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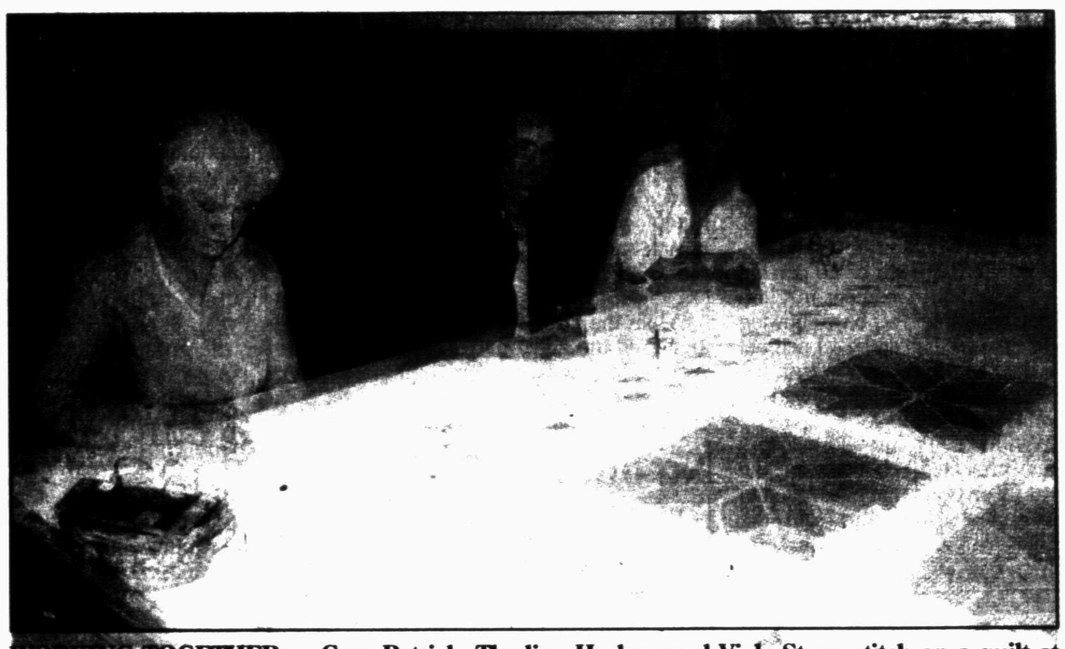


WORKING TOGETHER — Cary Patrick, Thadine Harless and Viola Stone stitch on a quilt at the Scurry County Senior Center. The pattern is Gingham Stars. (SDN Staff Photo)

WHOSE TURN NOW —T. L. Martin, Willie Johnson, Red Trevey and Marie Walton enjoy a game of dominoes at the Scurry County Senior Center this morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Commissioners approve 2004 budget, tax rate

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry county commissioners' court agreed unanimously this morning to approve a new 2004 budget and set the tax rate at 50.5 cents.

The county budget, including hospital expenditures, is $25.7 million. The county's portion of the budget is $7.1 million while the budget approved for Cogdell Memorial Hospital is $18.6 million.

There was no public comment during the brief budget hearing.

Last month, the commissioners' court did agree to increase the tax subsidy to the hospital from $395,000 to $750,000 to help ease the hospital's financial crunch. Also, the county advanced the hospital $350,000 in the current year's budget to meet debt service.

The increased hospital support necessitated the county maintaining the tax rate at 50.5 cents rather than reducing the levy as it had planned.

Included in the county budget was a three percent pay hike for county employees.

In other business, a report from the Scurry County Welfare board was accepted with no action taken.

A resolution to prohibit the igniting of unregulated fireworks on any property owned or operated by Scurry County was approved. Scott Crenwelge, parks director, said that the resolution was suggested for safety purposes as well as putting an end to the additional time and effort that it took for clean up.

"Last year about 300 people were shooting off fireworks at Winston Park. They shot them at each other and police cars that showed up to control the crowd. It's just a nuisance."

Crenwelge also said that no one disposes of their used fireworks and there's litter everywhere afterwards. The fireworks ban would include community centers.

Another resolution approved makes the county treasurer the collector of donations for the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant from various individuals and businesses. The treasurer will accept the donations, issue a receipt and keep a record of the funds. The money will be put into a special account to go towards the county's matching funds obligation for the state grant.

Line-item transfers that were approved included $750 that the airport requested to move from resale, with $250 going to fuel, oil and grease, and $500 going to maintenance repair and miscellaneous.

A request by the juvenile probation department to move $100 from postage and $400 from lease rental to office supplies; and a request by the library to move $300 from communication lines to audio visual purposes was approved.

Judge Rod Waller presided and commissioners present were Howard Limmer, Jerry House and Ralph Trevey. Chloanne Lindsey was not present.

Suspects identified...

Allsup's theft Saturday appears to be inside job

The reported robbery at Allsup's early Saturday morning remains under investigation, but it appears to be an inside job, according to Sgt. Keith Ward of the Snyder Police Department.

"There may be as many as five people involved," said Ward. "And we have three identified. It appears it will be an internal theft by an employee and accomplices."

The alleged robbery was reported at 5:40 a.m. Friday when clerk Angel Southern sounded her personal alarm.

Ward, Cpl. Dennis Young and Officer Lee Ortiz responded to the store alarm.

Ward said Saturday that Southern told him that she was counting the money when a white male walked into the store and demanded the store's receipts for the past 24 hours.

Saturday, the robbery suspect was identified by the clerk as a white male, around 6'1" tall, and weighing 210 pounds.

The clerk also told Ward Saturday that no weapon was displayed, but the alleged robber had asked for the money "forcefully."

All pass state-wide...

County voters approve 20 of 22 amendments

In Saturday's election, Scurry County was nearly unanimous for the constitutional amendments on the ballot in Texas. With 944 total ballots cast locally — 20 of the 22 propositions were approved. State-wide, all 22 were approved.

Proposition 12 passed with a 70 percent vote, allowing a cap of non-economic damages in medical and other liability cases.

Voted down in Scurry County were Propositions 4 and 21.

Proposition 4 called for municipal utility districts to develop parks and recreational facilities while Proposition 21 requested payment to college professors for service on district water boards.

Proposition 9 narrowly passed locally with 403 votes for and 402 votes against. This allows a total return-investment strategy for a "Permanent School Fund."

In other area voting, the future of Anson General Hospital is questionable because voters Saturday rejected a plan to create a hospital district to generate tax revenue.

"We were disappointed," said hospital administrator Ted Matthews, "but we definitely respect the decision of the voters."

The proposal was denied more than two-to-one from the 2,662 who voted, he said.

Much opposition stemmed from residents of southern Jones County whom travel to Abilene for medical care.

Anson is a city-owned, 45-bed facility which has never received support from a hospital taxing district.

Lacking financial reserves and laying off nearly one-fifth of its employees in March, the hospital has operated at a loss for several years.

Texas Demos wonder if Whitmire will show

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic lawmakers were holding their breath to see whether Sen. John Whitmire attends the latest legislative session, a decision that could make or break their strategy to once again block GOP redistricting plans.

The latest round in a bitter fight over the composition of Texas' delegation to the U.S. Capitol was scheduled to start today when lawmakers open their third special legislative session.

Several Democratic senators said they would wait and see if Whitmire showed up for the session before they returned to the Capitol. His presence is crucial if Democrats hope to continue denying Republicans a quorum — the two-thirds of members needed to pass bills.

"We assume that he will, but there are some who believe that he won't. I believe that he will," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, speaking on behalf of her fellow Democrats.

"The fight is now in the legislative arena," she said.

At issue is the shape of the state's congressional districts. Currently, Democrats have a 17-15 majority in Texas' congressional delegation. The GOP's redistricting plan could give Republicans as many as 21 seats.

States normally redraw districts once a decade following the U.S. Census. But when the Texas Legislature couldn't agree on a plan, a federal court implemented its own.

The GOP maintains the Legislature needs to draw the congressional districts to reflect voter approval of Republican control at the state level. Democrats argue the GOP plan would hurt minority representation in Congress.

The efforts to address redistricting in the Legislature have already failed three times this year, even though Republicans now hold a majority in both chambers.

In the first attempt to vote on the GOP plan, during the regular legislative session, more than 50 Democratic House members fled to Oklahoma to successfully thwart a quorum. They left the state so Texas law officers could not arrest them and force them back to the Capitol.

The bill later passed the House after Republican Gov. Rick Perry called a special session. But when it reached the Senate, the bill couldn't make it to the floor because of a rule then in place requiring a two-third supermajority vote.

Before the second special session, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced he was lifting the two-thirds requirement. That's when 11 Democrats fled to New Mexico. The boycott, starting July 29, left the Senate without enough members required by law for a quorum.

DCOS board meets Tuesday

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday with only one item on the agenda.

The board will consider a job incentive payment to Snyder Brick & Tile.

The meeting will be in the DCOS boardroom at American State Bank.

City council to meet in a called session

Snyder city council will meet in a called session at 6:30 this evening to consider one ordinance and one resolution, and to make appointments to the Development Corporation of Snyder (DCOS) board of directors.

The ordinance calls for reissuing tax and revenue bonds to obtain a better interest rate, while the resolution will allow the city to execute an electric supply agreement with Cities Aggregation Power Project for electrical service to city facilities.

The council also will consider appointing Rickey Daniell and Jeffrey Martin to the DCOS board of directors. The terms of Mark Cypert and Mike McWilliams are expiring on the board.

The meeting will be held in city council chambers.

Cheney hints at later request for Iraq funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney hinted Sunday that the Bush administration would seek more money next year than the additional $87 billion already requested to pay mainly for postwar costs in Iraq.

He also said the administration does not know when the U.S. military presence in Iraq will end. "I don't think anybody can say with absolute certainty at this point," Cheney said.

Amid a rising U.S. casualty count in Iraq and continuing attacks and other resistance, the administration has faced criticism for its postwar strategy. Democratic presidential candidates and others have said too little planning was done on how to rebuild the country and how to pay for it.

The White House says it will soon ask Congress to approve the $87 billion for military and reconstruction activities both in Iraq and in Afghanistan, with the bulk of the request earmarked for Iraq. That too has come under severe question in Congress.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if that would be the final such request, Cheney replied: "I can't say that. It's all we think we'll need for the foreseeable future, for this year."

On CBS' "Face the Nation," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld wouldn't go even that far. He said consultations are under way with lawmakers, and how long the $87 billion will last has not been determined.

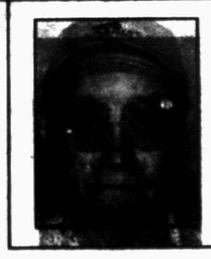
"It's a process that's being handled by the president and the Office of Management and Budget," Rumsfeld said. "I think that after those consultations with Congress, we'll have the answer to your question."

ASK US

Q—Is there a homework hotline phone number this year?

A—No, SHS students needing help on homework can go to the high school library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Don Johnson...

...has lived in Snyder 55 years. He is a retired truck driver for the Eddins-Walcher Co. His wife, Wanda Johnson, works for Snyder Day Care's janitorial department. They have two children, Larry Johnson, who works for TDCJ and Scurry County parks department, and Janelle Davis, who also works at Snyder Day Care. He enjoys wood crafting in his free time.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can observe a lot just by watching.

—Yogi Berra

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Girl Scout fundraiser

Snyder Girl Scouts are taking orders for their fall sale of nuts and calendars. To order, call Judy Martin at 573-7556.

TSA Booster Club

The Technology Student Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the SHS shop building. All parents and industry leaders are invited.

Band boosters to meet

Snyder's Band Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight in the band hall to discuss the fundraiser dinner.

Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 tonight with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Salt of the Earth," followed by "Life and Immortality is Brought to Life."

Drama boosters to meet

Snyder's Drama Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium. All parents of drama students are encouraged to attend.

Ira School pictures

School pictures of students will be taken at Ira on Tuesday. This is a pre-pay program, so students must have the money in their envelopes if they are buying a package of pictures. All students will be photographed, even if they don't buy pictures. Also to be taken will be high school and junior high football teams, cheerleaders and mascot. Class officers for grades 6-12 will also be photographed. Picture envelopes will be sent home with students for individual pictures and for football and cheerleader pictures.

Mesquite Country Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus will have a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday for a 50-year pin award night. All Masons, families and friends are invited.

Drivers license office

The drivers license office is closed for vacation and will reopen Wednesday.

Cogdell auxiliary to meet

The Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the hospital boardroom. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is invited.

Fajita dinner

Snyder High Band Boosters will sponsor a fajita dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Midland Greenwood game. Tickets can be purchased from any band student for $5.

Word is Life fundraiser

The Word is Life Deliverance Church is having a fundraiser to benefit its Youth Group Mission. The group is selling 2004 God's Creation calendars for $6 each. Call Davina Douglass at 573-2949. Persons needing a ride to 6 p.m. services or children's church at 7 p.m. can contact William Clayton at 573-5305.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday in the fellowship hall of the Ira Baptist Church. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Meat, paper goods and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Bring vegetable or salad and desert. For more information cal Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

Annual Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church has set its annual Jamaica for Sunday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m-8 p.m. Besides food, DJ and live music, the event will also feature volleyball, horseshoe and washers tournament and a talent show for all ages. Folkorico Dancers will perform and there will also be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Important GED dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday, Oct. 2, at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on the following day, Friday, Oct. 3. For more information about the GED test, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

First Christian fajita dinner

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, has set its annual park and eat fajita dinner for Friday, Oct. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Call 573-6115 or 573 6687 for advance tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Addresses sought

E-mail addresses or phone numbers are still needed for members of Snyder High School class of 1963 to plan a reunion. Information may be sent to t.dolan@mail.utexas or call 325-207-1718 and leave a message.

1950s dance contest

A '50s dance contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival. Judging for the $100 prize will be 50% costume and 50% dance skills. The White Buffalo Committee also solicits 1950s yearbooks for the display. For more information call Jackie at the coliseum at 573-9811.

Organize riding club

Anyone interested in forming a riding club for families is asked to contact Debbie Elder at 325 574-1622.

Senior citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens at WTC is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 573-4035.

Band fundraiser

SHS band boosters and students are spray painting Tiger Paws on sidewalks and driveways for donations. For information, call 573-5061.

Analysts forecast rebound in economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy, after three years of lackluster growth, is finally poised to begin a sustained rebound that will start to cut the unemployment rate, a national business group predicted today.

The National Association for Business Economics, or NABE, forecast the gross domestic product, the country's total output of goods and services, would grow at a 4.5 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter and at a 4 percent rate in the October-December period.

That forecast, if proven correct, would mark the first time since 1999 that the GDP has been able to grow at a rate of 4 percent rate or better for two consecutive quarters.

The economy was first hit by the bursting of the stock market bubble in the spring of 2000 and then by a recession that began in March 2001. Those events were followed by the September 2001 terrorist attacks, corporate accounting scandals and the uncertainty generated by the war in Iraq.

"After wallowing like a dismasted sloop in a storm-tossed sea ... the U.S. economy finally appears to have hoisted its sails," said Duncan Meldrum, president-elect of NABE and chief economist at Air Products and Chemicals Inc. of Allentown, Pa.

The new forecast, presented at the NABE annual convention in Atlanta, was prepared by a panel of 35 professional forecasters drawn from the 2,500-member organization.

The group credited the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve Board, which has pushed the key interest rate it controls down to a 45-year low, and President Bush's third round of tax cuts for providing the push the economy needed.

For the whole year, NABE projected GDP growth of 2.6 percent this year and 4 percent in 2004. That would be the best showing since the GDP grew by 4.1 percent in 1999 as the country was in the midst of a record 10-year-long economic expansion.

While economic forecasters have projected rebounds for the past three years that have failed to materialize, Meldrum said the NABE panel believed the optimism now would prove warranted.

"An awful lot of positive stimulus has been put in place both from the tax cuts and the Federal Reserve," he said. Businesses also were finally beginning to step up their own investment spending, which had been a missing ingredient in the recovery, he added.

The NABE panel said business activity will finally be strong enough to put an end to what so far has been a "jobless" economic recovery.

While the U.S. economy has officially been out of recession since November 2001, companies have continued laying off workers to hold down costs. This year alone, businesses have slashed their payrolls by nearly a half-million workers.

While the layoffs are predicted to stop in the final quarter of this year as businesses begin hiring back workers, the NABE forecasters didn't expect a rapid decline in the unemployment rate, now at 6.1 percent.

They predicted the unemployment rate would still be around 5.8 percent at the end of 2004, in part because businesses will still be striving to hold down costs by boosting their productivity — getting more output from fewer workers.

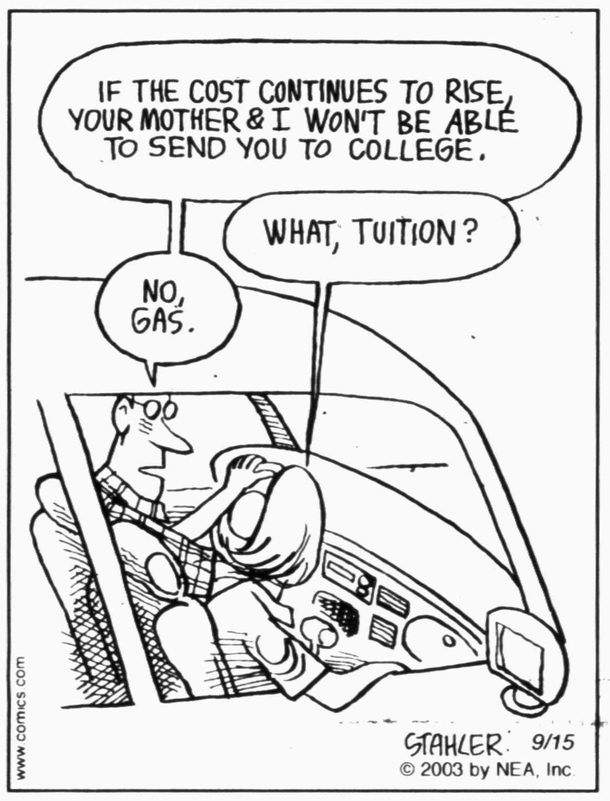
The strong productivity growth will help to contain inflation pressures, the forecasters said. They predicted that consumer prices will rise by just 2.3 percent this year and slip to 1.6 percent in 2004.

With inflationary pressures absent, the forecasters said they believed the Fed would be able to keep interest rates at the current low levels for an extended period. Half said they did not expect a Fed rate hike until at least the May-July period next year.

However, the group did expect long-term interest rates, which are set in financial markets, to continue rising in response to the stronger economic growth.

The group forecast that the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, a key determinant of mortgage rates, will be around 4.5 percent later this year and exceed 5 percent by the end of 2004. The 10-year note fell to 3.1 percent in mid-June, pushing mortgage rates to 5.21 percent, the lowest level since the 1950s.

Higher mortgage rates will dampen home sales and construction, but not until next year, the forecasters said. They saw housing construction climbing to 1.72 million homes and apartments this year, a bit above last year's record 1.71 million units, but retreating slightly to 1.63 million units in 2004.



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No one hurt in fighter jet crash

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho (AP) — A jet in the Air Force's vaunted Thunderbirds flight unit crashed at an air show Sunday, but the pilot ejected with only minor injuries and no injuries on the ground were reported.

About 85,000 spectators looked on as one of the six Lockheed Martin F-16C Fighting Falcons performing crashed during the "Gunfighter Skies 2003" air show at Mountain Home Air Force Base, about 50 miles southeast of Boise.

Capt. Chris Stricklin, 31, ejected safely and was taken to a medical facility on the base, where he was evaluated and released, the Air Force said.

According to witnesses, the jet was the last of six to take off and climbed straight into the sky. The pilot maneuvered the jet into a dive and steered toward the crowd. The jet seemed to suffer an engine failure when the pilot tried to pull up, witnesses said.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash.

The Thunderbirds unit has performed air demonstrations since 1947. The jets at the air show were from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 15, 2003

Today is the 258th day of 2003 and the 87th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1916, the British used tanks in battle for the first time during the Battle of the Somme.

On this day in 1963, four African-American schoolgirls were killed in a church bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

On this day in 1990, the jackpot for the Florida state lottery topped $100 million.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Howard Taft (1857-1930), U.S. President; Dame Agatha Christie (1890-1976), author; Oliver Stone (1946-), director, is 57; Tommy Lee Jones (1946-), actor, is 57; Dan Marino (1961-), athlete, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, the first international bridge match was held in London. The U.S. team defeated England.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Evil is not something superhuman, it's something less than human." — Agatha Christie

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 10) and last quarter (Sept. 18).

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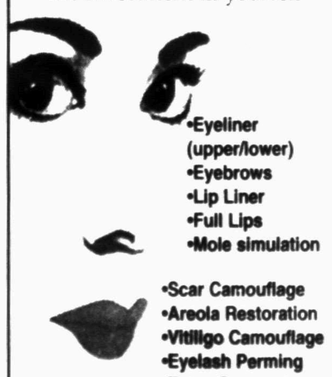

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-13-26-31-34. Bonus Ball: 19.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $16 million.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Houston, MW Kellogg Tower Cards & Gifts, 601 Jefferson No. 201.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $38,890.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 14. Prize: $2,521.

Number matching four of five: 769. Prize: $99.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 660. Prize: $102.

Number matching three of five: 28,487. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 8,346. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 37,484. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $4 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-14-15-24-30.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $22,265.

Winning tickets sold in: Amarillo, Quick Save, 1712 NE 24th Avenue; Tyler, Super Food Mart 29, 2030 West Gentry Parkway.

Matching four of five: 133. Prize: $151.

Matching three of five: 4,328. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 44,695. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

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Experts: Little doubt Bryant will stand trial

DENVER (AP) — When prosecutors go before a judge next month in the Kobe Bryant rape case, they will be armed with a wealth of evidence that leaves little doubt the NBA superstar will be ordered to stand trial, legal experts say.

Among the evidence expected to be offered at the preliminary hearing: A videotaped statement from the woman accusing Bryant of rape; photographs of injuries she allegedly suffered at his hands; a statement from Bryant himself that allegedly backs up some of the woman's claims.

"I've learned in this business never to say that anything or any case is a slam dunk," said Karen Steinhauser, a University of Denver Law School professor. "But with this particular case, I could probably say I would be shocked if probable cause were not found."

To persuade Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett to order a trial in state district court, prosecutors have to prove probable cause — that Bryant might have committed the crime. In 20 years as a prosecutor, Steinhauser said, she saw only two cases dismissed at a preliminary hearing.

Bryant, 25, is charged with raping a 19-year-old Eagle woman June 30 in his suite at a mountain resort where she worked and he was a guest. Bryant has said the two had consensual sex.

The Los Angeles Lakers guard, who is free on $25,000 bond, is scheduled to return to Eagle for the Oct. 9 preliminary hearing. The evidence prosecutors plan to submit was described in a court filing last week.

The rules of preliminary hearings in Colorado favor the prosecution over the defense. Prosecutors can introduce evidence that would not be allowed at trial — including hearsay, a witness' recollection of statements by another person.

"In 99.9 percent of criminal cases in Colorado, a preliminary hearing is about as one-sided a proceeding as you can imagine," said Scott Robinson, a veteran Denver defense attorney. "The rules of evidence are not relaxed, they are absent."

Bryant's attorneys, Pamela Mackey and Hal Haddon, could choose to waive the hearing, sending the case straight to trial and avoiding widespread publicity of information so far withheld from the public under a judge's order.

The defense asked Gannett to close the hearing to the public, saying prosecutors are likely to present evidence that would not be allowed at trial and might jeopardize Bryant's right to a fair trial.

Haddon and Mackey did not return calls for comment.

Robinson, who last month won acquittal for a client charged with murder in Eagle County, said the key investigator in the Bryant case, Doug Winters, is skilled and honest. He said Bryant's attorneys will consider Winters' credibility before choosing whether to waive the hearing.

"He's square, will give the full truth and nothing but the truth — even if it helps the defense," Robinson said.

One of the major questions is whether the accuser will be forced to testify in person, as Bryant's attorneys have demanded.

Prosecutors want that request thrown out, saying a court appearance would subject the accuser to anxiety and intimidation. They said they have enough evidence to make her testimony unnecessary.

Bryant's attorneys also want a hearing to determine whether the woman has waived her medical-record privacy rights. They are seeking records from hospitals and clinics where she may have been treated for mental health problems.

Without her testimony, the preliminary hearing becomes less valuable for the defense, analysts said.

"Apart from the legal niceties, it's a public relations battle," said Robert Pugsley, a professor at Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles.

"I think the defense is filing the subpoena to say, 'Is she afraid to show up and declare openly in court that this is what happened?'" he said.

DHS looks to cut confusion over its terror alert system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department wants to make its color-coded terror alert system more user-friendly.

The agency has created a task force to review ways that the system could provide more specific guidance to state and local government officials about how to respond when the alert level is raised, department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said Saturday.

He said meetings have been set up in October to get reaction from states and localities about how the system is working for them.

When the alert level has been raised in the past, local officials complained the threat information provided by the government was too vague and left police and others scrambling to figure out what security measures needed to be put in place.

In Saturday's Democratic radio address, Rep. Jane Harman of California said the system needs to be improved.

"A threat warning system only works if it gives local law enforcement and the public specific and timely information about what to look for and what to do," she said.

Swedes reject euro

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Swedish voters decisively rejected the euro in a setback for European integration after a turbulent week in which the Scandinavian country's foreign minister, a euro supporter, was stabbed to death.

Sunday's referendum provided a boost for euro opponents in Britain and Denmark, still using their own currencies. The two, along with Sweden, are holdouts to using the currency, which came into circulation in the European Union in 2002. Denmark had rejected the euro in a referendum in 2000.

"We have evidently not been able to firmly establish the European idea among the voters," said Alf Svensson, leader of the opposition Christian Democrats and a euro supporter. "People still seem to believe that we live in a Europe with national borders and national currency, but the reality is something else."

With all votes counted, 56.1 percent of the more than 5.4 million ballots cast were against the euro, while 41.8 percent voted for it. Two percent cast blank ballots. Turnout was 81.2 percent.

The results ran contrary to opinion polls in the final days leading up to the vote, which showed support for the yes side surging in the wake of the stabbing death of Foreign Minister Anna Lindh on Wednesday.

The attack on Lindh, which police said did not appear politically motivated, came during the final stages of campaigning on whether Sweden should join the European Monetary Union.

Lindh was stabbed repeatedly by an unknown assailant as she shopped in an upscale Stockholm department store. She died Thursday after hours of surgery. Police on Sunday released pictures of a possible suspect, but have made no arrests.

Police were seeking 10 people with criminal records and previous offenses, and there were at least two of particular interest, spokeswoman Stina Wessling told The Associated Press.

Prime Minister Goeran Persson said economic problems in the eurozone likely scared off Swedes. "We could have had a referendum at a better time. Europe is in a deep recession," Persson said.

Persson has said the next opportunity for a euro referendum won't be until 2013.

Graham Watson, leader of the Liberal Democrats in the European Parliament, said the vote portended a likely loss of prestige for the Scandinavian country of 9 million and offered a warning to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"Continued self-exclusion from the euro will bring a crushing loss of investment and political influence and increased vulnerability to money market turmoil," he said.

Britain's Foreign Office said it respected the Swedish people's decision but that it would not affect Britain's choice.

Blair has said he supports adopting the euro in principle, but only when the economic conditions are right. His government announced in June that it was not time to call a referendum because Britain's economy had not converged enough with that of the 12-nation euro zone.

Despite Sunday's setback, European Union officials were optimistic that Sweden would keep up its push to ditch the national currency, the krona, in favor of the euro.

"We're confident the Swedish government will chose a way forward to keep the euro project alive in Sweden," the EU Commission said in a statement.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mail carriers brave rain, sleet, but stop at spiders

DEAR ABBY: I am a postal carrier. Today I left warnings in the mailboxes of six houses on my route because I found spiders inside. Three of the spiders were black widows. I know because I saw the red hourglass markings on them before they scurried to the back of the box.

Spiders love mailboxes. They nest and lay eggs there. I don't necessarily have to reach inside the boxes to deliver mail, but my customers always do in order to retrieve it.

People usually remember to spray their yards and garages for insects, but they tend to overlook the one place where they directly place their hands and arms.

Please warn your readers to take a minute to spray in, around and underneath their mailboxes — especially if they see a cobweb. It could prevent suffering a poisonous bite or an allergic reaction, which, in some cases, could prove to be fatal. — **A LAS VEGAS MAIL CARRIER**

DEAR MAIL CARRIER: Thank you for an important warning. I know Las Vegas is the gambling capital of the world, but no one should have to gamble when collecting the mail.

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DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife and I divorced after 29 years. Both of us made a mess of our marriage. Three years of marriage counseling couldn't undo the infidelity and multiple personal problems we had accumulated. There is still a deep reservoir of hurt and anger over those years, but both of us have moved on with other relationships.

The problem is for the past 16 years, my daughter, "Lili," has lived with her mother, who apparently filled her head with all of my transgressions. Lili refuses to have anything to do with me. Nothing I did was any worse than what her mother did — but, of course, Lili wasn't hearing that side of the story.

My sons and I get along well. They seem to understand that neither of their parents was an angel. They accept my ex and me, warts and all. Even though we live 3,000 miles apart, I send my daughter birthday cards, gifts for her birthday, Christmas and Valentine's Day, etc. She ignores me — and the silence hurts.

I don't deserve this kind of treatment. Should I continue trying to reach out to her? Or should I just forget I have a daughter? Sixteen years of a one-way relationship is heartbreaking. — **IMPERFECT POP IN PHILADELPHIA**

DEAR POP: By not acknowledging your conciliatory gestures, your daughter is sending you a message. Accept it. I agree, 16 years of rejection is enough. Perhaps one day your daughter will get the full story from her brothers and come to understand the multiple reasons why you and your wife divorced. In the meantime, please don't set yourself up to be hurt again and again.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 30 years. My wife and I have not had sex for the past 20 of them. We have no children.

My wife does like undressing in front of me, but then she quickly covers herself. We are always friendly — very friendly — to each other. At night we sleep in the same bed, but we do not mention sex, and have not mentioned it for 20 years. Can you give me some advice? — **READER IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR READER: Only this: Mention sex! Since you are on friendly terms, you are long overdue for a frank discussion regarding both of your feelings on this important subject. Perhaps she has been waiting for you to bring it up.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003

A substantial number of opportunities could come your way in rapid succession in the year ahead. Unless you're on your toes and alert to taking advantage of them, some golden chances could pass you by.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Let the real you emerge front and center today instead of behaving in a manner that you believe will impress others. Unfortunately, affectations will fall flat and demean you instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Unwarranted or unrealistic optimism could distort your judgment today. There's nothing wrong with being hopeful and expectant, but it must be based upon a logical and realistic foundation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you try to pry into someone else's business All it will do today is stir up resentment. Hold your curiosity in check and respect the privacy of others who don't want to air their laundry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In hopes of appeasing two opposing friends who want your support, you might try to falsely let each believe you stand with him or her. When the truth is out, both will turn against you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Being in an ambitious frame of mind is one thing, but biting off more than you can chew is clearly another. Don't set an unrealistic agenda that you can't possibly handle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Sometimes we can win people over by giving gifts of goodwill. Today, however, associates with whom you might have dealings may simply be taking advantage of you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Being reactionary toward something your spouse says and entering into a heated debate with him or her in front of others will create major problems, especially if the onlookers are in-laws or relatives.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're dreaming if you think others are going to do things for you today that they know you should be doing for yourself. Don't set yourself up to be chided and rebuked.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Better than anybody, you know what a strong streak of extravagance you can have from time to time. Today could prove to be one of those days unless you take measures to curb it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It is important that you are not ambivalent in dealing with youngsters today. You will totally confuse them and leave them frustrated if you're loving one moment and harsh the next.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take any juicy gossip told to you today by a member of your inner circle about a mutual friend with a grain of salt. This person's version of the story and what is real could vary considerably.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone with whom you're closely involved (either personally or as a business acquaintance) might put the bite on you today in hopes that you'll bail him or her out financially. Don't take the bait.

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Today's chuckle

Forceps left in woman following surgery

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Lamphan Yinsuth had stomach pains that went unexplained for six years. Recently, doctors discovered the cause: Forceps left inside her after a hysterectomy in 1997.

Surgeons in central Thailand will operate on Yinsuth, 46, to remove the 2.4-by-11.4 inch medical instrument lodged in her abdomen, hospital officials said Monday.

It wasn't until April that an X-ray revealed the tool in her tummy.

After the patient filed a complaint to the Medical Council, a national association of doctors, the hospital agreed to compensate her $9,520 and perform a second operation to remove the instrument.

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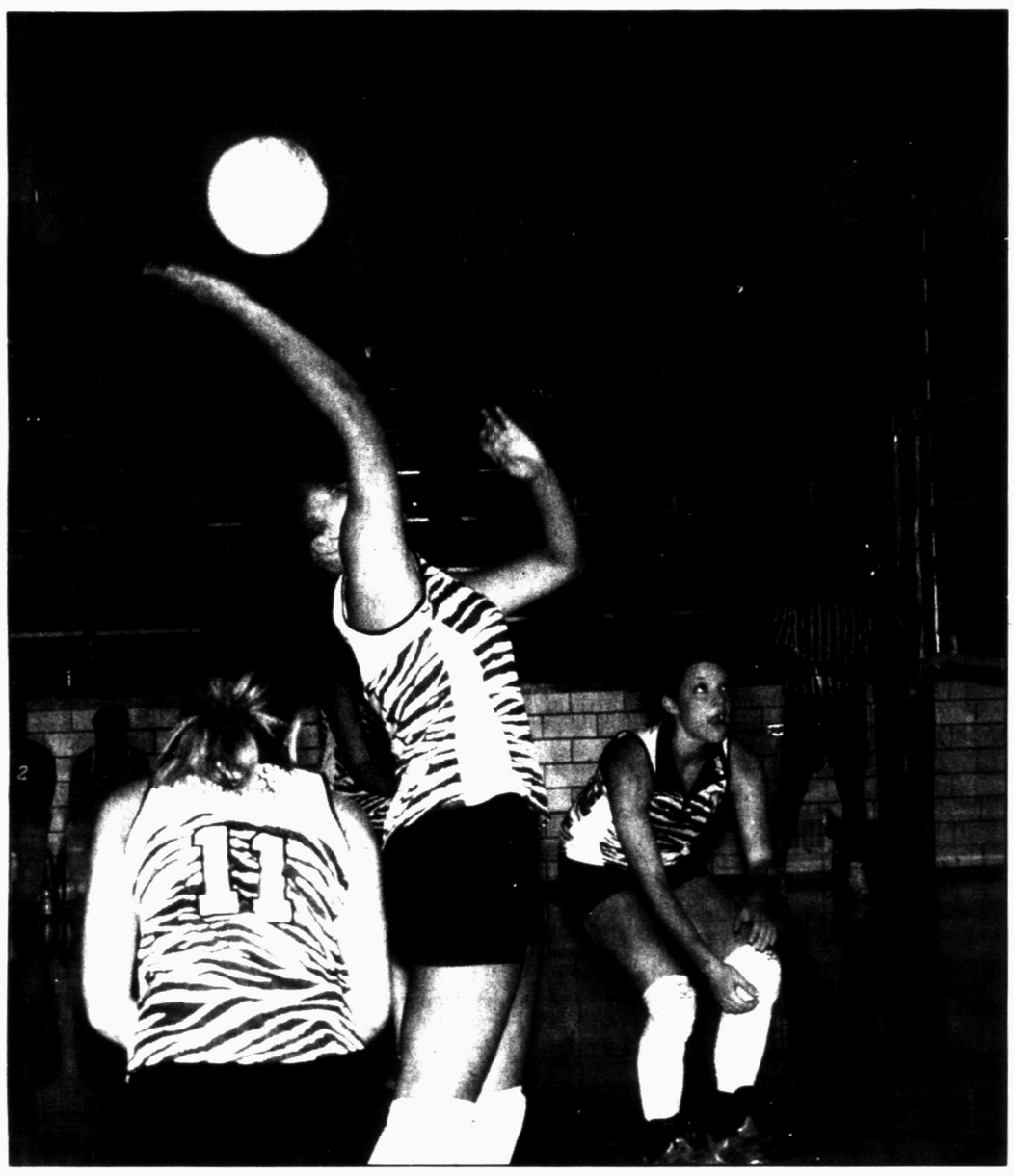

GOING FOR THE KILL — Sophomore spiker Sarah Henson smashes a kill in the first game against Veribest Saturday, while teammates Kelbi Drum (11) and Sarah Crawford get into defensive positions. The Lady Tigers split two matches Saturday, topping Colorado City and falling short against Veribest. The team opens the district schedule at 6: 30 p.m. Tuesday at Lubbock Cooper. (SDN Staff Photo)

Spikers split Saturday with Veribest and Colorado City

The Lady Tigers settled for a split Saturday, topping Colorado City and falling to Veribest in four close games and a tiebreaker in the final tune-up before district.

The Snyder spikers (7-17) showed their conditioning in playing seven consecutive games, taking the floor against Colorado City immediately after the grueling, 2½-hour match with Veribest.

The Lady Tigers battled throughout the match with Veribest, ultimately dropping the contest, 25-27, 25-22, 20-25, 25-20, (6-15).

"(Veribest) has a lot of seniors and they played consistently," head coach Laura Moses said. "They made mistakes and we hit a lot of balls out. It was close all the way through."

Kelbi Drum had solid, all-around performance against Veribest, recording 24 digs, 22 assists and eight kills.

Kelsi Johnson added 22 digs and Courtney Cox tallied 22 in the match.

Sarah Crawford and Emily Jones each blocked five balls at the net, and Teddi Crenwelge added eight kills.

Crawford and Sara Thornhill each posted seven kills.

Snyder easily dispatched the Lady Bulldogs in three games, 25-9, 25-20 and 25-12.

Moses said the team still needs to work on consistency.

"We were inconsistent in our hitting and our passing is not right on," she said. "On defense, we are there, but we're not finishing and going all the way through. We need to get some consistency."

Snyder opens the district schedule at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lubbock Cooper.

The junior varsity placed sixth out of 16 teams in the Lamesa tourney this weekend.

The team stopped Colorado City, 25-9, 25-9, before falling to San Angelo Center, 16-25, 22-25.

The junior ladies then upended Wink, 25-20, 25-19 before losing its final match to Big Spring, 8-25, 17-25.

Coach Darren Pool said the team got outstanding net play from Wendy Reed, Jacy Beccue and Allison Cottrell, and consistent serves from Reed, Heather Zajicek and Erica Little.

The JV opens the district schedule Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper.

Oakland rallies to top Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Oakland's Chad Harville waited four years for his first major league victory, and then only had to face one batter.

Harville struck out Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez, the major league home run leader, to end the sixth inning Sunday night. The AL West-leading Athletics then rallied for three runs and a 6-5 win, their sixth straight.

"It took a while, but it's nice. It was a big game to do it in," said Harville, whose debut for Oakland came at the same stadium on June 22, 1999. "It was good to get in there and get A-Rod out."

The Athletics have their largest division lead of the season at 3½ games over Seattle, which lost 2-1 at Anaheim on Sunday. Oakland has won 21 of its last 28 games to overcome a five-game deficit to the Mariners, who are 12-15 their last 27 games.

"Every game is precious at this point," said first baseman Scott Hatteberg, who helped start the comeback. "We're playing as good as we have all year and have confidence in that."

Oakland starts a three-game series Monday in Anaheim. The A's play six of their last nine games against the Mariners, next weekend in Oakland and then to end the regular season in Seattle.

Rodriguez, whose 43rd homer an inning earlier gave the Rangers a 5-3 lead, came up in the sixth with a runner on and two outs. Harville, in his 36th career game, got Rodriguez out with fastballs.

Texas starter Tony Mounce, after giving up two homers the first two innings, had retired 14 of 15 batters before Hatteberg and Terrence Long started the seventh with consecutive singles.

"He pitched effectively, but lost his command in the last inning," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "Take away the first and last innings, he was pretty good."

Ramon Hernandez's bloop single off reliever Rosman Garcia (1-2) drove in a run, and Long scored the tying run on a fielder's choice grounder. Eric Chavez later drew a four-pitch walk off Aaron Fultz, who had loaded the bases by walking the first batter he faced, also on four pitches.

"Ramon's jam-bloop shot opened it up and we had some patient at-bats after that," Oakland manager Ken Macha said.

Jermaine Dye and Mark Ellis beat out potential double-play grounders before the game-deciding walks.

The last five of the seven Oakland pitchers combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings. Keith Foulke got the last four outs, leaving the tying run on base, for his AL-leading 42nd save.

"Right now, we don't need help from anybody, so I don't worry about what other teams are doing," Foulke said.

After Rafael Palmeiro drew a ninth-inning walk, pinch-runner Jermaine Clark stole second with two outs. But Shane Spencer then lined out to Foulke.

Miguel Tejada hit a two-run homer, his 26th, in the first inning. After Texas scored twice in the first, Hernandez's 21st homer pushed Oakland back in front 3-2.

Hank Blalock drove in three runs, including a two-run homer in the second that gave Texas a 4-3 lead.

A's starter Justin Duchscherer threw 40 pitches in the first inning, 12 Michael Young.

Black team wins consolation

The junior high volleyball eighth-grade Black team took the consolation bracket at the Big Spring tournament this weekend, winning three of four matches.

The team got four points each from Jessica DeLeon and Allison Sharrock in losing to Monahans, 25-23, 25-21, in the opening match.

The team rallied to beat Sterling City, 20-25, 25-14 and 15-10.

Caylea Rhodes served up four points in the first game. Devin Davidson had seven in game two, while Sharrock delivered six points in the final game.

The Black club then handled Big Spring, 25-13, 25-11 to advance to the consolation game, getting 10 points from Davidson, six for Audrey Jones and four from Ali Cox in the match.

The team topped Sweetwater to claim the consolation bracket.

The seventh-graders took third in their tourney, beating Big Spring, 25-16, 25-11 in the opening match. Chassidy Pittman tallied eight points, Shaquita Sneed slammed two aces in collecting six points, and Ryanna Alexander added five in the victory.

Brittany Webb had an ace in her three points, and Jordan Wright scored five in losing a hard-fought match with Monahans, 24-26, 16-25.

After falling behind Big Spring in the third-place match, 17-25, the junior spikers responded with a convincing 25-15 win in the second game, before closing things out in the tiebreaker, 15-8.

Webb had seven points in the match, while Sneed added five and Pittman recorded three points.

All of the junior high squads were scheduled to play Sweetwater today, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Astros sweep Cards, boost Central lead

HOUSTON (AP) — Even after being swept by the Houston Astros, the St. Louis Cardinals aren't ready to concede anything.

Tim Redding combined with three relievers on a three-hitter and Craig Biggio drove in three runs as Houston beat St. Louis 4-1 Sunday to push the Cardinals to the brink of elimination in the NL Central.

The Cardinals were 2½ games out when the series started and left town trailing by 5½. St. Louis was outscored 20-6 and outhit 29-13 in the three games, including a 2-0 shutout Saturday. The Astros have a 10-5 edge in the season series.

The Cardinals have only 12 games to get back into the race — three against Houston in St. Louis next weekend.

"Obviously it's going to be tough," Tino Martinez said. "But we're not out of it yet. We've got ... three more against these guys so we've just got to stay in striking distance until they have to play us at home and then maybe we can get back in it."

Houston boosted its lead to two games over Chicago, a 1-0 loser to Cincinnati.

"They did everything better than we did," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "I never thought we'd come in here and lose three but we've got to find a way to turn the page and we will."

It was the Astros' first sweep against the Cardinals since a three-game series in April 1997.

"I don't look at elimination of anything from that standpoint," Astros manager Jimy Williams said. "They (games) are all magnified from the standpoint of our position which is good, that's OK. We're in the hunt. That's where we want to be."

St. Louis has lost four straight overall, dropping to just two games over .500 at 76-74.

"They (Astros pitchers) were tremendous," Jeff Bagwell said. "It's just what we needed, to shut them down for three games. The starters pitched well, we had a strong bullpen and got timely hits. It was a great series."

Redding (9-14) allowed one run and three hits in six innings.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Volleyball: Snyder junior high at Sweetwater, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Volleyball: Snyder JV and freshmen at Lubbock Cooper, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Lubbock Cooper, district , 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Football: Greenwood junior high at Snyder junior high, 5 p.m.
Football: Borden County JV at Ira JV, 7 p.m.
Football: Borden County junior high at Ira junior high, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder varsity vs. Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Ira at Borden County, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball: Seminole at Snyder varsity, 1 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Football boster club

The SHS football booster club will not meet tonight.

Alumni hats

The SHS football booster club is selling hats for Snyder alumni for $30 for homecoming week. The caps feature the name, class and organization, if any. All orders should be put in by Sept. 26 for the Oct. 3 homecoming game against Levelland. Contact Mike Tyrrell at 207-2315 for more information.

15th annual Blowout Partnership on tap

The Scurry County golf course will host the 15th annual Blowout Partnership Sept. 27-28. Cost is $300 per team, and all participants must be 21 or older. The field is limited to 56 and the first 56 paid teams will determine entries.

Shotgun will start at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days of the tournament, with scramble being the first round format and lowball the format for the final round. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. There also will be a welcome and registration date on Sept. 26, with a practice round available. Call Rick Mammolite at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Jamica volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting the Jamica Volleyball Tournament Sept. 28. Call Louis at 573-7321 for more information.

Flag football league forming

Any teams interested in playing men's flag football should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800. The season begins in October.

WTC golf tournament

The third annual Western Texas College Student Government Association Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 4 at the WTC golf course. Format is four-person scramble, and cost is $120 per team. Shotgun will start at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three teams, and deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Oct. 3. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

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SPORTS

GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY — The Snyder Lady Tigers cross-country team placed eighth as a team as this weekend's opener in Abilene. The Lady Tigers are, left to right, Erin Burleson, April Lollar, Casey Gregory, Ricia Gordon, Destiny Proctor, Terann Ragland and Candace Chandler. (Contributed Photo)

Girls place 8th at cross-country opener

Jeremey Torrez placed 20th out of a field of 63 runners, and Candace Chandler finished 16th out of 84 runners in the girls division at the cross country opener Saturday in Abilene.

Both divisions were filled with competitors from class 3A-5A.

Torrez finished the three-mile boys' course in 19:06, while Chandler ran the girls' two-mile course in 14:27, earning a top 20 medal in the process.

Head coach Todd Pollard said he was pleased with the performance of his team. The girls took eighth place in the team standings.

"It was the first time out and it gives us a good starting point," he said. "We're starting out very well."

Joseph Ynguanzo crossed the line in 19:40 for 29th place, while Tony Pena and Chris Vera finished 25 seconds apart for 51st and 55th place, respectively.

For the girls, freshman Terann Ragland placed 25th with a time of 15:17, while competing in her first race at the varsity level.

Erin Burleson improved on her time from last year, Pollard said, finishing in 16:32 for 55th place.

Destiny Proctor finished in 17:34, with teammate Casey Gregory concluding at 17:39.

April Lollar posted a 17:45 and Ricia Gordon recorded a time of 18:22.

Seventh-grader Manuel Hernandez also competed in the junior high meet, finishing the one-mile course in 7:03 for 20th place.

Hernandez ran against both seventh- and eighth-graders.

Big 12 loses luster Saturday

DALLAS (AP) — The small pocket of Arkansas fans celebrated victory at Texas by chanting "S-E-C!" and "over-rated."

Colorado gave up the most points it has at home in 20 years, and couldn't pull off a Notre Dame-like comeback against Washington State, losing 47-26 to the Pac-10 Cougars.

Iowa State watched as visiting Iowa's 321-pound offensive tackle Robert Gallery led a victory charge to claim the Cy-Hawk Trophy that goes to the winner of the instate rivalry. The 18th-ranked Hawkeyes of the Big 10 won 40-21 to get the trophy back for the first time in six years.

It was a tough Saturday for the Big 12 against teams from the Bowl Championship Series.

After those games were done, Nebraska had to return to the ground to rally for a 18-10 win over Penn State to prevent a BSC shutout for the Big 12.

OK, the Big 12 still has the nation's No. 1 team — Oklahoma built a 38-0 halftime lead and rolled to a 52-28 win over Fresno State — and a 26-6 record against non-conference opponents.

But what about the long-term implications?

"With the BCS, if you lose early it's not OK, but it's fine as long as you win these next 10 games," said Texas receiver Roy Williams. "We're still in it. We worked too hard in the summer and in two-a-days to let everything go downhill after one ballgame."

The Longhorns (1-1), coming off consecutive 11-win seasons, have their eyes on a national title. But that goal took a hit, and their 20-game home winning streak ended, with the 38-28 loss in the first regular season meeting since 1991 against old Southwest Conference rival Arkansas.

"I don't know if stunned is the right word," said Longhorns coach Mack Brown. "I'm disappointed. Not happy."

Texas dropped seven spots to No. 13 in the new Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday. That was one slot above poll newcomer Arkansas.

Colorado (2-1), the Big 12 North champion the last two years, had five turnovers and gave up three touchdowns of more than 70 yards.

Washington State, a week after blowing a 19-0 lead and losing in overtime to Notre Dame, scored 24 points in the first 6:39 of the second half to put away the Buffaloes, who plummeted out of the Top 25 from No. 17.

"We just had a total breakdown," said Colorado coach Gary Barnett.

Culp nabs top 20 finish

Alana Culp finished first out of the six Hermleigh runners who competed in the Abilene Christian University Classic Saturday.

Culp placed in the top 20 out of a field of roughly 80 runners in her group.

"The girls did wonderful," head coach Rebecca Ponder said. "We are going to be working on running hills and speed this week. Hopefully it will help us out at our next meet."

Other Lady Cardinals who ran in the meet were Alicia Culp, Brittany Kelley, Brittainy Jones, Christy Garcia, Danni Webb, and Amy Botts.

Major League Baseball

American League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
New York	92	57	.617	—
Boston	86	62	.581	5½
Toronto	76	73	.510	16
Baltimore	67	81	.453	24½
Tampa Bay	59	89	.399	32½
Central Division				
Chicago	80	69	.537	—
Minnesota	80	69	.537	—
Kansas City	76	72	.514	3½
Cleveland	65	85	.433	15½
Detroit	38	110	.257	41½
West Division				
Oakland	90	60	.600	—
Seattle	86	63	.577	3½
Anaheim	71	79	.473	19
Texas	65	84	.436	24½

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 5, Toronto 3
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 7, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 7, Boston 2
Anaheim 2, Seattle 1
Oakland 6, Texas 5

Today's Games

Kansas City (B.Anderson 11-11) at Detroit (Knotts 3-6), 5:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 5-10) at Boston (Lowe 15-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 18-8) at Baltimore (Lopez 7-9), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 10-3) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 8-10), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 14-10) at Texas (Lewis 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 10-9) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 15-11), 9:05 p.m.

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Atlanta	93	57	.620	—
Florida	83	66	.557	9½
Philadelphia	82	68	.547	11
Montreal	76	74	.507	17
New York	63	85	.426	29
Central Division				
Houston	81	68	.544	—
Chicago	79	70	.530	2
St. Louis	76	74	.507	5½
Pittsburgh	68	80	.459	12½
Cincinnati	64	85	.430	17
Milwaukee	64	85	.430	17
West Division				
San Francisco	90	57	.612	—
Los Angeles	80	68	.541	10½
Arizona	77	73	.513	14½
Colorado	68	82	.453	23½
San Diego	59	89	.399	31½

Sunday's Games

Montreal 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 8, Florida 4
Philadelphia 10, Pittsburgh 7
Houston 4, St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 1, Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 4, 11 innings
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 2
Arizona 5, Colorado 0

Today's Games

Atlanta (Ramirez 10-4) at Montreal (L.Hernandez 15-8), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Van Poppel 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Griffiths 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-4) at St. Louis (Tomko 12-8), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 8-15) at San Francisco (Rueter 8-5), 9:15 p.m.

NFL roundup...

Ravens' Jamal Lewis shatters single-game rushing record

By The Associated Press

Sometimes you get what you ask for. Jamal Lewis did against the Cleveland Browns.

Lewis set an NFL rushing record Sunday, running through the Browns for 295 yards in Baltimore's 33-13 victory. He did it a few days after telling Browns linebacker Andra Davis what might be coming.

"It was beautiful," Lewis said after smashing Corey Dillon's mark of 278 yards. Lewis had touchdowns runs of 82 and 63 yards, and passed Dillon with a 3-yarder with 6:55 left.

"Andra told me he wanted me to get the ball 30 times," Lewis said. "I told him if I get the ball 30 times it's going to be a career day."

It was not the first time Lewis victimized the Browns (0-2). Last October, he shredded Cleveland for 187 yards.

"This could be a wake-up call," Cleveland tackle Gerald Warren said. "The defense has to stay strong, stick together and not let this move us back."

Ed Reed returned an interception 54 yards for a touchdown for host Baltimore (1-1), and long-range kicker Wade Richey made a Ravens-record 56-yard field goal.

Panthers 12, Buccaneers 9, OT

At Tampa, John Kasay's 47-yard field goal capped a wild final few minutes.

The Buccaneers (1-1) tied it with no time left in regulation on Keenan McCardell's 6-yard reception. But Kris Jenkins blocked what would have been a winning extra point by Martin Gramatica.

Steve Smith's 52-yard punt return to the Tampa Bay 40 set up Kasay's fourth field goal. Stephen Davis rushed for 142 yards and Kasay also kicked field goals of 28, 35 and 20 yards for Carolina (2-0), which also blocked two field goals.

Rams 27, 49ers 24, OT

At St. Louis, Marc Bulger, subbing for Kurt Warner (concussion) threw two touchdown passes and Jeff Wilkins kicked a 28-yard field goal in overtime.

The Rams (1-1) have won eight of the last nine over the 49ers (1-1), who forced the extra period on Terrell Owens' 13-yard touchdown catch from Jeff Garcia with 19 seconds to go. The score capped an 85-yard, 11-play march.

Patriots 31, Eagles 10

At Philadelphia, Tom Brady passed for 255 yards and three touchdowns, two to Christian Fauria. Willie McGinest had two sacks and a fumble recovery and Tedy Bruschi returned an interception 18 yards for a TD for New England (1-1), which dropped the Eagles to 0-2 at Lincoln Financial Field.

In his worst game since his rookie season, Donovan McNabb completed just 18 of 46 passes for 186 yards, threw two interceptions — one returned for a TD — lost two fumbles and was sacked seven times.

Raiders 23, Bengals 20

At Oakland, Sebastian Janikowski's third field, a 39-yarder with 9 seconds left, won it. The Raiders (1-1) were aided by Jeff Burris' pass interference against Jerry Rice, giving Oakland the ball on the Cincinnati 22 with 23 seconds left.

The Bengals (0-2) are 0-9 in Oakland. Jon Kitna rallied them to tie it at 20 with 1:18 left on an 8-yard TD pass to Peter Warrick.

Colts 33, Titans 7

At Indianapolis, a stifling defense limited Tennessee (1-1) to 236 yards. The Colts (2-0) snapped a three-game losing streak against the Titans.

Edgerrin James rushed for 120 yards and scored one touchdown. Eddie George was limited to 46 yards on 15 carries, and Steve McNair was 15-of-24 for 138 yards and one touchdown, playing much of the game with a dislocated ring finger on his throwing hand.

Redskins 33, Falcons 31

At Atlanta, after being sacked five times and fumbling twice in the first half, Patrick Ramsey threw for a career-high 356 yards and two touchdowns. Laveranues Coles, shaken up early, recovered to set career highs with 11 catches for 180 yards and a 19-yard reception.

Washington is 2-0 for the first time since 1991, the season of its last Super Bowl championship. The Falcons (1-1) failed to give coach Dan Reeves his 200th career victory.

Chiefs 41, Steelers 20

At Kansas City, Priest Holmes' three touchdowns proved again his recovery from offseason surgery is complete. He had 122 yards rushing.

Dante Hall's 100-yard kickoff return, the longest for the Chiefs (2-0) in almost 36 years, came just moments after the Steelers (1-1) took a 10-0 first-quarter lead.

Seahawks 38, Cardinals 0

At Tempe, Ariz., just 23,127 tickets were sold — the actual crowd appeared lower — and the Cardinals (0-2) wilted in 100-degree heat. It was the Cards' most one-sided home loss since a 52-10 beating by Philadelphia on Nov. 8, 1981, seven years before the franchise moved from St. Louis to Arizona.

The bumbling Cardinals turned the ball over on their first four possessions and Matt Hasselbeck threw touchdown passes of 55 and 66 yards to Darrell Jackson. Reggie Tongue intercepted two passes for the Seahawks (2-0).

Broncos 37, Chargers 13

At San Diego, the Broncos (2-0) dominated the Chargers (0-2) despite losing QB Jake Plummer (shoulder) and RB Clinton Portis, who suffered a chest bruise and missed the second half. Portis had 129 yards on 12 carries.

Packers 31, Lions 6

At Green Bay, Ahman Green rushed for 160 yards, including a 65-yard TD on his first carry. The Packers (1-1) picked off three of Joey Harrington's passes in the second half and sent the Lions (1-1) to their 17th straight road loss on a field drenched by nearly 3 inches of rain in 48 hours.

Dolphins 21, Jets 10

At East Rutherford, N.J., Ricky Williams ran for 125 yards on 34 carries and the Dolphins (1-1) won at the Meadowlands for the first time since 1997. Vinny Testaverde was 29-of-45 for 373 yards, and became the ninth quarterback in NFL history to pass for over 40,000 yards in his career. But the Jets fell to 0-2.

Bills 38, Jaguars 17

At Jacksonville, Travis Henry ran for three scores and Drew Bledsoe threw for 314 yards and two touchdowns in the most lopsided home loss for the Jaguars (0-2) in their nine-year history.

Eric Moulds and Bobby Shaw caught touchdown passes for the Bills (2-0). Bledsoe passed the 300-yard mark for the 34th time.

Saints 31, Texans 10

At New Orleans, the Saints (1-1), who led the NFC in scoring last season with 432 points and 49 touchdowns, finally rediscovered their offense. In the final two games of last season and the first one this year, New Orleans scored only 29 points. But Aaron Brooks threw for two touchdowns.

The Texans (1-1) saw David Carr sacked five times after he didn't go down in the opener at Miami.

Vikings 24, Bears 13

At Minneapolis, Moe Williams rushed 21 times for 108 yards and a touchdown, and Daunte Culpepper threw two TD passes to tight end Jim Kleinsasser to lead Minnesota.

The Vikings, who rushed for 202 yards, are off to their first 2-0 start since 2000, when they went to the NFC championship.

Kordell Stewart completed 13 of 21 passes for 137 yards and a touchdown for the Bears (0-2). But he left late in the fourth quarter after straining his neck.

National Football League

National Football League
AMERICAN

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	69	17
Miami	1	1	0	.500	41	31
New England	1	1	0	.500	31	41
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	23	37
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	42	13
Houston	1	1	0	.500	31	51
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	32	53
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	40	62
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	48	47
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	54	56
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	30	53
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	19	42
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	67	23
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	68	34
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	43	45
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	27	64
NATIONAL						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	49	44
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	13
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	13	27
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	10	48
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	36	32
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	58	46
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	41	37
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	26	12
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	54	38
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	48	55
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	56	36
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	20	73
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	65	10
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	73	34
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	40	47
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	24	80

Sunday's Games

Miami 21, N.Y. Jets 10
Green Bay 31, Detroit 6
Washington 33, Atlanta 31
Indianapolis 33, Tennessee 7
Buffalo 38, Jacksonville 17
Baltimore 33, Cleveland 13
New Orleans 31, Houston 10
St. Louis 27, San Francisco 24, OT
Kansas City 41, Pittsburgh 20
Seattle 38, Arizona 0
Carolina 12, Tampa Bay 9, OT
Denver 37, San Diego 13
Oakland 23, Cincinnati 20
New England 31, Philadelphia 10
Minnesota 24, Chicago 13

Today's Game

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21

Minnesota at Detroit, noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, noon
Kansas City at Houston, noon
New Orleans at Tennessee, noon
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon
St. Louis at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
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September 5, 2003

NOTICE

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

(1) Jeremy Dale Blevins, 18 years of age, male, 2409 28th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 14 years old.

NOTIFICATION

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

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(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

Officials: Intelligence shows Iraq, al-Qaida contact, but no proof of any joint attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has evidence of some prewar Iraqi contacts and training with al-Qaida, based on prisoner interrogations, defector statements and documents collected in Iraq and Afghanistan, but no proof of joint terror operations, according to U.S. officials.

Most of the administration's public assertions have focused on a supporter of Osama bin Laden, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. He is believed to have run terrorist training camps in both Iraq and Afghanistan and received medical care in Baghdad.

U.S. officials have accused al-Zarqawi of trying to train terrorists in the use of poison for possible attacks in Europe, running a terrorist haven in northern Iraq and organizing an attack that killed an American aid executive in Jordan last year.

But U.S. officials familiar with intelligence say the administration has evidence of other contacts between Iraq and al-Qaida. These contacts spiked in 1995-96, when bin Laden was living in Sudan, which he left for Afghanistan in early 1996; and in 1998, while his terror network was in Afghanistan, and his operatives bombed two U.S. embassies in Africa.

The officials, all of whom spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said there was credible evidence of more than a half-dozen high-level contacts between Iraqi intelligence agencies and leaders of bin Laden's organization but no direct evidence of Iraqi government sponsorship of al-Qaida attacks.

"There is nothing yet that remotely resembles state sponsorship by Iraq," one recently retired intelligence officer said.

With the administration's credibility tarnished by an earlier false claim of Iraqi uranium purchases, U.S. intelligence has been reluctant to stretch any raw information on the al-Qaida connection.

Man held for Immigration and Naturalization Service

•Arrests

A 26-year-old man was arrested and held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service Saturday evening after he was stopped for running over a stop sign at 37th Street and Muriel, then leaving the scene.

At 12:17 a.m. Sunday, a 35-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication in the 2600 block of Ave. A.

Sunday at 52 a.m.. a 36-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of 24th Street for public intoxication.

At 1:53 this morning, a 29-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man were taken into custody in the 1700 block of Ave. T. The woman was charged with public intoxication and the man was arrested on a warrant for theft by check and for public intoxication.

•Criminal trespass

Sunday at 7:40 p.m., a man in the 2200 block of 21st Street reported that a woman had created a disturbance and knocked a hole in the wall of his new residence. A warning for criminal trespass was served on the woman and a close patrol was requested.

•Criminal mischief

Saturday at 3 p.m., Kim Rinehart reported several road signs spray-painted with vulgar language on Country Road 2101 and U.S. 180.

At 5:37 p.m. Saturday, the windows of the front door at the public pool were reported broken out. County parks director Scott Crenwelge was contacted.

Sunday at 5:19 p.m., A. D. Tidwell, of 3209 Ave. V reported his mailbox and several others in his neighborhood had been damaged. A close patrol was made of his residence.

•Family violence

Sunday at 4:40 p.m. a man reported a woman assaulting him when he picked up his son at her residence. A report for family violence was filed.

•Unauthorized use of vehicle

Saturday at 11:38 a.m. Elliott Cox at Wilson Motors reported the theft of a 2003 Ford pick-up. A report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was filed.

Criminal Mischief

At 1:03 p.m. Saturday, David Beaver requested an officer in reference to criminal mischief to his farm equipment on County Road 2126. A report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was submitted.

•Disturbances

At 4:34 p.m. Saturday, Donnie Loveall requested officers in reference to two men arguing with the manager at the College Park apartments. Both parties were separated and advised of the proper steps to take.

Saturday at 7:57 p.m. a woman on U.S. 180 reported that the neighbor had almost shot her mother while she was standing outside on her property. The subject was contacted and advised that he had fired one shot at a pack of dogs.

Sunday at 6:11 p.m. officers were requested in reference to a juvenile with a gun in the 4400 block of Ave. U. Officers made contact with the juvenile and advised it was a toy gun.

•Accident

Jessie Carrisalez at 912 Ave. Q reported at 9:40 a.m. Sunday that his dumpster had been struck and was blocking his driveway. The dumpster was moved and will be replaced.

At 5:55 p.m. Sunday, Ashley Pruitt reported a white pickup hitting the stop sign in the 2600 block of Ave. V and fleeing the scene. A report for a fixed object and one vehicle hit and run accident was submitted.

•Soliciting

At 9:09 a.m. Saturday, officers made contact with vendors selling birds at 35th Street and College Ave. The subjects were advised of a city ordinance regarding soliciting.

•Dog bite

Saturday at 6:30 p.m., a hospital emergency room employee reported a patient with a dog bite. A report for dog bite was submitted.

•Gas drive offs

At 10:26 a.m. Sunday, a Tiger Mart employee reported a gas drive off worth $17.

Sunday at 11:58 a.m., an employee at Skinny's on 37th Street reported a gas drive off worth $28.

•Rattlesnake

Saturday at 8:55 p.m., Brandy Turner reported a rattlesnake in the road near the Golden Terrace Apartments north of the hospital.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Educate your doctor

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor seems too busy to sit and talk with me for more than a few moments. Is this a professional tendency?

DEAR READER: I am frequently amused by television commentators who state that the program will continue "after some brief messages." These "brief messages" are more than a dozen 30-second commercials, annoyingly extensive and hardly brief. I suppose that these breaks come with the territory, but they bug me because, in my opinion, the commentators should at least be honest and say: "We'll be back after six minutes of commercials."

The same cultural phenomenon contaminates the interaction between doctors and patients. In this circumstance, the doctor honestly believes that he can discuss a problem (read: what he wants to discuss) in a 30-second sound bite — and then move on to his next patient. This problem is not so much a medical one as it is a reflection of our current obsession with instant information in the shortest possible time.

I think that you need to educate your physician. Keep a written list of the topics you want him to cover. Don't let him shut you down until your questions have been answered. Make sure that you don't leave the office until he has addressed all your concerns.

Warning: This is going to make him crazy. But it is necessary and he should allow time for it. For example, I have a 99-year-old woman who sees me every four weeks (her choice, not mine), to complain that she is "growing old." After biting my nails and experiencing severe heartburn, I realized that her enunciation of health problems (old age) was actually therapeutic. She wasn't as interested in providing relevant information as she was in complaining. Thus, her "complaining" (as opposed to "complaints") was the reason she frequented the office. Medicare won't pay for this nonsense, so I absorb the cost.

What the heck? If I ever reach 99, I'll be obligated to complain about my age, too. As long as I can help her, God bless her. But I do become somewhat nuts when I see her name in the appointment book.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A close friend, who is a nurse, mentioned to me that her doctor does not recommend using any over-the-counter hydrocortisone creams because they are dangerous. Can cortisone be absorbed through the skin, causing the side effects commonly associated with steroid therapy?

DEAR READER: Cortisone from non-prescription creams can be absorbed into the body through skin that is raw and irritated. Nevertheless, the amount absorbed is usually quite small (unless the area of application is extensive) and rarely causes the complications — such as diabetes and cataracts — that can result from cortisone pills.

Consequently, for minor skin ailments and rashes, over-the-counter steroid creams are not dangerous.

Perhaps your friend's physician is against this treatment because cortisone is not appropriate therapy for many skin afflictions, especially infections and chronic disorders, such as psoriasis. In these instances, a medical diagnosis — followed by more specific treatment — is necessary.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	
	09-15-03	
	♠ A J 5 2	
	♥ 5	
	♦ K Q 6 3	
	♣ 7 6 4 2	
West		**East**
♠ K 9 7 3		♠ Q 10 8
♥ J 8		♥ K 7 6 2
♦ J 10 9 7		♦ A 5
♣ K 8 5		♣ J 10 9 3
	South	
	♠ 6 4	
	♥ A Q 10 9 4 3	
	♦ 8 4 2	
	♣ A Q	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	??	

Opening lead: ♦ J

Look at today's North hand. Partner opens one heart, you respond one spade, and he rebids two hearts. What would you do now, if anything?

Partner's sequence promises at least six hearts but a minimum opening bid: some 12-14 high-card points. With more, 15-17 points, he would have rebid three hearts. Adding your 10 points to partner's gives you a combined 22-24, which is not normally enough for game — unless the hands fit well. And do the hands fit well? Obviously not. You should pass out two hearts. Don't look for thin games with a misfit.

Now become South. Against two hearts, West leads the diamond jack: queen, ace, two. East shifts to the club jack. Your queen loses to West's king, and a club comes back to your ace. You cross to dummy with a diamond and call for a trump. After East plays low, what would you do?

With four side-suit losers (one spade, two diamonds and one club), you can afford only one trump loser. You should put in the heart queen. When it matters, this succeeds whenever East has king-third or king-fourth. To start with low to the 10 wins only when East has jack-third, which is obviously half as likely.

Fit is fantastic; misfit is miserable.

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Monday, Sept. 15, 2003

How does your hand fit with partner's?

By Phillip Alder

At the start of a deal, we assess our hand primarily — or purely — by its high-card content. However, that supplies only a rough initial appraisal. As the auction proceeds, we should be re-evaluating based on the calls made by partner and the opponents. Also, we should judge how our hand compares with what partner expects and how well our hand fits with partner's.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	13.02	12.32	12.88	—.01
AOL TimeWrn	16.06	15.83	15.84	—.23
AT&T Corp rs	21.98	21.57	21.80	—.10
Albertsons	21.81	21.48	21.48	—.50
Alltel	47.48	46.87	47.27	+.22
AmEl Pw	29.36	29.10	29.10	—.41
AndarkPtr	42.70	42.03	42.09	—.61
ATMOS Egy	24.48	24.38	24.39	—.01
Aviall	13.65	13.55	13.60	—.04
BP PLC	43.08	42.48	42.54	—.54
BakerHughes	31.42	30.95	31.01	—.15
Bank of Amer	76.43	75.81	76.21	+.38
BellSouth	25.57	25.35	25.50	—.04
BurlNoSFe	28.75	28.30	28.30	—.41
Caterpillar	68.83	68.14	68.57	+.55
CenterPoint	9.09	8.91	9.01	—.07
ChevronTex	72.99	72.28	72.84	—.11
Citigroup	44.37	43.72	44.05	—.25
CocaCola	43.99	43.60	43.65	—.34
ColgatePal	55.81	55.40	55.40	—.72
CmclMetals	19.46	19.05	19.10	—.23
ConocoPhill	56.42	56.01	56.10	—.39
Cooper Inds	49.13	48.70	48.80	+.05
DaimlrChry	38.11	37.77	37.77	—.15
DeltaAirl	14.78	14.50	14.64	—.09
Dillards Inc	15.35	15.13	15.18	+.02
DowChem	33.88	33.62	33.63	—.15
DuPont	44.51	44.16	44.17	—.34
EastmanChem	35.40	35.09	35.09	—.25
EstKodak	27.85	27.68	27.73	
EDS Corp	21.83	21.40	21.40	—.37
Entergy	53.30	53.01	53.01	—.16
ExxonMobil	37.75	37.54	37.68	—.05
FootLocker	16.99	16.60	16.97	+.42
GenDynam	84.46	83.90	84.30	+.16
GenElec	31.75	31.46	31.68	+.15
GenMills	47.29	47.04	47.12	—.09
GenMotors	41.68	41.05	41.15	—.38
GaPacific	24.89	24.52	24.57	+.08
Goodrich	25.10	24.75	25.03	+.02
Goodyear	8.19	7.80	8.00	+.02
GtAtlPac	9.65	9.48	9.57	—.06
Halliburtn	24.25	23.99	24.11	—.13
Hanson ADS	32.93	32.66	32.92	+.37
HarteHanks	19.01	18.85	18.95	+.16
HomeDepot	32.55	31.90	32.46	+.87
HoneywellIntl	28.60	28.15	28.16	—.26
IBM	90.12	89.16	89.26	+.56
IntlPaper	40.24	39.68	39.68	—.50
JohnsonJn	52.40	51.04	51.44	—.19
KinderMorg	52.24	51.78	52.04	—.06
Kroger Co	19.10	18.94	18.96	—.04
LockheedM	51.10	50.76	50.90	—.21
Lowes Cos	52.94	52.20	52.52	+1.07
Lubys	2.38	2.37	2.37	
LucentTech	2.29	2.24	2.25	+.02
MarathonOil	28.51	28.20	28.40	—.24
MayDeptStr	25.55	25.07	25.10	—.24
Medtronic	49.25	48.88	48.90	+.13
Motorola	10.90	10.63	10.64	—.20
NCR Corp	29.27	28.98	29.02	—.08
Navistar	41.49	40.76	40.77	—.23
PNM Rescs	28.23	28.06	28.17	+.10
Penney JC	21.64	21.35	21.56	+.12
PepBoys	17.15	16.90	16.90	—.02
PepsiCo	45.25	44.80	44.80	—.38
PhelpDodge	49.82	49.20	49.20	—.25
PilgrmPrd B	13.80	13.62	13.76	—.04
Praxair	64.04	63.60	63.60	—.44
ProctGamb	92.06	91.45	91.79	—.12
RadioShack	29.30	28.77	29.13	+.46
RoyalDut	45.42	45.24	45.24	—.21
SBC Comm	23.49	23.28	23.30	—.13
SaraLee	19.43	19.31	19.33	—.06
Scripps EW	87.74	87.08	87.10	—.51
SearsRoeb	43.91	43.50	43.81	+.29
SherwinW	29.83	29.55	29.60	—.06
SouthernCo	29.20	28.84	28.86	—.28
SwstAirl	18.80	18.60	18.70	+.12
SprintFON	14.98	14.72	14.73	—.31
SprintPCS	5.99	5.88	5.89	+.07
Sunoco Inc	40.30	40.09	40.20	—.07
TXU Corp	21.98	21.75	21.85	—.05
TempleInland	51.85	51.60	51.78	—.08
TexInd	26.28	25.74	26.20	+.30
TexasInst	24.20	23.62	23.63	—.25
Textron	42.33	41.83	41.91	—.33
TrinityInds	26.98	26.68	26.86	+.11
TylerTech	6.40	6.26	6.28	—.06
UnionPacif	60.90	59.96	60.04	—.86
USSteel	19.52	19.16	19.27	—.25
UnitedTech	78.74	78.06	78.45	—.08
Unocal	21.92	31.71	31.73	—.23
VerizonComm	35.51	35.10	35.33	—.30
WalMart	58.00	57.50	57.55	+.07
WellsFargo	50.11	49.90	49.94	—.33
WstnGasRs	38.11	37.90	38.06	+.04
WinnDixie	10.55	10.46	10.52	+.03
Xerox Cp	10.33	10.20	10.26	—.11
YumBrands	29.88	29.64	29.67	+.02

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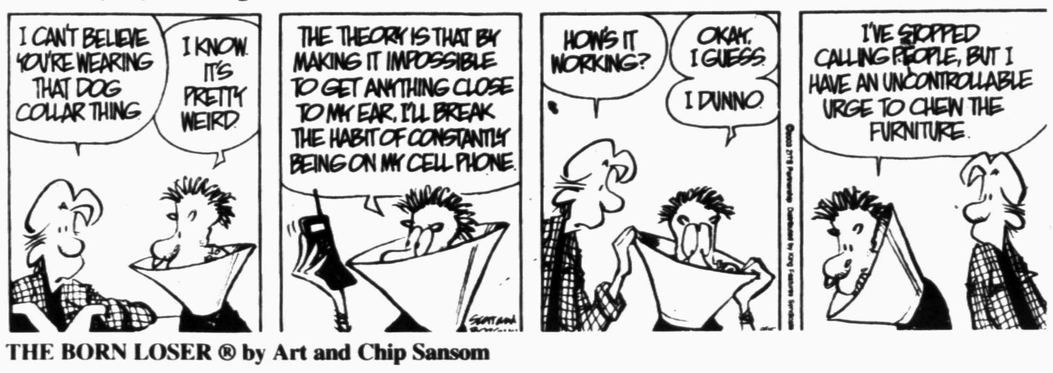

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ACROSS

1 Just
5 Volcanic emission
8 Bombay nanny
12 Eddie, in "Beverly Hills Cop"
13 Loud thud
14 Desdemona's enemy
15 "Stormy Weather" singer
16 Life story
17 Regretted
18 Cloned
20 Diamond stats
21 Guileful
22 Woody ex
23 Video screen dot
26 Keep in play
29 Two- — sloth
30 Intentions
31 — — glance
33 Blyth actress?
34 Taverns
35 Let fall
36 Curved swords
38 Research funding
39 Geologic division
40 Parrot
41 Labor
43 Devoured quickly
46 Icicle site
47 Pasture
48 Secures
50 Mini-play
51 Sushi fish
52 Misjudges
53 Danson and Williams
54 Hot tub
55 Mar

DOWN

1 — de mer
2 Office VIP
3 Gambler's town
4 Slipped by
5 Monastery
6 Made a remark
7 RN employer
8 Car safety device (2 wds.)
9 Tropical island
10 Gets mellow
11 Coal scuttle
19 Down with the flu
20 Outfits
22 Autumn flowers
23 Grade-school org.
24 Charged particles
25 Lucy Lawless role
26 Triangular sails
27 Pasternak heroine
28 Collar or jacket
30 Mystique
32 Prone to
34 Job benefit
35 Brought in recruits
37 Tams
38 Congeal
40 Eucalyptus eater
41 Aftermath
42 Roman poet
43 Shed tears
44 Patrick's domain
45 Laura — of "Jurassic Park"
46 C'— la vie!
47 Brown of renown
49 JFK arrival, once

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Q	U	I	P		S	A	R	A		B	R	A
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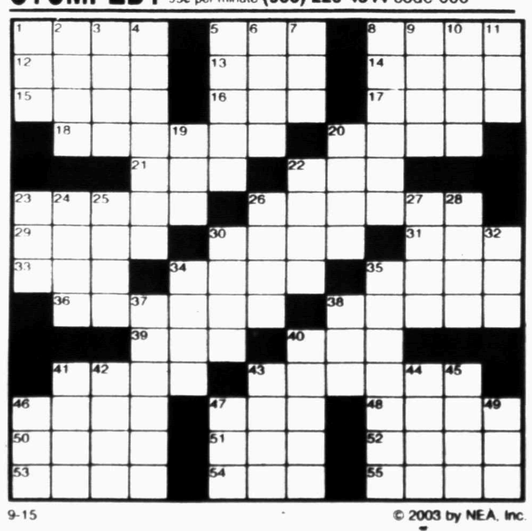

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Texas could help Mega's odds of success

ATLANTA (AP) — The whole point of the Mega Millions lottery was huge jackpots, headline jackpots, crowds-mobbing-the-gas-stations jackpots.

But more than a year after the multistate Mega Millions lottery was created, the top prizes haven't been the record-breakers organizers had hoped — leaving the 10 member states still waiting for a lottery windfall to cushion falling tax revenues.

Still, there is hope for future improvement. Texas will join by late fall, becoming the most populous state in a multi-state lottery. That means more players, faster jumps in the jackpot and maybe a record-breaking prize.

Texas projects sales of $100 million over the next two years.

So far, though, you might call Mega Millions' travails a case of bad luck. The lottery grew out of the seven-state Big Game, which set an American record for a single jackpot when the lottery hit $363 million in 2000.

Thrilled by the crowds who bought Big Game tickets, lottery organizers made a plan. Make the odds a little longer — and, hey, they were bad to start with — and the jackpots could get even bigger, maybe topping $400 million. Lottery revenues would soar, too, because big jackpots inspire frenzied buying and first-time players.

"It's just not news anymore until the jackpot gets real high," said David Gale, director of the North American Association of State & Provincial Lotteries. "In the early '80s, everybody went crazy for a million dollars. Now people are used to hearing on the news, 'Tonight's jackpot, $5 million dollars. 'No big deal."

So the Mega Millions drawings started in Atlanta in May 2002, with the seven original states joined by New York and Ohio. Washington joined last September. State budget writers were crossing their fingers for a jackpot so big people would buy Mega Millions tickets by the handful, giving states a windfall just as the tax rolls were wilting.

But the huge jackpots have yet to materialize, although statistics indicate it's only a matter of time. The biggest Mega Million jackpot so far is $180 million — a nice chunk of money, but not enough to have players skipping work to line up for lottery tickets.

Washington at first hoped for $110 million in Mega Millions sales for the first fiscal year, but sales were just $45.5 million.

"This is not working as originally projected," said Washington Lottery spokesman D. Eric Jones.

In Ohio, sales for its Super Lotto Plus state game fell by as much as 48 percent some months from the year before, largely because players opted for Mega Million tickets, which still weren't hot sellers. The state lotto drop-off was worse than organizers feared.

"We absolutely had a cannibalization to the in-state game," said Ohio Lottery spokeswoman Mardele Cohen. "It's been affected more so than we originally thought, because so far we haven't realized the jackpot potential."

Mega Millions officials brush off suggestions that the game is a bust. The big money's coming, they say, and states need to realize that sales will fluctuate greatly year by year depending on the size of Mega Millions prizes.

"The whole reason you join a multistate game is to have a big jackpot," said Mega Millions group president Penelope W. Kyle, director of the Virginia Lottery. "We haven't seen it yet, but we will get to those larger jackpots."

But when?

The main rival for Mega Millions, the 24-state Powerball game, has also tweaked its game to produce bigger jackpots. Powerball still hasn't matched the old Big Game record — the biggest Powerball jackpot was $315 million — but it's possible Powerball will grow to the $400 million range before Mega Millions will.

"It's the way the balls pop, so to speak," said Joe Mahoney, spokesman for the Des Moines, Iowa, lottery association that runs Powerball.

Texas has proposed a small change to Mega Millions, giving it a "multiplier" feature similar to Powerball's.

Mega Millions, Powerball compared

By The Associated Press

The following is a look at Mega Millions and its chief rival, Powerball.

MEGA MILLIONS:

Ten members: Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Washington. (Texas will join in late 2003).

Started In: 2002

Record Jackpot: $180 million

POWERBALL:

Twenty-six members: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands.

Started In: 1992

Record Jackpot: $315 million

Oil Patch News

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Lott-Davis in the Cain field, 15 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, location is in Section 29, Block 2, T&NO survey.

McClure Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1-A Connell in the Rocker A field, seven miles southeast of Post. Contracted for a depth of 6,000 feet, drill site is in Section 13, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Brothers Production Co. Inc. will drill the No. 3204 PLK in the Happy field, 11 miles south of Post. Planned depth is 8,374 feet, and location is in Section 32, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

L.C.S. Production Co. will drill the No. 13-B Guitar unit in the Would Have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,999 feet, location is in Section 13, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 3304-D B.S. in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

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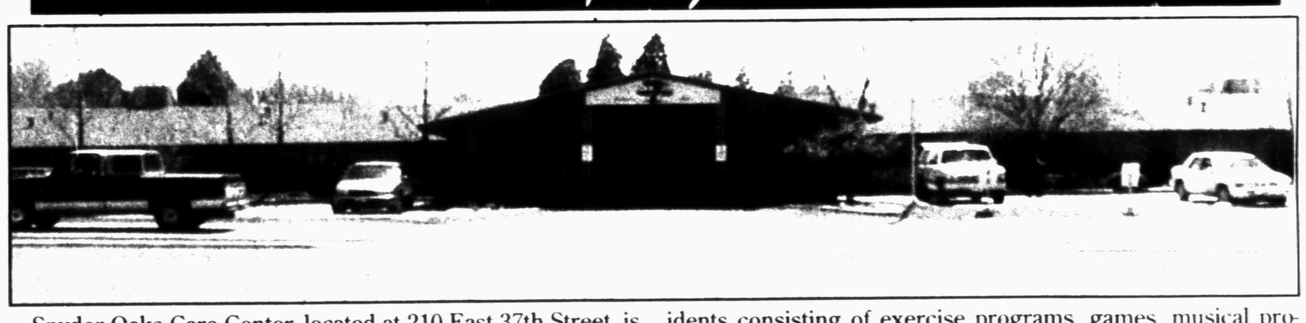

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Israel: No formal decision to kill Arafat

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has not adopted a formal decision to kill Yasser Arafat, Israel's foreign minister said today, in an apparent attempt to soften remarks by the vice premier who said that assassination was an option.

In the West Bank, meanwhile, Palestinian Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Qureia asked Arafat's ruling Fatah movement to choose candidates for up to 16 of 24 Cabinet posts — a decision that appears to grant Arafat significant control over the composition of the new Cabinet. One of the legislators said the Fatah list would be chosen in consultations with Arafat.

Also today, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Dan Gillerman, accused the Security Council of "hypocrisy" for considering a Palestinian resolution that demands Israel refrain from taking any action against Arafat. The council was to meet later in the day. Gillerman complained that the council has not convened to discuss Palestinian suicide bombings and shootings.

Last week, Israel's security Cabinet decided in principle to "remove" Arafat, but did not say what, or when, action would be taken. On Sunday, Vice Premier Ehud Olmert said killing Arafat is a possibility, along with expulsion and isolation.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom appeared to play down Olmert's statement.

"It (killing Arafat) is not the official policy of the Israeli government. It was never before, and we don't speak about any killing. We didn't speak about it before, and we don't speak about it today," Shalom told reporters today.

Many nations have criticized the Israeli decision, which came in response to twin Hamas suicide bombings that killed 15 people last week.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States does not support either Arafat's exile or his elimination.

"I think you can anticipate that there would be rage throughout the Arab world, the Muslim world and in many other parts of the world," Powell said during a visit Sunday to Iraq.

In Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair's government urged restraint, saying today the Israeli government's suggestion that it was considering killing Arafat could damage the peace process.

Suspect arrested in killing of sister of two top tennis stars

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) — A 24-year-old man was arrested for investigation of murder in the fatal shooting of the older sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, authorities said today. Sheriff's deputies were still searching for two other possible suspects.

Yetunde Price, 31, was shot in the chest early Sunday about a mile from the tennis courts where her sisters first rose to prominence in this Los Angeles suburb that has long been notorious for gang activity and violence.

Price had been sitting with a man in a sport utility vehicle when "somehow they had become involved in a confrontation with the local residents," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Pena.

"That dispute led to gunfire and the woman was shot in the upper torso," Deputy Scott Butler said today.

The suspect was identified as Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, of Compton. He was booked for investigation of murder late Sunday night and jailed without bail, said sheriff's Deputy Bill Spear. Two other possible suspects were being sought, Butler said.

Authorities said it wasn't known whether Price knew her assailant or what prompted the dispute. They said Hammer was arrested after deputies interviewed a half-dozen people, including Hammer, at a home on the street where Price was shot.

The man with Price was not hurt and drove her to a relative's house in Long Beach, from which he called 911, Pena said. Price was taken to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, where she died.

Early today, authorities identified the man with Price as Rolland Wormley, 28. He was jailed after authorities discovered he was on parole, which they said he violated by being at the scene of the shooting. It wasn't disclosed what he was on parole for.

Authorities said it wasn't known whether Price knew her assailant or what prompted the dispute. An assault rifle was found at the murder scene and neighbors reported hearing six to 20 gunshots.

The Williams sisters issued a statement shortly after the shooting saying their family had been overwhelmed with grief at news of Price's death.

Venus flew Sunday from New York to Los Angeles and Serena traveled from Toronto to gather with relatives. Price, a registered nurse who owned a beauty salon, was a personal assistant to her half-sisters.

"We are extremely shocked, saddened and devastated by the shooting death of our beloved Yetunde," the family said in the statement.

"She was our nucleus and our rock. She was personal assistant, confidant, and adviser to her sisters, and her death leaves a void that can never be filled. Our grief is overwhelming, and this is the saddest day of our lives," the statement said.

Star power pitted against star power in recall election

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis wasn't the only one seeking a big-name boost in the California recall race.

One day after former President Bill Clinton arrived to help Davis at a church service, Arnold Schwarzenegger was flying to Chicago to appear on the season premiere of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Schwarzenegger was being joined on the show today by his wife, TV presenter Maria Shriver. Polls show the action star struggling to win over women, and the spot on Oprah gives him a chance to soften his image by appealing to the show's largely female audience.

For his part, Davis was scheduled to make a second day of appearances with Clinton, the first of many high-profile Democrats scheduled to campaign against the recall this week.

Davis and Clinton were the marquee names at the scheduled dedication of the William Jefferson Clinton elementary school in the impoverished L.A. suburb of Compton. The two were later to attend a fund raiser at the home of financier Ron Burkle.

Clinton spoke passionately against the recall during a Sunday morning service at the city's oldest black congregation, and later on a stroll through a Mexican shopping area.

The former president mixed Scripture with politics in his 40-minute address at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles.

He repeated his party's theme that the Oct. 7 recall election is part of a right-wing power grab, and said removing Davis could scare future officeholders away from making difficult choices.

"Gray Davis and I have been friends for a long time, and I don't want this happening to him. But this is way bigger than him. It's you I'm worried about. It's California I worry about. I don't want you to become a laughing stock, or a carnival, or the beginning of a circus in America where we throw people out for making tough decisions," Clinton said.

After a pause, he said: "Don't do this. Don't do this." The congregation erupted in applause.

Davis was scheduled to campaign this week with other prominent Democratic figures, including former Vice President Al Gore, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and several of the 2004 Democratic presidential candidates.

His appearance with Clinton came a day after state Democrats held an emergency meeting to address their campaign strategy, re-emphasizing their opposition to the recall while endorsing Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante if voters remove Davis on the ballot's first question.

Obituaries

Don Keller

1934-2003

Don Keller, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Sept. 13, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Keller, 69, was set for 10 a.m. today in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Monte Wike, pastor of the First Christian Church in Colorado City, officiating. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Don Keller

Born May 27, 1934 in Snyder, he graduated from Snyder High School in 1952 where he was tri-captain of the varsity football team and a four-year letterman.

He married Lorita Stirling on Oct. 1, 1960 in the Knapp Community. He retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on June 9, 1983 after 31 years. He owned and operated an ice house and heating and air conditioning business in Buna, Texas before returning to Ira in 1992 where he farmed and ranched.

A member of the Ira Methodist Church, Mr. Keller was Master of the Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 in 1965-66 and was also Past Master of the Ira Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Lorita Keller of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Karmen and Ron Dosser of Woodville; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Julie Keller of San Antonio; a sister, Linda Kay Railey of Pflugerville; his mother-in-law, Dena Faye Stirling of Ira; two nephews, Lance and Jai Fulford; a niece, Xan Fulford; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Karen Sanders

1949-2003

COLORADO CITY — Karen Kay Sanders, the sister of Sue McGuire of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 13, in a Midland Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Sanders, 53, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the 22nd and Austin Streets Church of Christ with Royce Clay officiating. Burial will following in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 26, 1949 in Colorado City, she married James Sanders on May 10, 1969 in San Angelo. A resident of Stanton, she had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 23 years and was a member of the 22nd and Austin Streets Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her father, W.W. Holman.

Survivors also include her husband, James Sanders of Stanton; her mother, Wilda Holman of Colorado City; a daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Robert Barboza of Stanton; a son and daughter-in-law, Clinton and Mandi Sanders of Midland; three brothers, Donald Holman of Sand Springs, Marvin Holman of Sweetwater and Rob Holman of Colorado City; and six grandchildren.

Virginia Black

1917-2003

BIG LAKE — Virginia Black, the sister-in-law of Geraldine Parker of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 17, in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mrs. Black, 86, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Tim Fahrenthold and J.B. Bitner officiating. Interment will follow at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Roby Cemetery.

Born April 9, 1917 in Roby, she was married to Jack W. Black who died earlier this year. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Kate Bentley Parker; a brother, Jack Parker; and a sister, Melba Martin.

She attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Sul Ross State University. She was an educator in Iraan and Big Lake for a number of years and was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma, Big Lake Garden Club, Eastern Star and Trailblazers.

Survivors include a son, Ken Black of Dallas; a daughter, Carol Sue Staskus of Austin; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Saturday high, 89; low, 57
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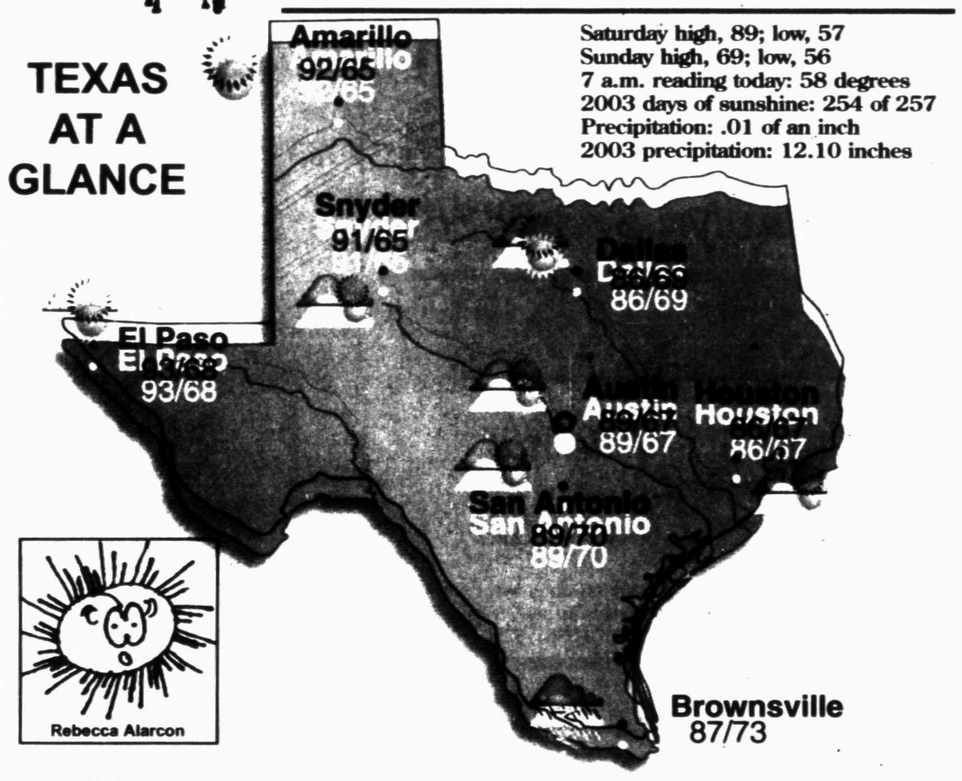

Rebecca Alarcon

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Amarillo	92	65	sunny
Austin	89	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	85	65	mst sunny
Brownsville	87	73	t-storm
Brownwood	90	67	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	87	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	87	66	mst sunny
Dallas	86	69	mst sunny
Del Rio	92	72	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	92	66	pt sunny
Gainesville	84	66	mst sunny
Greenville	84	65	mst sunny
Houston	86	67	pt sunny
Kingsville	88	70	pt sunny
Livingston	87	62	mst sunny
Longview	86	62	sunny
Lubbock	93	65	mst sunny
Lufkin	87	63	sunny
Raymondville	88	71	t-storm
Rosenberg	86	66	pt sunny
San Antonio	89	70	pt sunny
San Marcos	90	68	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	85	63	mst sunny
Sweetwater	89	67	pt sunny
Tyler	88	65	sunny
Weatherford	85	65	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	91	69	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Boston	72	60	rain
Chicago	81	59	sunny
Dallas	86	69	mst sunny
Denver	82	55	mst sunny
Los Angeles	78	62	mst sunny
Miami	89	76	pt sunny
Minneapolis	79	65	pt sunny
New York	79	62	pt sunny
San Francisco	73	56	windy
Seattle	59	47	rain
St. Louis	81	61	sunny
Washington, DC	79	61	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Sep 10	Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 2

UV Index

9/16	9/17	9/18
9	9	9

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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