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County court gets first look at proposed budget

Cuts include local funding to mental health, retardation

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners got their first look at the proposed 1997 budget this morning — a budget which includes among its $250,00-plus in cuts all local funding to the mental health department.

Last year, the Texas Mental Health/Mental Retardation Department received $22,850, primarily used to pay rent and utilities for office space.

County Judge Ricky Fritz, who presented the proposed budget, told commissioners he doesn't feel the state office is holding up its end of the bargain in servicing Scurry County clients.

"When we first agreed to provide the building, the department had six employees with five field personnel," said Fritz. "Now there are just two office workers with an office manager.

"We are just not getting the service from them that we pay for."

He said the building can be vacated with a 30-day notice — a move he recommends. Fritz added that he felt office space would be available in the Cogdell Medical Complex for the department.

That is one of the cuts that will help lower the budget this year, said Fritz. The largest cut would come in medical insurance costs from the county. Last year, the county paid $543,631 in insurance costs for a self-funded program. The cost for the coming year is set at $426,020 for county employee medical insurance.

The entire proposed budget is $5,633,798.

Fritz said another reason the county is able to project cuts is that revenue — other than from ad valorem taxes — is being more accurately projected.

Each department's budget was briefly discussed this morning with little comment from department heads or the court.

Sheriff Keith Collier expressed the opinion while the court was discussing his budget that he felt purchasing three new cars every two years for the sheriff's department would be more prudent than

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NEW WTC STUDENTS — Western Texas College hosted two Success Seminars for new students who will be attending classes at the college for the first time beginning Sept. 5. Shown taking a break from one of the meetings are, from left, Abby Jeffrey of McCaulley, Jessica Jeffrey of Hamlin, Kelley Willson of Sundown and Rica Rangel of Amarillo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lake gets significant weekend rain

Lake J.B. Thomas picked up about a half a foot of elevation over the weekend, according to officials with the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The level stood at 2,208.86 feet above sea level prior to Friday's rain, and was at 2,209.40 this morning, said CRMWD employee Martha Hamilton.

A CRMWD report released Saturday morning that indicated the lake had received 4.9 inches was inaccurate, Hamliton confirmed this morning. The lake actually received 3.4 inches, including eight-tenths on Sunday.

"I think even tomorrow we may see some increase due to runoff," said Hamilton. "We'll have to wait and see. With the possibility of rain forecast this week and (Hurricane) Edouard maybe entering the picture, we're optimistic."

Lake J.B. Thomas contains 8,120 acre feet and was 3.98 percent full this morning.

All of Scurry County enjoyed fairly significant rains over the weekend, though Sunday's showers were extremely spotty. Ira received 1.5 inches in two hours on Sunday, for instance, while the City of Snyder got just .16 of an inch. Residents east of Snyder along the Roby Highway enjoyed about an inch. Elsewhere, residents reported on the average about a quarter of an inch on Sunday.

The forecast calls for a 40 percent chance of rain tonight and Tuesday.

Three fatally shot

Suspect, officer injured in shootout

MARSHALL (AP) — A heavily armed man suspected of killing three people wounded a police officer before he was shot and captured following a weekend shootout that left the scene looking like a battlefield, police said.

The gunman, identified as Steve Renfro of Marshall, had three weapons and about 500 rounds of ammunition at his disposal at the time of the shootout early Sunday.

Renfro was being guarded at Marshall Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery for gunshot wounds to his abdomen and arm. A hospital spokeswoman would not release details of his condition today.

Charges were pending, authorities said.

Police Chief Chuck Williams said it is believed that Renfro first killed his live-in girlfriend and aunt, then took the loaded weapons and ammunition to a nearby trailer where he shot another man to death.

Police identify the dead as Rene Faulkner, Rose Rutledge and George Count. Ms. Rutledge was Faulkner's aunt, police said.

Officers responding to reports that a man was firing gunshots into a mobile home were confronted by the man and exchanged gunfire with him for about five minutes.

Officer Dominic Pundent was recovering Sunday night from shrapnel wounds to his shoulder, the police chief said. He was in stable condition.

Reserve officer George Gill, who accompanied Pundent to the scene, was not injured.

Pundent's patrol car was riddled with bullet holes and had a tire flattened by a bullet.

"The whole area was a battlefield," Williams said.

"The officers ended up shooting the suspect once in the stomach and once in the right arm," he said. "The subject was dressed in camouflage clothing and was actually charging them."

"We don't know what triggered this situation at this time," Williams said. "We're in the course of trying to piece this all together."

Williams said officers believe there may be a link between Renfro's girlfriend and the man who was slain at the mobile home.

More than 150 rounds were fired at the mobile home where the suspect went armed with a .50-caliber handgun, .45-caliber handgun and an AR-15 rifle, authorities said.

Democrats grasp their moment

CHICAGO (AP) — Claiming strength in diversity as they try for a re-election boost, Democrats open a unity convention today in the city that once symbolized their divisions. On a whistle-stop train to the city, President Clinton set the theme: "Stay on the right track."

"We enjoy our diversity here. We don't see it as a liability; we see it as an asset to our party," Sen. Chris Dodd, the party chairman, said today. Delegates gathered for breakfast meetings before swarming to the United Center convention hall.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Vice President Al Gore rallied the faithful in the convention city and reminded Democrats "We need to stick together."

"This is first time in 60 years that a sitting Democratic president has not been challenged in his own party," Dodd, the party chairman, said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The president will not arrive until Wednesday, the night delegates nominate him for a second term. Campaigning by train in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, Clinton set the tone. "Shall we keep going on the right track or should we turn around?" he asked.

And he took aim at Republican challenger Bob Dole's proposed tax cut in a CNN interview, calling it "this big tax cut that we can't afford, which will cause a big increase in the deficit." Dole now has adopted "an economic theory he rejected all his public life," Clinton said.

In the manner of modern political conventions, the hall that is home to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls is wired to make the most of the attention it will get from voters and TV viewers.

Directly behind the rostrum looms a wall of 56 television screens to provide ever-changing images designed to reinforce the moment's theme.

The Democrats will use the four days to counter the Republican message in San Diego two weeks ago: that Clinton is a failure and the GOP a party that reaches out to women and minorities.

"They almost erased the reality of the Republican Congress," said Clinton campaign deputy manager Ann Lewis.

Different though their messages, the two conventions are remarkably similar in method. Like the Republicans', the Democrats' opening night will highlight the party's commitment to minorities, with speakers famous and little known.

South Korea...

Two ex-presidents guilty of mutiny, treason

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — In a verdict condemning South Korea's bloody and militaristic past, former president Chun Doo-hwan was convicted of mutiny and treason and sentenced to death today for seizing power in a 1979 coup and then leading a violent crackdown.

His childhood buddy, fellow ex-general and successor as president, Roh Tae-woo, was convicted of the same crimes and sentenced to 22½ years in prison.

A three-judge panel found the pair guilty of taking power then and ordering troops to crush a pro-democracy uprising in the southern city of Kwangju six months later.

At least 200 civilians died and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others were injured in what came to be known as the "Kwangju massacre."

Kwangju was the nadir of 47 years of authoritarian, largely military rule that began when South Korea gained independence after Japan's surrender at the end of World War II.

Chun's death sentence is subject to automatic appeal. Roh's attorneys also are expected to appeal; the court said Roh received a lesser sentence because he played a more secondary role in the coup.

Even if Chun's sentence is upheld by the nation's highest court, he is unlikely to be executed. Executions are rare in South Korea, with the condemned usually spared by presidential decree.

The court today also found that Chun, who ruled from 1980 to 1988, and Roh who succeeded Chun and remained on until 1992, had amassed hundreds of millions of dollars in illegal political funds during their tenure.

Chun was fined $270 million and Roh $350 million.

The charges against the former presidents were instigated by Kim Young-sam, who in 1992 became South Korea's first civilian president in 32 years. The prosecution had sought the death penalty for Chun, and life imprisonment for Roh.

The trial, which opened in December, was seen as an attempt to exorcise the country's repressive past, exemplified not only by the Kwangju massacre but the jailing of thousands of opponents of harsh civilian and military regimes.

Ira trustees meet Tuesday

Ira ISD trustees will convene at noon Tuesday to consider several budget-related items and discuss participation in a class action lawsuit.

Trustees will consider an agreement with Borden County ISD for the education of tuition-free transfer students from Ira. The board will also consider amendments to the 1995-96 budget and to the designated funds schedule.

Last on the agenda is to discuss participating in a class action lawsuit with other school districts alleging price-fixing on the part of Mrs. Baird's, Rainbo and Holsum companies.

Snyder ISD agreed to participate in the lawsuit last week. There is no local district expense.

ASK US

Q—In reference Lake Thomas having so many acre feet, how much water is in an acre foot?

A—An acre foot contains 325,851 gallons of water.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Area Forecast: High Saturday, 74 degrees; low, 68; high Sunday, 82; low, 67; 7 a.m. reading Monday, 67; .16 of an inch precipitation; total for 1996, 7.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 40% chance of storms. Low around 65. Wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy; 40% chance of storms. High 80-85. E wind 5-15 mph.



Rainy
Gabrielle Ivey

Sunset: 8:14 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.
Of 238 days in 1996, the sun has shone 234 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1

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Premonition of death lets noted recipe live on

HOUSTON (AP) — Early this month, Gladys Gaas did something that shocked her friends and family — she gave her top-secret, prize-winning recipe for sausage kolaches to her sister.

She said she knew she soon would die and did not want to take the recipe to her grave.

Mrs. Gaas, 66, who lived in the small ethnic Czech settlement of Frenstat, about 90 miles northwest of Houston, seemed to be in perfect health. But those close to her knew her for her ability to predict deaths in the family and community.

"My mother could tell about when a funeral would be," her son, David Gaas told the Houston Chronicle. "She maybe couldn't tell you who, but she would say there would be a funeral in a few days. And she would be right. I think she had a premonition about her death."

On Aug. 13, less than a week after she shared her recipe, Gladys Gaas was found dead, shot twice in the head. The suspect: her husband of 50 years.

"I was painting my sister's house in Deanville," said her son, "when I had a wrenching pain in my stomach. ... Later, I tracked the time back and that was about the exact time she would have died."

Burleson County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Mike Brackman said officers responding to a mid-afternoon trouble call found the woman sprawled on the floor of her son's flower shop. A nearby cash register had been pried open, initially leading investigators to suspect a robbery.

They found at the scene a rifle, thought to have been the murder weapon, and arrested the victim's husband, George Gaas.

On Wednesday, a Burleson County grand jury indicted the 71-year-old retired farmer on murder charges. He was jailed in lieu of $100,000 bond. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 99 years in prison.

David Gaas said he spoke to his father after his arrest. "He said it was like a fog," he said. "He said his memory was foggy."

The slaying galvanized the farming community so small it's not on many maps. It's not the first time the Gaas family has been touched by tragedy.

In 1989, George Gaas' brother, Raymond, died of apparent suicide a few months after he was questioned in the beating death of an elderly woman. He never was charged in the crime, and two other men eventually were convicted and sentenced to prison.

Dorothy Kubena, a family friend who has known George Gaas since childhood, said: "I don't think he ever was the same after that."

"He was quiet," she said. "He was likeable, but had a bit of a temper — but then I think all of us have that to a certain degree. Gladys was out for fun and he always was more reserved."

David Gaas, who lives in his parents' home and runs a flower shop next door, said he had been unaware of any conflict between them.

"My father was in a better mood on Monday (before the shooting) than he had been in weeks," he said.

"They were both retired and on Social Security, but there were no apparent major financial problems. They were probably better off than they thought. But they had just learned that there was a possibility that an oil lease would be renewed, and they were happy that more money might be coming in," the son said.

U.S. warned 6 months earlier

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — U.S. officials were warned of a "high threat level" at an Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia six months before a truck bomb killed 19 U.S. airmen there, a newspaper said today.

A classified report by the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations about the June 25 blast was circulated at the Pentagon and reached the Joint Chiefs of Staff, USA Today said in today's editions

Intelligence officials said threats to the U.S. military housing complex near Dhahran didn't specify a date or time, the newspaper said.

Defense Department spokesman Ken Bacon told the newspaper that U.S. officials had detected threats in the months before the bombing. But he also said the Pentagon had made more than 130 security improvements.

Previous news accounts cited a Defense Intelligence Agency report eight days before the explosion that detailed measures taken to improve security at the barracks. But intelligence officials had said the Pentagon report was not a warning but a description of security changes.

A Pentagon report, expected to be released in September, likely will point out security and intelligence problems.

Six Muslim militants have confessed to the bombing and were imprisoned in Jubail, according to Saad al-Fagih, head of a Saudi opposition group called the Movement for Islamic Reform in Arabia.

U.S. Embassy and Saudi officials refused to comment on the report of the detentions earlier this month.

Clinton announces national registry of U.S. sex offenders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying "deadly criminals don't stay within state lines," President Clinton acted Saturday to establish a national registry to track sex offenders.

"This national registry sends a simple message to those who would prey on our children: The law will follow you wherever you go," Clinton said in his weekly radio address.

It was the latest in a flurry of actions leading up to the Democratic National Convention. Clinton last week signed bills increasing the minimum wage, allowing workers to bring along their health insurance when they change jobs and overhauling the welfare system. He also announced a major crackdown on tobacco.

The president is to board a campaign train in West Virginia Sunday and head to Chicago, where on Thursday night he will accept his party's presidential nomination for the second time.

In the radio address, Clinton said the national registry of sexual offenders is a necessary step.

"Deadly criminals don't stay within state lines, so neither should law enforcement's tools to stop them," Clinton said.

The new effort, which Clinton set in motion 60 days ago, follows a provision in an administration crime bill that requires all states to keep track of sex offenders. The Republican-controlled Senate also approved legislation last month to set up a national registry to be operated by the FBI.

Rival Bob Dole's campaign promptly accused Clinton of stealing the idea from the GOP, which included a registry in its 1992 party platform. "Bill Clinton has mastered the game of follow the leader — Bob Dole," said campaign spokeswoman Christina Martin.

The registry also is the product of the so-called Megan's Law, which requires communities to be notified if sex offenders move into a neighborhood. The law is named for a New Jersey girl whose accused killer was a neighbor whose conviction for sexual violence was unknown to her family.

"We are following through on our commitment to keep track of these criminals, not just in a single state but wherever they go — so that parents and police have the warning they need to protect our children," said Clinton, who noted that studies indicate sex offenders often repeat their crimes.

"Nothing is more threatening to our families and communities and more destructive of our basic values than sex offenders who victimize children in their families," he said, calling the registry a way "to make our children safe and give their parents peace of mind."

There are an estimated 250,000 people either wanted for sex offenses or who have a criminal record of such crimes, said Associate Attorney General John Schmidt.

But Schmidt said that number may well increase when the national registry is completed.

The registry is expected to cost about $2 million, with states incurring an additional but relatively modest cost, he said.

A Justice Department report, also released Saturday, counted 312,000 reported rapes and 173,000 other sexual assaults in 1993, the latest statistics available.

Researcher creates new fat substitute

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Dietetic brownies, oatmeal cookies and pancake mixes may soon come with a new type of fake fat that its developer says will enhance flavor and texture without producing any unpleasant side effects.

A U.S. Agriculture Department researcher has used fiber from the hulls of oats, corn and soybeans to develop a fat substitute called Z-trim, which he promises will not cause the cramps and diarrhea sometimes associated with olestra, another zero-calorie fat substitute.

"This has been processed in such a way as to be very comfortable to the body," said George Inglett. "There's no way that anybody would overdose on this."

Inglett, who was to present his product today at a meeting of the American Chemical Society in Orlando, Fla., explained it to reporters Friday and provided samples. Products using Z-trim could be on store shelves next year, he said.

A Z-trim chocolate bar was sweet and chewy, with no unusual aftertaste. On the other hand, a cheese spread tasted like most low-fat spreads: flat and a bit gluey.

Nutrition experts welcomed the new fat substitute.

"I think it's terrific to see this kind of innovation," said Margo Wootan, senior scientist for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a private association in Washington, D.C., that has campaigned against olestra and fatty restaurant food.

Wootan said she believes the fat substitute is likely to perform as promised.

Olestra is a synthetic chemical made of sugar and vegetable oil that looks like regular fat. But it has molecules so large and tightly packed that it passes through the human digestive tract without being taken in by the body. Critics say it absorbs and takes away some vitamins.

In Z-trim, insoluble natural fiber is broken down so that it can be combined with water to create a substance that mimics the smooth feel of fat without actually having any fat molecules.

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Yucca Energy will drill the No. 1 Harrell, a 7,360-foot re-entry wildcat located three miles north of Camp Springs. Location is in Section 97, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 14 J.M. Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 17 J.M. Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 1-R Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 3-R Sterling in the same field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 8-R Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. Also scheduled for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 1 Cotton in the Mirage field, two miles east of Dunn. The well was finaled to produce 101 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,333-346 feet, and location is in Section 46, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Borden County

Texaco Exploration and Producing has completed the No. 3634 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 54 barrels of oil and 144 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,064-096 feet, and location is in Section 18, Block 32, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

SDX Resources Inc. has completed the No. 4-A Morrison in the Turner-Gregory feild, six miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 29 barrels of 27 gravity oil and and no water. Perforations were from 2,394-696 feet, and location is in Section 35, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

SDX Resources has completed the No. 4 Morrison-Jones in the Turner-Gregory field, six miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce 19 barrels of 26.5 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 2,714-796 feet, and location is in Section 35, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

SDX Resources has completed the No. 5 Morrison-Jones in the Turner-Gregory field, six miles northwest of Westbrook. The well produce 19 barrels of 26.1 gravity oil and 80 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,625-880 feet, and location is in Section 35, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Kerry Petroleum Co. Inc. has completed the No. 10 Connell in the Rocker A field, six miles southeast of Post. The well was finaled to produce 36 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 360 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,563-801 feet, and location is in Section 9, Block 5, H&TN survey.

Primrose Operating Co. has completed the No. 170 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. The venture was completed to produce 32 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 97 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,973-2,557 feet, and location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating has completed the No. 182 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was finaled to produce 29 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 102 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,968-548 feet, and location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Halvey Energy Co. will drill the No. 1 Long in the Buenos field, 10 miles north of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,800 feet, location is in Section 2315, Block A, Isaac Scott survey.

Palmer Oil Properties will drill the No. 3-R Huber-Lott in the Coulter field, 12 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Howard County

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Appoloosa in the Gunn field, 21 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,700 feet, location is in Section 14, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Marathon Oil Co. will drill the No. 5 W.E. Stockton in the Howard-Glasscock field, nine miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 2,930 feet, drill site is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Santa Fe Energy Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 R.L. Powell in the Signal Peak field, 11 miles southeast of Big Spring. The re-entry project is scheduled for a dpeth of 8,750 feet, and drill site is in Section 36, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Cleo J. Thompson will drill the No. 1-16 Quinn in the Ernie Pinnell field, five miles southwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 10,600 feet, location is in Section 16, Block 34, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

R.L. Askins Corp. will drill the No. 2 Baptist Foundation, a 6,300-foot wildcat, two miles west of Royston. Location is in the Bastrop CSL survey.

Erin Oil has plugged and abandoned the No. 2-C Neversuch in the Royston field, five miles west of Hamlin. Drilled to a depth of 3,155 feet, location was in Section 203, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Erin Oil Exploration has completed the No. 1-C Pardue Holly in the Royston field, five miles west of Hamlin. The well was completed to produce 19 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 24 barrels of water. perforations were from 3,104-107 feet, and location is in Section 202, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Erin Oil has completed the No. 2-C Pardue-Holly in the Royston field, five miles west of Hamlin. The venture was finaled to produce 20 barrels of 34.5 gravity oil and 21 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,107-113 feet, and location is in Section 202, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Erin Oil has completed the No. 3-C Pardue-Holly in the Royston field, five miles west of Hamlin. The project was completed to produce 26 barrels of 35 gravity oil and four barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,099-101 feet, and location is in Section 202, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Erin Oil has completed the No. 3-C Neversuch in the Royston field, five miles west of Hamlin. The well was completed to produce 43 barrels of 35.2 gravity oil and 38 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,110-113 feet, and location is in Section 203, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Nolan County

Lytle Creek Operating Inc. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 Pearl Lewis, a 7,150-foot wildcat located 11 miles south of Sweetwater. Location was in Section 54, Block X, T&P survey.

Fortune Production has completed the No. 1 Caldwell in the Dora north field, seven miles southeast of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 30 barrels of 42.7 gravity oil and three barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,389-393 feet, and location is in Section 65, Block 20, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil Corp. has completed the No. 1 Holt, a discovery well located 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The venture was finaled to produce 196 barrels of 38 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,788-802 feet, and location is in Section 1, Block Z, T&P survey.

Sinclair has completed the No. 4-A Lain in the Sabre Tooth field, 12 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The well was completed to produce 75 barrels of 38 gravity oil and one barrel of water. Perforations were from 5,963-994 feet, and location is in Section 55, Block X, T&P survey.



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West Texas town wants nuclear dump

ANDREWS (AP) — Whenever there's talk about where to locate a nuclear waste dump, residents' reaction usually goes something like this: "Not in MY back yard."

But a proposal to dispose of radioactive waste near Andrews seems to have the support of residents so far.

"This is an oil patch town, and we understand about petroleum and chemicals here," cotton farmer Darrell Jackson told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "We know that it can be handled properly and that if it is handled properly, there's little danger."

Because of vast underground oil resources, Andrews County is accustomed to good times. But with the steady decline of the oil industry, Andrews has sought other ventures to keep the economy rolling.

Waste Control could be the biggest financial boost Andrews County has seen since the first oil well was drilled here in 1929, officials said.

"We've put in our bids for prisons, and the industrial foundation has looked at other things," Andrews County Judge Gary Gaston said. "But this certainly has the potential of being the biggest economic boon for this community since the oil boom days."

The tax base in Andrews County has fallen from $3.5 billion in 1987 to $1.4 billion today. The school district's values also have dropped, but not enough to spare it from being declared rich under the state's wealth-sharing law, which has forced taxes here to skyrocket.

Pasadena-based Waste Control Specialists Inc. hopes to obtain final federal approval before next year to handle radioactive waste at a 16,000-acre site near Andrews, just inside the Texas-New Mexico line.

The company plans to build the nation's third dump for disposal of low-level radioactive waste on the site about 28 miles west of Andrews, a city of 11,000 residents about 100 miles southwest of Lubbock.

The company already is licensed to treat, store and dispose of hazardous waste. It's one of 18 in the nation with such approval.

Most of what Waste Control will handle, project manager Ken Jackson said, is contaminated soil, much of it from around chemical companies, manufacturers and old hazardous waste sites that have been exposed to dangerous materials.

"Half or better of all hazardous waste comes from cleaning up old waste sites," Jackson said.

"So the majority of it is soil rather than waste generated on a day-to-day basis. And the design standards for hazardous are more restrictive than for low-level radioactive waste ... because they believe the hazardous waste presents more danger."

The company also wants radioactive waste from the U.S. Energy and Defense departments. The two departments generate 90 percent of the nation's low-level radioactive waste, with the Defense Department spending about $1.3 billion annually for disposal and the Energy Department about $182 million.

Although similar projects, such as a proposed state-run site near Sierra Blanca in far West Texas, have met with hostile protests, Andrews residents seem to be welcoming the Waste Control project.

"This is a community that understands the oil business as well as any other," Gaston said. "They live with hazardous waste every day. They understand about land formations and what's underneath the ground."

The company is not receiving any tax abatements and already has sunk more than $15 million into site qualifications, permits and other expenses. A $20 million initial construction phase is under way, and more construction is expected down the road.

The county also will be helped in terms of jobs. Aside from construction jobs, the project will hire 30 people by January, and as many as 120 more once the hazardous-waste operation begins next year.

If the site is approved to handle low-level radioactive waste, as many as 1,000 jobs would be created, officials said.

The company's chief competitor, Envirocare of Utah Inc., is watching Waste Control's licensing process closely to ensure that they "don't cut any corners," said Craig Thorley, Envirocare's regulatory affairs manager.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Luncheon/Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $7 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m., games follow.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Wedding Plans Are Dampened By Mom's Drinking Problem

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DEAR READERS: I'll be on vacation between Aug. 18 and Aug. 31. Don't panic — I've selected some of my favorite letters from past years to fill the gap. I hope you enjoy them.

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DEAR ABBY: I am planning to be married next month, and what should be the happiest time in my life has turned into one of my biggest problems. The reason is my mother — or more specifically, her drinking. She has ruined every affair she's attended.

Last year at my sister's wedding, Mother:

1. Propositioned the judge who performed the ceremony.
2. Started a screaming argument with my sister.
3. Punched me out.
4. Went on a crying jag.
5. Fell on the dance floor.
6. Got mad at the people who were trying to help her and locked herself in the coat closet.

Mother is a darling person when she's sober, but when she drinks, she's impossible. Afterward, when we tell her how she behaved, she doesn't believe us.

I'm planning my wedding half-heartedly, knowing my mother will ruin it. I love my mother, Abby, and can't have a wedding and not invite her. We are considering eloping, but if we do, we will want a reception afterward to celebrate our marriage, and if Mother comes, she will turn it into a disaster.

What should we do? We're not kids. I'm 42, the groom is 52 and Mother is 63.

SOMETHING BLUE

DEAR BLUE: Talk candidly to your mother. And tell her that only if she agrees to refrain from drinking on your wedding day will you have a wedding. If she agrees, enlist the cooperation of a few close friends and/or relatives to make sure she either keeps her promise or is removed. It's not fair that you should have to elope or forgo a wedding because your mother can't tolerate alcohol.

I recommend Al-Anon. It teaches friends and families of alcoholics how to deal with the problem. And if you really love your mother, you will view her problem as an illness and do all you can to help her.

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DEAR ABBY: I don't have a problem. I have a solution to what used to be a major headache in my life. Perhaps others may benefit should you care to print this.

My 90-year-old mother has been confined to a nursing home for the past three years. She is alert and enjoys relatively good health. Her major disability is that she has become quite deaf, but she refuses to wear a hearing aid because she says it will make her look "old." Consequently, visits with her always end up in an angry shouting match, and communication with friends and family has come to a halt. Now Mother sits alone in a silent, frustrating world.

Recently I hit upon a partial solution. Each day I mail her a "bulletin," bringing her news of the family, cheery comments on life and absolutely no bad news. I type six at a time (one can improvise on coming events), using large uppercase letters and double spacing for easy reading. It takes only one hour a week — a small price for the joy it gives my mother. The results can't be measured. She gets a little present every day the mail is delivered and is no longer a nonperson.

My daily bulletins do not replace personal visits; they make those visits more pleasant.

R.H.G., ELM GROVE, WIS.

DEAR R.H.G.: I hope you will mention in one of your "bulletins" that a hearing aid does not make a person look "old." It's hardly visible, but if it's noticed at all, it's evidence that the wearer is doing his or her part to stay in communication with the outside world.

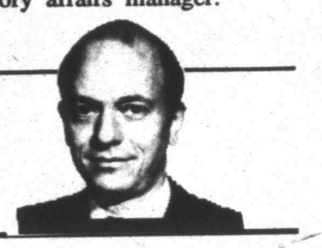
And how very thoughtful of you to see that your mother gets something in the mail from you every day.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-28-96
♠ K Q J 10 7 3
♥ Q 9
♦ A 5
♣ A 5 3

West
♠ A 9 8 6
♥ K 8 3
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ Q 2

East
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ 9 8

South
♠ ---
♥ 10 7 6 5
♦ Q J 2
♣ K J 10 7 6 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 9

Act immediately or wait?

By Phillip Alder

If, as a defender, you have a winner nestling in your hand, sometimes it pays to hold it back for a while. You might break declarer's communication in the suit between his hand and the dummy. Or you might receive a revealing signal from partner. However, if by ducking too long you let declarer switch suits and run for home, you will regret your restraint.

This deal occurred in a match between Northern Ireland and Scotland. At both tables, defending against three no-trump, West led the diamond nine, East winning with the king and debatably switching to the club nine: jack, queen, ace. Now came dummy's spade king, South throwing a low heart. How should West defend?

South bid three no-trump more in hope than expectation, but he didn't fancy stopping in three spades.

The Scottish West ducked the first spade, waiting to get some help from his partner. But South promptly claimed nine tricks: one spade, two diamonds and six clubs.

Sitting West for Northern Ireland was Monty Rosenberg, one of the more colorful players in the game. He could see nine different tricks for South: five spades, two diamonds (remember, the first trick marked South with the queen) and at least two clubs (East's switch to the nine placed the higher clubs in declarer's hand). So, Rosenberg concluded that the defense had to take three heart tricks. There being no point in ducking the spade king, he won with the ace and switched to the heart *king*: two down.

Always count declarer's tricks, and try to find a play to make partner's life easy.

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Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., the present speaker of the House, is the eighth man from Massachusetts to hold that position. The first Bay State speaker was Theodore Sedgwick in 1799. He was followed by Joseph B. Varnum, Robert C. Winthrop, Nathaniel P. Banks, Frederick H. Gillete, Joseph W. Martin Jr. and John W. McCormack.

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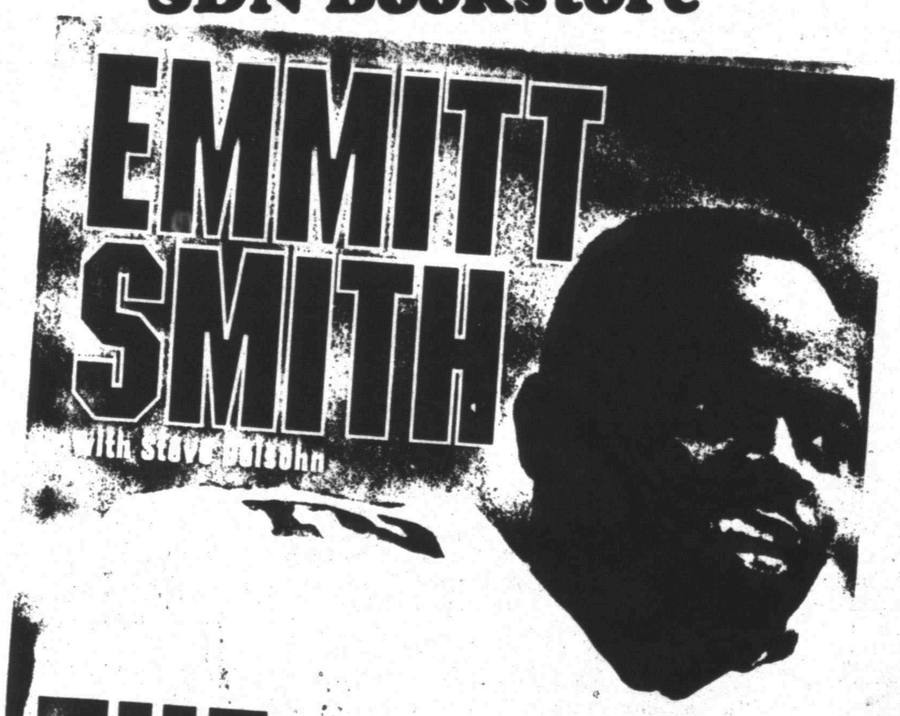
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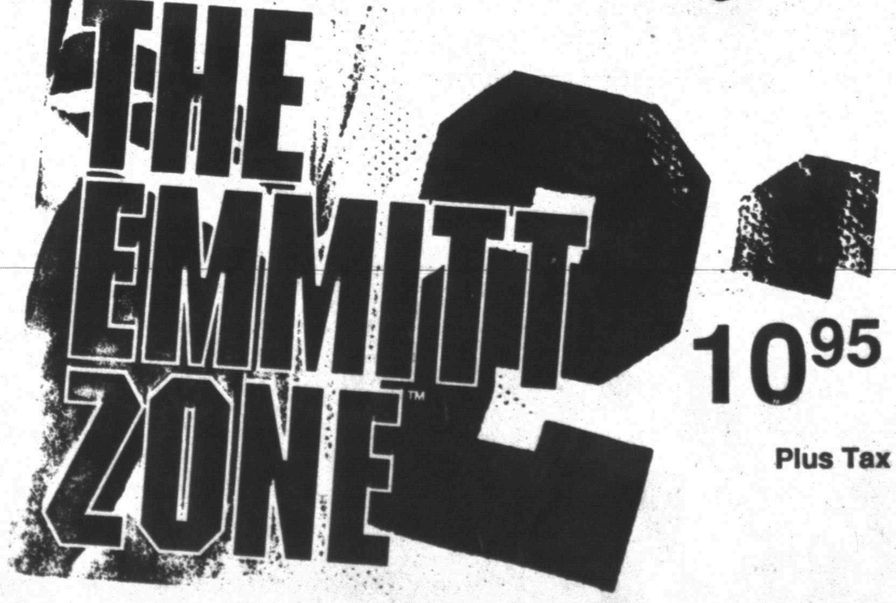
The City of Snyder's Recycling Center located at 1600 24th Street will be closed as of August 24, 1996.

The new Recycling Center located on Thompson Road just east of the City's Sewer Plant will be open September 3, 1996.

We apologize for any inconvenience the move may cause. If you have any questions please call City Hall, 573-4960.

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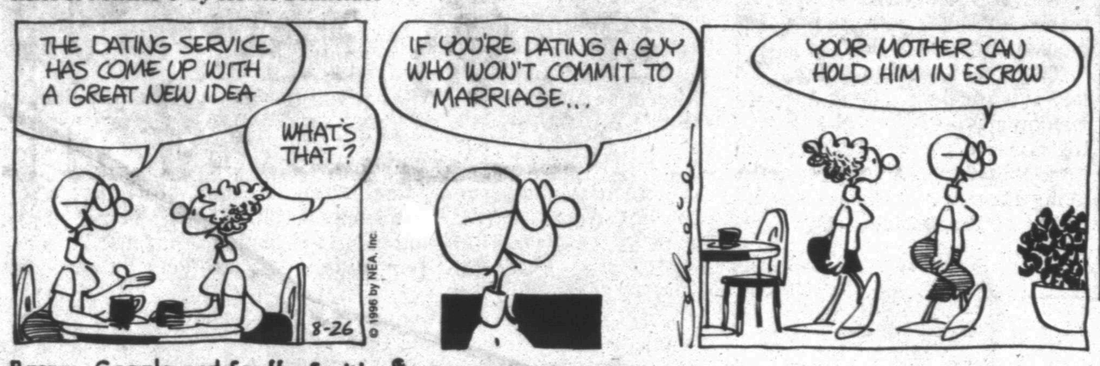
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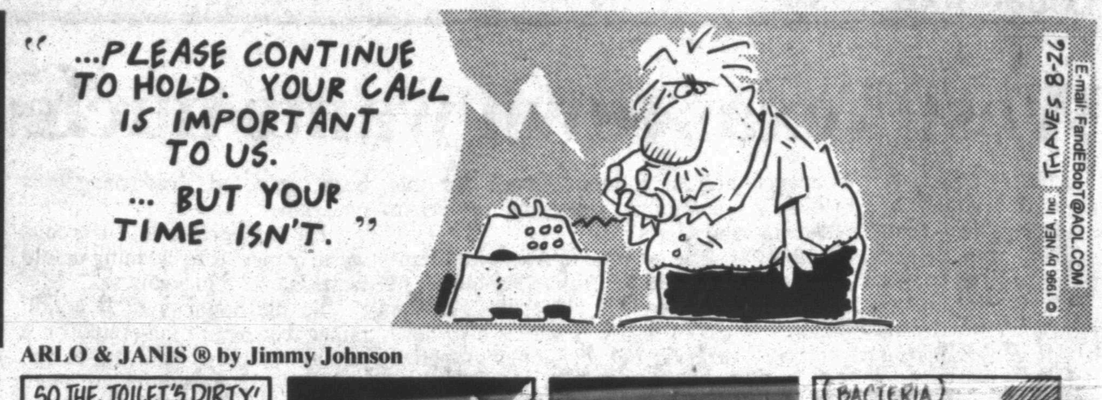
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 — Jima
4 Relates
9 Crucifix letters
12 Ad —
13 Ancient serf
14 Number of cards in a Roman deck?
15 Sharp wedge of steel
17 Hotel
18 In motion
19 Requires
21 Word used after family or college
25 Labor org.
28 Take down — — or two
29 Blockhead
33 Tell tales
34 Holler — thou
35 Iridescent stone
36 Future LL.Bs.' exam
38 Silkworm
40 Building wing
41 Dried up
42 Permits
43 Arts-funding org.
44 Most sorrowful
47 Dentist's concern
50 Egged on
54 Charged atom
55 Ability to withstand adversity
59 — tse-tung
60 Old-womanish
61 Actress Hagen
62 Annapolis grad
63 Nuisances
64 Male offspring

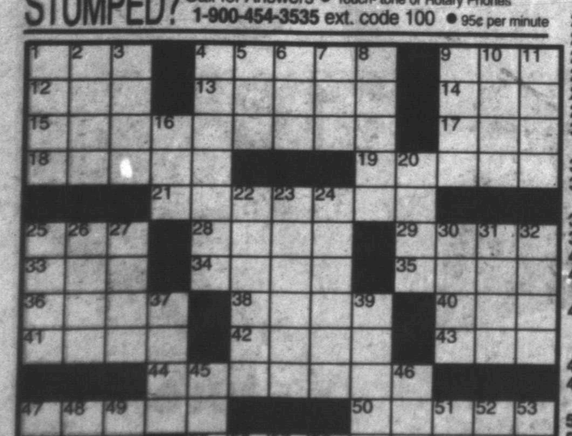
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1 Actress Chase
2 Gets the gold medal
3 Newspaper notice
4 In that place
5 Wide shoe size
6 Grad-school deg.
7 Captain's diary
8 Secretary
9 Tennis player Nastase
10 Female red deer
11 Evil acts
16 Cone-bearing tree
20 Opposite of ecto
22 Supported
23 Approached
24 Light
25 Infirmities
26 Prudent
27 Wash and —
30 Ready for business
31 Wan
32 Singer Fitzgerald
37 Examine
39 Guarantees
45 In a pile
46 Singing syllable
47 Type of capsule or clock
48 Of the dawn
49 Adam's grandson
51 Antelopes
52 Prefix for plasm
53 Singer Martin
56 Compass pt.
57 Relative of un
58 Last mo.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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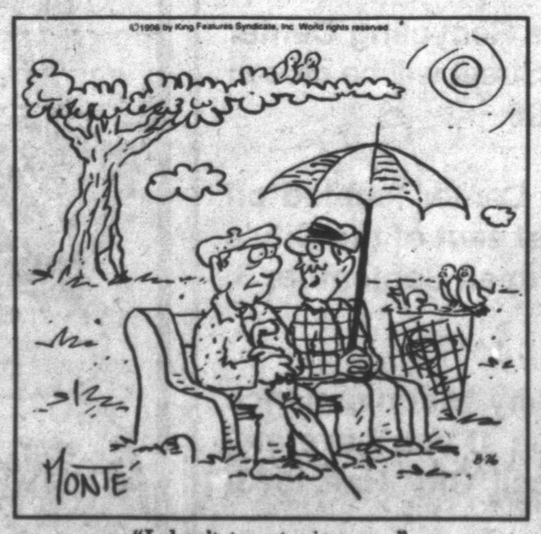
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"YEP! THIS SURE WOULD BE A GREAT DAY TO RIDE A PONY, IF A GUY *HAD* A PONY."

SPORTS

Lady Tigers take care of Bronte in two sets

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

The Snyder High School volleyball team improved its season record to 2-1 Saturday with a two set victory over Bronte, 15-12, 15-11.

The Lady Tigers got a very balance scoring attack as nine girls got into the scoring act. Darla Blackwell was high with six, including four aces. Michelle Lewallen had four with one ace, Lila King, Tiffany Garza and Joanie Wemken each had three.

Keila Helms and Amanda Huff added two each while Mary Higby and Raechele Wemken had one. Joanie Wemken had two aces and Lewallen one.

Garza led in kills with three. Blackwell and the Wemken sisters added a kill a piece.

"Our offense was a lot better," said SHS volleyball coach Patty Grimmett. "We did a lot better serving the ball. Our defense is also getting better. We did not let many balls hit the floor."

The coach added, "We are slowly cutting down on our errors and everyone is trying to improve. Everybody is working together well."

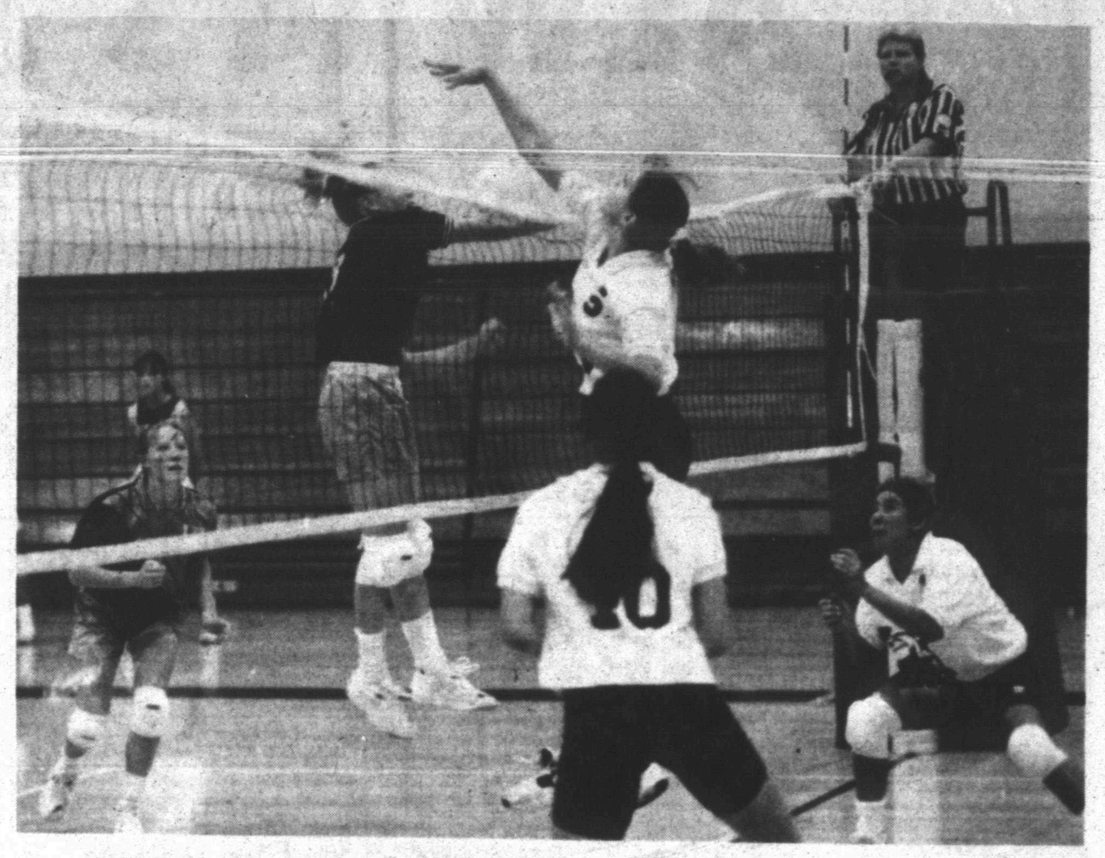
The JV was not as lucky as they dropped a three set match to Bronte.

After winning the first set 15-9, the JV lost the final two sets, 4-15 and 13-15.

Despite the loss, Flesha Biggers led all scorers with 18 including eight aces. Amy Ricks had seven with three aces. Brittany Drummond had four, Brandi Johnson two and Darcee Purcell one.

Ricks had five kills while Johnson added four, Purcell three and Erica Arellano, Shannon Hall, Leslie Daniels and Alicia Peoples one each.

Next action for the volleyballers will be Tuesday in Midland. The JV and varsity will face Midland Lee and Pecos in a triangular meet. Matches begin at 5 p.m in the Lee High School gym.



IN THE NET — A Lady Longhorn from Bronte goes into the net as Snyder's Raechele Wemken goes for the block. Snyder won Saturday's volleyball action, 15-12, 15-11 to go 2-1 on the year. Snyder will be in Midland for two matches Tuesday against Midland Lee and Pecos. Action begins at 5 p.m in the Lee Gym. Also shown for the Lady Tigers is Joanie Wemken. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Rangers take win with 7 in first

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The first batter Travis Miller faced in his major league career was retired on a fly ball to left field. Things went sour real quickly after that.

Called up last week when the Twins sent Scott Klingenbeck back to Triple A Salt Lake, Miller barely escaped his first major league inning as he allowed seven runs to the Texas Rangers. The onslaught paved the way for a 13-2 win Sunday at the Metrodome.

"No pitcher wants to be taken out in the middle of an inning," said Miller, who was 8-10 with a 4.83 ERA with Salt Lake. "I'm glad I had a chance to get out of it."

But not before the power-laden Texas Rangers beat him for two home runs, a pair of singles and a double. Even the outs were hard-hit balls, and of Miller's 48 pitches, only 28 were strikes.

"We had some good swings off him, there were some good at bats in that inning," Johnny Oates said.

"He got us on the wrong day," said Kevin Elster, who said the Rangers were upset about being a bit flat in losing two straight to the Twins.

"We came out with a little sense of urgency," said Elster, who was urgent enough to go 4-for-5 with a homer and five RBI's.

"I've got to go back and work on some things in the pen, like trying to keep the ball low," said Miller, whose major league ERA is 63.00.

Despite the pounding, Miller received encouragement from his fellow major leaguers.

"We just told him to put it behind him," said Paul Molitor. "He's got a good disposition for a young pitcher."

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Bobby Witt got to start off with a seven-run cushion. Not that he needed that kind of lead against the Twins, against whom he is 15-5 against them in 25 starts.

"When I first came up in '87 they were world champs, so I kind of got up for them," he said.

"Since then, I've gone out with that in the back of my mind. I think everybody out there has teams that they have particular success against. Mine just happens to be the Minnesota Twins."

His eight inning, six-hit performance against the Twins was enough for Oates consider a switch to make sure Witt would get another crack at the Twins when the two teams meet in Texas starting Labor Day.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press
American League Standings
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	74	55	.574	—
Baltimore	68	61	.527	6
Boston	66	65	.504	9
Toronto	61	70	.466	14
Detroit	47	83	.362	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	77	53	.592	—
Chicago	70	62	.530	8
Minnesota	65	65	.500	12
Milwaukee	62	69	.473	15½
KansasCity	59	73	.447	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	75	56	.573	—
Seattle	66	63	.512	8
Oakland	63	70	.474	13
California	61	69	.469	13½

Saturday's Games
Boston 9, Seattle 5
Milwaukee 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Toronto 9, Chicago 2
Baltimore 5, California 4
Kansas City 9, Detroit 2
New York 5, Oakland 4
Minnesota 6, Texas 5

Sunday's Games
Boston 8, Seattle 5
Cleveland 8, Milwaukee 5
California 13, Baltimore 0
Oakland 6, New York 4
Texas 13, Minnesota 2
Detroit 7, Kansas City 4
Chicago 10, Toronto 9, 10 innings

Monday's Games
Cleveland (Nagy 12-4) at Detroit (Lira 6-10), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Wasdin 7-6) at Baltimore (Coppinger 7-5), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 8-13) at Toronto (Guzman 10-8), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 2-2) at Chicago (Alvarez 14-6), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 10-11) at California (Dickson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Key 9-10) at Seattle (Hitchcock 12-6), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League Standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	81	48	.628	—
Montreal	70	59	.543	11
Florida	61	70	.466	21
NewYork	59	72	.450	23
Philadelphia	53	78	.405	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	70	61	.534	—
St.Louis	68	62	.523	1½
Chicago	64	64	.500	4½
Cincinnati	64	65	.496	5
Pittsburgh	55	75	.423	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	72	60	.545	—
LosAngeles	70	60	.538	1
Colorado	68	63	.519	3½
SanFrancisco	55	73	.430	15

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 6, Chicago 5
Houston 3, St. Louis 1
Montreal 3, San Francisco 0
Los Angeles 7, New York 5
Florida 5, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 9, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 7, Philadelphia 1

Sunday's Games
Chicago 3, Atlanta 2
Colorado 13, Pittsburgh 9
Los Angeles 6, New York 5
San Diego 11, Philadelphia 2
San Francisco 7, Montreal 2
Florida 6, Cincinnati 5
Houston 4, St. Louis 1

Monday's Games
Philadelphia (Schilling 6-6) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 7-13), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Andy Benes 13-9) at Houston (Hampton 10-8), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Portugal 8-9) at Colorado (Swift 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	3	1	0	.750	77	58
NewEngland	3	1	0	.750	102	60
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	92	66
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	80	66
N.Y.Jets	1	3	0	.250	69	111

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	106	67
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	83	69
Houston	2	2	0	.500	89	83
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	96	75
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	75	77

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	3	1	0	.750	104	79
KansasCity	3	1	0	.750	118	56
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	76	54
SanDiego	2	3	0	.400	119	96
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	129	116

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	69	89
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	75	136
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	56	99
N.Y.Giants	1	3	0	.250	64	104
Washington	1	3	0	.250	68	96

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	114	88
GreenBay	3	1	0	.750	71	69
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	67	96
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	63	95
TampaBay	1	3	0	.250	36	45

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
St.Louis	3	1	0	.750	98	90
NewOrleans	3	2	0	.600	79	110
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	75	71
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	92	83
SanFrancisco	1	3	0	.250	46	91

Monday's Game
Miami 24, Minnesota 17

Thursday's Games
Kansas City 14, Chicago 10, third quarter, weather

Friday's Games
Atlanta 31, Arizona 30
Baltimore 37, Buffalo 14
Detroit 24, Cincinnati 17
Miami 19, Tampa Bay 7
Philadelphia 20, Pittsburgh 19
Carolina 34, New York Giants 7
Jacksonville 31, Denver 24
New Orleans 16, Minnesota 13
St. Louis 37, San Diego 34
New England 27, Washington 19
Oakland 44, New York Jets 27
Seattle 20, San Francisco 3

Saturday's Games
Dallas 24, Houston 19
Indianapolis 30, Green Bay 6
END PRESEASON

NCAA FOOTBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Aug. 25, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.Nebraska(50)	0-0-0	1,646	1
2.Tennessee(8)	0-0-0	1,555	2
3.FloridaSt.(5)	0-0-0	1,530	3
4.Florida	0-0-0	1,485	4
5.Colorado(3)	0-0-0	1,402	5
6.NotreDame(1)	0-0-0	1,302	6
7.PennSt.	1-0-0	1,247	11
8.Texas	0-0-0	1,099	8
9.OhioSt.	0-0-0	1,059	9
10.Syracuse	0-0-0	1,050	10
11.Miami	0-0-0	881	12
12.Michigan	0-0-0	805	14
13.Alabama	0-0-0	669	15
14.VirginiaTech	0-0-0	610	16
15.Northwestern	0-0-0	583	18
16.Auburn	0-0-0	552	17
17.SouthernCal	0-1-0	549	7
18.LSU	0-0-0	519	19
19.BrighamYoung	1-0-0	497	—
20.ArizonaSt.	0-0-0	432	20
21.KansasSt.	0-0-0	389	21
22.Iowa	0-0-0	338	22
23.TexasA&M	0-1-0	296	13
24.Virginia	0-0-0	257	23
25.Kansas	0-0-0	207	24

Others receiving votes: Washington 155, Clemson 145, Oregon 142, Texas Tech 84, Utah 70, Georgia 60, East Carolina 50, North Carolina 24, San Diego St. 22, Arizona 18, Wisconsin 17, Stanford 12, Wyoming 5, UCLA 4, Colorado St. 3, Michigan St. 2, Toledo 2, Georgia Tech 1.

Weaver & Glenn team up to win Blowout Partnership

Randy Weaver and Matt Glenn teamed up to fire a 131 to take first place in the eighth annual Men's Golf Association Blowout Partnership Tournament this past weekend at Snyder Country Club.

The twosome shot a 67 on Saturday and then came back with a 64 Sunday.

Second place in the championship flight went to Bart Talkington and Larry Zorenz with a 134 (69, 65) while Larry Anderson and Billy Brock carded back-to-back 67 for a two-day total, 134.

In the presidents flight, Dirk Ingram and Cliff Ingram to top honors with a 132 (69, 63). After firing a 71 on Saturday, Randy May and Don Kubala came back with a 64 Sunday to take second in a scorecard playoff with a 135. Kraig Lancaster and Travis Lancaster also fired 135 (69, 63).

John Reed and Elliot Cox took first in the first flight with a 137. Edwin Lewis and Mike Macy fired a 138 for second while Abel Alverez and Dobie Williams carded a 139 for third.

Top spot in the second flight was decided by a scorecard playoff. Wade Lancaster and Don Chandler edged out James Caldwell and Jay Cumbie. Both teams recorded 141. Third place with a 145 went to George Powell and C.D. Downing.

Third flight winners were Mickey Neff and Kelly O'Niel with a 147. Second place, in a scorecard playoff, went to Jerry Owen and Wes Key with 148. Third went to John Greene and Mackey Greene.

Mike McLeod and Gary McLeod teamed up to win the fourth flight with a 147. Second place went to Sam Robertson and Brad Robertson with 155 while Eicke Perry and Vance Voss took third with a 158.

Bagwell surpasses 100 RBIs as Astros win

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Bagwell got the hits, the pitching staff got the praise.

Bagwell drove in two runs and surpassed 100 RBIs and Donne Wall pitched seven strong innings as the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1 Sunday to take a 1½-game lead in the NL Central.

"Any time you hold that team to three runs for three games, that's outstanding," Astros third baseman Sean Berry said. "That is just great pitching, you can't get better than that."

Astros pitchers have yielded only three runs in the first three games of the important four-game series. Wall (8-4) allowed three hits over seven innings and Xavier Hernandez kept the Cardinals hitless over the final two innings for a combined three-hitter.

"All the credit for this one should go to the pitchers," James Mouton said.

SHS freshman split volleyball matches

The Snyder High School freshman won a match and lost a match Saturday.

In the first match, the Lady Tigers knocked off Abilene Cooper, 15-8, 15-13. In the match, Lindsey Nicholson was high point with six, followed by Kristen Martinez with five, D'Ann Hager and Courtney Rinehart four, Tessa Hildebrand, Kaycee Marricle, and Leslie Rollins two each and Carrie Hernandez, Rosalinda Rosales and Christy Tomlinson one each.

In the second match, Snyder was bested by Denver City, 15-6, 9-15, 10-15. Marricle was the leading scorer with 12, followed by Hagger with six, Tomlinson five, Hildebrand four, Martinez, Nicholson and Rinehart two each and Rollins one.

The freshman will be in Midland Tuesday for a three-way match with Midland Lee and Pecos. Action will begin at 5 p.m. in the Lee freshman gym.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

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The Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will host Meet the Tigers tonight.

Activities will begin at 7 p.m. in Tiger Stadium. All SHS athletes will be introduced.

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of J.B. Tate, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 22nd day of August, 1996, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to J.B. Tate, Jr., 1167 CR 148, Snyder, Texas, 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

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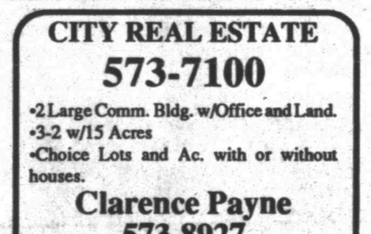
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The Citadel: 'Hell Week' begins for 4 female cadets

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The four women joining hundreds of male cadets at The Citadel got their official haircuts today: close-cropped all around, above the ears and well off the neck. But not shaved like the men.

"I didn't think it would be that short," said senior cadet Gary Foster, who saw cadet Nancy Mace shortly after her trim.

Reporters were not allowed close enough to get the women's reactions. Still, their hair was longer than the men's, whose shaved cuts earn freshmen the name "knobs."

The first day of the military school's freshman "hell week" began at 5:20 a.m. today with shouted orders from upperclassmen to "get up, knobs!" Heavy metal rock group AC/DC's "Hell's Bells" blared over loudspeakers.

The women and their fellow freshmen marched off at 6:30 a.m. to a breakfast of eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast.

Life at the academy will be tough, Joseph Trez, commandant of the cadet corps, told the new students after breakfast.

"Many times in the next few weeks, days and months, you will question why you are here," Trez said.

He made no reference to the women, but offered advice for all the freshmen: "A lone wolf does not make it here, a lone wolf does not survive."

"No matter how tough it gets, you rely on each other," said senior Bryant Butler, the top-ranking cadet. "You are one class; you start thinking that way."

The rest of the day was to be spent on drill, picking up uniforms and taking the cadet oath. Temperatures were expected to reach the upper 80s, with a good chance of rain. Last year, temperatures were near 100 when Shannon Faulkner became the first female cadet under federal court order but became ill and dropped out after four days.

Faulkner cited isolation and the stress of the court fight challenging the school's all-male admissions policy as reasons for leaving.

Citadel officials changed their policy and opened the gates to women in June, two days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the all-male admissions policy at Virginia Military Institute was unconstitutional.

The four freshmen women — Mace, of Goose Creek; Kim Messer of Clover; Jeanie Mentavlos of Charlotte, N.C.; and Petra Lovetinska, a Czech national who lives in Washington, D.C. — arrived on campus Saturday and spent two days in academic orientation.

Three of the women are in one company. The fourth is in another company that contains new students joining the school's band.

All have ties to the military, The Citadel, or both.

Butler, the highest student officer, said earlier that the four new cadets were doing well.

"They are interacting with their classmates. It's been amazing. It's been a big difference from last year," he said.

Butler attributed the difference to the school's decision to willingly admit women.

"The corps is excited a decision has been made and we're moving in one direction," Butler said.

The women will be treated much the same as the men. But unlike male cadets, they have latches on their doors and blinds on their windows.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Kimberly Hamilton, Wichita Falls; Ricardo Torres, 1201 24th; Shala Gilliland, 2905 College Ave.; Linnie Pitchford, P.O. Box 293; Karon Keller, 2707 Ave. W; Loyd Leatherwood, Rt. 3 Box 371; Paula Davenport, 961 Trailertopia #13; E.H. Kenny, 508 N. Ave. U; Eldon Kirkpatrick, 9075 CR 395; Wilma Tarr, 210 37th.

DISMISSALS: Kimberly Hamilton, Linda Morin and baby, Sandra Smith, Stacey Browning, Viola Heard, Rose Rodriquez, Yolanda Solis, Leona Ford, Shala Gilliland.

CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-15, Long-term Care-39.)

Correction

In Sunday's SDN, Lacey and Stacey Parker were incorrectly listed as Snyder High School students. They graduated last May, and both will be freshmen at Western Texas College.

Man, 47, arrested on sexual assault charge

Scurry County sheriff's deputies arrested a 47-year-old man on a charge of sexual assault Sunday.

Deputies arrested Pablo Rodriquez Luna at 10165 CR 397 on an outstanding warrant for sexual assault of a child. Luna was booked into jail at 4:22 p.m. Sunday and his bond was set at $15,000. He remained in jail this morning.

Other arrests over the weekend included a 22-year-old male taken into custody at 1:05 p.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of Avenue N on an outstanding city warrant for no liability insurance.

Officers arrested a 26-year-old male in the 1900 block of 42nd Street at 9:47 p.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Following a report of a man and woman having an argument at 3:35 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 28-year-old male in the 800 block of 27th Street for public intoxication.

A 57-year-old male was arrested at 7:23 a.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of 28th Street for public intoxication.

At 12:20 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 28-year-old male in the 1400 block of 7th Street for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested a 27-year-old male at 3:04 p.m. Sunday in the 1700 block of 18th Street for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

At 12:20 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 28-year-old male in the 1400 block of 7th Street for driving while license suspended.

Following a report of a prowler at the Park Village Apartments at 2:33 a.m. Monday, officers arrested a 34-year-old male on outstanding DPS warrants out of Midland County for failure to wear a seat belt and for failure to appear on the charges.

In other activity over the weekend, an officer was called to Wal-Mart at 6:07 p.m. Saturday in reference to a subject trespassing at the store. An offense report for criminal trespass was submitted.

Tony Robles requested to speak to an officer at 10:12 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone breaking out windows in his vehicle at 1005 26th Street. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for Class A family violence was submitted at 8:59 p.m. Sunday in reference to an assault taking place near the bridge on 30th Street.

PD works 4 accidents

Snyder Police Department investigated four traffic accidents over the weekend.

A minor accident occurred about midnight Saturday when a 1982 Chevrolet pickup driven by Timothy Escobedo of 202 31st struck a cinder block fence located in the alley of 2900 35th St.

An accident was reported at 2:50 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive near U.S. Highway 84. Involved were a 1985 Ford F-150 driven by Barbara Walton of 2703 Avenue U and a 1993 Geo Storm driven by Joe Mireles of 2809 Avenue Q.

At 4:04 p.m. Saturday, a minor accident was reported in the Lawrence IGA parking lot at 4100 College Avenue. Involved were a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Debbie Morris of 2210 41st Street and a parked, unoccupied 1980 GMC pickup owned by Lupe Zamora of Rt. 3 Box 476.

At 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, an accident was reported at 1300 College Avenue. Involved were a 1996 Chevy Corisica driven by Leana Matthews of 203 Avenue O and a 1986 Ford F250 XLT driven by Thomas Shafer of 3109 41st.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	86	85¾	85¾—	¼
AT&T Corp	54½	53¾	54¼—	½
AirTouch		28⅛	28	28⅛
Albertsons	43	42¼	42¾—	⅜
Alldsignal		63⅞	63¾	63⅞
Alltel	28¾	28⅛	28⅛—	⅛
AmStores	39½	39	39⅜+	⅛
Ameritech	54	53⅜	53⅜—	⅛
Amoco	70⅛	69⅝	69⅝—	⅛
AndarkPtr		53⅜	53⅜	53⅜
ArmcoInc	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛—	⅛
AtlRichfld	117⅛	116¼	116¼—	⅝
ATMOS Egy		22¼	22¼	22¼
Aviall		8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
BakerHughes	31⅛	30⅞	31	— ⅛
BellAtl	58⅜	57⅞	57⅞—	¼
BellSouth s	38⅛	38	38⅛—	⅛
BethSteel	10⅝	10⅛	10⅛—	⅛
BritPet	120⅛	119⅛	119¼+	¼
BurlNoSFe		82¼	81⅛	81⅛
Caterpillar	71⅛	70⅝	71	— ⅛
CenSoWst	27⅛	27	27	— ⅛
Chevron	59¼	59⅛	59⅛—	⅛
Chrysler s	29⅝	29½	29¼—	⅛
Coastal		41⅞	41⅛	41⅜
CocaColas	51⅛	50⅛	50⅛—	⅛
ColgatePalm		82⅛	82¼	82⅛
ComclMetals		30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
CooperIn	42	41¼	41⅜—	⅛
CyprusAmax	22	21½	21⅝—	⅛
DeltaAirl		71⅛	70⅝	71
DigitalEq	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛—	⅛
Dillard	34¼	33¾	34	— ⅛
DowChem		80	79⅛	79⅛
DresserInd	29⅜	29¼	29¼—	⅛
DuPont	83⅛	82⅛	82¼—	⅛
EastmanChem	53⅜	53¼	53⅜—	⅛
EstKodak	74⅞	74⅛	74⅛—	⅛
EDS Corp	55⅛	55	55⅛+	⅛
EljerInd		10¼	10¼	10¼
Enserch	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛—	⅛
Entergy	26⅛	26⅛	26⅜—	⅛
Exxon	82⅛	81⅛	81½—	1
Flowers s		18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
FordMotor		33⅜	33½	33⅜
GTE Cp	41	40⅝	40⅝—	⅜
GenDynam	65⅛	65¼	65⅜—	⅛
GenElec	86⅛	85⅝	85⅝—	⅛
GenMills	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛+	⅛
GenMotors	50⅜	50⅛	50¼—	⅛
GaPacif	78⅛	78	78¼+	⅜
GlobalMar	14⅜	14⅜	14⅛+	⅛
Goodrichs		37⅛	36⅞	36⅞
Goodyear s	47⅞	47⅞	47¾—	⅛
GtAtlPac	27	26⅝	26⅝—	⅛
Haliburtn	55⅛	54⅜	55	— ⅛
Hanson ADS	12⅜	12⅜	12⅜—	⅛
HarteHanks s		25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
HoustonInd s	22⅛	21⅞	22⅛+	⅛
IBM	113⅛	112⅛	112⅜—	⅛
IntlPaper	42⅛	41⅛	42⅛+	⅛
JohnsnJn s	51	50⅛	50⅝—	⅛
K mart		10⅛	10⅛	10⅛
Kroger	41⅛	40⅛	41⅛+	⅛
Litton	47⅛	46⅛	46¼—	⅛
LockhdMart		85⅛	85	85⅛+	⅛
Lowes Cos	36⅛	36⅛	36¼—	⅛
Lubys		23⅛	23⅛	23⅛
LucentTech n	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛—	⅛
MayDeptStrs		46¼	46	46¼
Medtronics	55¼	54¼	55	+1
Mobil	114⅜	113	113⅛—	1
Monsanto s	31⅛	31⅛	31⅞—	⅛
Motorola	55	54⅛	54⅛—	⅜
Nationsbk	93⅜	92⅛	93⅛—	⅛
Navistar	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛—	⅛
NoramEngy		14⅜	14⅜	14⅜
Norwest	38	37⅝	37⅞—	⅛
Nynex	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛—	⅛
OryxEngy	17⅜	16⅞	16⅞—	⅛
PacTelesis	33⅜	33⅛	33⅛—	⅛
PanEnergy		33⅜	33⅜	33⅜
Penney JC	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛—	⅛
Pennzoil	54⅜	54⅛	54⅛—	⅛
PepBoys	34½	34⅛	34⅜+	⅛
PepsiCo s	31⅞	31⅞	31⅛+	⅛
PhelpDodge	61⅞	61⅛	61⅛—	⅛
PhilipPet	41⅞	41⅛	41⅜—	⅛
PilgrmPrd	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛+	⅛
Polaroid		42⅛	42⅛	42⅛
Praxair	39⅛	39	39⅛—	⅛
ProctGamble	90⅜	89⅞	90	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	19⅜	19⅜	19⅜+	⅛
RoyalDutch	152½	151⅛	152	—1 15-64
SBC Comm	49	48⅝	48⅝—	⅜
SaraLee	32⅛	32⅛	32⅜—	⅛
SearsRoeb	47⅛	46⅞	46⅞—	⅛
SherwinW	44⅛	44⅛	44⅜—	⅛
SmthBchADS	59⅛	58⅝	58⅝—	⅛
SoutheraCo	22⅞	22⅜	22⅜—	⅛
SwstAirlines	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛—	⅛
Sprint	39⅞	39½	39⅝—	⅛
SunCo	24⅛	24⅛	24⅜—	⅛
TNP Ent	26	25¾	25⅞+	⅛
Tandy	44⅞	44⅜	44⅜+	⅛
TemplInl		52⅛	52⅛	52⅛
Tenneco	50⅜	50⅛	50⅛—	⅛
Texaco	90⅛	89⅛	89⅛—	⅛
TexasInd	66⅛	66⅛	66⅛—	⅛
TexasInst	47	46⅝	46⅜—	⅜
TexUtil	42	41⅞	41⅞—	⅛
Textron	87⅞	87⅛	87⅛+	1⅛
Travelers s	45⅞	45⅛	45⅛—	⅛
TrinityInds		32⅛	32⅛	32⅛
TritonEngy	48⅜	48	48¼+	⅛
US WestCm s	30⅞	30⅛	30⅛+	⅛
USWstMda n		17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
USX Delhi	13	12¼	13	+ ¼
USX-Marathn		20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
USX-USS	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛—	⅛
UnCarbde	43⅛	43	43⅛—	⅛
UnPac	72⅛	72⅛	72⅝—	⅜
UnitedTech	115⅛	115⅛	115⅛+	⅛
Unocal	33⅛	33⅛	33⅜—	⅛
WalMart		27	26⅞	26⅞
WstnGasRs	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛+	⅛
WestghEl	16	15⅞	15⅞—	⅛
WinnDixie s	35⅛	34⅜	34—	⅛
Woolworth		21⅛	21	21⅛
XeroxCp s	54⅛	53⅛	54⅛—	⅛
ZenithE	15⅛	14⅞	15⅛+	⅛

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Proposed law would aid cigarette firms

NEW YORK (AP) — Proposed legislation would give cigarette makers protection from liability lawsuits and federal regulations in exchange for billions of dollars in payments, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

Quoting sources familiar with the matter, the newspaper said the legislation would largely give tobacco companies immunity from liability lawsuits for the next 15 years and allow them to escape regulation by the Food and Drug Administration.

There are a few, limited exceptions. Class-action or individual smoker lawsuits already under way could proceed, but with a damage cap on how much plaintiffs could collect.

The tobacco industry would have to pay billions of dollars a year, partly to reimburse states for health care costs. The money would also fund tobacco-control programs and an anti-smoking advertising campaign aimed at minors, and provide some compensation for sick smokers.

The latest draft calls for the industry to pay $6 billion in 1997, with the sum escalating to about $10 billion in the fourth year and continuing over the following 11 years.

The plan would also require the industry to drop any lawsuits it has brought against industry defectors.

A draft of the legislation, an attempt to forge a consensus on the tobacco industry's toll on the health of U.S. smokers, is expected to be presented to industry executives later this week, the newspaper reported.

If the attorneys general, tobacco companies, the FDA and the White House agree, Senate Major Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has agreed to broker the deal, the report said. Lott is said to have strong ties with both the tobacco industry and plaintiffs' lawyers.

Interest in the plan, which has been circulating on Capitol Hill for about a month, intensified last week as the FDA prepared to announce its rule to regulate tobacco for the first time, it said. The rule was issued on Friday.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Vinegar works no diet miracles

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any truth to the claim that using vinegar helps a person lose weight?

DEAR READER: Vinegar is really just a dilute acid. As such, it plays no role in helping people lose weight.

However, it may make certain low-calorie foods, such as salads, more palatable, so that overweight people may become more willing to alter their diets.

The best way to lose weight is to reduce the intake of high-calorie foods, such as sweets, greasy edibles and alcohol.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Calorie-Wise Cooking." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After two back surgeries and facing a third one plus fusion, I decided to try a more conservative approach to my problems. I'm undergoing reconstructive therapy and after 10 treatments, my back feels good. I do not take any medication for pain and feel better than I have in years. Most doctors in my area know little of this procedure and, further, my insurance company doesn't want to pay for the procedures as they claim they are not medically necessary. What do you know about RT, and why isn't the procedure accepted by more medical professionals and insurance companies?

DEAR READER: I am not familiar with the details of this therapy, but I certainly endorse any non-surgical method of controlling back pain, one of the most common complaints heard in doctors' offices.

You are probably aware of the spate of recent reports proving that most people can overcome their back problems by using conservative measures, such as physical therapy and chiropractic manipulation.

In fact, some authorities have even pointed out that "back patients" who remain as active as possible fare just as well — if not better — than those who take to bed or otherwise severely limit their mobility.

Having said this, I must caution you to listen carefully to what your back is telling you. If, despite non-surgical therapy, the pain persists, spreads down your thigh or is associated with tingling or weakness (sciatica), you should reconsider your decision.

In such an instance, you may be at risk of severe and permanent nerve damage, requiring a myelogram (special X-ray test) for diagnosis and further back surgery for relief. So, keep an open mind and don't hesitate to see a surgical back specialist if necessary.

With respect to your last question, most doctors don't know about reconstructive therapy because it is so new and hasn't been scientifically tested.

The insurance companies? Who knows what goes on in their minds! All that matters to them is the bottom-line profit. But don't get me started on that subject.

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'Moreau' tops box office list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The latest remake of H.G. Wells' "The Island of Dr. Moreau" debuted at No. 1 at the nation's box office over the weekend with earnings of $9 million, industry sources said.

The movie about a doctor who brings to life half-man, half-beast creatures edged out golf comedy "Tin Cup," which earned $8.8 million in its second week.

Previous film versions of "Dr. Moreau" were made in 1933 with Charles Laughton and 1977 with Burt Lancaster. The latest film stars Marlon Brando.

"A Very Brady Sequel" debuted in third place with $7.4 million, and "A Time to Kill," in its fifth week, took in $6.2 million.

The alien invasion thriller "Independence Day" remained in the top 10 in its eighth week, taking $4.9 million and sixth place.

Figures were based on Sunday estimates by studio and industry sources. Official weekend earnings were to be released today.

The top 10 films:

1. "The Island of Dr. Moreau," $9 million.
2. "Tin Cup," $8.8 million.
3. "A Very Brady Sequel," $7.4 million.
4. "A Time to Kill," $6.2 million.
5. "Jack," $5.9 million.
6. "Independence Day," $4.9 million.
7. "The Fan," $3.5 million.
8. "Emma," $2.5 million.
9. "Solo," $2.3 million.
10. "She's the One," $2.2 million.

Date Book

Aug. 26, 1996

Today is the 239th day of 1996 and the 68th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1883, the Indonesian volcano Krakatoa erupted, causing 120-foot tidal waves.

On this day in 1968, the Beatles released "Hey Jude," which was No. 1 for nine weeks.

On this day in 1970, Jimi Hendrix played at the Isle of Wight festival in England; it was his final public appearance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Prince Albert (1819-1861), consort of England's Queen Victoria; Christopher Isherwood (1904-1986), writer; Albert Sabin (1906-1993), microbiologist; Ben Bradlee (1921-), journalist, is 75; Irving R. Levine (1922-), broadcast journalist, is 74; Tom Heinsohn (1934-), basketball star-coach-broadcaster, is 62; Branford Marsalis (1960-), musician, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, baseball was first televised when a New York City station aired a doubleheader between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cincinnati Reds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am a camera with its shutter open, quite passive, recording, not thinking." — Christopher Isherwood

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, Hurricane Andrew made its second landfall near Morgan City, La.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 21) and full moon (Aug. 28).

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Suit thrown out

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A judge threw out a $6 million lawsuit filed by Tonya Harding's former bodyguard against the pastor who told authorities of the plot to injure her figure skating rival, Nancy Kerrigan.

Shawn Eckardt claimed he was speaking in confidence when he told Eugene Saunders about the plot.

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News Briefs

Boy, 13, arrested in mother's death

DALLAS (AP) — A 13-year-old boy originally believed to have been kidnapped after his mother's murder was arrested Sunday in connection with the killing.

Margaret McCullough, 55, who lived alone with her adopted son, was shot in the head in her Lake Highlands home late Friday or early Saturday, police said.

Mrs. McCullough's adult daughter, Linda Larkins; found the body Saturday along with a ransom note suggesting the boy had been kidnapped by the woman's killer.

Police in Muskogee, Okla., apprehended the teen-ager on Sunday. He was in his mother's car, which was being driven by a 13-year-old Dallas girl also reported as missing. A truck driver had reported to police that the car was swerving and driving recklessly.

Inside the vehicle, officers found a shotgun and a Rutger .357. The boy was returned to Dallas police, who arrested him in connection with the murder and brought him back to Texas.

The eighth-grader was the grandson of Mrs. McCullough's late husband. Margaret King, said Mrs. McCullough loved the child despite problems she'd had with him.

"She loved that kid with all of her heart, and when he had run away once before, she went and got him," Ms. King said. "She thought that everything was going to be fine, that he was OK."

Lisa Crane, Mrs. McCullough's next-door neighbor, said the mother and son had a stormy relationship.

"They've always had a volatile relationship and argued," Crane said. "I never would have thought he would do anything like this."

125 suspected illegal aliens detained

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) — Immigration officials raided a Swift & Co. meatpacking plant Saturday and detained at least 125 suspected illegal workers.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service raided the pork processing plant when it discovered that many employees had submitted false information to the company, said INS official Jerry Heinauer.

"When the individuals had filled out these forms they had presented either fraudulent social security cards or fraudulent alien registration cards," Heinauer said.

The plant was shut down temporarily Saturday.

Swift officials worked with the INS in planning the sweep, which took place at the end of an afternoon shift. About 900 employees were working at the time.

"We don't condone illegal workers," Swift spokesman K.T. Miller said. "This is the first time at this plant that we've had this type of operation. It's very difficult for us to detect fraudulent documents."

The workers were being held at a National Guard Armory. Those who could produce valid documents were allowed to leave; those who cannot were allowed to voluntarily return to their countries or request immigration hearings.

Efren Huerta, who has worked at Swift for five years, said his girlfriend brought his papers down to the plant, and he was allowed to leave.

Two injured in golf tourney blast

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — An explosion in a cardboard trash container behind the first tee at a professional golf tournament Saturday slightly injured two spectators. Police suspect it was a homemade fireworks device.

The 3 p.m. blast during the World Series of Golf at the Firestone Country Club sent debris flying that bruised one woman in the chest and cut another. An elderly man was also treated at a medical tent for ringing in his ears.

"It wasn't a firecracker," said Terry Livers, a deputy police chief and also a tournament official. "It was some type of a homemade fireworks device. It was definitely not a pipe bomb."

Livers said the explosion took place less than 30 seconds after two young men were seen near the container. He said those men were being sought for questioning and might have been caught on video. The tournament is being televised by CBS.

The blast came 35 minutes after the final group of Phil Mickelson and Tim Herron had teed off in the third round. Reporters in the nearby press tent heard one small boom, followed by a large boom.

"There was a little boom and some smoke. We scooted away and then boom, everything was orange and there was some more smoke," said Vicky Miller, the woman whose chest was bruised by an unidentified object.

Spectator Jerome Horning was also in the area. "I was walking down here and all of a sudden, boom, right by the back of my head."

Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were on the scene collecting evidence.

A softball-sized chunk of waxy material was visible on the walkway near the site of the explosion, and parts of the trash container were scattered around the area.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1996

Instead of considering a career change in the year ahead, do something constructive to make yourself more valuable. You will have many opportunities to improve your skills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to be more imaginative regarding procedures and methods at work today. Improved ideas will enhance your industriousness and productivity. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your most effective asset today will be your ability to get along with all kinds of people. This can be used to enhance your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will be rewarded for your efforts today if you remain determined. Do not start anything you do not intend to conclude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Guard against the inclination to blurt out secrets today because your words will have more impact on others than you realize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're in the market for something unusual, this will be a good day to explore the shops. Make sure to visit out-of-the-way stores.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Strive to help people who have assisted you previously, but don't become so immersed in their affairs that you forget to tend to your own responsibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A close friend with whom you've been eager to discuss something confidential should be available today. He or she will be interested in the same topics.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This will be a good time to resurrect an idea that was put in the junk pile. Conditions have changed and this project now has new potential.

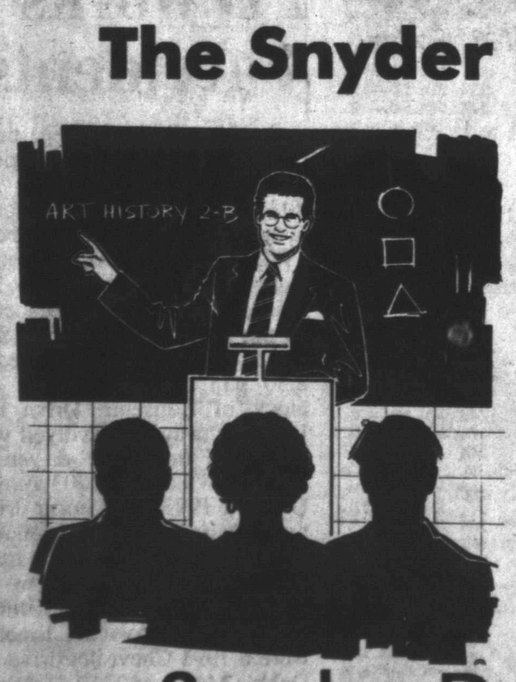
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you extend your hand in friendship to someone you argued with recently, you can resolve your differences with a friend. Take the initiative today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can succeed today if you look out for everyone's interests. Conversely, you will fail if you are too self-absorbed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not take anything for granted in your business dealings today. Watch everything closely because you might be able to turn a negative into a positive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of talking to people who will tell you only what you want to hear, talk to counselors who will tell you the truth about your situation.

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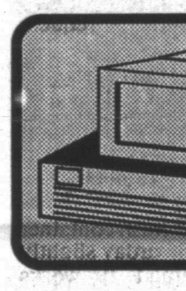
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Policy change dispute has freed some felons

FORT WORTH (AP) — Tarrant County officials say they've released about a dozen parole violators over the past two months because of recent changes by the state that were supposed to streamline operations.

In the past, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Parole Division served arrest warrants when it learned that suspected parole violators had been arrested for additional crimes.

But in a controversial policy change July 1, state parole officials began asking local jails to hold the prisoners on detainers rather than warrants.

They also asked for 10 days' notice before release of a parole violator so the state could decide whether to serve an arrest warrant.

Tarrant County officials refused.

"For us to incarcerate an individual in the jail for ... 10 days while we're waiting for an actual arrest warrant ... would be false imprisonment," said James Skidmore, a top supervisor at the county jail.

He said the county was forced to release seven prisoners in early July, including a man who beat and strangled his wife, because parole officials wouldn't execute arrest warrants.

Skidmore said he isn't sure how many parole violators have been released in Tarrant County.

"I don't have an exact count. I would have to guess at this point ... probably 10 to 12," he said.

Melinda Bozarth, director of the state's parole division, said the changes were intended to streamline how the state handles parole violators and to eliminate duplicate processing of new prisoners.

"What we're doing is consistent with what the feds do, and what other states do," she said. "It's simpler and it's ultimately quicker."

But jailers in many Texas counties, including Tarrant County, say they don't think it's legal to hold prisoners only on a detainer.

Nevertheless, most say they are going along with the state parole division policy until the constitutional merits of the rules are tested in court.

"We have not gotten into a situation where we've had to release somebody, but we've gone down to the wire pretty routinely ... and we're on the verge of releasing people," said Capt. Don McWilliams with the Harris County Jail, the state's largest county jail.

Those released include Sammie Lee Johnson. In January, the 56-year-old walked away from a Fort Worth halfway house where he was living after violating parole from a 15-year sentence for the beating and strangling death of his wife in Lamb County and a five-year sentence from a 1992 drug trafficking conviction in Midland County.

On July 6, he was ticketed for minor drug and alcohol violations in Fort Worth and booked into the Tarrant County Jail for repeated parole violations.

But 12 days later, when Tarrant County did not receive an arrest warrant from the state, Johnson was released.

Ms. Bozarth blamed a breakdown in communications for Johnson's release.

So where is Johnson now?

"Who knows?" Ms. Bozarth said. "Hopefully, somebody else will find him and arrest him again."

State and local officials are concerned that other prisoners, including killers and child molesters who have violated their paroles, could be released if the debate is not settled soon.

Anti-handgun group: Brady Law is effective

WASHINGTON (AP) — In two years, the background-check requirement of the Brady law succeeded in denying handgun purchases to 102,822 people not legally qualified to own the firearms, a gun-control group says.

That number is appreciably higher than previous estimates that did not include states that set up their own background checks since the law was enacted, said Sarah Brady, chairwoman of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence.

The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, implemented in February 1994, was named after her husband, James Brady, President Reagan's press secretary who was seriously wounded in the assassination attempt on Reagan in March 1981.

Mrs. Brady was taking her crusade to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago with a speech at today's opening session. And a party official said President Clinton planned to propose expansion of the Brady law to ban handgun sales to people convicted of domestic abuse.

The center's study, released Sunday, estimated the number of retail handgun purchase attempts that have been stopped because the background check revealed that the prospective buyer is a convicted felon, found by a court to be mentally defective or subject to a restraining order.

When the law took effect, 32 states had not passed their own legislation requiring a background check and had to institute a five-day waiting period under the Brady measure.

In estimating the number of denials for all 32 states, the study used results from nine states that have statewide reporting systems. They are Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Nevada, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia.

Tom Wyld, a spokesman for the National Rifle Association, which fought enactment of the Brady bill, said he viewed the study's conclusions with skepticism. Many buyers are denied guns because they have been misidentified as felons or because they hadn't paid overdue parking tickets, he said.

"Too many people are denied for the wrong reason," Wyld said. "We don't believe that a person who has an unpaid traffic ticket should be denied the fundamental right of self-defense."

The NRA supports instant checks, Wyld said. Felons break the law by simply attempting to purchase a weapon, and five-day waiting periods give them time to flee, he said.

Clinton last February released a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms study of 30 law enforcement agencies that reported that more than 15,500 people were denied guns under the Brady law between March 1994 and January 1995, or 3.5 percent of the people who applied.

Extrapolating the figures from its unscientific study, the administration argued that some 40,000 applications were turned away nationwide.

"What the (new study) results show very clearly is that the denial rate is staying very constant at 3 percent," said Bob Walker, a spokesman for the handgun control group. "Having more than 100,000 denials is a very significant number."

Meanwhile, a national poll released Sunday found that four in 10 adults live in households with guns, with an average of two firearms in each of those households.

Kevorkian defends actions on 'Dateline'

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian, under fire for assisting in the suicide of a 42-year-old woman who doctors said was not terminally ill, said in a television interview that he did nothing wrong.

Asked on "Dateline NBC" if he erred in the Aug. 15 death of Judith Curren, Kevorkian said: "No, no. If I'd made a mistake, I'd admit it."

While the medical examiner found that Mrs. Curren suffered from no fatal illness, the woman had begged Kevorkian to end her pain, said Kevorkian's attorney, Geoffrey Fieger.

"It had nothing do with lethality," Kevorkian said in the interview. "It's quality of life. ... Quality of life."

Kevorkian, a retired pathologist who has attended four suicides in the last 10 days and 38 since 1990, said the nurse from Pembroke, Mass., had chronic fatigue syndrome and a severe immune deficiency syndrome,

"She was incapacitated," he said. "She was in a wheelchair. She'd lie in bed. She was in pain. ... I mean she was ill."

Other questions were raised with news that police had repeatedly been called to the Currens' home, and that just three weeks before her death, her husband was charged with assaulting her. Franklin Curren said the couple had been arguing because he only reluctantly supported her desire to have Kevorkian help her die.

Business and Industrial News

Bryant's offers expert care for carpets

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In some cases, they can clean the carpet as inexpensively as you can rent a machine. Many times when people try to do it themselves and the carpet won't come clean, they keep adding detergent to the machine. This results in the carpet becoming too wet. Also, the detergent leaves the residue in the carpet and the carpet seems to get dirty quicker. Bryant's doesn't leave a residue in the carpet because they prespray with cleaners and when they go over the carpet with the cleaning head they use only soft hot water.

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Ex "Annie" now chaufering daughter

NEW YORK (AP) — As Broadway's "Annie," Andrea McArdle waited for the sun to come out tomorrow. These days, she's more likely waiting for her daughter, 8-year-old actress Alexis.

"I have become a glorified limo driver," McArdle told the Daily News after her first week as a stage mom.

Alexis, whose father is composer Edd Kalehoff, debuted last week in the long-running hit "Les Miserables." Her mom performed in the same show four years ago.

"After doing this for a week, I have a new appreciation for what my own mother did for me when I was a kid," says McArdle, who played "Annie" in the original 1977 Broadway production.

"Les Miserables" executive producer Richard Jay Alexander, who hired Alexis for the role of Cosette, said her first few performances went off without a hitch.

"She seemed very comfortable on stage," he said. "And unlike other Cosettes I've hired, she didn't throw up before her song."

EMS technician won't be on "Rescue 911"

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The emergency medical technicians who helped William Shatner after a horse riding accident wouldn't make it on his show, "Rescue 911."

Shatner, best known as Captain Kirk in the "Star Trek" series and movies, talked about his own emergency at Charleston's fourth Star Trek Convention Saturday.

After a horse rolled over him, Shatner was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, but someone forgot to secure his gurney, he said. It rolled back and forth throughout the trip.

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Dole speaks about 'terrorism' of drugs

PALOS PARK, Ill. (AP) — Bidding for a share of the Democrats' spotlight, Bob Dole stopped outside their convention city Sunday to accuse President Clinton of surrendering in the war on drugs and to pledge to use the military for that fight in his own administration.

Clinton and his administration — far more than drug dealers — were the target of Dole's fire. "They raised the white flag in the war on drugs. ... They turned 'Just Say No' into 'Just Say Nothing,'" Dole told a lakeside crowd of picnicking Republicans.

As the GOP presidential nominee arrived at the park just 17 miles south of the Chicago site where Democrats were gathering for their national convention, he joked he was there only because he "heard there was a party happening somewhere in the area."

His tone on stage hardly befitted a party.

Dole cited last week's government finding that teen-agers' use of LSD, marijuana and cocaine had doubled between 1992 and 1995. Clinton took office in 1993.

Dole, in shirtsleeves and a necktie in the hot sun, called the statistics "nothing short of a national disgrace" and blamed Clinton for cutting back money for drug interdiction and for the office of the president's drug policy director.

"It's wrong to abandon our young people to the ravages of drugs — it's wrong! It's wrong! It's wrong!" Dole shouted.

Clinton, in an interview on CNN, said Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich are "partly responsible" for not supporting his Safe and Drug-Free Schools proposal and other education, treatment and prevention programs.

"But this is a very complicated thing," Clinton said. "It's obviously going on in other countries, and ... all the experts say it began in 1990 with the change in attitudes about how dangerous these drugs are ... . That seems to be right at the root of what the problem is."

Joining running mate Jack Kemp at a rally in Portland, Ore., later Sunday, Dole said he expected a whole week of such criticism. "Starting tomorrow, the windy city of Chicago is really going to be windy. There will be a lot of hot air," he said.

If elected, Dole said he would stop the flow of illegal drugs from abroad by using "the capabilities of our armed forces" as well as the CIA, FBI and specially trained and designated National Guard units.

Nation's 'toughest sheriff' to begin female chain gang

PHOENIX (AP) — Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, calling himself an "equal opportunity incarcerator," says he plans to put the nation's first female chain gang to work next month.

"These women will be placed in the same areas where I place the men, out in the streets of Phoenix where everybody can see them," he told The Associated Press last week.

"I don't believe in discrimination in my jail system," he said. "I feel that women should be treated just like men."

Arpaio, who revels in his reputation as the nation's toughest sheriff, began his chain gangs for men more than a year ago, linking inmates by leg irons and putting them on busy streets to pull weeds or paint over graffiti.

"If women can fight for their country, and bless them for that, if they can walk a beat, if they can protect the people and arrest violators of the law, then they should have no problem with picking up trash in 120-degrees," he said.

Each female chain gang will consist of 15 inmates, who will work five days a week for 30 days. The women will wear the county's new jail uniform of pants and tops with black horizontal stripes. Armed volunteers will guard the group.

Arpaio was criticized recently after a preliminary Justice Department finding that his officers used excessive force with inmates. He is known across the country for banning cigarettes, coffee and Playboy magazines for prisoners.

Critics say his latest move is just another attempt to garner publicity.

Obituaries

Bunyon Evans

1908-1996

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Bunyon Evans who died at 8:40 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, in Snyder Oaks Care Center. He was 88.

Mr. Evans was born on May 6, 1908 in Fluvanna. He was a farmer and dairyman.

Surviving are his former wife and friend, Opal Evans of Snyder; three sons, J.V. Evans and Troy Evans, both of Brownwood and Ricky Evans of Fluvanna; a daughter, Nelda Hardin of Las Cruces, N.M.; a sister, Hazel Robinson of Pearland; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

Terry McGough

1961-1996

Service is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in North College Ave. Baptist Church for Terry McGough Sr. of Snyder with the Rev. Cliff Cooper, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. McGough, 35, died Saturday, Aug. 24, after a truck accident on Ennis Creek Road. He was a truck driver for Complete Services Inc. of Snyder.

Born on Feb. 16, 1961 in De Queen, Ark., he married Trina Ortiz on May 21, 1985 in Rotan. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivers include his wife, Trina McGough of the home; two sons, Joseph McGough and Terry McGough Jr., both of the home; one daughter, Melissa McGough of the home; his father, Arlis McGough of Ardmore, Okla., his mother, Mary Davis of Moselle, Miss.; three sisters, Patty Culler and Janice McGough, both of Oklahoma City, and Bernice Peppers of Odessa; and two brothers, Billy Frost and Arlis Edmond McGough, both of Washington State.

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M.S. Sellers

1922-1996

LAMESA — M.S. "Mac" Sellers, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, Aug. 23, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital. He was 74.

Funeral service was set for 4 p.m. today in Lamesa's First United Methodist Church, and burial was to follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Born July 3, 1922 in Dunn, he married Ernestine Teaff on June 3, 1942 in Rule. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Sellers moved from Plainview to Lamesa in 1952.

Mr. Sellers was a retired farmer and served as the veterans service officer in Dawson County. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine Sellers of Lamesa; three daughters, Lynn McKinney of Lamesa, Debbie Smith of Lubbock and Cindi Heald of Abilene; two sisters, Virginia Smith of Munday and Jean Barnard of Knox City; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Wayne Oliver

1927-1996

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Kiker-Seale Chapel for Wayne Oliver, 69, of Loraine. The Rev. James Sanders was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Oliver, the father of two Snyder residents, died Saturday, Aug. 24, at his home in Loraine.

Born March 27, 1927 in Mitchell County, Mr. Oliver had lived in the county most of his life. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Loraine Lions Club and a member of the board of the Mitchell County Farm Bureau.

He married Dot Fortenberry on Aug. 11, 1945 in Mitchell County, and she survives.

Survivors also include six daughters, Rhonda McCollum and Vicky Bland, both of Snyder, Sheila Owens of Corpus Christi, Debbie Blair of Colorado City, Brenda Oliver of Loraine and Margie Cobb of Mexico City; a son, Stephen Prescott of Kilgore; a brother, Dean Oliver of Roscoe; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Heart of West Texas Hospice or to a favorite charity.

Nitroglycerin on plane probably not related to Flight 800's crash

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — Nitroglycerin was found on the wreckage of TWA Flight 800, but investigators do not believe it was connected to the explosion that killed 230 people aboard the jetliner, a source close to the investigation said today.

The source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said tests found traces of the chemical on wreckage near the back of the plane "and not anywhere near where the other explosive chemical was found."

FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom announced Friday that "microscopic explosive traces of unknown origin" had been found on wreckage. Sources have identified that chemical as PETN, which is found in some plastic explosives and is sometimes used as a detonator.

But the source told the AP today that while nitroglycerin was also found, it "does not appear to have been connected to the PETN." He speculated the nitroglycerin "could have been brought aboard by a person with a heart problem." Nitroglycerin is used in making dynamite and for the treatment of some heart conditions such as angina.

Kallstrom said at a news conference Friday that the trace amount of the explosive was not enough to declare the TWA explosion a criminal act and said "other evidence of some kind, for example physical damage ... would need to be available in addition to the confirmed trace findings."

The finding of residue from an explosive was the first concrete evidence pointing toward a bomb or a missile, rather than mechanical failure, as the cause of the blast.

County court views budget

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purchasing two cars every three years, as Fritz had proposed.

That was the only hint of disagreement in the proposed budget that is expected to be voted on Sept. 3 by the court.

The proposed 1997 budget also includes a recommened three-percent pay increase for all full-time county employees and elected officials.

Fritz said he would not have recommended a pay increase for anyone if he was not also able to recommend a tax cut from the present amount of $.5910 per $100 valuation to $.5143.

In other action this morning, the court appointed David Koonce, David Cates, Mark McCormick, Terri Hefner and Tim Riggan to the Industrial Bond Authority. The five also make up the Board of County Development.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway said construction plans for the Hermleigh Water Works will begin in April, 1997 and include 3,500 feet of six-inch water line and a 30,000-gallon ground storage tank. Five new fire hydrants will be added also, said Gannaway.

Commissioners also approved several budget amendments and line-item transfers this morning. They included:

—A budget amendment at the airport for $10,000 in operating supplies and $6,500 in repairs.

—A budget amendment in Precinct Four for $6,000 in fuel, oil and grease and for $2,000 in tires and tubes.

—A budget amendment for Precinct 3 for $5,000 in fuel, oil and grease.

—A budget amendment by the consolidated precinct for $4,000 in operating supplies and $4,900 in part-time salaries.

—A line-item transfer of $1,123 for the combined precinct from lease rental to road materials and construction.

—A line-item transfer by Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds of $245 from supplies to travel.

—A line-item transfer by H.V. Walker of $3,200 from part-time salaries to swimming pool salaries.

Fritz presided. In attendance were commissioners Gannaway, Roy Idom and Ralphy Trevey. C.D. Gray Jr. was absent.

What's Up?

Meet the Teachers tonight

Meet the Teachers Night will be held at 6:30 this evening at Stanfield Elementary.

Band boosters to meet

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 6:30 this evening in the high school band hall. An ice cream supper for high school and junior high band members and parents will be held following the meeting.

Meet the Tigers tonight

The public is invited to Meet the Tigers Night, planned for 7 this evening at Tiger Stadium. Coaches will introduce athletes from all sports.

Key to the Kingdom series

Video tapes of the Key to the Kingdom series are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Stephen, the Spirit-Filled Preacher," will be shown at 7 this evening.

Hermleigh Booster Club

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the Hermleigh Community Center. Cap and T-shirt sales will be discussed. Janie Cleckler with Initial Ideas will display some merchandise. Also, coaches will report on the scrimmage with Dawson.

Tiger Moms set meeting

Tiger Moms will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school fieldhouse.

Football boosters to convene

The Tiger Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Edward D. Jones.

Genealogical society to meet

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. The program will be a 30-minute video on how to research family history. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Band boosters fund-raiser

Snyder Band Boosters are having their annual fund-raiser. Band members are now painting Tiger paws. Funds go for scholarships and band instruments. Call Sheila Means at 573-1413 for more information.

SHS Class of 1961

Snyder High School Class of 1961 will hold its 35-year reunion on Saturday. Former teachers and friends are invited to a coffee at the Dermott School from 9 a.m. until noon. Afternoon and evening activities will be held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

For more information, call Nelda at 675-3273 or Sally at 573-3065.

Choir boosters plan supper

Snyder High School Choir Booster Club will sponsor a Mexican stack-up supper in the SHS cafeteria on Friday, Sept. 6 from 5-7 p.m. Choir members are selling tickets now for $5 each. Carryouts will be available. Call 573-9649 for more information.

TDCJ announcement

Top officials of the Texas Department of Criminal will be in Snyder Wednesday, along with State Rep. David Counts, to make a major economic announcement.

The press conference will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday in front of the TDCJ warehouse located on U.S. 84. The public is invited.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Lotto Texas jackpot will be worth an estimated $25 million on Wednesday night.

No tickets in Saturday night's drawing, which was worth $18 million, matched all six numbers, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 8, 12, 13, 20, 35 and 49.

There were 120 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $2,003. There were 8,077 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $107. And there were 156,435 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-3-1

(zero, three, one)

Mother Teresa remains on respirator in hospital

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — On the eve of her 86th birthday, Mother Teresa remained in serious condition on a respirator today but was more alert and appeared to be responding to treatment for a lung infection and heart condition.

She sat up for a few minutes in her bed with the help of nurses, and according to doctors, scribbled a note saying: "I want to see sisters."

When six sisters of her Missionaries of Charity visited the intensive care unit to wish her a happy birthday, the Nobel Peace laureate wrote another note saying: "Sisters, God bless you."

Over the weekend, Mother Teresa's condition stabilized, but her heartbeat was irregular and she was fully dependent on a respirator.

By this evening, doctors had reduced her dependency to about 50 percent, said J.C. Ghosh, a cardiologist at the Woodlands Nursing Home where Mother Teresa has been hospitalized for almost a week.