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Home Of Philip Payne

CMH budget approved

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers approved the hospital's 2000 operating budget this morning, and learned of a change in the hospital administrative staff.

The budget approved totaled $14,209,292, up slightly from the present year's budget is $14,011,860.

Hospital controller Selina McGuire said the budget reflects a 3.9 percent increase in salaries, but there will not be across-the-board salary adjustments for employees. "The increase in the salary line of the budget reflects mostly merit raises," McQuire said.

Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer reported that Jerry Vestal, director of utilization services, would be leaving the hospital at the end of the month for a private accounting and consulting practice. Vestal joined the hospital 31/2 years ago as controller.

Board member Dr. Mark Weaver said he feels the budget is "very realistic and workable. We hope to recruit more physicians so the hospital's revenue can be increased."

The budget vote was four in favor with one board member not voting. Dink Foree did not vote and one other board member, J.B. Tate Jr., was absent.

In abstaining on the budget, Foree said he questioned whether the commissioners court is following state law by not making specific appropriations for salaries of hospital employees.

Hospital administrator Reecer said he could not speak for the court, and referred the question to two commissioners at the meeting.

Both Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloeanne Lindsey and Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey said the court had not made specific salary appropriations in recent years.

Board president Jim Bob Cave said the law might be covered when the commissioners approve the hospital's budget.

In other action, the board approved the request of credentials for Dr. Richard Hope, a dermatologist from Lubbock who will practice in the hospital's specialty clinic.

Dr. Hope will be taking the places of Drs. William and Leslie Radentz who are moving to California.

The board also approved the monthly financial report as presented by McGuire.

The report reflected low usage of the hospital in July, as is the norm in the summer months, said McGuire.

She also noted the hospital's long-term care capacity is full, and home health visits increased from around 400 in June to 695 in July.

At the end of July, the hospital's cash balance was $2.6 million.

In other business, the board heard the yearly report on employee performance appraisals and license verification from Barbara Parker, human resources manager, and approved expenditures of $27,482 for new carpeting on the medical/surgical floor and the long-term care floor.

Reecer also reported that two family practice physicians visited in Snyder last week, and both are interested in locating to a rural area.

The administrator said he expects to hear from one of the physicians by November, but the other candidate would not finish her residency until next summer and would not be available until next fall.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There are reasons for two hands. One to help yourself, and one to help others."

Just for the record, we do sometimes run things that poke fun at men.

This was making the rounds in a teacher workroom, filled mainly with the tender gender. They were hoping that WTC would offer some of these short courses this fall.

We guys can take it as a compliment. Short courses imply we are fast learners.

Here are some course titles – especially for men:

—Introduction to Common Household Objects I: The Mop.

—Introduction to Common Household Objects II: The Sponge.

—Dressing Up: Beyond the Funeral and the Wedding.

—Refrigerator Forensics: Identifying and removing the dead.

—Design Pattern or Splatter Stain on Linoleum: You can tell the difference.

—If it's empty, you can throw it away: Accepting Loss I.

—If the Milk Expired, Keeping it in the Refrigerator Won't Bring it Back: Accepting Loss II.

—Going to the Store: It's Not Just for Women Anymore.

—Bathroom Etiquette I: How to Remove Beard Clippings from the Sink.

—Bathroom Etiquette II: Let's wash those towels.

—Bathroom Etiquette III: Five Easy Ways to Tell When You're About to Run Out of Toilet Paper.

—Giving Back to the Community: Donating 15-year-old jeans to Goodwill.

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—No, the dishes won't wash themselves: Knowing the limitation of your kitchenware.

—Romance: More than a cable channel.

—Strange but true: She really may not care what "fourth down and ten" means.

—Going out to dinner: Beyond fast food.

—Expanding entertainment options: Renting movies outside the action/adventure category.

—Yours, mine and ours: Sharing the remote control.

—Why women laugh: I could have played a better game than that.

—Adventures in Housekeeping I: Let's Clean the Closet.

—Adventures in Housekeeping II: Let's Clean under the bed.

—I Don't Know: Be the first man to say it.

—The Gas Gauge: Sometimes' empty means empty.

—Directions: It's okay to ask for them.

—Listening: Other than just during halftime.

—Accepting Your Limitations: Just because you own power tools doesn't mean you can fix it.

Tomorrow: Equal time. Suggested short courses for the gals.

City corrects figure

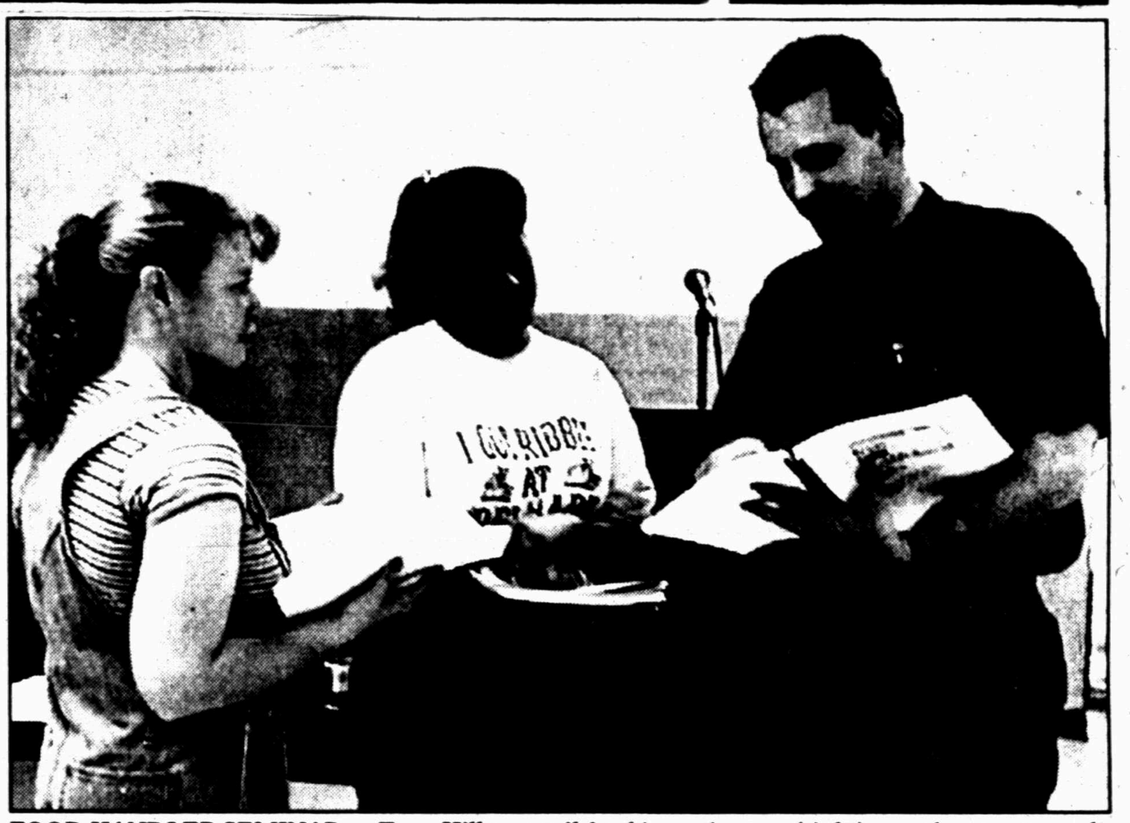
City taxes on the average priced homestead in Snyder will not be going up as much as first thought.

During Monday evening's city council meeting, council members questioned the figures provided by the Scurry County Appraisal District which reflected an increase in the average value for a homestead in Snyder of $2,208 – up from $30,850 to $33,058.

Additional checking at the appraisal office found that the figure for last year's home was incorrect and it should have been listed as $32,875.

As a result, the taxes on that price house will increase by only $1.58, not the $9.55 the council was presented on Monday.

The council is expected to adopt the effective tax rate of $.3961, up slightly from this year's rate of $.3935 – an increase of .0026.



FOOD HANDLER SEMINAR — Tony Hiller, retail food investigator, (right) was the guest speaker at this morning's food handler seminar sponsored by the Scurry County Health Unit. A second session was scheduled from 2 to 4 this afternoon. Hiller answers questions from Betty Bredemeyer, representing First Baptist Church and Town & Country 235, and from Susie Epperson representing Red Barn Bar-B-Que. (SDN Staff Photo)

New major serving prison unit

Karl Thomas, a 12-year veteran with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is the new major at the Price Daniel Unit, coming to Snyder from the Woodman State Jail in Gatesville.

Thomas has been with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice since 1987 when he began at the Ellis I Unit in Huntsville.

"I later transferred to Eastham Unit in Lovelady, and in 1992 I promoted to sergeant in the Alfred Hughes Unit in Gatesville," Thomas said.

In 1994, Thomas moved to the in-service and pre-service training academy in Gatesville for four months to serve as an instructor.

He later was transferred to Amarillo's Clements Unit where he served as a sergeant, before being promoted to lieutenant.

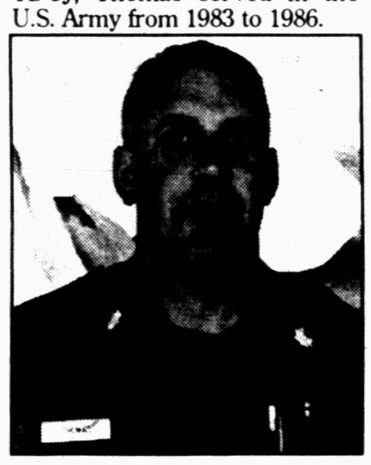
Thomas was transferred to help open the Woodman Unit, a state jail facility, in 1997.

"I helped open the Woodman Unit from the ground up," he said. "This is where I've been the last two years. I was promoted to captain during this tenure after four months."

Also during his tenure at Woodman, Thomas said he served as the assistant coordinator for Special Olympics in the Gatesville area.

He said he plans to get involved with Special Olympics here in Snyder. "Definitely. It is one of my projects that I enjoy very much."

Before going to work for TDCJ, Thomas served in the U.S. Army from 1983 to 1986.



Karl Thomas

He said joining the prison system was not something he had ever given though to before he met his wife.

"While I was in the military, I met my wife. She was already working for the system and she encouraged me to come to work for it."

Thomas said it was a short break between the Army and TDCJ.

"I got out of the army at the end of December, 1986. From the Army, I began working for the state in January, 1987. I had about a two-week vacation, then I started the academy."

Thomas said he has heard lots of good things about the Snyder community and he is looking forward to moving here.

He and his wife, Rita, have an eight-year-old son, Chas.

"I am happy to be aboard at the Daniel Unit and am looking forward to meeting the community and working with the staff at the Daniel Unit," he said.

Thomas replaces J.D. Smith who transferred to the Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

Therapists say...

Driving force behind batterers is control

Lillian was beaten when there was a dirty dish in the sink. She was beaten when her live-in boyfriend was drunk and when he was sober.

Janey's eye was blackened when her drunken fiance disagreed when dinner was a minute late. She was shoved and beaten when dinner was on time.

Anna was scalded with boiling water when she refused to make her husband a cup of tea. She was smashed on the head with a fan when she made an offhand comment.

All were hit at least once because the man in their lives claimed they "pushed their buttons" and brought abuse on themselves by not seeing how stressed their men were.

RUBBISH!

We have to stop asking why do women stay, and start asking why do batterers beat up their "loved ones?"

There is a lot of discussion among those who work with batterers over what type of treatment will best protect the victims of domestic violence. This treatment debate stems from a deep schism over what makes batterers tick.

Battering is not a sickness it's a learned behavior. The core of the batterers' problem is that they don't respect women. What needs to change is that sense of entitlement — that it is their right to control the lives of their partners. The driving force behind a batterer is to control and have power over their spouse. Batterers are control freaks who consciously manipulate their partners to ensure they get their way.

With this in mind a behavior modification program uses a social control approach to a batterers' treatment that focuses almost exclusively on the here and now. Group leaders confront the batterers, forcing them to accept responsibility for their actions. They are not allowed to blame their behavior on their partner, alcohol, the economy, their temper, their childhood or any other excuse. They did it, there was no excuse — and they will either stop or be put in jail. Group members explore the attitudes toward women they use to justify their abuse. They learn ways to control their anger, and communicate more effectively with their partner. They learn that abuse is not just beatings, but also threats, insults, physical abuse and economic control. The focus of this group is to change behavior, make women safe and the men accountable.

However, a 24-week program (Batterers Intervention Prevention Program, BIPP) is not going to make a very big dent into long-standing issues with short-term therapy. The survivor, probation officer, Noah Project's staff and therapists monitor the batterers. The survivor lets the facilitator of the BIPP groups know if the batterer is truly making changes in the relationship.

Various surveys have shown us that approximately 80 percent of women return to the men who battered them. So wouldn't it be important to help men and women make changes so that the relationship can improve?

There is also another aspect of domestic violence that was discussed in Part 2 of this series. Approximately 75 percent of all batterers witnessed abuse between their own parents and half were the victims of abuse themselves. These childhood experiences fill future batterers with important rage — a rage they are forced to swallow throughout their childhood. This is not to say that their horrible childhood can be used as an excuse.

However, the fact of the matter is that BIPP is great but some long-term counseling is also in order. Long-term counseling often involves the batterer going into his childhood and that can be dangerous for the spouse. So even during the counseling phase for the batterer, the survivor needs continued support.

The final article for this four part series will focus on society's role in domestic violence.

(Gayla Neff Hall is a therapist at Marriage & Family Therapy Associates. Comments and questions can be directed to MFTA, 1600 25TH St., Snyder, TX 79549 or call 915-573-2299).

ASK US

Q—Do all county schools get a Labor Day holiday?

A—Yes. Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh students will be off Monday, Sept. 6.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 99 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, upper 60s. Thursday, mostly sunny. High, upper 90s. Thursday night, fair. Low, upper 60s-lower 70s. Friday-Sunday, mostly sunny days, fair nights.



Derek Anderson
Sunny

Sunset: 8:24 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.
Of 229 days in 1999, the sun has shone 222 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We are all wanderers on this earth. Our hearts are full of wonder, and our souls are deep with dreams.

—Gypsy saying

Teen drug use falls after rising through 1990s

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teen drug use fell last year, with about one in 10 teen-agers using marijuana and other drugs, the government reports today. Officials say it's solid evidence that the nation has turned a corner after rising drug use through the mid-1990s.

Overall, drug use among Americans of all ages remained level, but use among young adults continued its steady rise, according to the annual household survey of 25,500 people ages 12 and up.

All told, 78 million Americans had tried illegal drugs at some point in their lives. Marijuana remained far and away the most popular drug, but 41.3 million Americans also had tried another heroin, cocaine or some other illegal drug, the survey said.

Of them, 13.6 million were current users, about half what it was at its 1979 peak.

The survey results were being released today by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Barry McCaffrey, President Clinton's drug policy adviser.

The National Household Survey on Drug Abuse also measured cigarette smoking and found it down to 27.7 percent overall, the lowest rate recorded. But smoking remained steady among teens and continued to rise among young adults. Cigar use edged up.

The survey is most carefully watched as a gauge of teen drug use.

It found 9.9 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds had used some sort of drugs within the past month, down from 11.4 percent in 1997. A second government survey, which uses a different method to measure teen drug use, has found that drug use was stable over the past two years after years on the rise.

"We can really say we're making progress," a Clinton administration official said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity. Earlier reports signaling a leveling off of teen drug use have been greeted with cautious optimism, but the official said researchers were now confident that the nation had "turned a corner."

The portion of teens saying they had ever used drugs was also down, from 18.8 percent in 1997 to 16.4 percent last year.

The declines were driven by older teens — those ages 16 and 17 — with the percentage having used drugs in the past year falling from 30.7 percent to 26.8 percent.

Marijuana — the most popular drug — tends to fuel the overall rate, though its usage has fluctuated over the past few years. Last year it fell to 8.3 percent among teens, back to its 1995 level and still significantly higher than the 3.4 percent recorded in 1992.

Overall, teen drug use rose through much of the 1990s and is still much higher than it was in 1991 and 1992. Researchers attribute the rise to a relaxing of the intense prevention efforts of the 1980s.

Today's news was not as good for young adults aged 18 to 25. The survey found 16.1 percent of them were "current users," meaning they had used drugs in the past month. That rate has been gradually rising, up from 13.3 percent in 1994.

In particular, cocaine use was up, from 1.2 percent in 1997 to 2 percent in 1998.

Officials suspect that the rising statistics relate to this particular group of people — the same people who were more likely to use drugs when they were teen-agers, who have now become young adults.

Overall, drug use among all ages remained level in 1998, with 13.6 million current users. That's 6.2 percent of the population, statistically unchanged from 6.4 percent in 1997.

But the rates have increased among minority groups. The percent of blacks currently using drugs jumped from 5.8 percent in 1993 to 8.2 percent last year. Hispanics saw a similar rise, from 4.4 percent to 6.1 percent over those five years.

Teen and adult drug use is driven largely by use of marijuana, which attracts nearly twice as many users as cocaine, heroine, LSD and other drugs combined.

Overall use of marijuana was steady in 1998, with about 11 million Americans smoking it in the month preceding the survey.

Other findings from the survey:

—Heroin: A total of 130,000 people were currently using heroin, double the number in 1993. And the age of users was dropping. In 1997, the typical heroin user was 17.6 years old the first time they tried it, down from 18.3 percent in 1996.

—Cocaine: The number of users was stable in 1998, with about 1.75 million, though there were increases among teens and young adults.

—Cigarettes: Some 60 million Americans age 12 and up said they were current smokers, down from 29.6 percent in 1997. Among young adults, the percentage has steadily increased from 34.6 percent in 1994 to 41.6 percent last year.

—Cigars: Use increased to 6.9 percent last year from 5.9 percent in 1997.

Wallace Vernon...

Former resident earns recognition

Wallace Vernon, a former resident of Snyder, was recently recognized for the good deeds he has performed in Killeen, where he and his wife, Emmadell Ewing Vernon, now live.

Vernon is the recipient of the 1999 Golden Deeds Award, presented by the Exchange Club of Killeen.

Vernon has given time and resources to the Killeen Clements Boys & Girls Club. He received the Silver Medallion Award from the Boys & Girls Club of America for his service and support.

The award is presented only when an individual demonstrates dedicated service over a long period of time. Vernon served as treasurer of the organization for more than 30 years and as chief financial and legal adviser.

When the 2,500 square-foot Boys and Girls Club was opened on May 25, 1996, he was responsible for keeping the project on track.

Vernon also worked through the Lions Club to help provide scholarships and with the Lions summer camp, which serves visually handicapped and other challenged youngsters.

He also helped establish the Food Care Center of Killeen, and securing the tax-free status for the facility.

Vernon also devoted time and energy to the Lions Park project. He helped establish a foundation for a museum and library in Salado and worked to establish the local Heritage Foundation.

A few of Vernon's other accomplishments include being named Boss of the Year. He has also received numerous other awards, including Distinguished Public Service, presented by the Killeen Jaycees.

Besides being recognized by his peers, Vernon's children also shared stories about their father and how much he means to them.

One of the banquet speakers noted that Vernon went to work as a sackboy at Furr's Food Store at the age of 14.

Vernon was born in Snyder and graduated from Snyder High School in 1958. He married a Snyder girl, Emmadell Ewing, in 1960.

He attended the junior college in San Angelo before graduating from Texas Tech University in 1963 with a degree in accounting.

In 1966, the Vernons moved to Killeen.

Emmadell is the daughter of Gene and Vondell King of Snyder. She is a Baylor University graduate.

Vernon's brother, Gene Vernon, lives in Snyder.

Date Book

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1999

Today is the 230th day of 1999 and the 59th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, the Great Blondin crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope, carrying a man on his shoulders.

On this day in 1962, Ringo Starr joined the Beatles, replacing drummer Pete Best.

On this day in 1992, basketball player Larry Bird announced that he was retiring.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Meriwether Lewis (1774-1809), explorer; Shelley Winters (1922-), actress, is 77; Rosalynn Carter (1927-), U.S. first lady, is 72; Roman Polanski (1933-), film director, is 66; Roberto Clemente (1934-1972), baseball great; Robert Redford (1937-), actor-director, is 62; Patrick Swayze (1954-), actor, is 45; Malcolm-Jamal Warner (1970-), actor, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Jaipur defeated Ridan by a nose in the Travers Stakes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression." — W.E.B. Du Bois

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Heaton enlists in Air Force

Natasha A. Heaton, daughter of Janet E. Heaton of Snyder, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's delayed enlistment program on Friday.

Heaton is a graduate of Hobbs High School and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Nov. 4.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, she is scheduled to receive technical training in a general aptitude career field.

In conjunction with the vocational skill, she will be earning college credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force training schools.

WTC slates graduation

Western Texas College School of Vocational Nursing will hold the graduation and pinning ceremony for the vocational nurse classes of September, 1998 and March, 1999 at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Robbie Herrington 2. Kathy Jackson 3. Ray Herring 4. Judy Land 5. Gary Bergeron 6. Shirley Davis 7. Tammy Elledge 8. Richard Elkins 9. Cheryl Brinner 10. Carla Blythe

Loans for steel, oil, gas producers approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steel, oil and natural gas companies hurt by fallen prices will be allowed to share $1.5 billion in government-backed loans to help tide themselves over.

The loan program was signed into law Tuesday by President Clinton on the same day U.S. steel producers announced a challenge to deals the Clinton administration reached with Brazil and Russia over steel shipments to the United States.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., chief proponent of the steel loan program, welcomed the help it would provide to steel communities and companies that have suffered from low-priced imports.

"These loan guarantees will provide important access to capital for U.S. steel companies," he said. "It is time to stanch the damage and give the domestic steel industry a chance to recover."

Steel companies will be able to tap into a $1 billion loan fund and borrow up to $250 million each at market interest rates. U.S. oil and gas producers and service companies could borrow up to $10 million each from a $500 million fund.

The measure will cost taxpayers an estimated $270 million to back the loans. Opponents say the measure will force U.S. taxpayers to support companies and banks that make bad business decisions.

Meanwhile, lawyers for U.S. steel producers said they will seek to void the agreements Brazil and Russia reached separately with the United States to avoid punitive tariffs.

Five companies mailed their lawsuits Monday night, while seven other producers plan to join the complaint against Russia later. The U.S. Court of International Trade in New York, which handles trade disputes, will hear the cases.

Industry attorney Mike Stein said the two agreements would not sufficiently protect American producers from illegal foreign pricing, although he admitted the challenge will be "an uphill battle."

Had the deals not been reached, Brazil would have faced tariffs of as much as 53 percent and Russia as much as 185 percent on the industry's main product, hot-rolled carbon steel. Brazil and Russia agreed to quotas and minimum prices to avert tariffs.

The U.S. industry already won tariffs on Japanese hot-rolled shipments and sought sanctions against Russia and Brazil as well to combat low-priced hot-rolled imports.

The lawsuits filed this week do not challenge a second deal with Russia restricting other types of steel. The federal government is named as the defendant, although Russia, Brazil and their steel producers will be allowed to join in the defense.

Commerce Department spokesman Morrie Goodman said the department had not received the lawsuit. Lawyers for Russian and Brazilian producers also said they had not seen the complaints but believed the agreements complied with U.S. trade laws.

A decision is likely to take at least a year.

African woman who feared mutilation wins U.S. asylum

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman who fled Africa two years ago to avoid genital mutilation has been awarded political asylum.

The Board of Immigration Appeals granted the petition of Adelaide Abankwah on the ground that she had good reason to fear genital cutting if she returned to her native Ghana.

Ms. Abankwah, 29, is the second woman to win asylum in the United States because of the threat of genital mutilation, which millions of African girls and women undergo each year.

Ms. Abankwah was arrested for trying to enter the country with false immigration papers when she arrived at Kennedy International Airport on March 29, 1997. She had fled her isolated tribe of about 400 people.

She immediately requested asylum, telling Immigration and Naturalization Service officials that she feared village leaders would order her killed or would force her to undergo genital mutilation because she violated tribal customs by losing her virginity.

The Board of Immigration Appeals, which rules on asylum issues, granted her petition Friday.

Mandy Sullivan of Equality Now, a feminist group that lobbied for asylum, said Ms. Abankwah was relieved by the decision.

"It's very hard for her to comprehend — that it's all over and no one (is) going to come snatch her back," Ms. Sullivan said.

Ms. Abankwah has been living in the Bronx with Pentecostal Minister Victoria Otumfuor, who also is from Ghana, and has been volunteering at Equality Now.

The precedent for recognizing genital mutilation in amnesty rulings was established in the case by Fauziya Kassindja, who fled Togo hours before she was to be cut.

After Ms. Kassindja reached the United States, she was imprisoned for 16 months. She ultimately won a landmark 1996 asylum ruling in which the INS recognized female genital mutilation as a form of persecution.

Tripp seeks dismissal of wiretap indictment

BALTIMORE (AP) — Linda Tripp has asked a judge to dismiss her felony wiretapping indictment, arguing state prosecutors improperly relied on her immunized testimony about Monica Lewinsky's affair with President Clinton during their investigation.

In motions filed Tuesday, Mrs. Tripp's lawyer, Joseph Murtha, argued state prosecutors cannot prove that she illegally taped the former White House intern without using her federal testimony.

"The source of the information utilized by the State could only have been obtained as a result of information directly or indirectly derived from the federal grand jury proceeding," Murtha wrote.

State Prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli denied that his office used information gathered by federal sources.

No judge has been assigned to hear the motions and no court date has been set, meaning trial will likely be scheduled no earlier than this winter.

A grand jury indicted Mrs. Tripp on July 30 on two felony counts charging that she illegally tape-recorded Ms. Lewinsky and disclosed the contents of the conversation to Newsweek magazine.

Keith & Peggy Hatter will be holding a

REVIVAL *at the*

1st Church of the Nazarene

starting **Thurs., August 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

thru Sun., August 22

Lunch will be served on the grounds after Sunday Service which starts at 10:45 a.m..

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dangerous Complacency Obscures Threat of AIDS

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Regarding the discussion in your column about taking pictures at funerals: In 1986, my partner died of complications from AIDS. We were lucky that he was able to remain at home in comfortable surroundings. I am a floral designer and he loved my work, so I worked all day at my former place of employment to do his flowers.

Many friends sent sympathy tributes and wondered if I would photograph the flowers for them. I agreed. When I was alone in the funeral parlor, I took photographs of the flowers and of him lying in the casket. And yes, he did look better that day in the casket than while he was dying. AIDS is a horrible way to go, so don't condemn anyone for saying that the deceased looked better on the day of the funeral. In some cases it's true.

Abby, please remind people that the AIDS virus is still out of control. The drugs are not effective for everyone. This epidemic is still far from over.

MIKE FROM ST. PETE

DEAR MIKE: You are absolutely right that the AIDS epidemic is still a threat here and around the world. However, a growing complacency is causing many people to let down their guard.

According to Dr. Mervyn Silverman, board member and former president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amFAR), new treatment combinations are helping many who have been infected. However, a growing number of people, sadly, do not benefit from the new drug therapies.

In addition, there are 40,000 new HIV infections in the United States alone each year. The infection rate is rising among our youth, women, and especially people of color. And AIDS is increasing among our senior citizens, who represent 10 percent of all cases nationwide! Unfortunately, many of those over the age of 50 don't think they are at risk for AIDS — nor do their physicians — which results in delayed treatment.

Young people, gay and straight, believe nothing bad can happen to them. This is especially dangerou for gay youth, who have a significantly increased chance of being exposed to HIV through unprotected sex.

In short, people who have lulled themselves into believing this epidemic is over could be dead wrong.

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished listening to a waitress on a local radio talk show. The topic was the rudeness of some guests, and how some "cheapskates" leave horrible tips.

Well, Miss Abby, I am a chef in one of the top restaurants in Los Angeles. I have to deal with servers coming into my kitchen and at times berating my staff: "Can't you even cook a steak right?" "Can't you read?" etc. The difference here is that my staff do not receive tips. They earn from $7 to $10 an hour. On a long night, they'll be on their feet nine to 10 hours. They do not receive overtime.

So, to restaurant guests: The next time you receive terrible service in a restaurant and the food is good, call the manager over and tell the person that the food was great — and give him a tip for the *kitchen*. Even a couple of dollars would mean all the world to us.

HEAD CHEF IN L.A.

DEAR HEAD CHEF: After your staff works all night in a hot kitchen, I suspect some cold cash would be refreshing. I'm sure many readers have offered their compliments to the chef — and crew — but far fewer have shown their appreciation with a tip. Thank you for mentioning it.

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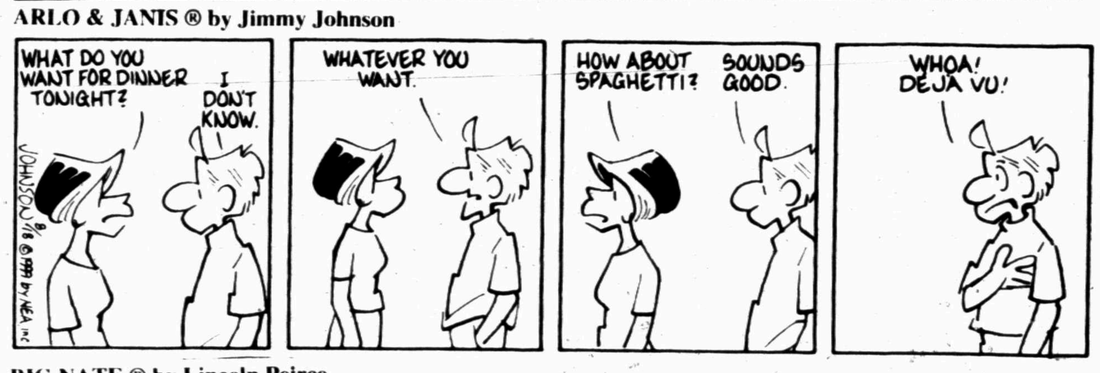
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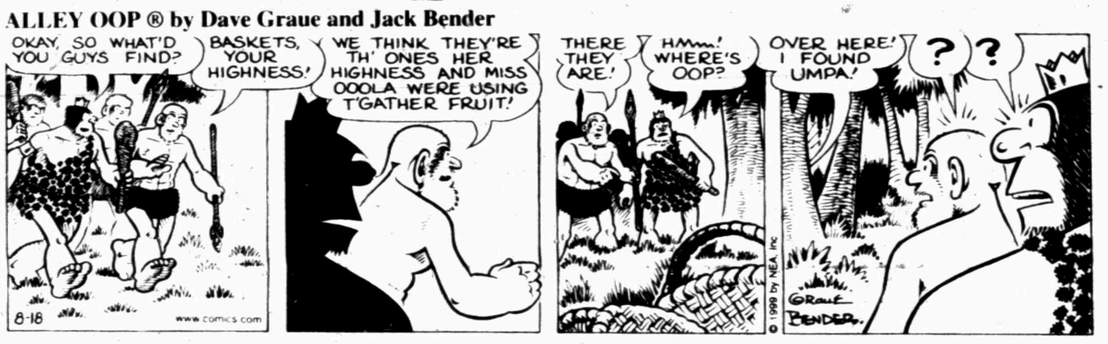
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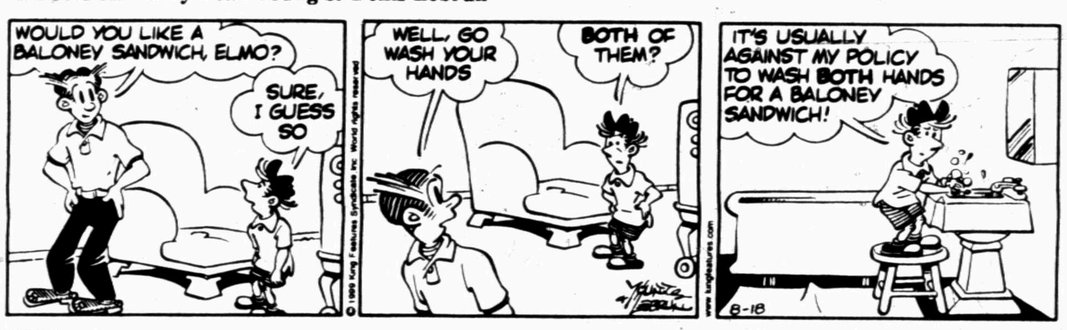
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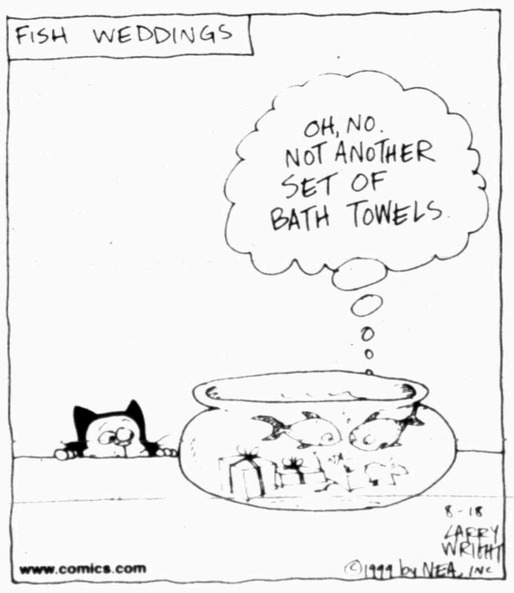


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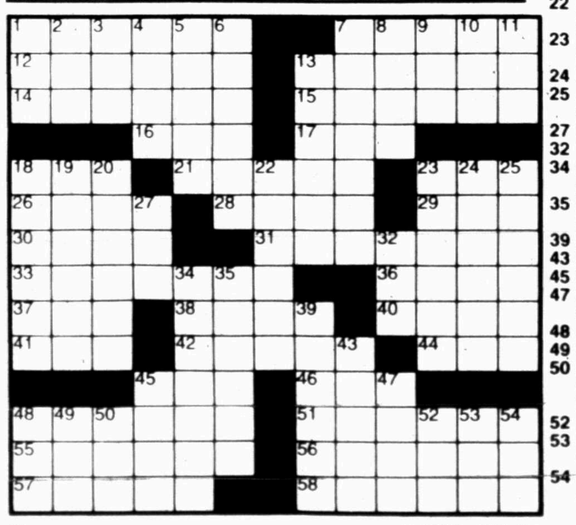
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers split opening matches

ABILENE — It took one match for the Lady Tigers to get over the opening-day jitters. Then they settled in to prove what they could do.

Snyder recovered from a 15-8, 15-9 setback to Abilene High with a 15-8, 18-16 victory over Brownwood. The split gives the Lady Tigers a 1-1 mark to open the season, with their next action coming in the Bev Ball tourney Friday in Abilene.

"I think it took some of the girls a while to get past the nerves," SHS coach Patty Grimmett said. "Everybody kind of settled down and we didn't have as many hitting errors against Brownwood. Overall we played well as a team in both matches."

The Lady Tigers matched Abilene High point for point to begin the action, before the Lady Eagles began to serve short and find openings in the SHS defense.

"We were right with them, and then started dinking the ball over and serving short," Grimmett said. "We didn't adjust very well and it allowed them to pull away."

Against Brownwood, the Lady Tiger offense started clicking. Snyder posted a total of 15 kills against the Lady Lions, compared to only nine against Abilene.

Courtney Rinehart, Christina Holder, Ashley Delce and Kameron Kallemeyn slammed down three kills apiece, with Delce adding a trio of blocks to her total.

Cara Best paced the Lady Tigers from the service line against Brownwood, registering 12 points, including a pair of aces.



Patty Grimmett

Following the Bev Ball tourney, Snyder travels to Midland Tuesday to face Midland Lee and Pecos. The Lady Tigers will host their home opener Sept. 7 in a rematch with Abilene High.

Abilene High def. Snyder 15-8, 15-9
Service points: Kristin Martinez, 4; Christina Holder, Whitney Webb and Tessa Hildebrand, 3; T'Leah Eicke and Christy Tomlinson, 2.
Kills: Kameron Kallemeyn, 3; Holder, Ashley Delce and Cara Best, 2.
Blocks: Best, Holder and Courtney Rinehart, 1.

Snyder def. Brownwood 15-8, 18-16
Service points: Best, 12; Martinez and Callie Bane, 7; Eicke, 3; Cameron Mackey, 2; Holder and Hildebrand, 1.
Kills: Rinehart, Holder, Delce and Kallemeyn, 3; Best, 2; Hildebrand, 1.
Blocks: Delce, 3; Holder, Best and Rinehart, 2; Kallemeyn, 1.

Freshmen spikers start season with 1-1 mark

ABILENE — Snyder's freshman volleyball team got its first taste of high school action Tuesday night.

Snyder was edged by Abilene High in its opening match, 15-13, 15-12, before answering back with a 15-3, 15-13 win over Brownwood.

Afton Schwertner led the Lady Tigers' service effort in both matches, putting up a total of 16 points.

Dara Chambers and Wendy Proffitt registered four points apiece against Abilene, while Aaryn Stewart posted six against Brownwood.

Snyder will be back on the court Saturday when it hosts Bronte, Denver City and Lubbock Cooper, beginning at 10 a.m.

Abilene High def. Snyder 15-13, 15-12
Snyder service points: Afton Schwertner, 8; Dara Chambers and Wendy Proffitt, 4; Megan Riley and Chaelyn Robinson, 2; Hailey Putnam, Lauren Day, Shelly Fisk, Kayla Beck and Zipporah Peoples, 1.

Snyder def. Brownwood 15-3, 15-13
Snyder service points: Schwertner, 8; Stewart, 6; Chambers and Proffitt, 3; Day, Fisk and Riley, 2; Putnam and Robinson, 1.

Caminiti sparks Houston win

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Caminiti hit a go-ahead, two-run single in his second game since coming off the disabled list, and the Houston Astros won their second straight over the Milwaukee Brewers, 8-6 Tuesday night.

Craig Biggio homered to back Scott Elarton (7-3), who allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Billy Wagner got the final out for his 29th save in 31 chances.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	73	45	.619	—
Boston	66	53	.555	7½
Toronto	65	57	.533	10
Baltimore	52	66	.441	21
Tampa Bay	51	69	.425	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	72	46	.610	—
Chicago	56	62	.475	16
Minnesota	50	67	.427	21½
Kansas City	47	71	.398	25
Detroit	47	72	.395	25½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	71	49	.592	—
Oakland	65	54	.546	5½
Seattle	59	60	.496	11½
Anaheim	48	70	.407	22

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 1
Seattle 8, Toronto 5
Oakland 12, Boston 1
Texas 15, Cleveland 4
New York 5, Kansas City 2
Baltimore 8, Minnesota 3
Chicago 4, Anaheim 3, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games
Seattle (Fr.Garcia 11-7) at Toronto (Wells 11-7), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 6-6) at Detroit (Borkowski 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 12-9) at Boston (Rapp 4-5), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 8-9) at Baltimore (Erickson 8-10), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 3-6) at Cleveland (Nagy 13-7), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rekhert 1-1) at New York (Pettitte 10-8), 7:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Belcher 5-7) at Chicago (Baldwin 6-11), 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	73	48	.603	—
New York	73	48	.603	—
Philadelphia	63	56	.529	9
Florida	50	70	.417	22½
Montreal	49	70	.412	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	70	47	.598	—
Houston	72	49	.595	—
St. Louis	62	59	.512	10
Pittsburgh	59	60	.496	12
Milwaukee	54	63	.462	16
Chicago	51	67	.432	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	69	51	.575	—
San Francisco	60	59	.504	8½
San Diego	55	65	.458	14
Los Angeles	53	67	.442	16
Colorado	53	68	.438	16½

Tuesday's Games
Montreal 2, San Francisco 1, 12 innings
Houston 8, Milwaukee 6
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 4, 12 innings
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 5
Colorado 3, Atlanta 2
Arizona 4, Chicago 0
San Diego 3, New York 2
Florida 6, Los Angeles 1

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta (Millwood 13-7) at Colorado (Bohanon 10-10), 3:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 6-5) at San Francisco (Ortiz 13-8), 3:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 7-5) at Cincinnati (Tomko 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nomo 10-5) at Houston (Hampton 16-3), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ogea 6-11) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 16-5), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago (Tapani 6-10) at Arizona (Benes 7-11), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 10-11) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 9-12), 10:35 p.m.
New York (Yoshii 7-8) at San Diego (Spencer 0-5), 10:35 p.m.

Seven men and two women added...

WTC lands top rodeo recruits

After two successful seasons at Western Texas College, rodeo coach Greg Rhodes made another recruiting haul for the upcoming season.

Rhodes added seven standout men and two women to his squad, which returns three men and six women from last year.

The competitors, which arrive in Snyder Sunday, could be one of the strongest WTC recruiting classes in recent years, according to Rhodes.

"I really like this year's teams," the third-year coach said. "I thought last year's women's team was about as strong as you could get, but these two girls will add a lot.

"And I'm really happy with the men's team. These recruits have been exposed to competition at a lot higher level than some kids have in the past. I really like what's coming in."

Heading up the men's recruiting class is Rawley McFarland of Dewey, Ariz. McFarland was the top saddle bronc rider in his high school region, as well as top money winner at the IFYR. The new Westerner was also president of the Arizona High School Rodeo Association, and that is a big bonus, according to Rhodes.



Greg Rhodes

"The majority of these guys have held leadership positions," Rhodes stated. "They have taken charge of their events, and been there for any type of decisions that were made, so they're well respected in their events. And leadership skills were something I was looking for in this recruiting class."

Three other Arizona cowboys will join McFarland on the Westerner squad. Harper Sharp of Chino Valley, Ariz. was second in the state in saddle bronc riding, while Jeff Cavey of Cochise, Ariz. was third and Brandon Mayberry of Queen Creek, Ariz. was fourth. Cavey went on to win the high school finals, and Mayberry served as bull riding director.

Also new to the team will be Del Rio's Houston Hutto, Cimarron Boardman of Jackson, Mo., and John Gibbs of Pensacola, Fla.

Hutto was the top calf roper at the American Quarter Horse World Show and placed third at the IFYR.

Boardman, the calf roping director for Missouri, was the top calf roper in his state and finished fourth in the all-around standings.

Gibbs was the top roper in Florida and won the Barry Burks Roping, possibly the biggest youth calf-roping event in the nation.

"I think we'll be better in the bronc riding and in the timed events," said Rhodes. "These kids are like our current team members. They're dedicated and have great attitudes. Nobody works harder at it than these guys do,"

As for the WTC women, the top newcomers look to be Jamie Standifer and Tibba Smith.

Standifer of Colbert, Okla. was the all-around champion in Oklahoma for the past three years. She was also first in the all-around and set a record for amount of money won at the IFYR.

Smith of Hobbs, N.M. was second in her state in breakaway roping and was the runner-up at the high school finals. Standifer and Smith have also turned in strong performances in the goat-tying event.

WTC will begin practice Sept. 1, with the first rodeo slated for Sept. 16-18 in Portales, N.M.

Wrestling tour to visit Scurry County Coliseum

Wrestling fans will get a chance to see some rowdy action up close Sunday afternoon when American Championship Wrestling comes to the Scurry County Coliseum.

There will be 14 wrestlers on hand for the event, with four of them coming from the ACW School of Hard Knocks in Odessa. The event gets underway at 3 o'clock.

The Odessa school has been in business since May and is looking for towns to hold weekly events.

"There are four of us which will be from Odessa, then the rest we pick from across the nation, said 'The Texas Legacy' Austin Rhodes. "We are coming to some different towns, and if we get good support, then we want to make a set schedule where we can make more appearances."

A total of six matches will be held, highlighted by the feature showdown between Super T and Mad Dog Ken Johnson. A special tag-team match is also on tap with Rhodes and Texas Cowboy Ricky White taking on The Outlaw Jimmy Young and Wild Thing Glynn Taylor.

Also taking part in the action will be Cowboy Johnny Mantell, Ice Man King Parsons, Eclipse, Super Destroyer, Marty Montana, Bobo, Estrella Solar and Dusty Wolfe.

An autograph session will be held starting at 1 o'clock in rooms A and B at the coliseum.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber of commerce or at the gate. Prices are $15 for ringside seats, $10 for adult general admission and $6 for children general admission.



LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE — The Texas Legacy Austin Rhodes will appear at the Scurry County Coliseum on Sunday when American Championship Wrestling holds an event at 3 p.m.

Rangers record second straight blowout, 15-4

CLEVELAND (AP) — Oakland is motivating Texas in the AL West race,

"Winning games now might be a little more important to us than to them," Royce Clayon said Tuesday night after the Rangers routed the Cleveland Indians 15-4.

Juan Gonzalez hit a three-run homer and Tom Goodwin had four of the Rangers' 19 hits.

Texas maintained a 51/2-game lead over the second-place Athletics, while Cleveland continued to coast toward its fifth consecutive AL Central title.

Aaron Sele (13-7), staked to a 6-0 lead before his first pitch, got his sixth win in seven decisions. Sele, who contained Cleveland with slow breaking balls, allowed all four runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Texas, which rallied for a 13-5 win Monday night, scored 23 runs in a seven-inning span, taking a 12-1 lead after three innings. The last team to reach double digits in consecutive games against Cleveland had been Seattle on April 8-9, 1997.

"The last two games have not been pretty," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "Giving up 28 runs is not exactly something you strive for."

Mark Langston (1-2) lasted just one inning, his shortest outing since Aug. 20, 1997, against the New York Yankees. Langston, who left with a strained quadriceps, allowed six runs — five earned — and six hits as his ERA rose to 5.34.

Texas took a 6-0 lead in the first on Todd Zeile's two-run double.

WNBA Glance

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	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	17	13	.567	—
Charlotte	15	16	.484	2½
Detroit	13	16	.448	3½
Orlando	13	16	.448	3½
Washington	12	19	.387	5½
Cleveland	6	24	.200	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	24	5	.828	—
x-Los Angeles	18	11	.621	6
x-Sacramento	19	12	.613	6
Phoenix	15	15	.500	9½
Minnesota	14	15	.483	10
Utah	13	17	.433	11½

x-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games
New York 66, Washington 54
Phoenix 71, Sacramento 59

Wednesday's Games
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Game
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.

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SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Bowling league meeting

The Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold its meeting Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at Snyder Lanes. League play begins Sept. 9.

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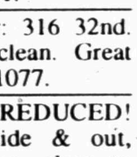
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Celestial light still mystery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An arsenal of analytic tools used to figure out the makeup and distance of stars and galaxies has failed to unlock the secrets of a mysterious celestial light detected three years ago.

"It's fairly uncommon to stumble on something you don't have a clue about," astronomer S. George Djorgovski said Tuesday.

Djorgovski was part of the team at Caltech's Palomar Observatory that detected the object, a pinpoint of light, during a digital survey of the northern sky.

It remains one of the biggest mysteries uncovered by the Digital Palomar Sky Survey. The survey, which has collected information on more than 50 million galaxies and about 2 billion stars, is about two-thirds complete.

Some astronomers believe the object may be a new class of quasar, sources of energy found in the center of galaxies and believed to be powered by matter falling into massive black holes.

"This sort of looks a little like them, but not quite. The similarity may be superficial," Djorgovski said. "That's the closest thing we have found in all the astronomical literature."

Usually, astronomers are able to determine an object's composition and distance by breaking down and analyzing its light. But the mystery object's spectrum does not fit any of the known patterns, Djorgovski said.

Light also usually holds clues about an object's distance. But because graphs derived from the light do not match anything known, researchers aren't sure whether it is inside or outside the Milky Way galaxy.

Repeated photographs revealed no changes in its appearance, ruling out the possibility that it's an exploding star or supernova.

Djorgovski challenged fellow astronomers to help explain his discovery at the June meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Chicago.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Keep older relatives in touch

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 83-year-old grandmother has begun to display signs of senility. I have encouraged family members to keep her in touch with reality. Are we helping or hurting her?

DEAR READER: Helping her. As the elderly age, they often exhibit mental changes that are caused by progressive loss of circulation to the higher brain centers. Such centers control many functions, including memory, judgment, emotional stability and cognitive reasoning.

Loss of memory can be a particularly disturbing symptom because it occurs relatively early and the patient may not be aware of the deficiency. Thus, the elderly may be grateful when younger associates and family members gently "refresh" their memories.

Senility, however, is a more advanced form of higher-center malfunction. The resulting confusion is often terrifying. For example, imagine yourself being unable to place familiar faces, recollect where you were going or how to get there, or remember the day of the week. And consider: the situation isn't going to get better tomorrow as your hangover improves.

Healthy, mentally competent people sometimes have great difficulty understanding (and accepting) the isolation and loneliness that the aged experience every day of their lives.

It must be a great gift, given with love, when family members keep an 80-year-old woman in touch with reality. I commend you. Too many families today are content to put Granny in a nursing home: their only contact with her may be a sentimental greeting card at Christmas, the sender of which she may not remember anyway. I hope that someday you and your family will be fortunate enough to receive the same loving care and attention that you give so freely now.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 51 and have weak knees. I cannot stand up from a sitting position without using my arms. Is there some exercise that would help me? I am not overweight.

DEAR READER: I cannot tell from your question whether your difficulty is due to your knee joints or to weak thigh muscles. Therefore, I suggest that you see an orthopedic specialist. If, for example, you have arthritis, medicine may help you. On the other hand, muscle weakness is far more ominous and could represent either an early nerve disorder or a primary muscle disease. In this instance, the orthopedist would call on a neurologist for assistance.

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Army turns to Hollywood to improve training for soldiers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Army is going Hollywood in an effort to boost the quality of training for soldiers and make simulated war exercises more realistic.

The Army was to announce today that it would give the University of Southern California $45 million over the next five years to establish a research center to develop advanced military simulations, university officials said in a release.

The center will use film students and video game designers to create highly realistic training simulations that use the latest technology and advances in virtual reality and artificial intelligence.

In turn, the entertainment industry would be able to use the technology to improve special effects in movies, make more realistic video games and improve theme park rides. New technology could also be used to reduce the cost of motion picture and television production by using more virtual sets and more realistic digital actors.

The idea to use Hollywood's technological know-how for military applications arose several years ago when defense officials realized that video game and special effects technology could be helpful for military simulations. The National Research Council recommended two years ago that the defense and entertainment industries should collaborate on advancing simulation techniques.

Both university officials and the Pentagon hope the center, to be called the Institute for Creative Technologies, will put military training scenarios on the cutting edge.

"We would like to make our training much more realistic," said William Bond, commanding general of the Army's Simulation Training Instrumentation Command in Orlando, Fla.

"We want the ability to create a state where the soldier feels this is so real that he actually perspires, his heart rate goes up, and he reacts in a manner that is consistent with what he would do in a real environment."

Linking with the private sector and using the advances of commercial technology could save the Pentagon money and speed its technology development, said Michael Macedonia, chief scientist at the Orlando training center.

Film and game companies are expected to contribute money and experience, including storytelling techniques and computer special effects. It is not clear how many will take part in the venture since recruitment of outside companies has just begun.

The Army wants filmmakers to make simulated characters more realistic and devise story lines that help soldiers make decisions in emotionally-charged situations. A scenario could combine the pizzazz of something like Steven Spielberg's realistic war drama "Saving Private Ryan" with life-like training scenarios derived from military intelligence.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-18-99
♠ A J 9 3
♥ 7 6 4
♦ J 8 7 6
♣ 5 2

West
♠ 7 4
♥ K J 10 9
♦ Q 10 5 4
♣ Q 8 7

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

South
♠ K Q
♥ A Q 3
♦ A K 9 3
♣ A 10 6 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Don't start until you think

By Phillip Alder

Lord Chesterfield claimed, "Whoever is in a hurry shows that the thing he is about is too big for him." For a bridge player, the "thing" might be the contract he is declaring. Certainly, South didn't find the best play in this three no-trump.

What would you have done in his place? West leads the diamond four: six, two, three. How would you continue?

North used the Stayman convention to try to locate a 4-4 spade fit.

Having won such a cheap first trick, declarer thought his contract was in no danger. At trick two, he tried the heart finesse. However, West took the queen with his king and promptly returned the heart jack. After ducking that trick and winning the heart 10 continuation with his ace, declarer cashed the diamond ace, getting the bad news. Now South ducked a club, but it was to no avail. The spade 10 wasn't dropping in three rounds, there was no chance of an endplay on West, and the contract failed.

Go back to trick one. South appears to have nine tricks via four spades, one heart, three diamonds and one club. But he gets four spade tricks only if he has a dummy entry. And where is that entry? It has to be the diamond jack. So, declarer must win the first trick with the diamond king (or ace). South cashes the second top diamond (to check the split), unblocks the king-queen of spades, and continues with a low diamond, which guarantees those nine tricks.

Think before you play. More errors are made at trick one than at any other single trick.

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NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) 49 year old male, Scott Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 5 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 49 anos de edad, Calle Scott, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Descubrir". La victima era nina, 5 anos de edad.

Stephen W. Warren
Lieutenant, CID

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp			64¾	62⅝ 64¾+ 1⅝
AT&T Corp s			49¼	48¾ 49 — ⅞
Albertsons			52¼	51¼ 51 9-16—11-16
AlldSignal			63¾	63¼ 63½— ⅛
Alltel			71¼	70½ 71 —15-16
AmOnline s	101	13-16	98¾	101 7-16+3 15-16
Ameritech			71⅛	70¼ 71⅛— ¾
AndarkPtr	36	13-16	36	5-16 36 11-16+ ½
Armcolnc			6¼	6 13-16 6¼
AtlRichfld	93	7-16	92	15-16 93 5-16+ 1-16
ATMOS Egy			25¼	2525/4+ 3-32
Aviall			13¼	13 9-16 13¾— ⅛
BP Amoco			119	118½ 118¾+ 5-16
BakerHughes			35	3-16 34⅛ 34⅜— ⅜
Bank of Amer	64¾	63	13-16	63 15-16—11-16
BellAtl			65⅜	64¾ 64¾— ½
BellSouth s			49	5-16 48⅜ 49 — ⅜
BethSteel			8¼	8 1-16 8 3-16— 1-32
BurlNoSFe			30	29¾ 30
CBS Corp			46¾	45¼ 46⅝+ ¼
Caterpillar	61¼	60	13-16	61 5-16—11-16
CenSoWst			21½	21 5-16 21 5-16— ⅛
Chevron			94½	94 94 5-16— 7-16
Citigroup s	47¼	45	13-16	46 5-16—1 5-16
Coastal			42¾	42½ 42⅝+ 1-16
CocaCola			59¾	59 3-16 59 5-16—13-16
ColgatePal s			49¾	49 5-16 49 7-16— 5-16
ComclMetals	33	3-16	33	1-16 33 1-16— 5-16
CooperIn			55	5-16 5555/8— ⅜
CyprusAmax			14⅛	14 14 1-16— ⅛
DaimlrChry n			77	9-16 77¼ 77⅝— ⅛
DallSemicn			48	15-16 47¾ 48⅜— 5-16
DeltaAirl s			53⅜	51½ 53¼+ 1⅝
Dillards Inc			29⅝	28¼ 28 15-16—11-16
DowChem	128	13-16	127	1-16 127 11-16— 1⅛
DuPont	71	15-16	71	3-16 71 9-16— ⅜
EastmanChem	51	11-16	51	5-16 51 7-16+ 1-16
EstKodak			72¾	72 72 5-16—11-16
EDS Corp			56½	55¾ 56¼— ⅛
Entergy			28¾	28 11-16 28 13-16— ⅛
Exxon			81¾	81¼ 81¼+ 1-16
Flowers	15	13-16	15	7-16 15 13-16+ 1-16
FordMotor			50	7-16 49¾ 50¼+ 1
GTE Cp			75	11-16 75¼ 75⅜— ⅛
GenDynam	61	13-16	61	3-16 61½— 5-16
GenElec	111¾	110	15-16	111⅜— 1-16
GenMills			83¾	83 3-16 83 3-16— 9-16
GenMotors			63	62 1-16 62 5-16— 5-16
GaPacGP s			47⅜	46¾ 46 13-16—11-16
GlobalMar			19	1-16 18¾ 18¾+ 1-16
Goodrich	39	15-16	39¾	39 11-16+ ⅜
Goodyear s			56¾	56¼ 56½— ⅛
GtAtlPac			36¼	34¼ 34¼—1 1-16
Halliburtn			49¼	48¾ 48 11-16— 1-16
Hanson ADS			43¼	43 5-16 43¼+ 3-16
HarteHanks	23	13-16	23	9-16 23 9-16— 5-16
HomeDepot			63¾	62 5-16 62 11-16— ⅛
IBM s	129⅞	127	9-16	128 5-16— 3-16
IntlPaper			54½	53⅜ 53 7-16—11-16
JohnsonJn	98	1-16	97¼	97 13-16— ⅛
K mart	14		13	13-16 13 15-16— 1-16
Kroger Co s			24¼	23 9-16 23⅜— ¼
Litton			65	64 64 3-16—11-16
LockheedM s			37⅜	37 1-16 37 9-16+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	48	15-16	48	1-16 48 15-16+ 1-16
Lubys			14	1-16 14 1-16 14 1-16
LucentTech s			65	7-16 64 9-16 65 — 1⅛
MayDeptStr s	40	13-16	39	11-16 40 3-16— ⅜
MediaOne			70¼	69 15-16 70¼—13-16
Medtronic			73½	72¼ 73¼+ 5-16
Mobil	105	13-16	105	105⅛— 5-16
Monsanto			39¼	39 3-16 39¼— 7-16
MorganJP	134½	132	5-16	132¾— 1⅜
Motorola			90¾	89¼ 90 1-16+ ⅜
NCR Corp			45	5-16 44¼ 45¼
Navistar			47¾	46¾ 47 7-16+ 9-16
Penney JC			42½	41½ 42 — 9-16
PepBoys	15	13-16	15	9-16 15 13-16+ 1-16
PepsiCo	36	11-16	35	15-16 36 — 1¼
PhelpDodge	60	5-16	59¾	59 15-16— ⅛
PhilipPet			52¼	52⅛ 52 13-16— 1-16
PilgrmPrd B	11	7-16	11	5-16 11 5-16
Polaroid			25¾	24¾ 25 11-16+ 5-16
Praxair			49½	49¼ 49⅜— ⅛
ProctGamb	94	15-16	94	7-16 94 15-16— 7-16
PubSNwMx			19¼	19 1-16 19¼+ 1-16
ReliantEngy			26¼	26 11-16 26¾
RoyalDut	64	7-16	64	64 3-16—15-16
SBC Comm	56	1-16	55¾	55 7-16— ⅜
SaraLee s			21¾	21¼ 21¼+ 1-16
Scripps EW			48	11-16 48¼ 48¼
SearsRoeb	40	9-16	39¾	40¼— 3-16
SherwinW	26½		25¾	26 1-16— 7-16
SmithKlBchm			63¾	62¾ 63½+ ⅛
SouthernCo			26¼	26¼ 26 3-16— ⅛
SwstAirl s	17	15-16	17¾	17 15-16+ ⅛
SprintFON s	52	3-16	51	1-16 51 11-16— ⅛
SprintPCS n	60	9-16	59	59 11-16— 5-16
Sunoco Inc			33¾	33 3-16 33⅜— ⅛
TNP Ent	37		36	15-16 36 15-16+ 3-32
Tandy s			45¾	44 45 5-16+13-16
TempleInland	72⅛	71	5-16	72 1-16—13-16
Tenneco			21	3-16 21 21 1-16— ¼
Texaco			64¾	63¾ 63¾— ⅛
TexInd			35	9-16 35¼ 35¼— 1-16
TexasInst s			75¼	74 7-16 74⅜— ⅛
TexUtil			39	13-16 39 7-16 39⅜
Textron	82¼	81	15-16	82 1-16—15-16
TriconGlbR			42½	40 7-16 42⅛+ ⅜
TrinityInds			32¼	31¾ 31 11-16— ⅜
TritonEngy	12	11-16	12	7-16 12¼+ ⅛
TylerTech			6	5⅞ 5⅞— ⅛
US West Inc			57⅞	56¾ 57⅞— ⅛
USX-Marathn			31	11-16 31½ 31½— ¼
USX-USS			28¾	27 9-16 28 1-16+ ⅛
UnCarbde			65	64¼ 64 5-16— ⅛
UnionPacif			53	5-16 5353/4+ ⅛
UnitedTech s			67¼	67⅛ 67 5-16+ 3-32
Unocal			40	15-16 40¼ 40¾— ⅛
Venator Grp			10	9¾ 9 15-16— 1-16
WalMart s			47¼	46 9-16 47¼+ 3-16
WellsFargo	41¾	40	13-16	40 15-16— 7-16
WstnGasRs			15	15-16 15¾ 15 15-16
WinnDixie			38	15-16 38¼ 38 3-16+ ⅛
Xerox Cp s			49	15-16 48 13-16 49 3-16+ ⅛

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	12 7/16	+1/16
Dell	44 13/16	+3 11/16
Wal Mart	47 1/4	+5/16
Compac	24 1/8	0
Dol. Gen.	26 9/16	-7/16
GTE	75 5/16	-13/16
SBC Comm.	55 3/8	-7/16
Tx Instr.	74 13/16	-9/16
LU	65 1/8	-1 3/8
Cisco Sys.	63 3/4	-1/2

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Scurry County Country

Thousands in prize money await fair entrants

LUBBOCK — More than $23,000 will be awarded in eight Women's Building competitions during the 82nd annual Panhandle South Plains Fair, set for Sept. 25-Oct. 2, reports Steve L. Lewis, fair manager. Lewis stressed that all Women's Building competitions are open to the public.

Exhibits will be competing for monetary awards and ribbons in the areas of textiles, crafts and hobbies, youth and fine arts. Other areas of competition include relics and antiques; crochet, tatting, knitting and weaving; China painting and culinary.

Women's Building entries will be taken in all divisions, except baked goods, Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Late entries will not be accepted. Judging for all items except baked goods is Thursday afternoon. Cakes, cookies, breads and candy entries are taken Friday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Baked goods and candy entries will be judged Friday afternoon. Award ribbons will be displayed on every prize-winning exhibit throughout the fair. Volunteers will be on hand in all departments during entry times to help exhibitors classify their entries, Lewis stated.

Articles which have previously received an award at the fair in the Women's Building are not eligible for competition in 1999 except in the relics and antiques department when entries exhibited more than five years ago are eligible for re-entry. All exhibits are eligible for one premium only in Women's Building competitions.

Flower gardens can compete for ribbons and special award trophies in the Flower Festival department of the fair. Entries are open to amateurs competing in horticulture and design categories and exhibitors are not required to be a garden club member. Sponsored for the 44th year by he Lubbock Council of Garden Clubs, the standard flower show theme for 1999 is "millennium Milestones and Memories."

Flower entries will be taken Saturday, Sept. 25, from 8:30 until 11 a.m. in the Flower Festival Building on the fair grounds. Container grown plants, arboreal specimens, miscellaneous ornamentals and dried design entries can be entered Friday afternoon from 3:30 until 6:30 p.m. and Saturday morning. Flower Festival officials ask that cut flowers not be entered before Saturday morning to maintain flower freshness as long as possible for the show.

Exhibitors must grow exhibits to be shown in the horticulture division of the show. Design or horticulture exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class of subdivision. Design entries may use accessories and contrived forms are permitted if they conform to class requirements. No artificial flowers, fruits or foliage will be allowed in design classes.

Judging for the show will be completed Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25, and ribbons will be displayed with the award winning entries throughout the fair. Twelve special awards will be given in adult and youth divisions of the show and the "traveling" awards will be on display in the Flower Building trophy case throughout the fair.

School-age students will vie for ribbons only when they compete in the creative arts division of the fair. Artwork from junior high and elementary school students is encouraged and more space has been allocated for student art, Lewis reported. Students may enter exhibits in six categories: water based paints; pastels; oil pastels or charcoal; drawing in pen and ink; drawings in pencil, crayon, ink or colored markers; weaving; stitchery or fiber and electronic.

Entries will be taken in the Trade Mart Building Thursday, Sept. 23, from 4 until 6 p.m. Art entries from junior high students must be submitted by art teachers unless students are home schooled or exhibits are private lesson artwork. Display space for junior high art is limited and display space requests should be directed to Cindi Newlin at 766-22014 before Sept. 8.

Elementary art will be displayed by grade level and can be entered by either teachers or individual students. Rosettes for first, second and third places plus honorable mention ribbons will be awarded by grades in the elementary art division and by school in the junior high division. No monetary awards are given in creative arts divisions. Art will be displayed in the Trade Mart Building throughout the 8 days of the fair.

In 1998 more than 7,000 exhibits were shown in the Women's Building. Flower festival and creative arts divisions of the fair. Call 806-763-2833 for more information.

Rival to UF Workers has won union election

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The head of the nation's largest strawberry grower says an upstart union has defeated the United Farm Workers in a final count of votes to determine which one will represent its pickers and packers.

However, the UFW did not concede the election and said Tuesday that it plans to pursue objections filed with the state Agricultural Labor Relations Board.

"This election cannot be certified and no party can claim victory until those objections are resolved," the group said in a statement.

Labor Relations Board officials did not return a call Tuesday.

In June, nearly 1,400 workers at Coastal Berry Co. voted for the UFW or the rival union, Coastal Berry of California Farm Worker Committee. No winner could be announced because enough ballots were contested to prevent either union from gaining the required majority.

According to a statement Tuesday from Coastal Berry Co. President Ernie Farley, the Labor Relations Board tallied 725 votes for the Farm Worker Committee and 616 for the UFW. There were 19 unresolved ballots.

"We're happy the election is over and we look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with a certified union representing our workforce," Farley said.

The UFW has been trying to unionize Oxnard-based Coastal Berry for several years in hopes of building momentum for union contracts throughout the state's $600 million, 20,000-worker strawberry industry.

Representation was seen as key to the future of the UFW, whose membership has dwindled over the years.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Making jellies

French chemist Henri Braconnot discovered pectin in 1825. He was also the first person to make a jelly with pectin derived from carrots. It wasn't until 88 years later that liquid pectin was developed by Robert Douglas, son of a Scottish marmalade and jelly manufacturer. He was trying to develop a use for an apple pomace by-product of his vinegar manufacturing business in New York. Liquid pectin was marketed commercially in 1921 and sold to General Foods eight years later.

Just as with jams, making jellies involves pectin, a natural substitute in fruit that gels if it's in the right concentration with sugar and acid. Some people feel a jelly's flavor is less intense when commercial pectins are used. Boiling down fruit and its juices is a natural source of pectin and really concentrates flavor. However, using commercial pectin results in a greater yield of jams or jellies than the boiling-down fruit method.

Tart apples, crab apples, blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, red currants, Damson plums, lemon, oranges and Concord grapes usually contain enough natural pectin to form a gel.

Other fruits, such as strawberries, cherries and blueberries, contain little pectin and must be combined with other fruits high in pectin or with commercial pectin products to result in a gel.

In addition, since fully ripened fruit has less pectin, ¼ of the fruit used when making jellies (without added pectin) should be under ripe.

Jams and jellies containing reduced-calorie sweeteners can be made. Jams with less sugar than usual may be made with concentrated fruit pulp, which contains less liquid and less sugar. However, it is best to use specific recipes calling for these ingredients. The concentrations of pectin, sugar and acid are sensitive to gelling and you just can't substitute ingredients unless recipes indicate it.

Thickening with gelatin not pectin

Pectin isn't the only thickener available. Try this recipe for a quick grape spread made with gelatin that's lower in sugar and calories than jelly or jam. In a saucepan, soften 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin in a mixture of 1 bottle (24 oz.) of grape juice and 2 tablespoons bottled lemon juice. Bring to a rolling boil to dissolve gelatin. Boil one minute and remove from heat. Stir in 1-tablespoon liquid artificial sweetener, Saccharin or Nutra-Sweet is acceptable. Fill quickly into hot sterile half-pint jars, leaving a ¼ inch headspace. Adjust lids. Do not process or freeze. Store in refrigerator and use within four weeks.

Caution: Don't try to make a jelly or jam out of commercially frozen or canned juices because they are too low in pectin and the spread won't "set."

Tips for making jelly without added pectin

*Use only firm fruits naturally high in pectin.

*Use a mixture of fruit that's made of ¾ ripe and ¼ under ripe fruit.

*Crush soft fruits or berries, cut firmer fruit into small pieces.

*One pound of fruit should yield at least 1 cup of clear juice.

Safe seals

Unless you plan to refrigerate your jellies (or jams) always process them in canning jars with self-sealing lids and ring bands. Paraffin is no longer recommended for sealing, since air can enter beneath it and encourage molding.

Although it was once thought that molds on jams and jellies was harmless, it is now recommended that jellies or jams which have molded, even if only at the surface, should not be eaten.

Colorado City cattle auction

The Colorado Livestock Auction had a run of 889 head of cattle for the Saturday, Aug.14, sale. Compared to last week: feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady, with 300 pound steers and heifers $1 to $4 higher. Slaughter cows were $1 to $3 lower, bulls were $2 lower. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 105-114
300-400: 96-106
400-500: 86-91
500-600: 75-81
600-700: 72.50-77
700-800: 70-75
800-900: 70
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 91-103
300-400: 84.50-91
400-500: 75.50-81
500—600: 71-79
600-700: 70.50-73.25
700-800: 68-72.50
Replacement cows: 475-580
Cow/calf pairs: 650-730
Slaughter cows: high dressing 39-44.50
Slaughter bulls: high dressing 50.50-52.50

Lubbock cattle auction

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc., had a run of 382 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 12, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper with yearlings steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing — cutters — utilities)
33.39-42.50
Canners and low cutters: 33-38.50
Slaughter bulls: 48-55
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 82-94
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 74-80
700-800: 68-76
Feeder heifers — choice
300-400: 83-93.50
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 72-77
600-700: 67-73
700-800: 64-72.50
Feeder bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-83
700-800: 65-72
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-850
Grade: 525-650
Springers: 400-650
Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 150-240

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

For Bosnia...

Swiss may review aid project

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Switzerland threatened today to review its aid program to Bosnia after international officials said corrupt Muslim, Croat and Serb authorities may have stolen more than $1 billion in public funds and foreign aid.

The chief international official in Bosnia-Herzegovina, meanwhile, warned that Bosnia has no future unless it faces the corruption issue squarely. The United States and other donor nations have poured about $5.1 billion into Bosnia since the 1995 Dayton peace agreement ended 31/2 years of ethnic conflict.

On Tuesday, Alexandra Stiglmayer, spokeswoman for the Office of the High Representative, confirmed that an American-run anti-fraud unit had uncovered evidence indicating that more than $1 billion, most of it from Bosnian public funds, had been misappropriated.

The OHR oversees compliance with the Dayton accord.

Craig Buck, USAID mission director for Bosnia, Montenegro and Kosovo, told reporters Tuesday in Washington that he was "absolutely confident" there had been no diversion of U.S. funds.

Buck acknowledged, however, that his agency had so far not recovered about $500,000 in loans to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Bank, which collapsed. USAID was providing funds to the bank to loan to private businessmen in an effort to revive commerce and industry in the country. He said USAID was taking unspecified steps to get back the money.

In Bern, an official of the Swiss development agency, Reinhard Voegele, said about $987,000, in aid money had been tied up by the bank failure .

Quake death toll climbs in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — The death toll from Turkey's earthquake rose to nearly 3,500 today and almost 17,000 were reported injured as rescuers searched for survivors under the rubble and a huge refinery fire threatened to ignite a fertilizer plant.

Tens of thousands of people refused to return home as more than 250 aftershocks, several dozen of which were serious, rattled their confidence that the worst was over. Highway medians, parks, empty lots — anyplace open to the sky — were turned into makeshift tent cities across western Turkey.

The fire at the nation's largest oil refinery, in the city of Izmit, burned out of control for a second day — forcing authorities to evacuate a three-mile area today where an untold number of people remained trapped under collapsed buildings.

"We need more rescue teams, we need at least 250 teams, because that is the number of buildings that have been destroyed," said Mayor Sefa Sirmen.

Firefighting aircraft dropped special chemical foam to try to control the blaze that threatened to engulf the entire field of 30 storage tanks containing 700,000 tons of crude oil.

The general manager of the plant, Husamettin Danis, said five or six tanks were on fire, and firefighters could not use pumps to bring sea water to the site because the quake had knocked out electricity to the region.

Authorities feared the inferno could spill over to a nearby fertilizer plant with 8,000 tons of dangerous ammonia.

Tuesday's immense quake shook western Turkey from Istanbul to the Golcuk area about 80 miles to the southeast.

The quake initially was reported as a magnitude 7.8 quake, but scientists acknowledged that figure might be downgraded as additional measurements were taken into account. The head of Istanbul's Kandilli Observatory, Ahmet Mete Isikara, set the magnitude today at 7.4.

Throughout western Turkey, bodies overflowed hospital morgues and were stacked in refrigerated meat trucks. The government has recorded 3,479 deaths, but that number was certain to grow as more bodies are recovered.

"Murderers!" read the headline in the daily Hurriyet newspaper, which accused contractors of using poor materials to build shoddy structures. The paper said it had warned of "unscrupulous killers" after a June 1998 earthquake in the southern city of Adana.

"Again unsound buildings. Again thieving and unscrupulous contractors," the paper said. "Those who did not listen to the warnings are responsible for the disaster."

Some Golcuk residents complained rescue efforts appeared focused on collapsed buildings at a naval base, where more than 150 military personnel, including some top commanders, were missing.

"Who is helping us?" cried an old woman, standing before a toppled home where she sat.

Pentagon reports Iraq extends range of missiles shot at pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon says Iraq has extended the range of one of the missiles it has occasionally fired at American and British warplanes patrolling no-flight zones over northern and southern Iraq. But it insists the improved SA-2 missile poses no significant additional threat.

Skirmishes in Iraqi skies continued Tuesday when Iraq fired anti-aircraft artillery and tracked U.S. planes with radars used by surface-to-air missiles, U.S. officials said. In response, U.S. planes bombed Iraqi missile sites.

Kenneth Bacon, the chief Pentagon spokesman, said frequent U.S. and British air attacks this year have reduced by 40 percent to 50 percent the number of Iraqi anti-aircraft missile batteries in the no-flight zones over northern and southern Iraq since Iraq began challenging the patrols last December.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is protecting his remaining air defense systems by placing most of them near Baghdad, the capital, and Tikrit, the hometown of Saddam and his closest relatives, Bacon said. Both Baghdad and Tikrit are outside the no-flight zones and off-limits to U.S. patrols.

"We have scared him to the point where he doesn't want to turn on his radars, and missiles that aren't guided by radars aren't particularly threatening or dangerous," Bacon said. "We think that basically the (U.S. and British) responses to the attacks that he is making against our planes are slowly but measurably degrading his air-defense system. They are draining resources that he might spend on other parts of his defenses or his military machine, and they are forcing him to keep his head down."

Iraqi air defense forces began firing a longer-range version of the SA-2 surface-to-air missile a couple of months ago, Bacon said. He had few details but said, "It has not been a significant capability in terms of increasing the threat" to allied pilots.

He said Iraq's efforts to rebuild its air defenses have been slowed by the loss of a missile and radar repair facility at Tagi that was destroyed in last December's bombing campaign.

In Baghdad, the official Iraqi News Agency quoted the military as saying eight people were killed in attacks in the northern zone Tuesday, and 11 were killed in the south.

The agency also quoted the military as saying the bombs targeted "civil and service installations, people's houses and military positions" in the northern no-fly zone.

The U.S. European Command, which oversees U.S. operations in northern Iraq, insists only military sites are targeted.

DCOS sets meeting

Consideration of the 1999-2000 budget will highlight Thursday's Development Corporation of Snyder board meeting.

The DOCS board will consider a budget of $126,450 – down from the present $130,686.

In other matters, the board will consider the monthly financial statements and the payment of bills. John DeLille, executive director, will also present his monthly report.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m. in the DCOS board room at American State Bank.

Criminal mischief, thefts are reported in Snyder Tuesday

A case of criminal mischief, a state jail felony, is being investigated by Snyder police.

Stanley Calvin Guynes reported at 4 p.m. Tuesday that someone had sprayed graffiti on the outside of a house he owns in the 2400 block of 29th Street.

Damage is estimated at $1,500.

Three thefts were also reported Tuesday.

Mary Pena notified officers at 8 p.m. that someone had taken a car seat out of her vehicle while it was parked in the United parking lot. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

Officers submitted an offense report for Class B theft at 8:50 p.m. in reference to a dog being stolen from 2104 41st Street. Carrie Pharris reported the incident.

Mary Tavarez requested to speak to an officer at 9:15 p.m. in reference to her bike being taken from behind IGA on Deep Creek. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

At 11:28 a.m., an offense report for Class C assault/family violence was submitted.

Six people were arrested Tuesday — five on outstanding warrants.

A 30-year-old male was taken into custody at 6:38 p.m. in the 1200 block of 19th Street on an outstanding warrant for disorderly conduct/noise.

Deputies arrested a 24-year-old male at 7:31 p.m. in the 2100 block of South FM 1611 on outstanding warrants for expired vehicle registration and failure to appear.

Outstanding warrants sent a 19-year-old female to jail at 7:43 p.m. She was arrested in the 1200 block of North Avenue M on warrants for Class C assault/physical contact and failure to appear.

A 20-year-old female was booked into custody at 9:25 p.m. on outstanding warrants for backing unsafely and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 37-year-old male at 10:33 p.m. in the 800 block of 27th Street on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.

At 11:33 p.m., a 19-year-old male was taken into custody by officers for driving while license suspended.

Two minor accidents occurred Tuesday.

At 9:15 a.m., officers worked a two-vehicle mishap in the First United Methodist Church parking lot. Involved were a 1987 GMC 1500 pickup driven by Melissa Chavez, 27, of 2904 Avenue N and a parked unoccupied 1964 Chevrolet Belaire owned by Cheryl Bass, 39, of 815 South CR 253.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 11:06 a.m. in the 900 block of 25th Street. The mishap involved a 1987 Toyota Corolla driven by Cyndee Gayle, 42, of 2216 42nd and a 1995 Saturn driven by Ty Allan Jones, 20, of 7233 West Hwy. 180.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 17-Mary McCravey, Dollie Shults of Loraine, Noah Stice, Abigail Garcia, Frances Hazel, Billy Neeley and Irene Wagner.

DISMISSALS: Shannon Jones and baby girl, Maria Medrano and baby girl, Willie Thomas, Gloria Torres and Beverly Valintine.

CENSUS: 44 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-23, OB-3, Nursery-1)

Births

Desmond and Tammy Ayala of Post are parents of a son, Ben Maxfield Ayala, born at 2:14 a.m. on Aug. 14 in Covenant Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was welcomed by a sister, Mysty, 8.

Grandparents are Arelio and Josephine Ayala of San Antonio and Pat and Yank Maxfield of Snyder. Great-grandmother is Patricia Gonzales of El Paso.

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Obituaries

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Winnie Vickers, 90, died this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

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ONGOINGS

Faith Baptist revival slated

A revival at Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th St., concludes tonight with a service at 7 o'clock. Evangelist is Monty Martin.

Youth football, volleyball

Signup for youth football and volleyball, as well as for cheerleaders, continues today through Friday at the Boys and Girls Club. Participants must be ages 9-12 by Aug. 31. A fee of $25 and birth certificate is required. Parents must accompany the child. Football uniforms will be issued at time of signup. Call 573-3344 for more information.

Lone Wolf Cemetery Association

The Lone Wolf Cemetery Association will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday at the cemetery.

Church of Nazarene revival

First Church of Nazarene will hold a revival Thursday through Sunday. Weeknight services begin at 7 p.m. and the Sunday service is set for 10:45 a.m. and will be followed by lunch on the grounds. Keith and Peggy Hatter are the evangelists.

SHS cheerleader fund raiser

Snyder High cheerleaders will have a bake sale and car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted for the car wash.

School supplies needed

Snyder ISD and the Scurry County welfare board are seeking donations for school supplies for needy children. Boxes are set up at Wal-Mart, United and Lawrence IGA. For more information, call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012.

Joy School

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is now state licensed and will be open five days a week. The school is for ages 18 months to pre-kindergarten. Parents may choose days wanted. Call 573-3554 for 575-1138 for more information.

Sonshine School

Registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is being held for pre-school through age five. Classes begin Aug. 26. For more information call the church office at 573-0154 or Lora Lord at 573-1700.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Children's Day Out

Children's Day Out, a Tuesday-Thursday child care program at First United Methodist Church, has begun, but spaces are available for two and three year olds. Call 573-4770.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What Does the Church See?" followed by "The Waiting Father?"

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school cafeteria. Officers will be elected for the new school year.

Cub Scout rally

There will be a rally for Cub Scouts at 7 p.m. Tuesday at West Elementary. Scouts will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday in the WTC parking lot to pick up litter on CR 400o. Cub Scouts are for boys first grade (seven years old) through the fifth grade. For more information, call James Garvin at 573-3310.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Fair booths available

Food and vendor booths are available for the Scurry County Fair to be held Sept. 16-18 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Costs vary, depending on size and type. For more information, call Sandra Barboza at the chamber, 573-/3558.

Items needed

The First Church of Nazarene is accepting garage sale items for the church building fund for a new fellowship hall. Call Ethel Herrington at 573-1714 for more information.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Sept. 25 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ira Community Center. For further information or donations contact Cecil or Dorothy Lankford at 573-5246.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, grief support and adult children caring for aging parents. Child care is provided.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-9-18-21-39

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-4

Justice likely couldn't take over Starr's probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has been told by Justice Department officials that, if he were to leave office, they probably would be unable to take over his unfinished investigation of President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, a Justice Department official says.

"He's never said to us, 'I'm leaving,'" said the official, who spoke late Tuesday only on condition of anonymity.

But Starr's staff has had theoretical discussions with Justice Department attorneys about how his unfinished work would be handled if he left, the official said.

Starr, whose five-year investigation of the Clintons led to the first impeachment of a president since Andrew Johnson in 1868, resigned once before, in February 1997, to take a job at Pepperdine University in California. But he rescinded it within days after coming under heavy criticism for leaving the post before his investigation was completed.

The Justice Department official said Starr's aides and the department's staff attorneys had discussed the possibility and ramifications of referring the unfinished investigation back to the Justice Department.

"We said that was probably impossible given the kind of things he's investigating," the official said. "We said we would either have to decline to accept them or seek a new independent counsel or special counsel to complete the work."

Starr's office would not comment Tuesday night.

Among the ongoing subjects of Starr's investigation is first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's work in the 1980s as a private lawyer on a fraudulent Arkansas land deal that played a role in the insolvency of a Little Rock, Ark., savings and loan.

Starr's inquiry was expanded by federal court to include a controversy about the Clinton White House's use of FBI files, possible lies by presidential aides in the White House travel office firings and the Monica Lewinsky sex and cover-up case.

Starr said last week he hoped to wrap up the investigation and write a final report at the "earliest practicable moment." He told reporters he expected the work to be completed before the general election in November 2000, when Mrs. Clinton likely will be the Democratic nominee for a U.S. Senate seat from New York.

The investigation's status, should Starr resign, is murky because the independent counsel law expired at the end of June. The act provided that Starr and any other existing independent counsel could complete their work but did not specify what was to happen if a counsel resigned once the act expired and the work wasn't finished.

All the matters Starr has been investigating were initially referred to the independent counsel to avoid a conflict of interest if investigated by the Justice Department. The Justice official said the now-expired act allowed an independent counsel to refer cases back to the department only when they were "substantially completed."

"If any independent counsel chose to step down before an investigation were completed, it might raise questions we would want to address," said Myron Marlin, a Justice Department spokesman.

Despite the act's silence, there would be a certain logic in Starr asking the three-judge panel to name a successor, one Justice Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Thursday, August 19, 1999

Establishing several enviable new relationships could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. These nice friends will be concerned about your interests as you will be about theirs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There are indications that the allure of someone to whom you've been attracted might be mutual. If you've been reticent to approach the person, today's the day to do so. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A matter that has been frustrating you lately can be turned about today if you use your ingenuity and imagination. Don't be afraid to experiment with innovations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Provided you truly believe in the wares you're offering, your salesmanship or promotional abilities could skyrocket today. It'll be your sincerity which is the magnet that attracts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A strong profit motive could serve to trigger your competency and flair with financial or commercial matters today. In fact, it might be rather remarkable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Without realizing it, you could come off a trifle mysterious, making your personality exceptionally appealing to companions. The fact that you're unaware of this gives it further charisma.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Loved ones want to help you today, even if they outwardly appear resistant. The secret of gaining their support is to direct your appeal to their emotions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to probe for what lies beneath the surface when dealing with new acquaintances today. Your query could help you find the basis for establishing bonds of friendship.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Owing to the way you'll conduct yourself in situations where you have direct authority over others will enhance your reputation in the eyes of others. It's nice to be admired.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your senses could be heightened today to a level where you'll be able to perceive the outcome of events more accurately than usual. Allow your imagination to go to work for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Masterminding the affairs of others while simultaneously advancing your own interests will serve as a duel strength of purpose today that'll enable you to succeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A good exchange of ideas today with those involved in an association that has not been acceptable will enable you to make adjustments that'll prove more mutually beneficial.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Owing to some changes today that are brought about from two situations you didn't control, you could turn your financia prospects into something more opportune.

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Appeal dropped on weapons

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The state attorney general has agreed to drop an appeal of a lawsuit over gun registration, clearing the way for the state to order owners of about 1,600 assault weapons to give them to law enforcement.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer will ask the Legislature to provide funding to compensate owners who turn in the weapons, valued at $750 to $1,500 each, spokesman Nathan Barankin said Tuesday.

A 1989 state law prohibited the sale and possession of 62 models of military-style assault weapons. But it let residents who owned the weapons at that time keep them if they registered them with the state by March 30, 1992.

Lockyer's predecessor, Dan Lungren, let people who owned the guns before June 1989 register them without prosecution or confiscation after the 1992 deadline.

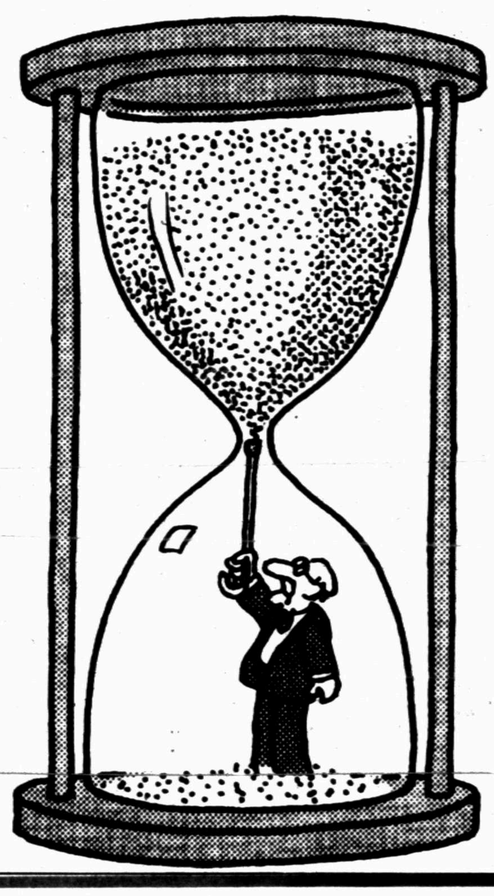
Nearly 50,000 assault weapons were registered by the deadline.

Handgun Control and the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence sued Lungren and won a ruling from a San Francisco judge in 1997 that any registration of the banned weapons after March 1992 was invalid. Lungren appealed.

Lockyer, a Democrat who succeeded the Republican Lungren as attorney general eight months ago, plans to ask a state appeals court this week to approve the settlement, Barankin said.

Lungren did not respond to a message left Tuesday on his home answering machine by The Associated Press seeking comment on Lockyer's decision.

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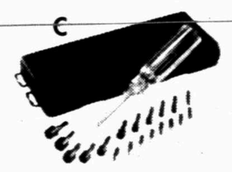


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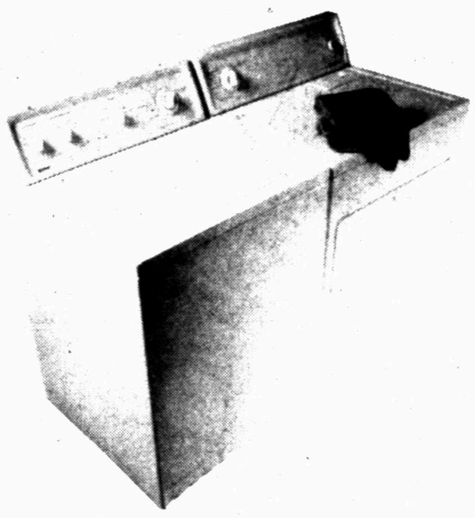


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