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Police say slain man robbed, kidnapped

HOUSTON (AP) — A 42-year-old man slain in a gun battle with officers during a bank robbery, had a history of extortion, kidnapping and drunken driving, investigators say.

John Wayne Young, who report-ly idolized Chuck Norris, was killed Friday as he attempted to rob a TeamBank near Interstate 45, po-

He had dressed in fatigues and packing several guns, a knife and more than 100 rounds of ammuni-

Young also listened to a stereo headset playing a homemade selfhypnosis recording which inter-

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> - Greg Neely, homicide

spersed the words "alert," "aware," "cool," and "calm" with his own humming and announcements of each 15-second interval, police said.

"This is not your normal admiration for things military," said homicide Lt. Greg Neely.
"It's more like an admiration for

things violent."
While trying to escape with bank employee Donna Robbison as a hostage, Young fired more than 50 shots at officers, wounding Policeman Mike Glasco.

Young was shot in the head. Robbison, 25, suffered wounds to the hand and chest in the gunfire.

Glasco, 34, was shot in the foot, hip and neck as his father, who was visiting from Florida and accompanying the officer on a ride-along,

Both Robbison and Glasco remained hospitalized in fair condition Sunday at Hermann Hospital.

Young, an unemployed former pizza delivery man, had been sought pizza delivery man, had been sought in Lake Jackson since April on two warrants for driving while intoxi-cated and violation of probation, a Brazoria County Sheriff's Depart-ment official said. Young had been sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$5,000 by a

federal judge in Dallas in November 1978 for attempting to extort bank funds between Oklahoma City and

Under a plea bargain agreement, prosecutors dropped four related bank extortion charges against

The charges stemmed from Young's involvement in the kidnap-ping of Marvin Hancock Jr., presi-dent of NorthPark Bank on Nov. 16,

He also was involved with the kidnapping of Nelda Pittman, wife of the president of the Commonwealth National Bank on Dec. 9, 1977.

In addition, police connected him with the kidnapping of Jack W. Evans, chairman of the board of the White Rock National Bank on Feb.

Hancock was found in a motel room after a \$50,000 ransom was

Pittman freed herself and escaped before a \$200,000 ransom was paid. Evans was found unharmed in a North Dallas motel after a \$100,000 ransom was paid.

Police also are trying to determine if Young was the man who robbed a Houston bank in late January.

In Clute where Young lived until October, officers searched his storage locker and found a bag that contained three large knives, a laser sighting scope, and books on survival and how to make a silencer.

They also found equipment for reloading ammunition.

Officers also planned to search a Houston apartment where Young

had been staying.

"Judging from what we've found so far, we expect to find several weapons there," Neely said.

What's Up

Monday

MSC SPRING LEADERSHIP TRIP COMMITTEE: applications are available

MINORITY ASSOCIATION OF PRE-HEALTH AGGIES: will host Stephane Hamilton of the UT Allied Health Science Center at 7 p.m. in 223 MS For more information, call Angel Allen at 847-0432.

MSC HOSPITALITY: will hold a tree lighting ceremony and holiday fashing show at noon in the MSC flag room.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will present the video "Was Islam Spiese" by Sword?" at 8:30 p.m. in 228 MSC. For more information, contact \(\) hya 846-7426.

DELTA UPSILON: will have its weekly meeting for actives and pledges at 830 p.m. in Rudder. Check the screens for room number. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call to C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

Tuesday

STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE: will have a meeting open to all interests students at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington. Call Ty Clevenger at 845-331

RUSSIAN CLUB: will hold an official meeting at 5:30 p.m. in 123 Academic.

MSC RECREATION: will meet at 5 p.m. in 124 MSC. Call Kristie Buchmana 847-0266 for more information.

CO-OP CLUB: will meet at 6 p.m. in 105A Zachry. Call Don at 822-4405 to more information.

TAMU WRESTLING CLUB: will have a dual meet at 4 p.m. in Deware gym.

UNITED STATES STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Call Rhonda at 774-0455 for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES: will stor "The Black Book" at 7 p.m. in 228 and 229 MSC. CATHOLICS STUDENT ASSOCIATON: will take yearbook pictures at 8:15 pm

in the Zachry lobby.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at 8:30 p.m. @ the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

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Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonal no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up's a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are not on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Salvation Army gears up for fund-raising

HOUSTON (AP) — The Salvation Army has begun jingling its annual bells for charity, but administrators say the donations are small change compared to the government grants needed to

weep the programs running.

"The kettle program still is a very vital part of our Christmas collection program," Maj. Rolan Chambless, Salvation Army area commander, said. "It's a tradition and it keeps the Army be-

fore the public.' But only about 40 kettles will be scattered throughout Houston this year and the people ringing the bells will be hired for minimum wage. Chambless said the kettle operation barely breaks

Like many homeless shelters and service charities, the Salvation Army depends on holiday donors to set the pace for their annual funding.

Together, the Houston-area shelters plan to raise and spend more than \$6.5 million through the coming year — much of it acquired during the holiday season.

There are a number of reasons for that," erry Collins, spokesman for the new Maranatha Family Shelter, said.

"We get in a giving spirit. It begins getting cold. People know how much they can give away because of their taxes."

Collins is trying to raise \$226,000 for Maranatha's opening year budget. But a newspaper ad

soliciting gifts to "help feed the battered homeless on Thanksgiving" could be the first defeat. The ad, which ran for five days, cost \$1,760 and was expected to bring in \$50,000 in donations. Instead, it will barely pay for itself, Collins said.

Open Door, another shelter, also is using a

holiday newspaper ad campaign to raise its \$300,000 annual budget.

The ads, featuring worn-looking men and asking readers to "Help Feed Them a Hearty Thanksgiving Dinner," began running before Thanksgiving. Agency directors hope they will raise nearly twice what is needed.

"The ad campaign is expected to raise about \$500,000 throughout the whole year," Open Door director Kent Gassaway said. Additional ads are planned for Christmas and Easter sea-

sons.
"Our plan is to increase our lodging capacity to at least 200 beds," Gassaway said. "Our second goal is . . . a new building."

But Gassaway acknowledges the men pictured

in the ads do not stay at the Open Door mission. "They're taken from other missions in other cities," Gassaway said. "If you were a homeless

man in Houston, would you want your picture in

the paper?"

Many of the shelters must apply for government grants to keep their programs running.

Star of Hope mission recently reported a \$4.1

million 1989 budget that included \$768,0 from United Way, \$665,000 from governme sources, \$560,000 from sales of goods and sices, \$121,000 from program fees, and \$1.91 lion from individuals, businesses, churches foundations.

The Salvation Army receives some addition funding from the United Way.

While most United Way agencies are political from making their own direct mail at paigns, the Salvation Army Christmas Appa

has a special exemption.

"The Christmas mailing is one of our big fur raisers," Chambless said, adding the mail netted \$468,000 last year.

"It's a time we can raise sufficient funds to the care of our Christmas expense, because fro Christmas funds, we purchase toys, and we chase food for needy families.

"We give a lot of Christmas baskets," Cha

less said.

"I believe last year we helped about 3,000 fz ilies with Christmas baskets, and I don't reknow how many children we helped with

In addition to individual food and money nations, the Salvation Army also collects to from U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots of paign, gift donations from Wish Tree location

and change from its kettles.

Topless club's billboard ad quotes convention recruiter

HOUSTON (AP) - Convention recruiter Jordy Tollett's words have come back to haunt him.

His explanation for why he spent \$2,000 wining and dining male clients at a topless restaurant have turned up on a freeway billboard for the club

Printed in large yellow letters at the bottom of a 40-foot-by-20-foot billboard for Rick's restaurant and bar is Tollett's explanation turned endorsement: "Our clients want to go there!" The billboard also features endorsements from Ro-

bin Leach of "Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous" — "The place to find your champagne wishes and caviar dreams!" — and "Penthouse Magazine" — "The kind of club George Bush would have felt comfortable fre-

But it's the appearance of the Houston Civic Center director's words that has embarrassed Tollett and angered Mark Henry, the new president of the Greater Houston Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Henry has complained repeatedly and Tollett has left two phone messages, one owner of Rick's said. "I have limited sympathy for their discomfort be-

cause I'm very proud of my business and the city of Houston's better off for it," Robert Watters, an owner of Rick's, said. In September, the *Houston Post* reported Tollett had spent more than \$2,000 entertaining male clients at

the club with bureau funds — 75 percent of which come The Civic Center department, with a \$26 million

budget, oversees the George R. Brown Convention Center, among other facilities. In his defense, the mayoral appointee said he was wooing convention business from out-of-town officials. "Unfortunately, Rick's just happens to be something that's very well-known," Tollett said at the time. "They (clients) just wanted to go there. I couldn t say, 'You can't go there,' " Tollett said.

Tollett was admonished privately by Mayor Kathy Whitmire and subsequently promised never to take clients there again.

But there were sore feelings over the matter at Rick's, which boasts an expensive and sophisticated atmosphere and takes umbrage at being compared with slea-

'It's the same old hypocrisy thing," said Watters, who

have limited sympathy for their discomfort because I'm very proud of my business and the city of Houston's better off for it."

> - Robert Watters, cabaret owner

said the convention bureau solicits its membership each year and privately acknowledges that conventioneers

flock to the cabaret. But publicly, he said, bureau officials complain about

Watters said two months ago, at a cost of more than \$6,000 a month, Rick's erected three billboards at two

locations — one of which has signs posted back to back. He said at first, the endorsement was attributed to

the bureau itself. But after Henry called several times to complain, Watters said the sign was changed to reflect Tollett as the correct author of the statement.

"No press is bad press," Watters said.

Sea Work celebrate birthday Baby Shamu acts solo at first party

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -1 four-day party for Baby Share ended Sunday with the whale celebrating her official day. of birth by extinguishing acade on her own birthday cake with playful squirt.

"We've had a pretty exceed weekend here with her," so Thad Lacinak, director of animal control of the contr

training for Sea World of Tex "She's been doing her own be every day the last four days.

"As it's turned out, she's quit ham. We have a segment in show where we give her a bird day cake and let her squirt out candle, and it seems like she wa

for that part."
The 1,100-pound baby whale Texas' first infant and the killer whale born at Sea World California and Florida. The bloom of and white whale weighed

pounds at birth. Baby Shamu has shown creasing signs of independen during her first year, Lacil says. But this was the first is the baby whale has held cent stage alone.



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