational planning."

Eller said the plan has already been approved, but senior management is insisting on an operational plan that includes interface with purchasing, accounting, transporation and dispatch. "It will be a whole new system." A new division of transportation will be created, Eller said.

The transportation department will also have the responsibility for inmate transportation, and the Snyder maintenance facility will support the inmate transfer unit to be located at the Robertson unit in

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Ask Us

Q—Does Snyder have any type of program to mulch Christmas trees as some cities do?

A—Snyder does not have any such program at this time. The trees should be cut and placed in a dumpster or carried out to the landfill. If the tree alone is carried out to the landfill, there will be no charge.

In Brief

3,000 march

FORT WORTH (AP) — About 3,000 people joined in a weekend march led by 50 black ministers through the city's minority neighborhoods to protest crime and urge residents to unite to take back their streets.

"The black churches were saying today that crime is not just a police issue, or a city hall issue. It's our issue, too," said Mayor Kay Granger, who met marchers at Mount Zion Baptist Church in southeast Fort Worth.

Apartment fire

DALLAS (AP) — An overloaded electrical outlet is being blamed for a fire that destroyed a 20-unit apartment complex the day after Christmas.

No one was reported injured, but the residents in the Villa De Oro Apartments about two miles east of downtown Dallas lost most of their Christmas gifts, authorities said.

"Daddy, will I get my bunny rabbit?" Steven Garza, 5, asked his father, Luis, 24, as they stood outside the burning building.

"No, son, everything is gone," replied Garza, tears welling in his eyes.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 43 degrees; low, 26 degrees; high Friday, 47 degrees; low, 25 degrees; high Saturday, 60 degrees; low, 27 degrees; high Sunday, 67 degrees; low, 32 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 47 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.29 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy and colder. Low around 30. Northeast wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, cloudy and colder. High near 40. Northeast wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:48. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:42. Of 360 days in 1993, the sun has shone 353 days in Snyder.

17 arrests keep Snyder PD busy

Seventeen arrests — most of them drinking-related — kept local peace officers busy over the Christmas holidays.

Officers also helped "unarrest" a youngster during the weekend. Police received a call shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday from a woman in the 400 block of Eastridge who said a seven-year-old child had put on a pair of handcuffs and couldn't get them off. An officer was able to free the child in short order.

Police arrested:

—A 31-year-old woman for Class A assault/family violence and a 41-year-old man for Class A assault/family violence and a warrant for family violence out of Gregg County. Police had responded to a family disturbance at the Budget Inn Motel at 9:46 p.m. Sunday and made the arrests at 10 p.m.

—A 24-year-old man for driving with a suspended license and no liability insurance at 4:47 p.m. Sunday at 30th Street and Avenue D.

—A 36-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 27-year-old man for public intoxication at 12:24 a.m. Sunday in the 2200 block of College Avenue.

—A 20-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, an 18-year-old man for public intoxication, and a 17-year-old woman for public intoxication at 10:23 p.m. Saturday in the 1500 block of Avenue T.

—A 29-year-old man and a 55-year-old man for public intoxication at 9:08 p.m. Saturday in the 3200 block of 40th Street. Officers, who had responded to a disturbance call, also filed a report for family violence.

—A 25-year-old man for public intoxication at 11:33 a.m. Saturday in the 2700 block of Avenue J.

—A 21-year-old man for public intoxication at 11:31 a.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of 27th Street.

—A 41-year-old woman for public intoxication at 9:14 p.m. Friday in the 1600 block of Avenue L.

—At 33-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and having an open container at 7:02 p.m. Friday in the 800 block of 26th Street.

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Court oks transfers

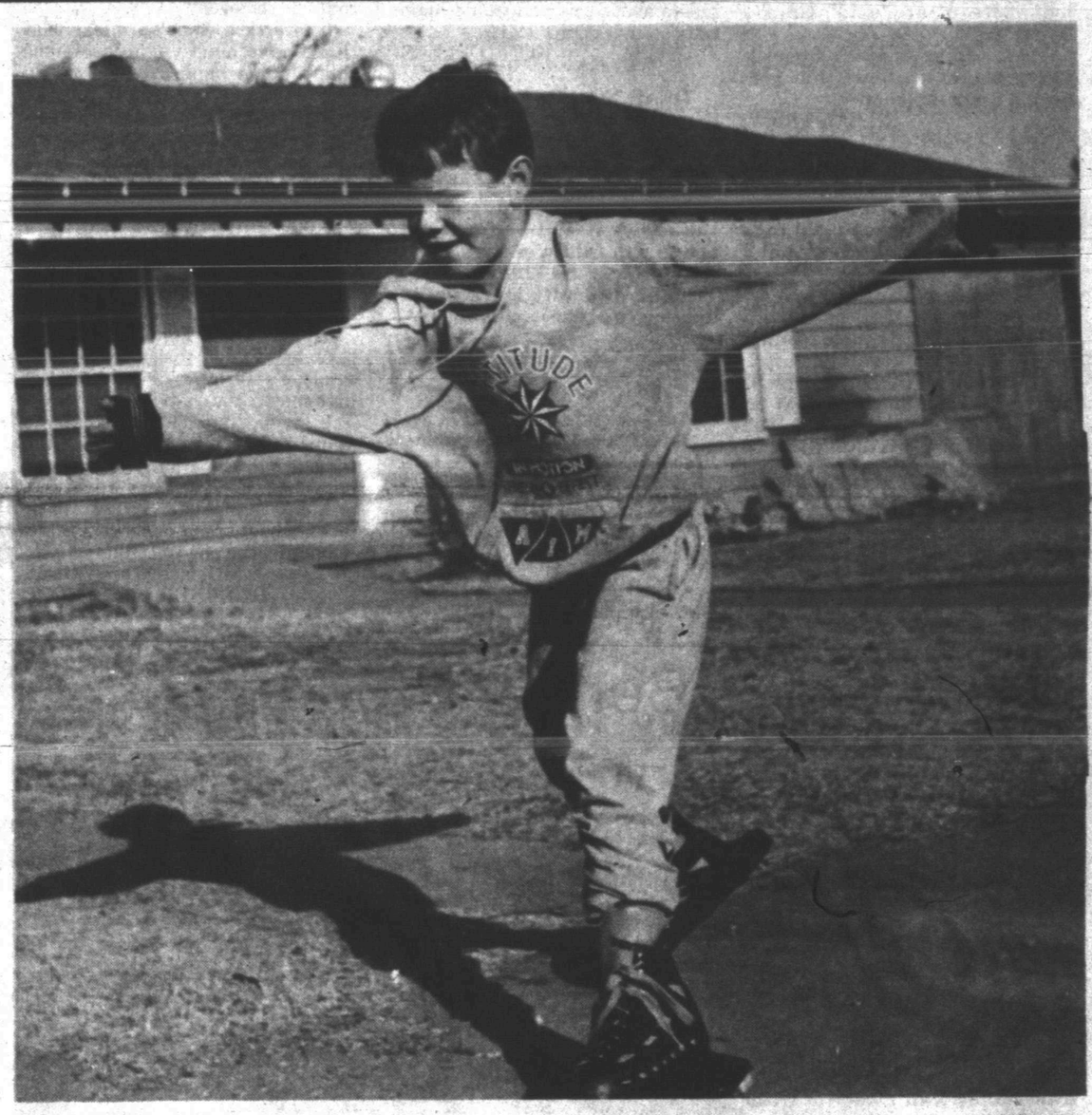
Scurry County Commissioners Court approved line-item transfers, bills and previous minutes this morning before recessing until 12:30 p.m. to open insurance bids.

The court approved transfers in the amount of $2,775 in the county clerk's budget, $5,425 in Precinct 3, $11,150 in maintenance, $982 in the county judge's budget, $155 in the county auditor's budget, $400 in the airport budget and $150 in the county court budget. None required budget amendments, only transfer of funds.

Commissioners were to open bids for county health insurance at 12:30 p.m. The court had received two bids, and was expecting at least one other before the noon deadline.

Commissioners will meet again Thursday at 10 a.m. to consider the health insurance bids. Also on Thursday's agenda will be year-end budget amendments and line-item transfers.

Present this morning were commissioners C.D. Gray, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway. Roy Idom was absent. County Judge Bob Doolittle presided.



SANTA CAME THROUGH — Joshua Duhaime, balances well on a pair of in-line skates he received as a Christmas gift. Children were able to play with outdoor toys in this morning's mild temperature. (SDN Staff Photo)

New laws ring in new year

Bicycle safety, home checklist among them

AUSTIN (AP) — With 1994 less than a week away, take note Texans because there's going to be some changes.

Several new laws voted on by state lawmakers last year take effect Jan. 1, though most of the legislators' work began with the fiscal year in September.

New for 1994 will be bicycle safety training (it'll be offered), home sales (sellers must detail to buyers the condition of a house) and regulations that cover perfusionists.

Perfusionists are the people who operate the heart-lung machine during open heart surgeries.

During open heart surgery, a patient's heart is stopped and the patient's blood is circulated through the heart-lung machine. The machine assumes the function of the heart and lungs.

Most perfusionists are graduates of a program accredited by the American Medical Association, but some are trained on the job.

In Texas, there are about 150 perfusionists performing an average of 140 cases per year, according to a legislative analysis of the law.

Of those, 17 are working without accreditation, said Shannon Ballard, a perfusionist and president of the Texas Perfusionist Association.

Ballard said Texas will become the first state in the nation with such extensive oversight of perfusionists.

The law, by state Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, sets up a board to license, regulate and discipline perfusionists.

"This is for patient safety. We're kind of leading the way," Ballard said.

Another safety law taking effect is the development of a bicycle training course for youngsters by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Since the law did not appropriate any funds for the course, the DPS is trying to get federal funds, according to Linda Cox, who is developing the program for the agency.

Mrs. Cox said the DPS wants to train instructors who would teach mostly 9- and 10-year-olds in their communities.

"We want to teach kids about how to avoid accidents, how to flow with traffic. A major component will focus on bicycle helmets. They're one of the major protective pieces of equipment that can minimize the severity of injury," she said.

In 1991, there were 52 deaths and 2,700 reported injuries from accidents involving bicycles, she said.

Beginning Tuesday...

SDN takes a look back at '93

Scurry County witnessed a lot of changes in 1993, particularly in economic development, city and county government and the oil patch.

Tuesday, the Snyder Daily News will begin a four-part series reviewing the events that impacted Scurry County citizens the most.

There were some big stories.

Crime got its share of attention. No less than three Scurry County residents were sentenced to life terms for murder during the year, but it was a child molestation trial involving a teacher that drew the most attention, and emotion.

Taxes went went up again; property values came down. The city and county feuded over trash early in the year but made amends, eventually approving a new "shared services" agreement.

Snyder High School got a new principal, the prison got a new warden, and the town got a new mayor.

And something else happened that was anything but new — the high school drama department won the state Class 4A One-Act Play Contest in Austin.

Sanitation rates doubled; the men's college basketball program was officially discontinued; and Snyder ISD trustees declared the district to be "tobacco free."

Health care in Snyder improved during 1993 with the addition of an orthopedic surgeon and a general surgeon and several specialty clinic physicians at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The hospital also announced that an internal medicine specialists will be arriving in late January.

The city began a recycling program; and Furr's became Don's Value King; and there was controversy which a school trustee [illegible] some was reversed.

The series begins Tuesday with the first quarter of the year.

Power of Islam on the rise in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Bumper stickers proclaim "Power belongs to God."

The power of Islam is growing in Turkey, a Muslim but constitutionally secular nation of 60 million people. As it does, the division widens between religious activists and people dedicated to secularism.

Radical Islam is not considered likely to dominate the country, as in neighboring Iran, but its anti-Western message conflicts with Turkey's position as a NATO member and aspirant to the European Community. Enforcement of sanctions on Iraq and the protection of Kurds in northern Iraq depend on Turkey's cooperation.

"The ground is fertile for polarization," said Cengiz Candar, a columnist for the Istanbul daily Sabah. "There is a feeling of revolt in the conscience of the people. We feel our Muslim identity much more strongly."

Some see the Islamic revival as a belated reaction against how the modern republic was founded 71 years ago by Mustafa Kemal, later named Ataturk.

He ruthlessly sought to rid Turkey of its Ottoman and religious past, using Western-oriented secular nationalism to unite it. He closed religious schools and a few mosques, turning them into museums; banned the public wearing of religious garb; and changed to the Roman alphabet from Arabic, the language of the Koran.

Nowadays, mainstream politicians take care to be observed going to mosque and the U.S.-educated premier, Tansu Ciller, says, "Thank God I am a Muslim." The circulations of Islamic newspapers are increasing.

Although no statistics are available, analysts say Turks are becoming more observant. Women in ankle-length black robes, showing only a small triangle of face, are common in some quarters of Istanbul, a city of 11 million.

The fundamentalist Welfare Party, a well-organized group led by Necmettin Erbakan, won 40 seats in the 450-member Parliament in 1991 and captured six Istanbul districts in local elections a year ago. It is expected to do well in nationwide local elections in March.

Erbakan claims his followers have doubled in number to 1.6 million over two years. He draws support from those who are dissatisfied with corruption and from the masses of rural migrants to the cities, many of whom find refuge from unemployment and poverty in the promises of religion.

"Islam will make a revolution in civilization," said one Welfare Party supporter, Firat Oruc, a 19-year-old sociology student at Istanbul University.

He spoke during noon prayers one Friday in December at the 16th century Beyazit mosque, where worshipers spilled out into the courtyard.

Islamic revival takes different forms in Turkey.

One is a kind of "cultural expression" that harkens back to the Ottoman past as the center of the Islamic world, said Dogu Ergil, a political scientist at Ankara University.

Analysts also point to a "liberal capitalist Islam." The best example of that is Ihlas, a $200 million-a-year holding company that puts its profits back into operations and is modeled after Muslim charitable foundations.

A third kind of Islamic revival is more threatening.

On July 2, thousands of fundamentalists rampaged in the central town of Sivas to protest a meeting of a group of liberal intellectuals. They set fire to the hotel and 36 people were killed.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 27, 1993

Today is the 361st day of 1993 and the seventh day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1945, the United Nations established the World Bank to make loans to member nations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), astronomer; Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), scientist; Sydney Greenstreet (1879-1954), actor; Marlene Dietrich (1901-1992), actress; Oscar Levant (1906-1972), musician-actor; William H. Masters (1915-), physician, is 78; Lee Salk (1926-), psychologist, is 67.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Seattle's Steve Largent passed Charlie Joiner as the NFL's all-time leading receiver, with 752 catches.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "How do you know love is gone? If you said that you would be there at 7 and you get there by 9, and he or she has not called the police — it's gone." — Marlene Dietrich

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, a new highest temperature for the South Pole of 7.5 degrees was recorded.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Dec. 28).

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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However It's Classified, Tomato Packs a Punch

DEAR ABBY: A reader in Vancouver asked why the tomato was classified as a fruit when it was always found in the vegetable department.

You replied that it was commonly thought of as a vegetable because it had more of an "acid" than a "sweet" taste.

I am sending an article from the Rocky Mountain News that presents a better explanation.

EILEEN PRICE, FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR EILEEN PRICE: Thank you. This may tell my readers more about tomatoes than they want to know, but I found it fascinating:

"Although the tomato is botanically classified as a fruit, in 1893 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it is a vegetable.

"It seems a tariff had been placed on vegetables but not on fruits entering the country. The Collector of Customs for the Port of New York knew an opportunity when he saw one, so he announced that tomatoes were vegetables!

"Importers sued, and eventually the courts were called upon to decide. The unanimous bench delivered the opinion that since tomatoes were generally served at dinner with (or after) the soup, fish or meats which constitute the principal part of the repast — they are vegetables, unlike fruits which are usually served for dessert."

Tomatoes have other uses as well:

"Place slices of tomatoes on tired, burning feet. Wrap, then elevate for 15-20 minutes. The acidity draws out the burning sensation. For sunburn: Soak tomatoes in buttermilk and apply to skin. Also, a warmed slice of tomato will help draw the infection from a boil.

"A bath of tomato juice will neutralize skunk odor. Garlic and onion odors can be removed from hands with a slice of fresh tomato!

"Tomato juice is also a hangover remedy. Its high fructose content speeds the body's alcohol burning process.

"For splinters, sprinkle salt on the area, cover with half a cherry tomato, bind with plastic wrap (to prevent a gushy mess), and leave on overnight. By morning, the splinter will pop right out."

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DEAR ABBY: We are the parents of a beautiful — and very bright — son who is 18 months old. Our problem is his grandmother, my mother-in-law.

Although she is capable of speaking perfect English, she deliberately talks to the baby in a foreign language. She says it will be easier for him to learn this second language if he is exposed to it at an early age.

I agree with that, but I think the baby should learn to speak English first — and after he has mastered the English language, he should be taught a second language.

My husband and I have been having some rather heated arguments about this and would appreciate your opinion.

NO. I.D. PLEASE

DEAR NO. I.D.: Your husband wins this one. According to Margaret Sapir, national director of Berlitz Jr., a language teaching service, the earlier a child is exposed to a foreign language, the easier it will be for him to acquire it. Oddly enough, it will not confuse the child. Children have no difficulty learning two languages at the same time.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I am enclosing a copy of an article that appeared in the Baltimore *Sun*. It states that a Florida woman had donated her son's organs, but instead of being thanked for her humanitarian efforts, she received a bill from the hospital for $41,000 ... "the cost of keeping her son alive so the organs could be removed."

The article went on to say that there have been vague promises that a donor bank may eventually pay much of the $41,000, but the mother had received no guarantees, and she's now struggling because a lien has been placed on her son's estate.

The article reported that the $10,000 in insurance money that could pay for the funeral could not be used because the hospital had a lien on it, which is standard operating procedure for the hospital.

Abby, this is appalling. And it brought to mind that we and thousands of your other devoted readers listened to your advice and joined The Living Bank. We feel that you should investigate this terrible injustice and determine what really happened. Your readers would like to know the facts — either pro or con — about organ donor programs. Especially the one you championed.

CARL E. AND MARIE K. HUEBNER, BALTIMORE

DEAR CARL AND MARIE HUEBNER: Yours was one of many letters I received voicing concern, so although the article did not concern The Living Bank (which I do promote), I called its director, Bruce Conway, to ask for more information. He replied:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for providing us the opportunity to correct for your readers, and the general public, the misunderstanding concerning the Florida mother who was supposedly charged for donating her son's organs. I have been in contact with Les Olson, the director of the University of Miami Procurement Center who procured the organs, and he advised me that the perceived problem presented in a national news story has been resolved.

The 24-year-old man was involved in an automobile accident on Sept. 12, 1993, and was taken to the hospital with severe head injuries. He was admitted to the trauma center, where all efforts were made to save his life. Upon arriving at the hospital, the mother was advised that her son was brain-dead and on a respirator, and she was asked to donate his organs. She gave consent, and the medical procurement team proceeded with the testing and procurement. She was advised the next day that five vital organs had been utilized and five recipients' lives had been saved due to her generous consent.

The hospital sent an unaudited bill to her within a week, which is standard procedure. The organ procurement center was contacted; they reviewed the statement and will pay 95 percent of it. The remaining portion of the bill was for the trauma room treatment prior to the donation while attempting to save her son's life. (His medical insurance will cover this portion.)

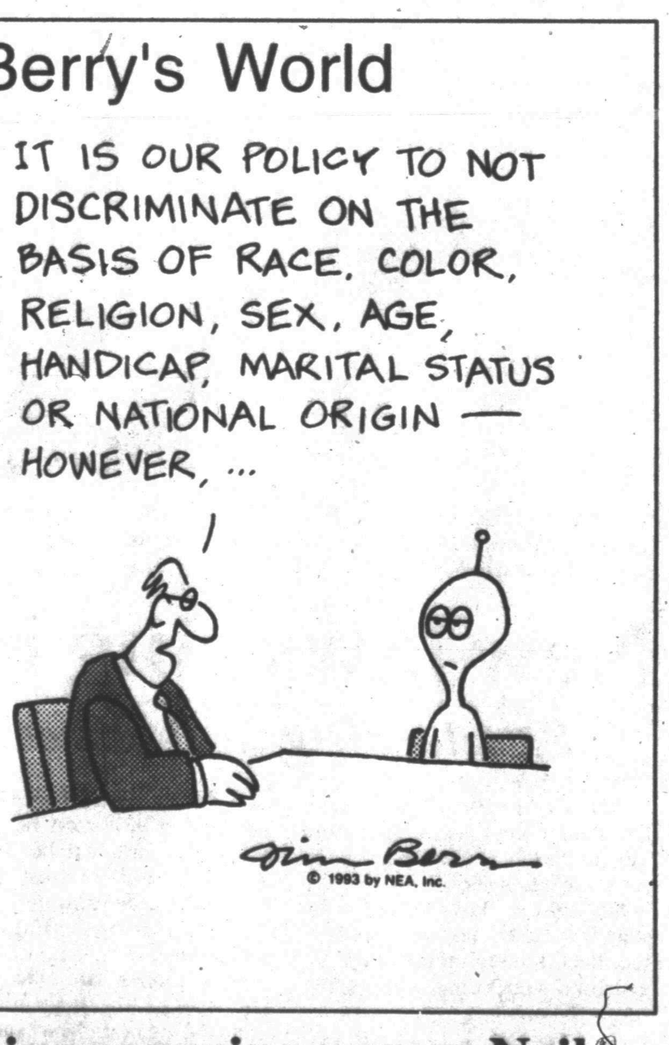
Please continue to stress that a donor family does not incur any more medical expenses than they would if their loved one were not a donor. The mother continues to be a strong advocate of organ donation and gains a great deal of comfort in knowing that her son made it possible for five people to live.

Again, thank you very much for your continued support of organ tissue donation. You will never know how many lives you have saved.

BRUCE CONWAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE LIVING BANK, HOUSTON

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Berry's World



Spin magazine names Neil Young Artist of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — At 48, Neil Young could be the father of many younger rockers. Some call him the "grandfather of grunge."

Now Spin magazine has named him Artist of the Year.

Young's career began in 1967 with the Los Angeles folk-rock band Buffalo Springfield. He later joined Crosby, Stills and Nash, and made "Southern Man" a classic.

Young might be an aging hippie, but his music has kept up with the times and earned him the respect of young rockers.

At this year's MTV Video Music Awards, Pearl Jam, among the most popular alternative bands of the moment, played backup for Young and jammed to a rendition of his 1989 hit "Rockin' in the Free World."

Right now, everybody thinks I'm great. But I've been there before," Young told Spin. "Being willing to give up success in the short run ensures a long run."

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 1 Parks in the Paladin-Parton field, a half mile southeast of Snyder. The well produced 122 barrels of 45 gravity oil and no water. Gas-oil ratio was 1,000-1 with perforations from 7,154-180 feet. Location is in Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Fisher County

[illegible] plug and abandon the No. 1 Paul Hunter, a 5,280-foot wildcat located 2.5 miles northwest of Royston. Location was in Section 75, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Baptist-run school to get state money for troubled youth

HOUSTON (AP) — A new private academy in Houston will be the first church school to receive state funds under 1991 legislation that allows non-profit groups to take in and teach trouble-prone youths, officials say.

The A.A. McCardell Academy, operated by Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, is scheduled to open in January and accept about 75 students who can't or won't attend classes in the Houston Independent School District.

Pleasant Grove pastor C.L. Jackson said a dream was realized last month when school district trustees approved a contract to funnel state money to the school.

He said the Rev. McCardell, who died in 1968, opened the church sanctuary in the 1940s with 52 classrooms used for Sunday school. Now the school will be open all week.

"This has been on the minds of the people for 47 years," Jackson said. "We felt we've just got to do it."

The state-to-church funding arrangement was made possible by a 1991 state law that permits school districts to divert funding to groups that teach children who are not succeeding in public school.

The first such collaboration began nearly three years ago between HISD and the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans, which ran a private school for youths who had dropped out.

The 20-year-old Sanchez School, southeast of downtown Houston, graduated 58 students last year.

State officials say the McCardell Academy, the first religious facility to get public money under the law, will have to walk a careful line.

"They have to follow what everybody else follows in terms of church and state," said Sylvia Garcia of the Texas Education Association.

Jackson said he knows the school cannot teach religion, but he said teachers will preach commonly accepted values.

"We want to teach them to say 'yes, ma'am,' and 'yes, sir,'" he said. "We want to teach them to be respectful to their parents and responsible to this nation they live in."

McCardell Academy has been contracted to educate 75 students next semester, but Jackson said the school can accommodate up to 300. The state in turn pays the school $2,191 for each student who attends classes at least 85 percent of the year. HISD provides textbooks and supervisory assistance.

HISD superintendent Frank Petruzielo said the deal will help a district struggling with the challenge [illegible] troubled youths.

"This is absolutely 21st-century stuff," Petruzielo said. "We are blessed to have community-based organizations that want to work directly with the school district and with kids who drop out or are in danger of dropping out."

Jackson said churches such as his will play a vital role in helping keep youngsters away from lives of crime.

"If all churches would play a part, I don't think it would take long for us to solve some of the problems," he said.

Common gene in cocaine addicts found

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Research led by a professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio has given further credence to the belief that drug abuse is more a matter of heredity than of values.

Dr. George Uhl, chief of molecular neurobiology at the National Institute of Drug Abuse, said the finding by Kenneth Blum and by UCLA professor Ernest Noble confirms other recent research.

It was Blum and Nobel who in 1990 discovered the first gene pattern common to severe alcoholics. In their recent research, they have found the pattern in cocaine addicts.

Blum is a professor of pharmacology, and Noble is a professor of alcohol studies.

Scientists agree that having the gene does not doom a person to abuse but considerably increases the odds.

The new study, published in the journal Drug and Alcohol Dependence, found the gene pattern called the A1 allele in 50.9 percent of 53 Los Angeles cocaine addicts but in only 16 percent of 100 nonaddicted control subjects.

"The prevalence of the A1 form of the gene increased with the increasing number of behavioral risk factors — family history of alcoholism, use of more potent forms of cocaine and early childhood conduct disorder," Blum said.

The A1 allele is an uncommon form of the D2 dopamine receptor gene found in all humans. Dopamine is a chemical that some nerve cells in the brain use to communicate with others. The dopamine system plays a key role in creating sensations of pleasure.

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

One ticket purchased in Dallas County correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket is worth $3 million.

The ticket was sold at a Diamond Shamrock in Flower Mound, Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said Monday. A person claiming to be the winner was on their way to Austin, he added.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 14, 16, 25, 33, 45.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 121 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,213. There were 5,293 tickets with four of six numbers, with each worth $93. And there were 96,574 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $3 million.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: South

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3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Pinching the setting trick

When I use a quotation to start a column, I sometimes feel like Wilson Mizner: "If you steal from one author, it's plagiarism; if you steal from many, it's research." However, in bridge, no matter how many opponents you steal tricks from, it's profit.

On today's deal, North's two-heart response was a transfer bid, promising at least five spades. South jumped to three spades to show a maximum with four-card spade support.

West led the club jack: queen, ace, four. What should East have played now?

Not really giving the matter much thought, East returned the club seven. South allowed the defenders no second chance. He won with dummy's king, drew trumps, played a heart to dummy's king, returned a heart to his ace, and ruffed a heart in the dummy. Back to hand with a trump, declarer ruffed his fourth heart in the dummy. Then he cast adrift with his last club.

West had to win the trick and either lead a diamond, giving declarer his 10th trick with the king, or play a club, conceding a ruff-and-discard.

Let's return to East's decision at trick two. From the point-count, West is marked with only five or six points. To have any chance to defeat the contract, West must hold an ace. And not just any ace — it must be the diamond ace. If West has, say, the spade ace, the defense will get at most one spade and two club tricks.

East should put South on the spot, switching to a diamond at trick two. With the jack in the dummy, South will probably put up his king and go down in his contract.

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Drive-up Lotto

LUBBOCK (AP) — Using a unique drive-through window to sell Texas Lottery tickets, Hester's Oil has become the state's No. 1 outlet for the games of chance, lottery officials say.

Al Hester opened the drive-up at a closed gas station next door to his perpetually crowded convenience store. It is located just inside the state line, a short drive away from Hobbs and Lovington, N.M., on U.S. 62.

On Wednesday and Saturday evenings, cars and pickups — many with New Mexico plates — form a line winding around Hester's little shack. Several thousand Lotto Texas tickets are sold on those days, about 10,000 when the payoff is substantial.

Hester's has sold more than 3 million lottery tickets since May 1992, about 700,000 more than the second-place outlet in McAllen, state lottery officials said. Jackie's Exxon, across the highway near Hobbs, is in third place.

"Al has done a tremendous job of marketing the lottery, but he's also in a good position," said lottery spokesman Steve Levine.

"Oh yeah, 70 percent of our business is from New Mexico," Hester admits.

Hester's drive-up is part of a border phenomenon where only a handful of stores exist for thousands of lottery-crazed New Mexicans.

"I come by about every day, but I'm always here on Wednesday and Saturday," says Paullette Keith, a Hobbs secretary waiting in the drive-up line.

DPS considers tamper-resistance IDs

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety is winning applause for its efforts to develop a driver's license that is more tamper-resistant.

To cut down on the use of fake identification, the DPS is looking into issuing licenses made with highly specialized laminations that cannot be photocopied and may contain a pattern visible only under a flashlight.

The change is supported by groups promoting responsible drinking and driving habits among teen-agers and by retailers who are always on guard against fraudulent checks.

The state's driver's licenses are more sophisticated than those issued by many states, but not as tamper-resistant as technology allows.

"MADD certainly is well aware of the problems that have come about across the state because of fake IDs," said Karen Housewright, spokeswoman for the Texas office of MADD.

"I have seen so many fake driver's licenses, some of them very cleverly done. The idea of Texas using some kind of license that is more difficult to alter will help the problem significantly."

Mickey Moore, spokesman for the Texas Retailers Association, said a tamper-resistant driver's license would be of particular benefit to food stores, which cash many checks.

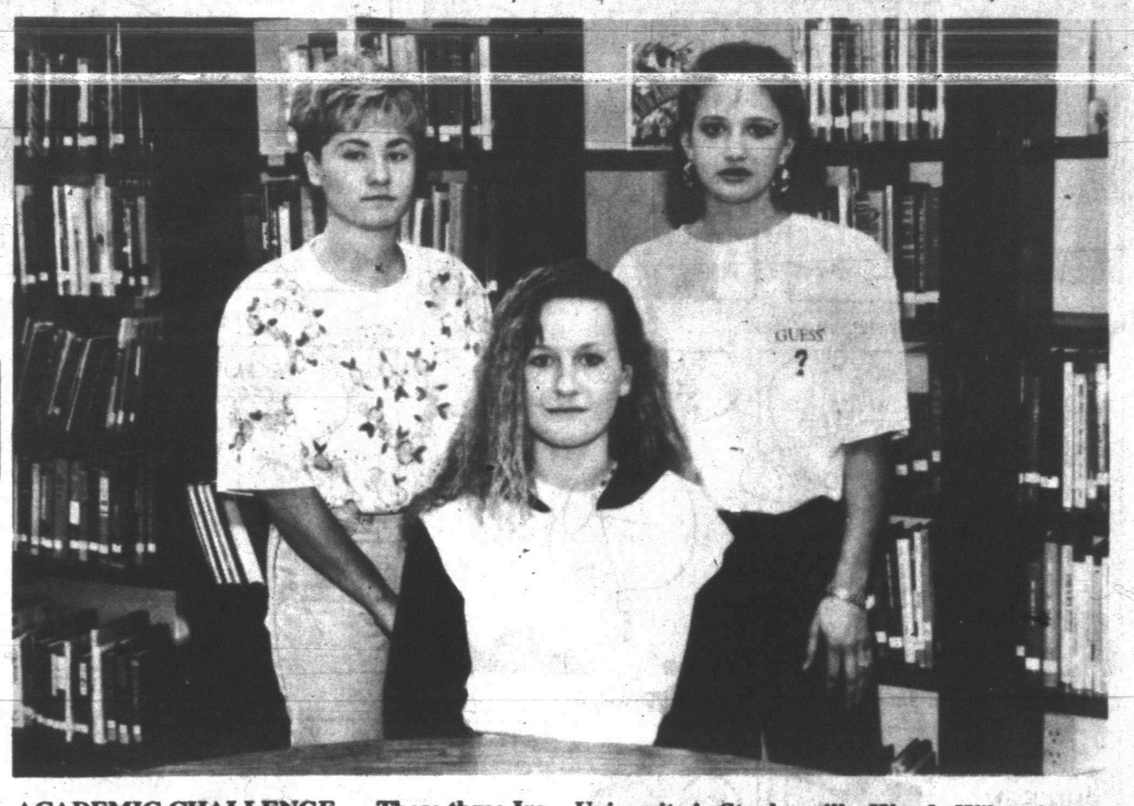
Bob Harris, president of the Texas Bankers Association, also lauded the idea.

"The obvious way it would help Texas banks is by adding one new level of security to the identification process with respect to the cashing of checks," Harris said. "We would be supportive of anything that would make it more difficult to tamper with driver's licenses."

The Texas Restaurant Association, whose members face stiff penalties from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission if they serve alcoholic beverages to minors, also is pushing for the change.

"The TABC holds you to a pretty high standard in reviewing those licenses," said Glenn Garey, general counsel for the restaurant group. "If you don't catch that and TABC comes down and says, 'Well, you should have caught this,' you're on the hook for it."

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the DPS in Austin, says the agency will take bids next year from companies that would like to produce the licenses. The new ID cards could be available beginning in January 1995 and would be introduced as Texas motorists renew their licenses.



ACADEMIC CHALLENGE — These three Ira School students will participate in an Academic Challenge contest in January at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Wendy Wilson is seated. Standing in back are from left, Michelle Gernandt and Angie Robinson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 27, 1993

Good things which could have a positive effect upon your future security might develop for you in the year ahead. Initially they may not appear to be too spectacular, but time will reveal their worth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If there is something worthwhile you've recently accomplished for which you feel you weren't properly compensated, adjustments in your favor can be made today if you insist it be reviewed. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163 Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An endeavor in which you're involved has small chances for success under the auspices of its present leaders. You can do a better job, so assert yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your unselfish attitude towards persons you love is commendable today. It isn't likely you'll consider any sacrifice on their behalf too demanding.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) With your peer group you could be the one today who has the best ideas that produce the greatest good for the largest numbers. Speak up, because they'll be needed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're not apt to succumb to obstacles and challenges today which block you from something close to your heart. Instead they'll spur you on to a more intense effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The thoughtful manner you'll use in correcting an associate today will be appreciated. Its purpose is not to embarrass, even though he/she should have listened in the first place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not underestimate the impact from doing small, considerate deeds for others today. Things you do unselfishly will mean much more than you can realize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to derive your greatest benefits today from involvements with your more serious minded, mature friends. Playful pals can't do as much for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pluses you have going for you today will be the extras you need to achieve your objectives. They'll be an effective blend of imagination and determination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might have to deal with a difficult situation similar to one you recently managed with extraordinary skill. The methods you use can be successfully replicated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons with whom you'll be involved today might not be endowed with your staying power, so don't use them as role models. You're the one who should be setting the example.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something you have to do today cannot be done as well if you operate purely on your own. However, with the right type of partner arrangement, mutual benefits can be derived.

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1993

Substantial effort might be spent in the year ahead on bringing various segments of your life into better balance. The transitions could be difficult, but the end results will be gratifying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) As a rule partnership arrangement usually turn out rather fortunate for you. Today, however, could be an exception. Try to operate independently, free from alliance entanglements. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might have many responsibilities with which to contend today, so schedule your agenda methodically. Do what you can without becoming frustrated if you can't do everything at once.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you might be privy to some hearsay information conveyed to you by a talkative friend. Trouble could result if you repeat it to others without having its validity checked.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Associates won't think less of your courage today if you deliberately avoid problem areas where the odds are stacked against you. Actually they'll admire your judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Generally speaking, you're a rather good listener who doesn't usually turn a deaf ear to sound advice from others. Today, however, you might see little virtue in the suggestions of pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be sure to thoroughly protect yourself today in your commercial dealings if there are persons involved with whom you never dealt with previously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your judgment might not be up to par today if you're compelled to make important decisions under stronger than usual pressure. Postpone matters until conditions are more favorable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Responsibilities you failed to attend to properly in the past might make their presence felt again today. This time you won't have as much latitude as you had previously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is not a good day to champion an unpopular cause. If you try to force your views on others, the reception you're likely to get may be anything but friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If your household is in an uproar today, it looks like you might be the major contributing element. Keep this in mind before pointing a finger of blame at others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extremely careful today regarding verbal commitments you make to others or things you put in writing. Your words, spoken or penned, could later come back to haunt you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you need an emissary or someone to represent you in matters that affect your finances or security, be very selective. A poor choice could spell problems.

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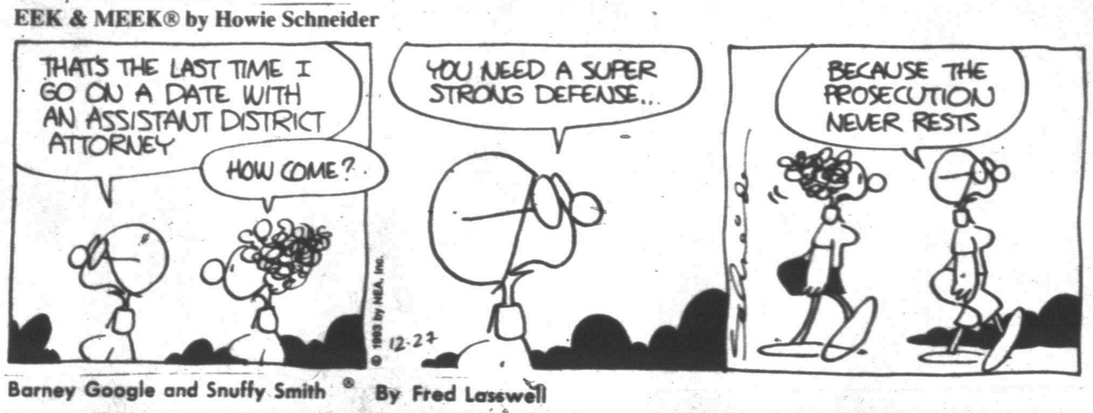
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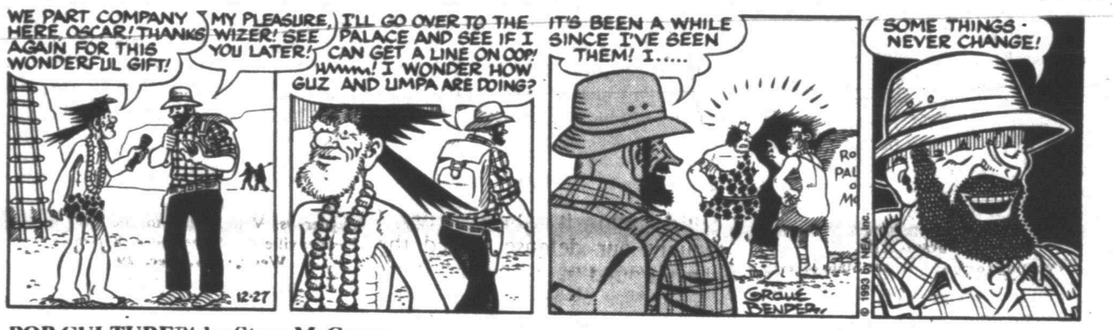
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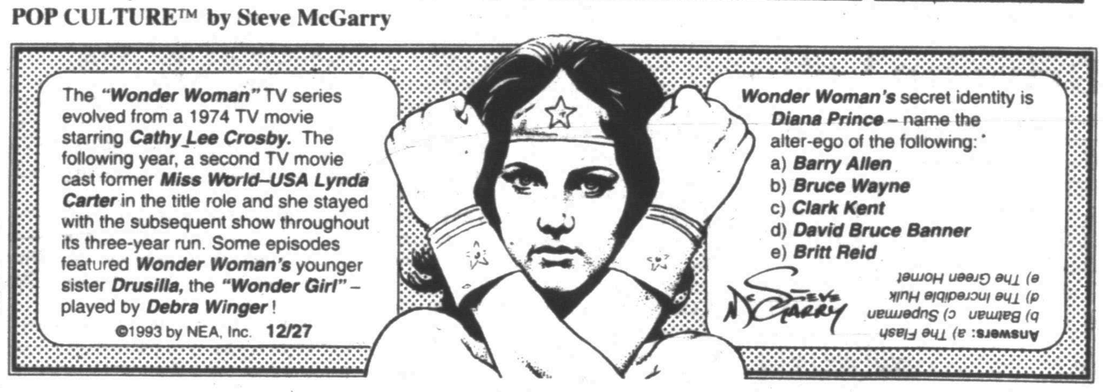
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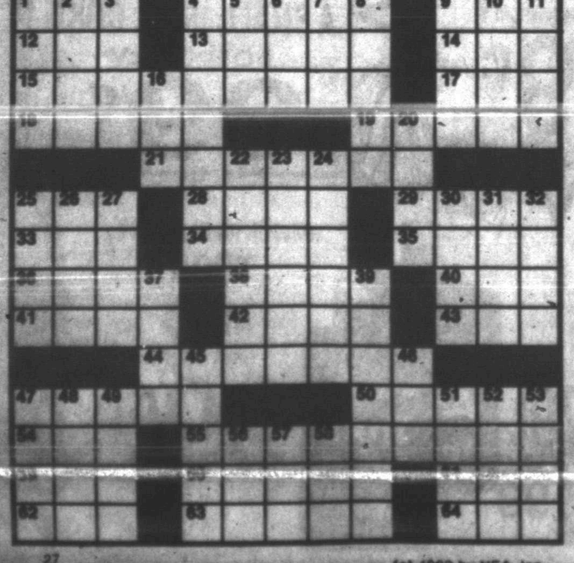
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Dallas scalps Redskins, 38-3

Sets up NFC Eastern Division showdown with New York

IRVING (AP) — A division championship and homefield advantage throughout the NFC playoffs are on the line in the Meadowlands next week, just what that old crystal ball gazer, Jimmy Johnson, predicted back in November.

"We knew a month ago we'd be playing for homefield advantage on Jan. 2 against the New York Giants," the Dallas coach said Sunday after the Cowboys inflicted a 38-3 defeat on the Washington Redskins, the worst whipping in the teams' 68-game series.

Washington linebacker Carl Banks, a former Giant, said his old teammates are in trouble.

"They (the Cowboys) are in full stride, and they are on track to win another Super Bowl," Banks said. "They are one of the only teams in the league who play and win all three phases of the game.

"I think they'll win another Super Bowl, and I attribute that to Jimmy Johnson and his coaching."

Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith played Sunday like they were worth every penny of their total $63.6 million contracts.

Aikman, a fresh $50 million contract in the bank, threw two touchdown passes, and Smith regained the NFL rushing lead and scored a touchdown.

Aikman said he can't remember a bigger non-playoff game.

"I'd have to say it's the biggest regular-season game since I've been here," Aikman said.

Smith agreed, saying, "We know the Giants will be tougher than they were last time. It's all on the line, the division and the home field."

The defending Super Bowl champions and New York are both 11-4 after the Giants lost 17-6 at Phoenix. The Cowboys lost their first two games without Smith, who eventually signed a $12.6 million contract.

The Giants lost 31-9 to Dallas earlier in the season.

"The Giants are very physical and the game should be very intense," Johnson said. "I think our guys are ready to play."

Aikman, who hit 16 of 20 passes for 193 yards, said, "It's going to be very physical. Maybe the Giants lost a little bit by losing to Phoenix. We just have to have the homefield. I think it's a big advantage."

Smith rushed 21 times for 153 yards. The NFL rushing leader the last two seasons, has 1,318 yards to 1,283 for Jerome Bettis of the Los Angeles Rams.

"If Bettis wins it, he wins it, but it's no biggie," Smith said. "I'd rather have a win over the Giants.

"All I know I was sitting on a couch watching my teammates play Washington the last time during my contract holdout. I wanted to make the difference this time around."

Aikman threw touchdown strikes of eight yards to flu-stricken Michael Irvin and 15 yards to Alvin Harper. Irvin also received an apparent broken nose.

"I think Darrell Green did it," Irvin said. "I wasn't going to let it keep me out of the game."

Smith scored on a 1-yard run, and his 35-yard run set up Lincoln Coleman's 1-yard touchdown to start the third period. Kevin Williams dashed 62 yards on a punt return for another touchdown.

"You've got to be at your best to beat Dallas," Washington coach Richie Pettibon said. "You have to play error-free and we didn't. Dallas is very good. I was very impressed with their defense."

Defensive back Kevin Smith says the Cowboys are on a roll.

"I think we showed the Redskins and all of the other teams in contention that whenever we are clicking on all cylinders, we can go into overdrive and ride all the way to (the Super Bowl) Atlanta, Georgia," he said. "If we play like this from here on out we'll control our own destiny."

Defensive tackle Russell Maryland is excited by the prospect of a showdown for the NFC East title and homefield advantage.

"There's going to be a lot of hype next week," Maryland said. "Boy, is this going to be fun."



Even though the Dallas Cowboys have been in existence only since the 1960 season, the team has played in more post-season games than any other franchise in the National Football League. The Washington Redskins, who moved from Boston to Washington in 1937, have played six fewer post-season games despite having been around twice as long.

Houston squeezes past 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After losing two of their last three games, the San Francisco 49ers say their regular season finale against Philadelphia next Monday night has new meaning.

"To me, we have to take that game very seriously," 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice said. "We have to play our best game and get on a roll going into the playoffs."

The 49ers (10-5) were held to a season-low in scoring in Saturday's 10-7 loss to playoff-bound Houston (11-4), which won its 10th straight.

"I look around this locker room and I see a bunch of guys on defense who aren't afraid of anyone," Houston defensive tackle Ray Childress said. "The 49ers, they are geat. They have proven that. But we showed we can play with anybody, any day of the week. Even Christmas."

Steve Young threw two end-zone interceptions and fumbled to set up Houston's touchdown and he spent the final 18 minutes of the game on the sidelines.

"They caused trouble for us with their blitzes," said running back Amp Lee, who had a fourth-quarter touchdown run. "Our defense played great but our offense didn't step up and make the plays when we had to."

Steve Bono finished up and led the 49ers on their only scoring drive in a move by coach George Seifert to get the reserve quarterback some work and to avoid uncessarily putting Young at risk.

An unhappy Young made clear he didn't like being benched with the game on the line and hopes to go the distance against the Eagles.

"To be taken out in a game like that in that situation, I really had to bite my tongue," Young said. "But it's over. We'll just go on.

"If nothing else, this game will give us good fodder for next week, to tell us to be on edge again."

The 49ers' previous December loss came at Atlanta. San Francisco followed that loss with its best performance of the season, beating Detroit 55-17 Dec. 19 in a victory that clinched the NFC West crown, a first-round playoff bye and a home date for the divisional playoffs Jan. 15-16.

"After scoring 55 points, it was kind of weird going out and playing like this. It brings us back to earth a bit," tackle Steve Wallace said.

Tight end Brent Jones said he didn't read much into the loss to Houston because, realistically, the game didn't mean much to the 49ers.

"Basically, this left us in the same place we started going into it," Jones said.

But Jones added it is important to finish the regular season strong.

"You clearly want to go into the playoffs doing well," Jones said. "You don't want to go in there with two losses in a row, because then everyone starts questioning what's going on."

Tigers battle Vernon at S'water tournament

The Snyder Tigers, fresh from a break for Christmas, return to the floor today to battle Vernon at 6 p.m. in the opening round of the Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic basketball tournament.

The Tigers' last outing was a 60-44 non-district home win over San Angelo Lake View Monday, Dec. 20, in which SHS broke open a close game with a 19-9 fourth-quarter advantage.

"I thought our intensity really picked up late in the third and in the fourth quarter," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "It was like, all of a sudden all five guys on the floor were at the same level and we were counteracting everthing they (the Chiefs) were doing on offense.

"The kids were really, really getting after it. Once again, I thought our defense turned the game around in our favor," Birks added. "We were very aggressive on defense and we were patient offensively, but the biggest thing was that little extra effort that we showed late in the game."

Snyder was led by senior Adrian Sneed, who scored 29 points his first game after being named MVP at the Brownfield Rotary Invitational.

Sneed's game-high effort was followed by teammates Jon Patrick and Jimmy Henry with 10 apiece.

Today's other opening-round game in pool play at Sweetwater will pit the host Mustangs against Stephenville at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Wylie will battle Vernon at 9 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. by the Greenwood-Stephenville matchup, Snyder vs. Wylie at 4 p.m. and Sweetwater vs. Greenwood at 6 p.m.

Thursday's championship-round seeding will be determined by teams' pool-play records and point differential against common opponents.

Trail of Lights Classic
Sweetwater High School
Tuesday, Dec. 28
Pool play
Snyder vs. Vernon, 6 p.m.
Stephenville vs. Sweetwater, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29
Wylie vs. Vernon, 9 a.m.
Greenwood vs. Stephenville, 11 a.m.
Snyder vs. Wylie, 4 p.m.
Sweetwater vs. Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 30
Consolation final 3 p.m.
Third place game 5 p.m.
Championship final 7 p.m.

Rockets rebound to rout LA

by The Associated Press

The Houston Rockets didn't want losing to become a habit, and Kenny Smith did something about it.

Smith, stung by a four-point performance in a 20-point loss to Phoenix on Christmas Day, scored a career-high 41 points Sunday night as the Rockets routed the Los Angeles Lakers 118-93.

"My main goal was to come out and be assertive," said Smith, who made 16 of 24 shots.

Smith scored 15 points in the final period as the Rockets, who won 22 of their first 23 games before double-digit losses to Denver and Phoenix, pulled away from the Lakers by outscoring them 38-27 in the fourth quarter.

"I was worried about this game just like I was worried about Denver," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said, referring to a 106-93 victory by the Nuggets over the Rockets on Thursday night. "The Lakers have talented guys, a jump-shooting team, and it's hard to cover people all over the court."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Cleveland 107, Indiana 103 in overtime; New Jersey 91, Atlanta 87; Miami 109, Sacramento 95; Golden State 108, Portland 106 in overtime; San Antonio 99, Boston 85; and Denver 100, Minnesota 97.

Smith and Hakeem Olajuwon combined to score 22 of Houston's first 26 points in the fourth quarter. Olajuwon had nine points in the period and finished with 17 points and 14 rebounds for Houston.

Doug Christie led the Lakers with 20 points, while Vlade Divac added 16.

The Rockets had a 31-30 lead before breaking the game open midway through the second quarter. They outscored the Lakers 24-14 in the final 7:51 of the half to take a 55-44 advantage.

Warriors 108,
Trail Blazers 106, OT

Golden State beat Portland for the first time in 10 tries behind Latrell Sprewell's season-high 33 points and rookie Chris Webber's 24.

The visiting Warriors, trailing 83-77 after three periods, led 94-93 with 4:18 left in regulation before Strickland came back with a 5-footer and two free throws, giving the Trail Blazers a 97-94 edge with 1:29 remaining.

A free throw by Chris Mullin and Webber's layup with 5.7 seconds left tied the score, and Strickland missed a follow shot, forcing the overtime.

Billy Owens' jumper gave the Warriors a 99-97 lead at the start of the extra period, and they didn't lose it again.

Rod Strickland and Clifford Robinson scored 27 points apiece for Portland.

Spurs 99, Celtics 85

David Robinson scored a season-high 46 points as San Antonio handed Boston its seventh consecutive road loss and fifth straight defeat overall.

Robinson made 16 of 26 shots from the field and 14 of a career-high 23 attempts from the free-throw line to pull into a virtual tie with Shaquille O'Neal for the NBA scoring lead. O'Neal's exact average is 28.600 and Robinson's 28.593.

Boston was led by Xavier McDaniel with 18 points.

Heat 109, Kings 95

Miami beat Sacramento for its fifth straight victory, and the Heat outrebounded the opposition and held an opponent under 100 points for the sixth straight game.

Reserve guard Brian Shaw scored a season-high 20 points and Steve Smith had 23 for the Heat. Mitch Richmond had a season-high 38 points for the Kings.

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Friday, Dec. 17
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Utah State 42, Ball State 33
Friday, Dec. 24
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Oklahoma 41, Texas Tech 10
Saturday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 17, Blue 10
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado 41, Fresno State 30
Tuesday, Dec. 28
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Michigan State (6-5) vs. Louisville (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wyoming (8-3) vs. Kansas State (8-2-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Brigham Young (6-5) vs. Ohio State (9-1-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Southern Cal (7-5) vs. Utah (7-5), 9 p.m. (Raycom)
Friday, Dec. 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Indiana (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (8-3) vs. Kentucky (6-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Alabama (8-3-1) vs. North Carolina (10-2), 7 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (6-5) vs. California (8-4), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Bowling News

HIS & HER
12-20-93

Team	W	L
Spare Me	33½	26½
Eddins-Walcher	33	27
Frito Lay	32	28
CAM II	31	29
The ETs	25½	34½
Scurry Co. Farm Bureau	25	35

High Series: Ray Drury 596; Penni Mann 487. **High game:** Ray Drury 244; Penni Mann 177. **High handicap series:** Darrel Grant 635; Delana Grant 620; **High handicap game:** Robert Early 238; Delana Grant 219.

Splits converted: Darrel Grant 3-10, 2-7-8; Johnny Irons 5-7; Steve Mackey 3-10; Kristy de Silva 5-6; R.M. Collier 3-10; Ray Drury 3-10, 3-10; Alicia Drury 4-5-7; Sherry Early 4-5.

WISHBALL
12-23-93

Team	W	L
The Shack	117½	64½
Barq's Root Beer	97	85
Poor Boys	95½	86½
Fox Trot	90½	91½
CAM Wireline	90½	91½
Energy Electric	89½	92½
Super Stars	76	106
High Rollers	71½	110½

High Series: Monte West 550. **High game:** Marcus Carroll 244. **High handicap series:** Joe Dobson 616. **High handicap game:** Chad Fox 244.

200-500: Joe Dobson 215, 520; Willie Page 203; Monte West 550; Lynn Smith 518; David Lyle 522; J. Whitney 507; Roger Pavlik 503; Chad Fox 200, 521; Marcus Carroll 249, 588.

Converted splits: D. Hanak 3-10; Bo Lowrance 2-7.

COMMERCIAL
12-21-93

Team	W	L
Stephens' Office Supply	191	129
WTP Energy	186	134
Bar-H-Bar	172	148
McDonald's	169½	150½
Snyder Savings	166½	153½
Double M	162½	157½
Jack's	160½	159½

High Series: Frank McCravey 567. **High game:** Darrel Grant 244. **High handicap series:** Chet Corser 674. **High handicap game:** Marcus Carroll 262.

Splits converted: Joel Lopez 3-10, 4-5-7; J.C. Harrison 5-7; Bob Motley 3-9-10; Wayne Loper 2-7; Lynn Smith 3-10, 4-5; Greg Hodge 3-10, 3-4-6; Strick Posey 4-5; Don Pavlovsky 3-10; Darrel Grant 4-5.

End of first half of season

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
x-Buffalo	11	4	0	.733	299	232
Miami	9	5	0	.643	302	273
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	270	223
Indianapolis	4	11	0	.267	179	348
New England	4	11	0	.267	205	259
Central						
x-Houston	11	4	0	.733	344	238
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	292	272
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	295	291
Cincinnati	3	12	0	.200	174	299
West						
x-Kansas City	10	5	0	.667	294	267
y-Denver	9	6	0	.600	343	251
LA Raiders	9	6	0	.600	273	296
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	245	253
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	256	280
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	360	216
y-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	275	189
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	256	281
Phoenix	6	9	0	.400	299	259
Washington	4	11	0	.267	221	331
Central						
y-Green Bay	9	6	0	.600	320	252
y-Detroit	9	6	0	.600	268	272
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	263	281
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	228	210
Tampa Bay	5	10	0	.333	220	344
West						
x-San Francisco	10	5	0	.667	439	258
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	297	330
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	306	358
LA Rams	4	11	0	.267	201	361

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Game
Houston 10, San Francisco 7

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 21, Atlanta 17
Detroit 20, Chicago 14
New England 38, Indianapolis 0
Green Bay 28, Los Angeles Raiders 0
Philadelphia 37, New Orleans 26
Buffalo 16, New York Jets 14
Seattle 16, Pittsburgh 6
Cleveland 42, Los Angeles Rams 14
Phoenix 17, New York Giants 6
Tampa Bay 17, Denver 10
Dallas 38, Washington 3
Minnesota 30, Kansas City 10

Monday's Game
Miami at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31
Minnesota at Washington, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 2
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Denver at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 3
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Gray claims 17-10 victory

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Take that, NFL scouts.

No one seems quite sure about the height of Troy State quarterback Kelvin Simmons, but one thing is for certain: his performance in the Blue-Gray all-star game undoubtedly earned a second look from those who consider him too short to be a pro quarterback.

Just how tall is Simmons? That seems to be a point of some disagreement. The Troy State media guide listed him at 5-foot-10 last year, but raised it to 6-0 this season. The Blue-Gray also listed him at 6-0, but reports last week indicated he was closer to 5-93/4.

Simmons doesn't care which figure is right. All he knows is he was tall enough to see over the line Saturday, connecting on 16 of 25 passes for 171 yards and a touchdown. In the process, he equaled a Blue-Gray record with seven completions in a row, though he did suffer two interceptions as well.

Simmons was most impressive on a drive early in the fourth quarter with the Blue leading 10-3.

He threw on six straight plays, hitting Wake Forest receiver Todd Dixon for 17 yards, Mississippi receiver Eddie Small for 14, back-to-back to Arkansas tight end Kirk Botkin for 12 and 15, Texas Christian running back John Oglesby for 5 before returning to Small for a 9-yard gain. After finally handing off, Simmons went back to the air for a 3-yard touchdown pass to Georgia Tech running back Dorsey Levens with 10:23 remaining.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	17	6	.739	—
Orlando	14	11	.560	4
Miami	12	11	.522	5
Boston	11	15	.423	7½
New Jersey	10	15	.400	8
Philadelphia	9	15	.375	8½
Washington	7	18	.280	11
Central Division				
Atlanta	17	7	.708	—
Chicago	17	8	.680	½
Charlotte	14	11	.560	3½
Cleveland	11	14	.440	6½
Indiana	10	15	.400	7½
Detroit	8	16	.333	9
Milwaukee	7	19	.269	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	23	3	.885	—
Utah	18	8	.692	5
San Antonio	16	11	.593	7½
Denver	12	13	.480	10½
Minnesota	8	18	.308	15
Dallas	2	23	.080	20½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	20	3	.870	—
Phoenix	19	5	.792	1½
Portland	16	11	.593	6
Golden State	14	11	.560	7
LA Clippers	10	14	.417	10½
LA Lakers	9	18	.333	13
Sacramento	6	18	.250	14½

Saturday's Games
Phoenix 111, Houston 91
Chicago 95, Orlando 93

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 107, Indiana 103, OT
New Jersey 91, Atlanta 87
Miami 109, Sacramento 95
Golden State 108, Portland 106, OT
San Antonio 99, Boston 85
Denver 100, Minnesota 97
Houston 118, LA Lakers 93

Monday's Games
Sacramento at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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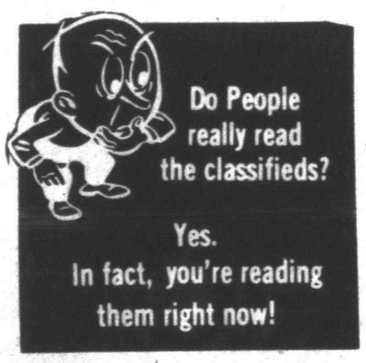
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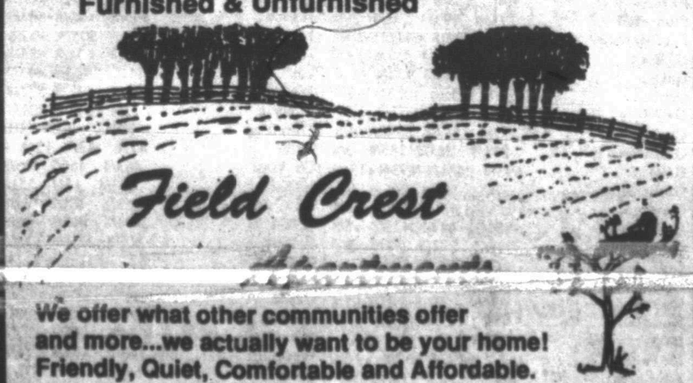
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Some San Antonians to lodge Davidians

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Friends and relatives of Branch Davidians are having some success finding places to stay when members of the religious group go on trial here next month.

"Mostly it's people offering their home," said Sharon Fisher, a Houston free lance writer helping members of the Waco-area group and their families. "There are two places in (San Antonio) that could put up one person (at each place).

"One couple called and said they had no room but wanted to know if they could give money and or food because they believe in their plight. A lot of people believe our government assaulted those people," she said.

The federal trial for 11 members of the group is scheduled to begin Jan. 10. They're charged with murdering four federal agents during a Feb. 28 raid of their home outside Waco that led to a 51-day standoff between the cult and federal authorities.

On Tuesday, the San Antonio Express-News published a letter from Ms. Fisher seeking shelter for the women. The trial is expected to last at least six weeks.

One homeowner living 35 miles outside San Antonio who offered his home grew up with Davidian Rita Riddle, Ms. Fisher said.

Ms. Fisher became involved with the Davidians through her sister, who lives in Waco and knew cult members David and Rachel Jones. They were among the more than 80 followers of David Koresh who died during the April 19 fire that engulfed their compound, ending the standoff.

Ms. Fisher said she's writing a book and a video documentary script about the cult.

The trial was moved to San Antonio from Waco because of extensive pretrial publicity.

The 11 Davidians are charged with conspiracy to murder federal officers, murder of federal officers and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime. The murder charge carries a maximum of life in prison without parole.

His brothers say...

Former priest showed early pedophilia signs

DALLAS (AP) — Two younger brothers of a former priest accused of sexually molesting young boys say he had the same reputation more than 30 years ago, when they were teen-agers.

In a copyright story Sunday in The Dallas Morning News, Richard Kos, 46, who lives in a San Diego, Calif., suburb, described his older brother, Rudolph Kos, 48, as manipulative and an active pedophile by age 16.

"It was disgusting to me," he said. "When we grew up, we got hassles from other kids because he was my brother."

Richard said Kos' victims were always younger and smaller and included their youngest brother, Don. Kos abused Don for about a year, Richard said, until Richard found out and stopped it. At the time, the brothers were growing up in Milwaukee.

Five former parishioners have sued Kos and the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, accusing him of pedophilia from 1985 to 1992 and asserting that church officials should have known about his problem.

Accusations against Kos first surfaced in May, when two young men filed court papers charging that he sexually abused them while he was assistant pastor at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Irving between 1985 and 1988 and while he was pastor at St. John Nepomucene Church in Ennis from 1988 to 1992.

Another young man and a boy joined the lawsuit in July; a fifth plaintiff filed a lawsuit in October.

Kos is now living in California and could not be reached for comment, the newspaper said. He has refused to testify in depositions, citing clergy confidentiality and his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Kos has no criminal record and no charges have been filed against him.

Don Kos called his brother a "con man," so talented that "if you were the pope, he'd have you believing that he was the next best thing to God hanging on the cross."

"The church was the perfect place for him. Who doesn't trust a priest? I just don't think it was right they had him working with kids," he added.

The brothers said they are incensed that the church accepted Kos as a priest without checking his background.

"You know, the office of being a priest of the most high God is a very important office ... being such an important matter ... why didn't they ask us what Rudy was like before they let him become a priest? Why didn't they inquire? They asked me nothing," Richard Kos said.

The diocese's attorney, Randal Mathis, defended the church's screening procedures for prospective priests.

Kos first applied in 1976 to Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving and received a psychological evaluation before being admitted. He was evaluated repeatedly during four years of training there, Mathis said.

Additionally, Kos' church file is "full of complimentary letters of recommendation" from his days as a registered nurse, Mathis said.

Kos worked as coordinator of pulmonary rehabilitation at Methodist Medical Center from 1968 to 1977.

Mathis said that he is not certain that Kos would have been rejected automatically even if his brothers had passed on their information to church officials.

"This is a man that apparently committed criminal acts outside of the law and without the knowledge of the diocese," Mathis said. "... It is extremely difficult to identify individuals that are engaged in this type of criminal behavior. It's not unique to Catholic priests. It permeates our society."

Windle Turley, who represents the former parishioners, told The News the brothers' claims substantiate his clients' accusations.

"We've known for a long time that Father Kos is a pedophile," Turley said. "This confirms that he's been a pedophile all of his life and that a reasonable investigation would have uncovered that."

FD responds to several calls

Snyder Fire Department responded to several calls during the weekend.

Firemen extinguished a grass fire eight miles south of Snyder on CR 387 at 1:45 p.m. Friday. The land is owned by Pat Falls.

At 1:17 p.m. Saturday, firemen responded to a 1977 Ford pickup on fire at 40th Street and College Avenue. The vehicle is owned by David Gomez.

At 2:52 p.m. Sunday, officers received a report of an unknown [illegible] Park Road. The blaze was confined to dumpster.

Firemen also extinguished a grass fire 18 miles southeast of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84 at 2:52 p.m.

Hospital Notes

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Obituaries

John Layne

1929-1993

Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church for John "Buck" Layne, 64, who died Friday in the VA Hospital in Albuquerque.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, Colonial Hill pastor, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Garden under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Snyder, Mr. Layne married Faye Newton on Aug. 28, 1953 in Ira. A veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Layne was a retired Scurry County precinct 3 employee. He was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

A brother, Henry Layne, preceded him in death in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Layne of the home; two sons, Kip Layne of Jayton and Kyle Layne of Gail; a daughter, Judy Stokum of Odessa; five sisters, Mattie Hobbs of Hermleigh, Thelma Ford of Snyder, Virginia Huddleston of Christoval, Lou Looney of Canton and Ann Stewart of Groveton; and six grandchildren.

Hollis Fields

1914-1993

Services were conducted Sunday in the Bell-Cypett-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Hollis Hubert Fields, 79, who died Friday at his home in Tyler. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Keith Prather, pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, officiating.

A former resident of Snyder, Mr. Fields had lived in Tyler for the past six years.

Born in Idabel, Okla., he married Evelyn Thomas on Jan. 25, 1936 in Snyder.

A long-time resident of Snyder, he was a former owner and operator of several laundry and dry cleaning businesses here. Mr. Fields served three terms on the Snyder city council during the 1950s and one term as mayor protem.

After moving from Snyder in 1960, the family had lived in Edinburg, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and East Texas. He was a 32nd Degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Tyler; three sons, Dr. Kent Thomas Fields of Auburn, Ala., Dr. Robert DeWayne Fields of Portland and Rodger Hollis Fields of Austin; a daughter, Betty Lynn Fields of Austin; three brothers, Dan Fields of Salt Lake City, Bobby Fields of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Donnie Fields of Mesquite; a sister, Mildred Reasoner of Smyer; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Lula McDowell

1901-1993

Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church for Lula Mae McDowell, 92, of Snyder. The Rev. T.O. Upshaw will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. McDowell died at 6:34 p.m. Sunday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born on Feb. 7, 1901, in El Paso, Ark., she married Edgar McDowell on Oct. 7, 1921, in Bogota. He died on Oct. 19, 1976. Mrs. McDowell had been a Snyder resident since 1936, moving from Bogota. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Rayford McDowell of Odessa; three daughters, Patsy Taylor of Snyder, Joann McCorkle of Odessa and Louise Williamson of Bracketville; one brother, Edward Shelby of Cooper; one sister, Emma Bea Norman of Whitney; nine grandchildren; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

J.C. Nichols

1900-1993

ROTAN — Services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel for J.C. Nichols, 93, who died Saturday in a Rotan nursing home. Burial was to follow in the Rotan Cemetery.

Born in Coleman County, Mr. Nichols moved to Rotan in 1943 when he went to work for National Gypsum Co. He retired in 1967. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Freddie Merle Nichols of Rotan; three sons, Loyd Nichols of Snyder, E.M. Rice of Odessa and Jackie Nichols of Caldwell; two daughters, Merlene Allen of Marietta, Ohio and Pat Bilbo of Sweetwater; two sisters, Billie Gibson of Odessa and Carrie Nichols of Comanche; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Police

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—A 29-year-old man for driving with a suspended license and no liability insurance at 5:18 p.m. Friday at U.S. Highway 84 and Huffman.

—A 36-year-old man for Class C theft, shoplifting at Lawrence IGA, at 1:47 p.m. Friday.

In other activity, a woman came to the sheriff's office at 12:31 p.m. Thursday to complain that someone had been writing checks on her account. A report for forgery was filed.

Police received a report of someone stealing a vehicle license plate from a residence in the 2500 block of Avenue H at 1:42 p.m. Thursday. A report for Class B theft was filed.

A woman contacted police from the Park Village Apartments at 3:56 a.m. Saturday to say that a man had assaulted her. A report for Class C assault was filed.

Officers received a complaint of loud music at 2:52 a.m. Sunday in the 2800 block of Avenue X. A citation for disorderly conduct, loud music, was filed.

Officers also responded to a complaint of criminal mischief at Towle Park at 4:39 p.m. Sunday. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Mideast talks are to resume

Peres says no new offer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Israel and the PLO, still trying to overcome snags that have delayed implementation of their peace accord, may have a new proposal to consider when they return to the negotiating table today.

But Israel's representative, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, said in an interview published this morning that he has no new offers.

In an interview in Israel's Yediot Ahronot daily, Peres warned that Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat was seeking concessions the Jewish state would not give.

"I very much hope that Arafat comes down from that tree he's climbed because I am not bringing anything new with me," Peres said.

He added: "I go to Cairo with lots of good will in order to bring about the implementation of the principles of agreement out of respect for the Palestinians. But I am not bringing anything new."

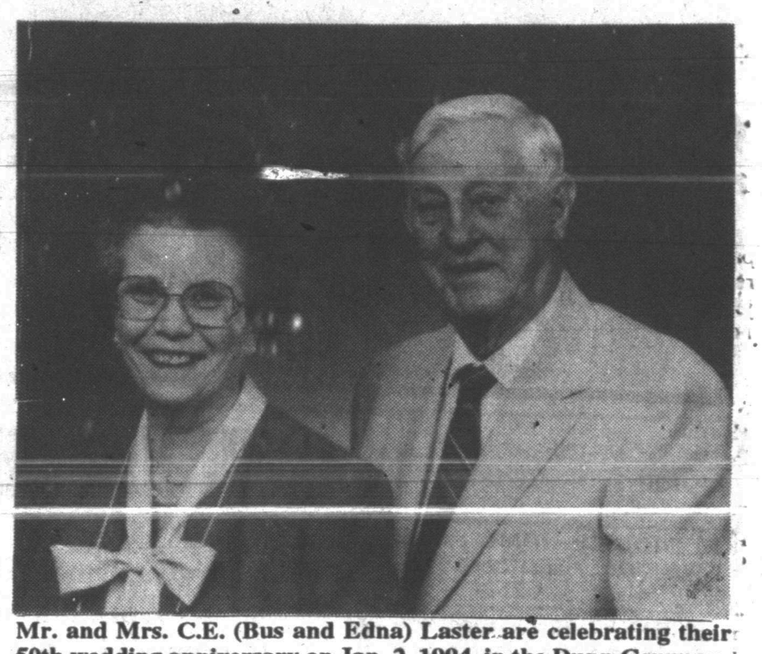
Peres' statements appeared to contradict reports from Jerusalem on Sunday that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was ready to double the amount of land the Jewish state would cede to Palestinian control around the West Bank town of Jericho.

Israel radio said Rabin made the statement in a Cabinet meeting. It said Israel would offer 20 square miles — nearly double its original offer — for an autonomous area that would include Jericho and two adjacent refugee camps. Arafat has insisted on 80 square miles.

Peres will head the Israeli delegation to today's talks, and the Palestinians are expected to be headed by Arafat's top aide, Mahmoud Abbas.

But there were conflicting reports from Tunis whether Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, would attend. He reportedly differs with Arafat over negotiating strategy.

Arafat, meanwhile, arrived today in San'a to brief Yemen's leadership on the peace talks.



Mr. and Mrs. C.E. (Bus and Edna) Laster are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 2, 1994, in the Dunn Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. They request the presence of friends and family in lieu of gifts. Their children are Jim Laster of Hobbs, N.M., and his wife, Donna; Bill Laster of Big Spring, and his wife, Donna; Ronny Laster of Hurst, and his wife, Cindy. The honored couple have 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. (Contributed Photos)



Woman aged 59 gives birth to twins on Christmas Day

LONDON (AP) — Thanks to modern medicine, a British woman told by doctors she was too old to have children gave birth to twins on Christmas Day at the age of 59.

That's nearly two years older than oldest woman on record to have a child.

British newspapers reporting the birth today said the mother was artificially impregnated with eggs from a younger woman. Neither the woman nor her 45-year-old husband could be identified, for legal reasons, the paper said. Nor was the hospital named.

The Sun newspaper said the case is similar to that of Mary Shearing, who was 53 years old when she gave birth to twins in Anaheim, Calif. on Nov. 10, 1992.

Another London newspaper reporting the birth, the Daily Mail, said no details had been released on the sex of the babies.

The British woman was turned down for fertility treatment by a British medical ethics committee that ruled she was too old for the emotional strain of pregnancy, The Sun said.

Births

Bud and Teresa Pinkerton of Snyder announce the birth of their six-pound, 3½ -ounce daughter born at 4:23 p.m. on Dec. 25 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

April Howland of Girard announces the arrival of her son born at 1:49 p.m. on Dec. 25 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, five ounces.

Regional center planned

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Abilene.

Eller said West Texas is the only region where the inmate transfer facility will not be located adjacent to the distribution facility since Daniel does not have sufficient space for inmates in transit.

The warehouse unit will include cold storage and will be able to accept beef processed at a planned beef processing facility in Amarillo.

The proposed distribution and vehicle maintenance facility will require 10 to 12 acres. "There will be lots of concrete for trucks to load and unload," Eller added.

The department hopes to have operational plans back within a week, a contract let within a month and dirt turning within three or four months, Eller said. The department hopes to have the Snyder facility operational by this time next year.

Other distribution sites include Chase Field at Beeville, Coffield-Beto area near Palestine and the Ramsey-Darrington area in Brazoria County as well as Huntsville.

In addition to Snyder's central location and existing warehouse, other factors considered included the department's long-term planning of not only current and future prisons, but planned state-jail locations. Eller said some of the facilities at the Roach unit in Childress will be used for long-term warehousing.

"We are excited about what this means in terms of an economic boost for our area," said Roy McQueen, chairman of the economic development committee.

"When we made our deal with the TDCJ in 1987, we resolved to be a good, long-term partner. Although we've had some disappointments along the way (in not being chosen for additional units) our long-term commitment is beginning to pay additional dividends."

Currently, the Price Daniel unit employs some 325 persons with an annual payroll of almost $7 million. Western Texas College and Cogdell Hospital have long-term arrangements that have been beneficial to all, McQueen added.

Just last week, the department said that a plan is being studied that would add 300 additional beds, requiring up to 40 more employees, to each of the state's 16 1,000-bed units.

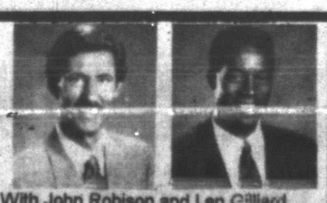
Eller said this morning that the number of additional beds could be as many as 600. "If you can house 300 at ground level, you can build two-story and house 600."

"That, too," McQueen added, "means more job opportunities here, and jobs was the primary reason that the community decided in 1986 that a state prison would be a good long-term industry for Snyder."

In addition to the Snyder unit, Western Texas College also provides college courses for inmates, as well as pre-service and in-service for employees at the Abilene unit. When the Wallace unit opens in Colorado City next spring, WTC is also scheduled to offer similar programs there.

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Alltel s	281/8	273/4	281/8	+3/8
AmStores	437/8	435/8	435/8	
Amer T&T	541/2	541/8	541/2	+1/2
Ameritech	791/2	783/4	791/2	+1/4
Amoco	543/8	537/8	54	
AndarkPtr	44	433/8	437/8	+1/2
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BakerHughes	197/8	195/8	195/	
BancTexas	13/8	13/8	13/8	
BellAtl	611/8	601/2	611/8	+3/8
BellSouth	583/8	581/8	583/8	+1/8
Beth Steel	183/4	183/8	183/4	+1/4
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ColgatePalm	605/8	601/4	601/4	-5/8
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DowChem	563/4	563/8	561/2	-1/4
DresserInd	205/8	201/4	205/8	+1/8
DuPont	491/4	491/8	491/4	+1/4
EstKodak	561/8	56	56	-1/8
EljerInd	71/8	67/8	71/8	+1/8
Enserch	16	153/4	157/8	
Exxon	64	635/8	637/8	+7/8
FlowerInd	193/4	193/4	193/4	
FordMotor	65	643/8	641/2	-3/8
GTE Cp	351/2	351/4	353/8	
GnDyn	937/8	933/4	933/4	-1/4
GenElec	1057/8	1051/8	1053/4	+3/8
GenMills	61	603/4	607/8	
GenMotors	553/4	551/8	553/8	+1/8
GenMotors E	283/4	281/2	285/8	-3/8
GaPacif	693/4	681/8	693/4	+13/4
GlobalMar	37/8	35/8	37/8	+1/4
Goodrich	411/4	411/8	411/4	+1/8
Goodyear s	451/2	447/8	453/8	+5/8
GtAtlPac	281/8	277/8	277/8	-3/8
Gulf StaUt	197/8	195/8	193/4	
Haliburtn	313/8	31	31	+1/8
Hanson ADS	201/4	201/8	201/8	-1/8
HoustInd	48	477/8	477/8	-1/8
IBM				
IntlPaper	67	665/8	667/8	+1/8
JohnsnJns	44	431/4	437/8	+3/8
K mart	213/8	213/8	211/2	
Kroger	205/8	201/4	201/4	-1/4
Litton	633/4	635/8	633/4	
vjLoneStar	21/8	21/8	21/8	
Lowes	551/2	551/4	551/2	+1/8
Lubys	221/8	22	221/8	+1/8
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PacTelesis	551/4	543/4	551/8	+3/8
PanhECp	221/8	217/8	221/8	
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Penzoil	543/8	537/8	543/8	+2/8
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UnitedTech	62	615/8	613/4	-3/8
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WalMart s	261/4	26	261/8	+1/8
WestghEl	143/8	141/8	141/8	
WinnDixie	531/8	527/8	531/8	+3/8
Woolwth	241/8	233/4	24	+1/8
Xerox Cp	891/2	887/8	887/8	-1/2
ZenithE	71/4	71/8	71/8	-1/8

Class in Ira completes quilt project

Members of Ira School's apparel class recently completed a recycled quilt pieced from old jeans donated to the Home Economics Department.

Students in the class are Michelle Gernandt, Wendy Wilson, Shawna Payne, Lana Gaston, Coy Henderson, all seniors; and Debra Perez who is a junior.

Students each made a 'grannie square' and then the squares were put together to make a full size quilt.

Dorma Elam brought frames and demonstrated how to tack a quilt. Wendy Wilson won the drawing for the quilt.



IRA QUILT — Ira School's apparel class members who worked on this quilt include from left, Coy Henderson, Wendy Wilson, Shawna Payne, Michelle Gernandt and Lana Gaston. Wilson also won the drawing for the quilt. Class member not pictured is Debra Perez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Manilow will sing his songs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Who cares what the music critics say. Barry Manilow writes the songs. And Barry Manilow is going to sing them.

After nearly a decade of scorning his own pop hits, Manilow is making them the centerpiece of his new stage show, which opens tonight in Los Angeles.

"I think some part of me started to believe all the negative press — that I just wrote saccharine crap and I did the same thing over and over," Manilow said.

"Those early songs had become something that wasn't really respected. I really had to step away from them — to get some distance — before I could appreciate them again."

In the mid-1980s, Manilow turned to jazz and Broadway musicals, trying to shed the sugary image he built with 1970s hits such as "I Write the Songs" "Mandy" and "Can't Smile Without You."

But the sentimental balladeer was inspired by the release of a boxed set of his pop hits last year.

"I took the time to reacquaint myself with those tunes and saw that they were filled with passion and grand production and, in their own way, innovation," Manilow says. "I just felt it was time to do them properly in a show again."

Texas' record 17 executions expected to intensify furor

HOUSTON (AP) — National groups opposed to the death penalty say they'll focus on Texas in 1994 after a year during which the state executed a record 17 condemned killers.

"We certainly are going to make a major focus in Texas starting in 1994," said Pam Sutter, program director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

"Obviously, there are a lot of people in Texas who are against the death penalty, and we are trying to bring those people forward. It's a voice that's trying to be heard," she said.

Ms. Sutter said her group will send staffers from its Washington headquarters to help organize death penalty opponents.

The attention comes at the end of a year that state Attorney General Dan Morales called "a very good year for the state and for all prosecutors."

Seventeen convicted killers were executed at prison facilities in Huntsville in 1993, a modern record that brings to 71 the number of lethal injections since Texas resumed the death penalty in 1982. Both figures top 37 other states with capital punishment.

Despite that pace, the death row population grew by at least 16 as of mid-December as 33 more people were condemned to die by Texas juries.

Ms. Sutter said she isn't certain what strategy death penalty opponents will take in Texas, but she expects to be "working closely with the Texas Resource Center."

The center, which helps recruit lawyers for condemned prisoners, has been accused by Morales of tying up death penalty cases with legal technicalities and mischaracterizing various cases.

"Their real goal and objective is to abolish capital punishment in Texas, and one of the ways they have attempted to do that is to paint the system as inadequate from a procedural point of view," Morales said.

The federally funded Resource Center has played an important role in the controversial case of Gary Graham, a Houston man scheduled for lethal injection this year for the 1981 slaying of Bobby Lambert.

Graham's supporters complain that he wasn't allowed to present new evidence in his case because Texas law says such evidence must be presented within 30 days of a conviction. Intense lobbying by activists and Hollywood celebrities kept him out of the death chamber, and his case remains in court.

"It's only because people are seeing the political manipulation of the system that Gary Graham is alive," Ms. Sutter said.

Dudley Sharp, political director for the victims' rights group Justice for All, said the expected surge in death penalty opposition is no surprise.

Although Sharp said he is "adamantly opposed" to capital punishment, he said the campaign to save Graham's life was based on fraud.

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Lottery-by-phone technology now being developed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some entrepreneurs are betting that more people would become state lottery enthusiasts if they could buy chances by telephone.

Anyone who calls in orders from catalogues or banks by phone is a prime marketing target for LottoFone Inc., say the developers of technology that makes playing the lottery as easy as leaving a voice mail message.

The wagering method isn't in play yet, but developers of the system say five or six states are interested.

One state lottery official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he believes it would work.

Players would deposit money in an account with LottoFone to pay for tickets every time a wager is placed. Winnings less than $600 would immediately go back in the account. Higher amounts would be sent to players through a voucher system established by the state.

Bettors would dial an 800 number to place their wagers. After passing through security procedures involving a personal identification number — or PIN — and a voice recognition code, the player would use the telephone key pad to punch in lotto numbers of choice.

The player could dial in every week or tell LottoFone to automatically play the same number or a computer selection. Players could even tell the system to buy tickets only when the jackpot reaches a certain level.

LottoFone would automatically credit the winning player's account or send out a voucher. The player wouldn't even need to pay attention to the weekly drawing.

Players could bet until their accounts are depleted, withdraw money anytime and replenish their accounts by check, electronic transfer or credit card.

Each wager would carry a $2 service charge and players could play the lottery only in the state in which they are calling.

"We believe we can increase lottery revenues by 15 percent to 20 percent," Willem Polak, president of LottoFone, said in a recent interview.

"I think they have a good shot," said Duane Burke, chairman of the Public Gaming Institute in suburban Maryland.

It is estimated that about 80 percent of the adult population has played a state lottery at some time. Sixty-five to 70 percent of the population plays with some regularity, but only 35 percent to 50 percent play very frequently, said Burke, whose institute studies and advises all the state lotteries.

Thirty-four states and the District of Columbia have lotteries, generating about 5 percent of each state's budgetary needs, said Burke.

But many states have uneven levels of play.

Polak says the idea for LottoFone grew from discussions about a New England lottery that was having trouble maintaining play when it snowed.

In some regions, commuting across state lines seems to inhibit play.

For example, the per-capita rate of people playing the Virginia lottery is lower in the Washington suburbs than any other place in the state.

One theory is that commuters don't bother to stop for a lottery ticket on their way to and from work in the District of Columbia, which has a lottery of its own. But if they could dial in a Virginia wager from home, they would play more often, the entrepreneurs figure.

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Panic attack is probable diagnosis

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I experience spells or attacks of not breathing. They come in the middle of the night or while watching television. I actually gasp for breath and feel as if I am going to die. A barium swallow, chest X-ray and echocardiogram were all normal, and my doctor has diagnosed me with panic attacks. This diagnosis is insulting to me as I am stable, married, active, do volunteer work and have no emotional or mental problems.

DEAR READER: I'm going to side with your doctor on this one, for a reason that I'll explain in a moment.

Recurring, painless attacks of "not breathing" could result from several medical conditions.

• Sleep apnea. Some people, while sleeping, exhibit periods of depressed or absent breathing. This can be caused by tissues in the throat (such as a sagging palate) that temporarily block the upper airway, leading to snoring — or by obesity, which can cause narrowing of the upper airway. You don't have sleep apnea because your symptoms also occur when you're awake.

• Asthma. This common lung disease causes periods of wheezing and labored breathing that can strike without warning. During an attack, the wheezes and squeaks produced by bronchial spasm can readily be heard, even without a stethoscope. I do not believe you could have asthma without knowing it and, surely, your doctor would have thoroughly examined your lungs. Therefore, I'll discard this diagnosis.

• Congestive heart failure. Caused by an accumulation of excess fluid in the lungs, CHF commonly accompanies a weak heart action. Patients with this condition do not stop breathing (as you apparently do), but they have difficulty respiring and feel that they are suffocating. CHF most often appears at night or during exercise. I'll discard CHF as a cause of your symptoms because it doesn't seem to fit the pattern you describe.

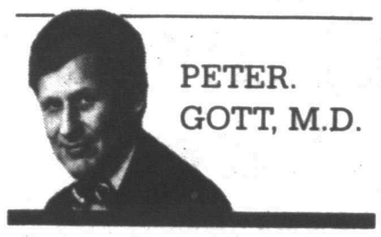
Consequently, by a process of elimination, we seem to be left with the diagnosis of panic attacks. These periodic episodes can be quite incapacitating because of feelings of doom, trembling, dizziness, and "air hunger." Panic attacks don't mean that you're "mentally unstable," but they are often helped by counseling and the judicious use of anti-anxiety medicine, such as Xanax. You might consider this.

It seems to me that you need to be examined while in the midst of one of your attacks. Ask your doctor how this can be accomplished: a housecall, visit to the emergency room, and so forth. If the examination is normal, you'll have more than circumstantial evidence of panic attacks.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Sexual harassment alleged at regional office of the NRC

HOUSTON (AP) — A Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspector who has sued the agency for sex discrimination and harassment says her work was compromised at potential risk to the public and nuclear industry workers.

Rebecca Long, 40, told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions that male managers undermined some of her safety related findings out of spite.

"I'm not anti-NRC," she told the newspaper in her first media interview. "Some of the finest people I've ever worked with are here, and they do a hell of a job. It's just that there are pockets of problems that need to be cleaned out."

Ms. Long works in the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta, which oversees 33 nuclear reactors in 10 Southeastern states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

She told the newspaper that four men in the office have tampered with her work, badgered her with derogatory comments and improperly denied her promotions and bonuses since 1987.

Although Ms. Long's allegations involve one of the agency's five regional offices, reports have previously indicated a growing mistrust of the NRC among whistleblowers at nuclear power plants, including the South Texas Nuclear Project near Bay City.

Ms. Long, offering a rare look within the agency, said some NRC managers delete or "water down" serious safety problems documented by inspectors. She added that it is an agency dominated by "good old boys" who reward "team players."

The NRC hired Ms. Long in February 1986 at an entry-level salary, earning about $20,000 less than male inspectors with comparable backgrounds. She holds a master's degree in nuclear engineering and spent a decade with Babcock & Wilcox, a Virginia-based engineering firm.

She said her trouble began after she complained about her pay to Region II managers. Named in her lawsuit are managers Frank Jape, Ken Barr and Bruce Wilson. Another manager, Bill Little, was the subject of a grievance Ms. Long filed with her union.

Jape, Barr and Little still work in the Region II office. Wilson left the NRC last year.

Little, reached at his home last week by the Chronicle, said "I don't know of any retaliation" against Ms. Long. Jape declined comment. Neither Barr nor Wilson returned telephone calls.

Ms. Long offered several examples of what she considers questionable NRC conduct, one that resulted in a worker's radiation exposure.

In 1987, she inspected a research reactor operated by Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Based on her inspection, the NRC cited the university for several violations, including failure to properly control experiments.

A few months later, she said, Jape retracted the citations without her knowledge, contrary to NRC procedures. Georgia Tech continued operating the reactor until January 1988, when the NRC ordered it to cease all experiments because of a "breakdown in management controls," the same problem Ms. Long had previously identified.

"They put something in (the reactor) that got much more radiation than they thought it would and the sample exploded," contaminating a worker, Ms. Long said.

After raising serious safety concerns about the Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry plant in Alabama, Ms. Long was accused by a manager of being "not technically competent," she alleges.

"I was grounded from inspecting," she said. "My technical duties were restricted. I was kept from necessary training."

Ms. Long's discrimination and harassment allegations against Jape were rejected in 1990 by a federal magistrate.

But a federal judge who reviewed the ruling decided to retry the case, which now includes additional allegations.

Manuscripts may have been lost in home fire

GRAND VIEW, N.Y. (AP) — Award-winning author Toni Morrison may have lost some manuscripts along with her country home on the Hudson River.

Her son, Slade Kevin Morrison, told firefighters he thought the Christmas Day blaze could have been sparked by an ember from a fireplace near a sofa. It took more than 100 firefighters over five hours to put it out.

The winner of the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes for literature was at her other home in Princeton, N.J., when the fire began.

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Martin's Quick Service: radiator repair, light mechanic work and Ryder rentals

You can't believe everything you hear about Martin's Quick Service. In fact, some of the coffee shop folks have suggested, in the interest of truth-in-advertising, that I.E. Martin should remove "Quick" from the business name.

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