

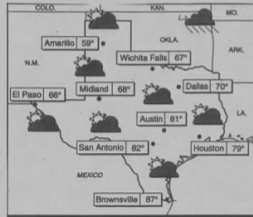
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75	50	61	61
59	47	29	29
79	59	79	79
1992's High			
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77	17	Jan. 15	

Precipitation: 0.00 in. (Mar. 17-18)  
 Total, month: 2.48  
 Normal, month: 4.20  
 Total, year: 11.91  
 Normal, year: 12.24  
 Normal, annual: 45.57

## Police on trail of yogurt shop killer

AUSTIN (AP) — Striking similarities in composite sketches of suspects in two cases have police looking to question a man in the slaying of four teen-age girls at a yogurt shop. Authorities said Monday that the man, believed to be 20 to 21 years old, was seen sitting in an older model, four-door white automobile about the time the four girls were to death inside the yogurt shop.

The four girls — Jennifer Harrison, 17, her sister, Sarah Phillips, 15, Eliza Thomas, 17, and Amy Ayres, 13 — were found early the morning of Dec. 7 by fire fighters who had responded to a blaze at the 1 Can't Believe It's Yogurt shop in northwest Austin.

The girls were tied up and each shot in the back of the head. Police said the fire emergency was started to try to cover up the killings.

Police spokeswoman Gail Phillips said the man's appearance was very similar to one of three men wanted in the Nov. 17 abduction and rape of an Austin woman.

According to the victim, she was kidnapped in the Sixth Street nightclub area, driven to an apartment complex near the yogurt shop, then driven to San Antonio, Ms. Phillips said.

The victim was sexually assaulted at gunpoint and turned loose by her captor.

Police said the man they are looking for is possibly Hispanic, 5-foot-4 inches tall, medium build and weighing about 140 pounds. He has straight black hair slightly below his shoulders.

Police also said they are looking for four people who were inside the yogurt shop the night of the killings.

## 67 sites proposed for Texas prisons

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The so-called "short list" wasn't very short, but 47 communities remain in the running for new prisons to be built by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The Texas prison board Monday whittled the list of 63 communities offering 67 sites. Four of the 47 still in the hunt have offered two sites each.

The corrections system estimates it will spend nearly \$642 million over the next four to five years to build the prisons. Each unit will take between 18 months and two years to complete.

These cities, towns or counties to make the cut are: Abilene, Agua Dulce, Amarillo, Anderson County, Beaumont, Big Spring, Borger, Bowie County, Breckenridge, Brownfield, Brownwood, Bryan-College Station, Burnet, Carrizo Springs, Childress, Coma, Dallhart, Dimmit, Edinburg, El Paso, Fannin County, Fort Stockton, Gatesville, Hereford, Hondo, Jasper, Karnes County, Liberty, Lubbock, Lufkin, Mitchell County, Muleshoe, Odessa, Overton, Pampa, Plainview, Ranger, Refugio, Rusk.

San Diego, Shamrock, Snyder, Starr County, Upland County.

## Great-grandmother charged with crack sale, possession

ARLINGTON (AP) — A 73-year-old great-grandmother has been arrested on a charge of possession of crack cocaine after authorities found 7.5 grams of crack in her dresser and \$1,421 in her pocket.

Officers said that they had raided her home three times earlier but didn't really suspect that she was selling cocaine. They believed Corneia Moss when she said her children were responsible for the drug traffic.

But Sgt. Walt West, a narcotics investigation supervisor, said that changed when they found the crack cocaine in the coin purse and the money in her pocket. West said 7.5 grams is equal to about 30 rocks of crack cocaine.

"Every time we've searched her she's said, 'I can't control the kids. I don't know what they're doing,'" West said.

Mrs. Moss told a reporter Monday that she wouldn't know a crack rock if she saw one, much less sell drugs.

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## Judge reneges on castration OK for rapist

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge withdrew his approval of a man's request to be castrated after two doctors reneged on offers to perform the surgery, but medical ethicists say a physician should have agreed to do the procedure in the first place.

State District Judge Michael McSpadden had agreed March 15 to let Steven Allen Butler be castrated instead of going to trial on a charge of raping a 13-year-old girl.

But McSpadden withdrew his approval Monday, saying a doctor could not be found to do the castration.

Critics have blasted the judge's earlier decision, claiming castration was a barbaric measure that did nothing to address the crime of rape.

A local civil rights group also attacked the action, claiming it was racially motivated because Butler, 28, is black. The Black United Front said it would try to have the judge removed from the bench and the defense attorney disbarred.

"The judge and the lawyer planned to manipulate the family all along," J. Don Boney, spokesman for the Black United Front, said Monday. "This is tantamount to racism and genocide."

And two medical ethics experts in Houston also criticized the case Monday because they said doctors should not be put in the position of administering punishment.

"Doctors are actively discouraged from participating in punishment-related treatment since it is not in the patient's best interest," said Dr. Eugene Boisambin.

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