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Q—What is the address of the president of the United States?

A—The address is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C., 20505.

In Brief

Asbestos trial

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jurors in the nation's largest asbestos personal injury trial decided today that three companies must pay punitive damages of 1½ to 2½ times their share of compensatory damages.

The formulas apply to three sample plaintiffs and will be used in later minitrials designed to decide the claims of 8,549 Maryland workers who contend they were made ill by exposure to asbestos.

The Baltimore Circuit Court jury deliberated four hours over two days before reaching the verdict against GAF Corp., Keene Corp. and Pittsburgh Corning Corp.

Fund shortfall

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school districts will get $306 million less state aid than they expected for the 1991-92 school year, a Texas Education Agency spokeswoman said today.

And in the coming school year, the state is projected to fall $540 million short of school district expectations, said TEA spokeswoman Della May Moore.

The difference is due largely to higher than anticipated enrollment, and to higher than expected local tax collections that are tied to state aid, she said.

In addition, Ms. Moore said, lawmakers in writing the budget last year reduced state aid in anticipation that a bill would pass requiring school districts to cut administrative costs. However, that measure did not win final legislative approval.

Local

Hermleigh

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 this evening in the high school library.

Everyone is welcome.

Boosters

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club members are encouraged to help make signs for the upcoming school year this evening at Express Carpet, 809 25th St.

Everyone is invited to help. Work will begin at 6 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 60s. Southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers and a few thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. East wind 10-15 mph. Chance of rain is 30 percent.

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 97 degrees; low, 69 degrees; high Sunday, 97 degrees; low, 69 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 70 degrees. No precipitation. Total precipitation for 1992 to date, 21 inches.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:31. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:07. Of 222 days in 1992, the sun has shone 202 days in Snyder.

Budget, tax rate top list tonight for WTC trustees

Western Texas College board of trustees will consider adopting the 1992-93 budget and a resolution to set the tax rate during a 5:45 meeting in the administration board room this evening.

Also on the agenda are consideration of bids for janitorial supplies and computers and printers. Board approval of the college's correctional officer in-service training contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is also scheduled.

Trustees approved a 1992-93 general fund budget of $6,191,968 in July. Also approved were a student housing system budget of $657,293 and a student services fee fund budget of $44,257. The general fund budget contains no general salary increases, but allows for some $24,000 in merit raises.

Areas where expenditures have been reduced include the deletion of the men's basketball budget at $100,000. Administrators said they have placed enough funds in contingency in order to renew the program next spring if the board desires.

The budget is based on a tax rate of 22.76 cents per $100 valuation, compared to 20.45 cents last year. The tax rate of 22.76 cents is also the effective rate — the rate necessary to bring in the same amount of tax dollars as the previous year. That amount is $1,871,380.

Values in 1992 dropped by over $11 million, causing the increase in the effective tax rate.

The board will also consider promoting an assistant professor to associate professor and will discuss college-owned property, student loans and minority recruitment.

SISD slates budget talks for Tuesday

Snyder public schools trustees will continue their work on the 1992-93 budget during a workshop scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

On July 30, trustees unanimously approved a $452,508 salary increase package which will go into the budget. The package includes raising teacher pay to $2,000 above state base, a 5 percent increase for maintenance, transportation and paraprofessionals and a 3 percent increase for others, including administrators.

A key factor in approving the raises was an estimated $537,000 surplus in the proposed budget.

Snyder ISD's proposed budget is approximately $14.7 million is based on a local tax rate of 43.3 cents per $100 valuation. It is the same local tax rate as last year.

If the budget is approved, local taxes will make up some $2.7 million of the budget.

Western Texas plans seminars for freshmen

Western Texas College has two Success Seminars scheduled this week for incoming freshman.

The seminars are set for Tuesday and Thursday. College officials said this morning that Tuesday's session is full, but openings are still available for Thursday.

The seminars give freshman a chance to pre-register for fall classes. They will be able to make final preparations concerning financial aid and make arrangements for student housing.

A $15 fee will be charged for the seminar. The fee includes lunch for the student and parents.

Placement tests will be given for students who have not taken the ACT or SAT. Academic advisors will be available to help select the appropriate classes.

Students planning to attend either seminar need to be prepared to pay at that time.

Anyone interested in attending the Thursday seminar needs to contact the admissions office as soon as possible at 573-8511, ext. 394.

WE'VE GOT THE BEAT — Drummers Ryan Colvin, Josh Stewart and Kurtis McCathern, left to right, led the way as the Snyder High School Band fired up the crowd at the Tigers' first football practice at 12:01 this morning. The Tigers open their season Sept. 4 when they host Sweetwater. (SDN Staff Photo)

Council to consider tax levy, wastewater rates this evening

Snyder City Council will consider ordinances setting the city property tax rate, utility rates and appropriations to the city government at its regular meeting today.

The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

At a July 10 meeting, council members agreed to a $5.7 million budget proposal which included a tax rate of 37.64 cents per $100 valuation, a 7.99 percent increase over the effective tax rate of 34.85 cents. The council will consider, on first reading tonight, an ordinance setting the tax rate.

An ordinance establishing water, wastewater and sanitation rates as well as landfill fees, septic waste fees, deposits and delinquent charges will also be considered by the council.

Council members recently agreed on wastewater rates based on a consumption charge rather than the number of bathrooms per customer. Charges to be considered by the council will include a base rate of $6 per commercial and residential customer, and a consumption charge of $1.80 per 1,000 gallons used based on an average taken from the months of December, January and February.

The council will hear a request from David Hines for city water service south of the TU Electric substation on property owned by Snyder Co-op Gin. Hines has horses that graze on this property and is seeking alternatives for providing water on the land.

The council will consider a request for $2,508 from the city's hotel/motel tax fund to help fund the 1993 Texas State Teenage League Baseball Tournament, which will be held in early August. The three-day, four-night event is expected to bring over 240 players, coaches and parents to Snyder.

Other business this evening will include going out for bank depository bids and a request from SSI Oil and Gas, Inc. for permission to perform a seismographic survey on city streets.

A schedule of notices, hearings and meetings for tax increases and adoption of the budget will be presented as informational items.

Coliseum budget reviewed

Losses incurred by Scurry County Coliseum are expected to be $14,000 less for 1993 than they were in 1992, commissioners learned during a budget workshop session this morning.

County Coliseum Promoter Bernadette Stephens told commissioners that coliseum losses for 1992 are expected to be $216,020, with total expenditures expected to come in at $251,697 and total revenue at $35,000.

According to Stephens, projected revenue for 1993 is expected to be just over $74,600,

(see BUDGET, page 9)

AJRA contestants save best for last

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Anyone who thought that the young cowboys and cowgirls who earned spots in Saturday's $12,000 AJRA championship finals would be exhausted from a week's work in the arena was proved wrong by the final night's scores and times.

Sub-15-second barrel racing times, breakaway roping clockings of under five seconds and roughstock scores of over 70 points were necessary to come out winners in the final AJRA performance in Snyder before the rodeo moves on to Sweetwater for 1993.

Saturday's performance featured the top four qualifiers in each event with the top two winning a portion of the rodeo jackpot.

Colorado City's Callie Bolin turned in the night's top barrel racing time, whirling around the cloverleaf in 14.68 seconds to win top prize money in the 12-and-under Girls Division. Hawley's Kaci Bland turned in a 14.78 for second.

Kelli Sultemeier of Melrose, N.M. scooted to a 14.96 to win among the Girls 13-15 barrel racers while Alison McFadden of Crane won for the Girls 16-19 with a 14.76.

McFadden edged newly crowned Miss AJRA Ashley Looney of Del Rio, who posted a 14.99 for runner-up honors.

Looney, besides her second-place finish in the barrels, won the polebending with a 20.17, and took the Girls 16-19 top spot in goat-tying with a swift 9.20.

Andrews' Chris Irwin, the season Boys 12-and-under barrel racing champion, also claimed a time under 15 seconds Saturday, notching a 14.87.

Breakaway times were unusually fast Saturday with a pair of ropers coming in under three seconds. Shanna Ferguson of Ovalo registered a rodeo-best 2.16 to win the Girls 13-15 competition. Ferguson, the regular-season world champion, beat Zephyr's Jennifer Smith for the first-place check.

Outgoing Miss AJRA Lorissa Edmondson of McCaulley posted the AJRA's second fastest breakaway time with her 2.22 which won the Girls 16-19 Division. Edmondson, ranked fourth overall at the end of the season, slipped past reserve champion Tina Sherrod of Big Spring, who carded a 4.39.

Other breakaway winners included Snyder's Terra Bynum, who had a 12-and-under best 3.62 Saturday, and Teague's Tommie Oakes, who stopped the clock at 3.21.

Steer riders and junior bull riders each managed four qualified rides Saturday with Rotan's Ryan Posey and Coleman's Cory Crye coming out the big winners. Posey, who wound up the year in second place, won Saturday's top Boys 12-and-under steer riding prize with his 71. Lafe Sargent of Trent was second with a 69.

Crye, world champion in the Boys 13-15 junior bull riding, defended his crown with a first-place 71 Saturday night. Andrews' Chad Price was his closest competition, posting a 69 as runner-up.

Snyder bareback rider Sid Franklin wound up the year in second place. He also took second in Saturday's event, scoring 71 points to trail just Gerald McLeod of Justin, who turned in a 75 in the next-to-last bareback ride.

Ross Hataway, another Snyder cowboy, took a winner's check Saturday by notching a 73-point bull ride. Hataway finished fifth in the Boys 16-19 world standings and won the first-go of the AJRA NFR with a Wednesday 76.

IN APPRECIATION — Dewey Fay and Ralph Miller, from left, were awarded a limited edition bronze of the late bull rider Lane Frost for their 17 years of work with the American Junior Rodeo Association during ceremonies at Saturday's championship finals of the AJRA National Finals Rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum. Making the presentation is Joe Jackson, president of Snyder National Bank, and his son Cole. (SDN Staff Photo)

Records show 205 life inmates parole

DALLAS (AP) — Six murderers who could have received the death penalty were among 205 criminals sentenced to life in Texas prisons who were paroled last year, a newspaper reports.

Thirteen of the 45 murderers set free in 1991 already are back in prison for new offenses which include attempted murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, according to records obtained by The Dallas Morning News and reported in Monday's editions.

"It's not the parole commissioners' fault," said Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont. "It's the fault of the people who have been running this state for the past 20 years."

None of the released capital murderers, criminals who killed during the commission of a crime and are eligible for the death penalty, have been arrested on new crimes.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Parole's methods and action have been scrutinized since the case of paroled killer Kenneth McDuff has unfolded.

McDuff, who once faced the death penalty, has been paroled twice and is facing two murder charges. He also is a suspect in the disappearance of six other women.

The Pardons and Parole Board has taken action, too, voting for tougher parole standards for more-violent offenders.

Also, beginning last year, capital murderers who do not receive the death penalty must serve 35 years before being eligible for parole.

The 1991 figures show a drastic decrease from the previous year in the release of inmates facing life imprisonment.

Parties carry on second-tier campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the presidential campaign wars of 1992, Democrats and Republicans have opened up a second front on Capitol Hill.

These foot-soldiers are members of Congress whose rhetorical shots have been ricocheting through the House and Senate. Within their ranks are men who have fallen in the White House campaigns of the past and present. And men who want the top prize — or at least the No. 2 spot on a ticket.

In just the last two weeks, hostilities have erupted in both chambers.

In the Senate, Republican leader Bob Dole lambasted Sen. Al Gore, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, as holding "extreme radical views" on the environment.

Sen. David Pryor, a Democrat from Bill Clinton's Arkansas, returned fire. Noting that Gore wasn't there to defend himself, Pryor said to Dole: "Let him leave town, and then the senator jumps on him."

"The real reason that all these accusations are being made and the reason that this forum is being used is to hide that fact that our economy in this country is in shambles," Pryor said.

Dole at one point groused that "when it comes to partisan sniping, the Democrat congressional majority takes the gold medal, the silver and the bronze."

And there was the dust-up in the House last week. Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Calif., used his individual speaking time, supposed to last a minute, to deride Clinton. Dornan called the Arkansas governor "a world no-class womanizer-adulterer ... a classic draft dodger."

Dornan and Rep. Bill Hefner, D-N.C., came close to a shoving match after Hefner walked up and stood in front of the Republican and argued that he had exceeded his time and should be shut up.

So what's happening here? Don't presidential campaigns intrude unavoidably upon an institution so blatantly political as the Congress?

"Clearly, this does happen," said Norman Ornstein, a congressional scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a liberal think tank. "But not to the degree we've seen this year. It's higher than usual."

Former House Speaker Jim Wright said: "There is just such a temptation to use every little thing for partisan purposes. You'd need a pretty big filter to keep presidential politics out of it."

The impact of an increasingly bitter presidential contest between Clinton and George Bush is being seen in the changing legislative calendar — as well as being heard in the oratory of the chambers.

Democratic congressional leaders acknowledged last week that, in a change of strategy, they had put off pressing for House and Senate votes on the Freedom of Choice Act — the bill many favor to remedy the effects of Supreme Court decisions limiting women's right to abortions.

It had been an open secret that Democrats hoped to pass the measure before the Republican National Convention, where a platform fight is expected on this white-hot issue. As it turned out, there was no certainty they had enough votes to pass the bill.

AIDS dental clinic gaining customers

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin's first free dental clinic for people with AIDS has an "incredible" waiting list and is attracting about 30 new patients a month with serious dental problems, a dentist who helped organize the clinic says.

Chris Fabre, who helped organize the AustinTravis County HIV Dental Project, said, "We have an incredible waiting list.

"Especially for services we can't provide, such as HIV-related periodontal (gum) treatments."

The clinic is a program of AIDS Services of Austin and opened in April near the University of Texas.

Stephen Bundren, 44, one of about 150 patients seen at the small clinic, is a former state employee who has had AIDS for seven years.

With only Social Security income, he lost his health insurance when he failed to pay on time. Inability to pay and widespread fear of contracting the blood-borne disease left Bundren without dental care.

To return the favor, he serves as a client representative on the clinic's board of directors.

With a contribution of $8,000, the Tenth District Dental Society, the professional group of many Austin-area dentists, is among the clinic's biggest backers.

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Astro-graphs

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Aug. 10, 1992

Lady Luck could begin to play an important role in your life in the year ahead in two areas where you have already laid firm foundations. Capitalize on her assistance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Important assignments take on an added significance today. If you perform well, there's a possibility of some type of bonus — either material or intangible. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for Leo's Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something you're presently involved in has greater potential than you realize. Try to focus today on ways to expand this endeavor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is one of those days when Lady Luck is likely to make an appearance just when you need her the most. However, bank on your own abilities, not on hers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Positive thinking is essential today, especially if you're involved in a new venture. Visualize this project with optimum results and proceed as if it is a foregone conclusion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you have any bright ideas for enhancing your material security, put them to work today. This could be a red-letter day for you — if you handle things properly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's not who you know but what you know that is the key to success today. Let others play politics, while you utilize your knowledge for profitable purposes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) That change in circumstances you've been hoping for looks like it might transpire today. Be prepared to make your move as soon as you see the signals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Two heads are better than one, and this adage could prove to be especially true today. Listen to the suggestions of those you exchange views with, because valuable insights could result.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may experience more than just a pat on the back for doing something successful today. Your efforts will arouse the admiration of one you'll need for future involvements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Recently, you've been tuned into the latest trends and probabilities, and today, you may be even more hip. Something rather fortunate could result from this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Things might not start off to your satisfaction today, but don't despair; improved conditions are likely. The end results are what count, and they should please you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might have to make a critical decision that will affect others as well as yourself today. Fortunately, your judgment is keen and all should work out happily.

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Dear Abby

Mom's Discipline of Fear Victimizes Man and Child

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I was sitting in the terminal area of the Atlanta airport recently, waiting to board my flight. Across from me there was a woman telling a little girl to be quiet. The woman pointed at me and said, "Do you see that man over there? If you don't sit down and be quiet, he's going to grab you and throw you into the river!"

I didn't appreciate that comment at all, so I stood up to look for another place to sit. The little girl then started to scream bloody murder and tried to hide behind her mother. She was screaming, "Mommy, Mommy, don't let that bad man hurt me!"

That made me furious, so I said, "Lady, you should be ashamed of yourself. Don't say things like that to your child — that's child abuse!"

A security officer came over to us and asked the woman if she wanted to have me arrested. All the people in that area, not knowing what had taken place, thought I was some kind of pervert or child molester. The child was so upset, I actually took a later flight so I would not cause her further apprehension.

With so much about child abuse these days, a statement like the one the mother used to quiet her daughter is very believable to a small child. While kids need to beware of strangers, they shouldn't be senselessly terrified of "boogie men" that parents use to keep them in line. That child was a victim, and so was I! Please print this, Abby.

NO BOOGIE MAN

DEAR NO BOOGIE MAN: I agree. The mother, in her ignorance, did victimize both you and the child. And it was very likely a technique she uses often to scare the child into line.

How much more effective it would have been if she had told her daughter that her behavior was not acceptable, and that if she did not settle down immediately, she would not get to do some activity she enjoyed — and then, as a responsible parent, followed through.

Once a child realizes that the mother's word is no good, the child will disregard any lesson the parent tries to impart. A parent's word should be gospel. The parent who cries "wolf" will lose credibility (and control) as soon as the child learns to reason.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: "Nick" and I have been married for six years and we have two beautiful children, but I have a problem. We don't make love in a passionate way anymore. Nick thinks I don't love him, and has even accused me of having an affair, which is not true.

The problem: I just can't stand the way his mouth tastes when he kisses me — that's why when we make love, I want to get it over with as soon as possible.

Abby, I hate what this is doing to our relationship, but I just can't bring myself to tell Nick about his breath. He hasn't been to a dentist since we've been married, and I know he has many cavities. It's not the money — we can afford it. I'm afraid if I tell him about his breath, I will hurt him — or maybe make him angry. I love him very much. If you think I should tell him, what would be the best way?

KEEPING QUIET
IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR KEEPING QUIET: You must be completely honest with Nick. Decayed teeth affect one's general health. Tell him — just as you told me — that you love him, but because of his bad breath you find it very difficult to kiss him passionately as you once did. Insist that he see a dentist.

He may be avoiding the dentist because of the possible pain. Tell him that dentistry has advanced a great deal in recent years, and there are new techniques that reduce the discomfort.

You say you don't want to "hurt" your husband. By withholding the truth, you are hurting him far more. Trust me.

* * *

People are eating them up! For Abby's favorite recipes, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 33-MA Wilson in the Diamond M field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 183, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Texaco Exploration has completed the No. 7,144 Jo Mill unit in the Jo-Mill field, 18 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 117 barrels of 39.6 gravity oil and 321 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 650-1 with perforations from 7,555-597 feet. Location is in Section 41, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Patoil Corp. will drill the No. 3 Rickner in the Myrtle field, eight miles northeast of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,450 feet, drill site is in Section 359, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Grand Banks Energy will drill the No. 507 Mills-Strain unit in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 1,750 feet, location is in Section 18, C.H. McGinnis survey.

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Meridian Oil Inc. will drill the No. 117 Westbrook southwest unit in the Westbrook field, six miles west of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,350 feet, location is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Meridian Oil will drill the No. 217 Westbrook southwest unit in the same field, six miles west of the townsite. Planned depth is 3,350 feet, and location is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Meridian Oil Inc. will drill the No. 427 Westbook southwest unit in the Westbrook field, six miles west of Westbrook. Planned for 3,350 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 23, T1N, T&P survey.

Meridian Oil will drill the No. 1,007 Westbrook southwest unit in the Westbrook field, six miles west of Westbrook. Scheduled for 3,350 feet, drill site is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Kent County

Spalding Energy has completed the No. 1-D D.M. Cogdell in the Spalding field, 12 miles south of Clairemont. The well produced 10 barrels of 35.8 gravity oil and one barrel of water. Perforations were from 1,888-893 feet, and location is in Section 713, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

J.C. Stelzer has completed the No. 2 Franklin in the PHD field, nine miles northwest of Post. The well produced 66 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 55 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,883-913 feet, and location is in Section 1,246, Bloick D-18, P.H. Talley survey.

Neil A. Jackson will drill the No. 8-C Dorward in the Dorward field, four miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 2,400 feet, location is in Section 137, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Neil A. Jackson will drill the No. 7-C Dorward in the Dorward field, four miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned depth is 2,400 feet, and drill site is in Section 137, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum will drill the No. 7-10 ARCO in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in the B.M. Aston survey.

Howard County

Cobra Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1 Adams unit in the Middletonffeld, four miles north of Knott. Planned for a depth of 9,100 feet, location is in Section 42, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Diamondback in the C.C. Gunn field, 20 miles northeast of Big Spring. Contracted for 7,620 feet, drill site is in Section 15, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Archeologist president hopes to build democracy in Mali

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — President Alpha Oumar Konare, an archaeologist by profession, cannot restore this dirt-poor nation to its 16th century splendor, but he hopes to build a functioning democracy.

Konare has publicly warned his Alliance for Democracy, which has a two-thirds majority in the national assembly, that it cannot force its will on the minority or use its position to loot this struggling country's treasury.

He has promised to bring other parties into his government.

"If this government fails, all democrats in Mali will fail," said the soft-spoken academic who was elected to a five-year term in April with 70 percent of the vote. He is Mali's first democratically elected president.

"Our government is not seeking to profit for itself. It wants to succeed to reinforce democracy. The five years we have won is really only a transition to democracy. We must educate people about democracy," Konare said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Centuries ago, when the Sahara Desert was more humid and hospitable, Malian rulers built an empire. Its headquarters was Timbuktu, which became a major trading center of 1 million people. Now it's a town of a few thousand, a synonym for remoteness.

Since independence from France in 1960, the country that was to be the breadbasket of the Sahel became a basket case.

President Moussa Traore's one-party government, which for a brief period included Konare as a minister, tried to impose socialism during its 23-year rule. The infrastructure and economy collapsed, battered by recurrent droughts and locust invasions. Per capita income is $301.

Konare's government has made clear it has no blueprint for economic success.

He says only: "If we do a good job during our five years, then we can ask for another five years," but his intentions already are getting praise from businessman and foreign observers.

Few streets in the capital are paved, and during recent heavy rainfalls deep red puddles turn even a short drive into an adventure.

But in the 17 months since the army ousted Traore, Mali's mood has changed.

First, the military, under Col. Amadou Toumani Toure, kept its promise to install a democratically elected government swiftly.

Democracy had made major inroads in Africa in the past three years. Over the period, internal and foreign pressures for change have forced more than 20 nations to permit opposition parties. Longtime dictators are faltering.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Aug. 10, 1992

Today is the 223rd day of 1992 and the 52nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, an early land engagement of the Civil War took place at Wilson's Creek, Mo., and was won by the Confederates.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Herbert Hoover (1874-1964), U.S. president; Jane Wyatt (1911-), actress, is 81; Rhonda Fleming (1923-), actress, is 69; Eddie Fisher (1928-), singer, is 64; Jimmy Dean (1928-), singer-businessman, is 64; Ian Anderson (1947-), rock musician, is 45; Rosanna Arquette (1959-), actress, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1929, pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander won his 373rd game, tying him with Christy Mathewson for the all-time National League record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "American business needs a lifting purpose greater than the struggle of materialism." — Herbert Hoover

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1856, the resort island of Last Island, offshore Caillou Bay and the Terrebonne bayous of Louisiana were swept by a hurricane that caused a rise in water of 5 feet in 2 minutes.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 5) and full moon (Aug. 12).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Politically correct speech explained: Don't talk like a Republican at a Democratic rally — and vice versa.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall, 2701 Ave. Z; 7:30 p.m.

Americn Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. For information call: JoAnn at 573-9839; Dorothy at 573-6712; Anne at 573-8322; or Shirley at 573-8881.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m. tee time.

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.

Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. M; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Noah Project Admisory Committee;board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; noon.

Diabetes Support Group; lunch if preferred, and interested persons welcome, call 573-7638 for information; 12-1p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

Scurry County Sheriffs Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Hospitals add psychiatric care service

HOUSTON (AP) — General hospitals adding psychiatric care services are pressuring an industry already the subject of a state probe. But hospital officials say the diversification is a means of survival for them.

"The reason acute care hospitals have gone into psych and rehab care is because that's the only way we can exist nowadays," said Robert Schaper, administrator of Tomball Regional Medical Center.

"We lose money on acute care, especially if you're like us, with over 50 percent of your patients on Medicare. The only way to exist is to offer outpatient surgery, sports medicine, psych care and rehab care."

Tomball, a public hospital, opened 23 psychiatric beds in a vacant wing. It has offered outpatient psychiatric services since late last year.

New state regulations prompted by abuses in the private psychiatric hospital industry have allowed many hospitals to make inroads into that segment.

General hospitals, many of which are staffed 24 hours by emergency room doctors, easily meet a new rule requiring clinical justification of all admissions of psychiatric patients.

Psychiatric hospitals, meanwhile, have to rely on doctors responding to beepers when admitting patients on an emergency basis.

Columbia Hospital Corp., a company that owns four Houston-area hospitals, recently enlarged two of its psychiatric units.

Houston poll shows Clinton leading Bush

HOUSTON (AP) — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton is favored 43 percent to 29 over adopted Texan George Bush in the latest presidential poll released by a Houston newspaper.

The Houston Chronicle reported Sunday that Clinton held the edge over the incumbent in a poll of 835 registered voters conducted by the University of Houston Center for Public Policy between July 31 and Aug. 5.

Another poll, the Texas Poll, conducted for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc., also shows Clinton with a 14 percent lead over Bush.

In the Texas Poll, Clinton is favored by 49 percent of those surveyed, while 35 percent support Bush. Also six percent say they would vote for neither and 10 percent are undecided.

In the copyright story, the Chronicle said 24 percent of those polled remained undecided in their choice for president. Another 4 percent favored other candidates, including Dallas billionaire Ross Perot, who has dropped his independent bid.

The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

"It says Texas has to be a critical battleground state. The president has to go all out here," said University of Houston political scientist Richard Murray, who conducted the survey.

"The math just doesn't work that (Bush) can lose this state and win the country," Murray said.

Bush, who claims Houston as his home, trailed in the Gulf Coast area and in every other region of the state.

Bush ran best in the state's Gulf Coast region, with 32 percent compared to 39 percent for Clinton. His worst showing was in heavily Hispanic South Texas, where he was favored by 19 percent and 51 percent favored Clinton.

Among Hispanics, Clinton was favored statewide by 63 percent to 7 percent and among blacks by 75 percent to 1 percent.

Among whites, Bush was favored by 37 percent to 35 percent for Clinton.

Whites accounted for 75 percent of the survey sample. Ten percent of those polled were black and 14 percent were Hispanic.

If Perot remains on the Texas ballot, the poll indicated the race could be much closer. Under that scenario, 35 percent of those polled said they would vote for Clinton, 24 percent for Bush and 16 percent for Perot.

But support for Perot is expected to dwindle, Murray said. Perot has until Aug. 31 to remove his name from the state ballot.

Clinton's showing against Bush in the poll was boosted by the fact that former Perot supporters chose him more often than Bush.

Of those calling themselves former strong backers of Perot, 37 percent said they will now vote for Clinton, while 25 percent said they will vote for Bush.

Texas voters consider the slumping economy the top issue in the presidential race, the poll indicates.

Forty-two percent named the economy as the factor that will most influence their vote. The next issue mentioned most frequently was abortion — by only 7 percent.

Among those most concerned about the economy, 53 percent said they will vote for Clinton, 19 percent for Bush.

And 52 percent of all voters surveyed said Clinton could best help the middle class, compared to 19 percent who said Bush could do best.

"The inability of the president to connect to the average middle-class voter is just an underlying disaster," Murray said.

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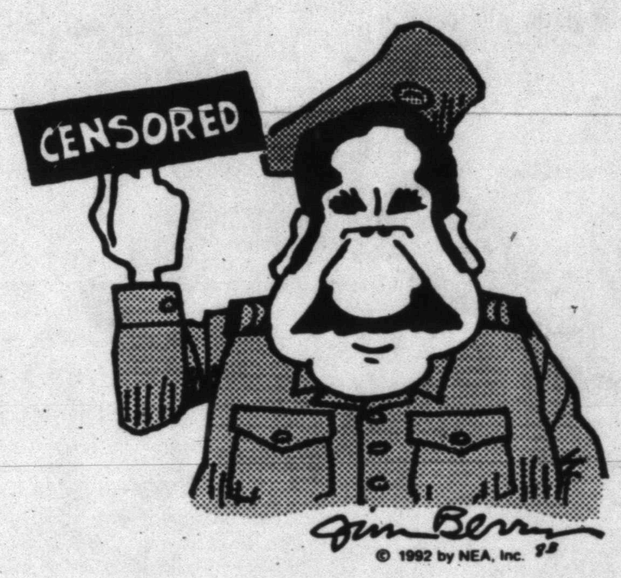

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 8-17-92
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♦ Q 10 7
♣ A 5 4

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♥ K 8
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ J 10 9 7

EAST
♠ 6 5
♥ A 7 5 4 2
♦ J 5 3
♣ 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8 3
♥ J 10 3
♦ A K 2
♣ K Q 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
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2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

The magazine for the majority

By Phillip Alder

For several years Edith McMullin ran the novice games at the North American Bridge Championships. Here "novice" means inexperienced, not incompetent. Drawing on her experience, and with the help of world champion Mike Lawrence, McMullin decided to produce a magazine specially for the duplicate-bridge neophyte. It is called the 0-20, 99er and 299er Newsletter. Quite a mouthful, but the numbers refer to masterpoint brackets. (In tournament bridge, you don't win prizes; you collect masterpoints.)

The instruction is in a light style, with amusing cartoons. To subscribe for 12 issues, send a $30 check, payable to Edith McMullin, to 3012 Memory Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Today's hand is taken from the first issue, published in December 1989. Sitting West, defending against four spades, you lead the club jack: four, two, king. Declarer plays the diamond two and wins the trick with dummy's queen. Next comes the spade queen to your king. How do you continue?

You must count declarer's points. It seems that he has the K-Q of clubs, or partner would have been more enthusiastic at trick one. South must have the A-K of diamonds, or partner would have won trick two. And declarer has the spade ace, since that spade play surely was a finesse. That is 16 points accounted for, so partner must have the heart ace. If you switch to the king and another heart, with luck you will get a heart ruff on the third round of the suit to defeat the contract.

Readers are invited to send card-play questions to Phillip Alder, in care of this newspaper. They can be answered only through the column.

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"Go For The Gold"
1992 Summer Olympic Games

Olympic games marked by commercialism

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — An era of amateurism passed into an age of professionalism, the Olympics transformed forever, as the Barcelona Games ended with a raucous celebration and a sober warning.

The highlight of the spectacular closing ceremonies wasn't the pyrotechnics or pomp, but Barcelona mayor Pasqual Maragall's emotional call for Games that don't sell out to sponsors.

"We ask," Maragall said, "that sport will not be the victim of the arrogance of culture, nor culture the victim of the arrogance of money, nor cities the victims of the arrogance of commercialism."

The Dream Team, gold in hand and logos on uniforms, chafed under such criticism.

"When you hire 12 Clint Eastwoods to come over here and do the job, you don't ask them what bullets they put in their guns," Michael Jordan said.

And coach Chuck Daly argued that the presence of pros could do nothing but enhance the Olympics.

"There's 183 countries and 3 billion people watching these games," Daly said. "And somewhere out there now is a 13-year-old who wants to be a Michael or a Magic, a Larry or a Patrick.

"That's the role of these games," he said. "That's what happens in all of these sports. It gives people a dream."

The once-powerful Soviet sports empire exited with glory and an eagerness to cut deals in the West as the Unified Team immediately disbanded after again winning the most golds (45) and total medals (112).

Ukrainian pole vaulter Sergei Bubka already has a contract with Nike, despite his stunning failure in the Games. Belarussian gymnast Vitaly Scherbo, winner of six golds, plans to sign with Mercedes, and basketball player Alexander Volkov is expected to make $3 million to play in Italy.

"It will be hard for anyone to ever be as strong as the Soviet team once was," Unified basketball coach Yuri Selikov said.

The United States emerged from its two-decade Olympic funk, finishing only four behind in the closest medals race since America won in 1964 in Tokyo. Now it stands poised to rule the sports world in Atlanta in 1996 after arguably its greatest Summer Games.

America's 108 medals surpassed by one the total in 1968 and trailed only the inflated totals of the Soviet-boycotted 1984 Los Angeles Games and the 1904 St. Louis Games, attended by just 12 nations.

Carl Lewis may not be running or jumping in Atlanta — he'll be 35 by then — but he branded his third Olympics with another touch of brilliance.

"I could never imagine the Olympics ending with two gold medals and a world record," said Lewis, who won the long jump for the third time and anchored the fastest 400-meter relay in history to collect the eighth gold of his career.

Tennis gold medalist Jennifer Capriati, 16, and Chinese platform diver Fu Mingxia, 13, underscored the new direction of the Olympics to encourage not only professionals and amateurs, but athletes of all ages.

Capriati's youth and innocence showed as much as her talent and grit when she beat Barcelona's own Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the semis, despite a loud, partisan crowd and a fuss in the stands when King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia arrived.

"I didn't know who they were," said Capriati, who beat Steffi Graf in the final. "I shouldn't say this, but I just thought, 'Couldn't they wait until a changeover?' Then the U.S. team trainer told me it was the king and queen. I said, 'Oh, yeah. They can come in any time they want.'"

Capriati aside, the U.S. team overall was the oldest and most experienced ever in the Olympics. That experience helped in some sports, such as basketball and track, but not in others.

The U.S. men's volleyball team, two-time defending Olympic champion, settled for bronze Sunday by beating Cuba in four sets. Brazil won the gold in a four-set win over the Netherlands.

The U.S. water polo team, heavily favored, lost 8-4 to the Unified Team in Sunday's bronze medal game. Italy won the gold, 9-8 over Spain in three overtimes.

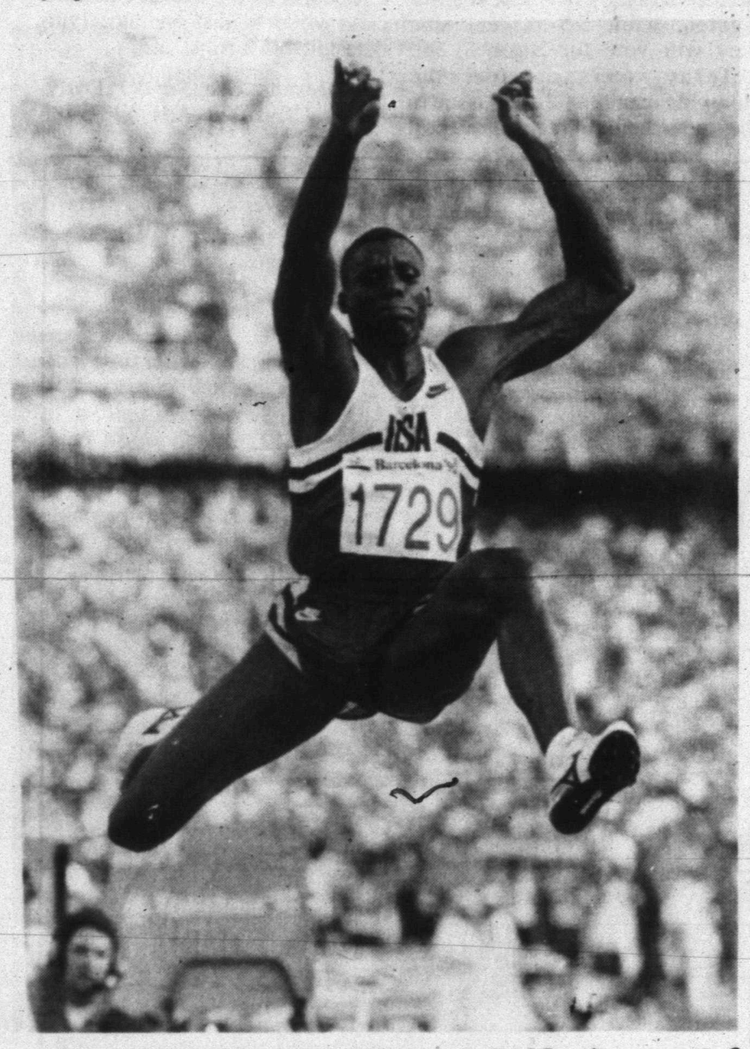
In the new world of the Olympics, a united Germany turned out to be less than the sum of its East and West parts, winning 82 medals for third in the standings. Four years ago in Seoul, when the Berlin Wall still stood, East Germany was second with 102 medals and West Germany was fifth with 40. Blame, or credit, goes to stricter scrutiny of drugs, coaching changes and consolidation.

More startling than Germany's downsizing was the rest of the world's gain on the sports superpowers. Parity is most definitely part of the new Olympics.

China won 54 medals, nearly double its total in 1988. Cuba, despite its economic struggle and relatively tiny population, finished fourth with 31 medals in its first Olympics since 1980. Cuba dominated baseball and won seven golds and two silvers in the 12 boxing divisions.

"The Cubans have a machine down there," said Jim Fox, executive director of USA Boxing. "They just keep putting pieces in. Our expectations were higher than this."

Perhaps most amazing of all, host Spain won 13 gold among its 22 medals.



LONG JUMP CHAMPION — Houston's Carl Lewis was part of one of America's best ever Olympic efforts. Lewis claimed his third long jump gold medal during the Barcelona games. The U.S. team accumulated a total of 108 medals, including 37 gold at the XXV Olympiad. (AP Photo)

United States may not field second Olympic Dream Team

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — The Olympics won't be an NBA showcase in 1996 if the next president of the U.S. Olympic Committee has his way. Some Dream Team members say they won't be back, anyway.

Dr. Leroy Walker, scheduled to assume the USOC presidency later this year, said college players should have a greater chance to compete in the Atlanta Games.

"I don't want anyone to feel he can't make it to the Olympic Games unless he's in the NBA," said Walker, a former college coach who headed the U.S. Olympic delegation in Barcelona.

There were 11 NBA All-Stars and one collegian on the team that won the gold medal in Spain, beating all opponents by an average of 45 points and finishing with a 117-85 victory Saturday night over Croatia.

Walker said he has nothing against millionaire pros like Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan playing in the Olympics, but disagrees with the way the team was chosen by a committee of USA Basketball.

"It's not true that I don't want this in Atlanta," Walker said. "I don't want it in Atlanta in the same circumstances. I'm not going to call (the Dream Team) a mistake. I think the mistake was the way we operated it.

"I may be whistling in the wind, but I think there ought to be a selection process. I think overall we have some very good college players. I don't believe there aren't some that could fit into this process and we'd still be able to have our best team."

He suggested that coaches should scout major competitions and invite a group of about 20 players to compete for spots on the Olympic team.

Whether or not the selection process is changed, the four main celebrities of the 1992 team — Johnson, Jordan, Larry Bird and Charles Barkley — say they won't be playing in Atlanta.

"The best players will want to play and they deserve it," Johnson said. "Larry, Michael and I will rent a plane and fly over to Atlanta and check them out."

Barkley and Jordan, the top scorers on the Dream Team, said it's been fun but they've had enough.

"I'll definitely never do this again," said Jordan, who won a gold medal in 1984 when he was a freshman at North Carolina. "It's not that I've had a bad time, but by '96 I'll be 33 and another gold medal will not be a priority. But the benefits of coming far outweigh the negatives."

Barkley, three days younger than Jordan, feels the same.

"I'm not coming back, but I would recommend it to the younger guys," Barkley said.

The eight other U.S. players all indicated they would at least be interested in returning to Atlanta. They include Christian Laettner, the only player without NBA experience.

"I would like to come back again," said Laettner, the 1992 college player of the year at Duke. "A lot of other players here probably won't be around. But if I'm invited, I would love to come back."

And what about coach Chuck Daly, who made it through the entire Olympics without calling a timeout?

Medals chase

By The Associated Press
257 total medals

	G	S	B	Tot
Unified Team	45	38	29	112
United States	37	34	37	108
Germany	33	21	28	82
China	16	22	16	54
Cuba	14	6	11	31
Hungary	11	12	7	30
South Korea	12	5	12	29
France	8	5	16	29
Australia	7	9	11	27
Spain	13	7	2	22
Japan	3	8	11	22
Britain	5	3	12	20
Italy	6	5	8	19
Poland	3	6	10	19
Canada	6	5	7	18
Romania	4	6	8	18
Bulgaria	3	7	6	16
Netherlands	2	6	7	15
Sweden	1	7	4	12
New Zealand	1	4	5	10
North Korea	4	0	5	9
Kenya	2	4	2	8
Czechoslovakia	4	2	1	7
Norway	2	4	1	7
Turkey	2	2	2	6
Denmark	1	1	4	6
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Olympics briefs

TRACK

Hwang Young-Cho of South Korea won men's marathon in slowest winning Olympic time since 1968.

BOXING

Cuba won three gold medals and one silver to finish with seven golds and two silvers in boxing.

EQUESTRIAN

Ludger Beerbaum of Germany won gold in individual jumping. Norman Dello Joio of West Palm Beach, Fla., took bronze.

VOLLEYBALL

Brazil won its first gold medal in men's volleyball, beating the Netherlands. United States won bronze medal over Cuba.

WATER POLO

Italy won gold with 9-8 victory over Spain in three overtimes. The United States lost the bronze medal game to the Unified Team.

MEDALS

Unified Team finishes with most medals, 112 overall and 45 golds. United States second with 108 total, 37 golds. It tied the 1912 Stockholm Olympics and 1964 Tokyo Games as closest medal finish in Summer Olympic history.

QUOTEBOOK

"The tactic was right, the weather was just wrong." — American marathoner Ed Eyestone, who finished 13th.

"I don't want anyone to feel he can't make it to the Olympic Games unless he's in the NBA." — U.S. Olympic Committee official LeRoy Walker, who wants to give college players access to the Dream Team.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Dancing horses, pealing bells and a pyrotechnic show brought the XXV Olympiad to a close.

Whatizit, a computer-created blue blob with oversized red and purple sneakers and stars for eyes, was introduced to the crowd as the mascot for the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

EARLY MORNING PRACTICE — The Snyder Tigers began preparing for the 1992 football season with a 12:01 Monday morning workout at Tiger Stadium. Above, the Tigers go through some agility drills as approximately 200 spectators look on. (SDN Staff Photo)

Richardson leads Oilers to win

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Bucky Richardson wasn't the best known former Southwest Conference quarterback playing in the Houston Oilers' exhibition game against Detroit.

He was just the most effective.

Richardson, the Oilers' eighth-round pick out of Texas A&M this spring, outplayed teammate Cody Carlson — a Baylor alum — and Detroit's Andre Ware, the 1989 Heisman Trophy winner while at Houston, in the Oilers' 17-7 win Saturday at the Silverdome.

Richardson's 1-yard keeper early in the fourth quarter gave Houston (2-0) a 10-7 lead. He set up the go-ahead score with a 46-yard pass to Pat Coleman.

"I was nervous out there, I won't kid you, but I just kept telling myself to move the chains anyway I could," said Richardson, who was 4-of-6 for 54 yards. "Fortunately we put a couple of good plays together."

Richardson relieved Carlson in the third-quarter. He connected with Coleman on his second series to move deep into Lions' territory, but the drive nearly stalled after a first-and-goal at the six.

Richardson scored on a fourth-down option.

"Bucky's got the knack of making the big play," said Houston coach Jack Pardee, who rested starting quarterback Warren Moon. "He probably should have pitched the ball on the option at the goal line, but he wasn't going to let them tackle him anyway."

Carlson started and played into the second half, struggling most of the way. He completed 12 of 24 passes for 89 yards and threw an interception that turned into Detroit's only points.

Pressured by a blitz, Carlson threw behind receiver Leonard Harris, who tipped the ball into the hands of free agent safety Harry Colon. Colon raced 32 yards untouched for a 7-0 lead.

"We made a lot of mistakes early in drives that really put us in the hole," said Carlson. "The way we were executing, it was evident it wasn't going to be a high scoring game."

Colon's score was the only offense of the night for the Lions.

"It was a dream," said Colon, who played in place of regular starter Bennie Blades, who is a contract holdout. "I was just thankful to be able to score."

Rodney Peete, who missed the second half of the 1991 season after an Achilles tendon injury, quarterbacked Detroit in the first quarter and one series of the second. Peete, who missed eight days of training camp with a contract dispute, completed 6 of 9 passes for 56 yards, including a 21-yarder to Thomas McLemore.

Erik Kramer, who led the Lions into the NFC Championship game after Peete's injury last season, played briefly in the second and third quarters. Ware finished up for Detroit.

Ware gained 46 yards on four rushing attempts but never looked comfortable in the pocket. He completed 4 of 8 passes for 28 yards but Detroit never threatened to score under his guidance.

"We probably gave them some things they weren't ready for and didn't give him (Ware) any time," said Pardee of his pass rush. "Nobody can play quarterback if they don't have time" to throw.

Al Del Greco countered Colon's score with a 26-yard field goal to make the score 7-3 at the half. Gary Wellman caught a 5-yard pass from Mike Elkins with less than two minutes left to close the scoring.

Shula pleased in spite of exhibition grid loss

by The Associated Press

David Shula was pleased with most of what he saw in his NFL coaching debut, except the final score.

"I'm disappointed with the loss," Shula said Sunday night after the Cincinnati Bengals were beaten 13-7 by the New York Giants in their exhibition opener. "I want to win every game, but I was encouraged with the way we played. We played very hard."

The first minute of the game must have left Shula wondering why he ever wanted to get into coaching.

On the first play from scrimmage, Lawrence Taylor tipped Boomer Esiason's pass and Perry Williams intercepted and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown.

Rookie Milt Stegall almost got the TD right back with a 100-yard return on the ensuing kickoff, but the score was nullified by an illegal block against linebacker Alex Gordon.

Things actually got better. Esiason quickly led a 56-yard scoring drive for the tying touchdown and the Bengals battled the Giants evenly, losing on a pair of second-half field goals by Matt Bahr.

Shula's counterpart, Ray Handley, saw some good things in his club's first game.

"Obviously I am pleased with the defense," Handley said.

On Saturday night, the New York Jets edged Washington 14-13, Minnesota beat Buffalo 24-3, Green Bay defeated Kansas City 21-13, Denver downed Tampa Bay 31-10, Philadelphia held off Pittsburgh 35-33, Cleveland got past Atlanta 7-0, Houston defeated Detroit 17-7, Indianapolis rolled over the New England Patriots 34-14, San Francisco stopped the Los Angeles Raiders 24-10 and Phoenix beat San Diego 35-14.

New Orleans is at Chicago tonight.

The Redskins, who like the Bengals left Giants Stadium with a loss, have their coach a little worried.

"We're not playing good football. Anytime we're not playing good football, I'm concerned," coach Joe Gibbs said after the Redskins' reserves blew a 13-0 lead piled up by the starters.

The Redskins are 0-2 this summer, having lost earlier by one point to Miami. Worrying Gibbs even more is the continued holdout of three Pro Bowl performers — quarterback Mark Rypien, tackle Jim Lachey and cornerback Darrell Green. Also missing is No. 1 draft pick Desmond Howard.

Dennis Green and his Vikings won their exhibition opener, beating the AFC champion Bills. Second-string quarterback Sean Salisbury was the star, passing for 251 yards.

"We try to have perspective," Green said. "But we're pleased. I don't think there's any doubt about that."

Quarterback Jim Kelly played just three series for the Bills and running back Thurman Thomas played in only two.

"With a new coach, getting off to a good start was important to them," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "They had a different objective. We didn't want to look as shoddy as we looked, but we wanted to look at a lot of players."

Marchiboda, the Colts' new coach, got off to a good start with his team's victory over New England.

Last year, the Colts set an NFL record for fewest points in a 16-game season and never scored more than 28 points in a game in going 1-15. Against the Patriots, quarterback Jeff George staked the Colts to a 20-7 lead in the first half.

George completed 15 of 19 passes for 215 yards and touchdowns of 41 and 38 yards to Bill Brooks. Backup Mark Herrmann hit 12 of 15 for 141 yards and a 15-yard scoring toss to Reggie Thornton.

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NFL preseason

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000	55	27
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	34	14
Miami	1	1	0	.500	46	48
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	3	24
New England	0	1	0	.000	14	34
Central						
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	51	30
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	7	0
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	7	13
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	33	35
West						
Denver	1	1	0	.500	38	23
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	13	21
LA Raiders	0	1	0	.000	10	24
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	14	35
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	7	21
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	13	7
Phoenix	1	0	0	1.000	35	14
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	50	58
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	49	74
Washington	0	2	0	.000	34	36
Central						
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	21	13
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	24	3
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	7	17
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	10	31
West						
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	37	17
LA Rams	1	0	0	1.000	21	7
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	0	7

Saturday's Games
Denver 31, Tampa Bay 10
Philadelphia 35, Pittsburgh 33
Cleveland 7, Atlanta 0
Houston 17, Detroit 7
Indianapolis 34, New England 14
Minnesota 24, Buffalo 3
Green Bay 21, Kansas City 13
San Francisco 24, Los Angeles Raiders 10
New York Jets 14, Washington 13
Phoenix 35, San Diego 14

Sunday's Game
New York Giants 13, Cincinnati 7

Monday's Game
New Orleans at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 14
San Diego at New England, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15
Denver vs. Miami at Berlin, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Los Angeles Rams, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 16
San Francisco vs. Washington at Wembley, England, 1 p.m.
New York Jets vs. Green Bay at Madison, Wis., 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 17
Detroit at Buffalo, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

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Mariners halt losing streak

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Mariners manager Bill Plummer would have run out of pitchers against the Texas Rangers had the game gone beyond 14 innings.

Only left-hander Dennis Powell was left when the Mariners pushed home the winning run on Sunday for a 6-5 victory over the Rangers on Tino Martinez's bases-loaded single. Seattle used five pitchers.

"The bullpen did a great job," Plummer said. "They shut them down and won the ball game."

The win snapped the Mariners' seven-game losing streak and posted the team's first win in August. Plummer said he hopes the Mariners can build on their victory and continue to improve.

"I just want to have a couple of good months," said Plummer who set a goal for his team to win 30 of the 49 games left in the season.

The Mariners' bullpen has been attacked as a big reason for the team's major league-high 70 losses, but they did the job Sunday.

"This gives them a shot in the arm and a lot of confidence," Plummer added.

Plummer said he was getting nervous when Mark Grant, Seattle's second pitcher, gave up two runs in the eighth inning, tying the game at 5.

"I'm always worried when something like that happens," he said. "That's been happening to us all season."

But others in the Mariners' bullpen stepped in, blanking the Rangers for the rest of the eighth and the final six innings and allowing just two baserunners.

In the Seattle 14th, Edgar Martinez reached second on third baseman Dean Palmer's fielding error and took third when Matt Whiteside (0-1) threw a wild pitch over catcher Ivan Rodriguez's head during an intentional walk to Ken Griffey Jr.

Lance Parrish lined out, Griffey took second on defensive indifference and Whiteside walked Jay Buhner, loading the bases. Tino Martinez followed with his hit, a ball that went about 80 feet beyond a pulled-in outfield and bounced off the center-field fence.

"I just wanted to hit the ball deep and score the run," Martinez said.

Tino Martinez said he may have swung at a ball on an 0-1 pitch because he didn't want to fall behind 0-2.

"The pressure is all on the pitcher," he said. "He doesn't want to walk me and he doesn't want to throw a pitch in the dirt. I've been kind of struggling lately. So it's good to contribute and help us."

Calvin Jones (3-2) threw 2 2-3 innings of one-hit ball for the victory, which ended Seattle's 13-game losing streak to Texas in the Kingdome. Jones was recalled Friday from Class AAA Calgary.

"I kept thinking, 'We've got to win this game, we've got to win this game,'" Jones said. "It's been a rough season for me but going to Calgary helped me get my confidence back. I learned that I have to get ahead of the hitters to get them out."

The 4-hour, 35-minute defeat was a tough one for the Rangers. Texas manager Toby Harrah said Palmer's two-base error on Edgar Martinez's grounder was too much to overcome.

"Whiteside had some tough luck," Harrah said. "A ground ball past third, a wild pitch, that's how you lose games. Just like that."

Texas had tied the score in the eighth on Kevin Reimer's 13th homer and Brian Downing's RBI groundout. It was the first blown save this season for Mark Grant.

Ruben Sierra's 12th homer put Texas ahead in the second, but Parrish hit his 10th homer leading off the bottom of the inning, his sixth since joining Seattle on June 27 after California released him.

Seattle went ahead 4-1 in the third on an RBI double by American League batting leader Edgar Martinez at .337, a run-scoring single by Griffey and a sacrifice fly by Tino Martinez.

Seattle starter Brian Fisher allowed three runs and five hits in five innings.

AJRA results

AJRA National Finals Rodeo
Saturday Championship
Bareback riding

Boys 16-19: 1. Gerald McLeod, Justin, 75; 2. Sid Franklin, Snyder, 71; 3. David Manning Ft. Worth, 67; 3. (tie) Pete Hawkins, Southlake, 65; Ike McClendon, Ft. Worth, 65.

Tiedown roping

Boys 13-15: 1. Trevor Brazile, Krum, 12.32; 2. Casey Crow, Lovington, N.M., 12.34; 3. Russ Bird, Post, 14.20. **Boys 16-19:** Brady Hellums, Huntsville, 7.90; 2. Shawn Winterman, Grandview, 9.06; 3. Leddy Lewis, Snyder, 9.34.

Steer riding

Boys 12-and-under: 1. Ryan Posey, Rotan, 71; 2. Lafe Sargent, Trent, 69; 3. Brooks Bland, Lovington, N.M., 64.

Barrel racing

Girls 12-and-under: 1. Callie Bolin, Colorado City, 14.68; 2. Kaci Bland, Hawley, 14.78; 3. Stephanie Brown, Big Spring, 14.83. **Girls 13-15:** 1. Jennifer Smith, Zephyr, 14.90; 2. Kelli Sultemeier, Melrose, N.M., 14.96; 3. Shasta Brooks, Sweetwater, 15.22. **Girls 16-19:** 1. Alison McFadden, Crane, 14.76; 2. Ashley Looney, Del Rio, 14.99; Mary Peril, Mountain Home, 15.22. **Boys 12-and-under:** 1. Chris Irwin, Andrews, 14.87; 2. Boyd Brooks, Sweetwater, 15.36; 3. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, 20.08.

Steer wrestling

Boys 16-19: 1. Philip Morris, Elgin, 3.82; 2. K.C. Overturff, Slaton, 4.56; 3. Clay Gentry, Dell City, 23.25.

Breakaway roping

Girls 12-and-under. 1. Terra Bynum, Snyder, 3.62; 2. (tie) Tibba Smith, Hobbs, N.M., 18.51; Cassie Short, Justiceburg, 18.51. **Girls 13-15:** 1. Shanna Ferguson, Ovalo, 2.16; 2. Jennifer Smith, Zephyr, 3.23; 3. Kelli Sultemeier, 13.08. **Girls 16-19:** 1. Lorissa Edmondson, McCaulley, 2.22; 2. Tina Sherrod, Big Spring, 4.39; 3. Ashley Looney, Del Rio, 13.43. **Boys 12-and-under:** 1. Tommie Oakes, Teague, 3.21; 2. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, 3.29; 3. T.J. Good, Elida, N.M., 3.68.

Junior bull riding

Boys 13-15: 1. Cory Crye, Coleman, 71; 2. Chad Price, Andrews, 69; Bo Wright, Crane, 68.

Saddle bronc riding

Boys 16-19: 1. Jon Haygood, Austin, 71; 2. Jack Mahaney, Graham, 61.

Goat tying

Girls 12-and-under: 1. Eri Kelly, Iraan, 11.04; 2. Kelsey Cox, Del Rio, 11.97; 3. Terra Bynum, Snyder, 12.19. **Girls 13-15:** Jennifer Smith, Zephyr, 9.57; 2. Shanna Bynum, Sterling City, 10.91; 3. Shanna Ferguson, Ovalo, 12.24. **Girls 16-19:** 1. Ashley Looney, Del Rio, 9.20; 2. Crissi McCormick, Eldorado, 9.21; 3. Shanna Owens, Rankin, 9.54.

Ribbon roping

Boys 12-and-under: 1. Tate McMullan, Iraan, 10.55; 2. T.J. Good, Elida, N.M., 13.94; 3. Boyd Brooks, Sweetwater, 20.59. **Boys 13-15:** 1. Trevor Brazile, Krum, 5.01; 2. Casey Crow, Lovington, N.M., 14.45; 3. Wayne Griffin, Hastings, Ok., 14.51. **Boys 16-19:** 1. Lance Dingler, Del Rio, 5.15; 2. Jay West, San Angelo, 8.35.

Polebending

Girls 12-and-under: 1. Erin Kelly, Iraan, 20.34; 2. Kristen Snowden, Tye, 21.64; 3. Terra Bynum, Snyder, 36.54. **Girls 13-15:** 1. Shanna Bynum, Sterling City, 20.27; 2. Shasta Brooks, Sweetwater, 21.64; 3. Jennifer Smith, Zephyr, 25.09. **Girls 16-19:** 1. Ashley Looney, 20.17; 2. Lorissa Edmondson, McCaulley, 20.36.

Bull riding

Boys 16-19: 1. Ross Hataway, Snyder, 73; 2. Brad Johnson, 68.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
Toronto	65	46	.586	—
Baltimore	63	48	.568	2
Milwaukee	60	50	.545	4½
Boston	52	58	.473	12½
Detroit	52	61	.460	14
New York	51	60	.459	14
Cleveland	49	62	.441	16
West Division				
Oakland	67	44	.604	—
Minnesota	64	47	.577	3
Chicago	57	52	.523	9
Texas	57	57	.500	11½
Kansas City	50	61	.450	17
California	49	63	.438	18½
Seattle	43	70	.381	25

Saturday's Games
Boston 4, New York 2
Oakland 5, Kansas City 3
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 0, 1st game
Minnesota 3, Milwaukee 1, 2nd game
Cleveland 6, Baltimore 0
Detroit 8, Toronto 6
Texas 7, Seattle 3
Chicago 8, California 2

Sunday's Games
New York 6, Boston 0
Baltimore 3, Cleveland 2, 10 innings
Detroit 9, Toronto 2
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago 12, California 8, 14 innings
Kansas City 5, Oakland 2
Seattle 6, Texas 5, 14 innings

Monday's Games
Baltimore (Mussina 11-4) at Toronto (Stottlemyre 6-7), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Darwin 5-5) at Cleveland (Cook 3-5), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Hillegas 1-5) at Detroit (Doherty 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Witt 9-9) at Minnesota (Tapani 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Aquino 2-2) at Seattle (Johnson 7-12), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Hough 5-7) at Oakland (Darling 10-8), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wegman 10-8) at California (Valera 5-9), 10:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
Pittsburgh	63	48	.568	—
Montreal	60	52	.536	3½
Chicago	55	55	.500	7½
New York	51	59	.464	11½
St. Louis	51	60	.459	12
Philadelphia	47	65	.420	16½
West Division				
Atlanta	67	42	.615	—
Cincinnati	63	47	.573	4½
San Diego	62	51	.549	7
San Francisco	52	59	.468	16
Houston	48	63	.432	20
Los Angeles	46	64	.418	21½

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 12, Los Angeles 2
Chicago 4, New York 3
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 4, San Francisco 3, 16 innings
San Diego 7, Houston 5

Sunday's Games
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 10, Los Angeles 3
San Francisco 7, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 5
San Diego 4, Houston 3
Chicago 6, New York 2

Monday's Games
Montreal (Barnes 3-3) at Chicago (Robinson 2-0), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Martinez 7-8) at Atlanta (Avery 9-7), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wakefield 2-0) at New York (Schourek 3-5), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Henry 3-7) at San Francisco (Burkett 8-6), 9:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Soccer coaches schedule meeting

Snyder Soccer Association coaches are scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss the upcoming fall season.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Snyder Savings and Loan.

Lasorda rumored to be leaving LA

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Tommy Lasorda may end his 43-year association with the Los Angeles Dodgers and become manager of the Giants when they move to St. Petersburg, Fla., a published report says.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, citing two sources close to the situation, reported Sunday that Lasorda could join the Giants before the 1993 season and manage at least one season before becoming general manager. There have also been reports Lasorda may take over as manager of the Florida Marlins.

Under the scenario, former Texas Rangers manager Bobby Valentine, who was fired on July 9, would accompany Lasorda to St. Petersburg as third base coach, then take over as manager when Lasorda moves into the front office.

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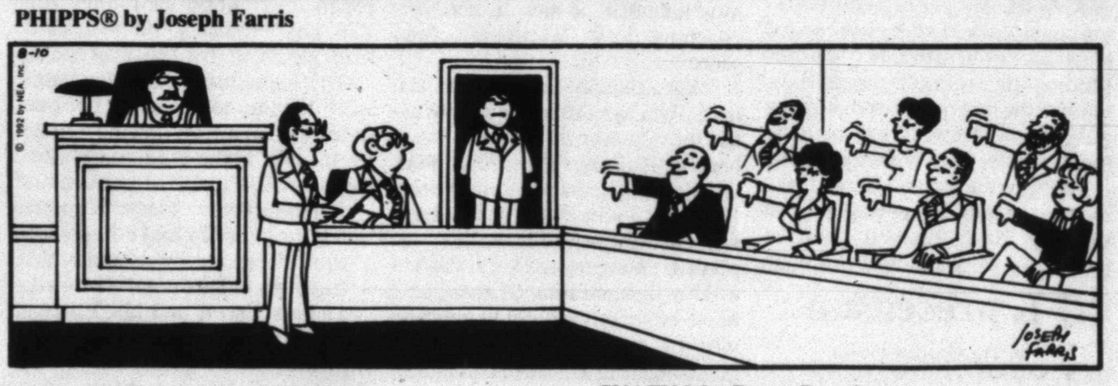

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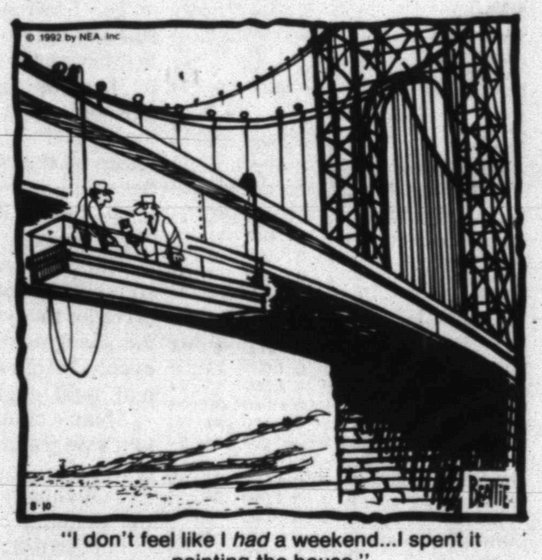

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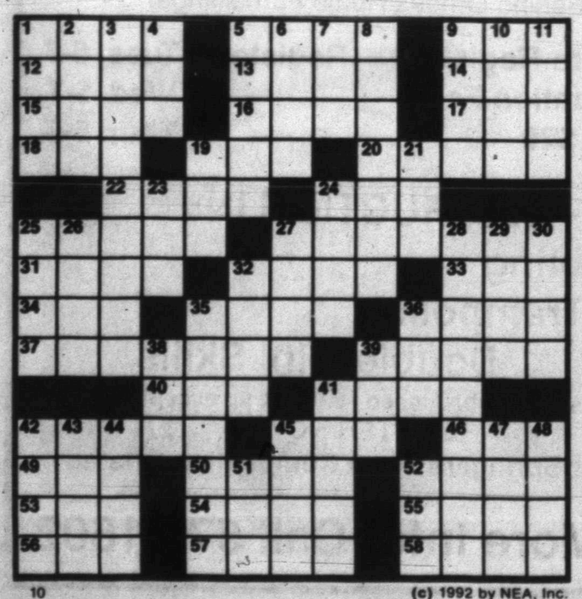

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Special sewage system in development

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A new toilet being developed by Texas A&M scientists could become a major component to the proposed Space Station.

The toilet that will break down human wastes into usable gases could serve as part of a closed life support system using solar energy to electrolyze waste into hydrogen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

"This technology could treat any kind of waste on Earth or in space," Ramesh C. Bhardwaj, a chemist and co-principal investigator, told the Houston Chronicle in its Sunday editions. "In half a century, it could replace sewage systems completely."

The carbon dioxide could be used by plants to produce oxygen; hydrogen in a fuel cell to generate electricity and water; nitrogen harmlessly released inside the astronauts' cabin.

A&M scientists said the electrochemical technology also could be used on Earth to break down industrial waste, sewage, litter and other debris without the release of noxious smoke and gas.

"We produce so much waste on this planet, but this could be used to produce gases that aren't harmful," Bhardwaj said.

Bhardwaj said he can foresee the technology used in vans, ships, airplanes and portable toilets. He said such units could be available for as little as $150.

NASA scientists said A&M's research to develop a waste treatment system is a key technological development for proposed long missions.

NASA hopes to return astronauts for a 45-day moon mission before the turn of the century. Using the moon as a base habitat, NASA has begun to study an even more ambitious mission to Mars.

Gene Winkler, who heads NASA's life support system branch, he wants to have an initial waste recovery system installed in the planned space station.

Present methods of dealing with space waste — including simply storing it — have been inadequate. Bhardwaj said in some cases astronauts have become ill after their living quarters became contaminated.

A&M scientists received $500,000 in NASA grants since proposing the electrochemical toilet five years ago. Technology for the toilet has been available for several decades.

In 1967, John Bockris, the project's principal investigator, discovered that paper could be electrochemically broken down into carbon dioxide and hydrogen gas.

"It's an idea whose time has come," Bhardwaj said. "I have a feeling people did not realize the potential of this process."

Places in the News

HONG KONG

As 1997 — the year for China's communists to take over control of Hong Kong from Britain — draws closer, some contentious new issues are developing. Most of Hong Kong's 6 million people (all but 2 percent of them are Chinese) do not want to switch from capitalist to communist rules. It has long been a free port and a major international trading center

Obtained from China in 1841 and sitting at the mouth of the Canton River, the densely populated Crown Colony, as it is known, includes the 35-square-mile Hong Kong island, on which the capital, Victoria, is located. It also includes the 3-square-mile Kowloon Peninsula opposite.

In 1898, another 355 square miles, mostly on the mainland, were leased by Britain for 99 years. This area is called the "New Territories."

Under an agreement the British government signed with the China in 1984, all of Hong Kong will revert to Chinese control when the New Territories lease expires. Contained in the agreement is a clause guaranteeing that China will allow Hong Kong to keep a capitalist economic system for at least 50 years.

Hong Kong is now run by a British colonial government. It is headed by a British governor and a local legislature of 60 seats, 40 of which are appointed. It has been assumed that the Chinese will rule with a similar system. Under the Beijing regime, Hong Kong is to become a special administrative region of China.

Now the British government of recently re-elected Prime Minister John Major is hinting that it will demand that a greater percentage of the legislative seats in Hong Kong should be directly elected. That suggestion has been greeted with a stern rebuke by Chinese leaders.

The Chinese are worried that the Major government is going to take a new, harder line on giving up Hong Kong. Chinese leaders in Beijing were visibly upset when Major recently met with Martin Lee, the head of a growing Hong Kong democracy movement.

Under the 1984 agreement, Britain and China established a Joint Liaison Group to negotiate differences for a smooth the transition.

Currently on the table are British plans to build a huge new airport as a kind of parting gift to the colony. But financing cannot go forward without Chinese permission, and Beijing is making it clear it will not give that permission while issues like the future of the legislature are still outstanding.

Also contentious is a British plan to privatize the state-owned radio and television station before 1997. The Chinese insist they must be turned over to the new government, as must all British shares in utilities and the Kowloon-Canton Railroad.

The communists want to prevent the wealth invested in Hong Kong from being removed to Singapore, Britain, the United States or Canada.

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Investigators say more research needed on bovine growth hormone

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government should suspend the use of a genetically engineered growth hormone that increases cows' milk production, say congressional investigators concerned about human safety.

The General Accounting Office also called on the Food and Drug Administration to halt the marketing of beef and milk from research animals treated with synthetic bovine growth hormone — or BGH.

Evaluate the potential risks to consumers before resuming its use, urged the GAO.

Congress' watchdog agency said research on BGH has failed to consider whether its use will result in increased residues of antibiotics in milk and meat. The Associated Press obtained an advance copy of the report, which was scheduled to be released today.

Treatment with BGH increases the incidence of mastitis — an inflammation of the udder, GAO said. Mastitis is often treated with antibiotics.

"As a consequence, higher levels of antibiotic residues in milk and beef could result," GAO said.

"Concern exists now about whether antibiotic levels in milk are already too high from present antibiotic usage," the report said. "Nevertheless, there has been no examination of whether (BGH) use will increase antibiotic levels in milk or beef beyond that which currently exist and, if so, to what degree those levels are acceptable."

In a separate report last week, GAO said government inspectors are routinely testing milk for just four of the 82 drugs used to treat dairy cows. As a result, consumers could face several health risks.

The FDA has approved the use of BGH for research and since 1985 has allowed the sale and consumption of milk and beef products from cows treated with the drug. There is no requirement, however, that those products be labeled as coming from cows treated with BGH.

Wider approval of BGH has been expected this year.

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., said it's "outrageous that FDA allows the milk industry to sell this experimental milk to an unknowing public."

"I am profoundly disturbed by FDA's failure to adequately study the risk to consumers from antibiotic residues in the milk of (BGH) treated cows," said Weiss, chairman of the House Government Operations subcommittee on human resources.

The FDA did not respond Friday to requests for reaction to the study and Weiss' comments.

The FDA considers milk produced from cows treated by BGH, also known as bovine somatotropin (bST), to be safe for human consumption. GAO said it agreed that BGH does not appear to represent a direct human safety risk.

Investigators said FDA must examine the degree to which antibiotics must be used to treat cows receiving the hormone, and the effects of the treatment on the nation's milk and beef supply.

Pending those studies, GAO said, commercial sales of beef and milk products from BGH-tested cows should be stopped. FDA should also study the feasibility of labeling food products derived from animals being tested with drugs.

"The American people have a right to know what is in the milk they drink and the beef they eat," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. and chairman of the Government Operations Committee.

BGH has been found to increase milk production an average of 10 percent to 25 percent.

Abortion clinic defense training session held

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Patricia Ireland, national president of the National Organization for Women, on Sunday led Texans in an abortion clinic defense training session at the Beaumont Holiday Inn Plaza.

Participants are being rallied to help keep abortion clinics operating during the Republican National Convention when anti-abortion groups like Operation Rescue and Rescue America have vowed to shut them down.

NOW, Planned Parenthood and other members of the Houston Defense Coalition have conducted similar training sessions in Houston and Austin since January.

During the sessions, participants create mock offense and defense lines and take turns harassing one another.

"This allows participants to see how they will react in the heat of the moment," said Jenniffer Hudson, Texas Now president. "We want each person to be familiar with and comfortable with their own limits and strong points. We are urging people to remain relatively calm in what may be the most stressful situation they've ever been in."

Planned Parenthood won a temporary court order last week restricting anti-abortion protests to 100 feet from clinics and 25 feet from anyone entering or leaving the clinics. Violators will be fined $10,000 on the first offense with the fee doubling for each successive violation.

But leaders of Operation Rescue and Rescue America say they have to answer to a "higher power" for their actions and plan to do whatever they can to stop abortions.

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Barr won't appoint independent counsel

Congressional committee wants prewar Iraq policy probed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General William P. Barr today rejected a congressional committee's request that he appoint an independent counsel to investigate alleged misconduct by top Bush administration officials concerning U.S. prewar policy toward Iraq.

"There is no basis" for such a probe, Barr said in letter to the House Judiciary Committee.

The attorney general said the committee's request for the investigation "contains vague and general allegations and lists a number of statutes that may have been violated."

Specific charges against named individuals are needed to trigger the appointment of an independent counsel, Barr said.

His decision in the matter has been a hot topic of political debate in this election year. The Iraq case has the potential for embarrassing President Bush, many observers believe.

Barr said his decision does not mean the case is closed — only that the allegations do not merit naming an independent counsel under a law created in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal.

The attorney general said the Justice Department continues to examine the charges, "and those allegations which warrant further inquiry will continue to be investigated by career professionals in the department in the normal course."

If the judiciary committee has any hard evidence, Barr added, it should give him the information.

Democrats on the House committee requested the appointment of the independent counsel on July 9. Barr had until today to decide whether to launch a preliminary investigation that could have led to such an appointment.

The committee members said an independent counsel should investigate:

—Whether laws were violated in providing U.S. assistance to Iraq prior to Saddam Hussein's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait;

—Whether the administration falsified documents given to congressional panels looking into the policy and withheld other information from congressional investigators; and

—Whether the White House interfered in the federal investigation of more than $4 billion in loans to Iraq by the Atlanta branch of an Italian bank, some of them taxpayer-subsidized commodity loans.

Hiring push blamed for inexperience of Dallas police officers

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Police Chief Bill Rathburn says although the force has become flooded with young officers occasionally making rookie mistakes, the trend will soon reverse itself.

"I think that once we get the bulge in the department's population over that five-year point, then we'll be OK," Rathburn told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions.

More than half of Dallas' approximately 2,900 police officers have fewer than three years' experience, which Rathburn says has made the force vulnerable.

"Given the low level of experience in the field, I think we really have been fortunate. I don't think we've had nearly as many tragic incidents as we could have had," he said.

The incidents which have occurred include:

— Last spring, five officers fired 116 shots at an armed suspect who never shot at them. One of the officers quit last week after he was accused of raping a woman while in uniform.

— In 1990, a patrolman investigating a flower shop burglary mistook the owner for a burglar and shot him to death.

— Late last year, two officers were fired and indicted by a grand jury on cocaine-dealing, conspiracy and extortion charges.

Both locally and nationally, experts say, young officers account for most police tragedies and internal affairs complaints.

That is especially true in cities, such as Dallas, that have expanded their forces rapidly to cope with surging populations and crime rates.

When Dallas police rookies hit the street and try to apply what they have learned in nearly a year of preparation, they realize their training has just begun, said senior Cpl. Frank Winton.

"When I get them after the academy, after all that book learning, they get another rude awakening. They learn that a lot of the stuff that's applied in the academy isn't applied in the same way in the field. We teach judgment," he said.

The hardest thing for a young police officer to learn, said Winton, who has been a field training officer for five years, is "that he's behind the eight ball all the time out here. He's not a person — he's a police officer. He's expected to know everything, and he doesn't."

Deadline for tickets is Friday

The deadline for season ticket holders to confirm tickets for 1992 Snyder High School varsity home football games is Friday, according to the Snyder ISD administration office.

The tickets are available at the school administration office on 37th Street from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

Season passes are $15 each.

Season tickets not renewed by Friday will go on sale Aug. 17. No season tickets will be sold after Aug. 28.

Home games for the 1992 season include Sweetwater on Sept. 4, Monahans on Sept. 11, Levelland on Oct. 9, Lubbock Estacado on Oct. 16 and Lamesa on Oct. 30.

Deputies note arrest

Scurry County sheriff's deputies made an arrest and took a report of an assault Saturday.

At 4 a.m., deputies received a report of a suspicious subject in a 1987 Chevrolet parked on Farm-to-Market 1606 near Ira. Upon investigation, they arrested a 37-year-old Ira man for possession of marijuana.

At 10:15 p.m., deputies were notified of an assault on a child at the Cooper Apartments. A report for Class A assault has been filed.

FD responds to grass fire

Snyder Fire department responded to a grass fire Sunday afternoon along China Grove Road.

Firefighters were called at 3:23 p.m. to a location six miles southeast of Snyder on property owned by John Leftwich.

The fire was confined to grass. Cause of the blaze is undetermined.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Harold Mason, Hermleigh; Katy Head, 1812 Davis Lane.

DISMISSALS: Maria Alaniz and baby, Patsy Parmer and baby, Gloria Ramirez, Alpha Linville, William McGlaun.

Census: 46 (Med.-8, Long-Term Care-32, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Katy Head announces the birth of her baby boy born at 10:51 a.m., Aug. 8, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds and four ounces.

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Obituaries

Norman Turner

1944-1992

Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Hillside Memorial Gardens for Norman Dale Turner, 47, of Snyder who died Saturday at Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness. The Rev. C.J. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiated.

Mr. Turner, born on Oct. 26, 1944, in Wichita, Kan., married Stuart C. Christenson in September, 1980, in Roswell, N.M. She died on July 13, 1992.

Living most of his life in Snyder, he had also lived in Roswell. He was a gas well contractor.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Turner of Snyder; two brothers, Fred Turner Jr. of Odessa and Phillip Wayne Turner of Ruidoso, N.M.; four sisters, Flora Stephens of Snyder, Mary Reese of Irving, Donna Oxford of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Darlene Turner of Snyder.

Inell Thomason

1916-1992

Services were to be held at 4 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Inell Thomason, 76, of Snyder. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery with Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Thomason died Saturday at her residence following a sudden illness.

Born Feb. 12, 1916, in Throckmorton County, she married Tommie Richard Thomason on April 6, 1935, in Taylor County. He died on Dec. 16, 1971.

A resident of Scurry County for 60 years, Mrs. Thomason and her husband had farmed in Hermleigh for many years. They had also operated a cafe in Snyder in the 1950s.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Lawson and Joann Thomason of Lubbock; one sister, Lela Mae Clayton of Moffett, Colo.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Chris Head

1904-1992

BROWNFIELD — Services were set for 2 p.m. today at the Tahoka Road Church of Christ for Christopher Odell Head, 88, who died Saturday in Brownfield Regional Medical Center. Burial was to follow in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Dunn, he attended Snyder schools and graduated from West Texas State University. He taught school in New Home, Wilson, Spade, Ralls and Brownfield. He also was a contract mail carrier, and a member of the Church of Christ.

He married Myrtle Nellie Pippin on April 14, 1928, in Plains. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Jerome Head of Plains; two brothers, Ardith Head of Sacramento, Calif., and Elvis Head of Bellingham, Wash.; a sister, Frances Marie Elliott of Cleburne; two granddaughters; and three great-granddaughters.

Hundreds of rockets rain down on battle-weary capital city

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Renegade rebels decimated an entire section of the battle-weary capital today in a day-long rocket assault that left nearly 1,000 people dead or wounded, Defense Ministry officials said.

Fundamentalist Hezb-e-Islami rebels, led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, were blamed for what the Defense Ministry said was the worst assault on Kabul since Muslim insurgents replaced the Communist government last April.

After nearly 12 hours of relentless rocketing, pro-government forces claimed they repulsed a Hezb-e-Islami offensive that began before dawn.

"We have captured most of Hekmatyar's positions from which he has fired on the city and brought such great bloodshed," said Haji Dilali, a Defense Ministry spokesman.

"From now on we want people to be assured that they will be spared these kinds of attacks," he said.

Isatullah, a Hezb-e-Islami commander, had said earlier that his rebels launched their offensive to counter attacks by pro-government troops. Defense Ministry officials refused to comment on the charge.

Thousands of frightened residents commandeered donkeys, horse-drawn carts and battered old trucks to flee the shell-shocked capital.

Several witnesses said they saw dozens of bodies partially buried in the rubble of neighborhoods destroyed by the incessant rocketing.

Doctors fled a government-run hospital in the heart of the worst hit area, leaving behind hundreds of screaming patients, said another eyewitness.

The Red Cross hospital was forced to suspend surgery after shells hit it on Saturday, agency spokesman Jean-Michael Mono said. He said the hospital treated at least 700 people over the weekend, but he couldn't say how many of those had died.

Since taking power from Afghanistan's Communist regime last April, Muslim insurgents have waged a bloody power struggle.

They are bitterly divided along religious, ethnic and tribal lines. Almost 4,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed or wounded since the rebels won their 14-year war against the Communists and began killing each other.

Northwest escalates air fares war with new price decreases

NEW YORK (AP) — Northwest Airlines Inc. escalated the war over air fares with ticket price cuts for European flights that deepen reductions adopted by the industry last week.

The discounts announced Sunday came two days after St. Paul, Minn.-based NWA Inc., Northwest's parent, reported second-quarter losses widened to $146 million due to recent fare battles and economic weakness.

Since Northwest only serves five cities in Europe, the cuts are not expected to have as big an impact as those initiated last week by Delta Air Lines, which sliced Europe fares between 10 percent and 40 percent.

But the price-paring threatens to further aggravate losses suffered by the industry when profits during the spring and summer — the year's peak travel season — were destroyed by discounting.

In last week's round, Northwest and other major carriers cut fares to Europe for travel between Oct. 1 and March 31.

But on Sunday, Northwest said it would cut prices in at least 70 markets by up to 45 percent for travel between Nov. 1 and March 31. In both sales, tickets must be purchased by Sept. 1.

Northwest spokesman Jim Faulkner said some of the new Northwest fares were averaging about 20 percent less than Delta's cuts.

United Airlines and Trans World Airlines said they would match the new Northwest fares in competitive markets.

Police make four arrests

Snyder police investigated a burglary and made four unrelated arrests over the weekend.

Tony Perales notified police at 9:35 a.m. Saturday that Carlos Imports have been burglarized. Entry was gained through a front window. An undetermined amount of jewelry and cash was taken.

At 2:31 p.m. Saturday, police arrested a 20-year-old man for public intoxication in the 2900 block of Avenue K.

Police received a 911 call at 12:42 a.m. Sunday concerning a domestic dispute in the 1000 block of 23rd Street. Police arrested a 30-year-old man at the location for Class A assault. A report for family violence was also filed.

At 1:35 a.m. Sunday, police were notified that someone was passed out in a vehicle near Whataburger. Officers arrested a 29-year-old man for public intoxication.

Police arrested a 22-year-old man at 3:46 a.m. Sunday in the 600 block of 29th Street for public intoxication.

At 9:29 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 60-year-old man for driving while intoxicated in the 2600 block of Avenue E.

Police also took reports of theft, criminal mischief and worked a traffic accident.

At 6:49 p.m. Saturday, officers worked a two-vehicle wreck in the 2000 block of Peyton. Involved were a 1987 Pontiac driven by William Timothy Atwood of 3100 El Paso and a 1986 Buick driven by Paula Dupuy Brown of 2107 Peyton.

At 7:50 a.m. Saturday, Henry Treat notified officers of damage done to a vehicle while it was parked at 2207 O'Neil. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed at 11:37 a.m. after Lynn Fenton reported property damage at 1706 37th St.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, police investigated the theft of a lawnmower from a discount store on South College Avenue. And at 1:55 p.m., Bill Baldwin reported the theft of a stereo from Bill's Auto Salvage.

Draft platform offers GOP as no taxes political party

HOUSTON (AP) — A draft of the 1992 Republican platform reaffirms the party's support for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion and accuses Democrats of lying about the nation's achievements under GOP rule in the 1980s.

Despite President Bush's turnaround on his 1988 no-new-taxes pledge, the draft platform released today once again depicts him as a candidate who will not raise taxes.

"The choice is clear — between a president who vetoes tax increases and one who proposes them," the platform says in a reference to Democrat Bill Clinton's plan to boost taxes on Americans making more than $200,000.

"And our Republican position is equally clear: we will oppose any attempt to increase taxes," the draft document adds.

Democrats often criticize the 1980s as a period when the rich got richer and the poor got poorer, and say tax changes put an unfair burden on the middle class.

The draft GOP platform, to be voted on by the party's platform committee later this week, charges that Democrats have "lied about America's achievement in the 1980s, rewriting history to erase the true accomplishments of the American people."

Republican Chairman Rich Bond opened a week of platform-writing sessions today with biting rhetoric. "Picture what a horror show a Clinton presidency might be like," he said. "If you can bear it, think about a Clinton cabinet."

Colorado Rep. Patricia Schroeder would be defense secretary, he said, and former California Gov. Jerry Brown would be interior secretary. Schroeder would create "a blue ribbon commission on politically correct behavior in the military" and Brown would declare "a biosphere in every backyard," Bond said.

Budget workshop

Continued From Page 1

more than double the 1992 amount. Budget requests for the coliseum for 1993 totalled $276,609, bringing expected losses for 1993 to $201,929.

Stephens explained that the increase in revenue for 1993 will come from increased rates for use of the facility, taking over the concession stands and charges for use of the new sound system.

Changes in the 1993 budget requests include increases in repairs, utilities, telephone, postage and equipment expenses.

"We spent $50,000 on utilities in 1991," said Stephens. "In 1992, there was $45,000 budgeted. I am not sure that will cover utility costs for this year, so I am requesting $50,000 for 1993."

Stephens proposed changing the job title of assistant manager to building manager, and requested a three percent pay increase for the position. She requested that the top pay for the position be raised $1,600 from $20,400 to $22,000.

Other changes in salaries for 1993 will include a three percent increase for the coliseum receptionist.

A request of $12,000 was included in the budget to change the current light fixtures and replace them with less costly flourescent fixtures. According to Stephens, this would decrease the cost for using the lights in the coliseum from over $4 per hour to about 88 cents per hour.

The only other budget studied by commissioners before a noon recess was the county extension service budget, which showed an increase of $2,517 over the 1992 total of $56,920.

According to Extension Agent Mike Morrow, increases in the budget will be seen in repairs, equipment and the addition of a cellular phone for the office.

Commissioners were to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. to continue work on the fiscal year 1993 general fund budget.

County Judge Bob Doolittle presided at this morning's meeting. All commissioners were present.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How to shop for multi-vitamins

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are all vitamins the same? Some companies claim theirs are water soluble and if they aren't, they won't digest. Since I'm planning on taking a multi-vitamin, I'm really confused.

DEAR READER: Vitamins A, D, E and K are fat-soluble (meaning they don't dissolve in water); the remaining vitamins, including B complexes and C, are water-soluble. You can't make a fat-soluble vitamin into a water-soluble one.

By and large, vitamin supplements are reliable, because their manufacture is supervised by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Obviously, multi-vitamin preparations contain varying quantities of individual vitamins, depending on the brand.

In view of the consistent quality of vitamin preparations, some unscrupulous promoters make unwarranted claims in order to sell their products in a highly competitive market. Beware of claims such as: Products containing "natural" vitamins are superior (they're not), or vitamins have been altered to be more digestible (it makes no difference).

When advising patients which vitamin preparation to purchase, I usually suggest they ask their pharmacist to recommend the least expensive brand.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Fads I — Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I just read your column "Spot The Doc" and enjoyed it immensely. A year ago I saw a gynecologist who really didn't act like one. From the moment she entered the room, she was in a horrible mood and I got the brunt of her rage. I was called a liar, put down for being poor and 15 pounds overweight. She flat out told me she didn't have time to give me a pelvic exam and she half-heartedly examined my breasts after I asked her to. I left the clinic feeling hurt, shamed, discarded and humiliated and still have memories of a doctor "not acting the part." Thanks for hitting the nail on the head.

DEAR READER: I am sorry that you had such an unpleasant experience. The doctor should have known better. She did not act professionally. If I were you, I'd make a complaint to the county medical society. Perhaps she has a personal problem that should be addressed. The medical society will investigate, especially if other patients have lodged complaints.

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U.N. Security Council faces tough decision about Bosnia

By Peter James Spielmann
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council faces a quandary. Should U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia remain neutral while the country dies around them or, in effect, back the Bosnian government by using force to deliver aid?

AP analysis

President Bush hopes to push a resolution through the Security Council this week authorizing military force to ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid the the besieged people of Sarajevo.

He and other world leaders oppose using troops to end the war.

Aid so far has been airlifted primarily to Muslim-dominated Sarajevo. If military force is used, the well-armed Serbian militias surrounding the capital would regard and treat the U.N. peacekeepers as enemies — if they don't already. The U.N. headquarters repeatedly has been shelled; at least six peacekeepers were wounded in attacks last week.

Bush's proposal raises a series of tough questions:

—How much force is needed to guarantee aid deliveries?

Maj. Gen. Lewis MacKenzie of Canada, who was relieved last week after five months as head of the peacekeeping force in Bosnia, said the task would be "monumental," possibly bigger than the allied effort in the Persian Gulf War. MacKenzie noted that just to guarantee safe passage for a relief convoy, peacekeepers would have to clear a land corridor 25 miles wide along the entire route to keep artillery out of range.

—Can the United Nations handle such a complex military campaign?

The problem in Bosnia is comparable to the United Nation's debacle in the Congo from 1960-64, where some 20,000 peacekeepers found themselves embroiled in civil war, rebellion and changes of government.

Although the Congo operation eventually resulted in a unified, governable Zaire, diplomats and U.N. officials unanimously agreed that the world body should never plunge into such a quagmire again.

—Would the use of force endanger the peacekeepers?

Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and his advisors, including MacKenzie, believe the Serbs would view a resolution authorizing the use of force as a declaration of war, and thus consider U.N. peacekeepers the enemy.

—Who would do the fighting?

President Bush doesn't want it to be American men and women, especially not in an election year. "I do not want to see the United States bogged down in any way in some guerrilla warfare," he said last week.

There is broad agreement that Europe should take the lead in solving a European problem. NATO has begun drafting contingency plans to use European troops and air forces, but there are still difficulties.

—What if U.N. efforts fail?

The current peacekeeping force in Bosnia opened up the airport but Bosnians are increasingly critical of it for remaining scrupulously neutral while Serb forces overrun the country and force out Muslims and Croats in an "ethnic cleansing" campaign.

They think U.N. neutrality aids the Serbs, and the longer the peacekeepers continue in their present role, the angrier the Bosnians become.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Peter Spielmann has been covering the United Nations for The Associated Press since 1987.

Economy said main issue

DALLAS (AP) — A majority of three dozen Dallas and San Antonio Hispanics polled say they reluctantly support Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton.

Those participants in four focus groups, most of whom say their personal finances are worsening, also say they are more concerned with finding jobs and waiting for the economy to improve.

They listed crime, drugs and gangs as the nation's top problems.

Robert Brischetto, executive director of the Southwest Voter Research Institute, said the findings mirror the results of recent polls of Hispanic voters.

The non-partisan San Antonio institute conducted the focus groups for The Dallas Morning News and the San Antonio Light. Three sessions were conducted with registered voters, and one with non-registered voters.

"What has (President) Bush done for us?" asked Clyde Serna, a mechanic from Dallas. Serna said he was not too impressed by Clinton, either, but wanted to "at least give the guy a try."

"Bush has been there too long," said Delia Paez, a clerk from Dallas. "Bush and the Republicans were the start of cutting all the social programs, cutting the Social Security, cutting the welfare down and doing more for the rich."

Hispanics are expected to account for 12 percent of the state's electorate in the general election. Democrat Michael Dukakis received 83 percent of the Hispanic vote in Texas against Bush in 1988.

When the participants were asked the most pressing problem in their neighborhoods, crime headed the list.

Robert Pesina, a college student who lives in the south Dallas neighborhood of Oak Cliff, said violence is rampant there.

"Most of the time I can't go to sleep until I hear the gunshots. Like an alarm clock," he said.

And on other issues they suggested:

—Reduce the federal deficit, but without raising taxes.

—Protect Social Security and welfare from budget cuts.

—Treat AIDS as a public health hazard.

After crime, Texas Hispanics say the greatest problems are education, health care and poverty.

Advocates to ask Richards for investigation of agency

DALLAS (AP) — As a trial begins for a man charged with injuring a child who died in May, a Garland group is asking Gov. Ann Richards to keep closer watch on the agency which ruled the toddler "not at risk."

Child Abuse Prevention plans to this week give the governor a 5,000-signature petition asking her to demand public accountability by Child Protective Services.

Robert Rose Jr. is scheduled to face today the charge of injuring Donny Martin, the 2-year-old son of Rose's common-law wife.

An autopsy found that the toddler died May 16 of "blunt force trauma" to his stomach. Rose was charged by Garland police two days later.

The state agency had declared the boy "not at risk," spurring several Garland residents to form their group and study the state agency.

"What we want is for the governor to take a personal look at Children's Protective Services, to go in there and find out what's not working, because something's not working right," said Jan Hurley of Child Abuse Prevention.

State officials have cited confidentiality rules in repeatedly declining to discuss details of Donny's case.

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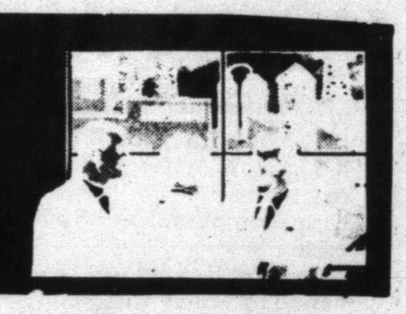

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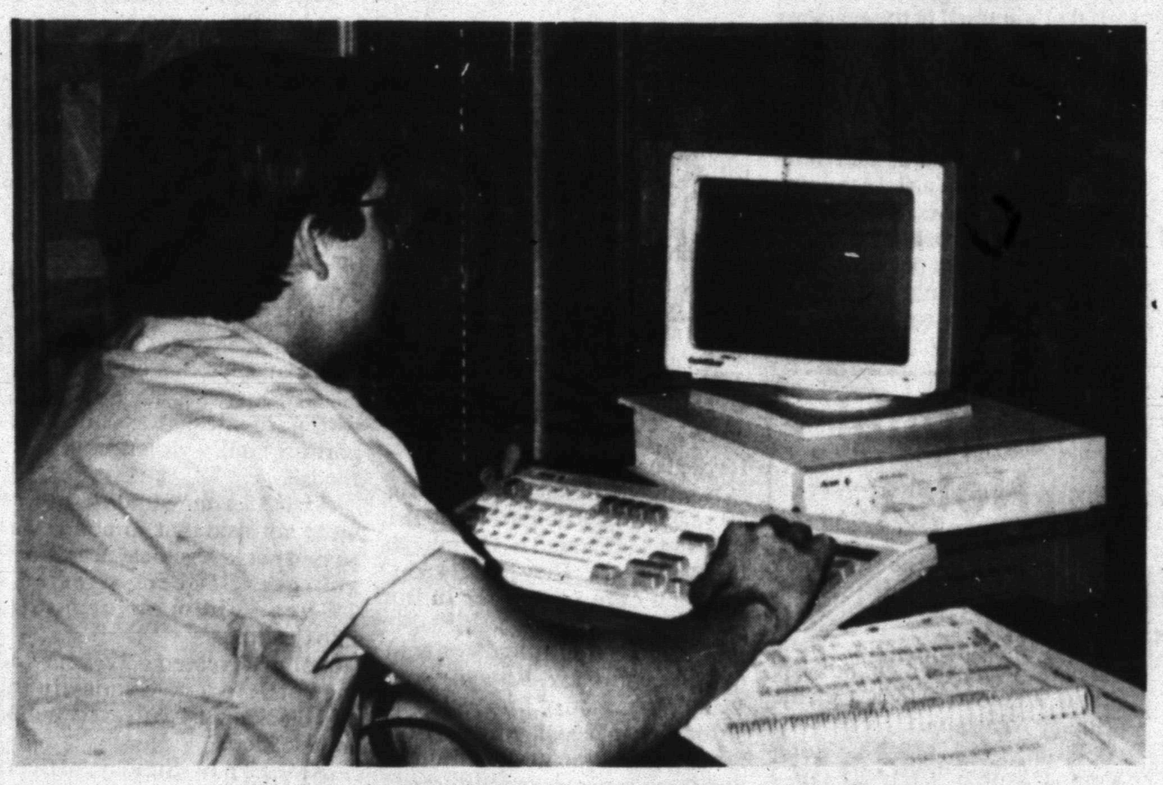
Collision repairs at Pat Gray's start with the Kansas Jack Magna Rack III, a revolutionary system for unibody cars that literally reverses the collision action by pulling it out the way it went in and then squares and aligns each section of the car. With its advanced gauging and analysis system, the machine can achieve repair results that are correct within one or two millimeters.



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The final step is repainting. Pat Gray Body Works is the only body shop in the area equipped with the Blowtherm Ultra Spraybooth Oven, which is described as "the finest automobile refinishing machine made." Gray stocks factory tinting formulas but custom mixes the paints as needed to achieve any variance caused by the sun and other factors, thus matching a car's finish perfectly.

Written warranties are provided for all repairs: lifetime warranty on workmanship and five years on paint jobs. The shop backs new parts warranties from the manufacturer.

Pat Gray Body Works, located at 700 N. Benton in Big Spring, offers free wrecker service on collision repair jobs in the area, including service to Snyder, Lamesa, Colorado City and Sweetwater. Phone (915) 263-0852 or 263-2374.

No one celebrated birthdays before the calendar was invented in 4000 B.C., because there was no way to know the date. After the calendar was used to keep track of time, only kings celebrated birthdays as no records were kept on common people.

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