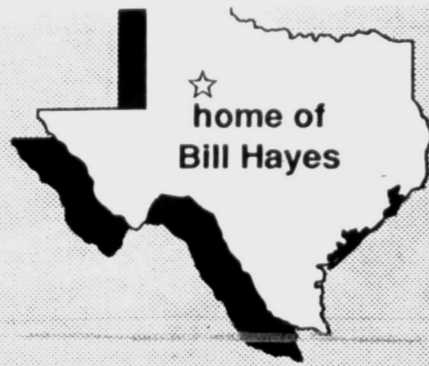


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Ask Us

Q—What is the difference between Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy?

A—Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, all legally non-exempt possessions are seized and liquidated for the benefit of creditors by a court appointed trustee. If a debtor's non-exempt assets are insufficient, all remaining debts are discharged. Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, a trustee is appointed by a court to administer a payment plan to distribute money to each creditor filing a claim. The debtor keeps possession of all assets as long as the payments are made in a timely fashion.



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DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

In Brief

Face charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A 24-year-old Houston woman has been charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer in connection with the stabbing of a patrolman at a southeast Houston home.

The woman was shot by police fire, and hospital officials have said she was paralyzed below the waist.

Rosalind Joyce Bell was charged Saturday after she allegedly threw a knife Friday night at Anthony Pisaro, 27, an eight-year Houston Police Department veteran. The knife imbedded in his skull.

Pisaro was moved Saturday from Ben Taub to Methodist Hospital, where he remained Sunday.

Local

Clinic news

Scurry County Health Unit clinic will be closed Tuesday and Thursday of this week and will be open in the morning only on Dec. 31.

Holiday

The traditional Christmas Greeting edition will be published Tuesday by the Snyder Daily News. There will be no publication Christmas Day, and regular publication schedule will resume Thursday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 40 degrees, low, 37 degrees; 59 of an inch precipitation; high Sunday, 58 degrees; low, 37 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 38 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 27.98 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 50s. Variable wind 5-15 mph. Outlook for Christmas day, partly cloudy. Low in the lower 30s. High in the lower 50s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:46 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:40 a.m. Of 355 days in 1991, the sun has shone 338 days in Snyder.

Hermleigh man will be charged in store holdup

A Hermleigh man is expected to be charged today in connection with separate robberies of the Allsup's convenience store in Hermleigh.

The 24-year-old suspect was being held in Scurry County Jail this morning in lieu of \$15,000 bond on suspicion of aggravated robbery for the Saturday night holdup of the convenience store.

Sheriff Keith Collier confirmed that the man will also be charged with the Sept. 12 robbery of the same Allsup's store. The suspect's

identity is being withheld pending the filing of formal charges through the Scurry County District Attorney's office.

Saturday's robbery occurred around 9:15 p.m. According to sheriff's deputies, the suspect was wearing a ski mask and was carrying a pellet gun which resembled a .357 revolver.

The subject ordered the clerk to open the safe, and left the area on foot. The amount of money taken in the incident has not been (see **ROBBERY**, page 8)

County sets salary for new supervisor

Salary for the consolidated road and bridge crew supervisor was determined as the Scurry County commissioners convened at 10 a.m. this morning.

The court approved a base salary of \$19,228.97 and a top salary of \$21,254.42 for the newly created position. The salaries will be added to rates set by the court at a previous meeting.

Precinct 3 foreman James Crowder will take over as supervisor on January 1 at \$20,862, a three percent increase over his current foreman's salary.

Commissioners approved some ten line-item budget transfers including \$1,442 in the court reporter's budget for repairs, equipment and bookkeeping to salaries and social security; \$715 in the

commissioners court budget from retirement and dues to salaries and social security; \$3,195 in the county clerk's budget from record books and retirement to salaries and social security; and \$900 in the airport budget from sales tax to phone and resale.

Other transfers were \$15,973 in the coliseum and parks budget from pool contract labor, park utilities and retirement to pool supplies, coliseum utilities and repairs, social security and park supplies; \$1,050 in the work center budget from salaries to telephone and vehicle expense; \$32,435 in a CJAD Grant for permanent improvements to salaries, retirement, social security and uniforms; and \$5,047 in the DARE budget from (see **COUNTY**, page 8)

Germany grants recognition to Croatia and Slovenia today

BONN, Germany (AP) — Germany today granted official recognition to the breakaway Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

In a statement to the news media, the Foreign Ministry said the German consul-general in the Croatian capital of Zagreb, Hans Julius Boldt, would hand over a letter of recognition later today to Croatian officials.

Guenter Seibert, his counterpart in the Slovenian capital, was doing the same in Ljubljana, the ministry said.

Germany is the first major country to announce recognition of Croatia and Slovenia, which declared their independence on June 25.

Thousands of people have died in fighting in multi-ethnic Croatia since, with Serb-dominated federal forces seizing about one-third of the republic.

Ethnically homogeneous Slovenia quickly reached a settlement with the Belgrade government that ended fighting.

Government spokesman Dieter Vogel said Thursday that recognition of Croatia and Slovenia would likely come before Christmas, as the German government has promised for several months.

The letters of recognition are to be followed by opening of diplomatic relations on Jan. 15, in a joint move with other European Community nations.

Bush promises to get economy turned right during election year

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says coping with the ailing economy is "extraordinarily difficult," but he promises to get it turned around in the election year ahead.

Bush, in a televised interview, said political foes should take no comfort from his recent slide in the public opinion polls because it has gotten his "competitive juices" flowing.

"I've been underestimated before and they ought not to underestimate me again because I'm going to take my case out to the American people, get this economy turned around and I'll be ready," Bush told C-SPAN, the cable television industry's public service channel.

The president was interviewed by C-SPAN's Brian Lamb on Friday. The program was telecast Sunday evening.

Bush today was taping an interview with British journalist David Frost and a Christmas message to the nation, as well as holding meetings on the fiscal 1993 budget and with a group seeking health care reform.

Later, he was leaving for Camp David, Md., where he will spend the holiday with his wife and several of their children and grandchildren.

Bush was in a holiday frame of mind Sunday, inviting reporters and photographers who accompanied him to church to see the family Christmas tree in the upstairs living quarters of the White House, usually off-limits to the news media.

He turned aside questions about the latest developments in the former Soviet Union, but met privately during the day with Secretary of State James A. Baker III.



TRIP PREPARATIONS — Santa Claus makes last minute preparations for his annual trip as Mrs. Claus looks on. Trey Gorman and Jodi Dennis played the famous pair in a recent school play at West Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

American hostage...

Body identified as Higgins'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — American and U.N. officials today identified a body that was dumped along a highway over the weekend as American hostage Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, the director of the American University Hospital

said. The body, in a casket draped with the U.S. flag, was driven out of the hospital's morgue in an ambulance escorted by two U.S. Embassy cars. The convoy headed in the direction of the U.S. Embassy in the east Beirut suburb of Aukar.

At the United Nations, a spokeswoman for Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar also said the body had been confirmed as Higgins'. She said U.N. hostage envoy Giandomenico Picco confirmed the identity. The spokeswoman, Nadia Younes, said she didn't know how the identification was made.

The Lebanese coroner-general, Dr. Ahmed Harati, has been reviewing dental records and other data in an effort to identify the body. Harati said today he was reasonably sure it was Higgins, but he was awaiting further data from the United States before making a final identification.

The Organization of the Oppressed on Earth claimed July 31, 1989, that it hanged Higgins, a 44-year-old Vietnam veteran, in retaliation for Israel's abduction of a Shiite Muslim cleric, Sheik Abdul-Karim Obeid. The group released a videotape showing a hanged man and said it was Higgins.

Higgins, a Marine officer, was abducted Feb. 17, 1988, while serving as a U.N. observer.

Two other Americans — William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, and librarian Peter Kilburn — died in captivity. Buckley's body has not been recovered and also is being sought by the United States. Kilburn's body was found east of Beirut in April 1986.

Hermleigh holds annual stock show

Entries from Randall Price and Trey Roemisch captured top honors during the Hermleigh FFA Chapter Stock Show, held Saturday in the county coliseum annex.

Price's entry took the Grand Champion title in the lamb division with his medium wool entry. Roemisch's Hampshire hog was Grand Champion in its division.

Reserve winning animals were shown by Stephane Gannaway, lambs, and Joey Sanchez, hogs.

Other top entries in the hog show were shown by Timmy Digby in the crossbreed category, Connie Payne in the OPB category and Sanchez in the Duroc.

Donnis McHaney's lamb took first in the cross category. Complete results follow.

- HOGS**
Grand Champion, Trey Roemisch
Reserve Champion, Joey Sanchez
Duroc: 1. Joey Sanchez, 2. Katrina Reynolds, 3. Larry Lambaren, 4. Connie Payne, 5. Bridget Moore, 6. Tiffany Moore
Hampshire: 1. Trey Roemisch, 2. Adam Roemisch, 3. Larry Lambaren, 4. Michelle Payne, 5. Buddy Atkinson, 6. Stephane Gannaway
OPB: 1. Connie Payne, 2. Michelle Payne, 3. Lori Anderson, 4. Joey Sanchez, 5. Jason Eckert, 6. Adam Roemisch
Crossbreed: 1. Timmy Digby, 2. Crystal Atkinson, 3. Brandy Atkinson, 4. Brandon Blair, 5. Amy Anderson, 6. William Gray
- LAMBS**
Grand Champion, Randall Price
Reserve Champion, Stephane Gannaway
Cross: 1. Donnis McHaney, 2. Stephane Gannaway, 3. Brandy Atkinson, 4. Buddy Atkinson
Medium Wool: 1. Randall Price, 2. Stephane Gannaway, 3. Lance Price, 4. Brandy Atkinson, 5. Buddy Atkinson



TOP HOG — Trey Roemisch's entry won the Grand Champion title during the Hermleigh FFA Chapter Stock Show Saturday at the ag annex. (SDN Staff Photo)



NOVEMBER HONOREES — November band were from left, Jayson York, Jennifer Early, Julie Zeck and Chris Gober. (SDN Staff Photo)



FOR A GOOD CAUSE — Snyder Junior High School students in fifth period held a contest to see who could collect the most canned goods for Goodfellows. Decided by averaging, the seven winning students who collected 54 cans were in Vanessa Gutierrez's class. In all, the junior high collected over 650 cans which were donated to Goodfellows. The winner was treated to a Coke party Friday. Students who participated included from left, Miranda Wilson, 8th grader; Isreal Torres, 8th grader; Angela Rodriguez, 7th grader; Blandon Chisum, 7th grader; and L.S. McClain, 7th grader. (SDN Staff Photo)

President tries to shake up establishment in his country

ROME (AP) — President Francesco Cossiga often says he feels like Don Quixote. But instead of tilting at windmills, he's jousting with the judiciary, media and political establishment in what seems an attempt at shock therapy.

The white-haired, professorial Cossiga has taken over the airwaves and front pages, turning a mainly ceremonial presidential post that has in the past been a career-ending plum into a bully pulpit.

He seeks to reform a system inclined to compromise or inaction and his assault has been so furious that he admits some Italians think he's gone crazy.

"The worst talk about a racing case of hardening of the arteries or schizophrenia," as he once put it.

He has enraged the left, which is now trying to impeach him on grounds he has overstepped his authority, and become estranged from members of his former party, the Christian Democrats.

He has also endured public criticism for suggesting a pardon for an unrepentant terrorist, an action aimed at turning the final page on the bullet-riddled "years of lead."

But Cossiga has successfully brought the problem of political reform to the forefront, sensing that the system that has served the country well for four decades is showing signs of breaking down.

Public concern is clearly growing over poor services, a deficit-burdened economy and an inability to break the hold of organized crime in parts of the country.

Despite his barrage of criticism, Cossiga has not proposed any specific reforms. Politicians have

talked of changes ranging from eliminating small parties by requiring a minimum vote percentage to enter the legislature to installing a French-style strengthened presidency.

Cossiga's actions, however, have suggested he favors a strong executive, a role Italians have been wary of since the rule of World War II dictator Benito Mussolini.



OUTSTANDING — Two Noah Project workers have been recognized as outstanding in their field for 1991. They include Jacquelyn Chorn, left, office worker who will retire this month, and Gussie Gray, outstanding volunteer recognized for her service to the local shelter. Gray served as the 1990 chairperson for the Advisory Committee. Chorn has worked for the shelter as either a volunteer or office worker since it opened in 1984. They received their honors Dec. 7 at a luncheon in Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo)

GM officials think Shreveport plant won't be on closure list

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Analysts, city leaders and economic development specialists say they'd do anything reasonable to keep the General Motors plant in Shreveport if it were in danger.

But they and GM officials alike are confident that the Shreveport operation will not be included in GM's plan to close 21 plants and cut 47,000 employees by 1995.

"Shreveport is not a plant that has to worry about the announcement," said Tim Smith, a GM market planner in Detroit. "The Shreveport plant is our most efficient small truck plant."

Plant manager Dave Michaels agreed.

"There's no need to measure ourselves against other plants. We're cost-competitive," Mi-

chael said Friday. "Our per-unit production price is low. We have a high quality level. Our people are productive."

More than 3,700 workers at GM's Arlington, Texas plant learned last week that their facility will be combined sometime next year with GM's Willow Run plant near Ypsilanti, Mich. GM officials have not announced which facility will be closed.

Louisiana economic development officials, city leaders, GM managers and union members say they have strong reasons to feel optimistic about the Shreveport plant's future.

— It's one of GM's newest and even its low-tech robotics are more technologically advanced than most other GM plants.

— In the last year, it won three of the company's top six awards for quality and came within one-tenth of a point of a fourth, Michels said. It beat 28 assembly plants for the annual awards.

— The Chevy S-10 and GMC S-15 light-duty pickups it builds are among the few GM products for which demand is growing.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County
Great Plains Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 1 Flowers in the Allen-Holladay field, nine miles south of Ira. The well produced 30 barrels of 41 gravity oil and 40 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 933-1 with perforations from 7,592-596 feet. Location is in Section 74, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation survey.

Pitts Energy Co. will drill the No. 1 Conrad, a 7,500-foot wildcat located two miles south of Knapp. Drill site is in Section 98, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Borden County
Bettis, Boyle and Stovall has completed the No. 3 Gray in the Gray Gulch field, 11 miles southeast of Gail. The well was finished to produce 35 barrels of 39 gravity

oil and 90 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 143-1 with perforations from 4,554-584 feet. Location is in Section 163, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Kent County
Spalding Engery Inc. will drill the No. 3-B D.M. Cogdell, a 1,995-foot wildcat re-entry located 12 miles south of Clairemont. Location is in Section 713, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fisher County
Cholla Petroleum has completed the No. 4 ARCO Hill in the Newman field, four miles southeast of Longworth. The venture was finished to produce 19 barrels of 40 gravity oil and 47 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,810-818 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block K, T&P survey.

Garza County
Brothers Production Co. will drill the No. 2-31 P.L.K. in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,340 feet, location is in Section 31, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Midland Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Clary, a 4,100-foot wildcat located six miles northwest of Post. Drill site is in Section 1,402, Block 1, EL&RR survey.

Nolan County
R.L. Adkins has completed the No. 1 Kilgore in the Group west field, two miles southeast of Maryneal. The well produced 98 barrels of 48.1 gravity oil. Gas-oil ratio was 183-1 with perforations from 7,033-053 feet. Location is in Section 140, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.
Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.
Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Day

THURSDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.
Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.
10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in Anchorage, Alaska, and would like information on seasonal affective disorder, a change of mood triggered by light deprivation. How does it affect Alaskans, and what percentage of people suffer from this disorder?

DEAR READER: Seasonal affective disorder is an emotional affliction marked by cyclic depression occurring during the winter months when sunlight is scarce. The condition is common in northern climates, but no one has yet estimated how many people suffer from it. Patients often

feel normal until midwinter (earlier in the northernmost countries) when days are shortest; then melancholy takes over.

Daily exposure to sunlight or special artificial lights, administered under the supervision of psychiatrists, will relieve symptoms and even prevent the affliction. SAD is epidemic in Scandinavia and, I am certain, in Alaska, too. The cause of the condition is not known.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister has been epileptic since childhood and suffers grand mal seizures that terri-

fy me. The real problem is that she drinks between one and two cases of beer a week, smokes a pack of cigarettes each day, has no vision in her right eye because of a detached retina and looks older than her years. Is she asking for trouble leading this lifestyle?

DEAR READER: Yes, she is. Your sister's disregard of a healthful lifestyle certainly puts her at risk for an early death. For example, her intake of beer is clearly excessive; in order to avoid heart and liver disease, she should stop using alcohol. Further, her cigarette consumption may lead to cancer and heart attack. I hope she is taking medicine, such as Dilantin, for her epilepsy; uncontrolled seizures can lead to serious injury, even death.

In all likelihood, your sister is aware of the fact that she is abusing herself. Therefore, nothing you and I say or do will make the slightest difference. When she chooses to shape up, she will take the necessary steps to do so. Nonetheless, I think it's appropriate for you to mention your concerns to her, indicating that you (and other family members, too) worry about the risks she is taking and that you care. The rest is up to her.

To provide more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II - Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.
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Man killed during birthday party; brother also shot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 27-year-old man was fatally shot and his 25-year-old brother was wounded during a birthday celebration for the older man at a west Bexar County apartment complex.

Robert Lee Miller was shot in the back early Sunday with his own gun during a fight over the party music's noise level.

Miller was celebrating his birth-

day late Saturday.

His brother Myron Miller was wounded and reported in stable condition at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center.

Delmar Roberts, was charged with murder and attempted murder in the incident.

Police say people from another neighborhood party asked Miller to turn down the music.

Millers neighbors were trying to avoid another run-in with Bexar County Sheriff's deputies, who earlier Saturday night had told them to turn down their own music.

An argument began and Miller pulled out his .32-caliber semiautomatic pistol.

According to police reports, the revelers from the other party feared blame for the noise at Miller's party.

Student group wants facts

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Cries for in-school AIDS education are sounding loudly from Students for Safer Sex, a new and fast-growing group at Plano Senior High School.

The group, which has about 40 members, was formed after the Plano school board decided in November to ban classroom condom demonstrations. Its goal is to have the lessons reinstated.

"It's a matter of saving lives," said Amy Egert, a senior. "I want to see my classmates at my 10-year and my 20-year reunion."

The condom demonstrations involved biology teachers rolling the devices out on extended fingers or test tubes. The lessons were banned by the school board after about 10 parents and their attorney complained.

At a subsequent meeting, the board appointed a committee to review the AIDS curriculum and compile a report by January.

So AIDS education in the district is on hold for now, and that worries some of the students.



NINE CHEERS FOR CHRISTMAS — Carole Haynes' second graders at Stanfield performed "Nine Cheers for Christmas" on Friday. Back row: Brandon Cox, Jase Olivera, Dustin Olsen, Aaron Bayer, Casey Uptergrove, Heath Conner and Saul Pena. Middle rows: Michael Pendleton, Amanda Greenwood, Randi Hill, Amy Juarez,

Jenny Medrano and Amber Yruegas, Erica Lee, Wes Martin, Paul Overhulser, Eric Githens and Lynn Fogleman. Floor: Jason Williams, Stephanie Riojas, Wes Hardin and Zach Rollins. Not pictured: Craig Bowen and Jaci Tovar. (SDN Staff Photo)

Economic woes cut lobbyists' gifts to U.S. Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lobbyists cut back on their gifts this less-merry Capitol Christmas. So why did Santa Claus get frisked?

The home of Congress stands apart from national economic trends. While House and Senate members may hear about it back home, at their workplace there are no threats of layoffs, fears of Japanese competition or other signs of recession.

The vibration from equipment rattles through the Capitol as renovations continue, including installation of marble floors in the elevators. The latest-model luxury cars are still parked outside. But reminders of the outside world creep in nonetheless.

Like many small businesses, congressional offices are accustomed to getting little gifts during

the holiday season from their regular customers — in their case, mostly lobbyists.

This year the usual flood of booze, chocolate, and other goodies has slowed dramatically, according to an informal survey.

"It's booze and chocolate and calendars. A couple less aren't going to hurt," sighed one top staffer.

Oh, the Teamsters delivered their Pendleton wool blankets and Anheuser-Busch its porcelain eagles. But those clever little gifts that trumpeted the names of interest groups are harder to find.

The members themselves often buy edibles from their home districts to distribute around to colleagues' offices.

House Democratic Whip David Bonior passed out boxes of dried Michigan cherries, and Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., again imported from Racine those oh-so-fattening Danish kringles.

One of the Santas who made the trip up Capitol Hill was given a lesson in the ways of a fearful world.

He came upon the entrance of the Rayburn House Office Building in full regalia, and dutifully dumped his goody bag onto the conveyor belt to carry it through the X-ray machine.

He then squeezed through the metal detector but set off the beeper and lights.

Dumping out keys and other metals from his pockets (Do reindeer have ignition switches? Or had he just locked the sled's trunk to discourage pilferage?) and tried again.

But he still couldn't get through without setting off alarms.

So, like any other visitor, jolly old Santa submitted to the indignity of a criminal. Standing with his arms in the air, he let a Capitol policeman frisk him with an electronic wand so he could continue on his rounds.

Police give protection after Fort Worth minister attacked

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Police are keeping mum about stepped security measures taken to protect churches after the shooting of a pastor and robberies at three congregations.

Fort Worth Deputy Police Chief Sam Hill said patrol officers are keeping a low profile and declined to give specific details about the department's strategy that could tip off criminals.

Hill said patrols are taking place to give those people who want to attend church services the security of knowing that they are being watched.

The Rev. Charles Gillespi's condition remained in serious condition early Monday, said Jerry Wright, spokesman for John Peter Smith Hospital.

Gillespi was robbed and shot at Concord Baptist Church on Dec. 15.

Hill spoke with members of the

Black Pastors Association at the Macedonia Baptist Church on Saturday.

Pastors were told of a "very specific plan" that will continue for an undetermined number of Sundays, he said.

"It's tragic that someone would violate the sanctity of the Lord's house, go in there and steal what is God's and then shoot one of God's children," Hill said.

Police were still investigating and do not have any suspects in the attack.

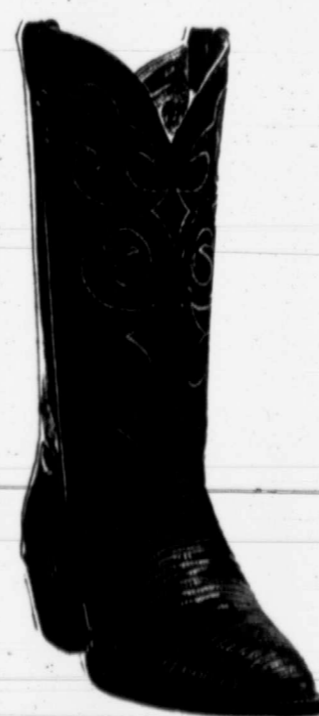
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Today is the 357th day of 1991 and the 2nd day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1972, a massive earthquake devastated the city of Managua, Nicaragua.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Helmut Schmidt (1918-), German political leader, is 73; Paul Hornung (1935-), football star, is 56; Jerry Koonsman (1942-), baseball star, is 49; Bill Rodgers (1947-), marathoner, is 44; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Franco Harris hauled in Terry Bradshaw's deflected pass (the "immaculate reception") and ran for a touchdown to give the Pittsburgh Steelers a 13-7 play-off victory over the Oakland Raiders.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Never get married in the morning, 'cause you never know who you'll meet that night." — Paul Hornung

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1955, the lowest pressure observed in Idaho was measured at Boise with a reading of 28.97 inches.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 21) and last quarter (Dec. 27).



TODAY'S BARE BY PHIL PASTORET
Anyone who has ever tried to fit a 12-foot Christmas tree under a 10-foot ceiling is a prime candidate to become a forest conservationist.

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Similar role

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — During a break from the ABC comedy "Roseanne," John Goodman will play another hard-working blue-collar husband: Fred Flintstone.

But Goodman says there's a downside to his latest movie role. "Playing Fred is a double-edged sword, you know," he said in TV Guide.

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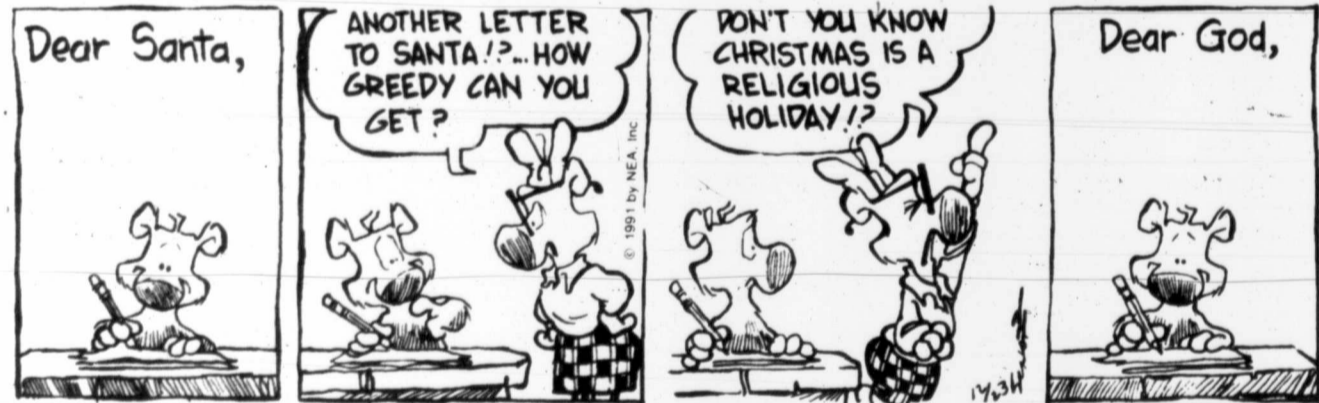
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- 16 Cricket positions
- 17 Small field
- 19 Flower necklace
- 20 Studio
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- 25 Dakota
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- 30 Defeat soundly
- 31 Actor James
- 32 Grafted, in heraldry
- 33 Bomb shelter
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Houston prepares for NFL playoffs

HOUSTON (AP) — The Denver Broncos and New York Jets have given the Houston Oilers their NFL playoff assignment.

The Broncos clinched the No. 2 seed in the AFC playoffs and a first week bye with a 17-14 victory over San Diego Sunday, snatching the advantage the Oilers squandered away Saturday in a 24-20 loss to the New York Giants.

The Jets (8-8) earned the right to face the Oilers in a first round playoff game in the Astrodome this weekend by beating Miami 23-20 in overtime, the same score the Oilers recorded against the Jets in the regular season.

"This is a new stage," Oilers linebacker Lamar Lathon said. "The playoffs brings a different type of energy to the club and I think everyone will be up for whoever we have to play."

The Oilers (11-5) could have determined their own situation with a victory over the Giants but they failed once again to win a key game that could have made their route to the Super Bowl easier.

"This team seems to play better when it's backs are to the wall," Oilers coach Jack Pardee said. "I think we're going to rebound very well."

The Oilers have reached the playoffs five straight years, the longest streak in the NFL, but they've fizzled quickly near the end of the season, losing momentum with late-season losses.

The Oilers have shown an ability to be flat at the wrong time.

In 1989, the Oilers led their division by 1 1/2 games with two games to play. They lost both games and then were upset in the wild-card playoff game by Pittsburgh, a team they beat twice in regular season.

The Oilers tied for the title last season but lost to Cincinnati twice in the next-to-last game and in the first playoff game to exit the playoffs. The Oilers have won two playoff games the past four seasons.

Pardee isn't worried about playoff momentum. He's more concerned about getting his injured defense healthy.

"Losing the last game isn't as important to me as just getting everyone physically ready to play," Pardee said.

But defensive end William Fuller remembers the Oilers' 1989 swoon.

"I remember three years ago we went through the same thing we lost three games and didn't do well," Fuller said. "We can't play like we played and win ball games."

The Oilers jumped to a 7-1 record in the first half of season but they went 4-4 over the second half. The Oilers defense held the team together and kept them in rugged losses to Washington and Philadelphia.

But the Giants rushed for almost 200 yards, led by Rodney Hampton with 140 yards.

"It's tough only if we let it be tough," Fuller said. "This is a good football team. There are a lot of teams that would love to be sitting where the Oilers are right now."

"We've got to pick it up and we got to get our heads high and have some fun."

The Oilers defense missed defensive tackle Ray Childress, sidelined with a broken rib and pulled muscles in his rib cage. Lathon left the game and didn't return after the first series also with a rib injury.

"We didn't go in as a whole team," Lathon said.

Emmitt Smith earns rushing title...

Dallas grounds Falcons, 31-27

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys figured they owed the Atlanta Falcons some grief.

Mindful that the Falcons had knocked the Cowboys out of the playoffs last year, Dallas returned the favor Sunday with a 31-27 victory spiced by Emmitt Smith winning the NFL rushing title.

"We didn't want the Falcons popping any champagne corks in Texas Stadium," said Dallas defensive tackle Tony Casillas, who was traded to the Cowboys because of his dislike for Atlanta coach Jerry Glanville.

The Cowboys finished with an 11-5 regular season ledger, best since the 1983 team went 12-4.

Dallas will play a wildcard into the playoffs and meet either Detroit or Chicago on the road.

Should Chicago lose at San Francisco on Monday night then Dallas would play at the Bears next weekend, probably on Sunday. A Chicago victory would send Dallas to Detroit, probably next Saturday.

"We don't care where we play," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "A couple of years ago everybody laughed at us (when Dallas went 1-15). There is a lot of satisfaction with 11 wins. Considering where we were this is remarkable."

Smith won the NFL rushing title with 160 yards on 32 carries to finish with 1,563 yards to 1,548 for Barry Sanders of Detroit.

"This is sweet because there were some people who didn't believe in me," said Smith. "They all said I was too small and not fast."

"I came out of college (Florida) with a lot of expectations. I still want to have the total package like Sanders and (Buffalo's) Thurman Thomas. I idolized those guys and I still look up to 'em."

Johnson joked "He's a helluva running back for somebody who has had only one NFL training camp. There's no telling what he's going to do in this league."

Dallas needed two touchdown

runs from Smith, a touchdown pass from Steve Beuerlein to Michael Irvin, and a club record 102 yard kickoff return by Alexander Wright to subdue the Falcons and Chris Miller.

Miller hit 19 of 39 passes for 325 yards and three touchdowns and had the Falcons on the Dallas 16 yard line when the game ended.

He threw four straight incompletions. With time running out,

he tried to hit Deion Sanders but Larry Brown batted the ball away.

"It was a crazy, wild game, one of the best I've ever played in," said Miller. "It could only have been better if we had won. I thought we were going to pull it out. But we didn't."

The Falcons thought Dallas had pushed Sanders out of bounds on third down. Sanders caught the ball in the end zone but officials ruled he was an ineligible receiver because he went out of bounds.

"We didn't get a call there," Miller said. "We wanted to win the NFC Western title outright. But we're still in the playoffs. Now, we've got to get ready to play the next one."

The loss ended Atlanta's dream of going from worst to first in the NFC West. The Falcons will have to play at division champion New Orleans next weekend in a first round game.

Sweetwater dumps SHS at tournament

BROWNFIELD — Sweetwater's Corey Edwards exploded for 32 points Saturday as the Mustangs tripped Snyder's Tigers in the third round of the Brownfield Rotary Club Invitational basketball tournament.

Snyder captured third place at the event with a 1-2 mark. Sweetwater wound up its three-game appearance with an unblemished 3-0 slate trailed by host Brownfield at 2-1, Snyder, and Denver City, winless at the tournament.

Senior post Hayward Clay scored 19 for SHS followed by fellow upper-classmen Jeff Wortham's 14 and 10 from Eric West.

The Tigers grabbed the first-quarter lead, 17-13, and clung to a 30-27 margin at intermission. Sweetwater claimed the lead with a 16-10 advantage in the third

period and iced the victory by outscoring Snyder 15-9 in the final eight minutes.

The loss drops Snyder to 8-5 on the season while Sweetwater, defending District 3-4A champion, moves to 9-3.

In Saturday's other final-round game here, Brownfield rolled past Denver City, 70-58.

Snyder will take a few days off to celebrate Christmas, then return to the court Friday and Saturday for the McMurry Tournament in Abilene.

The Tigers' next home appearance is scheduled for Jan. 4 when they host Seminole.

Snyder	17	13	10	9	49
Sweetwater	13	14	10	15	58
Leading scorers:	Snyder	—	Clay	19,	
	Wortham	14,	West	10,	
	Sweetwater	—	Edwards	32,	
	Records:	Snyder	8-5,	Sweetwater	9-3.

Lady Tigers claim 60-12 tourney win

EASTLAND — Snyder's Lady Tigers scored a season high 60 points Saturday on their way to their second win of the campaign and a seventh place finish at the Eastland Quarterback Club Basketball Tournament.

Snyder, now 2-14 on the campaign, slammed Strawn in the Saturday battle, 60-12.

Another first for the season accomplished on Saturday for the Lady Tigers was having three players score in double figures.

Jennifer Kime poured in 14 followed by Shalawn Smith's 13 and 12 from Deana Ball.

Snyder opened the contest with a 20-point lead, outscoring Strawn 22-2 in the first eight minutes.

By halftime SHS was coasting with a 32-6 advantage. Strawn managed six to Snyder's 16 in the third before being shutout in the final stanza by the Lady Tigers' defense.

In other Saturday contests at the tourney, Gorman won the consolation bracket, beating Albany 54-49; Cross Plains slipped into third place with a 47-45 win over host Eastland and Ranger captured the event crown, beating Millsap, 60-38.

The Lady Tigers' next outing will be a Dec. 30 non-district game against Odessa Permian at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder	22	10	16	12	60
Strawn	2	4	6	0	12
Leading scorers:	Snyder	—	Kime	14,	
	Smith	13,	Ball	12,	
	Brazier	9,	Ragland	5,	
	Duncan	3,	Thompson	2,	
	Fambro	2,	Strawn	—	
	Talley	6,	May	4,	
	Lynn	2,	Record:	Snyder	2-14.

Strickland inks pact with Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs guard Rod Strickland has ended his 80-day holdout and reportedly agreed to a one-year contract worth \$1.3 million.

Strickland, 25, and team officials reportedly finalized the details of the contract Sunday night. The Spurs are currently 13-10.

Strickland averaged 13 points, eight assists and three rebounds a game last season. He joined the team Feb. 21, 1990, in a trade that Maurice Cheeks to the New York Knicks.

Strickland's holdout was the longest in the team's history.

Broyles charged with using UA phones for personal calls

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — University of Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles made almost 300 long-distance calls to friends, business associates and relatives on the university's bill, according to a published report.

Broyles said all but one of the calls, including those to his son and daughter, involved university business. He called the story part of a smear campaign by John

Robert Starr, managing editor of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

Starr said two reporters came up with the story idea. Broyles, Starr said, is trying to portray the story as though it is criticism of the Razorback program.

Asked about the article in a telephone call on Sunday, Broyles said he didn't have anything more to add to a statement he gave to the newspaper.

"My statement is full and complete," he told the Associated Press.

The Democrat-Gazette, in a copyright article Sunday, reported on calls made since 1988 from Broyles' office or with his credit card, not counting a 21/2-month gap in the record of calls from his office.

The calls, the article said, included 112 to Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia; 81 to Intermet Corp., a Smyrna, Ga., foundry holding company that has Broyles on its board; 84 to his daughter Betsy Arnold in LaGrange, Ga.; and others to his son John F. Broyles in Kingwood, Texas.

The calls to Mrs. Arnold were university business calls because she helps him plan his travel and he stays at her house when he is in her area, Broyles said. The calls to his son were business, he said, because John Broyles lets him know when newspaper articles in the area may affect UA athletics.

"When he learns something or hears a news story in the Houston media that might have some effect on the Razorbacks, he calls me and I consider these to be business-related calls," Broyles said.

The calls to Internet Corp. were related to university business because Broyles has been "witnessing firsthand how major corporations make policy decisions. The athletic department closely resembles a major corporation," he said.

According to the article, Broyles said before the review of his telephone records took place that, "Most of my calls are related, 99 percent, to some type of business to the university. It's all interpretation, basically."

The article said that, based on a statement from Broyles, "As

Broyles sees it, almost any telephone call he makes or trip he takes out of state could be university business."

Gerry Bomotti, UA vice chancellor for finance and administration, said UA employees are prohibited from making personal phone calls that are paid for by the school.

How they fared

By The Associated Press
How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll fared this week:

- Duke (5-0) did not play.
- Arizona (5-1) beat Northern Arizona 127-81; lost to No. 19 Arkansas 65-59.
- UCLA (5-0) beat Loyola Marymount 106-80.
- Ohio State (6-1) beat UC Santa Barbara 82-75; lost to Southern California 79-77; OT.
- Oklahoma State (10-0) beat Houston Baptist 100-57.
- Kansas (6-0) beat Seattle Pacific 97-62.
- Connecticut (5-0) did not play.
- Kentucky (6-2) lost to No. 13 Georgia Tech 81-80.
- North Carolina (7-1) beat Jacksonville 98-87.
- St. John's (4-2) lost to No. 14 Indiana 82-77.
- Seton Hall (5-1) did not play.
- Michigan State (8-0) beat Illinois-Chicago 75-51; beat Cincinnati 90-89.
- Georgia Tech (7-2) lost to Georgia 66-65; beat No. 8 Kentucky 81-80.
- Indiana (6-2) beat No. 10 St. John's 82-77.
- Michigan (6-1) beat Central Michigan 86-70; beat Rice 87-70.
- Oklahoma (6-0) beat Morgan State 144-81.
- Missouri (7-0) beat Jackson State 99-76.
- Utah (9-1) beat Wichita State 58-36.
- Arkansas (7-2) beat Montevallo 91-70; beat No. 2 Arizona 65-59.
- Alabama (8-1) beat Citadel 107-67; beat Southern Mississippi 87-64.
- Wake Forest (6-1) beat VMI 74-43; beat Richmond 74-60.
- Iowa (6-1) did not play.
- Georgetown (6-1) beat St. Leo 89-51; beat Maryland-Eastern Shore 79-37.
- N.C. Charlotte (7-1) beat North Carolina A&T, 90-59; beat William & Mary 83-75; beat Chaminade, 110-77.
- Louisville (6-0) beat Morehead State 90-76; beat LSU 93-92.

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Orange	Jan. 1	Nebraska - Miami	\$4.2 million
Sugar	Jan. 1	Florida - Notre Dame	\$3.6 million
Cotton	Jan. 1	Texas A&M - Florida St.	\$3.1 million
Blockbuster	Jan. 1	Alabama - Colorado	\$3 million
Fiesta	Dec. 28	Penn St. - Tennessee	\$2 million
Florida Citrus	Jan. 1	Alabama - Tennessee	\$1.35 million
Holiday	Jan. 1	Clemson - California	\$1.3 million
Gator	Dec. 30	Brigham Young - Iowa	\$1.2 million
John Hancock	Dec. 29	Virginia - Oklahoma	\$1 million
Hall of Fame	Jan. 1	UCLA - Illinois	\$1 million
	Jan. 1	Syracuse - Ohio St.	\$1 million

Thirty-eight Division I college football teams are involved in the season-ending bowl bonanza, which began with the California Raisin Bowl on Dec. 14 and climaxes with eight televised games on New Year's Day. A total of \$66.1 million will be paid out to participants by those 19 bowls. The Rose Bowl — the richest event — will pay \$6.5 million to each side.

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Schoolboy results

By The Associated Press
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CLASS 5A	Division II Championship	Odessa Permian 27, SA Marshall 14
CLASS 4A Championship	A&M Consolidated 35, Carthage 16	
CLASS 3A Championship	Groesbeck 7, Burnet 0	
CLASS 2A Championship	Schulenburg 21, Albany 0	
CLASS A Championship	Memphis 21, Oakwood 14	

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	13	3	0	.813	458	318
y-N.Y. Jets	8	8	0	.500	314	293
Miami	8	8	0	.500	343	349
New England	6	10	0	.375	211	305
Indianapolis	1	15	0	.063	143	381
Central						
x-Houston	11	5	0	.688	386	251
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	.438	292	344
Cleveland	6	10	0	.375	293	298
Cincinnati	3	13	0	.188	263	435
West						
x-Denver	12	4	0	.750	304	235
y-Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	322	252
y-LA Raiders	9	7	0	.563	298	297
Seattle	7	9	0	.438	276	261
San Diego	4	12	0	.250	274	342

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washington	14	2	0	.875	485	224
y-Dallas	11	5	0	.688	342	310
Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625	285	244
N.Y. Giants	8	8	0	.500	281	297
Phoenix	4	12	0	.250	196	344
Central						
y-Detroit	12	4	0	.750	339	295
y-Chicago	11	4	0	.733	285	217
Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	301	306
Green Bay	4	12	0	.250	273	313
Tampa Bay	3	13	0	.188	199	365
West						
x-New Orleans	11	5	0	.688	341	211
y-Atlanta	10	6	0	.625	361	338
San Francisco	9	6	0	.600	341	225
LA Rams	3	13	0	.188	234	390

x-clinched division.
y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games

New York Giants 24, Houston 20
Green Bay 27, Minnesota 7

Sunday's Games

Dallas 31, Atlanta 27
Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 10
Detroit 17, Buffalo 14, OT
Tampa Bay 17, Indianapolis 3
Cincinnati 29, New England 7
New York Jets 23, Miami 20, OT
Kansas City 27, Los Angeles Raiders 21
New Orleans 27, Phoenix 3
Denver 17, San Diego 14
Philadelphia 24, Washington 22
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Famous signatures profitable

NEW YORK (AP) — Bugsy Siegel's passport, sketches by Enrico Caruso, a Fats Waller musical manuscript, Jack Ruby's gun — all for sale at the bang of Herman Darvick's gavel.

Darvick has parlayed a boyhood hobby of autograph collecting into a second career as handwriting expert and auctioneer of memorabilia.

"You can't get closer to a famous person than an autograph," said Darvick, who oversees six sales a year. "It's a frozen moment of history."

Among the prize signatures he's seen are a Hirohito for \$46,200, a Stephen Austin for \$33,000, George Washington's for \$27,500 and "Shoelless" Joe Jackson's for \$23,100.

On Thursday, Darvick will auction his biggest prize yet, the gun Ruby used to kill President Kon-

nedey's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald — a .38 caliber Colt Cobra revolver with the police evidence tag still attached.

A minimum bid of \$100,000 has been set. The catalog says "the purchaser must be legally qualified to own a gun."

There is no Ruby autograph with the gun, but Siegel's passport is signed — albeit "Berish Seigel" — as are the Caruso and Waller pieces and 331 other items in the catalog.

They include pictures, letters and documents from presidents, actors, authors, musicians and artists — some living, many dead.

Darvick, 45, began his auctions in 1985 after another expert, Charles Hamilton, stopped.

"He picked up where I left off," Hamilton said of Darvick. "I knew him when he was a boy. He used to come in and see me and

ask questions about handwriting."

Darvick is the author of the World Book Encyclopedia entry on autographs.

Exporting, however, is only a part-time job. Most days, he teaches fifth graders at P.S. 188 in Brooklyn's Coney Island.

For the sales he rents a Manhattan hotel banquet room to display the items consigned. Prospective bidders like classical music enthusiast Martin Riskin study the offerings, sometimes asking Darvick questions.

"This is the most reliable man in the world," Riskin said, tapping Darvick on the shoulder. He quickly adds, "and we're not related."

"Herman has the touch," Riskin said.

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Some U.S. cities set new homicide records

by The Associated Press
Once again, homicide records are falling in cities across the United States. And with increasing desperation, police are grasping for ways to slow down the killing.

Police departments are sending officers into schools, yanking them off desk jobs, putting them on foot patrol. They are offering cash for guns, sponsoring sports for youth — anything they can think of to combat a crime wave that many concede is beyond their reach.

"The only thing I can tell you is it seems to be an increasingly violent society we live in," said Lt. Joe Hladky of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department homicide division. His division has handled more than 500 homicides so far this year, up from last year's record of 472.

More than a dozen U.S. cities have set new homicide records this year, including three of the nation's 10 largest cities — San Diego, Dallas and Phoenix. The nation's two largest cities, New York and Los Angeles, are a few itchy fingers away from breaking records, as is Washington.

In Youngstown, Ohio, the Dec. 15 killing of a 17-year-old man marked the 58th homicide of the year. For all of 1990, there were 19 homicides in Youngstown, until this year, the all-time record was 37.

Records have been set in Milwaukee; Columbus, Ohio; Anchorage, Alaska; Jackson, Miss.; New Haven, Conn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Rochester, N.Y.; Charlotte, N.C., and Little Rock, Ark.

To be sure, some cities have seen declines in killings this year. In Boston, for instance, 115 people have been killed so far this year, compared to about 150 in 1990.

But in most places, the declines have been modest and the come on the heels of peak years.

The rise in homicides is generally attributed to several factors: Guns, drugs, gangs, and an increasingly casual attitude among young people toward violence.

A recent report for the District of Columbia police found that in 1986, 21 percent of the people arrested on homicide charges in Washington were under 20 years old. In 1990, 48 percent were under 20.

crime and beefing up their homicide squads. Some cities have turned to schools and youth organizations for help. Youngstown tried staging family outings and offered summer sports leagues last summer in an effort to stop the violence.

"We feel that the social problems — the breakdown in family, and so on — are the biggest problems," Youngstown Police Chief Randall A. Wellington said.

Police in both Jackson and Colorado Springs have begun working in public schools to steer children away from crime and violence. Other cities are targeting their efforts largely at the drug trade, reasoning that it is drug traffic that is causing the violence.

In Charlotte, the police department recently received a grant from the state to create a six-person team that tries to spot illegal drug activity in public places such as airports and hotels.

In Columbus, police began a program in which uniformed officers saturate a neighborhood and question people on the streets about drugs and other crime.

Stillborn daughter another tragedy for Katey Sagal

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Her mother died in 1975 and her father died in a gruesome accident, but no death has affected actress Katey Sagal like the recent stillbirth of her daughter.

"It's still scary," said Sagal, who plays Peg Bundy on Fox's "Married ... with Children."

"This is not any less of an impact than losing my parents."

Her mother died after a long illness when Sagal was 19, and her father was killed by the rotor blades of a helicopter while filming a miniseries in 1981.

Sagal's 7 1/2 months of pregnancy ended Oct. 13 after 32 hours of labor. For the previous two weeks, she and her boyfriend, drummer Jack White, had watched the fetus develop on a home monitor.

"It was a girl. We would watch and talk to her," Sagal said in TV Guide.

Sagal said she hopes to try again.

"I have my dark moments, but I never, ever throw in the towel," she said.

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London subways closed after two explosions

LONDON (AP) — Two firebombs went off in London subway trains early today, prompting the closure of the entire Underground for the morning commute. A third firebomb was found smoldering in an empty railroad car.

No one was hurt and there was no immediate claim of responsibility, but suspicion fell on the Irish Republican Army, which has been waging a Christmas bombing campaign on the mainland and in Northern Ireland.

The explosions forced tens of thousands of people on the subway system to find other ways to get to work.

A week ago, a bomb exploded near Britain's busiest commuter railroad junction in south London,

causing no injuries but prompting the closure of all British Rail stations in London for the morning.

In the recent campaign, the IRA has sought mainly to destroy shops or disrupt transportation in order to create maximum damage

with minimal resources. It is fighting to end British rule in the province.

One of today's firebombs ignited aboard a Metropolitan Line train at Harrow, north London. A London Underground spokesman said the train was hurt by the fire, put out by subway staff.

The second firebomb went off in an empty Underground train at a depot in Neasden, north London, the spokesman said.

Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director of London Underground, told British Broadcasting Corp. radio the bombs seemed "of mod-

est proportion." He said the subways were shut for about 3 1/2 hours while a detailed search was made, but no other devices were found.

The subway system normally carries 2.75 million passengers a day, but Tunnicliffe said fewer were expected today because this is Christmas week.

Search continues for four flood victims

DALLAS (AP) — Searches continued today under partly cloudy skies for at least four people reported missing after being swept away by floodwaters that has claimed 13 lives across Texas.

"Skies were partly cloudy across much of the state today and no rain was forecast over soggy sections of North, Central and South Texas, said John Cockrell, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

"There shouldn't be any rain, except for possibly some showers along the Texas Gulf coast," Cockrell said Sunday night. "We're calling for partly cloudy skies Monday and for it to be clear and colder Monday night."

"The next chance of rain for the state would be Wednesday, Christmas Day."

However, a flash flood warning went into effect early today in Cal-

houn and Victoria counties in Central Texas. Authorities kept an eye on the Guadalupe River, which was expected to crest today at 16 feet above flood stage.

Authorities continued their searches for at least four missing people.

Authorities had been looking for a fifth, but firefighters in Fort Worth called off their search for a man believed swept away in the Trinity River Friday when three men drove around a police barricade.

Fire spokesman Butch Hall said firefighters believe the man, who was last seen clinging to a chain-link fence in four feet of rushing water, may have climbed to safety on his own.

Sheriffs in Edwards, Travis and Milam counties also continued their searches for people reported missing.

High water flooded other roadways and force some traffic to be rerouted.

Power struggle still underway in Georgia

MOSCOW (AP) — Rebel troops seeking to oust a president they call dictatorial pummelled Georgia's parliament building with rocket and machine-gun fire today, stepping up a fierce power struggle in the Caucasus nation.

Georgia is the only former Soviet republic apart from the Baltics that has refused to join the new Commonwealth of Independent

States. Fighting by forces vying for control of the republic broke out Sunday in Tbilisi, its capital.

Figures on the death toll varied, but Mirab Kvitashvili, Georgia's deputy health minister, said at least 18 people had been killed and 140 wounded.

The embattled president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, was reported hiding today.

Robbery

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disclosed. According to sheriff's officials, the suspect was picked up at his residence, four blocks from the store, following a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area.

"The driver of the vehicle turned out to be the suspect's wife," said sheriff's deputy Delwyn Davis, reporting that the woman has not been charged in relation to the burglary.

Collier said that cash, credit card slips, checks and food stamps taken from Saturday's robbery have been recovered.

The Sept. 12 burglary occurred about 5:40 a.m. At that time, two clerks were in the store preparing for a shift change when a man wearing a ski mask and carrying a gun came into the store. After demanding money, the man ordered the clerks into a storeroom before fleeing.

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permanent improvements to salary, retirement, social security and uniforms;

Also transferred were \$8,600 in Precincts 1 and 3 from road material and capital outlay to fuel, oil and grease; and a transfer of \$673 from equipment, maintenance, dues and supplies to cover law books and postage for the District Attorney's office.

In addition, bills and minutes were approved.

Judge Bob Doolittle presided. Present were commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Jerry Morgan and Jerry Gannaway.

Police note four arrests

Snyder police made four arrests over the weekend and early today, including two for driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 19-year-old male into custody at 4:29 a.m. today for driving while intoxicated in the 2200 block of Ave. M. Also arrested at the scene were a 32-year-old male and a 41-year-old female, both for disorderly conduct-language.

The weekend's other arrest came at 5:50 p.m. Saturday when officers took a 30-year-old female into custody at Cogdell Memorial Hospital on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

At 11:11 p.m. Saturday, officers received a call in reference to a male subject threatening to injure himself. Police responded to the 300 block of East Hwy. where they took the subject into custody. He was later transported to Big Spring State Hospital.

Officers filed a report for Class B theft after Troy Koenig reported at 9:20 a.m. Saturday that someone had stolen the chrome rings from his 1988 Chevrolet van.

Officers were also notified by Ronnie Baker at 8:19 a.m. Saturday that someone had stolen figures of a baby Jesus and a wise man from a nativity scene at 3758 Avondale.

Local police handled a number of domestic disputes over the weekend, all without incident. Officers did file a report of family violence in reference to one dispute which occurred at 9:50 p.m. Sunday in the 3900 block of Eastridge.

Five treated following wreck

Five people were treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room following a two-vehicle collision Saturday at 4:07 p.m. in the 3900 block of College Ave.

All five individuals were treated and released.

They included the driver of a 1991 Pontiac, 30-year-old Elizabeth Woods of 4400 Ave. U., and a passenger in the vehicle, 45-year-old Jimmy Don Ferguson of the Travel Inn Motel.

Also injured was 19-year-old Robin Cawthron of Rt. 3, driver of a 1986 Ford, and two passengers, 21-year-old Jodi Orocco of 4400 Ave. U. and 18-year-old Carol Smith of 212 34th St.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Dena Cooper, HCR 68 Box 64; Jerri Riley, 200 38th; Alma Riley, 4513 Fredonia; Sherry Brooks, 3901 Ave. O.

DISMISSALS: Fred Cross, Ignacio Castillo, Mickel Davis, Stiles Trevey, Joe Barker.

Census: 43 (Med-7, Long-Term Care-31, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Jerri and Clayton Riley of Snyder are parents of a baby boy born at 5:08 p.m. on Dec. 20 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds and 3/4 ounces.

Rella Young

Services have been set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Hermleigh Church of Christ for Rella Tate Young, 83, who died today at 7:52 a.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery with Ralph Aycock officiating.

Born in Scurry County, she was a long-time Hermleigh resident and member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ. She married Raymond C. Young on July 22, 1928, in Hermleigh. He died in 1976. They were farmers and Mrs. Young was a teacher in the

Hermleigh School.

Survivors include a foster daughter, Brenda Sharpe of Texarkana; two sons, James R. Young of Odessa and Ronald Young, and his wife, Melissa, of Snyder; one sister, W. Lucille Jones of Burleson; three brothers, J.B. Tate Sr. of Snyder, Glenn Tate of Hermleigh and Alvah Tate of Tarzan; and two grandchildren.

Obituaries

Tama Duvall

Services were set for 1:30 p.m. today in the Gail First Baptist Church for Tama Duvall, 88, who died Saturday in an Amarillo nursing home. Burial was to follow in the Gail Cemetery.

A native of Borden County, she taught in the Grape Creek School. She was a Baptist and married Elmer Hollar in 1921 in Borden County. He died in 1941.

Survivors include a son, Donald Hollar of Gadsden, Ala.; three daughters, Louise Murphy of Amarillo, Lois Patterson and Ruth Rickaway, both of Houston; two sisters, Mae Stephens of Borden County and Ruth Calcote of Arlington; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Horace Crumley

Services are pending for former Snyder resident Horace Crumley, 81, of San Marcos who died Saturday morning.

He was the brother of Mrs. Truett (Irene) Simmons of Snyder. Born Dec. 20, 1910, in Reed, Okla., he married Ruth Ramage in Snyder in 1932. She survives.

He worked for the county here for several years and was a member of Snyder National Guard, Company G. In 1941 he moved to San Marcos where he worked for the fire department.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde, and one grandson. Other survivors include four children; another sister, Mrs. Vera Crumley Alexander of San Antonio; two brothers, Fred Crumley of San Antonio and Jerry Crumley of Lexington, Ky.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Gulf squadron members come home in time for Christmas

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Forty-one members of the Air Force's 3498th Security Police Squadron have come home just in time for Christmas, following a three-month tour of duty in the Persian Gulf.

Maj. Dave Hazelip said base officials are planning a party in two or three weeks to welcome home the squadron members.

"I didn't think they were ever coming back," said Airman 1st Class Melissa Hand after greeting her boyfriend, Airman 1st Class Richard Window, and wiping tears from her eyes.

"When I hugged him, I told him 'I am never letting go of you.' It was bad enough just to let go to let him get his bags," Ms. Hand said. "I don't think anyone understands how special this is. He gets home and they're sending me away next month," she said. "This is the best Christmas present I could ever ask for."

Spouses, fiances and loved ones greeted squadron members Saturday at Ranger Aviation in San Angelo.

Donna Dumas said she and her

children Caitlin and Christopher got up at 6 a.m. to decorate their house with yellow, red, white and blue ribbons, yellow balloons and a four-foot "Welcome" sign for the return of Tech Sgt. Peter Dumas.

"Daddy, I want Daddy!" cried 2 1/2-year-old Caitlin as her mother held her up to see the approaching plane.

"We all want to see him," Mrs. Dumas said.

Squadron members said they spent 22 hours on a flight from Saudi Arabia Friday which stopped in Germany, Canada, New York and South Carolina.

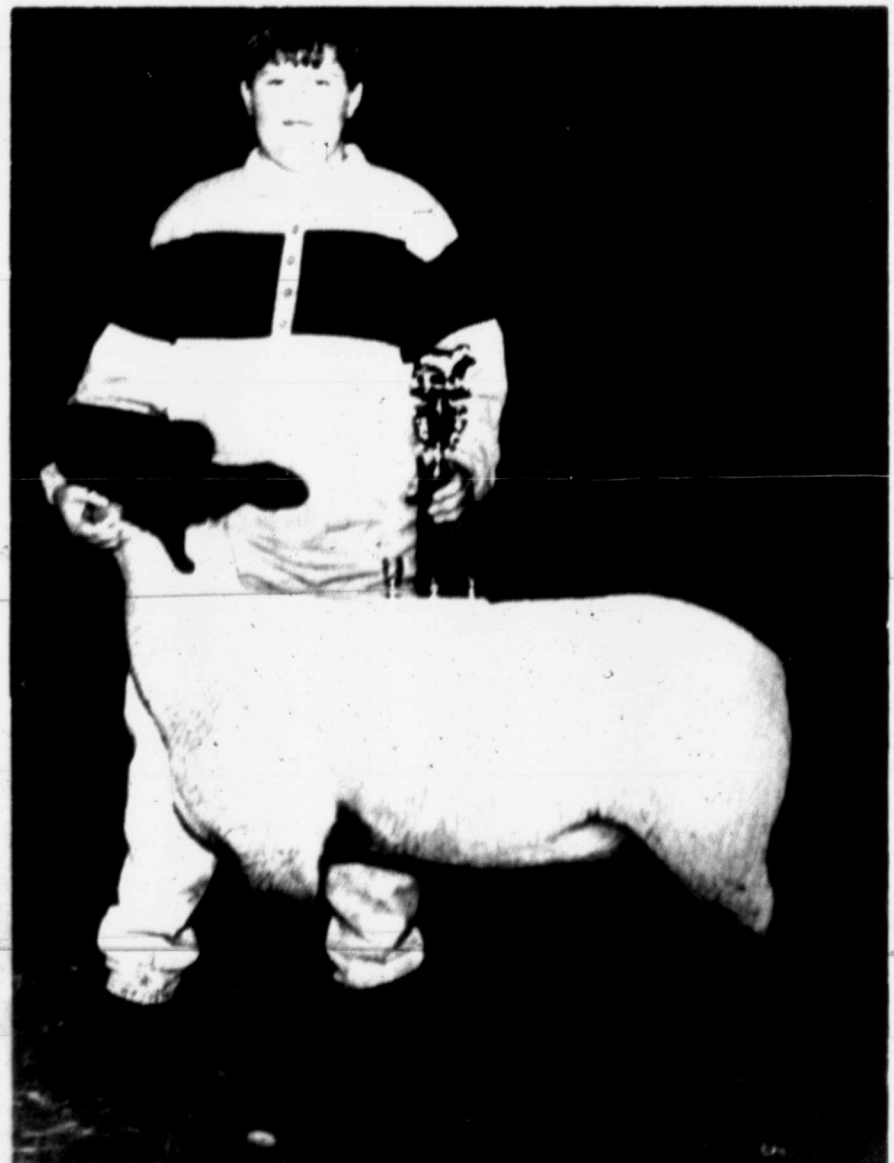
Squadron members boarded a second flight Saturday morning for their return to Texas.

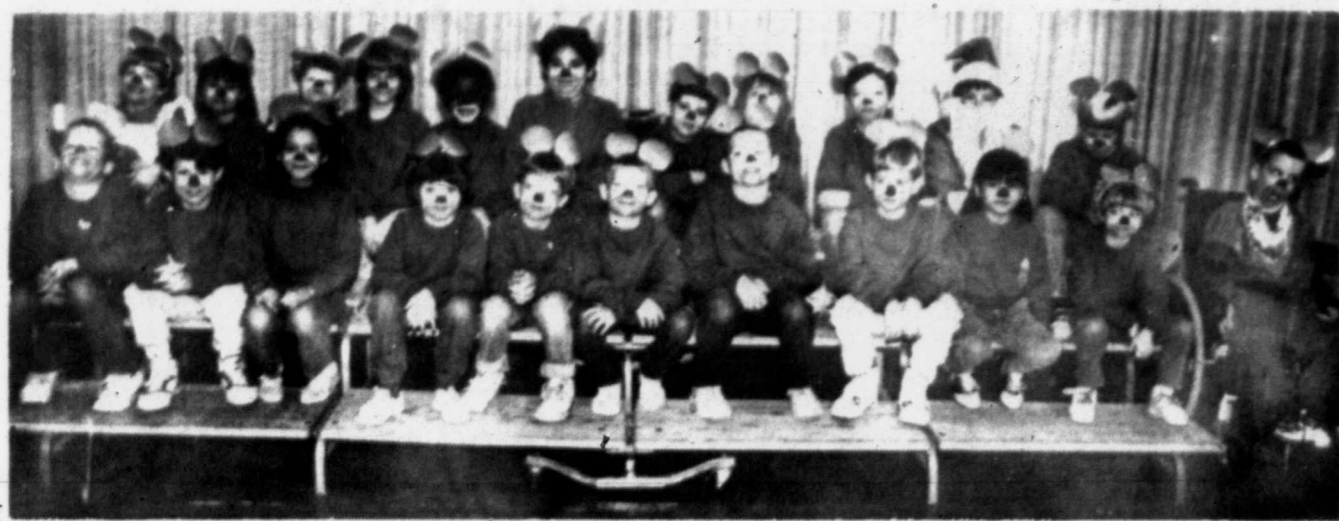
"We were in Canada and I didn't get to see it. I didn't get to see New York either," Sgt. Charles Barker said. "I have no idea what part of Canada. I saw ground and a little bit of snow."

Military officials said the squadron was sent to the Persian Gulf in September, from Goodfellow Air Force Base.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	K mart	43	425/8	43	+
AMR Corp	64 3/4	63 1/8	64 5/8	Kroger	187 1/2	183 3/4	183 3/4	
AlliedSignal	38 1/8	37 3/4	37 7/8	vjLTV Cp	1	13-16	7/8	
ALLTEL Cp	36 3/4	36 3/8	36 1/2	Litton Ind	855 1/8	851 1/4	+1/4	
AmStor s	28 1/2	27 3/4	28 1/4	vjLoneStar	33 1/4	35 1/8	35 1/8	
Amer T&T	39	38 3/4	38 7/8	Lowes	26 3/8	25 7/8	26 1/4	
Ameritech	64	63 3/8	64	Lubys	131 1/2	133 1/2	+1/8	
Amoco	48 1/8	47 7/8	48	Maxus	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 3/8	-1/8
AndarkPir	22 1/4	21 5/8	22	MayDSt	47 1/4	46 7/8	47 1/8	+1/8
Arka	11 3/4	11 3/8	11 1/2	Medtrn s	84	82 1/8	84	+1/8
ArmoInc	41 1/2	43 1/8	43 1/8	Mobil	67 1/8	66 3/8	67 1/8	+5/8
AllRichfd	105 1/8	104 5/8	105 1/8	Monson	61	60 3/4	61	-1/8
BakerHugh	18 1/4	17 7/8	18 1/8	Motorola	58 3/4	58 1/8	58 3/4	+1/2
BancTexas	5-16	5-16	5-16	NCNB Cp	37 7/8	37 5/8	37 3/4	
BellAll	48	47 3/4	47 7/8	Navistar	25 1/8	21 1/2	21 1/2	-1/8
BellSouth	49 7/8	49 1/2	49 3/4	Nynex	79 1/4	78 7/8	79	
Borden	12 1/8	11 7/8	12	OryxEngy	23	22 1/2	23	+1/2
Beth Steel	30 1/4	29 3/4	30 1/8	PacFeinst	43 1/4	42 5/8	42 3/4	+1/8
Caterpilr	39 7/8	39 3/8	39 7/8	PauECp	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 3/8	
Centel	32 1/4	31 7/8	32 1/8	PenneyJC	50	48 7/8	49 3/4	+7/8
CentSo West	53 1/4	52 7/8	53 1/4	PopBoys	163 1/8	161 1/4	163 1/8	+1/8
Chevron	67 1/4	67 1/8	67 1/4	Phelps Dod	62	61	62	+7/8
Chrysler	105 1/8	101 1/8	103 1/8	Philippet	23 1/8	22 7/8	23	+3/8
Coastal	24 5/8	24 1/4	24 1/4	Polaroid s	24 1/2	24 1/8	24 1/8	-5/8
CocaCola	76 1/8	75 3/4	76	Primerica	34 1/4	33 3/4	34 1/8	+1/4
ColgateP s	46 1/2	46	46 1/2	ProctGamb	86 3/4	86 1/8	86 1/2	+1/8
ComMetl	19 3/8	19 1/8	19 3/8	PubS NwMx	93 1/8	91 1/8	91 1/8	-1/8
CyprusMn	20 1/2	20 1/8	20 1/2	SFEPC	12 1/8	12	12 1/8	+1/8
DalSemin	7 1/4	7 1/8	7 1/4	Saral	54 1/4	54	54 1/8	+1/4
DeltaAirt	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	SearsRoeb	34 1/2	34	34 3/8	+3/8
DigitalEq	50 1/8	49 1/4	49 3/4	Shrin s	24 7/8	24 3/4	24 3/4	
Dillard	119	116 1/8	118 7/8	SmithBchm	74 1/2	74	74 1/4	
DowChem	51 1/4	50 1/2	51 1/4	SmithBch eq a	67 1/4	66 3/8	67 1/8	+3/4
DresserInd	17 1/4	17	17 1/4	Southern Co	32 7/8	32 3/8	32 5/8	-1/4
duPont	44 5/8	44 1/4	44 1/2	SwtAirt	33	32 3/4	32 3/4	-1/4
EstKodak	44 1/8	43 5/8	43 3/4	SwtBell	63 1/2	63 1/4	63 1/2	+3/8
EljerdInd	6 3/4	6 5/8	6 3/4	SterlingChm	4 1/8	4	4	
Enserch	13	12 3/4	12 7/8	SunCo	27	26 3/4	26 3/4	
Exxon	59	58 7/8	59	TNP Ent	18 1/2	18 3/8	18 3/8	+1/8
FltClyBcp	7-16	13-32	7-16-13-32	Tandy	26	25 3/4	26	+1/4
FlowerInd	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2	TempInt	435 1/8	431 1/4	435 1/8	+1/2
FordMotor	25 7/8	25 1/8	25 1/2	Tenneco	28 1/8	27 3/4	28	+1/4
GTE Cp	33 7/8	33 5/8	33 5/8	Texaco	58 1/4	57 3/8	58	+1/2
GnDynam	52 1/8	52	52	TexasInd	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	-1/4
GenEct	70 1/4	69 5/8	70	TexasInst	26 3/8	26	26 1/4	+1/8
GnMill	70 7/8	70 3/8	70 3/4	Tex Util	41 3/8	41 1/8	41 1/8	-1/8
GenMotors	27 5/8	27 1/8	27 1/4	Textron	37 7/8	37 5/8	37 5/8	+1/8
GnMotE s	56 1/8	55 7/8	56	USWat	36	35 3/4	35 3/4	
GnPack	49 3/8	48 3/4	49 3/8	USXMar n	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 1/2	+1/4
GlobMar	2	1 7/8	1 7/8	USX-USS n	24 3/4	24	24 3/4	+5/8
Goodrich	38 3/4	38 3/8	38 1/2	USCarbde	193 1/4	193 1/8	193 1/2	-1/8
Goodyear	46 3/8	45 7/8	45 7/8	UnPac s	47 1/2	46 7/8	47 3/8	+3/4
GratiPac	26 1/4	26	26 1/8	UnitTech	48 1/8	47 1/4	47 5/8	-7/8
Gulf StUt	93 1/4	95 1/8	93 1/4	Unitel	23	22 1/2	23	+1/4
Haltburtn	26 1/4	25 3/4	26 1/4	Unocal	22	21 5/8	22	+3/8
Hanson	18 1/8	17 7/8	18 1/8	WalMt	53 7/8	53 1/4	53 7/8	+1/2
HouInd	43 1/4	42 7/8	43 1/8	WestgEl	145 1/8	143 1/8	145 1/8	+3/8
IBM	86 1/4	85 5/8	85 5/8	Wolwith	24	23 3/4	24	+1/4
IntlPaper	64	63 1/8	64	Xerox Cp	65	64 3/8	64 3/4	+1/4
JohnsJhu	108 1/2	107 7/8	108 1/4	ZenithE	67 1/8	63 1/4	63 1/4	+





BRUNSON'S CLASS — West second graders presented "The Teddy Bear's Christmas" recently. Debbie Brunson's students are LaDonna Archie, Ashley Arrendale, Jeremy Blevins, Jayme Boulware, Shannon Chambers, Michael Fletcher, Adrianna Hermosillo, Nathan Hines, Chance James, Meussa Jones, Daisy Martinez, Cole McLeod, Chad McCright, Christen Nabors, Randy Rainwater, Jarod Tanner, Ashley Thomas, Anna Williams, Kate Wright and Justin Hill. (SDN Staff Photo).



KOENIG'S CLASS — West second graders presented "The Teddy Bear's Christmas" recently. Gail Koenig's students are Alex Best, Riki Dorsett, Samantha Everett, Mark Fields, Shay Franks, Audrey Gilpin, Mycah Hilburn, Joshua Key, Kendra Krop, Matthew Marquez, Ryan McAnally, Christopher McLeod, Jon Medrano, Christina Nelson, Justin Pechacek, Danaica Snyder, James Vaughn, Kyle Yarbrough and Michael Evans. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man's Best Friend Deserves More Than Just Friendship

DEAR ABBY: I am a volunteer and board member at the Mercer County Humane Society animal shelter in West Virginia.

Approximately 10,000 animals pass through our shelter each year, many of which do not find homes. We feed and love them, but there aren't enough good homes for all of them.

I feel sure that puppies and kittens are on many children's wish lists for Christmas. Pets can be man's best friends and wonderful companions, but I wish that people would realize how much care a pet actually requires. All the cats and dogs that end up at our shelter were once someone's sweet little kitten or puppy.

Enclosed is a column you wrote 10 years ago, titled "Doggy in the Window." Please give it another go.

SARAH R. GIBSON,
PRINCETON, W.VA.

DEARMS. GIBSON: At the risk of winding up in the doghouse (some readers do not like reruns), I'll chance it:

DEAR ABBY: My name is Joshua and I am 7 years old. I want a dog, but my mother says no. I really want one bad. Abby, I will take any kind. I promise to take care of it. How can I get my mother to let me have a dog?
WANTING A DOG

DEAR JOSHUA: Please answer these questions:

1. Who will prepare the dog's meals?
2. Will someone be home during the day to look after the dog?
3. If the dog is a puppy, someone will have to exercise it at least twice a day. Who will do it?
4. Who will pay for the dog's license, collar, shots, regular examinations at the vet's, and any emergency treatment the dog may need?
5. Who will pay the cost of spaying or neutering your pet to prevent the birth of more unwanted puppies in a nation that already has too many? Every day, thousands are "put to sleep."
6. Are you willing to obey all the laws concerning dogs, such as keeping yours on a leash, and seeing that it doesn't do its

"business" where it shouldn't?

7. Are you willing to care for the dog as long as it lives?

Important lessons are learned from having a pet, but it takes time, money and a willingness to accept responsibility to be a dog owner. Can you handle it?

DEAR ABBY: About a month ago, my husband and I decided to do our Christmas shopping early. We bought coats, ski pants, thermal socks and boots — for homeless people.

I can't begin to describe the joy it gave us. Shopping had never been so much fun. Instead of worrying about sizes and colors, we simply bought warm, sturdy clothes. Since we bought everything at an outlet store, we managed to get about 100 items, including 17 winter coats — for a little more than \$1,000.

When we delivered the clothes to the local shelter, the manager was overjoyed. Winter weather had arrived the night before, and she had already given out all the winter coats. She had dreaded coming to the shelter that night, knowing she had no warm clothes to distribute.

Next year my husband and I will celebrate Christmas twice. The first time will be in July! Abby, won't you please let your readers know that "Christmas" can happen any day of the year — the joys of giving are rewarding beyond belief, and the need is always there.

OVERJOYED IN
EVANSTON, ILL.

DEAR OVERJOYED: Thanks for reiterating a homily that may sound corny — but it is, indeed, more blessed to give than to receive.

Most teen-agers do not know the facts about drugs, AIDS, and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy. It's all in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Charges filed

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — An 18-year-old Galveston County woman who led police to the body of an infant girl she buried five months ago has been charged with murder, officials have said.

Aleshea Renee Ward, a Hitchcock High School senior, was released from Galveston County Jail after posting \$20,000 bond Saturday afternoon.

She was arrested late Thursday and charged with murder after questioning by Galveston County Sheriff's investigators.

Astrograph by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 23, 1991

Improvements in your material affairs are probable in the year ahead. However, you're likely to do better on your own than you will in joint ventures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to avoid going into debt today, especially over items for which you have no immediate need. It may take longer and they'll be harder to pay off than you realize. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Doing nice things for others late in the day is commendable, but it might not make up for the abrasive behavior you may have displayed earlier.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's best not to singularly attempt assignments today that require competent assistants. There's a possibility you could make things worse instead of better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone you're rather friendly with might be a trifle difficult to get along with today. Be patient and tolerant, and don't let disagreements grow out of proportion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's imperative you know exactly what you want today, or else you might spend an unreasonable amount of time on insignificant objectives. Be methodical.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Instead of getting uptight today regarding things you can't control, focus your efforts on areas where you know you can produce positive results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be careful today that things of a material nature don't become a volatile issue between you and your mate. Keep in mind: Everything can be negotiated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People you'll associate with today are likely to mirror

Lawsuit: economics vs. endangered species

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal lawsuit on water usage from the Edwards Aquifer is pitting economic concerns against endangered species.

Drastic limits on water from the aquifer would cause economic de-

vastation, attorneys for the city of San Antonio have argued.

But scientists say excessive pumping from the underground reservoir threatens the survival of several species in Texas' two largest springs, which flow from the aquifer.

The Sierra Club has sued the U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, accusing the agencies of failing to enforce the federal Endangered Species Act with respect to Comal Springs in New Braunfels.

Chief U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton III in Midland ruled last week that San Antonio and 15 other interested parties can enter the case.

San Antonio, with more than 900,000 residents, is the largest city in the country that relies upon an aquifer as its sole source of water, scientists said.

The Sierra Club is asking Bunton to set a standard for minimum, constant flows at the springs and to order implementation of a plan to protect Comal Springs from going dry.

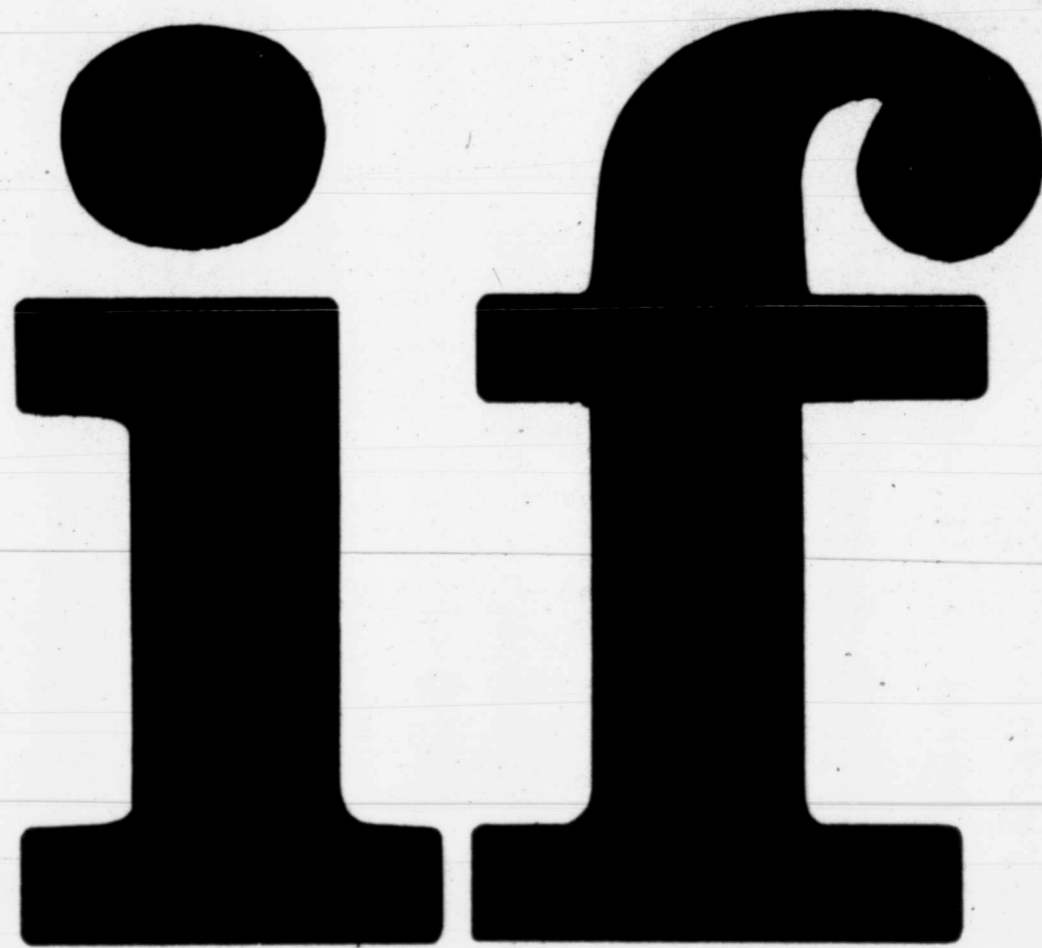


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Scientists seek breast cancer prevention tools

HOUSTON (AP) — Licorice root, used for centuries in some countries to treat various maladies, is among the myriad of substances being investigated by Texas scientists looking for ways to prevent breast cancer.

Elements of some promising new approaches also include tree bark, broccoli, oranges and tamoxifen.

Carbenoxolone, a semisynthetic drug that uses licorice root, has been used extensively in Europe to treat ulcers, said Dr. Victor Vogel, an assistant professor of medicine and epidemiology at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

"In trying to answer the question about how it does this, scientists found it stops cells from growing rapidly or proliferating," Vogel told The Houston Post in Sunday's editions.

Then the Japanese discovered a licorice-root derivative called glycyrrhetic acid prevents skin cancer in mice. Other studies showed it prevents breast cancer and colon tumors in rodents.

M.D. Anderson, the only group in the country doing studies with glycyrrhetic acid, holds a National Cancer Institute contract to determine whether its safety.

Another preventive tool, tamoxifen, has been effective with women who have had breast cancer. Studies have shown the synthetic drug reduces the number of second breast cancers by as much as 50 percent.

Recent studies indicate tamoxifen may prevent breast cancer in high-risk patients — women who have never had cancer, but are likely candidates. M.D. Anderson has applied to participate in the first trial of its preventive effect on healthy women. That trial starts in

March. Tamoxifen is a complex drug with properties that act both against and like estrogen, said Vogel. Like estrogen, it lowers cholesterol, and it also appears to slow the loss of minerals from the bones so it may prevent osteoporosis.

It also can increase the risk of endometrial cancer. In about 20 to 30 percent of patients, due to its anti-estrogen characteristics, tamoxifen can cause hot flashes and vaginal discharges or dryness.

For women at high risk of getting breast cancer, a natural preventive agent called glucaric acid is found in certain cruciferous vegetables — particularly broccoli and brussels sprouts — and some fruits like oranges, cherries and apples, as well as edible cactuses.

Dr. Zbigniew Walaszek, a biochemist at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Science Park-Research Division at Smithville, found that rats that were put on a diet of calcium glucarate, the crystalline form of glucaric acid, before and even after they were injected with carcinogenic chemicals designed to produce tumors in their mammary glands gained significant protection. A smaller number of those rats developed tumors, and the number of tumors per rat was smaller than a test group without the glucarate.

Until calcium glucarate tablets become available in drugstores, Walaszek advises high-risk women to "eat a lot of vegetables and fruits that we know contain the compound."

One in every nine women will develop breast cancer during her life.

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Jay Leno wants to concentrate on political jokes

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Jay Leno will just say no to sex and yes to politics when he takes over for Johnny Carson on the "Tonight" show in May.

The talk show runs up against an explicit dating-game series in some areas.

"I'm tired of watching shows with stupid sex themes," Leno said in the latest issue of TV Guide. "In some markets, we're up against 'Studs,' which, as far as I'm concerned, is for people who have no mating skills. I'm never going to try to compete with that kind of show."

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Jane Fonda, Ted Turner get married

CAPPS, Fla. (AP) — Ted Turner and Jane Fonda, multimedia power couple, got married at his ranch on her 54th birthday.

About 30 friends and relatives attended the ceremony Saturday at the ranch near Capps, about 20 miles east of Tallahassee.

"It is a fact — that long-rumored wedding," reported CNN, which Turner owns.

Miss Fonda wrote the couple's vows and was given away by her

18-year-old son, Troy.

The couple announced their engagement Dec. 7, 1990, when Miss Fonda displayed a diamond and opal ring.

The marriage is the third for both Miss Fonda, a two-time Academy Award-winning actress, and Turner, chairman of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and owner of the Atlanta Braves and the Atlanta Hawks.

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