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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK — Edna Laster, right, gets her blood pressure checked this morning at the Senior Citizens Center. Mildred Pevehouse is pictured securing the cuff on Laster's arm. Free blood pressure checkups are offered every Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Aug. 4-6...

Back-to-school items exempt from sales tax

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual sales tax holiday scheduled Aug. 4-6.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under $100," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year. However, the break is not limited to children's school clothes. Highlights of the holiday include:

—Most clothing and footwear priced under $100 is exempt from sales tax. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

—Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as gold cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits are eligible for the tax exemption.

—Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

"This year I am able to make one administrative change. Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than $100 on layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax," Rylander said. "This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break."

Rylander said she would like to see the holiday expanded in the future.

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt because kiddos need them for school," she said. "I also would like the sales tax holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the holiday last a couple of weeks, instead of just three days."

Rylander said any change in the list of tax-exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year.

In 1999, Texans spent more than $400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day holiday, saving more than $32 million in sales tax. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

Missile defense test is slated for this evening

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is counting down to a rocket launch Friday night that could change the course of U.S. defense policy and present the next president with one of the most contentious international arms control debates in decades.

Although much is riding on the outcome the test of a national missile defense, Defense Secretary William Cohen is trying to tamp down expectations by saying it is not a make-or-break event.

In a sense, some missile defense critics agree. Regardless of the outcome, they believe President Clinton will move forward with building a nationwide shield against missiles.

Cohen stressed that the test, the last before Clinton makes his decision, is only one in a series of more than a dozen that will ultimately determine the feasibility of defending all 50 states against a limited attack of ballistic missiles.

"We are trying to take it step by step because it's very, very difficult technology we are trying," Cohen told reporters Thursday in Tampa, Fla., where he presided over a change of command ceremony at U.S. Central Command.

The goal of the missile defense system is to destroy a hostile warhead in space by ramming it head-on with an interceptor missile.

"We are trying to hit a bullet with a bullet," Cohen said.

Many critics believe the technology is not feasible and that the Pentagon's testing methods are fatally flawed. Other critics say that even if it worked the weapon would not be worth the international outcry against it.

"Recent statements by Defense Secretary William Cohen indicate that the Clinton administration is on a path toward approval regardless of allied skepticism," the British American Security Information Council said Thursday.

Anti-nuclear activists were hoping to halt the test by positioning a ship in an area of the Pacific where a rocket stage is expected to splash down. Greenpeace planned to station a vessel about 110 miles offshore from Vandenberg Air Force Base, said Steve Shallhorn, the group's campaign director.

The Air Force has asked pilots and mariners to avoid the area during the test or risk damage or injury but said the test could continue even with a ship in the zone.

Greenpeace also set up camp outside Vandenberg's main gate, about 180 miles northwest of Los Angeles. And a group of protesters not affiliated with Greenpeace threatened to delay the launch by breaking into the base

The scenario for Friday's test is similar to that of the last, unsuccessful test in January: a target missile — a Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile with a dummy warhead — launches from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. Twenty minutes later, the interceptor rocket takes off from Kwajalein Atoll in the remote Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean. If it works as designed, a "kill vehicle" will detach from the interceptor rocket and guide itself into the path of the dummy warhead.

Piping water from Gulf to drink is possibility for Central Texas cities

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This thirsty Central Texas city, where water restrictions have been imposed following aquifer shortfalls, would benefit from regional plans to pipe additional supplies from near the Gulf of Mexico, officials were told.

Managers of two river authorities told planners Thursday in Cuero that it would cost about $1 billion to treat and transport water taken from separate sources hundreds of miles away to San Antonio.

The chairwoman of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group said San Antonio residents will ultimately pay more for their water and that some of it will come from outside the Edwards Aquifer.

"San Antonio people are maybe going to have to understand that they're going to have treated water," Evelyn Bonavita told the San Antonio Express-News. "They're going to be drinking water that comes out of rivers and not out of the clean, beautiful Edwards. And it's going to be more expensive than Edwards water."

The 21-member group must submit a regional water plan to the state by October.

Members have also considered increasing conservation and installing recharge dams over the aquifer, as well as weather modification, rainwater harvesting and brush management. The proposal aims to meet the region's water needs for the next 50 years.

LET'S RODEO

The first board of directors of the Scurry County Rodeo Association were Joe York, Allen Stephens, J.L. Adams, George Parks, J.J. Koonsman, J.C. Dorward and J.M. Stewart.

They were selected in 1936 — the first year of the rodeo and there were 37 other charter members.

The rodeo was held at Wolf Park.

This year's edition of the rodeo will be July 13-15 and will be at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Road.

Rev. Akins resigns post at First Baptist Church

Trent Driggers, chairman of the deacons of First Baptist Church, today announced that Dr. Marty Akins, pastor for the past six years, had submitted his resignation.

"Marty made the announcement at church Sunday, and the deacons will meet this Sunday night and we will probably accept his resignation," Driggers said.

"After many successes at the church, Marty chose to step down on July 2," the chairman said.

"We wish Marty, Debbie and the children only the best," Driggers added.

Dr. Akins moved to Snyder from the First Baptist Church in Alvarado, south of Fort Worth, and has been active in a number of civic endeavors.

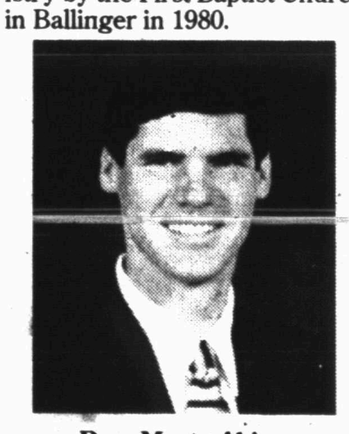
Dr. Akins made the surprise announcement to the congregation at the close of his Sunday morning sermon. Driggers said the board of deacons had waited to act on the resignation to see if the pastor might reconsider his decision.

Dr. Akins, a native of Ballinger and a 1984 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and 1988 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has not revealed his future plans.

Dr. Akins preached his first sermon here on Aug. 7, 1994.

He had also served as pastor of the Brock Baptist Church in Weatherford, Dunn Memorial Baptist Church in McKinney and Liberty Baptist Church in Voca. He had also served as minister of youth at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

He was licensed into the ministry by the First Baptist Church in Ballinger in 1980.



Rev. Marty Akins

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Depression can be caused by a hairline recession and a waist that is a victim of inflation."

There's another national champion trophy with a Snyder connection.

We learned that tidbit last Sunday while pumping gas. We ran into Snyder's **Dave Harlan** who told us about the rugby success of son, **Trey Harlan**, a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School.

Trey was a starter for the Snyder Tigers and then played college football for the McMurry Indians.

Trey went on to earn his law degree and practices in Fort Worth.

Athletically, Trey has remained active. He is captain of the Fort Worth rugby team that recently won the national title in Chicago. We've never watched a rugby game, but understand it can be as rough as football.

Dave said Trey is thinking about "retirement," and Trey's mom, Naomi, is hoping so – retiring while on top.

Aline Parks, representing the Scurry County Historical Commission, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Historic Preservation Conference in San Antonio. The award was presented by Haskell native **Rick Perry**, current Texas Lt. Governor, and quite possibly the next CEO of the Lone Star State.

He keeps on collecting honors...

Josh Ortegon, Snyder High School varsity cheerleader, has been named an All-American Cheerleader for the third consecutive year.

And congratulations to Rotary Club award honorees...

The Snyder Rotary Club has three new Paul Harris Fellows – **Jeff Lowrance, Jim Boren** and **Jerry Vestal**.

C.R. Perez, manager of Lawrence IGA, was given the Rotary's WHOO! (We Honor Our Own!) Award. Perez, a member of the Kiwanis Club and a director of the chamber of commerce, has assisted the Rotary Club in the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Fran Farmer, vice president of First American Bank, was given the Rotarian of the Year Award by out-going president **Julie Sentell**.

Lee Maddox, manager of Snyder Insurance Agency, is the new club president.

ASK US

Q—How much water is in Lake Thomas today as compared to a year ago?

A—Today, it is at 18.16 percent of its capacity. A year ago, it was at 22 percent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 93 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Friday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2000, 14.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low near 70. SE wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny. High mid 90s. S wind 10-20 mph.

Ashley Swigert
Sunny

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Of 188 days in 2000, the sun has shone 185 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Do not settle for less than an extraordinary life.

Security guard is charged

DETROIT (AP) — A private security guard has been charged in a black man's shopping mall death that protesters suggest had racial overtones.

Dennis Richardson, 29, was charged with involuntary manslaughter Thursday, a day after an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 protesters led by the Rev. Al Sharpton rallied outside the Lord & Taylor department store at Fairlane Town Center in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn.

Richardson, who also is black, is accused in the death of Frederick Finley, 32, of Detroit.

The manslaughter count carries a possible 15 years in prison and a $7,500 fine. Richardson was expected to be arraigned Friday.

Activists who organized the Wednesday protest accused Lord & Taylor of having black security workers scrutinize minority shoppers to avoid the appearance of discrimination or racial profiling. A spokeswoman for the store has declined to comment.

Finley was in the store with friends and family when surveillance cameras allegedly recorded some members of the group shoplifting. Finley's 11-year-old stepdaughter removed from a store counter a bracelet and left the store without paying for it, prosecutors said.

Outside, security workers tried to question the girl before Finley intervened, prosecutors said. During an ensuing confrontation with Finley, prosecutors said, Richardson used a neck hold to subdue him, ultimately causing his death.

"Under all the circumstances, the duration and amount of force used by Richardson was excessive, and probable cause clearly exists" for the involuntary manslaughter count, prosecutor John D. O'Hair said.

MASTER MASONS INSTALLED — Installation was held for Master Masons of Scurry Lodge 706, Hermleigh Lodge 987 and Ira Lodge 934 at the Masonic Hall in Snyder. Officers shown from left, front row, are Lloyd Knipe, Sonny Greenfield, Leland McCarty, Bobby Ivey, Worshipful Master in Snyder, Jerry Gannaway, Worshipful Master in Hermleigh, Doug White Worshipful Master in Ira, and Bobby Nolan. On the back row are Billy Boone, Don Witte, Corky Cruse, Chuck Colvin, Charlie Morrow, Harold Yearwood, Roland Bruns, Donnie Knight and Dale Hess. Family and friends attended a supper and the installation. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

San Antonio jury finds man guilty in murder-for-hire plot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sheila Bellush's family hopes the guilty verdict in her ex-husband's murder-for-hire trial will send a strong message about the horrors of domestic violence.

A jury on Thursday convicted Allen Blackthorne, 45, on charges of interstate conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire and interstate domestic violence in Bellush's 1997 death. He faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

"There's no doubt about it," said Bellush's widower, Jamie Bellush. "The federal government took a stand ... and said this kind of treatment will not be tolerated."

Bellush, 35, was slain in Sarasota, Fla. She had been shot in the cheek, and her throat had been slit. Her body was discovered by her 13-year-old daughter from her marriage to Blackthorne. Bellush's 2-year-old quadruplets from her second marriage were crawling in her blood, unharmed and wearing their life jackets for use in the back yard swimming pool.

Hours before Blackthorne's verdict was announced, the hit man pleaded guilty in a Florida courtroom. Jose Luis Del Toro Jr., 24, after singing a gospel song in court asking for forgiveness, was given two consecutive life sentences.

Two middlemen in the plot are already in prison: The man who hired Del Toro, his cousin Sammy Gonzales, got 19 years behind bars. And Daniel Rocha, Blackthorne's golfing buddy and the man who asked Gonzales to find someone to kill Bellush, is serving life in prison.

Blackthorne made his fortune selling medical devices. His Vancouver, Wash.-based business, International Rehabilitative Sciences, sells muscle stimulators under the name RS Medical.

Bellush and Blackthorne divorced in 1989 and went through bitter custody disputes involving their daughters. Bellush moved to Florida, but Blackthorne hunted her down, prosecutors said. Six weeks after she moved, Bellush was dead.

"It's a tragic story for everyone involved," Jamie Bellush said.

Prosecutors said Blackthorne turned the hatred he had for his ex-wife into a scheme to have her killed, offering $54,000 for the murder plus a bonus if he regained custody of their two daughters, who had been adopted by Bellush's second husband.

During the trial, Blackthorne took the stand and admitted he once threatened to kill Bellush because he thought she was a negligent mother. But he denied arranging her murder. The federal jury took 33 hours to find him guilty.

"I believe there's a very strong message that (domestic violence is) going to get acted on," U.S. Attorney Bill Blagg said.

Government pays $355,000 in legal fees to end lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department agreed Thursday to pay $355,000 in legal fees to settle a lawsuit brought by defense lawyers and a whistleblower for release of documents from its investigation of the FBI crime lab, a government spokesman and a plaintiff said.

And more than 53,000 pages of documents from the department's internal investigation of the world-renowned FBI lab will be posted on the Internet for the public to read and defense lawyers to comb for possible evidence of government errors that might benefit their clients.

The government agreed that it would not charge the plaintiffs — the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, freelance writer and former NACDL spokesman Jack King and FBI lab whistleblower Frederic Whitehurst — for the 53,000 pages of documents already released in the case.

In an unusual element, the government also agreed that the Justice Department inspector general's website will provide an Internet link to the plaintiffs' website containing the documents.

The link will be posted within the next 90 days at the site: http://www.usdoj.gov/oig.igspecr1.htm.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the settlement, which was filed after hours with the U.S. District Court.

Spurred by the allegations of Whitehurst, a lab chemist, Inspector General Michael Bromwich investigated the world-renowned crime lab for 18 months. In 1997, Bromwich blasted the FBI facility for flawed scientific work and inaccurate, pro-prosecution testimony in major cases including the Oklahoma City bombing. Five lab agents were recommended for discipline.

King said he believed the $355,000 that the government will pay in fees for the plaintiffs' lawyers was the largest such amount in the history of Freedom of Information Act lawsuits.

Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller confirmed that the settlement agreement had been signed and was being filed with the court, but he did not know if the fees were a record amount.

King said the more than 53,000 pages released included all but three documents that the plaintiffs had sought. The government wanted to continue to withhold those three, he said.

"This is the end of the case, but probably only the beginning of a long fight to right the wrongs of the past 20 years," King said. "The inspector general's 517-page report exposed rampant problems in the lab's Explosives and Materials and Analysis Units, but the backup materials we have obtained also document problems in other units, such as the DNA and Serology Unit."

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CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE!

July 15

HEY SNYDER...

Plan now for your City Wide Garage Sale. Gather up those items taking up space in your garage, attic and basement and sell them for cash at your garage sale!

Ad must be placed by noon, Wednesday, July 12, 2000.

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Readers to assist blind test-takers

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in less than a year, the Justice Department has won agreement from a national agency that tests social workers to provide qualified readers for blind or vision-impaired test-takers.

The department announced Thursday that it filed a lawsuit in federal court in Des Moines, Iowa, alleging that the American Association of State Social Work Boards violated the Americans with Disabilities Act. At the same time, it filed a proposed court order, based on its new agreement with the association, that would resolve the lawsuit, if the court approves.

This association of state bodies that regulate social work offers a licensing examination used throughout the nation. The agreement was seen by the government as a model for other national testing agencies.

"Given the widespread use and importance of standardized testing, it is vital that people who are blind be given a fair opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and ability," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee of the department's civil rights division. "Companies that offer standardized tests should follow this agreement so that the examinations they offer truly test the aptitude and achievement levels of people with disabilities."

Last September, the department reached an out-of-court settlement on the same issues with the association and with Assessment Systems Inc. (ASI), which previously worked with the association in administering the test.

But the department said it received indications the association was not complying with the out-of-court agreement, so it filed the lawsuit and a new agreement to settle it.

A court-approved settlement is easier to police than an out-of-court settlement, because any failure to comply becomes a violation of a court order. The government can haul suspected violators back before the court and demand they show cause why they should not be held in contempt. At that time, the burden of proof is on the alleged violator, not the government.

ASI complied fully with the earlier agreement by adopting new policies, training more than 200 employees and informing dozens of testing agencies of those policies, the department said.

The original investigation was triggered by a complaint from Douglas Elliott, who was blinded in Vietnam but had been a social worker for more than 20 years. When Elliott moved to Iowa, he had to pass the exam to be certified there. Examination officials told him he could not provide his own reader; instead, they assigned one.

The reader allegedly had never before read for a person with impaired vision and had great difficulty. The government's complaint alleges that the reader stumbled over technical terms, made mistakes in recording Elliott's answers and became exhausted.

A department official, requesting anonymity, said the case was reopened when the association failed to pay Elliott $1,500 in agreed upon damages and told its members that the September agreement did not require anything not done before.

The new agreement requires the association to adopt written policies ensuring that readers are proficient in working with the blind, familiar with the test and have worked with the particular test-taker before the exam. The association will pay for the reader and test-taker to become familiar with each other.

While denying it violated the disabilities act, the association also agreed to:

—Name an ADA coordinator to answer inquiries from disabled people who want to take the test.

—Train all employees and publicize the new policies so test-takers know their options, including supplying their own readers.

—Pay Elliott $1,500.

On the Net:

Justice Department ADA site: http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm

BICYCLE WINNER — Jessica Segura, 13, of Jayton was the winner of the Archway Cookie promotion at the local Wal-Mart store. Making the presentation were manager R.J. Youngclaus, right, and department manager Leon Gutierrez, left. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Louisiana high court upholds sodomy law

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Louisiana's Supreme Court has upheld the state's 195-year-old sodomy law, under which consenting adults could receive up to five years in prison for engaging in oral or anal sex.

"Simply put, commission of what the Legislature determines as an immoral act, even if consensual and private, is an injury against society itself," Justice Chet Traylor wrote in Thursday's 5-2 decision.

In their dissent, Chief Justice Pascal Calogero Jr. and Justice Harry Lemmon said the law represents an intrusion of government into citizens' homes.

"The only apparent purpose of the prohibition is to dictate the type of sex that is acceptable to legislators," Lemmon wrote. "Two married persons should be able to choose how they conduct their nonpublic, voluntary sexual relations in the security of their own home; a law that takes that choice away from them is an intrusion by the legislative branch that is constitutionally intolerable."

The ruling did not affect a pending civil lawsuit, filed by gay-rights advocates, challenging the sodomy law on different issues.

A state judge had thrown out the law in March, saying it unconstitutionally criminalizes private sexual behavior by adults. A month earlier, the state 4th Circuit Court of Appeal reversed the conviction of a man who had oral sex with a woman. The appeals court said the law violated privacy rights.

The Supreme Court reinstated the man's conviction for a crime against nature and his suspended three-year jail sentence.

Prozac approved for PMDD

WASHINGTON (AP) — The popular anti-depressant Prozac just won a new use: to treat women suffering a severe form of premenstrual syndrome.

But if you use Prozac to treat this "premenstrual dysphoric disorder," don't call it Prozac — the manufacturer has come up with a new name, Sarafem, to catch women's attention.

It's the same drug, known chemically as fluoxetine, the Food and Drug Administration stressed. But the Sarafem version of Prozac comes with a brochure explaining PMDD and in 7-day blister packs to help women track use of the pills.

Premenstrual complaints range from breast tenderness and bloating to anxiety and mood swings, occurring anytime between ovulation and menstruation each month. They affect 3 percent to 5 percent of women of childbearing age. But doctors say some who suffer very strong symptoms, including depression and irritability, actually have PMDD, a more severe premenstrual syndrome.

Doctors have long prescribed Prozac — and such competing antidepressants as Zoloft and Celexa — for these women, even though the FDA had never specifically approved them as PMDD treatments.

Illegal immigrants racing across border on 10-speeds

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Border Patrol agents say they have uncovered a new scheme to smuggle illegal immigrants into the country: dress them up in helmets and jerseys and have them race past agents on 10-speeds.

Border Patrol agents in Laredo discovered the plot when they picked up two illegal immigrants in racing gear on the Fourth of July. Apparently, smugglers provided the 10-speed bicycles to the immigrants, who paid $1,500 for the service, and then picked up the imitation racers in a car or truck north of the checkpoint.

"They're always looking for innovative ways to beat us and this was very innovative," Al Moreno, supervisory intelligence agent for the Laredo sector, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for Friday's editions.

Border Patrol officials say the fake racing teams have been crossing the border for about a year, with groups of two to four riding past the checkpoint in Laredo as many as three times a week.

An access road that runs parallel to the highway checkpoint is frequented by cyclists and when the checkpoint is clogged some cyclist simply pedal past.

Border Patrol agents at other checkpoints further inland say they seldom encounter bicycling teams.

Eddie Gomez, supervisory agent at the Sarita checkpoint about 90 miles north of Brownsville on U.S. Highway 77, said agents sometimes find immigrants on regular road bikes far south of the checkpoint or riding mountain bikes in the brush surrounding the checkpoint.

Legitimate racers are usually given a police escort, Gomez said.

Eligio Pena, an agent at the Falfurrias checkpoint, about 71 miles north of the Pharr point-of-entry on U.S. Highway 281, said bicyclists are an uncommon sight on the highway, which passes through few towns as it stretches through Brooks County.

"They'll stop," Moreno said. "Their method has been revealed."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-07-00
♠ 10 8 3
♥ A 7 6 4 2
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ 5

West
♠ 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 10 9 7 4

East
♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 10 8
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 8 6 3 2

South
♠ A K Q J 9 6 5
♥ 3
♦ A 7
♣ A K Q

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Lucky number, lucky contract

Most people are rightly wary of bidding a grand slam. If you fail, not only have you gone minus, but you have probably just lost a profitable small-slam bonus too. Yet there is something delicious about contracting for and collecting all 13 tricks.

In this deal, how would you have declared seven spades after a club lead? Did West have a more effective attack?

Normally one needs eight points for a positive response to a two-club opening, or seven and a very good suit. Still, if two hearts is the worst bid North makes, he's going to be one of the best players ever.

There were 12 top tricks: seven spades, one heart, one diamond and three clubs. Declarer could bank on the diamond finesse: a 50 percent shot. Instead, South saw that if the missing hearts were 4-3 — a 62 percent chance — he could establish a long heart. True, this also required finding trumps 2-1, not 3-0, but declarer realized that if the spades were breaking as badly as possible, he could fall back on the diamond finesse.

So, after winning with the club king, South crossed to dummy's heart ace, ruffed a heart high, and played a trump to dummy's eight. When both opponents followed, declarer ruffed another heart high, led a spade to dummy's 10, and ruffed a third heart. Declarer got back to the dummy by flamboyantly ruffing the club ace. Then, on the seventh day of the seventh month, he discarded the diamond seven on the heart seven to land his seven-spade contract!

Finally, note that a trump lead from West is fatal, using up a dummy entry prematurely.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, July 8, 2000

Both your social and family life could be filled with some exciting times in the year ahead. However, you might limit the size of your intimates to include only the cream of the crop.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't look for trouble in any changes that occur today over which you have little control. The developments will favor you, not bring you headaches. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Just because a solution to a difficult problem comes out of nowhere without any apparent urging from you doesn't imply that it has no merit. Examine it for its possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A least expected individual might step forward today to offer you his or her expertise on a difficult problem. Don't be so shocked by the overture that you're too embarrassed to accept.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) One-upsmanship is a game you will be able to play today with considerable skill. However, don't do so as a bully, but only in reply to an instigator.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be alert today, because a brief opening could suddenly present itself that would enable you to put the finishing touches on a matter you've been unable to lock down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There is a good chance today that you could hear from a close friend with whom you've lost touch. There will be much news to catch up on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unexpected happy experiences, both socially and financially, could be the order of the day for you. They might present themselves in both tangible and intangible forms.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't be afraid to voice your thoughts to others, because one of the things you'll be able to do well today is take the ideas of others and turn them into something with far more potential.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Two dynamic assets you possess today that come as natural to you as breathing are your resourcefulness and imagination. They could trigger profitable improvisations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although you may feel extremely lucky today in risky endeavors that require dedicated allies, and you could be right, but don't think your mate will feel the same way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should something beneficial suddenly develop for you today, don't laud it over anybody else. You could dilute its impact if you're a poor representative of good luck.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a strong possibility that you could make contact today with someone new and exciting. Enjoy the meeting, but don't forsake an old friend in the process.

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Date Book

Friday, July 7, 2000

Today is the 189th day of 2000 and the 18th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1806, in Baltimore, Md., the cornerstone was laid for the first cathedral in the United States.

On this day in 1898, Hawaii was annexed by the United States.

On this day in 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gustav Mahler (1860-1911), composer; Marc Chagall (1887-1985), artist; George Cukor (1899-1983), film director; Satchel Paige (1906-1982), baseball great; Doc Severinsen (1927-), musician, is 73; Dick Armey (1940-), U.S. congressman, is 60; Ringo Starr (1940-), musician, is 60; Shelley Duvall (1949-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova won the women's doubles event at Wimbledon. It was King's 20th Wimbledon title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I work in whatever medium likes me at the moment." — Marc Chagall

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (July 8).

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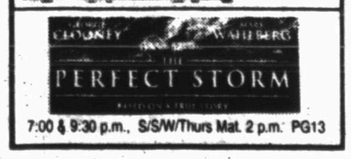

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Markets

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	29 15-16	29⅝	29 11-16	+ ⅜
AT&T Corp	33½	32 15-16	33⅛	— ⅛
Albertsons	35 7-16	34¾	35	+ 7-16
Alltel	63 5-16	62 9-16	62 15-16	+ ½
AmerOnline s	57 5-16	56⅜	56¾	+ ⅝
AndarkPtr	46 7-16	45 7-16	46¼	+ 1¼
ATMOS Egy	19 9-16	19 3-16	19¼	+ 1-16
Aviall	5 5-16	5 3-16	5 5-16	— 1-16
BP Amoco s	55 11-16	55¼	55½	+ 13-16
BakerHughes	31⅞	30⅝	30 11-16	— 5-16
Bank of Amer	47⅝	46⅛	47 9-16	+ 1 9-16
BellSouth	42½	42	42¼	+ ¼
Beth Steel	3 9-16	3½	3 9-16	+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	26 3-16	25¾	26 1-16	+ 7-16
Caterpillar	34 15-16	34 9-16	34 9-16	— ¼
Chevron	84 15-16	84	84¾	+ 1 3-16
Citigroup	65 1-16	64 1-16	64 13-16	+ 15-16
Coastal	57¼	55⅞	55⅞	— 1¼
CocaCola	58 15-16	58⅜	58⅞	— 1-16
ColgatePal	57 15-16	57⅛	57¼	—1 9-16
ComclMetals	28⅝	28 1-16	28 1-16	— 9-16
CooperIn	33 13-16	33¼	33½	— ⅛
DaimlrChry	54 1-16	53¾	53⅞	+ 13-16
DallSemicn s	40¾	40¼	40 9-16	+ 5-16
DeltaAirl	55 1-16	54 3-16	54 13-16	+ ⅜
Dillards Inc	14⅜	13¾	13 13-16	—11-16
DowChem s	31 3-16	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅞
DuPont	44 13-16	43 15-16	44⅛	+ 1-16
EastmanChem	48½	47 9-16	48 3-16	+ 1 7-16
EstKodak	61 7-16	60 11-16	61⅜	+ ¾
EDS Corp	40⅛	39 13-16	40 1-16	+ ¼
Entergy	28⅜	27 15-16	28 5-16	+ ⅜
ExxonMobil	79⅜	78 7-16	78⅞	+ 11-16
Flowers	19 15-16	19 11-16	19 13-16	
FordMotor	46⅜	45 11-16	46 5-16	
GenDynam	52¾	52 7-16	52 7-16	+ ¼
GenElec s	51⅛	50 5-16	50 13-16	+ ⅝
GenMills s	38¼	37 15-16	38 1-16	— 3-16
GenMotors	61⅛	60¼	60 9-16	— ¾
GaPacGP	27 1-16	26⅛	26 5-16	— 1-16
GlobalMar	27⅜	26 9-16	27	
Goodrich	34 3-16	33⅞	34	— ⅜
Goodyear s	21⅛	20 11-16	20 13-16	— 7-16
GtAtlPac	16 9-16	16 5-16	16½	— 1-16
Halliburtn	44¾	43	43⅜	— 1⅛
Hanson ADS	33¼	32⅞	32⅞	—13-16
HarteHanks	25 3-16	25	25	— 1-16
HomeDepot s	54 7-16	52⅜	54 3-16	+ 2 15-16
HoneywellIntl	34⅞	34 5-16	34⅜	— ⅛
IBM	103⅞	101⅜	103 13-16	+ 2¼
IntlPaper	31 7-16	30 7-16	30 9-16	— 3-16
JohnsonJn	100¾	99 5-16	100 9-16	+ ⅞
K mart	6 15-16	6 11-16	6⅞	+ 1-16
Kroger Co	23 1-16	22 9-16	23 1-16	+ 5-16
Litton	45 9-16	45 5-16	45⅜	— 16
LockheedM	25⅜	24⅞	25	— ¼
Lowes Cos	44½	42⅜	44½	+ 2 9-16
Lubys	7¾	7 7-16	7½	— 5-16
LucentTech	55 1-16	53 7-16	54⅞	+ 7-16
MayDeptStr	25⅛	24¾	25⅛	+ ½
Medtronic s	49 15-16	48⅞	49 15-16	+ 1 5-16
MorganJP	118½	116⅛	118 5-16	+ 1⅜
Motorola s	33⅜	32⅜	32⅞	+ 15-16
NCR Corp	37⅝	37 3-16	37⅝	
Navistar	32¾	31⅞	32⅜	— ⅛
Penney JC	18¼	17¾	18 3-16	
PepBoys	6⅜	6 1-16	6 1-16	— 3-16
PepsiCo	43	42¼	42 7-16	— 1⅜
Pharmacia	55	54⅜	54 15-16	+ 13-16
PhelpDodge	37 5-16	36½	36¾	— ¼
PhilipPet	50⅝	50 3-16	50 7-16	+ 5-16
PilgrmPrd B	7¼	6 15-16	7	— 3-16
Polaroid	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜	+ 1-16
Praxair	37⅝	36 13-16	37	— ⅛
ProctGamb	55 11-16	54 3-16	54½	— ¾
PubS NwMx	15⅞	15⅝	15⅝	— ⅛
RadioShack	51 13-16	49¼	51¾	+ 2
ReliantEngy	30 9-16	30 1-16	30½	+ 9-16
RoyalDut	62¼	61¾	62⅛	+ 1
SBC Comm	45 3-16	43 15-16	45⅛	+ 1⅝
SaraLee	19 5-16	19	19 1-16	+ 1-16
Scripps EW	48 11-16	48¼	48⅝	+ 5-16
SearsRoeb	34	33 5-16	33⅞	+ 5-16
SherwinW	22½	21⅞	22 3-16	+ ¼
SmithkldBchm	67 3-16	66 9-16	67 3-16	+ 9-16
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TexasInst s	71	68¼	70	+ 2⅞
Textron	58⅜	57 9-16	57⅝	— ⅞
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UnionPacif	41 3-16	40 11-16	41 3-16	+ 9-16
UnitedTech	58¾	57 13-16	58⅜	+ 11-16
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Venator Grp	11 1-16	10¾	11 1-16	+ 5-16
VerizonComm	54 11-16	54 1-16	54⅝	+ ⅞
WalMart	58⅞	57 5-16	58 13-16	+ 1⅝
WellsFargo	44	42¾	43⅞	+ 1⅜
WstnGasRs	21 11-16	21⅝	21 11-16	— ¼
WinnDixie	14⅝	14¼	14¼	— ⅜
Xerox Cp	20 1-16	19¾	20 1-16	+ ⅜

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Local Interest
STOCKS

Patterson	26 11/16	+1/16
Dell	49 9/16	+1 13/16
Wal Mart	58 15/16	+1 7/16
Compac	25 3/16	+3/16
Dol. Gen.	20	+1 1/16
GTE	62 1/4	+3/16
SBC Comm.	45 1/16	+1 7/16
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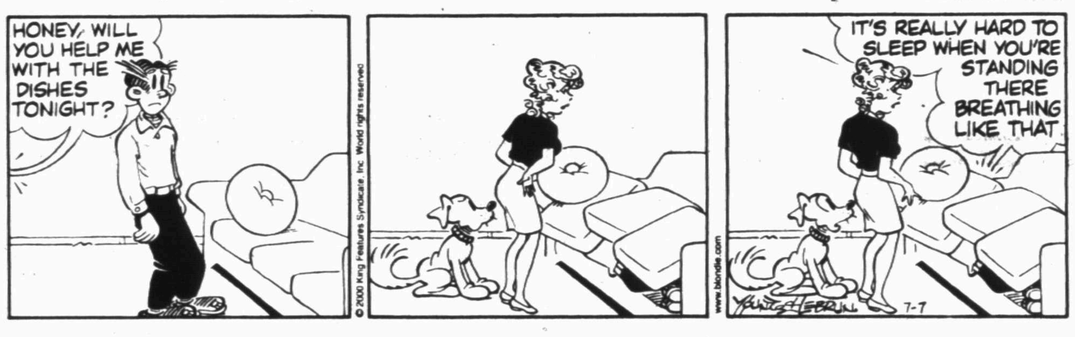

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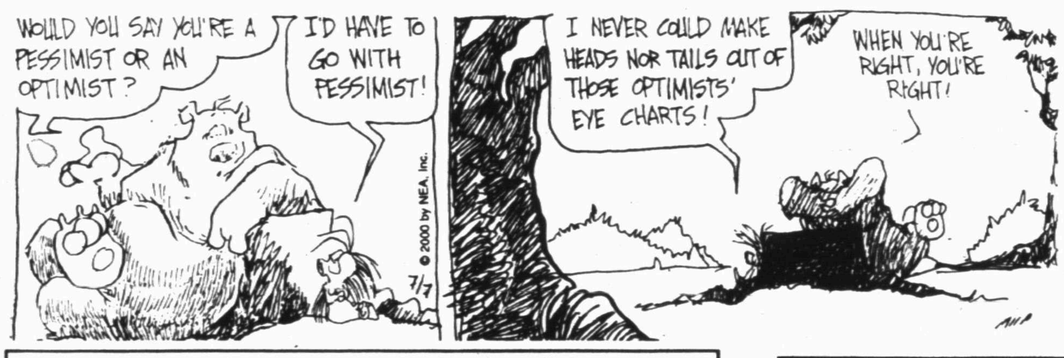

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ACROSS

1 Bloody Mary liquor
6 Door openers
10 Drug user
12 With — of steel (courageous)
14 Tidier
15 Actress Lansbury
16 Speak
17 "Social" end
19 European capital
20 Miss America — (annual event)
23 Sheer fabric
26 Actor Gulager
27 Start for "pod"
30 Entice
32 Of medicine
34 Musician Riddle
35 Store fodder
36 Distress signal
37 Youth org.
39 Boxed
40 Kinder
42 Actor Dullea
45 Rival of 46 Across
46 Ike
49 Star in Aquila
51 United
54 Tumultuous crowd
55 Drove (a car)
56 — majesty
57 Ralph — Emerson

DOWN

1 Moving trucks
2 Concert halls
3 WWII event
4 Frontiersman Carson
5 Perfect serve
6 He's a doll!
7 Rye fungus
8 Actor Montand
9 Be a vendor
11 Math subject
12 Actress Wood
13 — Paulo
18 Dry, as wine
20 Addition sign
21 Germ
22 Shade of difference
23 Hosiery hues
24 Bread spread
25 Infirmities
27 Baseball's Speaker
28 Annoy
29 Frosted
31 Capture
33 Russian despot
38 Corroded
40 Grasps
41 Future attys.' exam
42 Kid's card game
43 Airline to Israel (2 wds.)
44 "Let — —" (Beatles song)
46 Pickle seasoning
47 Exploit
48 Taro root
50 — de France
52 Not high
53 Mauna — (Hawaiian volcano)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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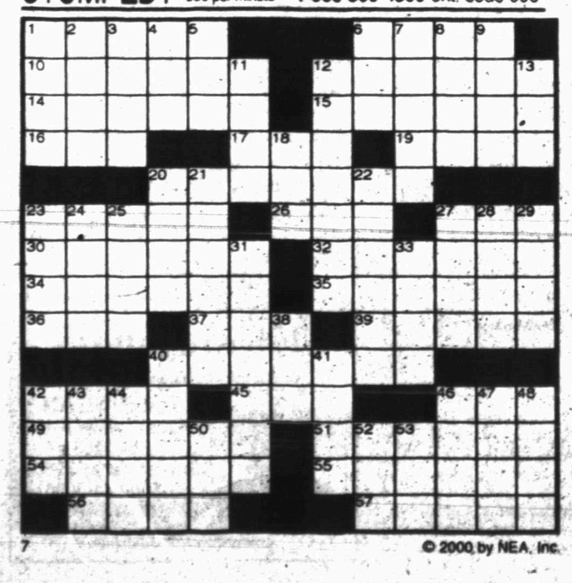

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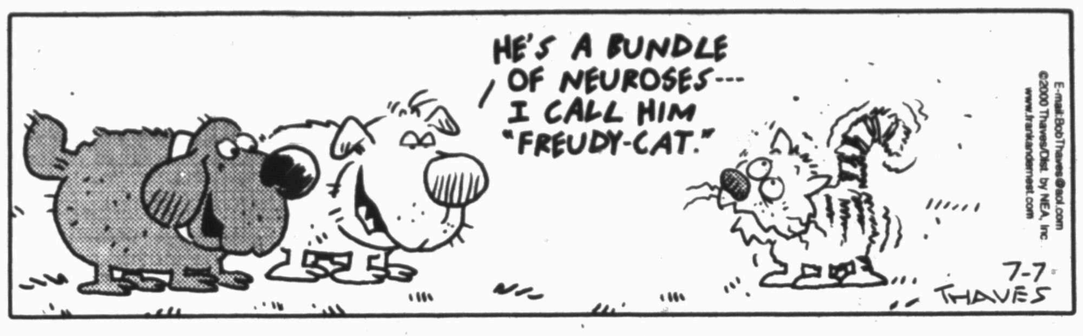

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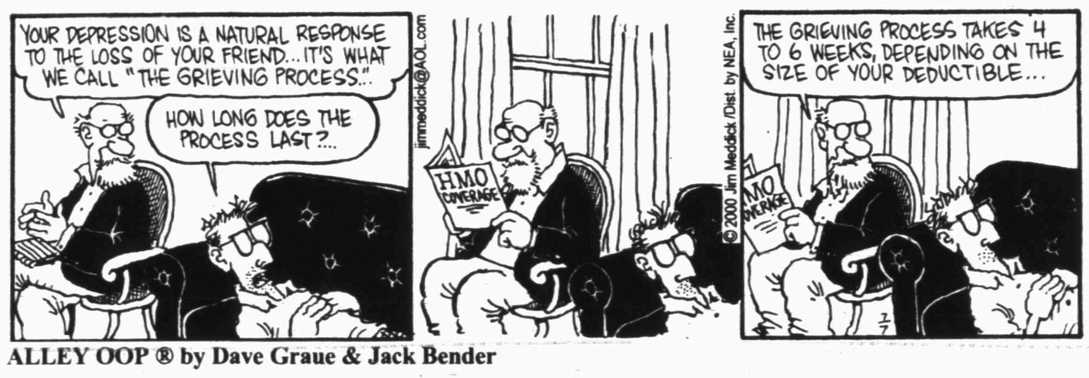

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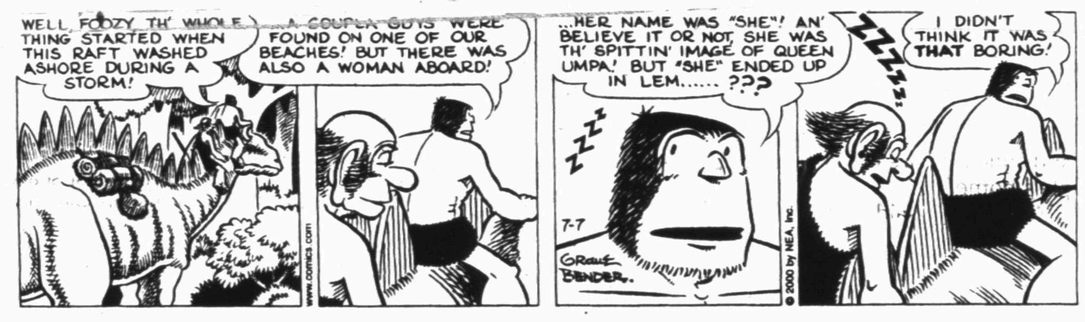

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"Try to think of something for me to invent."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

SPORTS

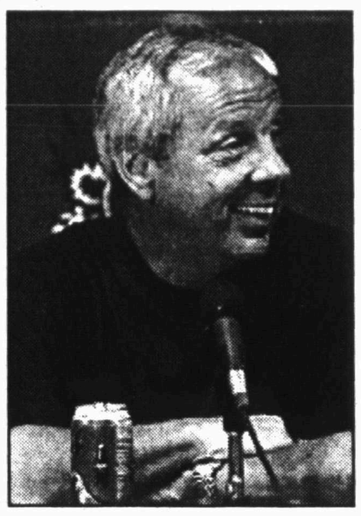
Williams turns down Tarheels

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — "I'm staying."

Those two words from Roy Williams will become part of the lore of one of the nation's historic college basketball programs.

Williams was saying no to North Carolina and yes to Kansas.

Listening to Williams announce Thursday night that he had rejected an offer to return to his beloved Tar Heels and replace Bill Guthridge as coach, Kansas fans must have felt vindicated. They have finally avenged that triple-overtime loss to North Carolina in the 1957 NCAA title game, the game that broke Wilt Chamberlain's heart.



Roy Williams

"The decision here I've made came after the toughest seven days of my life," Williams said as he and athletic director Bob Frederick sat in a jam-packed, steamy little room beneath the Kansas football stadium.

More than 16,000 fans sat outside in the stadium seats, watching the news conference on a giant video board and cheering every word.

Since announcing last Friday that he was torn between staying at Kansas or moving to North Carolina, Williams received almost 2,000 e-mails urging him to stay. He walked the campus by himself Thursday, reading hundreds of signs and banners proclaiming love for the coach who has won more games the past 12 years than anybody else in Division I.

"I couldn't trade my players. That became more important than my dream of being at North Carolina," said Williams, who has a talented sophomore class of Nick Collison, Drew Gooden and Kirk Hinrich.

After seven agonizing days, the North Carolina native and former assistant to Dean Smith summoned the courage to say no to Smith.

Calling Smith and telling him he was staying at Kansas was "as painful an experience I could have," Williams said.

"I apologized to him, and just those words weren't enough. Coach Guthridge was another hard call. He and coach Smith are the reasons I'm here today. I can't help but a part of me feeling I've let them down."

Smith recommended Williams to Frederick after Larry Brown quit following Kansas' 1988 championship. Frederick weathered heat from alumni for hiring a little-known assistant instead of a big-name coach.

But the ability of Williams not only to coach in game situations, but to recruit and establish rapport with his players quickly became evident. Williams also said he has been proud to emphasize academics.

He mentioned Jacque Vaughn, his best point guard, who excelled in school and who wept along with Williams when what was probably Williams' finest team lost to eventual national champion Arizona in the finals of the Southeast Regional in 1997.

Williams admitted he changed his mind several times and cried often while trying to decide if he would replace Guthridge as Tar Heels coach.

"Last Thursday, if somebody had held a gun to my head, I'd have probably said it would be North Carolina," he said. "But as we went along, I started thinking about the great young men I've been able to coach, and I would have felt if I left them that I wouldn't have been truthful to them when I recruited them, that I would have been disloyal to them."

Wearing shoes with no socks, Williams became misty-eyed and hoarse several times, often pointing out his wife and daughter standing in the back of the crowded room.

After the news conference, he walked outside to speak to the happy, festive crowd. As he emerged, one woman yelled, "If you think those kids played hard for you before, Roy, just wait 'til you see how hard they play for you now."

North Carolina has been without a coach since Guthridge unexpectedly retired last Friday.

"We in the Carolina family are tremendously disappointed," North Carolina athletic director Dick Baddour said in Chapel Hill.

Snyder overpowers Abilene Lone Star

MERKEL — Early on, it looked as if Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old all-stars were in for a battle Thursday night.

But three innings into its contest with Abilene Lone Star, Snyder's bats came alive.

Snyder pounded out 11 hits, eight of them in the final three innings, to roll past Lone Star, 13-3.

The victory improves Snyder to 3-0 in tournament play, and sets up a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday with either Lone Star, Abilene Eastern or Abilene Key City.

In 11 and 12-year-old action at Sweetwater, Snyder was eliminated Thursday night with a 16-13 setback to Colorado City.

Snyder had knocked off C-City, 10-2, in the opening round of the tournament, but was forced into a rematch after falling to Sweetwater, 3-2, on Wednesday.

Snyder's 15 and 16-year old all-stars open their tournament at 6 tonight at Abilene Southwest. Snyder will face either Colorado City or Wylie.

As for the 9 and 10-year-olds, Thursday's victory was the third consecutive game in which Snyder scored 10 or more runs.

Snyder also got solid pitching, as Brent Bollinger and Jesse Conner combined on a two-hitter.

Lone Star opened the scoring with a run in the top of the first, before Snyder answered in the bottom of the frame on singles by Conner, Bollinger and Dustin Murdock to grab a 2-1 lead.

Lone Star pulled even in the third, but Snyder quickly regained the lead.

Conner opened the bottom of the third with a double, followed by walks to Bollinger to Lance Day. Next up, Ryan Claxton belted a double to center field to drive in three runs.

Brooks Gafford plated Claxton with a single to push Snyder's advantage to 6-2.

Lone Star trimmed the margin to 6-3 in the top of the fourth, before Snyder tacked on five more runs in the bottom of the inning.

With the bases loaded once again, Claxton drove in two more runs with a single. Riley Davis, Tyrelle Gilbert and Ryan Gonzales capped the inning with run-scoring singles for an 11-3 tally.

After Colton Brewster threw a Lone Star runner out at home to end the top of the fifth, Snyder ended the game on the 10-run rule in the bottom of the frame.

Claxton finished with two hits and six RBIs, while Conner posted three hits and Gafford had two. Murdock, Bollinger, Davis and Gonzales slapped one hit apiece.

A victory on Saturday would advance Snyder to the championship round, where it would face a Tuesday showdown with the winner of the Albany bracket.

Investigators determine Lane was shot by wife

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — No charges have been filed in the shooting death of NFL running back Fred Lane, although investigators determined his wife shot him during a domestic dispute.

The former Carolina Panthers runner, traded to the Indianapolis Colts in April after several brushes with the law, was shot and killed Thursday at the couple's home.

Authorities said Deidra Lane, 25, shot her husband, but after speaking with her late into the evening, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police decided not to file charges.

"The investigation to this point has revealed that Deidra Lane shot her husband during a domestic dispute," the police said in a statement.

The District Attorney's office will determine if charges will be filed once the investigation is complete, police said.

The 24-year-old Lane, a 5-foot-10, 205-pound running back, became the Panthers' leading career rusher in November before he was traded to the Colts. He was pronounced dead at his Charlotte home at 3:15 p.m.

A 7-day-old infant was with Deidra Lane at the police station. Their house was decorated with pink balloons and a pink stork. The Lanes also have a 5-year-old son.

The Colts said the team was "shocked and saddened" by news of Lane's death.

Lane's father, Fred Lane Sr., said his son and daughter-in-law had been having difficulties recently. Lane spent the past couple of weeks at the family home in Nashville, Tenn., but visited Charlotte briefly a week ago, his father said.

He left Tennessee on a flight to Charlotte about two hours before he was shot, the elder Lane said.

Deidra Lane filed a complaint against her husband in March, saying he snatched a necklace from around her neck during an argument, causing her to fall. She did not press charges.

Snyder's Webb earns all-state softball honors

Snyder's Whitney Webb has been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Softball Team.

Webb, who helped lead the Lady Tigers to the playoffs last season, was a second-team all-state selection as an outfielder.

The Snyder High School senior led the Lady Tigers at the plate, and was voted Defensive Player of the Year in District 5-4A.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Terri Webb.

Webb and her Lady Tiger teammates will have a new coach for next season.

Whitney Webb

Robbie Dickenson, who led Snyder to the playoffs in his only year with the team, resigned last month to take the head coach's job at Coahoma.

Shelly Hayes, daughter of Doyle and Jean Hayes of Snyder, is expected fill the vacancy, pending Monday night's school board meeting.

Hayes, a graduate of Rotan High School, has been the head coach at Winters the past few seasons.

Alou entertains trade offers

HOUSTON (AP) — Moises Alou still wants to wear a Houston Astros uniform but he's ready to listen to offers from teams that might meet his criteria.

Alou told The Sporting News Thursday that he would waive a no-trade clause in his contract and accept a trade to a team that met his needs.

Alou still will be very picky.

"That is something that I said yesterday," Alou said prior to Thursday's game against the Arizona Diamondbacks. "I said no last week, and I'm here to play baseball. I'm not going anywhere.

"I'd not thinking about a trade right now, not yet. Maybe later next week or before July 31. If they let me take (Craig) Biggio, (Jeff) Bagwell and (Richard) Hidalgo and a few of my friends here, I might go. But I'm not looking to make new friends."

Alou said the Astros asked him if he'd accept a trade last week and he declined but now has decided to consider offers.

High Plains Junior Rodeo

High Plains Junior Rodeo at Big Spring

8-under age group — Garrett Hale: ninth place, barrel racing.

9-12 age group — Hadley Hirt: first place, ribbon roping and steer roping; tenth place, breakaway roping. Ciara Latta: third place, goat tying; fifth place, barrel racing; sixth place, pole bending. Cody Burney: ninth place, ribbon roping. Cassie Mhoon: ninth place, pole bending.

13-15 age group — Tyler Riggan: first place, ribbon roping; seventh place, tie down roping. Kali Froneberger: fourth place, ribbon roping; tenth place, barrel racing. Kassey Burney: fifth place, pole bending.

16-19 age group — Darcee Purcell: first place, pole bending; fourth place, barrel racing. Stoni Riggan: first place, goat tying; sixth place, pole bending; ninth place, barrel racing. Jake Alexander: third place, saddle/bareback. Tiffany Stroud: eighth place, pole bending.

Next event: today through Saturday at Canyon

Sports Briefs

Baseball tryout

The San Diego Padres will hold a tryout July 15 at Moffett Field. Players aged 15-22 are eligible to participate.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., with testing beginning at 9. American Legion players must have a permission letter from their commander.

For more information, contact Leroy at (409) 836-7651, Boots at (214) 328-6595, or Roland Herrera at 573-1355.

MGA monthly tourney

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Format will be two-man low-ball, and entry fee is $6.

Golfers' Memorial Tournament

The Golfers' Memorial Tournament at Snyder Country Club is scheduled for July 15-16. The event will be a two-man scramble, preflighted by lowest handicap of the two partners.

Entry fee is $150 per team, and includes a buffet dinner. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

SCC Junior Club Championship

The Snyder Country Club Junior Club Championship will be July 28. Entry fee is $10. Players must be 18-years-old or younger, and must be a member of the club. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Adult-child tourney

An adult-child golf tournament will be held July 29 at Snyder Country Club. Cost is $20 per team, and includes a hamburger lunch. Players of all ages are welcome. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Snyder volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp will be held July 17-20 at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day, and will cover technique, drills and team volleyball skills.

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is July 15. To sign up call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

SCC monthly tourney

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its monthly MGA event at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	50	35	.588	—
New York	47	35	.573	1½
Florida	43	42	.506	7
Montreal	41	40	.506	7
Philadelphia	38	45	.458	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	50	34	.595	—
Cincinnati	41	43	.488	9
Pittsburgh	36	47	.434	13½
Milwaukee	35	50	.412	15½
Chicago	33	50	.397	16½
Houston	28	56	.333	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	50	35	.588	—
Colorado	45	37	.549	3½
San Francisco	44	38	.537	4½
Los Angeles	43	40	.518	6
San Diego	37	47	.440	12½

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 9, Chicago Cubs 6
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 11, Florida 2
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3
Arizona 12, Houston 9
Montreal 6, Atlanta 5
Philadelphia 5, Milwaukee 2
Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5

Thursday's Games

Montreal 4, Atlanta 2
San Francisco 6, Colorado 5
Los Angeles 9, San Diego 3
Milwaukee 4, Philadelphia 2
Arizona 2, Houston 1
Cincinnati 12, St. Louis 6

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	46	40	.535	—
New York	42	37	.532	½
Boston	42	39	.519	1½
Baltimore	36	47	.434	8½
Tampa Bay	33	49	.402	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	54	30	.643	—
Cleveland	43	40	.518	10½
Kansas City	38	44	.463	15
Detroit	37	44	.457	15½
Minnesota	37	50	.425	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	49	34	.590	—
Oakland	46	37	.554	3
Anaheim	44	41	.518	6
Texas	40	42	.488	8½

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 13, Baltimore 9
Toronto 9, Cleveland 6
Boston 8, Minnesota 7
Anaheim 5, Seattle 1
Only Games Scheduled

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-6), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 8-5) at Boston (Schourek 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 6-9) at Montreal (Santana 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 4-6) at Florida (Dempster 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-10) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-1), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 5-7) at Philadelphia (Schilling 4-4), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 7-5) at Cincinnati (Neagle 7-2), 7:35 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 5-4) at Milwaukee (Haynes 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 0-0) at Houston (Elarton 7-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 3-2) at Texas (Perisho 2-2), 8:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 4-4) at Seattle (Garcia 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 5-6) at Oakland (Hudson 10-2), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jarvis 2-3) at Anaheim (Ortiz 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 12:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 1:15 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 5:05 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05 p.m.
San Diego at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 8:05 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.
San Diego at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Women's Golf Association

Roughing it (front nine): Jo Sterling, 2; Donna Stehley, 3; Martha Fagin, low putter, 12.

Odd and even: 1. Donna Stehley and Doris Downing, 71.5; 2. Carolyn Greene and Nancy Wilson. Colleen Duke, chip-in; Jo Sterling, low putter, 30.

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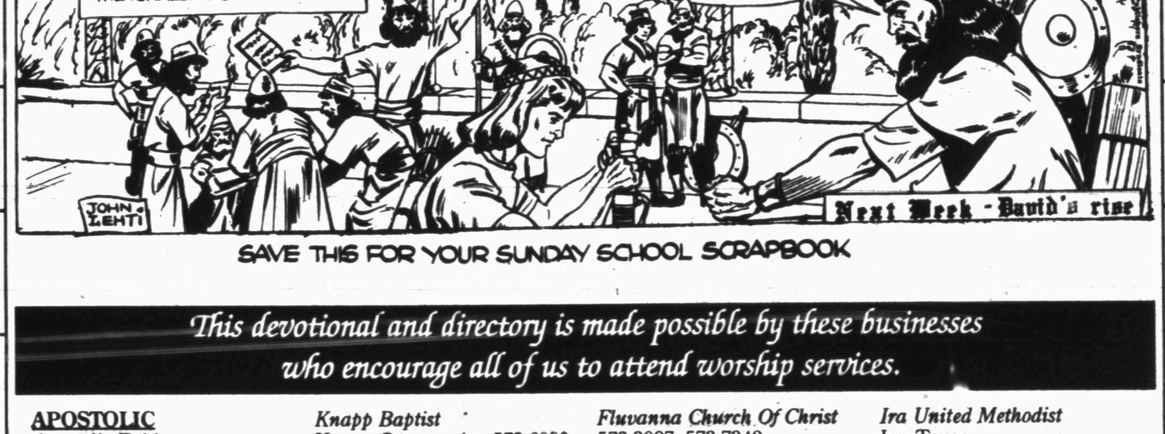

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak will arrive at the U.S.-sponsored Mideast summit next week prepared to offer the Palestinians an expanded presence in a reshaped Jerusalem along with admission of thousands of refugees whose families already live in Israel, according to two well-placed Israeli officials.

Stressing the concessions must be matched by conciliatory Palestinian moves, the officials said Thursday the future of Jerusalem was the toughest issue on the table and may be excluded from a settlement between the two sides.

Less progress has been made on Jerusalem than any other issue in the negotiations leading up to the summit President Clinton will stage beginning Tuesday at Camp David, Md. By contrast, the two sides have made considerable headway on the question of how much land Israel will turn over to Yasser Arafat for a state, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Barak may not insist on retaining the strategic Jordan Valley, provided Israel can maintain a security presence there at least for some time, the officials said.

The unusual disclosure of Barak's likely stance on core issues at the summit appeared to be part of an effort to project him as a reasonable Israeli leader and to coax matching concessions from Arafat.

Publicly, at least, the Palestinian leader is demanding transfer of virtually all of the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem — more land than Barak is prepared to relinquish. And Barak intends to keep Jerusalem united and Israel's capital, the officials said.

Barak is prepared to consider expanding areas of the city already under day-to-day Arab control in exchange for incorporating nearby Jewish settlements into the predominantly Jewish area of the city, the officials said.

On refugees, Barak is willing to consider permitting tens of thousands of Palestinians to settle in Israel if they have family members there, but he will not accept the idea they have a legal right to return, the officials said.

The precedent is Israel's acceptance of 60,000 to 70,000 Palestinian Arabs in a program

Obituaries

Treva Quinney

1935-2000

Treva Quinney of Snyder died Friday, July 7, in Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring.

Graveside service for Mrs. Quinney, 65, has been set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Dorn Cemetery near Colorado City.

Treva Quinney

Mrs. Quinney was a Methodist and a homemaker. She married James Quinney on Aug. 24, 1956 in Westbrook and moved from Abilene to Snyder in 1983.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Jarnigan.

Survivors include her husband, James Quinney of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Lee Roy Miller of Cuthbert; a daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Beth Quinney of Abilene; two sisters, Metha Rich of Westbrook and Vee Cocke of Allen; and five grandchildren.

Geral Moffett

1926-2000

GRANBURY — Geral Moffett, brother of Leland Moffett of Snyder, died Friday, June 30, in Granbury.

Funeral service for Mr. Moffett, 74, was held Monday in the Brown Memorial Chapel in Irving. Burial was in the D.F.W. National Cemetery in Dallas.

Mr. Moffett worked for several years to have the D.F.W. National Cemetery located in Dallas, as well as being involved in many other civic projects in that area.

Born in Snyder on June 30, 1926, his education, training and service were in Aerospace. He was owner of GEM Aircraft Supply for 29 years.

Mr. Moffett was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas and Neva Moffett; two brothers, Leo and Glen Moffett; and one sister, Evelyn Sumruld.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Moffett of Irving; a son, Jerry Moffett of Grand Prairie; a daughter, Janice Kurtz of Irving; two other brothers, Roy Moffett of Colorado and Burl Moffett of Throckmorton; four sisters, Wanda Lieb of Abilene, Zelma Dendy of Abilene; Betty McClain of Sadler and Linda Wilsey of Keller; three grandchildren, Jamie Kurtz of Irving and Robbie and Sean Moffett, both of Grand Prairie.

Sadie Mize

1919-2000

ABILENE – Sadie Mae Mize, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 4, in a Little Rock hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Mize, 81, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Hamby Cemetery wit the Rev. Terry Davis officiating.

Born in Sayre, Okla., she moved from Snyder to Abilene in 1954. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hamby Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Sarah Armbruster of Little Rock; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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Starr spokesman to face trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kenneth Starr's former spokesman faces trial next week in a battle over news leaks during the Monica Lewinsky investigation that until now was fought mostly in secret.

The criminal contempt trial of Charles Bakaly, who is being prosecuted by the government, is to begin Thursday, according to documents unsealed at the U.S. District Court.

Court documents show that Bakaly requested that the trial be held in public and that the case be unsealed. That request was granted last week by U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, who as the chief judge of the federal court in Washington oversees matters involving grand jury secrecy.

Bakaly faces trial over statements he made concerning investigations into alleged leaks from the special prosecutor's office during President Clinton's impeachment ordeal, according to the documents.

The documents made public so far don't specify the exact reason why Bakaly was charged with contempt. But officials have said, and court documents show, that Bakaly was accused by his own office of having a role in a January 1999 news leak during Clinton's impeachment trial. He denied being the source of the leak.

Johnson, who presided over most of the legal cases during the Lewinsky impeachment drama, solicited the views of Clinton's lawyers and Starr's successor, Robert Ray, as to whether sealed documents in the case should be made public at Bakaly's trial.

Bakaly was unavailable for comment, his wife said Thursday.

The trial is the latest twist in a case spurred by Clinton's lawyers.

During the height of the impeachment investigation, the president's attorneys launched a legal assault accusing Starr and his staff of illegally leaking to the news media information covered by federal grand jury secrecy rules about the Lewinsky case.

Medical firm made up results of tests

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thousands of inmates were put at risk when a medical lab faked results of tests for diseases like AIDS and hepatitis, and there is little evidence the prisoners were retested after the fraud was discovered, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday.

B.C.L. Clinical Labs tested inmates from at least seven California prisons before health inspectors shut it down in 1997 after a surprise visit.

The inspection found that the lab, in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Fe Springs, was filled with idle, shoddy equipment, and that workers simply made up test results and typed them into a computer, according to federal and state documents obtained by the Chronicle.

It is unclear how many inmates may have falsely been found to be free of AIDS or other diseases. Without retesting, the inmates could have been released without knowing they had a serious or potentially contagious condition.

"If they've got hepatitis or TB, they are spewing them around. They are out in the mall," said Geoff Long, chief of staff for the state Assembly's Appropriations Committee, who has worked on corrections issues for 17 years.

The federal Department of Health and Human Services revoked B.C.L.'s license and fined the lab $20,000. Investigators believe the company's owner and manager, Pareena Ahkter and her brother Ayazur Rahman, fled the country shortly after the inspection.

Federal regulators notified seven state prisons in March 1997 that the lab problems could mean patients were in "immediate jeopardy."

Since last March, when the Chronicle first inquired into the matter, the state Department of Corrections has been unable to produce records of new testing.

Dr. Donna Wilson of the Department's Health Care Services division said she believes the state did retest. Medical officials from one prison say they sent some test samples to be reprocessed at local hospitals, though they could not provide documentation.

DFW Airport agrees to fine

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport officials have agreed to pay a $31,350 fine to state environmental officials and start an extensive and possibly costly search for further jet fuel contamination around its terminals.

Airport officials agreed to pay the fine Thursday after Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission officials found several violations during a lengthy inquiry. It could be the first such penalty in Texas, one environmental official said.

"I'm not aware of an airport coming up to this enforcement level before," said David Speaker, an attorney for the conservation commission. "We think it's a fairly significant fine."

The environmental agency reported last year on several episodes that occurred between 1996 and 1998. They included a 1,000-gallon jet fuel spill from an unknown source, high levels of petroleum in stream sediments, a sewage spill that went undisclosed for about six weeks and almost 28,000 pounds of de-icing chemicals that had overflowed into nearby lakes and streams.

The commission is expected to approve the fine and monitoring pact, but no date has been set for the vote.

Airport officials discussed the agreement for months. The deal gives the airport 375 days to complete an inspection of its fuel system, which relies largely on underground pipelines.

"There are probably a billion gallons of fuel that go through our system every year," airport executive director Jeff Fegan said. "In any large facility, it's impossible not to have leaks. It's what you do with them once you discover them that's important.

2 felony warrants land woman in jail

Two felony warrants from different counties landed a 28-year-old woman in jail Thursday.

Dusty Johnson, whose address was listed as Room 119 at the Travel Inn, was taken into custody at 10:55 p.m. at the motel. She had a Scurry County warrant for forgery and a Taylor County warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Three other arrests were made in the past 24 hours.

At 4:29 p.m. Thursday, officers took a 20-year-old female into custody at 37th Street and Beaumont on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Taylor County for minor in possession and failure to appear.

A 24-year-old man was arrested at 2:47 a.m. today in the 1000 block of the North U.S. Highway 84 bypass for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

DPS troopers took a 43-year-old man into custody at 4:59 a.m. today for no driver's license and a Bexar County warrant for probation violation.

In other activity Thursday, an officer was called to Sweet's Shop at 11:14 a.m. in reference to the theft of money. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

John Dominguez notified officers at 12:42 a.m. today that someone had damaged the paint on his 1963 Impala while it was parked at Pizza Inn. An offense report was taken for Class B theft.

At 10:39 a.m. Thursday, officers took an accident report in the IGA parking lot. The accident involved a parked, unoccupied 1990 Ford Taurus owned by Frank Ortegon of 1203 Avenue O and an unknown vehicle that left the scene.

A one-vehicle mishap occurred at 2:39 p.m. Thursday on the U.S. Highway 84/Highway 180 overpass. Involved was a 1976 GMC Jimmy driven by Marlon Garrett, 29, of 2800 Avenue Q towing a 1999 trailer that struck a guardrail owned by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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"True West," will be presented at 8 p.m. today and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 each. The play features Snyder High School graduates, Kevin Alejandro and Stephen Taylor, who are also directing and producing. Proceeds will benefit the Jerry Worsham Scholarship Fund.

Teen Center fundraiser cancelled

Teen Center of the Boys and Girls Club has cancelled a BBQ and dance planned for this evening. Refunds are available with a ticket stub at the club.

Discovery School fundraiser

Super Sub sandwiches will be sold Sunday from noon until 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to benefit Discovery School. Tickets for advance orders can be purchased at the church office. For more information, call Barbara at 573-4770.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

United Way board

Scurry County United Way board of directors will meet at noon Monday at the chamber of commerce.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Why Did God Separate the Jews from the Gentiles?" followed by "What is Your Life?"

Social Security reps

Social Security representatives will be at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M, on Tuesday. Hours are 10 a.m. until noon and 1-2 p.m.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Lighthouse garage sale

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church is in need of donations of kitchen items, appliances and furniture for a building fund sale to be held Friday and Saturday, July 14-15. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947.

Class of 1980 reunion

The class of 1980 will have a reunion July 22 at Snyder Country Club. The deadline for reservations is Monday. R.S.V.P. by calling 573-1731.

Kings Kids registration

Registration for Kings Kids and Mothers Day Out is underway for next school year at First Baptist Church. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday and July 27 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

8-3-1

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

6-18-28-34-36

Oscar thief pleads no contest to grand theft

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The trucker accused of stealing 55 Oscar statuettes just weeks before the Academy Awards pleaded no contest to a count of grand theft Thursday and was sentenced to six months in jail and five years probation, prosecutors said.

Lawrence E. Ledent also must pay $50,000 restitution to Ohio-based Roadway Express, which fired him after the Oscars disappeared from a warehouse near Los Angeles in early March.

That amount compensates the company for the reward money it paid salvage man Willie Fulgear, who found all but three of the statuettes in a trash bin a week before the Academy Awards show on March 26.

Ledent also must pay the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences $1,050 — $350 for each gold-plated statuette still missing.

Happy Birthday Miranda!!!

Body of Dr. J's son is found

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — The car of Cory Erving has been pulled out of a pond with a body inside that appears to be that of the troubled son of basketball great Julius Erving, authorities said Friday.

"The body does fit the description of Cory Erving, including clothing," Sheriff Don Eslinger said, saying an autopsy was planned to make a positive identification. No foul play was suspected.

"The family has been notified," Eslinger said. "They're devastated."

Erving, 19, disappeared May 28 after a trip to a store for bread for a Memorial Day family picnic. He may have died within yards of his family's home near Orlando.

The car was found by authorities and volunteers Thursday afternoon. It was 20 yards from shore in an 8-foot-deep retention pond at the end of a dirt path near the Erving home in Heathrow.

"There's a possibility that this was an accident," Eslinger said.

Investigators believe the car had been in the water since Erving disappeared, the sheriff said. The car's windows were up and the driver's side seat belt was not fastened.

Erving disappeared on what was supposed to be a 20-minute shopping trip. He was last seen at a mall in Lake Mary, about 20 miles north of downtown Orlando.

His father went public June 13, asking for help in finding his son, who had a learning disability described as a mild form of dyslexia and attention deficit disorder.

The younger Erving also had a history of drug and alcohol abuse and run-ins with the law. Julius Erving said one of Cory's friends claimed Cory had been using marijuana and "roofies" — a slang term for the illegal sedative Rohypnol — the night before he disappeared.

During the investigation, authorities said Erving had little money and they considered him "endangered." They suggested he may have had a relapse and begun using crack cocaine.

A $50,000 reward was offered for his safe return. But despite more than three weeks of national media exposure, there was no sign of Cory or his black 1999 Volkswagen Passat until Thursday.

Cory had been working at a sandwich shop and taking courses geared toward getting a high school equivalency diploma. Despite his past troubles, Cory's family believed he had turned his life around.

Erving, a Hall of Famer best known as "Dr. J," revolutionized basketball with his high-flying slam dunks and was one of the sport's biggest stars. His 16-year career ended in 1987. He is the executive vice president of the Orlando Magic.

"Our prayers are with Julius and the family at this time," Magic spokesman Joel Glass said. 'He's a member of our family and we're all grieving at the news."

In Philadelphia, fans who followed Erving's career with the hometown 76ers were stunned.

"When you see public figures like that, you always think their lives are perfect," said Shawn Bury, 30, a security guard.

Groups encourage Internet democracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three public advocacy organizations concerned about how the Internet is managed have launched a program meant to boost public participation in charting the future of the computer network.

The Internet Democracy Project starts just in time for the upcoming elections to the board of the quasi-governmental body that oversees the Internet's future.

"The goals of the Internet Democracy Project are to encourage participation by non-governmental organizations in Internet governance and to promote the principles of a civil society," said Hans Klein, chair of the Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility.

The CPSR, along with the Electronic Privacy Information Center and the American Civil Liberties Union have formed IDP as an informational clearinghouse and watchdog organization to ensure that their values are not lost within the secretive Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

ICANN, chartered by the U.S. government and created two years ago to coordinate the technical management of the Internet, is controlled by a 19-member board of directors headed by chairwoman Esther Dyson.

In November, five at-large directors, one from each region of the world, will be elected to the ICANN board. Almost any Internet user can participate in the elections.

"There is real need to focus the attention of civil society on the seemingly technical issues that organizations like ICANN are addressing," said Barry Steinhardt, associate director of the ACLU.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Smoking doctors appear hypocritical

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a doctor. Recently the medical staff of my hospital refused to endorse a smoking ban on the premises. Can you believe it?

DEAR READER: Indeed, I can.

Doctors deny their own wackiness. To us, the medical profession is normal — it's the rest of you that need help. This isn't a new conceit. History is replete with groups of people who, for one reason or another, have considered themselves special and unique. Doctors sometimes seem to carry this to extremes.

Anyway, if we're so extraordinary, then it follows that we are rational beings who always think clearly. What elite tribe has the courage to admit that, on occasion, its members are a little nuts?

I maintain that most practitioners, myself included, are sometimes a trifle off-the-wall. I was reminded of this sometime ago, while — like you — I was present at a medical staff meeting to ban smoking.

One of the doctors took the floor and proposed a resolution that no one be allowed to smoke on the hospital grounds. This made perfect sense. Smoking is hazardous to health; even secondhand smoke is harmful. Almost all physicians concur that cigarettes are unhealthful: The world would be a better place if the darned things had never been invented. Therefore, the doctor's proposal was supremely sensible. Hospitals should be setting examples when it comes to health-care and disease-prevention. You'd think that physicians, being knowledgeable about this sort of thing, would enthusiastically endorse a smoking ban. Did they? Guess again.

I was witness to a barrage of arguments and counterclaims from my esteemed colleagues, some of whom were themselves non-smokers. It sounded as though we had been ordered to turn the hospital administration over to international terrorists. Statements such as: "You can't legislate social issues!" and "It's my right to smoke" hung in the air like stifling blue clouds of burning tobacco. One surgeon went so far as to say that a smoking ban would drive nurses away in droves; the hospital would become dangerously short-staffed.

The discussion raged. So did the healers. But I must admit that it was pure entertainment, real theater, method acting by churlish hams who temporarily shed civility and ventilated about how they were entitled to have what they wanted where they wanted it. I thought of the scene made by children when their parents tell them they can no longer suck their thumbs. In the end, when the interest level fell and everyone got bored, the resolution passed by a handy margin.

Here we were, a bunch of disgruntled docs, unable to agree promptly on the simplest health measure of public concern. I reflected on all the really important issues facing us — loss of control over our practices, diminishing esteem, unwanted incursions by bureaucrats, the threat of managed care, abortion, euthanasia, AIDS — you name it. In that staff room, I saw a microcosm of medicine — beyond metaphor. And I wondered if we don't deserve what we get; whether, in fact, we have been instrumental in bringing it upon ourselves.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 60-year-old woman with bleeding from the nipple. Should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: By all means. Nipple bleeding at any age can be the first sign of breast cancer. You need a thorough breast examination and, in my opinion, a mammogram. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." 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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Happy Birthday Donna!!

From All Of The SDN Bunch

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Weight-loss shower scheme brings downpour of response

DEAR ABBY: A woman wrote to ask you what you thought of the idea of a weight-loss shower for someone who had just shed 30 pounds. The "catch" to this shower was that the guests bring monetary gifts so the hostess could buy a new wardrobe to fit her smaller figure.

At first glance the idea seemed tacky to me. Just as with any other type of shower, it is inappropriate to specify a monetary gift in the invitation. Should someone inquire about gift ideas, the host could indicate that the honoree is trying to save up for a new wardrobe. However, there are many other suitable gifts for someone who has just lost weight. For example, guests could be asked to bring a copy of their favorite low-calorie recipes to be compiled into a scrapbook.

Losing unwanted pounds is no easy feat. If it were so easy, we would not have the obesity problems that we have in our society. I see it as an accomplishment to be proud of. Throwing someone a shower for this reason is certainly justified. — **NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA.**

DEAR NEW PORT RICHEY: I love your idea about the diet-recipe shower. Yours was the most charitable response that letter generated. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have gained about 60 pounds in the past four years. Should I throw a party to give my friends the "opportunity" to "shower" me with money to buy new fat clothes? It would amount to exactly the same thing. There are already too many forced gift-giving occasions thrust upon us. My answer is: "No way. Boycott the shower!" — **FAT AND SASSY IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

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DEAR ABBY: The lady is to be congratulated for the weight loss, but she still has a lot of guts. — **JOHN IN VISTA, CALIF.**

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DEAR ABBY: "Twiggy" doesn't need new clothes yet. Fifteen pounds isn't enough. Her letter takes the cake! I know she said she lost 30 pounds, but isn't it pretty clear that the other 15 pounds was her marbles?

I had an ex-in-law who gave her daughter a "shower drawing." She didn't want to make the effort to give a party, so she brought a box of envelopes to our houses so we could pick one. Inside was a photo and the price of the gift you were "asked" to buy! I drew a four-piece set of Samsonite luggage: $169.99. (This was 1966.) My husband thought we should give the bride something in which to carry her honeymoon wardrobe, so he gave her two brown paper bags. Thank God it was his side of the family. Needless to say, we weren't invited to the wedding. — **ANONYMOUS IN FORT WORTH**

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DEAR ABBY: I'd tell the person who was throwing the weight-loss shower that for each 30 pounds she lost, I was donating $30 (a dollar for each pound) to the local homeless shelter. When I began losing weight, I privately vowed to put $10 in our church offering plate for each pound I lost. Twenty pounds and $200 later, the church "feed the homeless" fund is fattened, and I gladly have a slightly slimmer wallet. — **PUYALLUP, WASH.**

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DEAR ABBY:

A 30-pound weight loss? I think that's great!

It sure is hard to lose that weight.

With Weight Watchers, I've lost 23,

But all my new clothes were paid for by me.

"Pat" in our group lost 75,

And didn't ask for a "clothing drive."

But have a shower? That depends —

I'd forget the shower and keep my friends.— **DOT PETERSON, MILLSBORO, DEL.**

DEAR DOT: Congrats on a message very well said.

I think you've hit the nail on the head!

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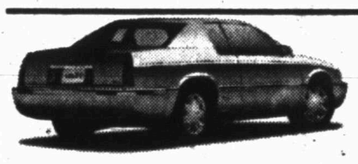

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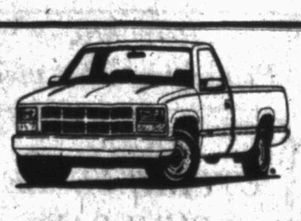
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