

Police hold teen-agers for shooting

MIDLOTHIAN (AP) — Two teen-agers were being held in the death of an undercover police officer who had posed as a high school student and was fatally shot after a drug deal went sour, authorities said Sunday.

The two Midlothian High School students, one age 16 and the other age 17, were arrested after the officer, George William Raffield Jr., 21, was found shot to death Saturday, Midlothian City Manager Chuck Pinto said.

The 17-year-old was in Ellis County jail Sunday and the 16-year-old was being held in the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center, Pinto said.

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Glen Ayers in Ellis County issued warrants for the two students, Midlothian Police Chief Roy Vaughn said. Charges were expected to be filed Monday, he said.

A 23-year-old Midlothian woman also was arrested in connection with hindering apprehension, a Class A misdemeanor, Vaughn said Sunday. Texas Rangers were continuing an investigation in the case, he said.

Raffield was a Midlothian police officer assigned to undercover narcotics, Pinto said.

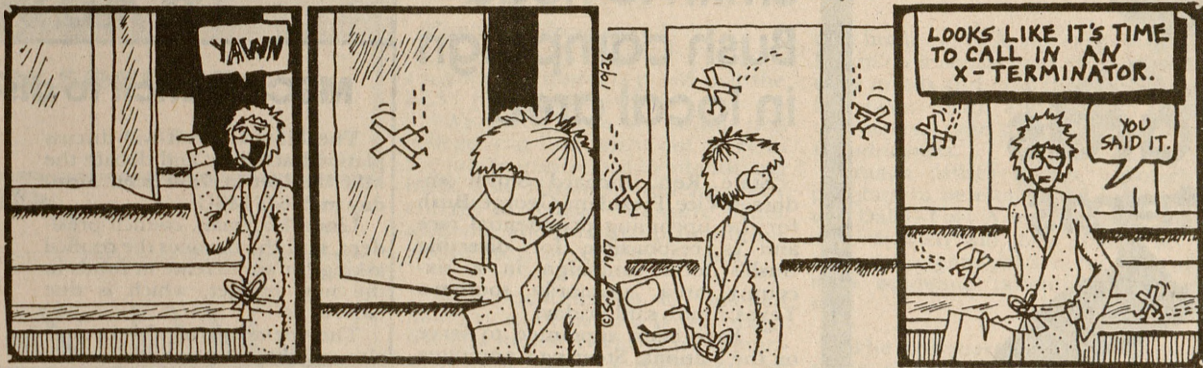
Funeral services were scheduled Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Waxahachie.

Raffield, who had worked for the police department since July, had posed as an 18-year-old senior, using the name William Moore, Pinto said.

After a day-long search Saturday, authorities found his body lying next to his pickup truck south of Midlothian, an Ellis County town of about 5,000. Raffield had been shot twice in the head.

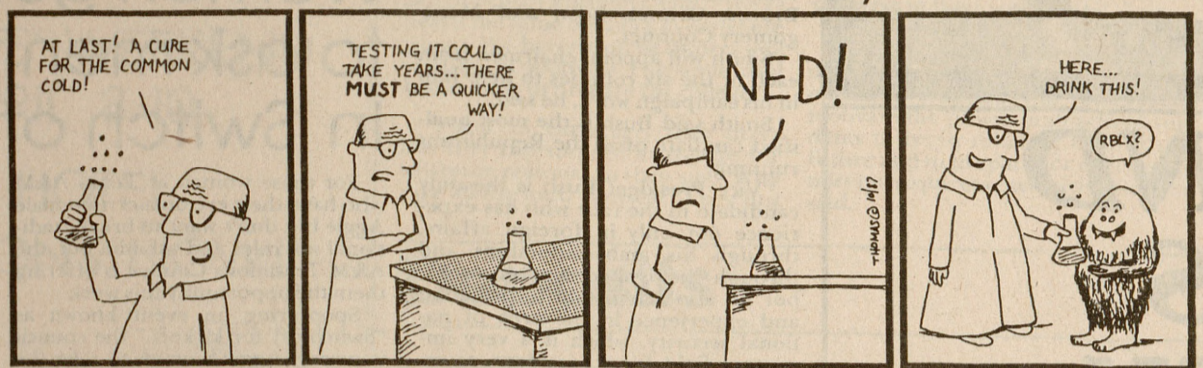
Pinto said, "Our preliminary information on the investigation indicates that an undercover drug buy went sour."

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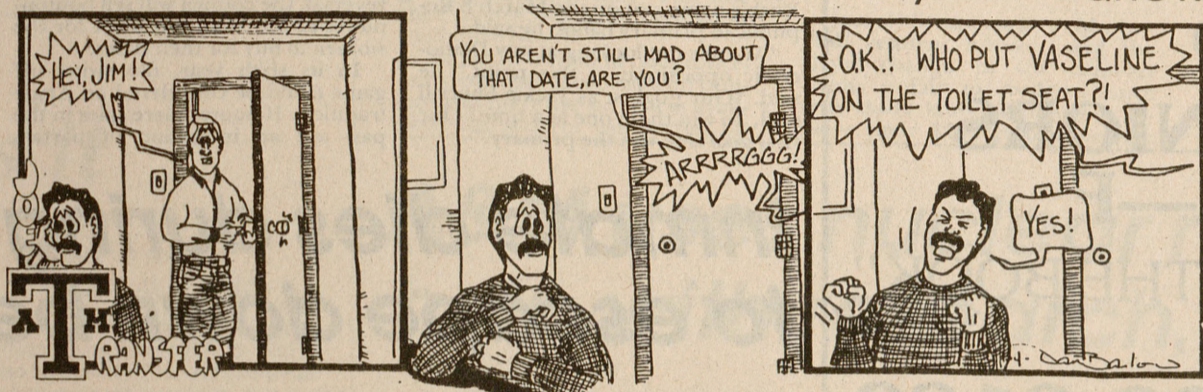
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Perot supports referendum to keep appointed State Board of Education

AUSTIN (AP) — Three years ago, H. Ross Perot was at odds with most education groups when he persuaded the Texas Legislature to pass one of the most sweeping education reform programs in U.S. history.

Suspicious of the Dallas billionaire and his plans, education groups fought many of the key reform proposals, such as teacher-competency testing.

Today, those suspicions live again as Perot pushes to keep an appointed State Board of Education.

Texas voters will be asked in a referendum Nov. 3 whether they want to retain an appointed education board by canceling next year's scheduled elections of board members.

The current, 15-member board was appointed for four years in 1984 and will be replaced by an elected panel in January 1989, unless the ballot proposal passes.

Perot, who is financing an expen-

sive media campaign to sell the proposal to voters, insists that a return to an elected board would bring politics back into public education.

"If we let that happen, we will have lost the reforms," he says. "Our children's futures are too important to risk playing political games."

Perot claims the elected board of education embarrassed the state before it was driven from office in 1984. Some of those former board members, he says sarcastically, "thought the world was flat."

By contrast, the current, appointed board "has done an absolutely first-rate job," he says.

But the state's four teacher organizations, the Texas PTA, the Texas Association of School Boards and other mainline education groups are unimpressed by Perot's arguments.

Charles Beard, Texas State Teachers Association president, told the *Dallas Morning News*, "In order to sell this (appointed board) to the

public back in 1984, Perot and others said it would only be a temporary thing."

Sandy Kibby, legislative chairman of the Texas PTA, said her organization believes that elected officials provide better representation for the "grass roots."

"An elected board would be more accountable to our type of people," she said.

A pro-appointive board group that Perot established, Texans for Quality Education, is sponsoring a massive television advertising campaign to win voter approval of the ballot question.

The slick TV spots, featuring Perot, San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros and former congressman Barbara Jordan, urge Texans to help protect the reforms of 1984 by voting for the proposal.

The group also is expected to do mass mailings before the election and has purchased billboards in metropolitan areas.

Opponents of the measure to retain an appointed board say the TV ads are misleading because they equate the referendum with school reform and avoid the issue of an appointive vs. an elected board.

Mike Morrow, executive director of the Association of Texas Professional Educators, said, "Nowhere in those ads does it say what the referendum proposes to do."

"It's a political ploy that is misleading the citizens of Texas. The issue is whether or not the citizens of Texas want to be able to elect the board or have that board appointed by the governor."

"And I question the motives of those who do not believe the people of Texas are capable of choosing members of the board."

Education groups are not running ads to counter those by supporters of the ballot proposal, but they are sending out newsletters urging their members to vote no.

Police call drug rings strong despite arrests

DALLAS (AP) — Raids in Dallas netted the biggest hauls in a nationwide crackdown on Jamaican drug rings last week, but they were only solitary victories in what shapes up to be a long war, authorities said.

As law enforcement officials displayed automatic weapons, bundles of cash and narcotics seized in the Dallas raids, a Jamaican woman was arrested as she got off a Miami flight at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Pauline Gibson, who is being held without bail on federal drug charges, had a kilogram of cocaine taped to her body, police said.

"The war is not over," said Phil Jordan, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent in Dal-

las. "These people see the lucrative money that can be made from exploiting drug abuse."

The raids in Dallas were the result of an 11-month investigation into an estimated 27 local Jamaican drug organizations. Dallas police have linked the organizations to 44 homicides in the past four years and to profits from cocaine sales averaging \$400,000 daily.

The gangs are responsible for at least 625 narcotics-related homicides nationwide and have dominated cocaine sales in several major cities, federal officials said. The massive sweep of 14 cities and the District of Columbia netted about 140 gang members, officials said.

More suspects were arrested in Dallas than in

any other city targeted for the simultaneous raids, which federal officials attributed to Dallas authorities' early detection of Jamaican drug activity. A special task force of local and federal law enforcement officers was formed locally in November 1986 to deal with the Jamaican dealers.

Investigators want to consolidate cases against individuals already arrested and use their statements to obtain further arrests, said Capt. W.R. Rollins, who heads the Dallas Police Department's intelligence division.

Investigator Charles E. Storey said, "They're very shrewd businessmen. The operation is designed so that all levels and all locations are replaceable. We can't think that one strike is going to bring them down."

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