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Ask Us

Q—Did the Board of County Development agree to provide funds for renovation at Winston Field? If so, how much.

A—The BCD has considered the proposal, but tabled it until receiving more information from the county. Consideration of project funding, which includes the airport, is on the agenda again for board's next meeting, set for noon Wednesday.

In Brief

Tourist killed

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on a tourist van at the Angkor Wat temple complex, Cambodia's most popular tourist attraction, killing an American professor and seriously wounding her husband.

The couple's Cambodian guide also was killed.

A provincial official said the attack Sunday was carried out by Khmer Rouge guerrillas, but that could not be confirmed.

Local

Video series

A Bible survey study series will begin at 7 this evening on Cablevision Channel 2 with "The Patriarchal Age."

Stanfield

Stanfield Family Night Out will be held Tuesday at Pizza Inn. Carryouts are welcome.

VFW

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

Book fair

A book pick up day is being held today in preparation for the Feb. 10-12 used book fair, sponsored by the SHS Drama Patrons.

Anyone having used books to be collected should call 573-8379 and they will be picked up.

Council

Snyder Healthcare Center family council will hold a business meeting at 7 tonight. Families of residents are urged to attend. The yearly program will be planned.

Chamber

Welcoming new board members and an update on Scurry County Coliseum are agenda items for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board, which convenes at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 64 degrees; low, 30 degrees; high Sunday, 67 degrees; low, 37 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 49 degrees; no precipitation either day; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .08 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy and cooler. Low in the upper 30s. West northwest wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy and cooler. High in the lower 60s. Northwest wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:04. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:43. Of 15 days in 1995, the sun has shone 13 days in Snyder.



MONDAY

Snyder Daily News

MLK Day: still work to be done

By the Associated Press

As Americans remembered Martin Luther King Jr. today, civil rights leaders called for renewed efforts to make his dream a reality.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and their children laid a wreath on King's crypt in Atlanta this morning, then entered the overflowing Ebenezer Baptist Church where King and his father both preached.

Reminding his listeners of King's reassurance that "the line of progress is never straight," the Rev. Joseph L. Roberts Jr. struck a hopeful note.

"As we see what is going on in Haiti and in South Africa, we know he rejoices with us," said Roberts, pastor at the church.

Yolanda King said the holiday is a time when young people in particular should learn about her father's teachings.

"I'm always amazed when talking to young children at how little they know," Ms. King told a Cleveland audience.

"They know Martin Luther King Jr. was killed, they know that. And they know he had a dream. And that's about where it stops."

"Dr. King was not a non-threatening orator but a public policy prophet," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said at a weekend celebration in Manchester, N.H. "He was killed not for being eloquent but for being a threatening drum major for justice."

Jackson, one of King's lieutenants, was there when King was gunned down on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. King would have been 66 years old on Sunday.

On Sunday, Jackson went to Portsmouth, N.H., to chastise the state for being the only one that doesn't set aside a day to honor the slain civil rights leader. The state has a Civil Rights Day.

More than 30,000 people were expected to hear President Clinton today during a King observance in Denver. The president planned a second King Day address tonight in California.

In Atlanta, King's widow, Coretta Scott King, delivers the annual "State of the Dream" address at Ebenezer Baptist Church on efforts to continue King's work.

In New York City, activist and actor Ossie Davis pleaded Sunday for more jobs from the same pulpit at Riverside Church where King spoke out against the Vietnam War in 1967.

Davis called for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing a job for every American who wants one.

"We confuse freedom with equality," he said. "Governments are built on the patience of the poor, but the patience of the poor will not endure forever."

In Chicago, a youth group is trying to encourage people to celebrate King's legacy year-round by getting a park and memorial built on a site where he once rented an apartment to bring attention to the plight of urban areas.

The building was razed long ago, and the site is now a litter-strewn parking lot.

"At first, I was like, 'He's is just another man,'" said Clara Roman, 15. "I think if they make it a historical site, people living here will look back on it and they'll try to fix the community."

For the third year in a row, the Utah Legislature today convenes on the holiday, and honors King during a ceremony during the day.

"They're just giving lip service to what Dr. King stood for," said Jeanetta Williams, president of the Salt Lake chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



QUICK RESPONSE — Quick response by the Snyder Fire Department and volunteers possibly prevented a major fire at the College Park Apartments Saturday night. The blaze apparently started on a dining table and spread to curtains, resulting in substantial damage to the kitchen area of Apartment 12, a unit occupied by Cheryl Jenkins. No injuries were reported. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Charges filed in fatality Reyes Jr. facing intoxication manslaughter

Charges of intoxication manslaughter have been filed against the driver of a pickup which went out of control and rolled over Friday, killing a passenger.

DPS Trooper Pat Alexander said his report to the district attorney's office charges 38-year-old Julian L. Reyes Jr. of Snyder with intoxication manslaughter, a second degree felony.

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong said he will present the case to a Scurry County grand jury.

Reyes was the driver of a 1983 Ford extended cab pickup which was traveling south on Ennis Creek Road about 7.7 miles north of Snyder on Friday night when it went out of control and overturned several times. Reyes and another man, 35-year-old David Armon Bennett of Snyder, were thrown from the vehicle. Bennett was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace

Charlie Reynolds at about 9:30 p.m.

Reyes and a third occupant of the vehicle, Mark Lee of Abilene, received only minor injuries.

Shortly after the accident, Reyes was charged with public intoxication. As DPS troopers continued their investigation, Reyes was charged with involuntary manslaughter and posted a \$5,000 bond. The charge has been amended to intoxication manslaughter.

Alexander said intoxication and speeding contributed to the accident. He said it appeared the vehicle rolled over Bennett after he was ejected.

Funeral services for Bennett will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Snyder, officiating. Burial will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Fighting continues in Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Waves of Russian helicopter gunships swooped down on western Grozny today, firing rockets in the most concentrated such attack in the battle for the capital of separatist Chechnya.

Russia's drive to take central Grozny appeared to be bogging down again, but new convoys bringing Russian infantry were approaching from the north. Chechen resistance remained fierce despite three days of intense bombing in the city center.

Some Chechen fighters said their forces had retaken parts of the railway station in northern Grozny and that just a few Russian soldiers were holding the terminal.

The claim could not be immediately confirmed, but heavy small-arms fire could be heard coming from the station area.

The presidential palace remained in Chechen hands despite a fierce bombardment.

The Russian advance was being blunted by the infantry's apparent inability or unwillingness to storm and capture Chechen

positions.

Most of the Russian infantry is made up of young Russian conscripts, poorly trained and lacking motivation.

The devastated city was fairly quiet overnight.

"At least we got to sleep last night," said a smiling elderly woman on a street corner.

Shelling and rocket fire resumed today and was focused on the presidential palace. Explosions were followed by brief periods of calm.

"It only seems quieter. It's just a break," said a Chechen officer, who gave his first name as Vakih.

The Russians took advantage of improved visibility today to step up air activity. Fighter jets screamed in low and fired rockets, while reconnaissance planes made several runs over Grozny.

Helicopter gunships flew over settlements about six miles west of the city.

Later in the day, several helicopters attacked buildings in the western part of the capital, followed by waves of other gun-

Board nominees named by court

Scurry County commissioners nominated several county residents to fill county board vacancies this morning. The court will now contact those nominated to see if they will be willing to serve.

Bribery trial scheduled to open Tuesday

Jury selection in the trial of David Medina Martinez, a Price Daniel Unit inmate charged with possession and bribery, begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Martinez, 29, was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury on Oct. 3 for two offenses, possession of marijuana in a correctional facility and bribery of a correctional officer, Jim Cerda Torres.

Torres was also indicted in October for bribery and providing a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. He allegedly accepted currency from Martinez on July 15 and provided marijuana to the inmate on Aug. 3. Torres, 23, pleaded guilty and received a 10-year probated sentence. His record will be cleared if he successfully completes probation.

Julie Howell, staff attorney for inmate legal services in Huntsville, will represent Martinez. Prosecuting the case will be the Assistant District Attorney Dana Cooley.

Presiding will be Senior Judge Pat Baskin of Midland. 132nd District Court Judge Gene Dulaney is out of town.

Three hospital board members whose terms expired were nominated for another term. They were Ted Crenweldge, Jimmy McMillan and Sue Mize.

Nominated to serve on the Board of County Development were Tim Riggan and Terry Hefner. Riggan is presently a member and Hefner was nominated to fill the unexpired term of the late Jack Smartt away.

The court voted to set the terms of the Board of County Development and the Cogdell Hospital at two years with a three-term limit. Serving any part of an expired term will count as a full term for the member, said commissioners.

Homer Godair submitted his resignation from the County Welfare Board and Chloanne Lindsey was nominated for his position. Liza Montez was nominated for another term on the board.

Two people submitted resignations for the child welfare board and commissioners nominated Sherrell Johansson and Mary Ann Juarez for their posts. Dr. Gary Nussey will be asked to serve another term. Resigning were Lanette Patterson and Elizabeth Scarberry.

Wayne Huddleston submitted his resignation from the airport board. Tony Wofford was nominated in his place. Renominated to the board were Joe W. Vincent and James Burleson.

J.B. Tate Jr. was renominated for the one place on the Veteran's Land Board while County Judge Ricky Fritz delayed appointing anyone to the Farm and Ranch Committee.

Three members of the library board whose terms had expired were renominated. They were Frances Denman, Jackie Box and Billy Haynes.

Three names were drawn from the grand jury list to serve on the Scurry County grievance committee. They were Sid Hardegree, Sandy Pollard and Troy Lilly. Jannie Sullenger's name was chosen as an alternate.

The court also approved a list of 40 people to serve on the Scurry County Historical Commission and tabled making an appointment to the Scurry County Area Foundation.

Commissioners said they wanted to check the by-laws of the foundation and the duties of the appointee before making their choice.

The court also voted unanimously to dissolve the coliseum committee in light of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce taking over the management of the facility.

The court also set the date for advertising for bids for the county's depository institution and for advertising for fuel, oil and grease bids.

The court will accept bids on both items until Feb. 10 with the (See COUNTY, Page 8)

Santa Fe, Burlington set new meeting date

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. (AP) — Santa Fe Pacific Corp. and Burlington Northern Inc. have rescheduled their shareholders' meeting to meet legal requirements related to their proposed merger.

The companies said in a statement that the meetings will be held Feb. 7 instead of Jan. 27. Santa Fe's meeting will be held in Arlington Heights, Ill.; Burlington's will take place in Fort Worth.

The postponement reflects a required 20-day waiting period between Securities and Exchange Commission approval of the proxy — or ballot — for Burlington's proposed acquisition of Santa Fe and the meeting date. The SEC approved the proxy Fri-

day, Burlington spokesman James Sabourin said today.

Shareholders are scheduled to consider Burlington's \$3.8 billion cash and stock offer for Santa Fe. Union Pacific has offered \$3.3 billion for the railroad in a hostile bid.

At stake in the fight for Santa Fe is domination of western U.S. rail service through an acquisition of the nation's seventh-largest railroad.

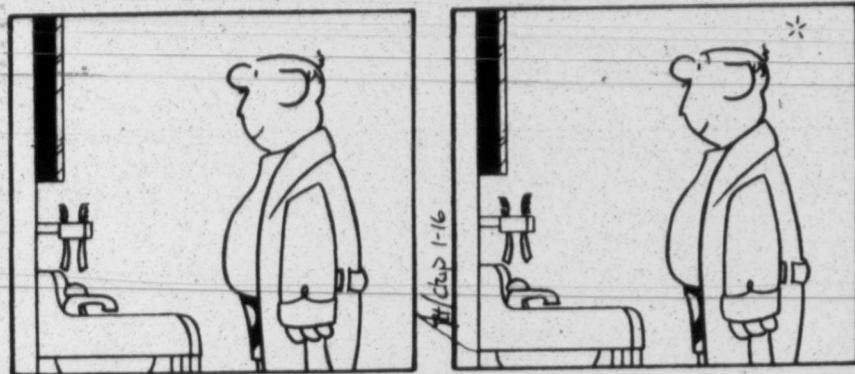
Santa Fe's route from Chicago to Southern California is more direct than that of Union Pacific, the nation's largest railroad company by revenue. Burlington Northern has no such route.

Burlington Northern is the nation's second-largest railroad, based in Fort Worth. Santa Fe is based in Schaumburg.

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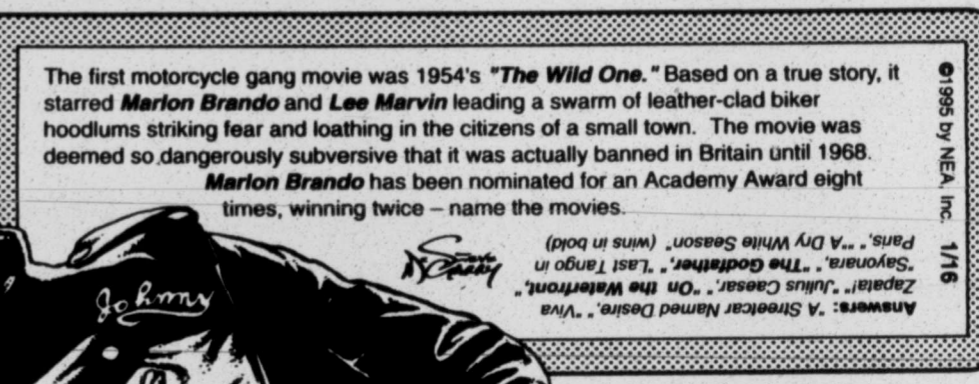
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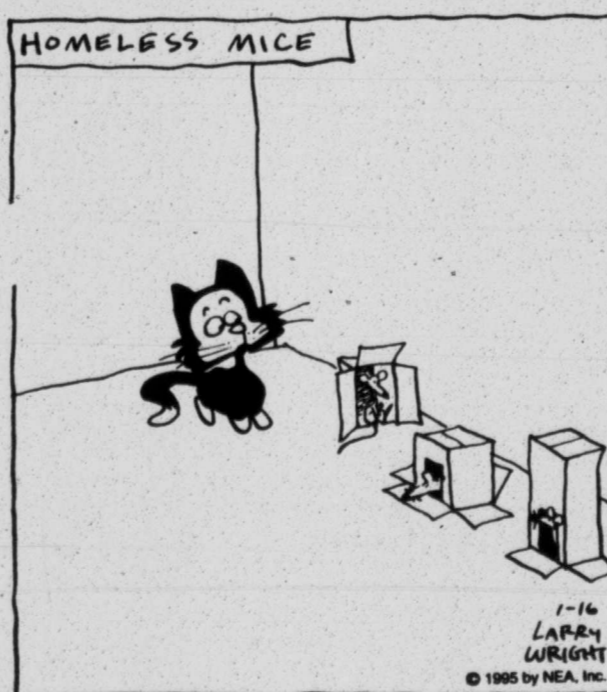


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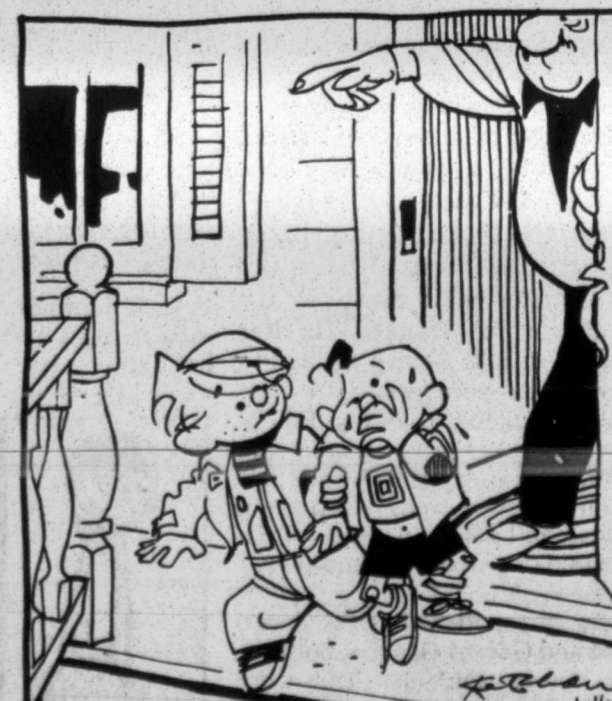
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- Florida county
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- Capuchin monkey
- Relating to a time
- Actor George —
- Are
- Impressive
- Midwestern college
- Recedes
- Warm mo.
- South of Mich.
- Portico
- Born Free

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- Vast period of time
- Scarce
- English taverns
- Usher
- Eyes of — Mars
- Beast of burden
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- Whirlpools
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- Palindromic
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- Fertile spots in the desert
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- Rare gas
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Sports

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

San Francisco and San Diego headed to Miami for Super Bowl XXIX

Forty-Niners strike it rich, 38-28

Five Dallas turnovers cost Cowboys chance at rare three-peat

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The victory was one year and millions of dollars in the making. As far as the San Francisco 49ers are concerned, the wait was worth it and the money well-spent.

"We couldn't have scripted it better," 49ers president Carmen Policy said after San Francisco finally hurdled the Dallas Cowboys, beating them 38-28 in Sunday's NFC Championship game. The 49ers advanced to a Super Bowl meeting with the San Diego Chargers and are heavily favored to extend the NFC's decade-long reign in the game.

"The Super Bowl, in my opinion, will be anticlimactic," Policy said. "It would be a tragedy if we lose, but that's how big I feel this win is."

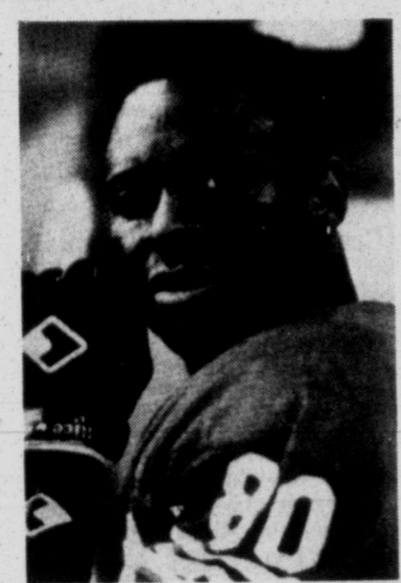
The victory on Candlestick Park's waterlogged turf sent San Francisco to its fifth Super Bowl — its first with Steve Young as starting quarterback — and reversed two agonizing NFC title game failures against the Cowboys in 1993 and 1994.

"It's got to be the thrill of my coaching career," said San Francisco coach George Seifert, who won a Super Bowl in his rookie season in 1989 but, like Young, has had to live with expectations created by the extraordinary success of his predecessor, Bill Walsh.

Young, whose play has been shadowed by Joe Montana's legacy since he became the starter in 1991, at last heard the Candlestick crowd embrace him.

Nothing like it had happened

before in his four years as a starter. But as the 49ers ran out the clock and tackle Steve Wallace pointed to Young, the crowd responded with thundering chants of "Steve! Steve! Steve!"



FLASH 80 — Jerry Rice's late second quarter TD helped lift the 49ers over Dallas in the NFC title game.

"To answer that pressure is one of the great feelings in sports," said Young, who threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third score. After his TD run, he slammed the ball down in the end zone, a reflection of the 49ers' new in-your-face attitude that has replaced the "Joe Cool" team that won four Super Bowls under Montana.

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, who lost for the first time in the playoffs after winning his first seven starts, congratulated Young on the field.

"I said, 'This is your year. It's your turn.'"

It was after the last NFC Championship loss, while flying home in defeat, that the 49ers determined to remake their team, especially their defense. And the rebuilding, salary cap manipulations and personnel moves went on for months. San Francisco spent millions adding such players as Deion Sanders, Rickey Jackson, Gary Plummer and Ken Norton Jr., who also represented a subtraction to the Cowboys.

"It's a great group of guys over there. I love 'em all," Norton said. "It was just our time. We played best."

"This team, at the beginning of the year, didn't know each other very well," added Young. "But I've never felt a team come together like this."

It showed Sunday, when the 49ers put together a 21-point blitz off three Dallas turnovers in the first 41/2 minutes of play.

Eric Davis' interception of Troy Aikman and 44-yard return for a touchdown on Dallas' third play from scrimmage ignited the flurry, and he kept it going on the next series by stripping the ball from Michael Irvin after a catch. Safety Tim McDonald recovered the fumble to set up Young's 29-yard yard TD pass to Ricky Walters.

San Francisco struck again when Adam Walker knocked the ball loose from Kevin Williams and rookie kicker Doug Brien recovered at the Dallas 35.

Chargers shock Pittsburgh, 17-13

San Diego claims AFC title with two TD passes from Humphries

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Almost nobody gave the San Diego Chargers a chance to get to the Super Bowl — least of all, it seemed, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

When the Chargers arrived in Pittsburgh for the AFC championship game, they couldn't believe what they saw — or heard. The Steelers were rehearsing their Super Bowl video, and their Terrible Towel-twirling fans were booking trips to Miami by the thousands.

San Diego put a stop to all those plans by beating Pittsburgh 17-13 Sunday.

The Steelers have canceled the video shoot, and the Pittsburgh-to-Miami flights are wide open again. Remember the talk about the road to the Super Bowl running through Pittsburgh, just like 15 years ago?

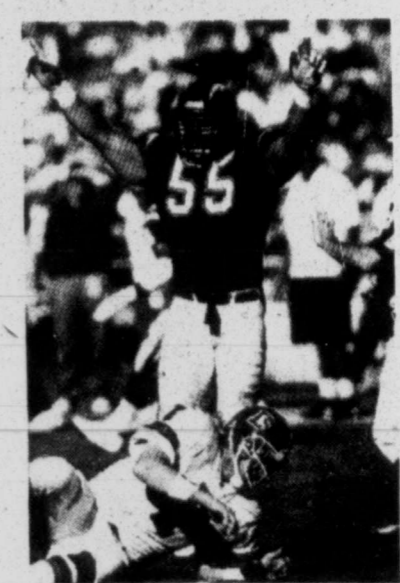
Forget it. And forget about the so-called dream matchup of the only two NFL franchises with 4-0 Super Bowl records.

"Super Bowl San Diego!" Chargers president Alex Spanos said after a last-gasp go-line stand preserved the Chargers' first AFC championship. "Nobody felt we were going this far, and here we are. The Super Bowl! We waited a long time, and now we have it."

"Nobody gave us any respect ... or any chance," defensive end Reuben Davis said. "We had to put up with that stuff in the damn paper about (the Steelers) making a rap video. Well, now they have six

months to practice their dancing. They ought to be pretty damn good dancers after practicing for six months."

The Blitzburgh defense that led the NFL with 55 sacks failed them at the worst possible



SAY OW! — San Diego's Junior Seau and the Chargers' defense stood tall in the AFC title game.

time: one game from the Super Bowl.

The Steelers offensive failure was just as shocking, and just as fatal: three yards from the Super Bowl.

It seemed like an instant replay to the Chargers, whose 22-21 victory over Miami the week before wasn't secured until Pete Stoyanovich missed a potential game-winning field goal on the final play.

As O'Donnell dropped back, an uncovered Foster shot through a gap into the front of

the end zone, and the ball and linebacker Dennis Gibson arrived almost at the same time. Somehow, Gibson got a hand — actually, a finger — on the ball and harmlessly flicked it away as Foster belly flopped for it.

Goodbye, Super Bowl Steelers. Goodbye, Steelers season. Goodbye, Steelers video.

"It all came down to that last play. You didn't know whether to laugh or cry or yell or smile," said Chargers linebacker Junior Seau, who made 16 tackles despite playing with a bum shoulder. "All I know is we're going to the Super Bowl. You see the fans, everything became silent. You see white (Chargers) jerseys jumping around and you knew something went right our way."

The Chargers strutted and slapped high fives, and Chris Mims grabbed a Terrible Towel and spiked it derisively to the turf as the list of NFL franchises to never make the Super Bowl shrunk from nine to eight.

"We got a couple of those Terrible Towels in our bag," Davis said. "We are going to take them and burn them."

Afterwards, a Steelers locker room filled with so much talk and so much confidence for weeks was tense and cautious. Several players screamed expletives at TV crews, and others wouldn't talk at all.

"This is an awful feeling," linebacker Chad Brown said. "We're not going to the Super Bowl."

NFC summary

Table with columns for Dallas and San Francisco scores and game statistics. Dallas: 7-7-7-28, San Francisco: 21-10-7-38. Individual statistics for rushing, passing, and receiving are also listed.

AFC summary

Table with columns for San Diego and Pittsburgh scores and game statistics. San Diego: 0-3-7-17, Pittsburgh: 7-3-3-13. Individual statistics for rushing, passing, and receiving are also listed.

WTC hits crossroads

With a four-game winning streak on the line, the Western Texas Lady Westerners travel to Midland today to take on former WTC head coach Ron Jones and his Lady Chaparrals at 7:30 p.m.

Back-to-back conference wins over Odessa and New Mexico have elevated the Lady Westerners (9-11, 2-0) to the top of the WJAC, but tonight's matchup will be a huge test for Head Coach Brenda Welch-Nichols and her team.

Midland (15-4, 1-1) comes into the game with the seventh best offense, including the tenth best scorer, in the nation. Joanna Kailahi leads the Lady Chaparrals' 91.4 point

per game attack with 20.1 points per contest.

Nichols says with a chance to keep the win streak alive and the added dimension of her team playing against their old coach it won't take much on her part to get the Lady Westerners pumped up.

"A couple of these girls were recruited to play for WTC by Coach (Ron) Jones," she said. "So, I don't think they'll have any problem getting excited about this game."

"After the semester break, the girls really took it upon themselves to get ready for each game. I don't have to give motivational speeches anymore."

Cowboys' Haley calls it quits

DALLAS (AP) — After tasting bitter defeat on a field where he had long played, Cowboys All-Pro defensive end Charles Haley said he was retiring.



Haley

Francisco in the NFC title game Sunday.

"The bottom line is that this was my final football game," he told the newspaper after congratulating his former 49ers teammates. "That's it for me. I've had a great time in Dallas, but it's over."

Haley told KDFW-TV of Dallas that he was quitting "because it's no longer in my system any more."

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press today.

Haley was the key ingredient to the team's pass rush the past three seasons, even though 1994 was the only year in which he led the club in sacks.

Haley failed in his quest to become the first player to win five Super Bowls. The Cowboys did not get a sack of Steve Young, as Haley was held in check by Pro Bowl tackle Steve Wallace.

"San Francisco's a great team," said Haley, who won two Super Bowls with the 49ers before winning a pair with the Cowboys. "I wish them well. I hope they go on to win the Super Bowl."

Haley will leave a hole in the front line that could require some major revamping during the off-season.

Tony Tolbert is an unrestricted free agent and Jim Jeffcoat is a 12-year veteran. Along with rookie Shante Carter, who was not even active Sunday, they represent the club's entire stock of defensive ends.

Haley played nine seasons in the NFL after being selected by the 49ers in the third round of the 1986 draft.

NBA Glance

Table showing NBA Eastern Conference standings for Atlantic, Central, and Western divisions. Columns include team names, wins, losses, percentages, and games behind.

NFL Playoffs

Table showing NFL Divisional Playoffs for Saturday, Jan. 7 and Sunday, Jan. 8. Lists matchups between teams from different divisions.

SDN Sports Week

Table listing sports events for Monday, Jan. 16 and Tuesday, Jan. 17. Includes categories for WTC Basketball, High School Basketball, Junior High Basketball, College Basketball, and Professional Basketball with specific matchups and times.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is surgery right for aneurysm?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother has been diagnosed with an aortic aneurysm. She's in her middle 80s, has frequent discomfort in her abdominal area and tiredness, and I wonder if she would be a candidate for surgical repair? I hate to see her deteriorate if something can be done to help her.

DEAR READER: As people age, many of the body's tissues become lax and inelastic. As part of this natural process, parts of the aorta (the major artery that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body) may become stretched and dilated.

Eventually, the arterial wall may become so thin that blood leaks through it or it ruptures. These are serious medical consequences of aortic aneurysms.

Using modern surgical techniques, today's vascular specialists can replace parts of the aorta before the artery leaks or bursts. Such operations are standard.

However, before operating on an aneurysm, surgeons must document that the weakened blood vessel has reached a critical size or is enlarging.

Specialists obtain this information by using ultrasound, a technique that enables them easily to measure the diameter of the aorta. Then, depending on the patient's general health (and the size of the aneurysm), surgery may have to be considered.

Naturally, people in their 80s are not especially good operative risks, so surgeons tend to forestall surgery as long as they can. However, when the risks of the aneurysm itself exceed the risks of surgery, operations are appropriate.

If your mother has a small aneurysm (less than 5 centimeters in diameter), I suggest monitoring it with yearly ultrasound exams, even though it may be causing her frequent abdominal discomfort. On the other hand, if the aneurysm is big (or enlarging rapidly), surgery may be necessary. You should discuss this issue with her doctor.

In addition, the physician may wish to investigate your mother's fatigue. This is not ordinarily a symptom of aortic aneurysm — but could reflect anemia if your mother is, indeed, bleeding from the weakened artery.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health

Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 14 and have major problems with hair loss. What's happening?

DEAR READER: Hair loss in young people (as in older adults) has many causes, including thyroid disorders, genetic inheritance and skin diseases, such as seborrhea and eczema.

You should be examined by a dermatologist, who can — using certain blood tests and other techniques — diagnose the cause of your scalp problem. Ask your pediatrician or family physician to refer you.

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Kassebaum compares balanced budget proposal to prohibition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Nancy Kassebaum compared the balanced budget amendment to the largely ineffectual constitutional ban on liquor sales, but House Republicans said their drive to change the constitution was on course.

The House is due to begin debate in the next few weeks on a constitutional amendment to balance the budget by 2002.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said he was confident he had the two-thirds vote needed to approve a measure that included a provision requiring a three-fifths super-majority to pass future tax increases.

"And when we get it in the House I believe it will inspire the Senate," where opposition is stronger, Armey said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, the House Budget Committee chairman, told CBS' "Face the Nation" that the Republican leadership was pushing for the three-fifths clause because "we should make it excruciatingly difficult" to raise taxes.

"The future of this republic is at stake if we don't begin to control the size and the scope of the government," said Kasich.

But Kassebaum, who heads the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, said the budget amendment "may be like (the) prohibition amendment. We may have to just get it out of our system, prohibition didn't stop drinking."

The 18th Amendment to ban the sale of alcohol was ratified in 1919 and repealed by the 21st Amendment in 1933.

The Kansas senator, who has voted against a balanced budget amendment in the past, did not say how she would vote this time. But

she stressed that her interest was in the hard decisions of how spending can be cut.

"I'm not quite sure why I think people — meaning my colleagues in the House and Senate — feel we need this happiness and security blanket to give us the courage to do this," she said.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich, appearing with Kassebaum on NBC's "Meet the Press," said a balanced budget amendment would put a straightjacket on the government when it tries to help the nation through periods of economic downturn.

"The goal of a balanced budget is not my goal," Reich said. On CNN's "Late Edition," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Budget Committee, said he opposed to the three-fifths majority for tax bills and predicted in the Senate the proposal would have problems even getting out of the Judiciary Committee.

But Domenici said he was "100 percent for" a balanced budget amendment to force Congress to tackle the deficit. Although declining to lay out specific budget cuts, he said Medicare must be reformed to force "some real restraints" in medical costs.

Also on Sunday, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., warned that Newt Gingrich's position as Speaker of the House could be in danger if he does not cut all ties with a publishing company owned by Rupert Murdoch.

Dodd, asked on CBS about the controversy over Gingrich's book deal with a publishing company owned by communications giant Murdoch, said, "I strongly advise the speaker of the House to cut this deal immediately, take nothing, move away from it. His speaker-ship is in jeopardy if he continues

down the path here and more information becomes available."

"This doesn't pass the smell test now," said Dodd, the newly named general chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "Mr. Murdoch isn't just some innocent publisher. He has significant matters before the federal government."

Gingrich stilled the initial Democratic-led outcry over his acceptance of \$4.5 million from HarperCollins as an advance for two books when he announced he would ask only \$1 in advance and receive royalties on sales.

But the issue resurfaced with revelations that Gingrich met Murdoch on Nov. 28, before the book deal was concluded, and that the media magnate was accompanied by the top lobbyist for his TV holdings.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-7-6 (one, seven, six)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press
One ticket bought in the North Texas area correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot is worth an estimated \$11 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 15, 28, 30, 34, 37, and 41.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 125 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$2,025. There were 7,276 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$125. And there were 144,533 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 \$4 million.

Might not like it

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Author John Hersey might not have appreciated testimony designating his home a literary landmark.

"Of all the artists I've known, John was the most sincerely adverse to publicity," said poet Richard Wilbur, Hersey's neighbor for 20 years. "He'd have been very alarmed to see us all flocked here in front of his house."

Wilbur's remark Sunday drew chuckles from the crowd, but Hersey's wife, Barbara, seemed grateful the house was now listed on the National Register of Literary Landmarks. Hersey died March 24, 1993, at age 78.

Yale fights over \$20 million, western civilization course

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Behind Yale University's serene Gothic architecture, professors have been battling over a pot of gold and the course of Western civilization.

Lee Bass, a 1979 Yale graduate from Texas, gave his alma mater \$20 million in 1991 to create a course of study in the ancient thinkers, artists and other figures who shaped the Western European culture from which modern American society stems.

More than three years later, the course hasn't even been designed. Conservative students and professors suspect liberals are behind the delay, suggesting they want to block a course that emphasizes the achievements of white men and minimizes the contributions of women and minorities.

Yale President Richard Levin is trying to squelch such conspiracy theories, and says plans for the money should be announced soon.

The issue became public after a student, writing in a student magazine, accused Levin of bowing to pressures from liberal professors and implied that Yale gave other courses, such as Asian-American history and gay and lesbian studies, a higher priority.

"There were serious behind-the-scenes efforts to co-opt the money for liberal causes," Pat Collins wrote.

Yale spokesman Gary Fryer denied any such scheme existed. "We already have enormously rich and robust offerings in Western civilization," Fryer said, pointing out some 100 related courses. "The question is, what is the right approach to enhance the Western civilization curriculum further?"

Collins, a 20-year-old junior from Tustin, Calif., also wrote in the article "Whatever Happened to Western Civ?" that Levin had bamboozled Bass and failed to keep him informed about what was happening with the program.

The article appeared in "Light and Truth," a conservative magazine written and edited by students

and mailed to about 5,000 alumni. The journal is supported by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, a non-profit educational organization in Bryn Mawr, Pa., founded by William F. Buckley Jr.

The article noted that Bass' money is paying the salaries of five professors who haven't yet taught the course and who otherwise would be paid out of the university's general budget.

Bass approved a proposal for seven full professors and four assistant professors teaching a double-credit, yearlong course for sophomores.

Five faculty immediately were named Bass professors. But Levin rejected the plan to hire four assistant professors, saying the course would draw resources away from other areas of the university.

The debate comes in the midst of budget concerns and Levin, an economist by training, has instituted a five-year plan to eliminate a \$12 million deficit, in part through a hiring freeze on new teachers.

Levin said he had questions about the size of the classes and other

aspects of the proposed program. "This is a logistical difficulty, not an ideological one," Levin said.

Bass has been silent about the debate. He does not comment in the press, an assistant said, just like other members of his family, which has given \$80 million to Yale from the fortune it made in oil, real estate, hotels and other holdings.

Levin met privately with Bass in Fort Worth, Texas, last month and said the encounter was "cordial, thorough and productive." He declined to disclose details but said he was "confident that we can work out a practical solution."

Meanwhile, the school has received several hundred letters from alumni expressing concern about the program's future. Some have even threatened to withdraw financial support, including Robert Eskridge, a 1951 graduate from Coconut Grove, Fla.

He said he was considering removing Yale from his will, which would mean a loss of more than \$1 million to the university.

Turner Broadcasting breaks off negotiations with NBC

NEW YORK (AP) — Ted Turner Broadcasting Co. has ended his courtship of NBC.

His company, Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting System Inc., said Sunday it had "discontinued discussions about possible business combinations with NBC due to the issue of ownership and control."

The cable network owner had been talking for several months about buying NBC from General Electric Co. but neither side was willing to accept less than 51 percent control of NBC in striking a deal, said people familiar with the discussions, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

There have been reports in recent months that GE was seeking \$6 billion or more for National

Broadcasting Co., which owns the NBC television network, TV stations and the cable network CNBC.

It could not be determined how much Turner Broadcasting, whose holdings include CNN and Turner Network Television, was willing to pay for NBC. Details on how a deal would be structured also were not disclosed.

Ted Turner, TBS' chairman, met with GE chairman John F. Welch and NBC chief Robert Wright on Friday and the executives realized they would not be able to reach agreement on issues of ownership and control, sources said.

But Turner did not close the door on future combinations.

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GOP seeks data about defense spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans turn their attention to defense this week, promising "some very intense questioning" of Clinton administration officials.

But, as with the budget and taxes, the new majority in Congress is finding that bold promises of bigger defense budgets are easier to make than to put in place.

The first sign of trouble in the new Congress emerged last week when Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee rejected Democratic proposals to protect the Pentagon from the inevitable cuts that would result from a balanced budget amendment. The votes were purely partisan, but the

message was clear: Republicans aren't prepared to fence off the defense budget from their general program of spending cuts.

"The Pentagon should be reviewed with the same microscope as everything else in this federal government," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Whatever problems the Republicans have reconciling their own budget priorities, they plan to use their new majority status to examine Clinton administration defense policy on everything from overseas operations to base closings and Pentagon spending.

Interviews with lawmakers and congressional staffers indicate

Clinton's defense policy team can expect to be grilled on why Army divisions fell into a below-par state of readiness, how many bombers the Pentagon plans to mothball, and whether the administration gave away too much in its nuclear deal with North Korea.

"We will begin our hearings by taking a hard look at the state of readiness of our armed forces," said Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a senior member of the committee, promised "some very intense questioning" of top administration officials.

It will be no different on the

House side, as Defense Secretary William Perry and top subordinates parade before the House National Security Committee.

The first order of business — even before the Republicans tackle the national security portion of the "Contract With America" — will likely be an administration request for emergency defense funding.

Earlier administration estimates placed the figure at "more than \$2 billion." Congressional sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, now say the request will likely be close to \$2.5 billion. The money is needed to offset the cost of unexpected operations in Haiti, Rwanda, Cuba and elsewhere late

last year.

Those foreign commitments came under sharp Republican criticism, although the questions have diminished with the apparent success of the Haiti mission. An agreement to provide two modern nuclear power plants for North Korea in exchange for the Pyongyang government's abandonment of a nuclear weapons program will also likely face criticism.

But McCain, one of the harshest critics of the agreement, said there may be little Congress can do beyond criticize.

"It would be impossible for Congress to renegotiate a bad agreement," McCain said.

The Republican contract calls

for "restoration" of essential national security spending, a prohibition on placing U.S. troops under United Nations command, and increased spending on a ballistic missile defense system.

The missile defense proposal will likely face concerted resistance from Democrats who argue it is unnecessary now that the Cold War is over. Pragmatists may also question where the money would come from to finance an expanded "Star Wars" program.

The readiness crisis that emerged last year, when the Army said three of its 12 combat divisions were below par, may not be as severe as earlier believed.

Workers pay for health care with extra work

BUCKSPORT, Maine (AP) — A pair of red tugboats maneuver an oil tanker under a bridge, a cloud of steam rises from a paper mill's smokestacks and logging trucks rumble down icy Main Street.

It seems an unlikely place for cutting edge health care programs. But restaurant owner George MacLeod thinks he may have hit on a model plan for a nation with 37 million uninsured people.

One Sunday each month, MacLeod's Restaurant is turned over to the employees. The money they make is used to pay for their health insurance, and they get to keep any extra profits.

"What we've done here is hit upon a solution that works for us. Small businesses do this all the time. We're constantly forced to reassess to solve our problems," said MacLeod, sitting in an office over his business.

The 85-seat restaurant where

the idea was hatched has paneled walls adorned with pictures of tugs and other working boats that once filled the Penobscot River. The menu is a blend of meat and potatoes, fresh fish, pasta dishes and barbecued ribs.

Floor manager Kathy Shissler said the employees don't mind an extra day of cooking, serving and cleaning if it means they have health coverage.

"I don't like to take the chance because if I ever get sick, I might lose everything," Shissler said. "I have a chance here to work for my insurance. It's an important factor to me."

Seven workers who might not have had health coverage are now insured because of the First Sunday program, MacLeod said. Eight other workers have health insurance through their spouses.

MacLeod dropped his insurance plan in the late 1980s after seeing the cost jump from about \$25 a month per employee to more than \$100 a month over seven years.

It was a troubling decision for MacLeod, who found himself personally buying eyeglasses for one worker, putting another through a substance abuse program and getting orthopedic shoes for yet

another.

He knew he needed to figure out a way to reinstate the insurance without going broke. Now it costs an average of about \$130 per employee, he said.

He considered a surcharge on meals and other options before coming up with the idea of letting employees open the restaurant on a day when it's normally closed. It works like this: Employees do

the planning and MacLeod provides the free use of his restaurant.

Workers use 7 percent of their revenues to pay sales tax and another 35 percent to pay for the food. They use the rest to pay for health insurance, and any remaining profits after payroll taxes are pooled together and divided among the employees.

There is an incentive to be creative: If the employees don't make enough money to cover everything, the shortfall comes out of their paychecks.

So far, the program has been a hit among residents. With most places closed Sundays, the restaurant attracts about 100 customers for each First Sunday, MacLeod said. The revenues are about \$1,200 each month, he said.

To keep the customers coming, the employees are planning an Italian theme in February, and they've hired a steel band to entertain diners in March.

Auction reopens following changes

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A Texas company was allowed to continue a public auction here Sunday after being shut down the day before by the state attorney general's office.

A three-day auction held by Bank and Estate Liquidators Inc. of Houston, Texas, was disrupted when the consumer protection di-

vision of the attorney general's office shut it down shortly after opening Saturday.

The auction was closed because the company claimed prints, sculptures and other pieces of artwork were authentic originals, the attorney general's office said.

"There were no disclaimers

anywhere (in the advertising) saying that this art is a replica or representation of the original," said Leslie Staehle, director of the Office of Consumer Protection.

The attorney general's office obtained a temporary restraining order against Bank and Estate Liquidators, stating that the auction could not be reopened until a Jan.

23 hearing before Hinds County Chancery Judge William Singletary.

But the company posted \$15,000 bond and struck a deal with the attorney general's office to hold its auction Sunday as advertised. The bond money would be used to cover losses if the company is found liable, Staehle said.



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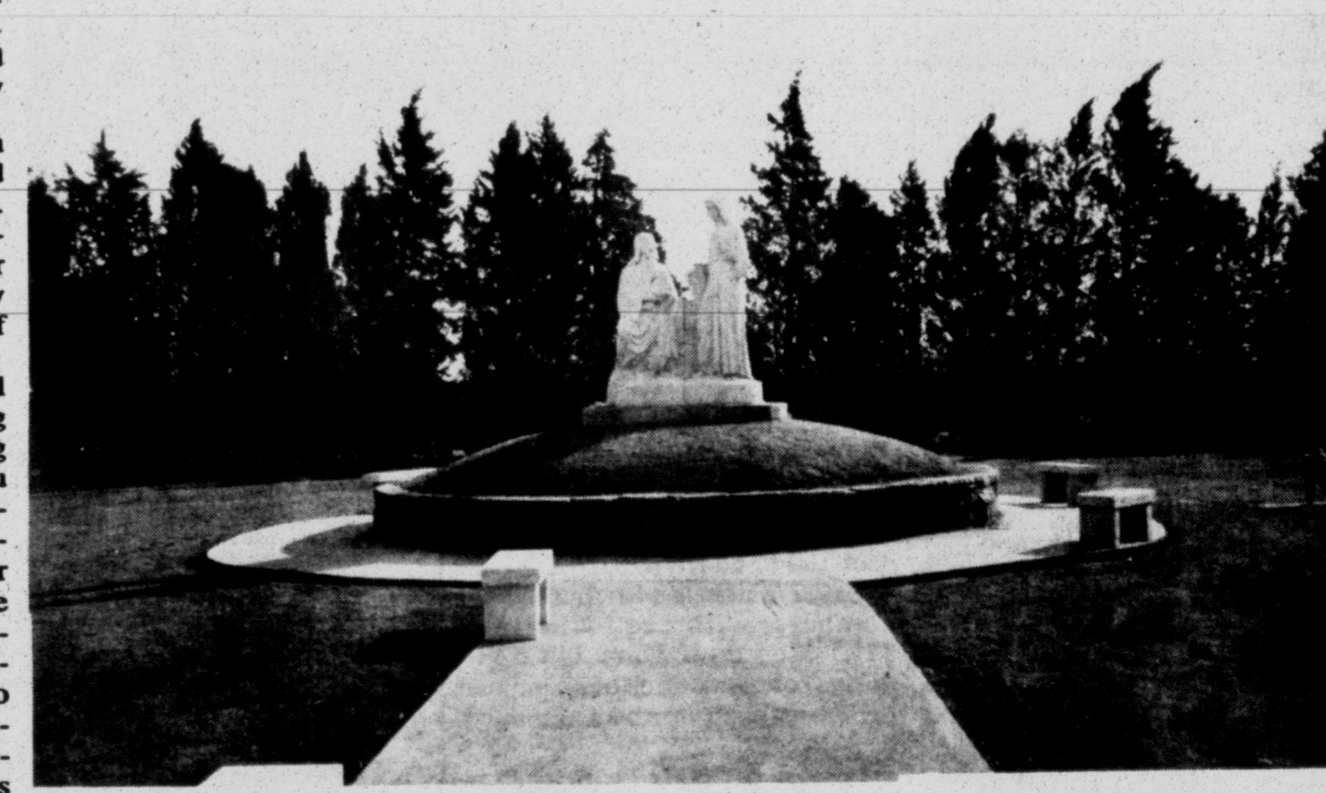
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dens and Monument Works on the Colorado City Highway.

Teacher retirement top man resigns after critical report

DALLAS (AP) — The man at the helm of the Texas Teacher Retirement System for 31 1/2 years has resigned following a legislative review criticizing the agency's operations and investments.

Wayne Blevins, the 55-year-old executive director, had become a lightning rod for criticism at the \$38 billion pension fund, which provides benefits for 138,000 retired teachers and school employees as a substitute for Social Security.

Board chairman Dana Williams confirmed the resignation of Blevins, who sent a memorandum to the fund's board members late last week saying he will be "retiring and this will complete my career in public education in Texas."

"He and I talked, and it was his decision," said Williams, a Blevins ally. "He has not been asked to resign."

Blevins did not immediately return a telephone call Sunday to The Associated Press.

No date has been set for Blevins to leave, Williams said.

But Frank W. "Bo" Camp, a TRS board member, said he hopes Blevins will not prolong his departure.

"Now that he's resigned, I think he needs to move on," Camp said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock accused Blevins in November of misleading Texas teachers and the public about the fund's status.

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