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Cogdell to proceed with OB renovation

Board approves bid; hopes to trim price tag

After years of discussion, deliberation and planning, Cogdell Memorial Hospital board this morning decided to go ahead with renovation of the county hospital's obstetrics department.

In a unanimous vote, the board approved a low bid of $691,500 from Knox Gailey & Meador of Lubbock.

The decision came with no debate, but board members and others attending did ask a number of questions or make suggestions prior to the motion to approve the bid. Among them were Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer, who said if the board wanted to move forward with the project, administrators and others involved would work with the architect and contractor in an effort to lower costs.

Bill Weldon, St. Mary Hospital vice president, expounded on Reecer's comment.

"There should be some cost-saving measures which don't take from quality or efficiency," said Weldon. "I'm not saying you can save two hundred or three hundred thousand dollars, but every thousand you save is a thousand you save."

Weldon suggested that Jim Price, plant manager for St. Mary Hospital, be involved because of his expertise, and called for weekly meetings "from day one" with anyone directly involved in the project.

Other bids received were $700,458 from Pharr & Co. and $710,000 from LDC.

"Well, we've been talking about this for about five years now," said Ted Crenwelge, board chairman. "What does the board want to do?"

"It is a project I think we can anticipate bringing in revenue to the hospital," said Jim Cave, who eventually made the motion to approve the low bid and proceed with the project.

"It looks like if we don't, then we'll probably have to just shut OB down," added Stanley Martin, who seconded the motion.

Cogdell has set aside some $450,000 in disproportionate share funds to help pay for the project, and will have a number of months to accumulate additional funds, Reecer noted.

Construction could begin as early as September, and Knox Gailey & Meador's bid included a completion date of 160 days, or a little more than five months from the start date.

Kelby T. Sue, with Joe D. McKay A.I.A. Architects, said a major factor in the cost of the overall project is meeting new hospital building codes. Anytime a hospital makes a major renovation, it must comply with the latest codes, which change frequently.

In other business this morning, the board approved accounts payable and the June financial report.

Reecer told the board that administration is "aggressively" looking at ways to cut operating expenses. He outlined a few measures that will be taken, including meeting with department heads, attempting to negotiate better prices with vendors and the possibility of job redefinition through attrition, among others.

Jerry Vestal, CMH controller, noted the hospital's "very strong cash position" despite a mid-summer low census. As of the June report, the hospital's cash balance stood at $1,527,489. The hospital's net income for the month, however, was a loss of $39,783, and is a negative $124,304 for the year. Much of that can be attributed to the fact that Medicare utilization is up five percent over last year, administrators said.

GOLF COURSE GROOMER — Randy Waggoner was busy this morning at the Western Texas College golf course, mowing parts of the rough. An employee of the grounds maintenance department at the college, Waggoner said the rain Wednesday morning would be beneficial to the course. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bond authority may be revitalized

Commissioners asked to consider resurrecting Industrial Development Authority

In 1980, Scurry County Commissioners Court, like numerous counties and cities across Texas, formed an authority for the purpose of issuing industrial revenue bonds.

Only one industry ever made application to the authority, but that plant closed before the bonds could be granted.

Now, after 16 years of lying dormant, the entity may be resurrected. On Wednesday, the Development Corporation of Snyder asked the commissioners court to consider revitalizing the Scurry County Industrial Development Authority.

"We just handed you and the court a matter to think about," DCOS president Roy Baze told County Judge Ricky Fritz after a unanimous vote by the board.

The judge left little doubt that the court will look into the possibility of getting the Industrial Development Authority back on its feet.

"We're obviously interested in development. We've been involved and we want to stay involved," Fritz said.

Under the authority, the bonds could be used by an industry to locate or further develop a facility in Scurry County.

Specifically, Lorber Industries — which plans to construct a mill at Sntx Park I here — has inquired about the availability of such bonds.

The Industrial Development Authority was formed on Jan. 14, 1980, following the Development Corporation Act of 1979, enacted by the 66th Texas Legislature. American Magnesium was the only bond applicant, but the plant closed before the application was granted. Over time, the authority became dormant.

The issuance of industrial development revenue bonds would not place the county, city or DCOS under any liability, those present Wednesday assured.

"Neither Scurry County nor any other (local) entity would be responsible for payment of the bonds in the event of non-performance or default," said DCOS board member Roy McQueen.

"Local entities are out no money. There's no liability. This (the Scurry County Industrial Development Authority) is an area registery agent that it flows through," said Doug Hutchinson, DCOS executive director. "It is a local approval process, through which you know what it (the funding) is for and where it will be used."

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Lengthy agenda set for DCOS

Development Corporation of Snyder board members will hear a comprehensive report on the industrial park and related information during a meeting set for 4 p.m. today in city council chambers at City Hall.

Doug Hutchinson, DCOS executive director, will provide updates on the status of three grant applications, commitments to Lorber Industries concerning land at the industrial park, and the scope and timing of planned facilities and construction at the park.

John Gibson, director of workforce education for Western Texas College, is also scheduled to make a presentation.

Other agenda items include consideration of a request for an easement at the industrial park by Southwestern Bell Telephone, engineering services in connection with the USDA Rural Development grant for improvements to the park and a discussion of the relationship of DCOS and city services.

Other agenda items are correction of an error in the Jan. 17 meeting notice posting, consideration of a senior secretary job description, a discussion of new accounting procedures and payment of bills.

Gibbins handed seven-year prison term

A 34-year-old Snyder man was sentenced to a seven-year term in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Wednesday following his conviction for felony driving while intoxicated.

A nine-woman, three-man jury found David Cloyce Gibbins guilty on Tuesday. Testimony in sentencing phase the trial had ended shorly before noon on Wednesday and the sentencing process, including jury deliberations, took a little over an hour.

Punishment could have ranged from two to 10 years for Gibbins who had been convicted on two prior DWI charges.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided. Gibbins was represented by local attorney Martin Fender. District Attorney Dana Cooley prosecuted the case.

Gibbins, of 211 Birch, had been free on a $5,000 bond since he was arrested on April 27.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Success is a failure that wouldn't quit."

Think More Rain!

This may be the classic proof of too much government.

For years, regulators have prohibited "redlining" by lending institutions. Redlining is a term referring to a geographic area of a community in which lenders refuse to make loans.

Believe it or not, redlining regulations have also hit the fast-food business.

One pizza company in San Francisco refused to deliver a pepperoni and mushroom pizza one night last spring because the customer lived in a tough neighborhood.

The refusal to deliver outraged the caller whose grandmother was on the city's board of supervisors.

As a result, San Francisco has the first law that makes it illegal for a pizza restaurant — or any other business — to refuse to deliver in a particular neighborhood that is within its normal service area.

Sounds like a good lawsuit...or the end of home delivery.

Think More Rain!

Somebody's always thinking....

A firm in Minneapolis has come up with church-donation insurance, allowing pledged contributions to keep coming in.

The Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal group, offers "CharitAbility to its members.

It's a disability policy that pays a person's church pledge along with regular disability income benefits. It kicks in if a disability last one year.

Think More Rain!

One political humorist says the report of Hillary visiting with the dearly departed is no big deal.

"Forget about the first lady talking to Eleanor Roosevelt," he says, "I worry about the politicians who talk to Laurel and Hardy."

Think Rain!

Worst job in America must belong to the Infernal Revenue director. After three years in office, the commissioner says she has learned one lesson:

"It is not only impossible to please all of the people all of the time, but sometimes it is difficult to please any of the people any of the time."

Roundup for kindergarten, pre-K planned for Tuesday

Registration for children eligible to attend pre-kindergarten or kindergarten with Snyder ISD will be held at each neighborhood campus on Tuesday.

Children who will be five years old by Sept. 1 may register for kindergarten and those who will be four by that date may register for pre-kindergarten if they meet the qualifications.

To qualify for the pre-kindergarten program you must be economically disadvantaged, have a language barrier or a handicapping condition.

Also, any child who has not previously attended public school, but who will reach six years of age on or before Sept. 1, should register. Scurry County Health Unit will be available to administer required immunizations Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

ECI program to be available

Do you know a child under age 3 who is behind other children their age in learning to sit up, walk, talk or understand what others say?

If so, that child may be eligible for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI).

Sue Lambert of Sweetwater, sponsored by Rolling Plains Early Childhood Intervention, will be available to answer questions about ECI on Tuesday during the kindergarten round-up.

She will be at Central Elementary from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. at Northeast.

RPECI, a state agency, has been mandated to locate children with suspected developmental delays.

For more information, contact Barbara Granato at 574-6078.

ASK US

Q—Does the Snyder Daily News require that a form be filled out for wedding information or can an individual write up the article themselves.

A—You can use an SDN form or bring in a typed article. However, all articles are subject to be edited.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 90; low, 66; 7 a.m. reading Thursday, 68; .11 of an inch precipitation; total for 1996, 5.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Low 70-75. SE wind 5 15 mph. Rain chance less than 20%. Friday, partly cloudy, 20% chance of storms. High 95-100. S wind 5-15 mph.

Partly Cloudy

Kimberly Rodriquez

Sunset: 8:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 206 days in 1996, the sun has shone 202 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

Proverbs 21:5

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Bottled water: fad or necessity?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Would you comment on the craze of bottled water? Every athlete I see has some, and I always see crowds of people drinking it.

DEAR READER: I think the whole issue is just a silly fad. Bottled water is no better than most tap water; it simply costs more.

You might remember, a few years ago, a national magazine undertook a study of the relative values of bottled water vs. municipal water. To everyone's surprise the winner was... New York City! Incredibly, New York's municipal water, which is piped hundreds of miles from distant reservoirs in archaic pipes, was found to be the most pure and flavorful. And it was cheap... at least to New Yorkers.

Therefore, I agree with you about the present "craze."

Some athletes get paid a bundle for drinking bottled water (and showing off the label). But many consumers may be like my friends, who take an empty bottled-water container, fill it up with the nearest garden hose, and enjoy a refreshing gulp of tapwater, without the platinum price.

Nonetheless, it is entirely possible that harmless municipal water supplies can become contaminated (with lead and other substances) in the process of traveling through old pipes to individual residences or apartments. Therefore, to make absolutely certain that one's drinking water is safe, it should be tested by an independent laboratory.

I'll certainly get letters on this one, so let's move on to a less controversial topic, such as the fad regarding sportswear. Question: Does clothing make the athlete?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed, through biopsy, as having discoid lupus. Getting any useful information from my dermatologist is like talking to a rock. I presently receive cortisone shots when the affected area seems inflamed. Can you give me any information on my condition?

DEAR READER: Discoid lupus, unlike the more serious form of lupus (which affects many of the body's organs), causes only a skin disorder marked by reddish, round, scaly lesions, especially on the nose and scalp. The disease is usually treated with cortisone creams or injections. It is not a hazard to health.

However, because the lesions of discoid lupus may be identical to those of systemic lupus, your doctor must confirm that the latter condition isn't really a problem. Therefore, you need special blood tests. Systemic lupus is treated with Plaquenil and prednisone.

In addition, about 10 percent of people with discoid lupus eventually develop internal organ disease. This means that you should undergo periodic blood testing — at your physician's discretion — to make sure that your harmless skin disease hasn't changed into the systemic variety.

The cause of lupus is unknown but is believed to be related to an autoimmune state in which a person becomes allergic to his or her own normal tissues.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." 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.

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REMODELING CELEBRATION — Wal-Mart celebrated its remodeling project at the store this week with a grand re-opening. Shown speaking prior to the ribbon cutting was Ron White, left, district manager. Store manager Mark Henson is shown with his family which includes son, Ethan, his wife, Gloria, who is holding their new daughter, Mariah Michelle. The store's assistant manager, Cher Suber, is shown at right. (SDN Staff Photo)

Missing men's bodies recovered

TEXAS CITY (AP) — The bodies of two missing tugboat crewmen have been recovered from the Houston Ship Channel, where their vessel collided with a chemical tanker.

Salvage workers searching the Laura Haden found the bodies after the 89-foot tugboat was raised earlier Tuesday from the channel bottom, Coast Guard officials said.

Lance Liska, 31, of La Porte, and Ken McDonald, no age or hometown available, had been missing since the accident early Monday in the waterway connecting Houston with the Gulf of Mexico.

Citadel OKs 4 women as cadets

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The formerly all-male Citadel military school has accepted four women as cadets, at least one of whom is planning to attend in the fall.

Two of the women who were accepted have paid nonrefundable $150 room deposits, but the father of one of them said his daughter hasn't made a final decision. The two others indicated they plan to attend school elsewhere.

"The Citadel is operating under the assumption that women will be there," Citadel lawyer Dawes Cooke told U.S. District Court Judge C. Weston Houck, who is overseeing the school's plan to admit women.

The hearing Wednesday was the first before Houck since the U.S. Supreme Court last month declared the all-male admissions policy at Virginia Military Institute to be unconstitutional.

Two days after the court's decision, The Citadel, the nation's other all-male public military college, announced it would accept women.

Four women had applied for this fall's term before the Supreme Court ruling and one applied afterward.

One of the women who reserved a barracks room had earlier planned to attend a military school in New Mexico. But Kim Messer, 17, of Clover, changed her mind after The Citadel ended its 153-year all-male policy, said her mother, Bobbie Messer.

"The Citadel is where she always wanted to go to," Mrs. Messer said.

James Mace of Goose Creek told WCIV-TV in Charleston that his daughter, Nancy, had been accepted at The Citadel but had not yet decided whether she would enroll there or at the University of South Carolina.

Shannon Faulkner became the first woman cadet last year under an order from Houck. She dropped out after less than a week, citing the stress of her 2½-year legal battle and her isolation on campus.

On the Chinese calendar, 1996 is the year of the Rat.

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CAMP FOR MUSICIANS — Note Busters Music Camp, a summer activity held at the Bethel Studio of Music and directed by Lynn Bethel, was held in July. Pictured from left, bottom row, are Jami Thackerson of Colorado City; Sandi Nussey, Amanda Calley, Jerica Tyler of Post; Whitney Rogers, Bailey Stoker; second row, Colton Long, Cole McLeod, Craig Bowen, Matt Leininger of Post; Zach Greenlee of Rotan; top row, counselors Sonda Leininger of Post; Johnnie Riggs, Stephanie Hoyle and Mandy Strain, all of Colorado City. (Contributed Photo)

Billboard magazine...

Aristocats top kids video sales

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

VIDEO SALES

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1."Playboy: The Best of Jenny McCarthy," (Playboy)
2."Heavy Metal," (Columbia TriStar)
3."Jumanji," (Columbia TriStar)
4."Clueless," (Paramount)
5."Mortal Kombat — The Movie," (New Line)
6."Ghost In the Shell," (Mango)
7."Babe," (MCA-Universal)
8."The Aristocats," (Disney)
9."Waiting to Exhale," (Fox)
10."Crimson Tide," (Hollywood)

VIDEO RENTALS

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1."Get Shorty," (MGM-UA)
2."Heat," (Warner)
3."Casino," (MCA-Universal)
4."Leaving Las Vegas," (MGM-UA)
5."Goldeneye," Pierce Brosnan (MGM-UA)
6."Dead Man Walking," (PolyGram)
7."Sabrina," (Paramount)
8."Father of the Bride, Part II," (Touchstone)
9."The American President," (Columbia TriStar)
10."Broken Arrow," (Fox)

KID VIDEO SALES

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1."The Aristocats," (Disney)
2."Pocahontas," (Disney)
3."Balto," (MCA-Universal)
4."The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh," (Disney)
5."Goosebumps: The Haunted Mask," (Fox)
6."Schoolhouse Rock: Grammar Rock," (ABC)
7."The Land Before Time III," (MCA-Universal)
8."Phantom 2040: The Ghost Who Walks," (Family)
9."Mary-Kate & Ashley: The Case of the Shark Encounter," (Dualstar)
10."The Lion King," (Disney)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Help partner out

By Phillip Alder

An easy question to start: Excluding trash, what is the biggest eyesore next to the road?

Obviously, fire hydrants are the ugliest roadside item. And around here the eyesores have been made even worse because red plastic flags on top of metal flagpoles have been attached to the hydrants. However, it turns out that there is a reason behind the apparent madness. What is it, do you think?

At the bridge table, you can help partner by flagging — or signaling — information to him.

Against three no-trump, West leads the club nine. How should the play proceed?

The first trick went club nine, seven, jack, ace. Declarer played a heart to dummy's king and ran the diamond jack. After winning with the king, West returned his remaining club. Declarer won in hand with the 10, unblocked the ace-queen of diamonds, led a club to dummy's king, cashed the diamond nine, played a heart to his ace and took the club queen as his ninth trick.

"Why didn't you switch to a spade at trick three?" asked East.

"I can see now that that would have worked better," replied West. "But you misled me at trick one."

"Since when was third hand high wrong?"

"When declarer is strong in the suit and our future lies elsewhere. Here, when we both know I am short in clubs, playing the club jack guarantees the queen as well. If you just play the club two at trick one, I will realize the need for a switch. And finding the spade 10 shouldn't be too difficult."

Flags have been put on hydrants so that they can be found even when buried under snow.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Ira homecoming slated Sept. 27-28

Ira homecoming is set for Sept. 27-28.

Events will begin on Friday with a taco supper and a bonfire. On Saturday, a golf tournament has been scheduled at the Snyder Country Club, along with fellowship time and a business meeting at the Ira gym.

Lunch will be sponsored by the senior class, followed by the Ira football game at 2 p.m. A dance at the Snyder Country Club will conclude the planned activities.

Letters will be mailed with details of events and entry forms for golf and ticket information for the meals and dance.

Water consumption

A total of more than 3 billion gallons of water — about eight times the average daily flow of the Mississippi River — is funneled daily through America's water pipes, turbines and irrigation systems.

Chase vacations again

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Coming face to face with a 550-pound Bengal tiger probably isn't most people's idea of an ideal vacation. But then, Chevy Chase isn't known for his ideal vacations.

Chase is in town along with screen wife Beverly D'Angelo and Randy Quaid for 2½ months to film "Vegas Vacation," the fourth movie in the National Lampoon series.

Monday's filming included Chase's close encounter with a giant tiger named Bombay for a scene in which his character, Clark Griswold, goes on stage at the Siegfried & Roy show.

Between takes, Chase gingerly patted Bombay while Roy fed the animal snacks, at times wiping the cat's mouth.

Disney makes deal with Japanese director

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mickey, meet King Totoro.

Walt Disney Studios signed an agreement for worldwide distribution rights for the works of Japanese animated film director Hayao Miyazaki. The deal announced Tuesday marks the first major investment by a U.S. studio in Japanese-made entertainment.

"In the U.S., when people think of animation, they think of Disney. In Japan ... they think of Miyazaki," said Joe Roth, chairman of Walt Disney Studios.

Disney expects to make money from the deal by selling Miyazaki videotapes in Japan and Taiwan.

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Centennial 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games

Irish swimmer has three golds, Evans wants one more

ATLANTA (AP) — A swimming nobody just a few weeks ago, Michelle Smith already has three gold medals at the Olympics. A swimming star since 1988, Janet Evans would settle for one more gold.

Win or lose, Evans wraps up her glorious career tonight in the 800-meter freestyle, concluding an eight-year odyssey in which the world saw her go from peppy teen-ager at Seoul to grand dame of the pool in Atlanta.

Evans, who failed to qualify for the final in the 400 after Smith was allowed to make a controversial late entry, was the sixth-fastest qualifier in the 800 Wednesday despite breaking a toe before the race.

This time, she won't have to worry about Smith, who didn't enter the event. Instead, Evans' main challenger is her own teammate, Brooke Bennett, who had the fastest qualifying time.

"I think she's going to give it all she's got and come back real strong," said Bennett, just 15 but already Evans' heiress apparent as America's top female distance swimmer. "Hopefully, the United States will come out on top 1-2."

If Evans is the 1, she would tie Bonnie Blair's American record for most Olympics wins by a woman.

Also today, the women's individual all-around finals begin with Shannon Miller but without Kerri Strug; the U.S. baseball and women's soccer teams try to remain unbeaten; Tom Dolan goes for another gold in swimming; and second-round tennis features Andre Agassi and Monica Seles.

Smith has become a national hero in her native Ireland — even though she had to leave the country to train because it doesn't have an Olympic-size pool. In Atlanta, she had barely crawled from the water after her third gold-medal swim, this one in the 200-meter individual relay Wednesday, when she faced more questions about her rapid improvement.

"I just have to laugh at it," she said of the rumors that she is using banned substances. "Every time I'm tested it's always negative, and I'm tested again and again and again."

Though ranked no higher than 24th in any event, Smith already has won three golds and will go for a fourth on Friday night when she swims the 200 butterfly.

"You need to look very closely into that rate of improvement," said Richard Quick, the U.S. women's swimming coach.

Smith's latest victory came on a day when the other countries began to peck away at America's domination in the pool. Denis Pankratov of Russia set a world record in the 100-meter butterfly, and Hungarians Norbert Rozsa and Karoly Guttler finished 1-2 in the 200 breaststroke. The only U.S. victory came in the women's 400 medley relay.

The Dream Team rolled again on the court — rebounding from yet another lackluster first half to blow away Lithuania 104-82 — and the American baseball and softball teams romped on the field.

Gymnast Vitaly Scherbo of Belarus, who won a record six golds at Barcelona, had to settle for a bronze in the men's all-around, which was won by his bitter rival, Li Xiaoshuang of China.

American gymnast Kerri Strug won't be competing in the all-around competition that begins today because of two torn ligaments in her left ankle. Replaced by Dominique Moceanu, Strug hopes to return for the individual events Sunday and Monday.

If not, she will leave Atlanta with memories of her final vault, already replayed endlessly, that left her writhing on the mat in agony but secured the American's first team victory in the women's all-around.

Yugoslavia's basketball team was shaping up as the biggest challenge to American superiority in men's hoops. The Yugoslavs ran their record to 3-0 with a 118-65 thrashing of South Korea before the Dream Team whipped a Lithuanian team led by Portland Trail Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis.

Lithuania stayed close for 23 minutes despite the absence of Sarunas Marciulionis, who sat out with a swollen right knee. Charles Barkley led the Dream Team with 16 points. Karl Malone cut his right hand and is doubtful for Friday night's game against China.

The U.S. baseball team, heading toward an eventual showdown with defending gold medalist Cuba, won 15-3 over Italy to run its Olympic mark to 3-0. Cuba beat South Korea 14-11 and is the only other team without a loss in the round-robin tournament.

No one is giving the powerhouse U.S. softball team much of a challenge. Lori Harrigan threw a two-hitter as the Americans beat Taiwan 4-0, their third shutout in four games.

Other U.S. medalists Wednesday were cyclist Erin Hartwell (silver in the 1-kilometer time trial) and Jim Pedro (bronze in lightweight judo). But the American soccer team was eliminated from the second round by a 1-1 tie with Portugal, and the women's volleyball team lost to China.

CELEBRATION — Americans Whitney Hedgepeth, left, and Beth Botsford celebrate at the end of the women's 100 meter backstroke finals Monday. Hedgepeth won the silver and Botsford won the gold. The women's swimming competition continues today. (AP Photo)

Organizer says Atlanta Olympics are successful

ATLANTA (AP) — No mistakes are defensible, but ...

Billy Payne, chief organizer of the Atlanta games, acknowledges there are glitches, especially with buses and the IBM results system. But he says organizers are solving the problems and asks critics to take into account the size of this event.

"We have as many spectators here as Los Angeles and Barcelona combined and that in itself presents challenges," Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, said Wednesday.

"In our case, the transportation problem was caused by the fact that overwhelming numbers of people were coming to downtown Atlanta."

Payne said he could accept criticism about snags in the Olympics' bus system and technology, but says claims "that the games are disorganized are disproved by looking out my window."

"The facts tell a totally different story," he said. "People are rejoicing in the streets. People are coming out of events and buying tickets for new events."

A new transportation challenge looms with Friday's start of track and field, which will bring almost daily activity to the downtown 83,500-seat Olympic Stadium. It will be the first time the stadium is used for games competition.

"They clearly will have a major challenge over the weekend," said Mortimer Downey, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Downey spent most of Wednesday in Atlanta, observing the Olympic transportation system and offering advice.

The system, which includes a fleet of almost 2,000 shuttle buses, has been under a barrage of criticism from athletes, media and spectators for late arrivals, breakdowns and inexperienced drivers.

On Wednesday, Heidi Lehrer, a kayaker from Antigua, was slightly injured when an ACOG bus hit a concrete barrier.

"We are clearly seeing growing pains," Downey said. But, he said, "we got a good sense that people are working together to get some results."

Olympic organizers and city officials on Wednesday decided to dump about 25 creaky buses, improve synchronization of traffic signals, and assign military drivers to some buses, Downey said.

To cut down on buses getting lost, drivers will be assigned consistently to routes rather than being switched around, he added.

Andrew Young, co-chairman of the Atlanta organizing committee, said no one could run a transportation system as big as ACOG's without problems.

"We brought in 2,000 buses from all over the country. So some of them didn't know where they were going. What do you expect?" Young said.

Other examples of Olympic disorganization surfaced Wednesday.

Officials confirmed that without notifying ACOG, Olympic sponsor United Parcel Service conducted a security test July 19 in which a fake bomb was delivered to the Georgia World Congress Center, a downtown convention hall that is the site of six Olympic sports.

The package containing a wired device got past the UPS checkpoint.

Five Armenian lifters arrested, charges dropped

ATLANTA (AP) — Five members of the Armenian Olympic weightlifting team were arrested early today on disorderly conduct charges after trying to force their way into a building to meet a woman. The charges later were dropped, police said.

Police spokeswoman Marion Lee said the five men apparently gave a woman $100 and she gave them an address where she would meet them.

When the men got there, the door was locked and they tried to force their way in, she said. The men were arrested, but were released when the woman refused to press charges.

Olympic officials escorted the five back to the Olympic Village about 7 a.m., Ms. Lee said. Their names were not released.

Olympics At A Glance

ATLANTA (AP) — Wednesday, Day 6, at the Summer Olympics:

GYMNASTICS

U.S. star Kerri Strug chose not to compete in the all-around event because of her injured ankle. China's Li Xiaoshuang won the men's all-around title.

SWIMMING

Ireland's Michelle Smith won her third gold, taking the 200 individual medley; Denis Pankratov of Russia bettered his world record to win the 100 butterfly; Janet Evans got a chance for her fifth Olympic gold, qualifying for Thursday's finals in the 800 freestyle.

DREAM TEAM

U.S. men's basketball team won its third straight, beating Lithuania 104-82.

SOCCER

U.S. men's team eliminated from medal contention after tying Portugal 1-1.

BASEBALL

Mark Kotsay hit two of United States' four home runs, and had a double and four RBIs, in 15-3 victory over Italy.

Olympic Games TV Schedule

Thursday, July 25

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Gymnastics: Women's Individual All-Around Final. Swimming (Finals): Women's 800m Freestyle; Men's 500m Freestyle; Women's 200m Backstroke; Men's 200m Individual Medley; Women's 4x200m Freestyle Relay. Equestrian: Three-Day Cross Country, Individual.

11:41 p.m. to 1:11 a.m.

Volleyball: U.S. Men vs. Cuba. Boxing. Basketball: U.S. Women vs. Zaire.

Friday, July 26

9 a.m. to Noon.

Track & Field. Swimming: Qualifying Heats. Equestrian: Three-Day Jumping, Individual. Rowing: Semifinals. Cycling.

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Track & Field. Swimming (Finals): Women's 200m Butterfly; Men's 200m Backstroke; Women's 50m Freestyle; Men's 1,500m Freestyle; Men's 4x100m Medley Relay. Basketball: U.S. Men vs. China. Diving: Women's Platform. Volleyball: U.S. Women vs. Japan. Canoeing: Whitewater Training.

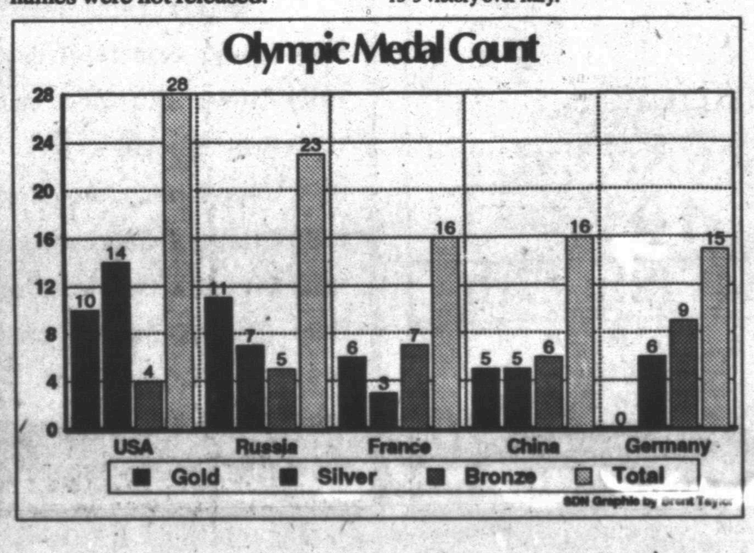
11:41 p.m. to 1:11 a.m.

Volleyball: U.S. Women vs. Japan. Boxing. Water Polo: Quarterfinals. Cycling. Weightlifting: Light-Heavyweight Final.

Olympic Medal Count

By The Associated Press
Olympic Medals Table
Through 70 total medals
Wednesday, July 24

	G	S	B	Tot
UnitedStates	10	14	4	28
Russia	11	7	5	23
France	6	3	7	16
China	5	5	6	16
Germany	0	6	9	15
Italy	3	4	4	11
Australia	3	2	5	10
Poland	5	2	2	9
Cuba	3	4	2	9
SouthKorea	3	3	2	8
Hungary	1	2	5	8
Japan	2	2	1	5
Belgium	2	1	2	5
Belarus	0	3	2	5
Bulgaria	0	1	4	5
Turkey	3	0	1	4
Netherlands	0	0	4	4
Ireland	3	0	0	3
NewZealand	2	0	1	3
SouthAfrica	2	0	1	3
Ukraine	1	0	2	3
Brazil	0	1	2	3
Canada	0	1	2	3
Greece	0	2	0	2
Romania	1	0	1	2
Yugoslavia	1	0	1	2
NorthKorea	0	1	1	2
Spain	0	1	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Armenia	1	0	0	1
CostaRica	1	0	0	1
Kazakstan	1	0	0	1
Austria	0	1	0	1
Britain	0	1	0	1
Finland	0	1	0	1
Uzbekistan	0	1	0	1
Georgia	0	0	1	1
Moldova	0	0	1	1



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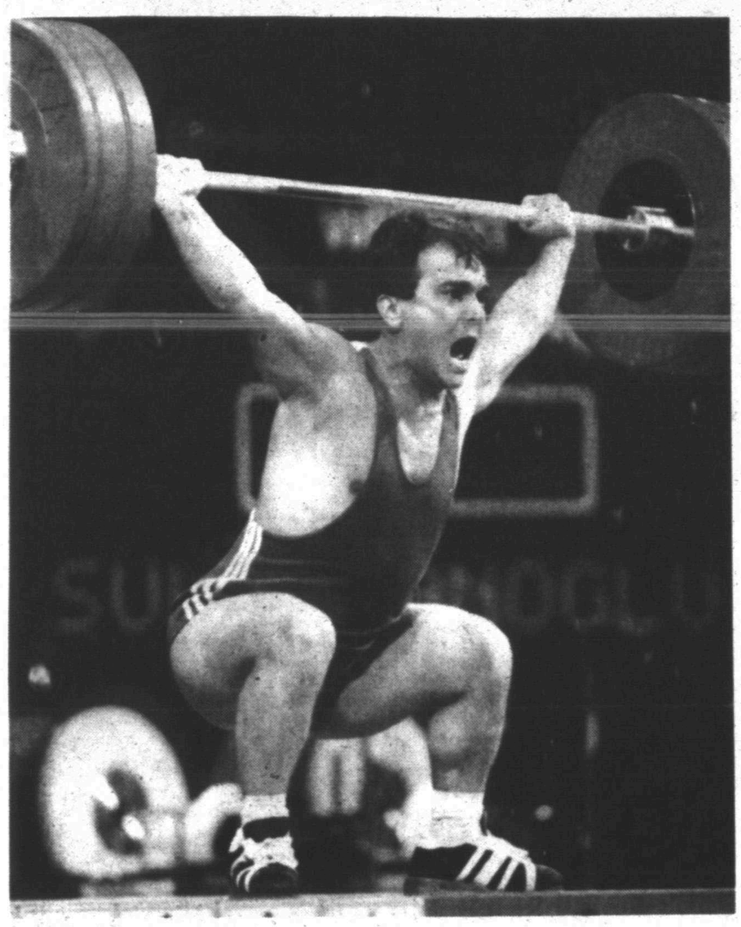


TURKISH HERO — Naim Suleymanoglu, a Turkish hero known as Pocket Hercules, lifts 413-pounds Monday. Suleymanogle, 4-foot-11, became the first weightlifter in Olympic history to earn three golds medals. (AP Photo)

Irvin gets five-game suspension

AUSTIN (AP) — The other shoe dropped, and it wasn't nearly as bad as the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys knew it could have been.

The NFL handed Michael Irvin a five-game suspension after the wide receiver's no contest plea to cocaine possession.

"We were surprised to a certain degree because we had heard it might be eight games, so I guess five just fell right into the slot," Cowboys personnel director Larry Lacewell said.

The Cowboys couldn't win without Emmitt Smith. Now the question is can they survive until October without Irvin.

"Any time you lose a great football player, you're going to struggle, but this team has a knack of overcoming adversity," Lacewell said.

The five-game suspension will cost Irvin more than 500,000 — he makes $102,647 a game — and force the man who caught 111 passes last year to sit out games against the Chicago Bears, New York Giants, Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills and Philadelphia Eagles.

Smith got into a contract fight with owner Jerry Jones several years ago and sat out two games which the Cowboys lost. But they've never been without Irvin for a prolonged period.

"It's definitely going to hurt," Smith said of Irvin's suspension, which was announced Wednesday. "But we'll find a way to hang on until Mike gets back. We'll use it as a rallying point. We're always battling some distraction."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said: "Michael certainly will be missed. He's one of the best in the league. We'll just have to do the best we can until he gets back."

Irvin can practice with the team and even play in exhibition games, but was not expected to report to training camp anytime soon.

Jones said he spoke with Irvin, who was in Miami.

"He said, 'I want to meet this heads up. I accept my responsibility. I was wrong and I'm going to pay the price.'

"He is clearly resolved to get this behind him," Jones said. "He talked about his future and what he needs to do to get ready for his first game.

"He said he is ready to take his medicine."

Irvin doesn't plan to appeal the NFL's decision.

The suspension comes eight days after Irvin pleaded no contest to felony cocaine possession charges for which he was fined $10,000, placed on probation for four years and sentenced to 800 hours of community service.

"You serve as a highly visible symbol of the Dallas Cowboys and the NFL," commissioner Paul Tagliabue wrote to Irvin in a letter informing the Cowboys star of the suspension.

"As such, you are an unusually prominent example for good and for bad for young people. While that visibility affords you substantial benefits, financial and otherwise, it significantly increases and magnifies the negative and detrimental impact of your misconduct on the league, its teams its players and its fans."

"The discipline for violations of the substance abuse policy is severe," Tagliabue said "... Under this collectively bargained program, players are disciplined for their own substance abuse or drug related misconduct. They are not disciplined for the misdeeds of others or because critics may view the justice system as lenient in drug cases or for other extraneous reasons."

Irvin was given a chance to appear before the commissioner but declined, the NFL said.

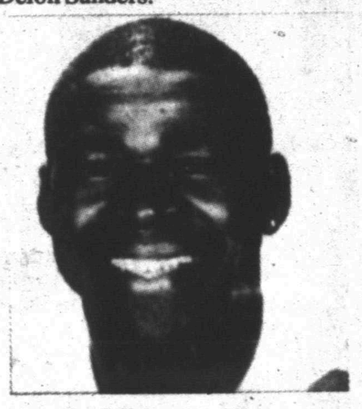
Irvin was found March 4 in a hotel room in Irving, Texas, near the Cowboys' workout facilities when a motel employee complained about noise. Irvin and two women also in the room were indicted April 1 on drug possession charges.

Last Tuesday, Irvin interrupted the trial to enter the no contest plea.

Tagliabue's letter to Irvin was strongly worded.

"In my judgment," he wrote, "the impact of your involvement with illegal drugs ... has had an extremely adverse impact on the league, its teams and players generally.

Irvin's absence will put pressure on Kevin Williams and Deion Sanders.



Michael Irvin

Snyder Seniors down Early

SWEETWATER — Snyder stayed alive in the State Senior Teenage League tournament going on here Wednesday with a 10-4 victory over Early.

Snyder came back to knock out Waxahachie this morning, 1-0. Snyder will now face the winner of Eastland-Corsicana at 9 a.m. Friday.

In Wednesday's contest, Snyder jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings. Snyder scored what would be the winning run in the fourth and took a 5-1 advantage. The local team added five insurance runs in the fifth.

SNYDER 10, EARLY 4

Snyder	2	1	0	2	5	0	0	—	10
Early	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	—	4

Astros sneak by Padres in extra-innings

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros are back on the winning track.

The strange thing is they've been doing it without much help from Jeff Bagwell, although the slugging first baseman did help send the game to extra innings with a ninth-inning double Wednesday night.

The Astros went on to record a 6-4 victory in 10 innings over San Diego when rookie outfielder Ray Montgomery delivered a pinch-hit, two-run homer with one out. The win, their fifth in seven games, moved the Astros to within one game of first-place St. Louis in the NL Central Division.

"I haven't been hitting the ball well at all lately," said Bagwell, who is hitting .233 (17-for-73) in his last 23 games. "I'm trying to work my way out of it, and I'm glad I could contribute something tonight."

Houston tied the score in the ninth on Bagwell's two-out RBI double off Trevor Hoffman, who blew a save for the sixth time in 28 chances.

Bagwell's double would have been the game-winner had it not bounced over the center field wall for a ground-rule double. Craig Biggio had already crossed the plate when the umpires sent him back to third.

"Baggy should have had a game-winner there," Houston manager Terry Collins said. "Bidge scores easily if it stays in the park."

Collins had considered letting pitcher Xavier Hernandez hit for himself in the 10th inning.

"It was either go with X and let him bunt the runner over, or go with Ray," Collins said.

Collins went with Montgomery, and the choice proved to be the correct one when the rookie outfielder won the game with his first major league home run, a two-run drive to center field off Ron Villone (0-1).

"I'd faced him a bunch of times in the minors and he probably got me out every time," said Montgomery, who had come into the game with six career at-bats, including one pinch-hit appearance. "But I knew what he throws, and he gave me a fastball up that I could handle."

Montgomery's homer, on a 1-1 pitch, scored Ricky Gutierrez, who had singled with one out. The Astros, who have won five of their last seven, took the series two games to one.

Yankees hold Texas to 1 hit in last innings

NEW YORK (AP) — When it comes to a pitching package, it's hard to beat what the New York Yankees threw at the Texas Rangers.

Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera and John Wetteland limited the top-hitting team in the majors to just a bunt single in the final five innings, and the Yankees beat Texas 4-2 Wednesday in a meeting of AL division leaders.

Pettitte, despite some lingering stiffness in his left elbow, became the first 15-game winner in the league. Rivera, baseball's most dominant middleman, breezed through six batters. Wetteland, the ace closer, pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 35th save.

"As long as it keeps working, we'll keep doing it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Bernie Williams and Tino Martinez contributed, too.

Williams, who missed Tuesday night's game because of a sty in his right eye, went 2-for-2 with his career-high 19th homer. He also walked twice and scored two runs.

Martinez, who grounded into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the first, came back in the fifth and hit a three-run double that bounced out of right fielder Damon Buford's glove.

On an afternoon when the Yankees used their most effective starter and a proven bullpen tandem, they didn't need much.

Pettitte (15-5), second in the majors to John Smoltz's 17 wins, improved to 9-0 in nine day starts. He pitched six innings and gave up two runs on nine hits, including a solo homer by Ivan Rodriguez.

Pettitte's biggest problem, perhaps, was the elbow trouble that has bothered him since before the All-Star break.

"Same old story," he said. "I got a little stiff and he pulled me out. Getting my 15th feels great, but the arm still feels the same."

"I'm realizing that to be a big league pitcher, you have to pitch through stuff," he said.

Torre said Pettitte wanted to stay in longer, but said it was time to turn loose Rivera and Wetteland, a big reason why the Yankees are 47-2 when leading after six innings.

Rivera, mixing in a couple of sliders, pitched two perfect innings. He lowered his ERA to 1.53, and has retired 32 of 33 first batters he's faced, 20 by strikeout.

"Everyone expects me to throw fastballs," he said. "Now, they think different. They say, 'Uh oh, he has a slider, too.'

Rugrats finish season at regionals

ABILENE — Snyder's ASA girls' 10 and under Rugrats softball team finished in a four-way tie for ninth place in the regional tournament held here last weekend.

In the first-round, Snyder lost to Texas Flames from La Porte, 10-0. Stephanie Williams and Stacy Perkins had base hits in the contest.

The Rugrats picked up their first win over Lake Jackson Patriots, 10-9. Ashley Martinez smacked a three-run homer to win the game. Martinez also had a single and double. Kelsi Johnson homered while Melissa Velasquez hit two singles. Megan Fletcher added a single and a double. Paula Fritz had a double.

Next up was the Clyde Twisters. Snyder took a 11-1 victory to advance. Williams and Sheena Saleem each had base hits while Velasquez added a single and double. Martinez contributed a triple and single.

The Rugrats suffered a 10-2 defeat to the Keller Nitro. Snyder got four hits, including a single from Willams, two base hits from Velasquez and a homer from Martinez.

The Rugrats ended the season with a 7-4 record. "We would like to thank everyone who supported us, including the sponsors, parents, coaches and players," said Tommy Johnson.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press

American League Standings

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	60	39	.606	—
Baltimore	50	49	.505	10
Boston	45	54	.455	15
Toronto	45	56	.446	16
Detroit	31	70	.307	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	61	40	.604	—
Chicago	55	46	.544	6
Milwaukee	50	50	.500	10½
Minnesota	48	52	.480	12½
KansasCity	46	56	.451	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	57	44	.564	—
Seattle	54	45	.545	2
Oakland	53	49	.520	4½
California	48	53	.475	9

Wednesday's Games

New York 4, Texas 2
Oakland 6, Chicago 5
Boston 12, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 11, Baltimore 4
Cleveland 10, Toronto 0
Seattle 8, Milwaukee 7
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Rosado 0-1) at New York (Hutton 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 11-3) at Baltimore (Coppinger 5-1), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Telgheder 0-1) at Toronto (Flener 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Witt 8-8) at Chicago (Andujar 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 7-9) at Minnesota (Aldred 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (VanEgmond 0-1) at California (Grimsley 5-6), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lira 6-8) at Seattle (Wolcott 6-7), 10:05 p.m.

National League Standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	63	37	.630	—
Montreal	53	46	.535	9½
Florida	48	52	.480	15
NewYork	47	54	.465	16½
Philadelphia	41	60	.406	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	54	47	.535	—
Houston	54	49	.524	1
Cincinnati	48	49	.485	4
Chicago	47	53	.470	6½
Pittsburgh	45	54	.455	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	53	47	.530	—
SanDiego	54	49	.524	½
LosAngeles	53	49	.520	1
SanFrancisco	43	57	.430	10

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 1
Florida 3, Los Angeles 0
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 4
Houston 6, San Diego 4, 10 innings
Colorado 7, New York 6, 10 innings
Chicago 7, San Francisco 1

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles (Candiotti 6-8) at Florida (Hammond 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (R.Springer 2-8) at Pittsburgh (Miceli 1-6), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Urbina 4-3) at St. Louis (Morgan 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 8-6) at Colorado (Bailey 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 10-7) at San Francisco (Watson 6-8), 10:05 p.m.
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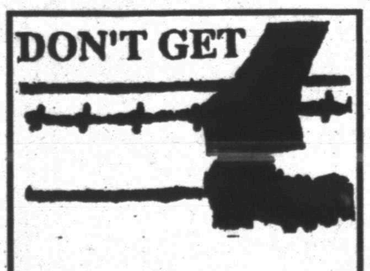

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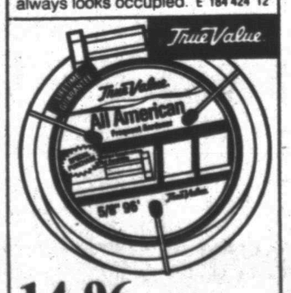

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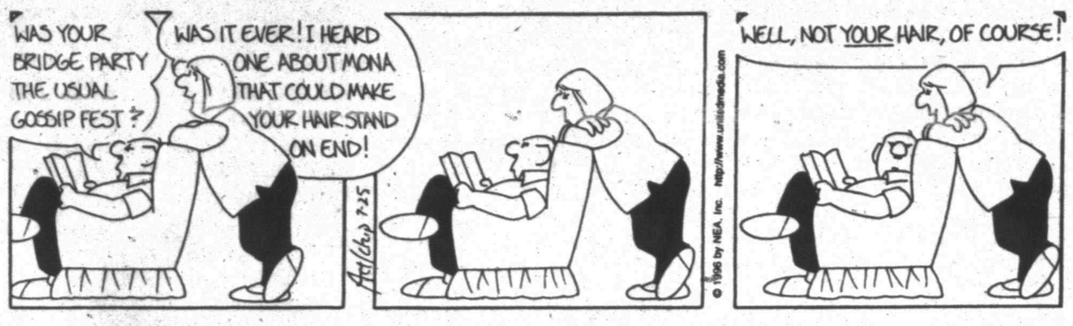

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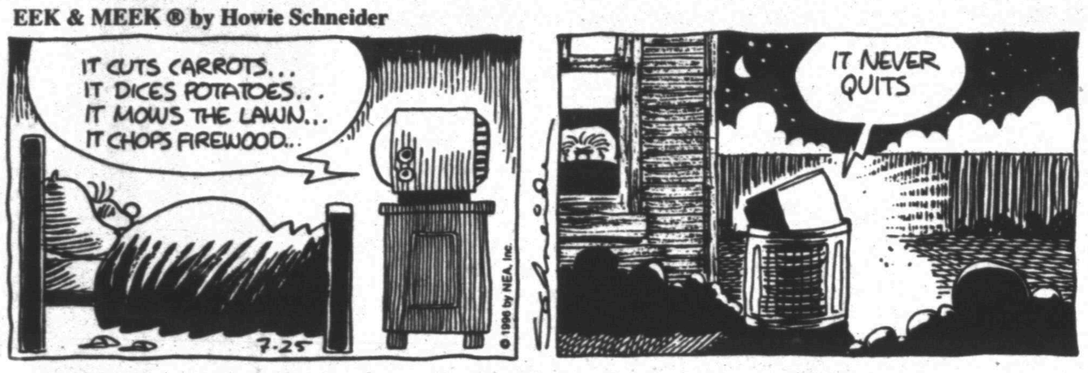

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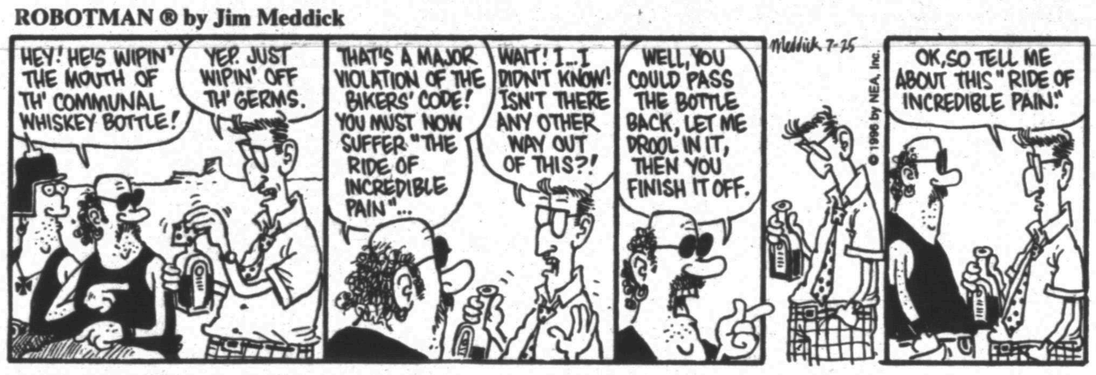

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ACROSS

1 Barrels
5 Russian empress
12 Priest
13 Waxed
14 Spotter
15 Ties
16 Having clumps
18 ... man — — mouse?
19 Nautical rope
20 That thing's
22 Mouth parts
26 Passion
28 Forget- — - —
29 Fish disease
32 Hiatus
34 Workers' assn.
35 Roman dozen
36 Opposite of exit
37 Drink for two?
38 Ancient Greek dialect
40 Above
42 Picnic pests
43 Compass pt:
44 Type of cube
47 Roman 52
49 Media magnate — Murdoch
52 End of a train
56 Bender
57 Wall covering
58 Pie portion
59 Refrain (from eating)
60 Monthly expense

DOWN

1 Destroyed (sl.)
2 Enlighten
3 Hansel's sister
4 Dry
5 New Deal program
6 Actor Mostel and namesakes
7 Resin-producing tree
8 Devastate
9 Call — — day
10 After deductions
11 Commercials
12 Calif. time
17 Living-room piece
21 German
23 Fixed quantity
24 Beauty spot
25 Porch
27 Oil-exporting assn.
28 Simple
29 Corn lily
30 Grafting twig
31 Indication
33 Cut
39 He who hesitates — —
41 Undulate
43 Japanese-American
45 Waxy substance in cork
46 Build
48 Very small quantity
50 Old map abbr.
51 Golf peg
52 Numbers pro
53 Clerical vestment
54 Under-graduate degs.
55 Sea eagle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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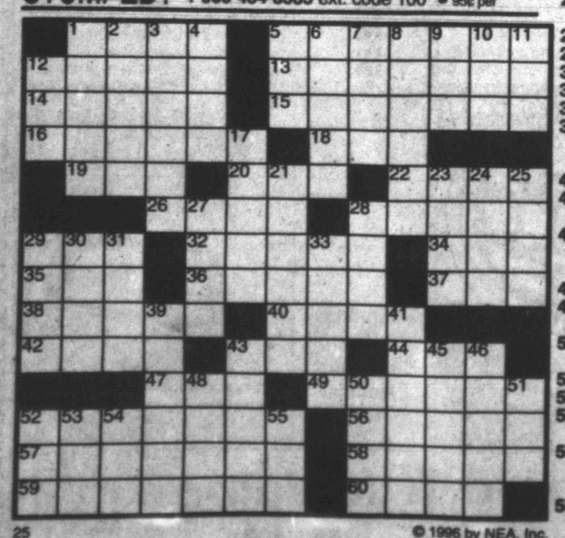

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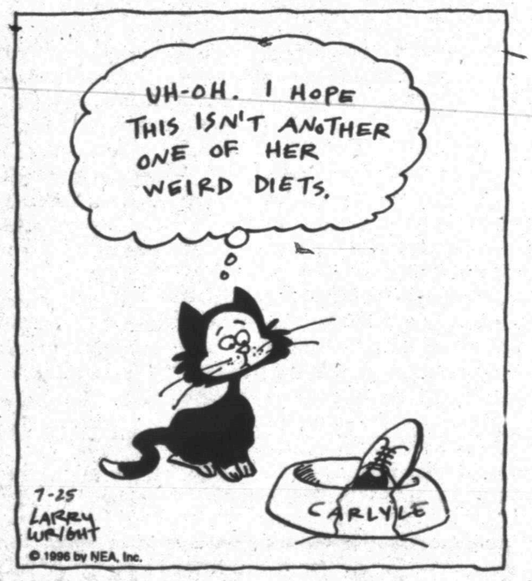

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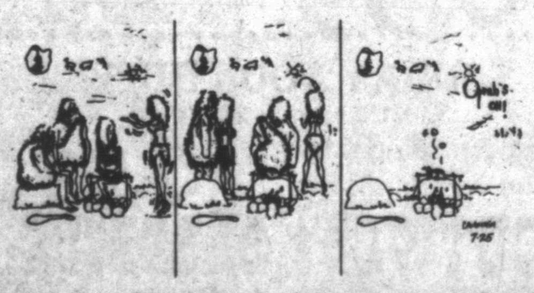

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Picture of Health Is Clouded By Cardiovascular Disease

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing this in the hope of alerting others to some of the lesser-known symptoms of possible heart problems.

I was a daily runner for 23 years and never thought I would have cardiovascular disease.

For several months as I started my run, I felt a burning sensation in my throat. It kept getting worse, but always went away after about a mile of my three-mile run. I never experienced any chest pains, although toward the end, I did have occasional pain in my upper left arm.

My doctor finally gave me a stress test (treadmill), which showed heart abnormalities.

To summarize: In an 11-month period, I have had angioplasty twice and triple bypass surgery. Some of my arteries were 95 percent blocked although the heart itself was strong.

I'm writing to warn anyone who might be experiencing the burning sensation when engaging in strenuous activity such as jogging, running, mowing their lawn, etc. I had had several EKGs, which did not reveal the artery blockages. Please inform your readers that everyone should have a periodic stress test. You may use my name.

JOHN A. HARDAWAY,
LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

DEAR JOHN: I'm sure there are many people living healthy lifestyles who think they have no need to worry about cardiovascular disease, but you are evidence that a healthy lifestyle may not be enough; screening is also necessary.

According to Dr. Rodman Starke, senior vice president of the American Heart Association, coronary artery disease resulting in heart attack is the single largest killer of American men and women. He said: "Each year, as many as 1.5 million Americans experience a new or recurrent heart attack, and about 500,000 of them die. That is why early diagnosis of coronary artery disease is so important."

Dr. Starke and the American Heart Association urge everyone to learn the warning signs that signal a heart problem: uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back; pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck, arms or jaw; chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

Not all the warning signs occur in every patient, but if some begin to occur, get help immediately because the delay could be fatal.

Readers, please don't let John's story be your story. Talk to your doctor as soon as possible about a cardiovascular evaluation, and if you have experienced any of the warning signs, call 911 or your local medical emergency hotline immediately.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old son recently passed away and I was amazed at how rude people can be at a time like that.

Several people sent plants to the mortuary with a note for certain people to take the plants home with them. One family even sent a plant with a note on it asking that the plant be returned to their home after the funeral!

The funeral director told us that this was becoming a real problem for them as it was causing a great many hurt feelings.

Abby, please tell your readers if they want funeral flowers given to a certain person, they should have the flowers sent to that person's home, not to the funeral home. A grieving person doesn't need any more pain.

GRIEVING IN BUFORD, GA.

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FCC moving crucial step forward on TV's new digital process

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators moved ahead today on a plan that would pave the way for broadcasters to offer higher-quality digital television — the biggest innovation since color picture tubes in the 1950s.

The Federal Communications Commission, in a 4-0 vote, proposed rules that would match up each of 1,600 TV stations, which now use analog channels, with a digital channel. The FCC hopes to make a final decision by the end of the year and begin licensing digital stations in early 1997, said FCC Chairman Reed Hundt.

Until TV stations convert entirely to a digital format, they'll transmit programs on two channels — one in analog and one in digital. This way, existing TV sets, which are capable of receiving only analog signals, won't be rendered immediately obsolete.

The second channels are worth billions of dollars.

GOP presidential contender Bob Dole wants broadcasters to pay for them. But the Clinton administration says that could put stations out of business. The FCC's proposal doesn't deal with the issue because only Congress has the authority to put the second channels up for auction.

Using the language of computers digital technology offers movie-quality images with CD-quality sound. It also is more efficient than existing analog technology. Because stations would be able to transmit four or five digital channels in the space of one analog channel, they could use the extra space for new, probably pay, services such as beaming stock quotes or sport scores to laptop computers.

Today, TV uses channels 2 through 69. Under the FCC's proposal, TV would use channels 7 through 51 after a transition to digital is complete. On that broadcasters and the FCC agree.

During the transition to digital — the period when TV stations operate two channels — the FCC's proposal would reclaim channels 2 through 6 and 52 through 69 in part for new, non-broadcast services.

Therein lies the controversy. TV broadcasters want to keep exclusive use of 10 channels — 60 through 69 — during the transition to digital. The FCC's proposal minimizes broadcasters' use of that spectrum, auctioning what's left over.

Broadcasters say the FCC's proposal would subject some TV stations — mainly those in the crowded top markets like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago — to interference and limit the reach of their signals.

"We need the full spectrum of channels to make the transition as planned," said Patti McNeill, spokeswoman for the National Association of Broadcasters.

FCC officials say the interference would be very small and would be unavoidable even under the broadcasters' plan.

Berry's World

"As I said, cigarettes may not be addictive for SOME people. For example, like people who don't LIGHT them!"

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, July 26, 1996

You have learned from your experiences and this could enable you to be a winner in areas in which you previously met with disappointment. Play the game according to your instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to advance your personal goals today, it might be necessary for you to take a calculated risk. If you understand the consequences, go for it! Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This can be a day of completion and positive fulfillment regarding an project you've always meant to finish, but have not had an opportunity yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pry yourself away from the couch today and get outside and move around. Brief visits to nearby friends might be just what the doctor ordered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your financial situation will remain favorable and stable. Do not make any changes in areas in which things are moving ahead smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can operate with more freedom and independence today than you can tomorrow. If something special requires your personal touch, do it right away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, you can be more effective if you keep a low profile. Do not try to run the show. Stay in touch with events, but don't try to control them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A friend will be in a position to do something for you that you cannot do for yourself today. You may have helped this person previously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will excel in competitive situations today. Your confidence can be enhanced substantially if you convince yourself that you have the ability to succeed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your positive attitude will be both receptive and assertive today. You can absorb good ideas from others and disseminate them effectively.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Assistance you give to others might not result in immediate returns today, but somewhere down the line, you will be rewarded in a very pleasant manner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Find a stimulating companion today and do something fun to escape dull, mundane routines. You will need somebody perky and upbeat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are unproductive today, you might feel guilty at the end of the day. You can overcome your sluggishness if you engage in industrious activity.

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Date Book

July 25, 1996

Today is the 207th day of 1996 and the 36th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army.

On this day in 1867, Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" was published in Germany.

On this day in 1984, Soviet Cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Eakins (1844-1916), artist; Maxfield Parrish (1870-1966), artist; Walter Brennan (1894-1974), actor; Estelle Getty (1924-), actress, is 72; Nate Thurmond (1941-), basketball great, is 55; Walter Payton (1954-), football great, is 42; Thurston Moore (1958-), musician, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, Roseanne Barr became the focus of controversy when, while spitting and scratching herself, she sang an off-key rendition of the National Anthem before a San Diego Padres game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When commercial capital occupies a position of unquestioned ascendancy, it everywhere constitutes a system of plunder." — Karl Marx

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, Tropical Storm Claudette began dumping 43 inches of rain on Alvin, Texas.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 23) and new moon (July 30).

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Oldest ballroom dancer waltzes to 100

PHOENIX (AP) — She's been waltzing and gliding her way through the last century, and even shaking it to a little boogie-woogie along the way.

Lenore Schaeffer, who turns 100 today, is still dancing.

Schaeffer, recognized as America's oldest ballroom dancer, learned to dance as a child. She learned the Charleston from her first husband. At 96, she took up tap.

But for a while Schaeffer shunned the dance floor. After a divorce from her first husband, she remarried. In their 46 years together, her second husband refused to dance, so she also didn't dance.

After his death, she took up dancing again and was soon competing — and winning. She collected more than 300 mostly first-place prizes for dancing to everything from waltzes to rock 'n' roll.

These days, she favors ballroom dancing.

And on Thursday nights, she takes to the dance floor at a community center with a friend from her Tucson studio days.

There is still one dance she said she will always remember: "I got a standing ovation from more than 800 people."

Woman takes care of baby possum

MANCHESTER, Conn. (AP) — Connie Potter keeps her love of animals close to her heart. Make that very close.

For the past four weeks, Potter has kept a baby opossum in her bra as a substitute for its mother's pouch.

The opossum was orphaned when its mother was killed by a car about four weeks ago. Potter searched the mother's pouch and found a lone survivor.

When opossums are born, they have to spend about 12 weeks in their mothers' pouches, said Potter, a certified animal rehabilitator at Lutz Children's Museum.

Because the baby, named Lucy, was much younger than 12 weeks, Potter decided to use the only pouch she had. She carefully tucked the 2-inch-long animal in her bra, where Lucy stayed nice and warm.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6790).

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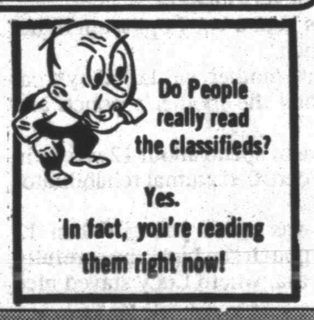

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Drought-beleagured Texans should prepare for long haul

LUBBOCK (AP) — Compared with the rest of the state, semi-arid northwest Texas has been a tropical paradise recently with a steady dose of fairly consistent rainfall.

A state meteorologist warns that agriculture producers in the region must remain vigilant, however, because the drought isn't over; it's just easing temporarily.

"They certainly haven't been rains of the magnitude to make a dent in the overall drought," George Bomar, a meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, told a group of producers, agribusinessmen and others Wednesday at the third in a series of drought assistance meetings held around the state.

A scientific scale, the Palmer Drought Severity Index, shows the Texas High Plains region is suffering through a moderate drought, while the rest of the state is either in the throes of "severe" or "extreme" drought.

State research indicates the drought has cost Texans about $6.5 billion so far. Producers and others who depend on the massive Texas farm economy should be aware of various government programs aimed at them, state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, said.

"One thing that concerns me is that when we get a little shower, people think the war's all over," said Turner, who said he used to share bath water with his brothers while growing up during the 1950s drought. "I grant you, it helps when you're under that cloud, but this (drought) seems to be a trend."

The approximately 150 in the audience Wednesday at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here heard advice from state and federal officials about taking advantage of existing relief opportunities.

The U.S. Farm Service Agency, which has offices statewide, currently offers nine different programs that could assist producers in need, from non-insured crop disaster assistance to farm operating loans.

But the parade of speakers, which included state Sen. John T. Montford, D-Lubbock, and statehouse representatives from throughout the region, didn't offer Paducah rancher Doyle Parnell any new information.

"I was hoping they might get around to something in terms of financing this coming year if this (drought) continues," said Parnell, who also farms on his plot about halfway between Lubbock and Wichita Falls. "If we have trouble getting financing, I don't know what's going to happen to our rural communities."

Parnell said he was aware of the current federal loans available, but he said a short- or medium-term loan doesn't help a producer who might be facing busted crops and thinned herds for the rest of this decade.

Other federal agencies offering drought relief programs are the Rural Development Office, Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Commerce and local natural resource conservationists.

Counties declared disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are open to emergency loans and Small Business Administration loans for non-farm agribusiness ventures. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has declared about half the state as agricultural disaster areas.

Senator: lottery tax would benefit schools, not bingo

AUSTIN (AP) — Would the Texas Legislature pass a tax on lottery winnings that, among other things, might pay for advertising to promote bingo?

That was the suggestion earlier this week of an aide to State Senator Eddie Lucio of Brownsville.

But Lucio said Wednesday the aide, Joe Garcia, was in error. Lucio says it's true he's looking at placing a 5 percent tax on lottery winners. But he says the money would be used for teacher salaries and school construction and maintenance.

Not bingo. Lucio says he opposes the use of any state money to pay for bingo.

Alleged head of insurance fraud ring now arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — The suspected head of an insurance fraud ring accused of staging car accidents since 1992 has been indicted and jailed, Harris County officials say.

Tan Kien Tu, also known as Richard Tu, was arrested last week at his home in an affluent Houston suburb, Sheriff Tommy Thomas said Tuesday. Tu was charged with engaging in organized criminal activity and was being held at the Harris County Jail on $500,000 bond.

His indictment came 1½ years after 100 others, including two doctors and an attorney who are still awaiting trial, were charged with participating in the ring, which Thomas said had ties to insurance fraud organizations in Austin, Dallas and Corpus Christi.

Thomas said the arrests stemmed from an investigation that began in March 1994 when an undercover deputy infiltrated the group.

Lester Blizzard, an assistant district attorney, said Tu was more difficult to catch than the scores of others involved in the scheme.

"As the testimony and as the evidence developed, we were able to obtain an indictment against Mr. Tu," he said.

If convicted, Tu, a 45-year-old paralegal, faces up to life in prison.

Blizzard would not release a total dollar figure for the phony claims, but said some settlements ranged from $13,500 to $31,000.

Blizzard said the ring's recruiters would get people to purposely bang their cars together and put on an act when police showed up. Then, they would see a doctor who would produce a false injury report and give it to the lawyer, who would file a claim with an insurance company, authorities said.

When the insurance company — five have been defrauded by this ring — would cut a check, the ring would launder the money through a check-cashing shop or a drive-in grocery, officials said.

Blizzard said most of those involved in the scam have been convicted. Authorities expect to make a dozen more arrests.

E. William Jenkins, an agent with the National Insurance Crime Bureau, said the arrest of Tu is a major step forward.

He said insurance fraud costs billions of dollars every year.

"The amount is staggering. You can extrapolate that down to individuals — it's going to be several hundred dollars per person," Jenkins said.

Money can't buy woman's much loved Beatles tickets

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Money can't buy me love, and neither can it buy Cynthia Crowder's two unused Beatles tickets.

Crowder was an 18-year-old beauty school student when she won the two $5.50 tickets through a radio station giveaway.

The Aug. 20, 1966, concert in Cincinnati was rained out, but Crowder wouldn't have gone anyway: She had classes that day, and thought school was more important than four mop tops from Liverpool.

The Beatles stopped performing publicly when they wound up their U.S. tour in San Francisco on Aug. 29, 1966. In the three decades since, Crowder became a hairdresser, got married and had children. She kept the tickets in the same blue envelope in which she received them.

The envelope is faded, but the tickets remain in mint condition. And as Beatles memorabilia grew in value, Crowder became interested in the value of the tickets. She was offered $700 but says she won't sell.

"I'm just not ready to let go. To me, they're worth more than that, for sentimental reasons," Crowder said. "I'm real nostalgic and I'm romantic and I'm sentimental."

Markets — Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	79½	78¼	79¼	+1½
AT&T Corp	51¾	51⅛	51½	+ ⅜
AirTouch	27	26¾	26½	+ ¾
Albertsons		40¼	39¾	40
Alldsignal	58½	57⅞	58½	+ ⅛
Alltel	27⅞	27	27⅝	+ ½
AmStores		36	35¾	35¾
Ameritech	55¾	55¾	55¾	+ ⅜
Amoco	68¾	67⅞	68½	+ ¼
AndarkPtr	56⅞	56¼	56½	+ ¼
ArmcoInc		4⅜	4¼	4¼
AtlRichfld	118¾	118¼	118¼	— ¼
ATMOS Egy		21⅞	21⅞	21⅞
Aviall		8	8	8
BakerHughes	32¼	31½	31½	— ⅝
BellAtl	59¼	58¼	59	+ ⅛
BellSouth s	41⅞	41¼	41½	+ ⅜
BethSteel	10¼	9⅝	9¾	— ⅛
BritPet	111	110⅝	110⅝	+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	79¾	78⅜	79⅝	+1¼
Caterpillar		66	65¾	65¾
CenSoWst	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	+ ⅛
Chevron	58⅜	58	58⅜	+ ½
Chrysler s	27¼	26¾	27¼	+ ½
Coastal	40¾	40 5-16	40⅜	— ⅛
CocaColas	46⅞	46	46⅜	+ ⅜
ColgatePalm	80¼	79¾	79¾	—2¼
ComclMetals	30¼	30¼	30¼	+ ¼
CooperIn		38⅛	38⅛	38⅛
CyprusAmax	21⅞	21¼	21⅛	+1⅛
DallSemicn	17⅝	17⅜	17½	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	70	69	69¾	+1
DigitalEq	33¾	32¾	33¼	+1¼
Dillard	32⅝	32	32⅛	+ ½
DowChem	72⅝	71⅛	72¼	+1⅛
DresserInd	27¼	27¼	27¼	+ ⅜
DuPont	79⅝	78¾	79½	+2¼
EastmanChem	52⅛	51⅛	51¼	+ ¾
EstKodak	73¼	73¼	73¼	— ⅛
EDS Corp	50¼	49¾	50¼	+1¼
Enserch	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	+ ⅛
Entergy		25¼	25¼	25¼
Exxon	83¾	83¼	83¾	— ¼
FstBksAm s	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	— ⅛
Flowers s		16¼	16¼	16¼
FordMotor	32⅛	31⅞	32⅛	+ ¼
GTE Cp	41⅛	40¾	41	— ⅛
GenDynam	62½	62	62½	+ ⅜
GenElec	81¼	80⅝	81⅛	+1¼
GenMills	54¼	54¼	54¼	— ¼
GenMotors	47⅝	46¾	47	3-16+9-16
GaPacif	74¼	73¾	74	+ ⅛
GlobalMar		14⅛	13⅞	13⅞
Goodrichs	36⅛	35¾	36	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	43½	42¾	43⅛	+1⅛
GtAtlPac	27⅝	27⅜	27½	+ ⅛
Haliburtn	55¾	55⅛	55⅛	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	12½	12⅛	12⅛	+ ⅛
HarteHanks s	26⅛	25½	26⅛	+ ½
HoustonInd s	22⅞	22¾	22⅞	+ ¼
IBM	100½	95	100½	+8¾
IntlPapers	38	37⅞	37⅞	+ ⅜
JohnsnJn s	48	47½	47¾	+ ¼
K mart	10⅛	9⅞	10	+ ⅛
Kroger	38¾	38¾	38¾	+ ⅛
Litton	41⅞	41½	41¾	— ⅜
LockhdMart	82¼	81	81¾	+1⅛
Lowes Cos	31⅛	30¾	30¾	— ⅛
Lubys		24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
LucentTech n	34¾	34¼	34¾	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	43⅜	43¼	43½	+ ¼
Medtronics	49½	48⅛	49⅝	+1⅛
Mobil		112¼	111¼	112½
Monsanto s	29	28¾	28¾	+ ⅜
Motorola	53⅜	52½	53	+ ½
Nationsbk	84⅛	83½	84⅛	+1
Navistar	9⅝	9½	9⅝	+ ⅛
NoramEngy		11	10¾	10¾
Norwest	33¾	33	33⅜	+ ⅜
Nynex	45¼	45	45	+ ¼
OryxEngy	14¼	14¼	14¼	— ¼
PacTelesis	33¾	33½	33¾	— ⅜
PanEnergy	32	31¼	31¼	— ½
Penney JC	49½	49¼	49½	+ ⅜
Pennzoil	49	48½	48⅝	— ¼
PepBoys	30⅝	29¾	30½	+ ⅜
PepsiCo s	32⅜	31¾	32	— ¼
PhelpDodge	58¾	56¼	58½	+2¼
PhilipPet	41	40¾	40⅞	+ ¼
Polaroid	43	42¼	43	+ ⅜
Praxair	37	36¾	37	+ ½
ProctGamble	86¾	85¾	86½	+ ⅜
PubSNwMx	19⅝	19⅜	19½	+ ¼
RoyalDutch	150⅝	150	150¼	+1⅛
SBC Comm	49¼	48¾	49¼	— ¼
SaraLee	31⅛	30¾	31	+ ⅜
SearsRoeb	42	41½	41½	+ ⅛
SherwinW	43¾	43¼	43⅜	+ ⅜
SmthBchADS	54¼	53¾	54	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	22¾	22½	22½	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	24¾	23¾	24	— ⅛
Sprint	36¼	35½	35¾	— ¼
SterlingChm	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	+ ¼
SunCo	26¾	25¾	26	— ⅛
TNP Ent	26	25¼	25¾	+ ½
Tandy	42⅛	41⅞	42½	+ ½
TempleInl	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛	+ ⅛
Tenneco	47⅛	46½	46⅞	+ ⅜
Texaco	85	84¾	84¾	— ¼
TexasInd	66	65¼	65⅜	+ ¼
TexasInst	42⅜	41⅜	41⅞	— ¼
TexUtil	42⅜	42⅛	42½	+ ⅛
Textron	80¼	79½	79½	— ¼
Travelers s	41¼	40¾	40⅞	+ ¼
TrinityInds	31¾	31½	31½	+ ⅜
TritonEngy	43½	43¼	43½	+ ½
Tyler	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	
US WestCm s	30¼	30⅛	30¼	+ ⅛
USWstMda n	16¼	16	16¼	+ ⅜
USX Delhi	11¾	11¼	11¼	
USX-Marathn	20¼	20¼	20¼	— ¼
USX-USS	25¼	25¼	25¼	+ ¼
UnCarbde	38¾	38	38¾	+ ⅛
UnPac	69⅛	68⅜	69⅛	+ ⅜
UnitedTech	108¾	107⅞	107⅞	+ ⅜
Unocal	31¼	30½	30¾	— ⅜
WalMart	24	23¾	23¾	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	14⅜	14⅛	14⅜	+ ¼
WestghEl		17⅛	16⅜	16⅜
WianDixie s	34½	34¼	34¼	+ ⅜
Woolworth	20¼	19⅞	19⅞	— ⅛
XeroxCp s	50	47⅞	50	+3⅛
ZenithE	8¼	8¼	8¼	+7-16

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Izzard visits Snyder; touts welfare bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with White House pressure to craft a welfare bill more to President Clinton's liking, Republican congressional leaders indicated few changes would be forthcoming and practically dared Clinton to veto the measure.

"Given the many promises you have made to end welfare as we know it, a veto would represent a serious breach of your word," said a letter House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott sent to Clinton on Wednesday.

Rudy Izzard, Republican candidate for Texas's 17th congressional district, told Snyder supporters this week that he thought the bill was "a giant step in the right direction."

Izzard said the current welfare system has been an expensive failure.

"It has created a division between the American people — instead of helping those who truly need help," said the candidate who is opposing incumbent Democrat Charles Stenholm.

Izzard said he especially liked the part of the bill which gave the states more control over the welfare dollar.

Izzard was on a campaign tour of some seven cities in the congressional district.

House and Senate negotiators were to start work today on combining their two bills, which match in most respects.

Both would reverse six decades of policy that entitled the poor automatically to open-ended assistance and replace it with work-oriented, time-limited aid.

Lifetime welfare assistance would be limited to five years per family, and recipients would have to work after two years, with hardship exemptions to such restrictions allowed for up to 20 percent of families. Four major welfare programs would be converted into block grants to states, which would have far more freedom to run their own programs.

The White House's criticism centered on the legislation's estimated $60 billion in savings over six years, and the cuts in food stamps and benefits to noncitizen yet legal immigrants that would pay for much of those savings.

The administration also wants Congress to let states use federal block grant money for vouchers for benefits for children whose parents have exhausted their welfare eligibility. But neither bill allows for that, and Lott dismissed it as "a way to get around that five-year limit."

Among the differences the conferees must resolve:

—The House bill would deny federal money to pay benefits for additional children born to women already on welfare, unless a state votes to exempt its residents from the rule. The Senate deleted this provision, and the White House opposes it.

—The House bill would let states convert the federal food stamp program into block grants under certain circumstances. The White House opposes that, and the Senate deleted this provision.

—The House bill would allow able-bodied people ages 18 to 50 with no dependents just three months of food stamp eligibility during their lifetimes unless they worked at least 20 hours per week.

The Senate bill is far more generous. It would allow such people four months of food stamps each year without a work requirement. That could be extended to six months if they were looking for work.

— The Senate bill would impose a lifetime ban on means-tested federal benefits for those convicted of drug-related felonies in state or federal court. Misdemeanor drug-related convictions would lead to a five-year suspension of benefits.

Obituaries

Carlos Bernal

1905-1996

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in St. John Catholic Church in Hermleigh for Carlos Martinez Bernal of Patterson, Calif. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery. Father Patrick Maher, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will officiate and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bernal died Monday, July 22, in Doctors Hospital from injuries sustained in a pedestrian-car accident in Modesto, Calif.

A former Snyder resident, Mr. Bernal was a farmer. He was born on Nov. 5, 1905 in San Francisco, Mexico. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Patterson. Mr. Bernal married Francis Rodriquez on March 3, 1932 in Kenedy, Tex. She died in 1988.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Cruz Villa in 1990; and by three brothers.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Elida Bernal of Las Vegas, Nev.; five sons, Aralio Bernal of Quanah, Carlos Bernal of Modesto, Calif., Johnny Bernal of Sweetwater, Joe Bernal and Lupe Bernal, both of Patterson, Calif.; a sister, Maria Castillo of Saltillo, Mexico; 28 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren.

Billy Cauble

1941-1996

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for William H. (Billy) Cauble, 55, who died Wednesday, July 24, in Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

A truck driver, Mr. Cauble was born on July 29, 1941 and had lived in Snyder all his life.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Cauble of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Phillip Haney of Garland; and one son, Corey McDaniel of Los Angeles.

Higginbotham

1923-1996

Graveside service is set at 10 a.m. Friday in the Hermleigh Cemetery for Wynona Devant Higginbotham, 73, of San Leandro, Calif. The Rev. Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Higginbotham died Monday, July 1, at San Leandro Hospital after a lengthy illness. Cremation was held. A memorial service was held at Antioch Wesleyan Church in Antioch, Calif., on July 14.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1923, in Megargel. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and the Martha Ruth Sunday School Class in Snyder. A homemaker, Mrs. Higginbotham lived in Somonauk, Ill., for 17 years and then returned to Texas. She was a former resident of Hermleigh and Snyder. She attended the Senior Center and also enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, sewing, quilting, crocheting and painting.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Dienst Baseley of Oakley, Calif., one sister, Lovelle Barnett of Texas; two grandchildren, Stephen Reid Baseley of Oakley and Amanda Elizabeth King of Phoenix; and three great-grandchildren of Oakley.

Memorials may be made to the Martha Ruth Class at First Baptist Church, 1701 27th, or the Senior Citizen Center, 2603 Ave. M.

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3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Bettye Shuler

1924-1996

SWEETWATER — Funeral service is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Lamar Street Baptist Church for Bettye Jane Shuler, 72, who died Tuesday, July 23, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born in Roscoe, she married Ernest Shuler on June 21, 1941 in Dunn. He survives.

Mrs. Shuler worked as a dental assistant and was a member of the Lamar Street Baptist Church where she was a Bible class teacher.

Survivors also include two sons, Gene Shuler of Lubbock and Harvey Shuler of Midland; four brothers, Lee Walton of Odessa, Jimmy Walton of Sweetwater and H.H. Walton and Wayne Walton, both of Abilene; two sisters, Ada Sanders of Sweetwater and Louise Wilson of Atlanta; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Al Herrera

1923-1996

SWEETWATER — Almarante Y. "Al" Herrera, the father of Snyder baseball coach Roland Herrera, died Wednesday, July 24, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. He was 72.

Service for Mr. Herrera is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Holy Family Catholic Church with Fr. John Doyle officiating. Burial will follow in the Hobbs Cemetery in Fisher County.

Rosary for Mr. Herrera is set for 7:30 this evening in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Oct. 4, 1923 in Aspermont, Mr. Herrera had lived in Sweetwater for 37 years. He worked for Flintcote for 31 years, retiring in 1988. Mr. Herrera was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church and was 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus.

He married Clita Soliz on July 17, 1940 in Roscoe, and she survives.

Survivors also include a daughter, Gloria Gomez of Sweetwater; three brothers, Manuel Herrera of Odessa, Jesse Herrera of Houston and Paul Herrera of Hamlin; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Four people arrested; one on felony warrant

Four people were taken into custody Wednesday including a 29-year-old female who was arrested on a felony motion to revoke warrant.

Officers arrested Anna Rodriquez Perez, who resides at 2807 Ave. U, at 1:28 p.m. in the 100 block of 23rd Street on a felony warrant to revoke her probation.

Arrested at 10:13 a.m. in the 1900 block of 11th Street was a 31-year-old male who was charged with driving while license suspended and on an outstanding warrant for public intoxication.

Following a report of a shoplifter at 4:10 p.m. at Lawrence IGA #400, officers arrested a 64-year-old man for public intoxication. He was also issued a citation for Class C theft.

A 21-year-old male was arrested at 11:39 p.m. in the 1900 block of 37th Street on city warrants for exhibition of acceleration and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 12:40 this morning on seven outstanding city traffic warrants and three Department of Public Safety warrants. Two of the warrants were failure to appear on city traffic tickets, two were for minor in possession of alcohol and three were capias pro fine - failure to pay a fine as agreed. The DPS warrants were for traffic violations in Mitchell County.

In other activity Wednesday, officers responded to a report of family violence at 1:34 p.m.

An officer was called to Wal-Mart at 5:11 p.m. in reference to two juvenile shoplifters in custody. The two were transported to the police department where offense reports for Class C theft was submitted. The juveniles were later released to their parents.

Terri Thompson requested an officer at 5:58 p.m. at the parking lot of the Golden Corral in reference to the theft of some money from her wallet. She requested that no report be made if the subject returns her money.

Larry Baker requested an officer at Long John Silver's at 6:20 p.m. in reference to damage to a window. An offense report for Class C criminal mischief was submitted.

Angela Gomez requested to speak to an officer at 10:05 p.m. at 1911 Ave. G in reference to three bicycles stolen from her residence. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

At 4:50 this morning, officers were dispatched to Skinny's on 37th Street in reference to a 911 call and a woman screaming into the telephone. Contact was made with the subject who stated a person had been harrasing her.

The fire department responded to four calls Wednesday, including a tank battery fire at 7:39 a.m. that was apparently caused by lightning. The fire was on the Woodward Lease west of Ira on FM 1606.

At 7:49 p.m., the department responded to a call from 119 E. 23rd Street in reference to lightning possibly hitting the house and the residents smelling smoke.

At 10:45 a.m., the department responded to a call from 150 South CR 221 in reference to a lamp shorting out. The damage was limited to the lamp.

A vehicle fire was reported at 3:03 p.m. in the parking lot at Eckerd's. An alternator had shorted out in a 1987 Cadillac which belongs to Eliose Gunset of 8398 Blockline Rd.

DCOS asks county to consider request

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"It seems to me this is a vehicle we might want to have in place just like the industrial park. Whether Lorber takes part or not, it's a tool we may be able to use in the future," said Baze, who's comment was echoed by several others attending Thursday's meeting.

The next step will be for the commissioners court to contact legal counsel as to the process to reactivate the authority.

Present Thursday were DCOS board members Jack Gorman Jr., Bill Wilson III, John Fagin, McQueen and Baze, as well as Judge Fritz and commissioners C.D. Gray Jr. and Jerry Gannaway. Absent were commissioners Ralph Trevey and Roy Idom.

Rapper arrested

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Rapper "Warren G" was arrested outside a nightclub after deputies said they found a loaded assault-type handgun in his truck.

What's Up?

Scurry Lodge meets tonight

Scurry Lodge 706 AF & AM will have a Master's Degree at 7 this evening. All Master Masons are requested to attend.

California youth to perform

"The New American Singers," the California Baptist All-State Youth Choir, will be in concert at 7 this evening at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to hear this 40-member choir.

Museum fund-raiser

Donations for Scurry County Museum's 3rd annual Rummage Sale are being accepted this week. The sale is set for Aug. 1-21.

As part of the sale, a consignment area will be established for pre-approved, quality upscale items. Consigned items will be on a 50-50 basis. Call 573-6107 for information about consignment, donations or any matters relating to the museum. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

SHS summer band students

Summer band for all Snyder High School students will begin Monday. All students interested in being in the band should meet at the band hall with instruments at 8:30 a.m.

Junior high registration

Junior high registration begins Monday for seventh and eighth grade students who are new or returning to the SISD school system. Registration hours are 8 until noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Parents are asked to bring the student's birth certificate, Social Security card and copies of any school records available to assist in grade and class placement. For more information, call the counselor's office at 573-6356.

Hermleigh FBC sets VBS

Hermleigh First Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 7:30-9:30 each evening beginning Monday and running through Friday. Classes will be provided for ages 2 through adult. For more information, call 863-2484.

37th Street Church of Christ VBS

37th Street Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School for ages 3 to adult from 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Monday and running through Wednesday. To enroll, or for more information, call 573-0154.

Bereavement support group

First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group for anyone in the community who has lost a child during the last few years. Meetings will held Monday evenings at 7 o'clock in the fellowship hall. Carolyn Osborn, a licensed professional counselor, will lead the group. There is no charge.

Key to the Kingdom series

Video tapes of the Key to the Kingdom series are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "God Hates Divorce," will be held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Cheerleading mini-camp

A late registration has been scheduled for the cheerleading mini-camp, which is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at the high school gym. Late registration will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the gym. Call 573-8360 for more information.

Pick 3

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

2-7-8

(two, seven, eight)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $8 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 12, 16, 26, 43 and 45.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.

Hijacker overpowered in airport in W. Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A hijacker held an Algerian jetliner for about five hours at an airport in western Algeria today before security forces overpowered him. All 232 people aboard were released unharmed.

The hijacker commandeered the Air Algerie Boeing 767 in Oran at about 9 a.m. as it prepared to leave for Algiers, state radio said, citing the Interior Ministry.

At about 2:30 p.m., the radio said the hijacking had been "resolved" but gave no further details. It said security forces surrounded the plane on the tarmac in the coastal city, 225 miles west of Algiers.

French media reported the hijacker was an Algerian man of Lebanese descent, and that authorities discovered he was unarmed.

The motive for the hijacking was not immediately known. Earlier, state radio had reported that there were several hijackers.

The Italian news agency ANSA, quoting unidentified sources in Algiers, said a man and a woman hijacked the plane, threatening to set off a bomb if they were not flown to the United States. The report could not be immediately confirmed.

Algeria has been plagued by violence in a 4½-year-old insurgency by Islamic militant groups trying to overthrow the secular government and establish strict Islamic law. Last weekend, 16 people were killed in three bombings.