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At 1:30 p.m. Tuesday...

Hospital options on commissioners' agenda

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will discuss the future of Cogdell Memorial Hospital when it meets at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday

County Judge Rod Waller said hospital consultants will be present to discuss options for future operation of the county-owned hospital.

Waller said the court wanted to inquire about options for the hospital, including details of a hospital district, or leasing the hospital.

Last month, commissioners agreed to advance the hospital $300,000 immediately and to increase the normal $395,000 tax support for next year by $400,000.

The hospital board is expected to be present at the meeting as well.

The court will also discuss the county budget and consider the intergovernmental contract with the city.

Another item on the agenda is adoption of a resolution under the Provisions of the Fair Defense Act, 77th regular session for the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

The meeting will take place in the Scurry County courtroom.

Started today...

Driver Responsibility Program now in effect

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

Many new driver laws became effective today and some will have an effect on much of the population.

One of the biggest changes is the new Driver Responsibility Program. Motorists will be given points for tickets and face payment of surcharges if too many points are accumulated.

Two points will be added for moving violations and three points are added for a moving violation that results in a vehicle crash.

Points will not be assigned for those caught going less than 10 percent over the posted speed limit or for seat belt violations. A surcharge will be imposed when the driver accumulates a total of six or more points on a driving record during a three-year period. The driver will pay $100 for the first six points and $25 for each additional point.

This program creates additional consequences for those who are convicted of driving while intoxicated, driving with license suspended, no insurance, and similar offenses.

Drivers who receive a conviction for DWI or a DWI-related offense, failure to maintain financial responsibility, or driving while license invalid will pay an annual surcharge for a period of three years. A first time DWI results in a $1,000 surcharge, paid annually for three years and a second DWI will result in a $1,500 surcharge, paid annually for three years.

Charges are cumulative and a driver could end up paying $2,500 per year if convicted for more than one DWI.

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A conviction for driving while license is invalid or failure to maintain financial responsibility results in a surcharge of $250 paid annually for three years. The surcharge assessed for the program is in addition to reinstatement fees required for administrative actions. Points will also be added for Texas drivers ticketed out of state.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will notify the offending driver of the assessment of a surcharge on their license, via first-class mail.

Drivers who do not pay their surcharge within 30 days after the notice is sent will have their driving privileges revoked. The license will remain revoked until the person makes payment.

Trauma centers and county and regional emergency medical services will receive 49.5 percent of the collected money, and the Texas Mobility fund will receive 49.5 percent. The money that goes to trauma centers will be handled by the Texas Department of Health, while the Texas Department of Transportation will handle money going to the Mobility fund, which funds highway projects, including the TransTexas Corridor. The remaining one-percent of the collected money will go to DPS for operation of the Driver Responsibility program.

Another law calls for automatic one-year driver license suspension for anyone convicted of illegally racing on a public roadway. Before the license can be reinstated, the driver has to complete 10 hours of community service.

Drivers who are convicted of racing drunk, who have open containers of alcohol in the vehicle when racing, who seriously injure or kill someone during the race or who have been convicted multiple times of illegal racing face offenses ranging from Class A misdemeanor to second-degree felony. Watching such races also will be illegal.

Another change is that drivers who hold a commercial license will not have the option of deferral or a driver safety course if they are ticketed in their personal vehicle.

Hermleigh ISD superintendent accidentally shot

Hermleigh ISD superintendent Marvin Beaty suffered an accidental gunshot wound Sunday night.

At 9:27 p.m., a deputy was requested by Beaty in reference to accidentally shooting himself with a .22 caliber rifle. Beaty called dispatch en route by private vehicle from Hermleigh to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Beaty was treated and then transported by Snyder EMS to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was treated and released from Covenant's emergency room according to a hospital spokesman this morning.

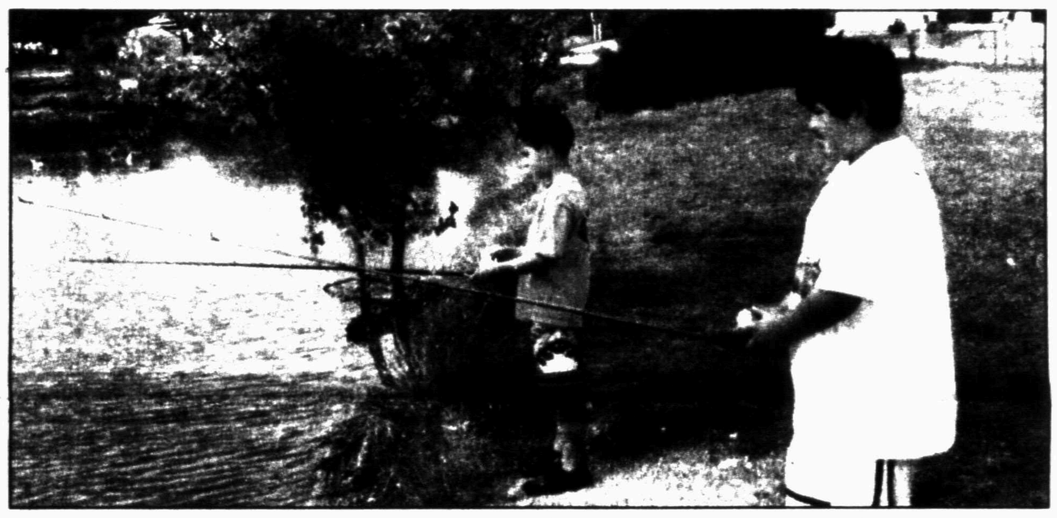
Rainfall Reports

Snyder	1.28
North of city	3.00
East of city	1.7
West of city	1.5
Lake Thomas	3.1
Hermleigh	3.2
NE of Hermleigh	1.00
Fluvanna	3.00
Polar	2.5
Loyd Mountain	4.5
Camp Springs	2.00
Dunn	2.5
Ira	2.5
Dermott	1.65
Gail	2.5

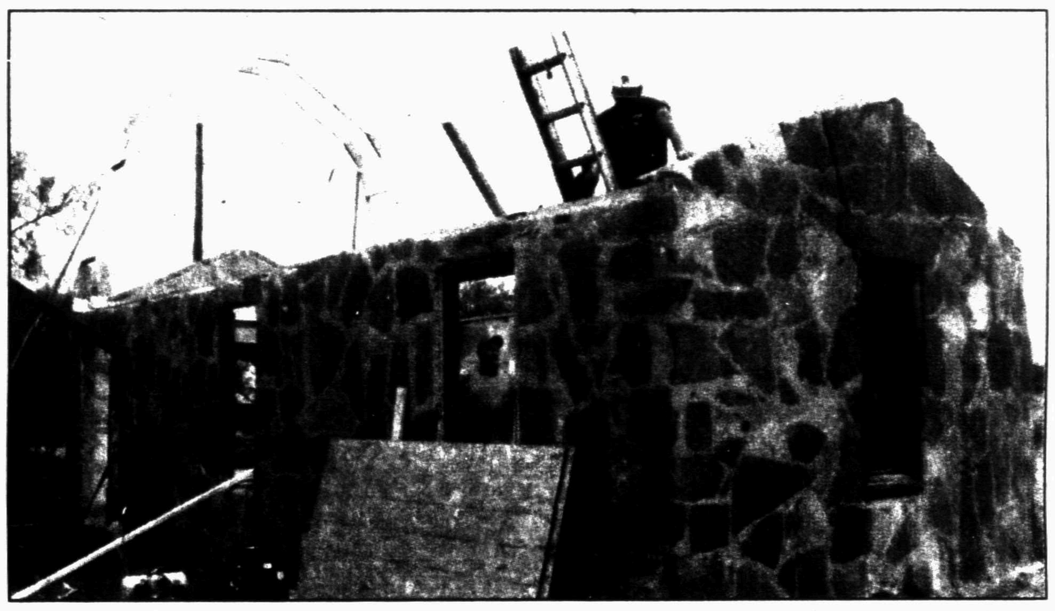
Totals as reported by area residents for Friday and Saturday.

Labor Day is play for some, work for others

READY FOR FOOTBALL — Michelle Brazil, daughter of Michael and Angela Brazil, puts everything into it when she throws the ball. She and her brother, Matthew, played in the park over the holiday weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)



FISHING BUDDIES — Jady Pittman, left, and Steven Juarez spend part of their Labor Day weekend wetting some hooks in Towle Park pond. (SDN Staff Photo)



DEER SEASON COMING — James Priester, left, and Drew Scott, both of Alvarado, took Labor Day literally by using the holidays to work on their hunting lodge at Camp Springs. (SDN Staff Photo)

Kansas floods turn deadly

EMPORIA, Kan. (AP) — Four children drowned when a wall of water swept over the Kansas Turnpike, dragging their family's minivan more than a mile as their father tried desperately to pull them to safety.

The children — all under age 10 — were found dead, three of them still strapped into the mangled minivan. The search for their mother, as well as a man missing from a separate vehicle, resumed this morning.

"They're focusing on an area about a mile and a half from the interstate where a creek runs into a big pond," Lt. Joe Bott, of the Turnpike Division of the Kansas Highway Patrol, said today.

The family's vehicle and five other vehicles were washed off the roadway late Saturday in eastern Kansas when torrential rain sent a creek spilling over Interstate 35, authorities said. Everyone on the other vehicles was accounted for.

"It happened really fast, there was nothing that could be done," said the Rev. Steve Gordon, a driver who escaped unharmed. "It was a sick feeling just watching them go under."

Elsewhere in eastern Kansas, a search resumed today for a teenager who was swept downstream while trying to swim in a swollen creek in Overland Park, a suburb of Kansas City. Two friends swimming with him were pulled to safety Sunday, authorities said.

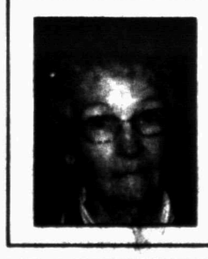
The father of the children who drowned near Emporia, a resident of Liberty, Mo., told Trooper Marc McCune he broke out the driver's side window of the minivan and was sucked out. The van kept filling with water and floated away, McCune said.

"He knew his family was still in the van with the water," McCune said. "It's the most helpless feeling I've had in my life."

ASK US

Q—How many new Texas laws went into effect today?
A—754.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Nancy Dennis...

... has lived in Snyder for 54 years. She is the wife of the late Bud Dennis, oil field retiree. She has two daughters, Lisa Lee of Spartanburg, S.C. and Theresa Bawcum of Hobbs, N.M. Hobbies include fishing and collecting old coins.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Destroy your enemy by making friends with him.
—Abraham Lincoln

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

VFW Auxiliary to meet

The VFW Auxiliary Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. today at the post home. Members are asked to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. today is "Living with a Clear Conscience," followed by "The Baptism of Jesus."

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider eight felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Planning 1946-1948 class reunion

A planning session for Snyder High School reunion for classes 1946-1948 will be held at noon Tuesday at the Pizza Inn. All class members are urged to attend.

Lions Club to meet

Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

SISD family literacy

There will be an general meeting for Snyder ISD's family literacy program at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Region XIV Service Center. Classes include computer, ESL and adult basic education.

Stanfield Parent Council

The Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the teachers lounge.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All master Masons are invited.

Senior citizens swimnastics

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

Early childhood intervention screening

Free early childhood intervention screenings will be held Wednesday. To register or ask questions, call 573-7403. Call before 11 a.m. Tuesday. ECI provides services at no cost for children up to three years of age with delays or disabilities. All income levels are eligible.

Women's ministry

A Women's Ministry Class will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. During the month of September, Kathy Troccoli's *Hope For A Woman's Heart*, will be presented. For more information, contact Melissa Petty at 573-0455.

Gifted, talented advisory committee

There will be a meeting of the gifted and talented parent-community advisory committee from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the SJHS auditorium. Call 574-6078 for more information.

SHS Choir stack-up dinner

The annual SHS choir stack-up dinner will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria. The event will precede the first home football game. Tickets can be purchased from any SHS choir student, or at the door for $5. Take outs are welcome.

Car wash at Wal-Mart

Highland FFA will have a car wash beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost is by donation.

Women's ministry video class

The Women's Ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present Kathy Troccoli's four-week video series, "Hope for a Woman's Heart." Sunday and Monday session will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in the Adult 5 classroom at the church. Classes will be led by Trina Rodgers and Betty Thompson. For more information, call 573-8596.

Tiger Pride card

Snyder Junior High is selling Tiger Pride cards through Sept. 8. Cost is $10. Contact any student or call the office at 573-6356.

Drivers license office

Due to vacation, the drivers license office will close at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Wesley Hall. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Tickets are on sale now and take-outs will be available.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder on Saturday, Sept. 13. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

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.

SHS student council Tiger T-shirts

The SHS student council has Tiger T-shirts, youth and adult sizes, day planners, book socks and lanyards for sale. Contact Christy Smith at the high school at 573-6301.

Pick up Tiger's Lair

The Tiger's Lair yearbook can be picked up at Snyder High School, in Room 229, the journalism room, before and after school. Students or parents need to bring the receipts.

By federal requirement...

Gulf Coast shrimp industry threatened

HARLINGEN (AP) — A federal law requiring that the captain of an American boat must be a U.S. citizen is threatening the existence of the Gulf Coast shrimp industry, shrimpers say.

A residency visa isn't sufficient. Industry activists lobbied for a change, only to stop pushing the issue because they felt it was unlikely that Congress would alter the law.

But the existing generation of captains is in their late 50s and 60s, and the work is physically grueling and lonesome. Shrimpers drag their nets at night and most boats go to sea for 40 days at a time, often with just one or two other people. There are few domestic replacements.

"Nobody (from the United States) is willing to leave their family for more than a month for any amount of money," said Israel Linarte of Brownsville, who processes guest worker applications for shrimp boat owners. "Nobody wants this job."

Linarte said that in 10 years, captains who are U.S. citizens could become extinct, taking the industry with it.

An estimated 10,000 people are directly and indirectly employed in the Lower Rio Grande Valley shrimp industry, the Valley Morning Star reported in its today editions.

In addition to the citizen captain requirement, the law also states that at least 75 percent of the crew must be citizens as well. For the small crew of a shrimp boat, having just one non-American on board is a violation.

The fines for fishing without a U.S. citizen on board can be as much as $25,000.

Most shrimpers skirt the law or violate it.

Boat owner Charles Burnell estimates that 20 percent of shrimp boats head into the Gulf of Mexico with foreign crews hoping that Coast Guard inspectors won't ask too many questions about crew members.

Often, boat owners hire an inexperienced American just to have one aboard.

"You can't find any captains," said veteran shrimper Jimmy Russell, 79. "Now, we put a captain on a boat that three years ago wouldn't have made a good rigman."

Some U.S. citizens take advantage of the situation, knowing they are in demand, shrimpers say.

"A lot of them don't even work," said boat owner Javier Vela of Brownsville. "They go because it's a requirement."

Ironically, the law does not require shrimp captains to have licenses, and no crew member is required to carry identification papers, said Mike White, commercial fishing vessel safety coordinator with the Eighth Coast Guard District.

"They ask the master if there is a U.S. citizen, but there is no requirement to produce documents that prove you are a U.S. citizen," he said. "They are not even required to produce a driver's license."

However, if a crew member doesn't speak English, White said, inspectors will request paperwork.

"If a guy says he's the captain, we believe that he's the captain unless we have reason to believe he is not the captain," he said.

Tahoka woman bilked out of $9,000 in 'Latin lotto scam'

SLATON (AP) — Authorities in the Lubbock and Slaton areas were urging residents to be on the lookout for con artists running what has been dubbed the "Latin lotto scam."

A Tahoka woman was bilked out of $9,000 dollars on Saturday after a Hispanic woman approached her at a Slaton store and said she needed help cashing a lottery ticket worth $24,000, police said.

The woman said she needed $20,000 to collect on the ticket. When the 66-year-old victim said she had only $9,000, the thief's accomplice, posing as a passerby, offered to cover the difference.

The victim withdrew the money but when they went to Lubbock for the man's $11,000, the con artist pair disappeared, according to authorities.

"This is the first (lotto scam) I've ever seen," Slaton police Cpl. Tad Ellis said.

Perpetrators of the scam tend to prey on elderly Hispanics, promising a percentage of the proceeds from a winning lottery ticket in exchange for some cash up front. The con artist usually says he can't cash the ticket because he's not a U.S. citizen, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported.

According to the Texas Lottery Commission, the scam was dubbed the Latin lotto scam because it was run primarily by Central and South Americans. In recent years, victims have lost more than $3 million statewide to the scam, according to the commission.

Saturday's victim probably lost her entire life savings in the theft, Ellis said.

"They made a killing yesterday," he said. "If it sounds too good to be true, it's too good to be true. If it's the real thing, there'll be no money required up front."

Slaton is 15 miles southeast of Lubbock.

events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-11-35-36-40. Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: $0.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 17. Prize: $1,714.

Number matching four of five: 548. Prize: $114.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 488. Prize: $113.

Number matching three of five: 22,299. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6,559. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 30,623. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $8 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 5-19-23-24-28.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $42,669.

Winning tickets sold in: El Paso, Circle K No. 143, 1095 Hunter Drive.

Matching four of five: 176. Prize: $109.

Matching three of five: 4,969. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 48,455. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 1-7-5

(Night) 1-0-2

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 1, 2003

Today is the 244th day of 2003 and the 73rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, Joseph Lister performed the first antiseptic surgery.

On this day in 1939, Germany invaded Poland. In retaliation, Britain and France declared war on Germany two days later.

On this day in 1985, the wreck of the Titanic was found.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875-1950), writer; Rocky Marciano (Rocco Francis Marchegiano) (1923-1969), boxer; Lily Tomlin (1939-), actress, is 64; Gloria Estefan (1957-), singer, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1661, England's King Charles II and his brother competed in the first-ever yacht race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain." — Lily Tomlin

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 27) and first quarter (Sept. 3).

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 75-09 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 71-5 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 100, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mitchell County

Gruy Petroleum Management Co. will drill the No. 801 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 803 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles southwest of Westbrook. Also scheduled for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

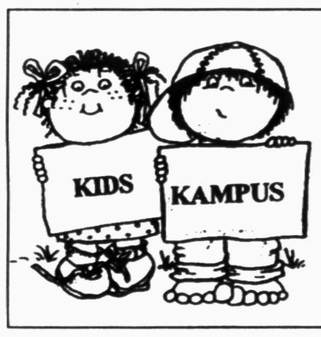
JVA Operating Co. Inc. will drill the No. 18-C McCabe in the Jameson field, four miles north of Silver. Planned for a depth of 7,270 feet, drill site is in Section 4, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Stovall Operating Co. will drill the No. 1 Stricklin, a 4,600-foot wildcat located 10 miles southeast of Clairemont. Location is in Section 14, Block A, W.A. Ratliff survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 17 Petty, a 6,500-foot wildcat in the E.A. field, three miles southwest of Nolan. Location is in Section 6, Block Z, T&P survey.



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String of border killings may be heading south

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AP) — A nightmare of killings has haunted northern Mexico's young women for a decade, and families of victims and suspects alike are so frustrated over what they see as inept investigations that they've joined in an unusual alliance to criticize police.

And now, people fear the murders that started in 1993 in the border city of Juarez, across from El Paso, have spread here to the state capital. Sixteen young women have disappeared in Chihuahua since 2000, seven of them turning up dead in circumstances eerily similar to the killings in Juarez 200 miles to the north.

"This was just something that happened in Juarez, something we heard about on the radio, until girls started disappearing here," said Norma Ledesma.

Ledesma's daughter Paloma, 16, disappeared in March 2002, and her body was later found on the side of a highway.

Then, early this year, five young Chihuahua women vanished within weeks of one another. Children found the decomposed body of one in a vacant lot in May, and another's remains were found near a road in July.

The seven who have been found dead were slim, pretty, dark-haired and between the ages of 14 and 20 — the same characteristics as most of the more than 90 victims in Juarez. The bodies were also found in the desert or vacant lots, and some had been strangled in attacks so fierce their neck vertebrae were crushed — also like the victims in Juarez.

Mothers of victims in both cities accuse police of not doing enough.

"What are they waiting for, for this to spread to other cities and states?" said Hilda Medrano, whose daughter Diana, 18, disappeared May 27.

The young woman vanished after boarding a bus heading home from school. Many of the Juarez victims also were last seen on public buses.

State officials say such murders occur everywhere in the world, but they also acknowledge the killings may be part of a trend.

"This is a complex problem with deep social roots, closely linked to crime, drugs, economic problems, the breakdown of the family and society, frustration, resentment and the loss of values," the state government said in a news release.

Suspects have been charged in many of the cases, but in both Juarez and Chihuahua there are allegations that police have engaged in evidence tampering, torture, forced confessions and sloppy forensic work. That has led almost everyone — including relatives of victims and suspects — to question whether police have caught the real culprits. Some people even think police may be covering up for the killers.

At a recent private meeting in Juarez with representatives of the London-based human rights group Amnesty International, family members who lost a daughter or sister sat in the same room with relatives of those jailed in the killings. Both groups criticized police.

"In my experience, I have never seen the families of both victims and of the accused come together around the same table to express their concern about the criminal justice system," said Irene Khan, secretary- general of Amnesty International. "That just shows how bad the whole situation is."

Ledesma disdains police allegations that her daughter Paloma was murdered by a former boyfriend. She held a similar meeting at her home in Chihuahua to condemn police and demand better investigations.

Ledesma said the family had caught a police commander trying to plant the ex-boyfriend's photograph at the crime scene.

"Thanks to the impunity and corruption of the police, none of the culprits are in jail," she said. "The people they have in jail are innocent."

Also at the meeting was Carol Kiecker, mother of murder suspect Cynthia Kiecker, a native of Bloomington, Minn. Police allege Cynthia killed 16-year-old Viviana Rayas, whose body was found May 28. Almost nobody here believes it, and both Carol Kiecker and Viviana's father have condemned the police's handling of the case.

"I can't absolutely assure you that they are innocent," Jose Cerilo Rayas said of suspects. "But I feel they are sincere in what they say."

Sitting in another corner of the room, Patricia Cervantes said she did not believe police allegations that her step-nephew, David Meza, was responsible for the murder of her daughter Neyra, 19.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom let's daughter down by urging her to the altar

DEAR ABBY: My 27-year-old daughter, "Ruthie," was married a year ago. The night before her wedding, Ruthie came to me and said she didn't think she could go through with it. I told her she was "just a nervous bride," and that we had already paid for everything. Ruthie has always done what we wanted her to do and never gave us an ounce of trouble when she was growing up.

A few months after the wedding, I had a hunch that something was wrong. I asked Ruthie if I had told her it was OK to call off the wedding, would she have gotten married. With tears in her eyes, she told me, "No." The marriage is not going well at all. I know in my heart I let my daughter down. What should I do now? — **SAD MOM IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR SAD MOM: Take your daughter by the hand, look her in the eye, and tell her that mothers sometimes make mistakes — and this was one of them. Then let her know that you'll support her in whatever she wants to do.

Suggest that she consult a lawyer. She may qualify for an annulment.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old woman with two kids. I have been about 80 pounds overweight for the last 10 years. My mom drives me crazy because all she talks about is my weight. Yesterday she said, "If someone gave you $10,000 to lose 50 pounds, would you do it?"

Mother's remarks have strained our relationship. I can't stand being around her. Should I put my foot down or just drop it? — **TIPPING THE SCALES IN TEXAS**

DEAR TIPPING THE SCALES: Your mother harps on your weight because she is concerned about your health. The next time she brings up the subject, say, "I know you're worried about my weight because you love me. But this is a battle I must fight myself. No one can do this for me. I will deal with this issue when I am ready." If she continues to raise the subject, repeat your statement. It's the truth.

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DEAR ABBY: I'd like to respond to "Unhappy East Coast Wife," who is considering leaving her current husband for her high school sweetheart.

When I read her letter, one comment jumped off the page. She wrote, "My husband and I went to counseling and tried all the things you do when a relationship is failing."

Counseling isn't something only to be done as a last resort. My wife and I see our counselor at church once or twice a year, just to keep any "issues" we may have from escalating. With scheduled appointments, neither of us gets defensive.

Counseling provides us an opportunity to express our feelings to an unbiased, supportive listener — and keeps the lines of communication open.

Our marriage is blissfully happy. I highly recommend routine sessions with counselors for all couples. — **HAPPILY MARRIED IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR HAPPILY MARRIED: It takes courage to confront problems in a relationship as they arise. Too many people sweep them under the carpet and hope they'll go away. (They don't.)

I'm all for your "preventive maintenance" sessions. Thank you for sharing your solution to an almost universal problem.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003

Chances are you could be more inclined to desire a buddy system rather than doing things on your own in the year ahead. Alliances made for noncommercial purposes are fine, but business ones might prove testy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is nothing wrong with serving your own interests, so long as it isn't done at the expense of others. Today, take extra pains to design your actions in ways that don't offend your associates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your greatest handicap today is likely to be your own self-doubts. Don't use your splendid imagination to envision negative results instead of positive ones. Think victory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — By not managing your resources as prudently as you should today, you'll later end up wondering what happened. However, by the time you figure things out, it could be too late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Guard against any emotional outburst today, because your image is more important than fleeting passions. Behaving in ways that afford you temporary success but discredit you in the process is too costly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's a chance you could be too easily put upon today and agree to do something you'll later regret committing to. It won't help to blame others as if it was their fault.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Chances are you could be a bit more careless today and handle things in a thoughtless manner. Keep this in mind if you are borrowing something from another that she or he cherishes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though it might be a line of least resistance and an easy way out for you at the moment, you'll soon regret letting others make decisions for you today. Be your own person.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Whatever you do, don't jump to conclusions today, especially about anything having to do with your coworkers. Make certain you get the facts first before you sound off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's a mistake to think someone will come along and bail you out if you get yourself in over your head with something that you knew was chancy. You could find yourself all alone and out on a limb.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a chance today that your mate could be vehemently opposed to an issue about which you feel strongly. To avoid a major clash, both of you must be prepared to compromise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Our effectiveness is usually compromised substantially when we spread ourselves too thin, which could be your case today. Make quality your production goal, not quantity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You know without being told that it is much wiser to use your funds to pay off old obligations before incurring any new ones. Try to keep a tighter rein on your expenditures today.

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Today's chuckle

U.S. soldier bringing baseball to Iraq

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A U.S. soldier stationed in Qatar wanted to bring his national pastime to the Middle East, so he decided to ask the makers of the Louisville Slugger bat for help.

1st Lt. Derek Root sent an e-mail message from Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar to the Louisville Slugger Museum to request baseball equipment for his comrades.

"We would love to have a few wood bats shipped here to boost our troops' morale in time for the playoffs," Root, with the Air Force's 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, wrote the museum. "Could you help us bring a slice of Americana to the Persian Gulf region?"

Hillerich and Bradsby Co., makers of the world-renowned bats, happily obliged.

A shipment of dozens of baseball bats, balls, batting and fielding gloves, and sunglasses is being sent to Qatar and two bases in Iraq, said Rick Redman, Hillerich and Bradsby's vice president of corporate communications.

"The bottom line is we have troops there, and we need to support them no matter what individual opinions may be," Redman said last week.

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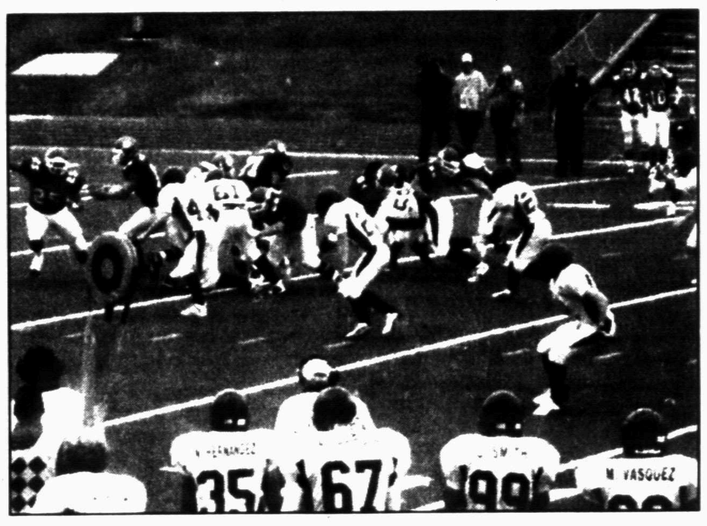
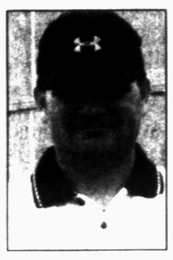


UNDERWAY — The Snyder Tiger defense lines up against the Frenship Tigers in the 2003 season opener Saturday at Lowrey Field. The game was originally scheduled for Friday, but inclement weather postponed the contest a day. Snyder was upended, 23-7. (Contributed Photo)

Tigers foiled by Frenship

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Snyder Tigers got their first test of the 2003 season Saturday, and quickly found out the areas that need a little more work.



Rogers

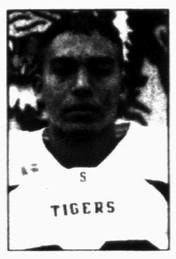
Frenship quarterback Jayme McCall rushed for 113 yards and threw for 110 as the 4A Tigers topped Snyder, 23-7, at Lowery Field, after Friday's game was postponed due to severe weather.

"We had moments where we had chances but we didn't execute," Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said. "We played well at times. I thought we passed better. We'll get better, we just need to put both (passing and running) together."

The Tigers had difficulty moving the ball on the ground, gaining just 54 yards on 36 carries, as the Frenship defense continually flooded the Snyder backfield before plays could develop.

Quarterback Boicy Martinez, making his first start for the varsity, was harassed and pressured from the outset, as Frenship never allowed the wishbone to get started. He was held to 15 yards on 15 carries, but was 7-of-14 with 113 yards through the air, including a highlight-reel 21-yard reception from Justin Boyd.

"They are quicker than the teams we faced in scrimmages," Martinez said. "But it was all mental — we didn't come out prepared."



Martinez

He said Frenship read the snap count, giving them a quick jump on plays.

"They knew every time what the snap count was, and I didn't change it up," he said, adding that the squad gained some valuable knowledge from the first contest. "We learned that we can beat."

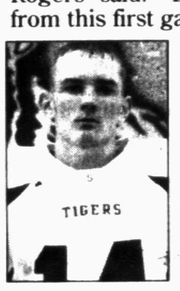
Things got off to a rocky start for Snyder on the first offensive play of the game, as a Chad Brown fumble on the Snyder 20-yard line was scooped up by Frenship, and three plays later, the Tigers were down, 7-0.

McCall punched it in from 1 yard out to make it 13-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Snyder held the ball to start the second quarter, with running back Isaac Ramon converting on a fourth-and-one play to keep the drive going.

After Marcus Villarreal was dragged down for a 12-yard loss on a reverse, Martinez reeled off a dazzling 41-yard run on third-and-20 to the Frenship 22 — only to have it called back on a penalty that killed the drive.

"That's stuff we can't have — blocks in the back when the man is already past you," Rogers said. "But we'll learn from this first game."



Boyd

Despite the momentum-killing penalty, Snyder committed just two penalties for 15 yards.

Snyder finally got on the board late in the fourth quarter when Martinez bolted in from the five with 1:35 left in the game.

McCall, Frenship's 195-pound senior quarterback, was a one-man wrecking crew, keeping drives alive with scintillating runs and escapes from what looked to be sure sacks from the Snyder defense.

"Our effort was there — we just couldn't tackle the quarterback," defensive coordinator Armando Martinez said. "We would have him sacked and he would escape and keep drives alive. We need to improve our tackling. We make those tackles and it's not 23-7."

The defense forced five Frenship punts, including three straight drives in the scoreless third quarter, but was done in by McCall and senior wide out Chris Richburg, who was on the receiving end for 106 of Frenship's 110 passing yards.

"They are known for having good quarterbacks," Rogers said.

Snyder will look to get its first victory of the season Friday when it hosts Abilene Wylie at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium. Wylie topped San Angelo Lake View, 29-14 Friday.

Game Summary

Snyder	00	00	00	07	—07
Frenship	13	00	10	00	—23

First Quarter
Fresnship — Raul Covarubio 1-yard run (Jonathon Meier kick), 8:02.
Frenship — Jayme McCall 1-yard run (extra point no good), :13.
Third Quarter
Frenship — Meier 42-yard field goal, 7:26
Frenship — Covarrubio 1-yard run (Meier kick), 6:40
Fourth Quarter
Snyder — Boicy Martinez 5-yard run (Isaac Ramon kick), 1:35.

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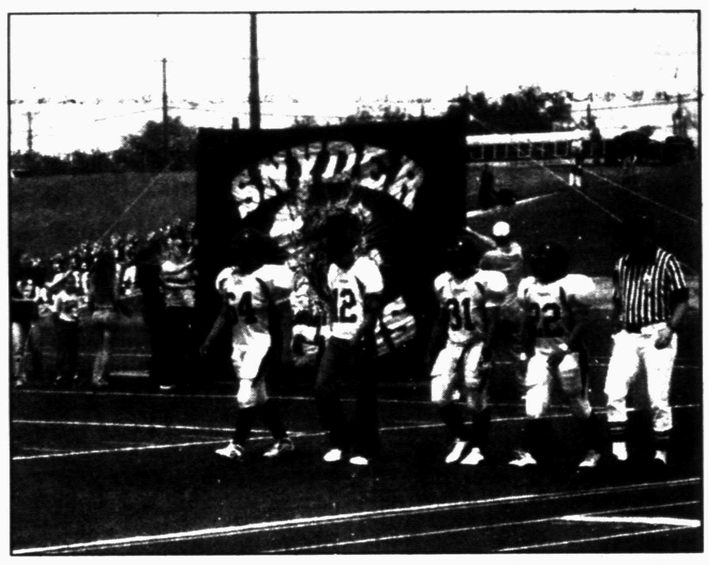
First Downs	8	10
Rushes-yards	35-54	46-218
Passing yards	113	110
Comp-Att-Int	7-14-0	8-15-0
Punts	5-35.6	5-38.4
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-yards	2-15	8-66

RUSHING — Snyder: Malcome Wells, 5-25; Chad Brown, 6-20; Martinez, 15-15; Jacob Rodriguez, 5-14; Ramon, 2-(-3); Marcus Villarreal, 2-(-17). **Frenship:** McCall, 7-113; Covarrubio, 20-71; Zach Collins, 2-19; Michael Tennison, 1-3; Jonathan Kittley, 3-6; Derrick Whitfield, 3-6.

PASSING — Snyder: Martinez 7 of 14 for 113 yards; . **Frenship:** McCall 8 of 15 for 110 yards.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Villarreal, 4-66; Justin Boyd, 2-32; Rodriguez, 1-15. **Frenship:** Chris Richburg, 7-106; Covarrubio, 1-4.



LEADING THE WAY — Captains of the 2003 Snyder Tigers football team, from left, Isidro Gutierrez, Isreal Sosa, Jacob Rodriguez and Isaac Ramon, walk with a game official just before the introduction of the teams at Saturday's season opener with Frenship. Snyder mustered just 54 yards rushing in the 23-7 loss to the 4A Tigers. (Contributed Photo)

Watson wins Jeld-Wen Tradition by a stroke

ALOHA, Ore. (AP) — Tom Watson birdied the final hole to take the lead then retreated to the scorer's room to see if Tom Kite or Jim Ahern would extend the day.

First Ahern failed on a short putt. Then Kite. And Watson emerged from the room Sunday as a one-stroke winner of the Jeld-Wen Tradition, the final major of the Champions Tour season.

"I was given a gift," Watson said. "I was very happy, obviously."

Watson, Kite, Gil Morgan and third-round leader Ahern were tied for the lead at 14-under after 17 holes.

After Morgan shot par on the hole, Watson's third shot from the bunker on the par-5 18th at the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club bounced right toward the hole.

He made his winning 4-footer, wrapping the day up with a 2-under 70 for a 15-under 273. Then he readied for a possible playoff.

Ahern, known more for long drives than his putting, missed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 18th.

Federer, Agassi advance at Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer's fan club barely stretched beyond the man wearing a red Swiss flag T-shirt and dangling the country's flag over the rail of the middle deck.

Even with the minimal fanfare, the reigning Wimbledon champion still foiled things for the local favorite.

It took Federer 2 hours, 1 minute to beat ever-popular American James Blake 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3 on Sunday night to reach the U.S. Open's round of 16 for the second straight year. Federer, playing his first match under the lights of Arthur Ashe Stadium, was one set up after just 23 minutes and exhibited both poise and an amazing array of shotmaking.

"I always felt in control of the second set," Federer said. "They were cheering him on, which is normal. ... Obviously, when you get into a tiebreaker you never quite know, but I felt good going into the breaker."

And one by one, America's young guns are going down. First there was Mardy Fish, then Robby Ginepri, and now Blake. No. 4 Andy Roddick and Taylor Dent both remain in a men's field that also includes their aging countrymen: world No. 1 Andre Agassi and Todd Martin.

Agassi advanced after waiting 24 hours to complete his third-round match against Yevgeny Kafelnikov. Agassi had a one-set lead and trailed 1-0 in the second when play was suspended by rain Saturday. Agassi, the oldest top-seeded male in the Open era, didn't have to spend too much more time on the court, winning 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-4, but he was frustrated he had to come back at all.

"For the match to get called, and to be the only match that didn't finish yesterday, I think was a mistake, an oversight in judgment," said the 33-year-old Agassi, who plays Dent on Monday.

Roddick smacked a 140-mph ace in a 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Flavio Saretta, allowing just five points in his first 12 service games. The No. 4-seeded Roddick will play Xavier Malisse, a 7-5, 6-4, 7-6 (8) winner over Dmitry Tursunov.

For the first time since 1981, the top eight seeds in the men's draw have advanced to the round of 16.

The second-seeded Federer is trying to become the first man since Pete Sampras in 1995 to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in the same year.

Federer remained steady through a stressful second set that both players will certainly remember for a while.

One game lasted 13 minutes and featured eight break points and 10 deuces before Blake finally held serve. Another of Blake's service games had six deuces, and he also won that one.

Federer had a total of 20 break points in the set but converted just one — when Blake dropped behind 3-2 with consecutive double-faults. Blake drew even at 5-5 by breaking back when Federer missed two straight forehands, but Federer remained calm through the tiebreaker.

"His demeanor is also one of the best on the court," Blake said. "He seems very emotionless until it gets to the end of the match, and then he lets it all out, as you saw at Wimbledon."

Now Federer will face No. 13 David Nalbandian, who's won all four of their matches.

"I've beaten him in juniors," Federer said, chuckling. "It's about time for me to beat him."

Theatrical Moroccan Younes El Aynaoui, seeded 22nd, beat No. 10 Jiri Novak 7-6 (1), 5-7, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5) to set up a fourth-round match against No. 7 Carlos Moya, who beat Nicolas Massu 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

When El Aynaoui won, he threw his racket in delight, laid on his stomach along the baseline punching his arms to the ground, then jumped up and leapt against the wall and into the arms of his trainer. That was just the beginning. He then stripped off his shirt and slung it into the stands, held up a Moroccan flag and draped it over his shoulder to sign autographs before hoisting his racket into the seats.

"I want to make it long, more suspense," he said jokingly.

The 31-year-old El Aynaoui lost 21-19 to Roddick in the Australian Open quarterfinals this year in the longest fifth set in Grand Slam tournament history.

Nalbandian beat No. 20 Mark Philippoussis 7-5, 6-7 (10), 6-3, 6-2 in a match between the last two runners-up at Wimbledon. Philippoussis out-aced Nalbandian 34-5, but also committed 74 unforced errors.

No. 12 Sjeng Schalken, a 2002 semifinalist, ended the run of qualifier Ivo Karlovic 7-6 (8), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), and will meet No. 8 Rainer Schuettler, runner-up to Agassi at the Australian Open in January. Schuettler beat Alberto Martin 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

The only past champion in the women's field, third-seeded Lindsay Davenport, advanced to the quarterfinals.

U.S. basketball team trounces Argentina

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Let there be no doubt: The United States is once again better than Argentina in basketball. Much, much better.

Turning the game into a dunking exhibition with a brilliant first half, the United States humiliated Argentina 106-73 Sunday night in the gold medal game at the Tournament of the Americas.

Unbelievable alley-oop dunks were followed by even better ones that sent the "ooh" and "ah" meter off the charts in the strongest all-around performance by a U.S. team since the Sydney Olympics.

A much more competitive game was expected after Argentina, which defeated the United States last summer at the World Championships, performed brilliantly in its semifinal win over Canada on Saturday night to qualify for the Olympics. Argentina also competed well against the U.S. team in the second round, losing by just eight.

But with nothing at stake aside from national pride, the Americans showed themselves ready to restore a sense of normalcy to a basketball universe that changed so drastically last summer when the U.S. team lost three times at the World Championships.

Led by Tim Duncan, Tracy McGrady, Vince Carter and Jason Kidd, the Americans brought a much stronger team to this tournament — a team that peaked in its finale.

The Americans opened the second half by scoring their first three baskets on dunks — two of them by Duncan in his most dominant performance of the tournament.

Bonds hospitalized

PHOENIX (AP) — Barry Bonds, drained by the emotions that followed his father's death, was hospitalized for exhaustion as a precaution Sunday night.

The Giants removed Bonds from the lineup five minutes before the start of the game against the Diamondbacks.

The day before, Bonds came out of his first game since his father's death because of an accelerated heart rate — up to 160 beats per minute.

Giants trainer Stan Conte said Bonds' resting heartbeat was down to 65 Sunday, but he showed other signs of being overwrought after his father's death.

Bobby Bonds died Aug. 23 at age 57. Barry Bonds missed the next six games.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the film room.

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Format is most and least strokes to the green.

Lions trade for Gary

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Lions acquired Olandis Gary from the Buffalo Bills for an undisclosed draft pick on Sunday, giving Detroit another option for replacing injured starter James Stewart.

Stewart is expected to miss up to six weeks after dislocating his right shoulder on Thursday.

Titans cut O'Donnell

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans cut veteran quarterback Neil O'Donnell on Sunday to make room under the salary cap to add defensive help. Billy Volek will open the season as backup to starter Steve McNair.

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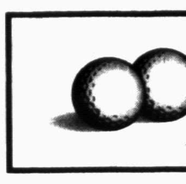

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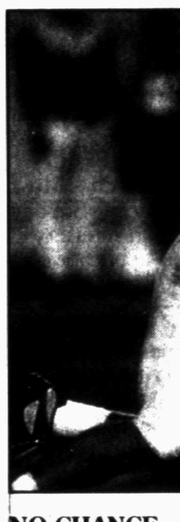

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SPORTS

Longhorns destroy NMSU; Tech routs SMU

AUSTIN (AP) — Selvin Young started and ended the scoring for Texas. Just about everybody got into the act in between.

Young returned two kicks for touchdowns and Derrick Johnson and Michael Huff returned interceptions for two more Sunday night as No. 5 Texas overwhelmed New Mexico State 66-7 in the season opener for both teams.

Chance Mock passed for two touchdowns in his first career start. Both went to Roy Williams, who extended his school record with his sixth straight 100-yard receiving game.

Mock's backup, Vince Young, added a pair of rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

It was an impressive debut for a team that expects to challenge for the Big 12 and national titles.

"Everybody in the country is seeing we can score in all phases of the game," Williams said. "Once we got rolling, it was hard to stop us."

Selvin Young's 97-yard kickoff return in the second wiped out New Mexico State's 7-0 lead and started the rout. He also had a 39-yard punt return for a TD in the fourth.

"It changed the entire momentum of the ball game," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "It took the air out of them and sent a message they probably weren't going to win the ball game."

Sparked by Young's score, Texas ran up 31 points by halftime for its 20th straight win at Royal-Memorial Stadium, a streak that dates to 1999.

Johnson returned his fifth career interception for his first touchdown and Mock hit Williams with a 15-yard scoring toss in the second quarter.

The win wasn't without its warts for the Longhorns. The first quarter was downright ugly.

Mock was sacked on his first pass attempt, tailback Cedric Benson had a rare fumble and Selvin Young fell down behind the line of scrimmage on his first carry. The running game that was supposed to be revamped and more intimidating than last year slugged out a meager 35 yards in the first half.

"I think everybody was trying too hard," Brown said. "They were trying to force things. It's amazing we got up 31-7 the way we started."

Chalk it up to first-game jitters. None of it mattered once Texas' big playmakers took over.

New Mexico State scored when Paul Dombrowski turned the corner on the option and went 18 yards for the Aggies' first TD of the season in the second quarter.

The lead lasted all of 14 seconds.

Sensing that his teammates were down, Williams poked his head into the Texas huddle before the kickoff return.

"I said, 'Hey, if the offense can't do it, somebody in this huddle needs to make a play,'" Williams said.

'I told him, 'I'm the man that's gonna provide the spark," Young said.

He caught the ensuing kickoff at the 3-yard line and went straight up the middle before breaking toward the left sideline near midfield. He shook a tackle, danced two steps near the chalk and cut up field with a burst of speed to the end zone.

After Benson's 2-yard TD run made it 14-7, New Mexico State quarterback Buck Pierce dropped back but had to throw off his back foot as rushers closed in. The ball floated to Johnson, who grabbed it, spun around and dashed up the right sideline before breaking a tackle inside the 5 to fall in for a 21-7 lead.

"It was a great interception. I knew it was coming," Johnson said. "I didn't know I was going to score. This time I got in the end zone and I'm looking for more."

Texas jumped on another turnover when Dombrowski, splitting time with Pierce, fumbled the snap at the Aggies' 15. Mock hit Williams in the left corner of the end zone on the next play.

Mock and Williams hooked up again in the third, this time on a 53-yard TD on the fourth play of the second half. Williams finished with four catches for 104 yards.

Huff then picked off another bad pass from Pierce, taking the Longhorns' third interception of the game 55 yards for another score. His third career interception return for a touchdown tied the Texas school record.

Mock finished with 156 yards on 7-of-15 passing. Vince Young led the Longhorns with 61 yards on five carries.

NO CHANCE — University of Texas defensive end Bryan Pickryl (98) sacks New Mexico State quarterback Paul Dombrowski during the Longhorns' 66-7 trouncing of the Aggies Sunday. (AP Photo)

Texas Tech 58, SMU 10

B.J. Symons started his first game as the replacement for Kliff Kingsbury and finished 23-for-38 for 297 yards: "The guys on my team know my abilities and so do I," Symons said. "I felt confident from the first series."

SMU scored on a field goal on its opening possession and then was held scoreless until Richard Bartel threw a 9-yard pass to Matt Rushbrook early in the fourth quarter.

Texas Tech: 1-0. SMU 0-1.

Oklahoma 37
North Texas 3

The Oklahoma defense limited North Texas to just 154 yards of offense and Jason White threw three touchdown passes. The Sooners limited North Texas to 50 yards through three quarters before the Mean Green's only scoring drive, which began against the second-stringers.

Oklahoma: 1-0. North Texas 0-1.

Texas A&M 26
Arkansas St. 11

Terrence Murphy returned kickoffs of 58 and 77 yards and Courtney Lewis scored two touchdowns to help Franchione win his first game as Texas A&M's coach. The Indians tried to get back into the game when Texas A&M's Terrence Thomas fumbled after catching a pass and Arkansas State's Steven Tookes picked it up and ran 35 yards for a touchdown.

"I've heard a lot about the 12th man and it's a big deal," Franchione said. "I see how hard they make it for opponents with the noise level. They were everything I thought they would be."

Texas A&M: 1-0. Arkansas St. 0-1.

UAB 24, Baylor 19

UAB sophomore quarterback Darrell Hackney played with a swollen left knee to throw a 50-yard touchdown with 40 seconds left. Hackney, who hit 13 of 29 passes for 238 yards and two touchdowns, was hurt when somebody rolled on his leg after an incomplete pass.

A play after Hackney was helped off the field, Baylor's Todd James blocked a punt out of the end zone for a safety. The Bears then drove for Kenny Webb's 21-yard field goal and a 19-17 lead with 6:08 left.

Nebraska 17
Oklahoma St. 7

Josh Davis and Jammal Lord combined for 185 yards rushing and Nebraska limited No. 24 Oklahoma State to 57 yards in the second half to win the opener for both teams.

The victory was Nebraska's 17th straight in a season opener and ended its six-game losing streak against ranked opponents.

Nebraska converted two of Oklahoma State's five turnovers into third-quarter touchdowns to turn a 7-3 halftime deficit into a 17-7 lead.

Davis ran 20 times for 95 yards and Lord 18 times for 90.

Pittsburgh linebacker shot by stray bullet in deadly attack

DENVER (AP) — By all accounts, Joey Porter was simply minding his own business.

That changed when the Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker was shot just before 2 a.m. Sunday outside a bar following the Colorado-Colorado State football game.

"He was an innocent bystander," police spokesman Sonny Jackson said. "There was no confrontation or altercation that we know of at this time."

One man was killed and five seriously injured after the shooting outside the All Sports Bar & Grill in northeast Denver. Porter, whose injuries were not life-threatening, had gone to the bar following the football game. The All-Pro linebacker played at Colorado State.

"The bullet entered his left buttocks and is lodged in his right thigh," Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said Sunday. "All the preliminary tests are being done and, at this time, it looks as though the bullet did not hit any vital organs. He is resting comfortably in the hospital and we are in the process of ... trying to fly him back here (Monday)."

Cowher did not speculate how long Porter would be out but did say the team wouldn't place him on injured reserve, which would sideline the linebacker for the season. Losing Porter for a substantial period would be a major blow to a defense that was the NFL's best in 2001 and ranked seventh overall last season.

"Joey's going to be fine; he'll be back," Cowher said. "He's a special guy and he'll be back."

Clark Haggans, who played mostly as a rush end in the Steelers' dime defense last season, likely will start Sunday's opener against Baltimore. Haggans also is a former Colorado State player.

Cowher talked to Porter on Sunday and said the linebacker was distraught over getting hurt with the season about to start. The Steelers otherwise came through the preseason with no serious injuries.

"He's as well as can be expected. He feels like he's let the football team down. He was really emotional," Cowher said.

Porter was standing outside the bar in northeast Denver when he was shot. The bar, open since May, sits between an area of heavy industry and a residential neighborhood about 1½ miles from Coors Field and the popular Lower Downtown neighborhood.

The area is high on the city's ranking of high-crime neighborhoods, a list generated by crime statistics from 2001.

The six victims were standing inside the parking lot when the shots were fired from outside a fence enclosing the property. Bar manager James Greer said everyone had left the bar before the shooting.

"Joey had been to the game and he came down here to patronize our business. This is very sad. I hope it doesn't interfere with his playing," Greer said.

He said there had been no fights or arguments before the shooting. One of the victims, Kendal Johnson, was a bar employee. He was treated and released. The dead man was identified as Christopher Wilford, 28.

Greer said three off-duty Denver police officers were working as security at the bar Saturday.

Rodriguez joins Ruth, Rangers upend Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez thought history would wait for another day.

The Texas Rangers' slugger had planned to sit out Sunday's game against the Minnesota Twins but instead made his first start as a designated hitter since August 2001.

The move paid off when Rodriguez hit a two-run homer in the first inning to become only the second player in major league history with six straight 40-homer seasons, and the Rangers held on to beat the Twins 11-10.

Minnesota rallied twice, once from a five-run deficit, before the Rangers pulled out the victory in the ninth on Einar Diaz's RBI single in the rain.

"I originally planned to take the day off," said Rodriguez, who reached 100 RBIs for seventh time in his career. "It was a game-time decision. I thought DH would be a good compromise. I have great passion for the game. Playing in the rain like that, you feel like a little kid again."

Babe Ruth holds the major league record with seven consecutive seasons of 40 or more homers from 1926-32.

"Anytime you're mentioned in the same breath with Babe Ruth, the greatest player in baseball history, and to be so young, it's flattering," the 28-year-old Rodriguez said.

Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking, three-run shot to help the Rangers snap a five-game losing streak.

The Twins ended their road trip having won four of six.

Labonte snaps winless streak at Southern 500

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — There were no tears in Terry Labonte's eyes when he took the checkered flag on the Southern 500. The "Iceman" has always been able to control his emotions, even after a wildly popular, long overdue victory.

Labonte, a two-time Winston Cup champion in the twilight of his career, snapped his 156-race winless streak Sunday by winning the last true Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway.

He could have celebrated with a victory burnout like none ever seen before. Instead, he collected the checkered flag and drove a simple lap around the historic track before heading straight to Victory Lane.

"It had been so long since I won that I was just sitting there trying to think who I had to thank," Labonte said.

For those who know Labonte, that's about as exciting as it gets.

His younger brother, Bobby, the 2000 Winston Cup champion, knew the party would be tame by the time he got to Victory Lane to join in the celebration.

"He's the Iceman, real cool and calm and doesn't really get too excited about anything," Bobby said.

The win could not have come at a better time for Labonte, who made his first career Winston Cup start at Darlington in 1978, then won his first race here two years later.

NFL Schedule

Thursday's Game
N.Y. Jets at Washington, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Arizona at Detroit, noon
Houston at Miami, noon
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, noon
Denver at Cincinnati, noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
San Diego at Kansas City, noon
Jacksonville at Carolina, noon
Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon
Atlanta at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at Tennessee, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	52	.615	—
Boston	78	58	.574	5½
Toronto	67	69	.493	16½
Baltimore	61	75	.449	22½
Tampa Bay	53	82	.393	30
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	73	64	.533	—
Kansas City	70	64	.522	1½
Minnesota	71	65	.522	1½
Cleveland	61	76	.445	12
Detroit	34	101	.252	38
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	82	55	.599	—
Seattle	80	57	.584	2
Anaheim	66	70	.485	15½
Texas	62	75	.453	20

Sunday's Games
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 1
Cleveland 5, Toronto 4
Anaheim 7, Kansas City 4, 1st game
Anaheim at Kansas City, ppd., rain, 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 4
Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 3
Seattle 3, Baltimore 0
Texas 11, Minnesota 10

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 12-5) at Toronto (Halladay 17-6), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Suppan 1-1) at Philadelphia (Myers 12-7), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Stanford 0-1) at Detroit (Greisinger 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 8-13) at Minnesota (Rogers 11-6), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 8-6) at Texas (Lewis 6-9), 1:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	87	49	.640	—
Florida	73	63	.537	14
Philadelphia	73	63	.537	14
Montreal	71	67	.514	17
New York	59	76	.437	27½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	72	64	.529	—
Houston	71	65	.522	1
Chicago	69	66	.511	2½
Pittsburgh	62	72	.463	9
Milwaukee	60	76	.441	12
Cincinnati	59	77	.434	13
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	82	53	.607	—
Los Angeles	71	64	.526	11
Arizona	70	66	.515	12½
Colorado	65	74	.468	19
San Diego	55	82	.401	28

Sunday's Games
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 0
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 10, Pittsburgh 4
Florida 5, Montreal 3
San Diego 3, Houston 1
Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 0
Los Angeles 3, Colorado 0
San Francisco 3, Arizona 1

Today's Games
Boston (Suppan 1-1) at Philadelphia (Myers 12-7), 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 13-10) at N.Y. Mets (Griffiths 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Etherton 1-2) at Milwaukee (W.Franklin 10-10), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 14-6) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 13-5), 1:20 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 8-10) at Florida (Penny 11-10), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ponson 2-3) at Arizona (Schilling 7-6), 3:35 p.m.

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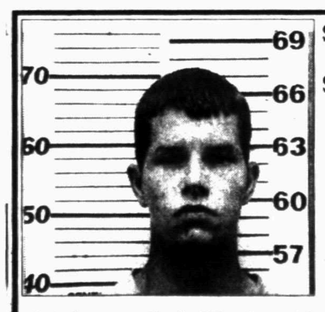

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
August 22, 2003

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, 3901 Avenue O, Apt. #3, 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.

(1) Jeremy Dale Blevins, Un hombre, 18 anos de edad, 3901 Avenue O, Apt. #3, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, 14 anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

An eerily quiet New Mexico town readies for its new role: Anti-terrorist training

PLAYAS, N.M. (AP) — The eerie silence in this once-bustling mining town won't last long. Soon, helicopters and planes will zoom overhead, and the buzz among locals will be of bio-weapons, agro-terrorism and suicide bombings.

Playas — population about 60 — is destined to be bought up by a New Mexico university and transformed into a sprawling classroom for lessons in anti-terrorism.

With help from the federal government, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology has agreed in principle to buy Playas from Phelps Dodge Corp., the mining company that built it in the 1970s.

The $5 million deal includes 259 company-owned homes, apartment buildings, a community center, grocery store, medical clinic and air strip. Several hundred nearby acres also are included.

Michael Hensley, a New Mexico Tech program manager, said the training center could bring at least 200 jobs to Playas and possibly more high-paying technical jobs once a proposed 600-acre research park is built.

"For our whole county, I think it's going to be life blood," said Hidalgo County Commissioner Louise Peterson. "It's just so exciting for me to feel something happening with this town."

For the residents, New Mexico Tech officials said they do not foresee anyone being forced from their home once the deal to purchase the town has been signed.

But residents wonder — they say they haven't been told what's in store. A meeting planned earlier this year was canceled, they say.

"Your guess is as good as mine," said Bill Bollinger, head of what's left of Playas' maintenance department. "I've heard probably 10 different stories so I really don't know what's going to happen. I just hope it's the right thing."

Bollinger said things have been in limbo since 1999, when the company began laying off workers from the smelter.

"We didn't know from one day to the next whether we had a job. So I guess you kind of get used to it."

Since then, the post office has been gutted and nearly all of the houses have been cleared of their furnishings. Wild grass is taking over the wide curving streets.

Once the deal is sealed — expected this week when institute representatives meet with Phelps Dodge officials in Phoenix — New Mexico State University and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will help plan terror simulations. Classes could begin as soon as November.

Details are sketchy but people in the business of preventing terrorism are ecstatic.

"We've got the door wide open," said Dennis Hunter, associate director of training at Tech's Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center. "The opportunities are limitless."

New Mexico Tech already conducts explosives testing and training at its Socorro campus. In Playas, officials believe they have an ideal classroom in which to train police and firefighters to respond to simulated attacks.

Trainers hope to set up realistic scenarios using homes in Playas as well as fly helicopters and planes over the town.

Among other things, the National Emergency Response Training, Research and Development Center at Playas will offer lessons on protecting pipelines and transportation systems, and preventing suicide bombings. Research into animal and plant diseases and ways to prevent agro-terrorism are also likely to be in the mix.

"We are going to take a look at a lot of different things. We are going to take a look at the things that we can do here and not anywhere else," Hunter said.

Tech — a science and engineering university — has done military research for decades and has helped train thousands of police and firefighters. After the 1995 bombing of the federal courthouse in Oklahoma City, it began moving more toward anti-terrorism programs. Since Sept. 11, 2001, that effort got more impetus.

The residents of Playas remember when Phelps Dodge began building the town in 1972. Within two years, the first residents moved in and it wasn't long before trucks were lining up to make deliveries to the smelter.

Bollinger, for one, wants to stay. So does Mapi Sanchez, who works in the restaurant.

Sanchez, 42, who first arrived in 1976, says she gets lonely now that nearly all of the residents are gone. She misses going for coffee in the mornings to visit with friends.

Her daughter, who lives in Nevada, is encouraging her to leave.

"But you can't just get up and walk away," she said. "You've got to wait it out and see what happens."

On the Net:

New Mexico Tech: http://www.nmt.edu

New Mexico State University: http://www.nmsu.edu

Department of Homeland Security: http://www.dhs.gov

Felony arrests made over weekend

• ***Arrests***

Two felony arrests were made over the weekend.

Officers arrested two male subjects in the 700 block of 26th Street at 8:16 p.m. for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Arrested were Stephen Robert Casarez, 29, of 2605 Ave. W, and Felix Arguijo, 21, of 200 Ave. C in Haskell.

Officers were called to the 3100 block of Avenue Q at 6:40 p.m. Saturday in reference to a person reporting an assault. Two people were taken into custody for assault-family violence.

Booked into jail were a 22-year-old female and a 27-year-old male.

A woman reported a disturbance at 11 p.m. at the American Legion Saturday. The person causing the disturbance was later arrested for DWI. Taken into custody in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive at 11:21 p.m. was a 19-year-old male.

DPS troopers arrested a 23-year-old male at 12:26 a.m. Sunday for DWI. He was arrested at Huffman Ave. and Hwy. 84.

DPS troopers arrested a 24-year-old male at 1:21 a.m. Saturday in the 600 block of College Avenue for DWI.

A disturbance was reported at 3:09 a.m. Sunday in the 4400 block of Avenue U. As a result, officers arrested a 60-year-old male for public intoxication.

A 36-year-old male was arrested at 3:39 a.m. Sunday by DPS troopers. The man had outstanding city warrants for failure to maintain liability insurance on his vehicle.

At 2:39 p.m. Sunday, city officers arrested a 20-year-old male for several outstanding city warrants. The man was taken into custody in the 2400 block of 30th Street.

At 4:45 p.m. Sunday, DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old male on an outstanding warrant. He was taken into custody near the intersection of Hwy. 350 and FM 1605.

City officers arrested a 37-year-old male at 5:22 p.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of 19th Street on an outstanding city warrant for no drivers license and failure to appear.

At 8:47 p.m. Sunday, DPS troopers arrested a 25-year-old male for outstanding DPS warrants.

At 2:34 a.m. today, officers arrested a 26-year-old male in the 3900 block of Avenue O for public intoxication and warrants for PI and failure to appear.

Following a report that a male and female were arguing outside an apartment at the Western Crest Apartment complex, officers arrested a 23-year-old male for consuming alcohol after hours.

• ***Burglaries***

Officers responded to a call at 9 a.m. Sunday that Gill's Fried Chicken had been burglarized. Taken was a small amount of change reported store manager Pat Hernandez. The burglary is under investigation by the Snyder Police Department. At 8:18 p.m. Sunday, a report of a house burglary was made from the 200 block of 26th Street.

• ***Mail tampering***

Deputies responded Saturday morning to a report of mail tampering in the 3100 block of Gary Brewer Rd.

• ***Criminal trespass***

Officers filed a criminal trespass report at 4:44 p.m. Saturday from the 4500 block of College Avenue.

• ***Assault***

Officers responded to a report of an assault at 7:25 p.m. Saturday in the 3900 block of College Avenue.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Officers filed a criminal mischief report at 9:10 p.m. Saturday after a woman reported her back window had been broken on her vehicle.

• ***Attempt to locate***

Deputies responded to a report at 2:11 a.m. Sunday that a man had tried to get into a woman's vehicle at the Camp Springs Community Center. The man was identified and the complaint remains under investigation.

• ***Gas drive offs***

At 6:18 p.m. Sunday, a gas drive off in the amount of $22.90 was reported from Rip Griffins. At 8:43 p.m., a report of a gas drive off was made from United in the amount of $15.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

With heart attack, time is of the essence

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the current opinion about using "clot-busters" to treat acute heart attacks?

DEAR READER: Heart attacks (myocardial infarctions) occur when blood clots lodge (or form) in one or more of the coronary arteries that supply oxygen to cardiac muscle. Unless the clots are rapidly dissolved, an area of heart muscle will cease functioning and die, leading (in many cases) to runaway pulse, shock and death. In the past, doctors had to be satisfied with merely monitoring the patient and treating whatever complications arose.

In the last decade, however, drugs that dissolve such clots (thrombolysis) have revolutionized the therapy for acute myocardial infarction. The hitch: Thrombolytic medicine must be given within four hours of the onset of the heart attack. This four-hour "window" is crucial because it is only during this interval that the medicine will prevent death of cardiac muscle and minimize permanent damage and disability. If given later than four hours into the attack, the therapy is not effective.

As a result of this spectacular treatment, cardiologists believe that many lives could be saved if the public were aware of thrombolytic therapy, and called 911 (or other appropriate numbers) to get heart attack victims to hospital emergency departments as soon as symptoms develop. Such symptoms include persisting indigestion, chest pain or pressure, left arm discomfort, faintness, weakness, palpitations, nausea and difficulty breathing.

Is every patient with some of these symptoms in the throes of a life-threatening cardiac emergency? Of course not. But it's best to be prudent. As one ER doctor told me: "We would rather see 10 patients with non-cardiac chest pain and send them home with a lollipop than have one heart attack victim delay visiting the ER, only to arrive too late for thrombolytic therapy."

The days of "toughing out" chest pain or "indigestion" are, thankfully, gone. With modern therapy, the consequences of heart attacks can be lessened enormously — but only if the patient can get to a hospital for treatment, and only if therapy is begun within four hours after symptoms appear.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease." 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: I've worn hearing aids for years and attempt to remove the excess wax every month or so. Why do I find about three times as much wax in one ear as in the other?

DEAR READER: I don't know, but it's true. People tend to develop earwax accumulations selectively, in one ear or the other. Of course, the situation is aggravated by hearing aids that push the wax further down into the ear canals, making removal more difficult.

You can obtain advice about ear cleaning from your family physician, who will call upon an otolaryngologist if you need a specialist.

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 09-01-03
♠ J 7 3
♥ J 6 2
♦ A J 10 7 4
♣ Q 6

West
♠ K 9 4
♥ Q 9 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ K 10 7 5

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

South
♠ A 8
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q 6
♣ J 9 8 4 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 5

Monday, Sept. 1, 2003

First of the month, best of the year?

By Phillip Alder

The inaugural European Open Bridge Championships were staged in Menton, on the French Riviera, from June 14 to 28. They were a roaring success, with many world-class names from around the globe competing.

The best piece of declarer-play occurred during the opening event, the Mixed Teams. And it was produced by a Frenchman, Patrick Sussel (sou-sell). If you wish to test yourself, cover the East and West hands. You are in three no-trump. West leads the club five, East winning with the ace and returning the club three. What would be your plan?

Sussel's one-no-trump opening purportedly promised 15-17 points; presumably he added one point for his five-card suit.

Things look grim. Apparently, West will win the second trick with his club king and shift to a major suit. Whichever he selects, you seem to have only eight tricks: one spade, one heart, five diamonds and one club. You will not have time to establish the clubs, because the defenders will run whichever major they have attacked.

Sussel found the solution. At trick one, he played the club four. And at trick two, he smoothly followed with his club jack!

West naturally assumed that his partner had started with A-9-8-3-2 of clubs. It is traditional, after winning the first trick, to return one's original fourth-highest card. So, West immediately cashed the club 10 — and Sussel simultaneously claimed nine tricks.

Yes, East should have shifted to a major at trick two, but that doesn't detract from Sussel's brilliant deceptive play, one of the best ever.

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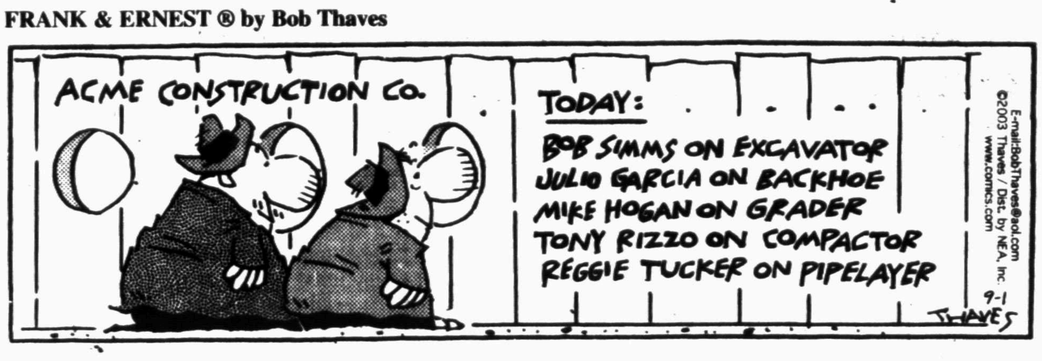

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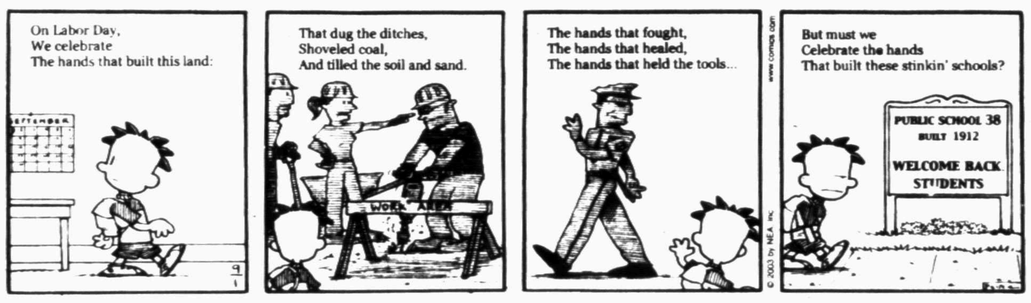

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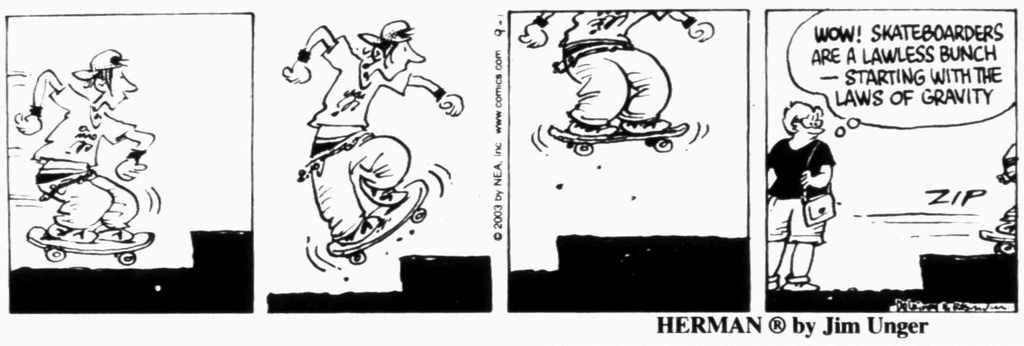

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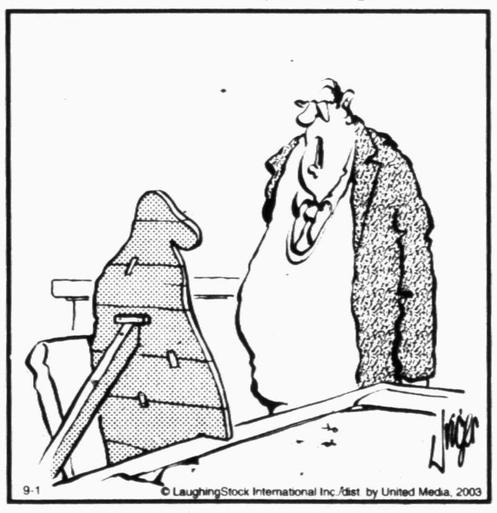

"Now, I suppose you're gonna sulk because I wouldn't give you the afternoon off!"

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"I DECIDED TO USE THE MONEY I WAS SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY FOR A HOT, SUNNY DAY INSTEAD."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Play callers, for short
4 Came down with
7 Tend the lawn
10 Time period
11 Wizardry
13 Bedouin attire
14 Chromosome material
15 Battery post
16 Charged atom
17 Afterword
19 Bailed out
21 Garland
22 "My mind — — blank"
23 Diamonds, slangily
26 Revised
30 Chits
31 Drink slowly
32 "Give — — rest!"
33 Seashell seller?
34 Dash widths
35 Swedish import
36 Heart of the matter
39 Ancient Britons
40 Huge tank
41 Whiskey grain
42 Promontories
45 Draw up
48 Mex. neighbor
49 In the least (2 wds.)
51 "Bananas" actress Charlotte —
53 Spigot
54 Flood barrier
55 ER staffers
56 Health club
57 German title start
58 Mil. rank

DOWN

1 Math proof abbr.
2 Fillet a fish
3 Velcro alternative
4 Ho Chi Minh's city
5 In a tizzy
6 Accomplished
7 Motel staffer
8 Large woodwind
9 Conductor's baton
11 All uncles
12 Desist
18 Classes
20 007 creator — Fleming
22 Scamps
23 Hilltop
24 Appreciative sounds
25 Stage prompts
26 Berlin single
27 TV part
28 Coup d'—
29 Applies makeup
31 Cult
35 Hunt for
37 Day before
38 Kind of congestion
39 Dishwasher phase
41 King or queen
42 Trims back
43 Pronto
44 Daddy
45 Improve the road
46 Messes up
47 Phoned
50 Cable honcho — Turner
52 Part of i.e.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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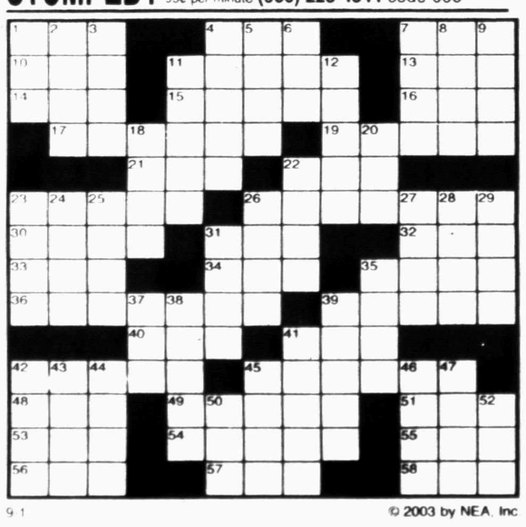

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Charles Bronson, star of 'Death Wish' dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Bronson, the grim-faced tough guy who built a European following before making his mark in the United States with action films including the "Death Wish" series, wondered if he was too manly to achieve instant stardom in his home country.

"Maybe I'm too masculine," he said in a 1971 interview. "Casting directors cast in their own, or an idealized image. Maybe I don't look like anybody's ideal."

The 81-year-old actor died Saturday of pneumonia at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center with his wife at his bedside, publicist Lori Jonas said. He had been in the hospital for weeks, Jonas said.

During the height of his career, Bronson was hugely popular in Europe; the French knew him as "le sacre monstre" (the sacred monster), the Italians as "Il Brutto" (the ugly man). In 1971, he was presented a Golden Globe as "the most popular actor in the world."

Like Clint Eastwood, whose spaghetti westerns won him stardom, Bronson had to make European films to prove his worth as a star. He left a featured-role career in Hollywood to play leads in films made in France, Italy and Spain. His blunt manner, powerful build and air of danger made him the most popular actor in those countries.

At age 50, he returned to Hollywood a star.

His early life gave no indication of his later fame. He was born Charles Buchinsky on Nov. 3, 1921 — not 1922, as studio biographies claimed — in Ehrenfeld, Pa. He was the 11th of 15 children of a coal miner and his wife, both Lithuanian immigrants.

Charles Bronson

Young Charles learned the art of survival in the tough district of Scooptown, "where you had nothing to lose because you lost it already." The Buchinskys lived crowded in a shack, the children wearing hand-me-downs from older siblings. At the age of 6, Charles was embarrassed to attend school in his sister's dress.

Charles' father died when he was 10, and at 16 Charles followed his brothers into the mines. He was paid $1 per ton of coal and volunteered for perilous jobs because the pay was better. Like other toughs in Scooptown, he made trouble and landed in jail for assault and robbery.

He might have stayed in the mines for the rest of his life except for World War II.

Drafted in 1943, he served with the Air Force in the Pacific, reportedly as a tail gunner on a B29. Having seen the outside world, he vowed not to return to the squalor of Scooptown.

He was attracted to acting not, he claimed, because of any artistic urge; he was impressed by the money movie stars could earn. He joined the Philadelphia Play and Players Troupe, painting scenery and acting in a few minor roles.

At the Pasadena Playhouse school, Bronson improved his diction, supporting himself by selling Christmas cards and toys on street corners. Studio scouts saw him at the Playhouse and he was cast as a sailor in the 1951 service comedy "You're in the Navy Now" starring Gary Cooper.

As Charles Buchinsky or Buchinski, he played supporting roles in "Red Skies of Montana," "The Marrying Kind," "Pat and Mike" (in which he fell victim to Katharine Hepburn's judo), "The House of Wax," "Jubal" and other films. In 1954 he changed his last name, fearing reaction in the McCarthy era to Russian-sounding names.

Bronson's first starring role came in 1958 with "Machine-Gun Kelly," an exploitation film made in eight days. He also appeared in two brief TV series, "Man with a Camera" (1958) and "The Travels of Jamie McPheeters" (1963).

His status grew with impressive performances in "The Magnificent Seven," "The Great Escape," "The Battle of the Bulge," "The Sandpiper" and "The Dirty Dozen." But real stardom eluded him, his rough-hewn face and brusque manner not fitting the Hollywood tradition for leading men.

Alain Delon, like many French, had admired "Machine-Gun Kelly," and he invited Bronson to co-star with him in a British-French film, "Adieu, L'Ami" ("Farewell, Friend"). It made Bronson a European favorite.

Among his films abroad was a hit spaghetti western, "Once Upon a Time in the West." Finally Hollywood took notice.

Among his starring films: "The Valachi Papers," "Chato's Land," "The Mechanic," "Valdez," "The Stone Killer," "Mr. Majestyk," "Breakout," "Hard Times," "Breakout Pass," "White Buffalo," "Telefon," "Love and Bullets," "Death Hunt," "Assassination," "Messenger of Death."

The titles indicate their nature: lots of action, shooting, dead bodies. They were made on medium-size budgets, but Bronson was earning $1 million a picture before it was fashionable.

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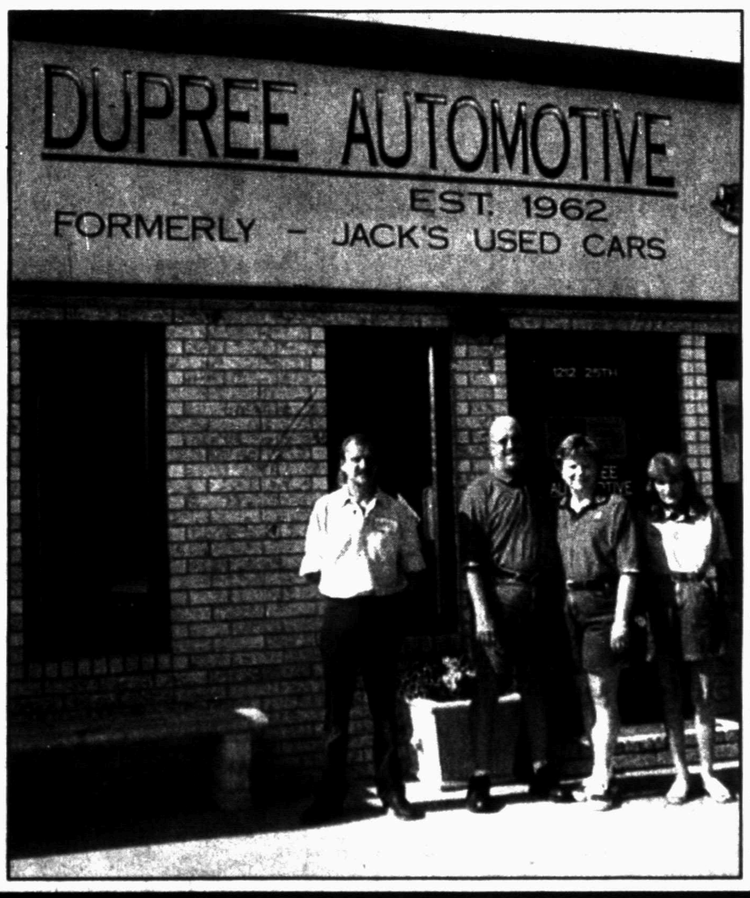

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Saddam tape denies role in Najaf bombing

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A new audiotape today purporting to carry the voice of Saddam Hussein denied involvement in the bombing in Najaf that killed 125 people, including a cherished Shiite leader.

The message was broadcast after the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council named a new Cabinet in a step toward reclaiming some powers from the American occupation administration.

Using Saddam's well-known rhetorical style, the voice urged the Iraqi people not to believe those who blamed the ousted dictator and his followers for Friday's attack on the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf that killed Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim.

"Many of you may have heard the snakes hissing, the servants of the invaders, occupiers, infidels, and how they have managed to accuse the followers of Saddam Hussein of responsibility for the attack on al-Hakim without any evidence," said the tape, which was broadcast by the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera satellite television station.

"They rushed to accuse before investigating," the voice said.

While he denied any role in the Najaf bombing, he made no mention of the Jordanian Embassy bombing on Aug. 7 or the U.N. headquarters attack 12 days later, which investigators suspect may have also been committed by Saddam's followers.

It was impossible to immediately authenticate the tape.

Al-Hakim was a longtime opponent of Saddam and spent more than two decades in exile in Iran, returning to Iraq only in May. Crowds of mourners have accused Saddam loyalists of killing the cleric.

Iraqi police officials leading the investigation, however, have said they believe al-Qaida linked Islamic militants were behind the attack. The FBI said Sunday it would help investigate the bombing after receiving a request from local officials.

Iraq's 25-member Governing Council announced a Cabinet, which mirrored exactly the council's ethnic and religious breakdown, with 13 Shiites, five Sunni Arabs, five Kurds (also Sunnis), one ethnic Turk and an Assyrian Christian.

The new Foreign Minister will be Hoshyar Zebari, who was spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party. The key Oil Ministry will be headed by Ibrahim Mohammed Bahr al-Uloum, the son of Governing Council member Mohammed Bahr al-Uloum, who on Saturday suspended his membership in the interim body because of the lack of security in the country and what he saw as the Americans' inability to protect prominent figures. The elder Bahr al-Uloum cited the Najaf bombing.

The Information Ministry, which became famous for its distorted accounts of the war, was abolished in the new government list.

The Governing Council, formed July 13, had been promising for weeks to name a government. It was unclear what delayed the announcement, but several members of the council had spent much time after their appointment on trips throughout the world seeking recognition for the body as the legitimate representative of the Iraqi people.

U.S. officials have voiced frustration at the slowness with which the council has gotten down to work, especially on taking a greater role in Iraqi security that might block continuing attacks on American forces and prominent Iraqis.

The council said it had delayed announcing the government late last week because of the bombing.

Hurricane Jimena headed for Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — A weakening Hurricane Jimena plowed across the ocean on a path taking it just south of the Big Island of Hawaii today, threatening the coast with high surf and torrential rain.

The Central Pacific Hurricane Center posted a hurricane watch for Hawaii, the state's biggest and southernmost island, and a high surf warning was issued for the southern coast of Maui.

Hawaii County Civil Defense closed beaches at Puna and Kau and said beachfront residents of the Big Island should be prepared to evacuate.

Surf was running 8 to 12 feet high, with 15-foot waves possible.

The center of the hurricane was expected to pass about 50 miles offshore from South Point, the southern tip of the state, the hurricane center said.

At 8 a.m. EDT, Jimena was centered about 160 miles south-southeast of Hilo, on the island's eastern shore.

The storm's maximum sustained wind had decreased to about 75 mph, down from 80 mph earlier in the morning and barely strong enough to be called a hurricane. Hurricane-force wind extended up to 30 miles out from the center.

The hurricane was moving toward the west-southwest at about 17 mph.

Four to 6 inches of rain was likely along the coast, with up to a foot rain possible in some areas, meteorologists said.

Residents were largely nonchalant.

"Everybody feels like it's not going to do anything, like we're not going to be affected," said Sterling Holeso, manager of the Naalehu Fruit Stand. "Everybody's talking about it, but no one seems to be worried."

The Home Depot store in Kona reported brisk sales of emergency supplies and generators were sold out.

Because of the storm, the Navy delayed today's scheduled departure of Expeditionary Strike Group One from Pearl Harbor. Five San Diego-based ships and the Pearl Harbor-based guided missile cruiser USS Port Royal and attack submarine USS Greeneville will leave Tuesday on deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Middle East, Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell said.

On the Net:
Central Pacific Hurricane Center:
http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/cphc/

Births

Martha Rivera announces the birth of her daughter, Yessenia Marie Ruiz, at 2:18 p.m. Saturday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Alejandra Estrada and Jeronimo Ruiz, both of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Mario Rivera and Gloria Rivera, also of Snyder.

Obituaries

Billie Stanley

1931-2003

Funeral service for Billie Stanley, 72, of Snyder will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eastland City Cemetery in Eastland under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Billie Stanley

She died Sunday, Aug. 31, at her residence near Snyder. Mrs. Stanley was born on May 23, 1931 in Eastland County. She married Richard Stanley on May 29, 1953 in Monahans. They moved to Snyder in 1982 from Monahans. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Richard of the home; and two sons, Michael David Stanley of Hermleigh and his wife Sheila, and John Edward Stanley of Edmond, Okla.; five grandchildren, Robert Stanley of Camp Pendleton, Calif; Tiffany Stanley of Mesquite; Courtney Stanley of Hermleigh; Coleton Stanley of Edmond, Okla.; and Brittany Bryant of Edmond, Okla.

Friends are contributing to Alzheimer's Association, West Texas Chapter, 4400 North, Big Spring, #C-32, Midland, Tex. 79705 or American Parkinson Disease Association, 3506 41st St. Lubbock, Tex., 79410.

Anice Wallace

1912-2003

Funeral service for Anice Wallace, 90, of Snyder will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ira Church of God with Rev. Rocky Alexander, pastor, officiating.

Anice Wallace

Burial will follow at Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Aug. 31, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 11, 1912 in Scurry County. She married R.V. "Bob" Wallace in 1952 in Snyder. He died in 1973.

She was a lifelong resident of Scurry County, having been born and reared in Ira and graduated from Ira High School. She was also a long time Snyder resident. She was a member of Ira Church of God.

Mrs. Wallace was a housewife and had worked for 10 years at Stanfield Elementary where she was over the desert department. She also baked pies at home for individuals as well as restaurants.

Mrs. Wallace was also preceded in death by a son, Roland Michael Wallace, on Aug. 2, 2001.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Heather Wallace of Whitesboro; April Petit of Sherman; and Chase Wallace of Gordonville; a niece, Carolyn Barbee of Ira; a nephew, Kelton Clark of Ira; two sisters-in-law, Nora Lee Clark of Ira; and Lois Clark of Dallas three great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Sierrah and Jet.

Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Mary H. Kellner

1928-2003

Funeral service for Mary Helen Breeden Kellner, 74, of Snyder is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Miller Robinson will officiate.

Mrs. Kellner

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Aug. 31, at Hospice House Facility in Odessa. She was born on Oct. 19, 1928 in Richland. She married Raymond Kellner on Dec. 23, 1967 in Snyder. He died in January of 2000.

Mrs. Kellner came to Snyder in 1950 with her first husband Joe Breeden. He preceded her in death in 1965. She was a housewife and worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for seven years in the snack bar.

Mrs. Kellner was an avid bowler and had attended the state and national bowling tournament for the past 37 years. She had bowled a 300 game during her bowling career.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and James Beckham of Odessa; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Carrolyn Breeden of Austin; two sisters, Barbara Sharp of Tuscola; and Rosalind Fuller of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Paul Bradham of Longview; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, James Bradham.

Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Friends are contributing to Odyssey Hospice Care, 1510 South Gregg, Big Spring, 79720 or the West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo.

Edwin P. Neves

1906-2003

BIG SPRING — Edwin P. Neves, 97, died Friday, Aug, 29, at Home Hospice House Facility in Odessa. Services were to be held at 10:30 a.m. today in Weathersbee-Ray Chapel. Burial was to follow in Roby Cemetery directed by Weatherbee-Ray Funeral Home.

Born May 27, 1906 in Beaver County, Okla., he was the son of the late Thorton Pool and Mena Olea (Doss) Neves. Mr. Neves lived in Fisher County and Big Spring. He married Katherine Melinda Terry Sept. 19, 1925 in Roby. He farmed and and raised roses. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Melinda Terry; his parents, two sons, Tommy Jack and Edwin Charles; three brothers; two sisters and one grandson, Royce Lynn Johnson.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Roy Neves of Snyder; Earl and Myra Neves of Houston; and Red Neves of Big Spring; four daughters and three sons-in-laws, Mary Olea Johnson of Amarillo; Clara Ann and Kelly Jennings of Tulia; Rosalie and Ray Harrison of Austin; and Bonnie and Bobby Powell of Ackerly; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 8/30	Sun 8/31	Mon 9/1
80/61	76/59	81/59
Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High near 80F.	Occasional showers. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 7:17 AM, Sunset 8:11 PM	Sunrise 7:17 AM, Sunset 8:10 PM	Sunrise 7:18 AM, Sunset 8:09 PM

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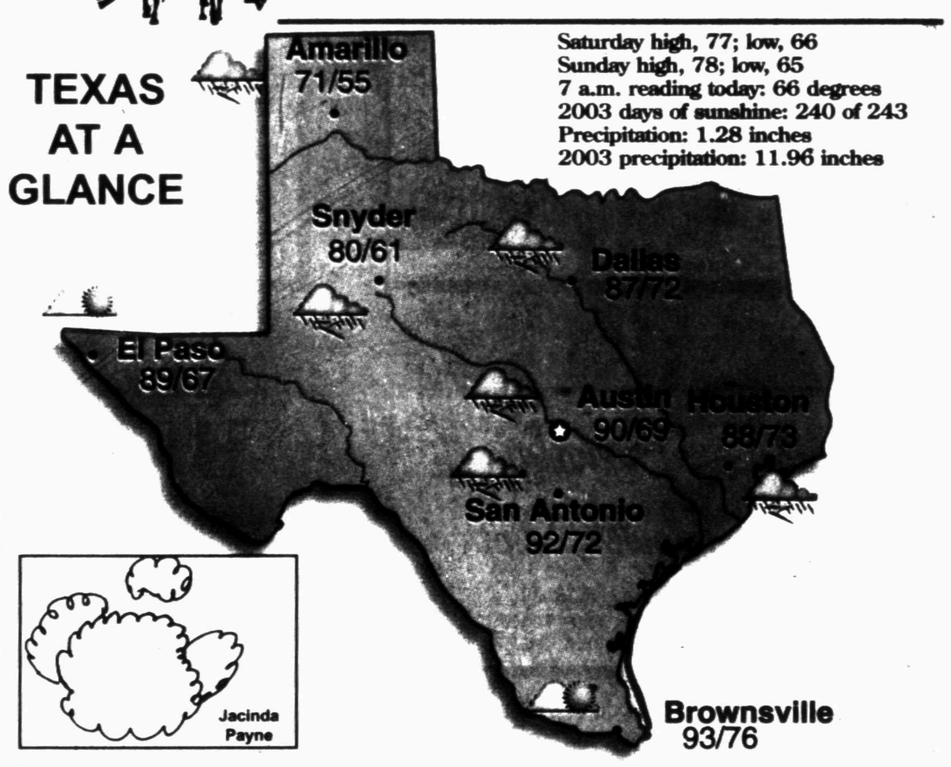

Saturday high, 77; low, 66
Sunday high, 78; low, 65
7 a.m. reading today: 66 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 240 of 243
Precipitation: 1.28 inches
2003 precipitation: 11.96 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	65	t-storm	El Paso	89	67	pt sunny	Midland	80	64	t-storm
Amarillo	71	55	t-storm	Fort Stockton	82	65	t-storm	Raymondville	94	74	pt sunny
Austin	90	69	t-storm	Gainesville	85	67	t-storm	Rosenberg	88	72	t-storm
Beaumont	87	72	t-storm	Greenville	86	67	t-storm	San Antonio	92	72	t-storm
Brownsville	93	76	pt sunny	Houston	88	73	t-storm	San Marcos	91	70	t-storm
Brownwood	88	65	t-storm	Kingsville	93	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	75	pt sunny	Livingston	88	70	t-storm	Sweetwater	82	63	t-storm
Corsicana	87	69	t-storm	Longview	86	69	t-storm	Tyler	88	71	t-storm
Dallas	87	72	t-storm	Lubbock	75	59	t-storm	Weatherford	86	66	t-storm
Del Rio	92	73	t-storm	Lufkin	87	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	82	64	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	68	t-storm	Houston	88	73	t-storm	Phoenix	105	80	sunny
Boston	82	60	rain	Los Angeles	82	64	sunny	San Francisco	77	59	sunny
Chicago	73	59	pt sunny	Miami	85	78	t-storm	Seattle	83	57	mst sunny
Dallas	87	72	t-storm	Minneapolis	75	51	mst sunny	St. Louis	77	65	t-storm
Denver	66	50	t-storm	New York	82	64	t-storm	Washington, DC	85	70	t-storm

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Aug 27	Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 18

UV Index

Sat 8/30	Sun 8/31	Mon 9/1
High	High	Very High

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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