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# Review of Barnett turns into evaluation of council

## Work by city manager to be appraised in February

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tion Administration officials.

At that meeting, Epstein argues, Lessard accused her of giving a political payback when she pushed for the selection of KPMG Peat Marwick as the Bergstrom airport master plan consultant. She points to two confidential memos from two city attorneys present at the meeting that she maintains indicate Lessard maligned her.

The council heard testimony from one of those attorneys, Patrick Rehmet, as well as from City Attorney Iris Jones.

It was their testimony that "confirmed my worst fears," Epstein said.

In a report to Epstein and the council last week, Barnett said her questioning of the 12 people at the meeting revealed no evidence to support Epstein's allegations that Lessard had tried to sabotage FAA funding of the master plan or that he accused Epstein of a political payback.

Monday, Barnett did not respond to Epstein's allegations.

"I think we all learn things from experiences like this and I think that the best thing we can learn is the ability to communicate and work better together and that's certainly what I want to do," Barnett said. "Austin's a great place to be. It's a great place to work and I'm looking forward to 1992."

Epstein said the council did not vote because they will conduct a full performance evaluation of Barnett the first week in February.

"I think the council wants to look at the manager in light of her total experience with the city of Austin and I think we're a pretty generous and forgiving group," Epstein said.

Barnett's last annual review was in March.

A review of City Manager Camille Barnett's performance has been moved to February.

A former city executive in Dallas and Houston, she was hired in February 1989. As manager of the city's $1 billion budget and more than 9,000 employees, Barnett earns $113,580.

# Austinites cite crime as main concern

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times crime was mentioned as the second most significant problem. it jumps to 40 percent. And, those figures don't include the increase in gangs being perceived as a bigger problem than a year ago, up from 1 percent last year to 6 percent this year.

"No less than two out of five people mentioned crime — particularly violent crime — as a concern they had," Jokam said. "We expected we'd find the economy on the minds of people — particularly because of recent layoffs in the North and the Christmas shopping season."

Mayor Bruce Todd said of crime's top rating: "I'm not surprised at all it's that high."

He said it will take time to get more officers on the city's street, because the city has tightened its budgetary belt. But he said the city is focusing on ways to curb crime, he said.

The environment was the second-leading concern among Austinites, also ranking ahead of the economy. Ten percent of respondents mentioned the environment either first or second, and the economy was chosen by 9 percent.

Peter Zandan, chief executive officer of IntelliQuest, said: "Austinites seem to have adjusted to recent economic hardship, and are once again paying more attention to the quality of life issues that have defined Austin in the past."

The poll also showed:

■ That 67 percent of those surveyed say Richards is doing a very good or somewhat good job, while only 8 percent say she's doing a poor job. While the majority of Democrats (81 percent) gives her high marks, 56 percent of Republicans and 63 percent of independents surveyed also say she's doing a good job. However, women are more likely to give her higher marks than men, 76 percent compared with 57 percent.

■ Forty percent of Travis County residents are uncertain or do not know what the Commissioners Court does. But of those who do, 15 percent give the court high marks while 14 percent say commissioners are not doing a good job.

■ In the Republican primary, 65 percent said they are likely to support Bush; 12 percent, Pat Buchanan; and 2 percent, David Duke.

■ In the Democratic primary, 31 percent are unaware or don't know enough about the candidates to support them. But Bill Clinton received the highest support with 15 percent; Jerry Brown, 12 percent; Bob Kerrey, 9 percent; Tom Harkin, 8 percent; Paul Tsongas, 4 percent; Doug Wilder, 3 percent; and Mario Cuomo, 1 percent.

■ Sixty-one percent of Austin residents oppose building a new airport in Manor, and an equal number favor converting Bergstrom Air Force Base into an airport. People are split over keeping Robert Mueller Municipal Airport at its present location.

■ 64 percent of area residents would like tougher standards to protect Barton Springs.

■ 60 percent favor redistributing tax revenue from property-rich schools to property-poor schools.

■ 52 percent prefer to elect City Council members from single-member districts.

### Austinites list city's problems

A survey of Austin residents asked what is the most important problem in the Austin area. The poll was conducted a week after the killings of four Austin teens in a yogurt store.

| Percent mention* | Problem |
|---|---|
| 40 | Crime |
| 18 | Environment |
| 17 | Economy |
| 11 | Traffic, lack of roads |
| 11 | Unemployment |
| 10 | City Council |
| 9 | Alcohol, drugs |
| 9 | Homeless |
| 8 | Taxes, bond debts |
| 7 | Education, schools |
| 6 | Gangs |
| 6 | Airport |
| 5 | Overdevelopment |

All other subjects mentioned by 2% or less. Poll's error factor is plus or minus 5 percent. *Percent of respondents who mentioned subject as first or second problem in Austin.

# Insurance board OKs flexible rates to boost competition

## Homeowners to be offered more choices

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not anybody's rate," Schenkkan said. "It is the hinge around which the flex bands swing. The actual rates are those that are filed by the insurers.

"The real decision that was being made here today was about how far to go in letting competition work in the homeowners' line."

Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said the wide range of allowable rates should produce more competition that may keep companies from charging the highest rates allowed.

"Hopefully consumers will see very little impact on the price that they pay for insurance under the new system," Johns said.

Johnson warned consumers "there are no promises" about whether insurance companies will charge higher or lower rates.

"You're really going to have to shop for insurance," she said. "If someone tells you your rates are going to go up, that doesn't mean everyone else's rates are going to go up."

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> — Jerry Johns, Southwestern Insurance Information Service

# Officials say they have few leads in yogurt shop killings

## Confessions made by 2 prove to be false

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information related to the slayings, gave a license plate number and description of the car, and said "'Downtown. Tonight,'" Jones said.

Police converged on downtown Austin. They traced the license plate number to the town of Bertram. The car was located, and officials in Bertram said the vehicle was owned and used by suspected drug dealers. But the men had airtight alibis, police said.

Police are reviewing telephone tips this week.

A second look at tips is what led them to the two men who were charged last month with the murders of two Austin convenience store clerks, Jones said.

Police are also hopeful that efforts by Child Inc., friends, and family members to publicize the killings will lead to a break in the case.

"This one is still fresh on everyone's mind," Jones said.

Anyone with any information about the slayings should call homicide investigators at 480-5025 or Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS.

## Deaths and funerals

**Myrtle Seiders Cuthbertson**

Mrs. Myrtle Seiders Cuthbertson, age 97, of Austin, died Saturday, December 21, 1991.

Mrs. Cuthbertson was a lifetime resident of Austin with family roots that extended back to the pioneer settling of Austin in 1837. She was the daughter of Arthur James Seiders and Eva Cosby Seiders and resided on the same land where her grandmother had lived.

During her professional career, Mrs. Cuthbertson was a partner in the Freund-Cuthbertson Insurance Agency, an active member in the professional women's organizations as well as the Anderson Mill Garden Club. Never one to be idle, she continued to operate her backyard plant nursery well into the 80's.

Seiders Nursery was started by her father, and upon his premature death, was continued by her mother, Mrs. Eva Seiders. Many a young customer was introduced to the simple art of starting a geranium or begonia cutting in "Mrs. Cy" back yard.

Mrs. Cuthbertson was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Seiders and A.J. Seiders, and her sisters, Stella Rowan, Bess Brants and Kate Anderson.

She is survived by her daughter & son-in-law, Dorothy & W. P. Evans; daughter, Margaret Quadlander; and her grandchildren, Jack Rogers Jr., William Rogers, Charles Rogers, Mary Margaret Quadlander, Greg Quadlander, Cheryl Quadlander, Patrick Quadlander, Michael Quadlander, Gary Quadlander; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday, in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Edward Snider officiating.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-8811.

**Joy Susannah Droiet-DeWever**

Joy Susannah Droiet-DeWever, 17, of Austin.

She was a June 1991 graduate of Bowie High School and president of the Drama Club.

She is survived by her mother, Michele Droiet-DeWever; her brother, Luke; and her sister, Sarah Droiet DeWever, all of Austin; father, Jozef DeWever of Ghent, Belgium; maternal grandfather, Robert C. Droiet of Sherman, Texas; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George DeWever of Waregem, Belgium; and many aunts, uncles and cousins on both sides of the Atlantic.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM, Friday at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sherman, Texas, with her uncle, Reverend Francis Droiet officiating. Visitation from Noon on Tuesday until Wednesday at 10:00 PM, at Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home, 6300 W. William Cannon Drive, Austin. 892-1172.

**Georgia Kyser (Mrs. Barry Broughton)**

Georgia Kyser (Mrs. Barry Broughton), age 43, a resident of Austin since 1965, died Sunday, December 22, 1991, after a brief illness.

She was a 1964 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Houston, a 1968 graduate of the University of Texas, and a 1974 graduate of the University of Texas Law School with honors. Georgia married Barry Broughton in 1975.

She is survived by her husband, Barry Broughton of Austin; mother, Mrs. A.C. Kyser of Austin; brothers, Albert C. Kyser, Jr. of Austin and David Kyser of China Lake, California; sister, Allison Kyser Kamal of Washington, D.C.; sister-in-law, Mrs. James Kyser of Huntsville, Alabama; father and mother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A.E. Broughton of Lufkin, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

No services are scheduled.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home in Austin. 443-1366.

**Homer Ead Wise**

Homer Ead Wise, age 92, of Bee Creek, died Saturday, December 21, 1991.

Mr. Wise was a Deacon at Bee Caves Baptist Church; Past President and the oldest living member of Carpenters Local Union #1266; and was a Chief Petty Officer with the Seabees during World War II.

He is survived by his daughter and her husband, Norma and Les Pickel of Bee Creek; sons and their wives, J.D. and Loeta Wise of Lake Travis and Louis and Fadillah Wise of Austin; sister, Ruby Schrader of Austin; ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services 10:00 AM, Thursday, December 26, 1991, at Harrell Funeral Home with Reverend Charles Stewart officiating. Burial in Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Dan Wise, Larry Pickel, Rap Pickel, Trey Bailey, Philip Green and Gary Ingram. Honorary pallbearers, Adam Wise and Lloyd Hight.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Bee Caves Baptist Church, 13222 Hwy 71 West, Austin, Texas 78738.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home in Austin. 443-1366.

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Your loving soul mate,

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**Lela Moore Mouser**

Mrs. Lela Moore Mouser of Austin, Texas, died December 20, 1991.

Mrs. Mouser was born in Perry, Oklahoma, January 31, 1900. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Samuel A. Moore and Mrs. Norah Blanche Miller Moore.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Maxine Moore Bradford of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Kay (Kota) Moore Shelton of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Mouser was married to Curtis J. Mouser of Perry, Oklahoma. Mr. Mouser died September, 1986.

Mrs. Mouser is survived by her daughter, Patricia Mouser Broer of Austin, Texas.

Arrangements and cremation by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 North Lamar, Austin, Texas.

**Kristen Alexis Viola**

On Monday, December 23, 1991, Kristen Alexis Viola passed away.

Kristen was five years old, and although she never learned to walk or talk, she was able to touch many lives.

Kristen will be remembered for her strong will, her infectious laugh, and her ability to teach unconditional love. She will be missed by many, but mostly by those who knew her best - her mom, her dad and her sister.

Kristen is survived by her mother, Elaine Alexis St. Marie of Austin; father, Steve Viola of Austin; sister, Theresa E. Hackley of Austin; grandparents, Shirley Viola of Nederland, Spencer Viola of Houston, Maggie and Gene Mercuri of Vienna, Virginia; grandfather, Vincent F. Teichmann of Dennison, Texas; and numerous aunts and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM, Friday at the Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment in the Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home, 6300 W. William Cannon Drive, Austin.

## Deaths

**BERG, Margaret Rhea,** 74, of Austin died Saturday. Services were Monday, First English Lutheran Church. Burial Capital Memorial Gardens. (Cook-Walden, Lamar location)

**BERKMAN, Ethel Warner,** 89, of Round Rock died Monday. Services 10:30 a.m. today, Palm Valley Cemetery, Round Rock. (Henderson-Beck, Round Rock)

**ERICSON, Paul A. Sr.,** 84, of Austin died Saturday. Services were Monday, Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location Burial Capital Memorial Gardens.

**LANIUS, John Arthur,** 81, of Austin died Monday. (Wilke-Amey-Clay)

**MARKWARDT, Aubrey R.,** 70, of Round Top died Saturday. Services 2 p.m. today, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Round Top. Burial Richter Cemetery, near Round Top. (Sergeant-Memorial, La Grange)

**SYNATZSKE, Paul,** 79, of Taylor died Sunday. Prayer service 6 p.m. Wednesday, Condra Funeral Home, Taylor. Services 2 p.m. Thursday, Condra Funeral Home. Burial Taylor City Cemetery.

**TARPLEY, Jerry C.,** 47, of Austin died Monday. Services 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home. Burial Capital Memorial Park.

**YORK, Ann,** of Lytton Springs died Monday. Services 1 p.m. Thursday, Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home Burial Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

**ZIH, Mary,** 20, of Fremont, Calif., died Sunday. (Weed-Corley)

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