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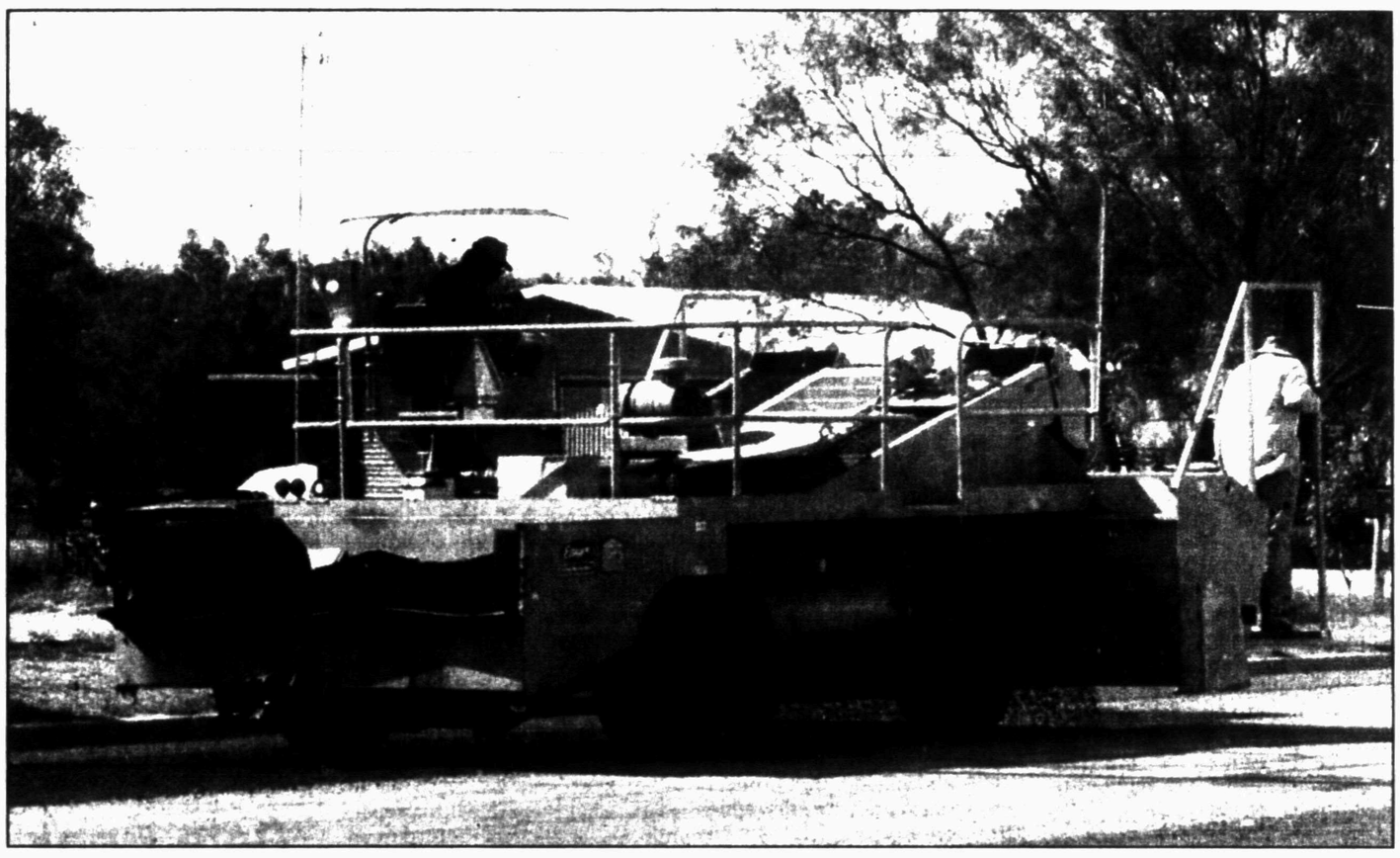


COUNTY ROADWORK – Scurry County employees Manuel Garcia, left, and Vollie Shipp operate the gravel distributor during city seal coating operations on Ave. E. The project is part of the current shared services contract between the county and city. (SDN Staff Photo)

FBI issues bulletin for terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI issued a bulletin today announcing a worldwide search for four men in connection with possible terrorist threats against the United States.

The FBI posted the bulletin on its Web site and circulated it among law enforcement agencies after recent intelligence indicated the four could be involved in an unspecified plot against U.S. interests, said a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The FBI had been seeking information about all four for months, but the new information led officials to intensify the search, said a second official, also on condition of anonymity.

None of the four are believed to be in the United States.

The men being sought are Adnan G. El Shukrijumah, 28, a Saudi native with ties to South Florida; Karim El Mejjati, 35, a Moroccan who holds a French passport and last entered the United States between 1997 and 1999; Zubayr Al-Rimi, 29, a Saudi; and Abderraouf Jdey, 38, a Tunisian who may have a Canadian passport.

Officials have previously described El Shukrijumah as a possible al-Qaida operational planner similar to Mohamed Atta, a key organizer of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Details about the other three were not immediately available.

The bulletin comes as the FBI raises concerns that terrorists might try to poison food or water supplies, and senior bureau officials say that al-Qaida is determined to attack Americans at home even though the organization appears to have a relatively small U.S. presence.

The FBI has not detected any individuals or cells actively planning attacks such as those almost two years ago that killed some 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. Most al-Qaida operatives in the United States provide logistical support such as travel documents, recruitment and fund raising, said Larry Mefford, the FBI's chief counterterrorism official.

"My view is, it's very small but it does exist," Mefford said of al-Qaida's U.S. presence. "Our concern continues to be what exists in the United States that we're not aware of."

The Homeland Security Department is advising federal, state and local security officials to evaluate their security procedures in the run-up to the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, but said current intelligence doesn't warrant an increase in the national threat warning.

The current code yellow alert, which signifies an elevated risk of terrorist attack, is the middle level on the five-color scale.

The Homeland Security advisory issued on Thursday, says, "We remain concerned about al-Qaida's continued efforts to plan multiple attacks against the U.S. and U.S. interests overseas." It adds that they have no specific information on individual targets or dates for any attack.

Recent arrests of senior al-Qaida members appear to have slowed some of their operational planning, the advisory says.

It notes that al-Qaida operatives are still looking to conduct an attack similar to the Sept. 11 strikes, using hijacked aircraft as missiles.

The FBI's Mefford said al-Qaida remains America's most dangerous terrorist foe because of the group's tenacity, patience and willingness to use tactics, including weapons of mass destruction, that demonstrate "they have no inhibitions and they have no rules."

The Homeland Security advisory says intelligence indicates operatives may try to hijack flights that fly near, but not into, the United States, so they will not have to pass the increasingly stringent requirements to board a U.S.-bound flight.

It also warns of truck bombs at infrastructure targets, like power plants, petrochemical facilities, transportation hubs, dams and food distribution centers. Lightly protected targets like restaurants, hotels and apartments are also possible targets, it says.

Terrorists could also try unusual approaches to artfully conceal suicide devices, the advisory said. "Male bombers may dress as females in order to discourage scrutiny."

The FBI's latest weekly bulletin to state and local law enforcement agencies cautions terrorists might use two naturally occurring toxins — nicotine and solanine — to poison U.S. food or water supplies. Nicotine is found in tobacco plants and solanine in potatoes that are old or have been exposed to sunlight for a long time.

The bulletin, obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, says that terrorist manuals and documents recovered at al-Qaida sites in Afghanistan contain references to use of both substances as poisons.

Man arraigned after indicment

Joel Luis Silva, 18, of 2704 Ave. M was arraigned Thursday morning in 132nd District Court on an August grand jury indictment for causing bodily injury to a family member in May of 2003. He had previously been convicted of third degree felony assault and family violence in August of 2002.

Silva was arrested after the arraignment on outstanding county and city warrants for theft and failure to appear.

SISD gaining students daily

Enrollment up by 111 since start of school

Snyder ISD has gained 111 students since the start of school on Aug. 18.

The first day of classes saw a total of 2,517 students on Snyder campuses, while Tuesday's after-Labor Day total was 2,621. The current enrollment is only five students fewer than reported at the end of school in May.

Hobbs alternative school now has 23, with eight more students than the first day count.

SHS picked up a total of 29 students while seven more enrolled at the junior high.

Current enrollment at the high school is 750, while 375 are enrolled in junior high.

There are 1,473 students enrolled in elementary school now, as opposed to the opening day figure of 1,406, an increase of 67.

Hermleigh totals are down by three since the first school day, with 146 students on campus as of Tuesday. That number reflects 32 more students than reported at this time last year.

Ira's total enrollment has increased by three students to 214 since an opening day number of 211. They are also above last year's first day number of 198 and post-Labor Day number of 197.

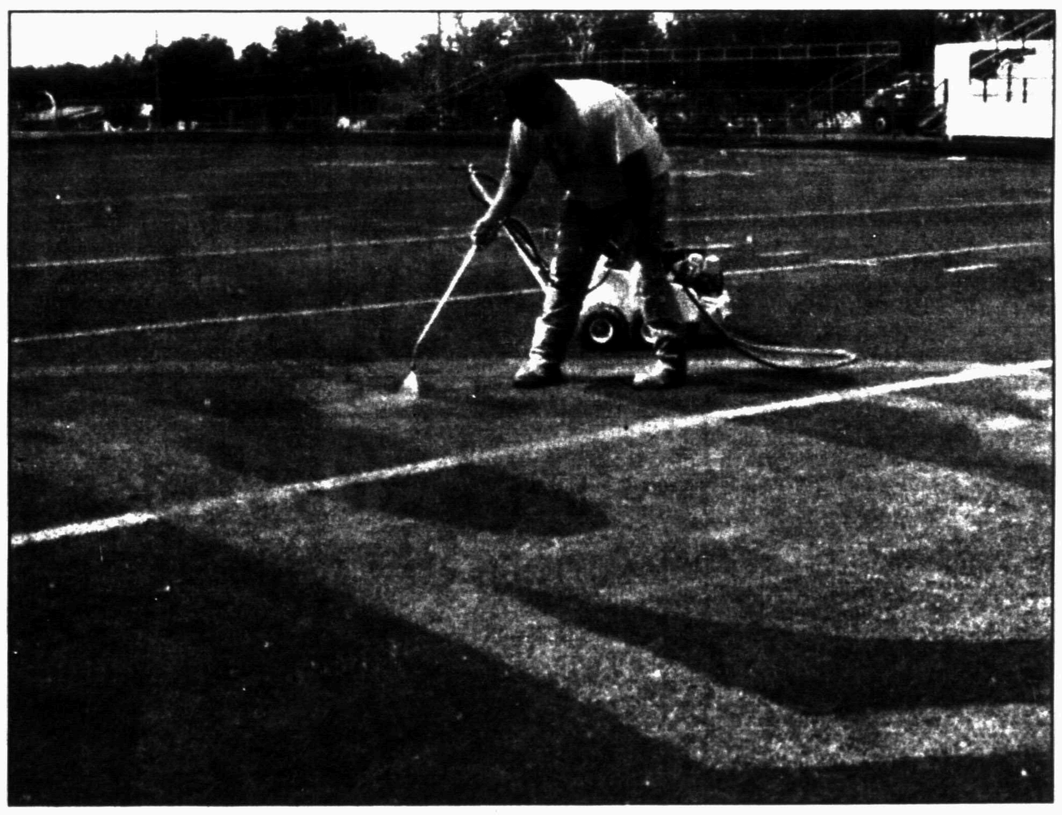
Early voting picks up some

As of this morning, 86 early ballots have been cast in the Sept. 13 constitutional amendment election.

"We had a steady stream of voters Thursday," said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

Today is the last day of early voting by mail-in ballot and Tuesday will be the final day of early voting in person at the Scurry County courthouse. Voting times are from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on election day.

There are 22 propositions on the state-wide ballot.



GETTING READY FOR KICKOFF — Snyder ISD field maintenance technician Richard Mann paints the "S" at midfield of Tiger Stadium this morning in preparation for this evening's 7:30 kickoff of the first home game of the 2003 season for the Tigers. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren

The City of Snyder and Scurry County have their problems, but guess what, so does every other town or county in the good ol' USA.

While on a road trip a couple of weeks ago, we read both large and small newspapers that communicated various problems that some communities in New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada are having.

For instance, in Holbrook, Ariz., a story told of a whistle-blower revealing that the county health department's records were in disarray, with thousands of dollars in checks stashed in a desk drawer.

The paper stated that a recently-completed audit revealed that nearly $100,000 owed to the county in fees was either never collected, or collected and unaccounted for.

The audit said another problem the department had was its computer software system. The system did not keep prior entries, so when an entry was made in the computer, the previous entry was deleted.

An official said the program had been developed by members of the health department who did not have much expertise in computer programming.

Amateurs designed it using Access for Dummies, the public health services director said.

In Clark County, Nev., the county recorder admitted that she consults a psychic before making major decisions concerning the operation of her office.

She also stated she plants lies about her personal life with key staff employees to test their loyalty. If the falsehood ends up in the newspaper, she says she knows she can no longer trust that employee.

And Boulder City is having problems with its new golf course.

The $22 million facility has lost $2.5 million over the last eight months and the city is in a stalemate deciding how to get out of the financial mess.

The city manager is blaming the operators of the course, while the operators are blaming the city. The city council in that community is laboring over cutting the operator's management fee of $650,00 yearly by one third.

And now our local city council is trying to decide what to do about a house city crews mistakenly bulldozed down in the 3300 block of Avenue M – down the road from the city's water treatment plant and across the street from Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The council met in closed session for the second time about the problem Tuesday and sitting out of the session was council member Vernest Tippens - the bulldozed house belongs to her. Also not in the closed session was City Manager John Gayle.

Being the lady she is, Tippens did not want to talk about the demise of her all-time favorite house that holds a million dollars worth of memories.

"I learned a long time ago that as long as you are part of an organization, you do not criticize it," said Tippens who has been a member of the city council since 1988.

The city has done a good job in tearing down unsightly houses around the community and for this, we give them credit.

The question here is if due process was followed in leveling Tippens' house and what prompted the city to act on it in the first place.

So far, nobody is talking much.

ASK US

Q—Do Snyder school teachers get in free to home football games?

A—No, unless they are coaches' wives. They get a free ticket yearly.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Emelda Garcia...

...has lived in Snyder for 19 years. She is an inventory merchandiser at O'Reilly Auto Parts. She has a son, David, 8, who likes to play baseball. Hobbies include reading, playing tennis and spending time with family and friends.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't count the crop until it is in the barn.

—Sam Rayburn

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS Choir stack-up dinner

The annual SHS choir stack-up dinner will be from 5-7:30 p.m. today in the SHS cafeteria, prior to the first home football game. Tickets can be purchased from any SHS choir student, or at the door for $5. Takeouts 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.

Home school meeting

A home school meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Purple Sage Motel. Wear swimsuit and bring sack lunch. For more information, call 573-4136.

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 in the Adult 5 classroom at the church. Classes will be led by Trina Rodgers and Betty Thompson. For more information, call 573-8596.

Trinity children's SS classes

Trinity United Methodist Church begins new children's Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Materials and teachers are all new. They also have a children's library.

Retired teachers meeting

The Retired Teachers Association will have an ice cream supper and meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church.

SHS band booster meeting

The band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS band hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at [illegible] m. Monday is "The Wisdom of Solomon," followed by "A Christian is a Changed Person."

Tiger Pride card

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

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Barbara Owen is slated from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Drivers license office

Due to vacation, the drivers license office will close at noon on Tuesday 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 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.

4-H horse club meeting

Scurry County 4-H horse club will have its start-up meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

AARP board meeting

AARP board members will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the senior center.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High school pictures will be taken Wednesday and Thursday. Students will receive packets in English classes Monday and Tuesday and must pay for pictures at the time they are taken. Students not wanting to order pictures must still have their picture taken for the yearbook.

High school musical

Snyder High School drama and choir departments will present *Anything Goes* at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at Worsham Auditorium and at 2 p.m. next Sunday. Reserve tickets are $8 each. Call 573-6301. Tickets at the door will be $6 and $5 for students. Directors are Ronda Haire, choir, and Michael McQuerry, drama.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a support group for people facing difficulties, including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor Adult 6 Department.

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.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, in the fellowship hall of the Ira Baptist Church. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Meat, paper goods and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Bring vegetable or salad and desert. For more information cal Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

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

Th3 2003 Tiger's Lair yearbook can still be picked up in room 229 at Snyder High before and after school. Only students who paid for a yearbook or their parents may get the book. There are a few extra yearbooks for sale. They are $50 while supply lasts.

Goldman Sachs settles insider trading charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Goldman Sachs & Co. will pay more than $9.3 million to settle charges that one of its economists used an illegal tip to make millions for the firm when the government discontinued its 30-year bond in 2001.

Economist John Youngdahl, who has since left the firm, was indicted Thursday on seven federal charges, including perjury and securities fraud. He pleaded innocent and is scheduled to go to trial in February.

The financial consultant accused of providing the tip, Peter Davis, has already pleaded guilty in the case. Both men could eventually face time in prison.

The criminal charges stem from the Treasury Department's announcement on Oct. 31, 2001, that it would end sales of its 30-year bond. The decision sparked a huge rally that day in the long-term bond.

The Treasury Department carefully guards its quarterly press conferences to announce specifics of its sale of government bonds. Attendees must agree to not release the information ahead of a preset time.

On that morning in 2001, a call by Davis to Goldman economist John Youngdahl gave Goldman an eight-minute edge on the rest of the market, the indictment said.

In that time, Goldman purchased $317 million in bonds and bond futures. The purchases later resulted in $3.8 million in profits for the firm — $1.5 million for bonds and $2.3 million in bond futures, the government said.

The firm will pay more than $9.3 million to settle civil charges in the matter from the Securities and Exchange Commission. No criminal charge has been brought against the firm.

"This matter is extremely embarrassing to us," Goldman spokesman Lucas Van Praag said. "It serves to underscore the fact that a single act has the potential to undermine the best efforts of everybody working at Goldman Sachs."

Davis, 53, of Washington, D.C., pleaded guilty to a criminal complaint charging him with securities fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy, and will be sentenced later. He also agreed to pay nearly $150,000 to settle SEC charges.

Youngdahl, 44, of Summit, N.J., was indicted on seven federal counts, including perjury, conspiracy, securities fraud and wire fraud. He was released on $800,000 bail pending a Feb. 2 trial.

In a statement, Youngdahl attorney Alan Levine said the government was relying on the idea "that the Treasury Department can release information in a less-than-confidential manner and that the Justice Department can then prosecute individuals, such as Mr. Youngdahl, when that information finds its way to the financial markets."

Another tip was to Steven Nothern, who was senior vice president at MFS Investment Management, a Boston-based investment consulting firm. The SEC also sued Nothern, claiming his firm snapped up bonds and profited from the tip.

MFS will pay about $900,000 to settle SEC charges.

The government did not immediately say who else might have profited from tips from Davis, who was president of his own Washington-based firm, Davis Capital Investment Ideas. Comey did not rule out further charges.

Massive fire at Las Vegas site causes over $10M in damages

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A massive fire engulfed an under-construction luxury apartment development, destroying 350 units and causing millions of dollars in damage, authorities said.

The blaze Thursday night in southeast Las Vegas quickly spread throughout the sprawling construction site, sending flames hundreds of feet into the air. There were no injuries.

"It's one of the largest structure fires I've ever seen," said Clark County fire spokesman Bob Leinbach, estimating the cost of damages at $10 million to $15 million.

About 100 firefighters battled the flames for more than two hours before they could bring it under control. The fire could be seen for miles, and forced authorities to shut down roads and a portion of the Las Vegas Beltway.

Firefighters managed to save several buildings at the Firenze apartment complex and prevented the blaze from destroying nearby homes.

A sign outside the property noted that the apartments, which stretched across at least two city blocks and were in various stages of construction, were being built by Ovation Development.

Two houses adjacent to the development sustained minor damage after their attics caught fire.

Authorities said about 60 residents living close to the fire were evacuated. They gathered at the Central Christian Church several blocks away.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation.

Losing guitarist hard for Great White

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) — The lead singer of Great White, the band whose pyrotechnics show ignited a deadly fire at a Rhode Island nightclub, said losing the band's guitarist has been difficult.

Ty Longley, who grew up in the Youngstown area, died in the Feb. 20 fire that killed 100 people.

Lead singer Jack Russell said Thursday would have been Longley's 32nd birthday. "It's very difficult. I was with his family the other day, and we were all in tears," said Russell, who's preparing for a concert Saturday at C.C.'s Showcase club.

Since July, Great White has been raising money at concerts for victims of the fire and their families. So far, the band has donated $27,000.

Fame and performing have taken on a new meaning, Russell said.

"I've got platinum albums and Grammy nominations on the wall that are just collecting dust now. This has humbled me in a lot of ways."

Russell considered quitting, until he received several e-mails from fans encouraging him to keep going.

"This is the most important thing I will ever do," he said of the fund-raising effort. "The reason for me to be on this planet might be for this cause."

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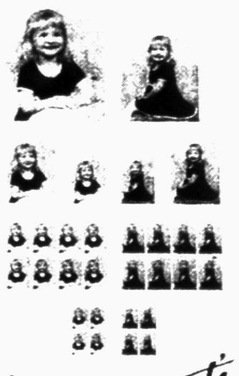

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Today's chuckle

Ghostbusters to investigate strange sounds

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Stymied by mysterious sights and sounds in their own headquarters, cops in Shelbyville called in the ghostbusters.

In the still of night, doors rattled and stairwells creaked in the city's police department. In the light of day, a secretary's desk drawer opened on its own. A city worker who toured the building late one night even reported feeling something grab her leg.

So the police took the probe to another dimension.

"The way I treat it is not that there is a ghost, there's just things that I can't explain," said Officer John Wilson, who contacted the Scientific Investigative Ghost Hunting Team, based in Louisville.

The team of professional paranormal investigators gave the brick building a preliminary review and will return this fall for a thorough probe. The group will set up cameras and tape recorders as well as infrared thermometers to capture any temperature variations.

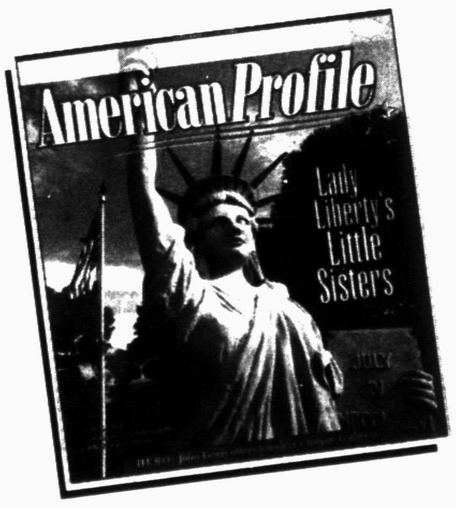
The goal is to try to prove the strange occurrences aren't caused by paranormal forces, said Kay Owen, vice president of the nonprofit ghost hunting team, which doesn't charge for its services.

"We'll go in and try to recreate everything that they are experiencing," she said. "If they can recreate it, it's not paranormal. It can be explained. It's a process of elimination."

In Next Week's American Profile...

Putting a shine on freedom

Over 50 years ago, the Boy Scouts of America gave 200 replicas of the Statue of Liberty to towns all across America. After decades of neglect, many of these "little sisters of liberty" are now being restored.



In Addition...
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American Profile
Celebrating Hometown Life

Date Book

Friday, Sept. 5, 2003

Today is the 248th day of 2003 and the 77th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

On this day in 1877, Oglala Sioux chief Crazy Horse was killed by a U.S. Soldier at Fort Robinson, Neb.

On this day in 1975, an attempt to assassinate President Gerald Ford was foiled by the Secret Service.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Louis XIV (1638-1715), King of France; Jesse James (1847-1882), Wild West outlaw; Bob Newhart (1929-), comedian, is 74; Freddie Mercury (Frederick Bulsara) (1946-1991), musician; Rose McGowan (1973-), actress, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1901, the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues was formed.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on." — Bob Newhart

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 3) and full moon (Sept. 10).

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Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-28-31-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $51,174.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Aroma Liquors & Wines, 2002 Fry Road Ste. 115.

Matching four of five: 129. Prize: $179.

Matching three of five: 4,522. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 49,612. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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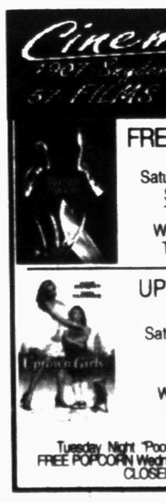

Civilian worker shot to death in Iraq

DALLAS (AP) — A civilian employee of Kellogg Brown & Root was fatally shot in Iraq while driving in a convoy, becoming the second worker of the Halliburton subsidiary to die in an attack in a month.

Vernon Gaston, a former Garland City Council member, died Wednesday in Baghdad of gunshot wounds suffered while driving in a convoy.

The Rev. Patrick Slack of the First Assembly of God Church in Lampasas, said Thursday that company officials had notified Gaston's family of his death. Gaston, 46, and his family were church members.

Family members referred inquiries to former Garland Mayor Bill Tomlinson, who also confirmed Gaston's death on Thursday.

Tomlinson said Gaston was in charge of about 100 people responsible for mail delivery throughout the Middle East.

"He was supposed to return home about a month ago, but they asked him to stay," Tomlinson said.

A spokeswoman for Houston-based Halliburton declined to identify Gaston as the worker killed, citing "security reasons."

"The employee was fatally shot in Baghdad while driving a vehicle that was escorted by military personnel. The employee was evacuated to a nearby combat support hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival," said spokeswoman Wendy Hall. "The employee was assigned to KBR's project team supporting the Army Material Command Logcap III Project as part of the mail delivery mission."

She said another KBR employee who was part of the convoy was not injured.

An investigation into the shooting was under way, she said.

It was the second civilian death for the project. On Aug. 5, an American civilian delivering mail to the U.S. Army died when his truck was blown apart by a remote control bomb north of Tikrit.

Halliburton, the oil field-services and construction giant formerly led by Vice President Dick Cheney, has major contracts for reconstruction in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gaston was a mail carrier in Garland when he was elected to the council in 1991 and 1993 and served as mayor pro tem. He was elected to the Lampasas City Council in May 2001, stepping down in November of that year.

"Vernon and I were like brothers," said Tomlinson. "He loved his family, his four children and his wife, Kaye."

Funeral arrangements are pending.

In addition to his widow, survivors are sons Charlie Gaston, Stephen Gaston and Michael Gaston, all of Lampasas; a daughter, Kristi Gaston, of Lampasas; and parents Marion and Dorothy Gaston of Lampasas.

Government finds 20 million substance abusers; few treated

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 22 million people in the United States abused or were dependent on alcohol, drugs or both last year, but only a fraction received treatment, the government said today.

The 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health also said nearly 20 million people were current users of illegal drugs, with such use highest among young adults.

More than one in five 18- to 25-year-olds, or 20.2 percent of young adults, were current users, with marijuana being the substance of choice, the survey said.

Current users are those who said they had used an illegal drug within the past month.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services, conducts the yearlong study. Formerly called the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, it is the largest of its kind by the government. Results are based on interviews with nearly 70,000 people ages 12 and over and from all 50 states.

The 2001 survey found 15.9 million illegal drug users in the United States, including one in five young adults — those in the 18 to 25-year-old age category.

About 3.5 million people received some kind of treatment last year for alcohol or use of illicit drugs — marijuana, cocaine, pain relievers or heroin. Most, or 2.2 million, were treated for alcohol.

Among youths, nearly 12 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds were current users of illicit drugs.

Just 5.8 percent of adults aged 26 or older reported using illegal drugs.

Rates of current illegal drug use were highest among American Indians/Alaska natives, 10.1 percent; people of two or more races, 11.4 percent; and jobless adults aged 18 or older, 17.4 percent.

Cosby 'pep rally' boosts spirits of students at Baylor

WACO (AP) — Baylor freshmen Monica Herring and Laura Esparza have tried to make the most of their first few weeks of college, but they say school spirit has suffered amid heartache and scandal at the world's largest Baptist university.

Hoping to boost morale, comedian Bill Cosby led a "pep rally" Thursday night for an estimated crowd of 20,000 at Floyd Casey Stadium, home of Baylor's football team.

Herring and Esparza said Cosby achieved his mission.

"I thought it was amazing," said Herring, an 18-year-old from College Station. "He brought spirit back. I think Bill Cosby is an amazing man and an American role model."

Esparza, an 18-year-old from El Paso, praised Cosby's emphasis on parents' "unconditional love" and making the most of college.

"He just kind of blew us away," she said. "It was a nice way to pick up Baylor's spirit."

Cosby, sporting a yellow "Baylor Track & Field" T-shirt, said he wanted to "build up" Baylor's students following basketball player Patrick Dennehy's death.

Since Dennehy's death and the arrest of former teammate Carlton Dotson on murder charges, revelations of secretly paid players, failed drug tests and a tape-recorded plot by former coach Dave Bliss to cover up wrongdoing have shaken Baylor, Cosby was determined to change the tone.

"We're going to have fun," he promised, drawing huge applause.

Cosby didn't disappoint, keeping the audience laughing throughout a 90-minute comedy routine that made light of his "C average" daughter's college experience. He told of calling a college president in an attempt to gain his daughter's admission.

"Mr. President, I was just wondering if your college needed a hospital," Cosby said he asked. "He said, 'How low is the SAT score?' I said, 'Oh, it's in the high 840s.' He said, 'We're going to need housing for the doctors.'"

But Cosby brought a serious message too, urging students to rise above average grades and not to disappoint their parents.

"You've got to love yourself and you've got to have the strength within yourself," he said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man hides wife and children from woman he claims to love

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Harold" for two and a half years. We are in love and things were great until a year ago, when a friend informed me that Harold is married and the father of three children. When I asked him if it was true, he confessed that yes, he is married, but he's not "in love" with his wife and they are getting a divorce. They have not lived together in the time we've been dating; he has a separate apartment — and their divorce will be final soon.

My problem is Harold still doesn't want me to meet his children. He says he doesn't want to upset them and isn't sure how they'll react to me. They are 16, 8 and 5.

I'm attractive, well-educated and hard-working. I only want what is best for their dad. I feel I should meet his children. They are an important part of his life and he adores them. I have met many of his friends and some of his family. Is it unreasonable for me to expect to be introduced to his kids?

I bring the subject up occasionally, but it upsets him. He says I need to "give him time." I'm beginning to think his children will never be happy at the thought of their father being with a woman other than their mother, and I'm beginning to doubt Harold's sincerity. What should I do? — **SECOND THOUGHTS IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR S.T.: I don't blame you for having doubts. Harold appears to have severe memory problems. "Forgetting" to mention a wife and three children for two and a half years is a dismaying lapse. You had a right to the truth about his marital status from the beginning.

It should be apparent to you by now that Harold is capable of withholding important information. It makes me wonder what else he may be concealing. Meeting his children is the least of your problems right now. Do you have proof that he's even being divorced? If I were you, I'd insist on seeing the papers. If there are none, I'd be out the door and out of his life. Please consider it.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is helping me to write thank-you notes for the wedding presents we recently received. Yesterday, we learned that his great-uncle has passed away.

Should we address the thank-you note to just his great-aunt or to both of them? The gift was from both of them. — **STUMPED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR STUMPED: The thank-you note should be addressed to the surviving relative. However, it would be thoughtful to include a mention in your note that their gift will be especially treasured because it came from both of them.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law is pregnant (a baby girl) and has decided to name her "Haley." That's not the problem, though.

We have a family tradition that a baby's middle name be after a member of the family. My sister-in-law's mother recently died of cancer, and Haley would have been her only granddaughter. The problem is that Grandma's name was Mary, which means the baby's name will be Haley Mary. Do you think that name will cause her to be teased when she reaches school age? — **CONCERNED IN COLORADO**

DEAR CONCERNED: Very possibly. But that doesn't mean she couldn't be given a variation of her grandmother's name — like "Haley Marie." It's worth considering.

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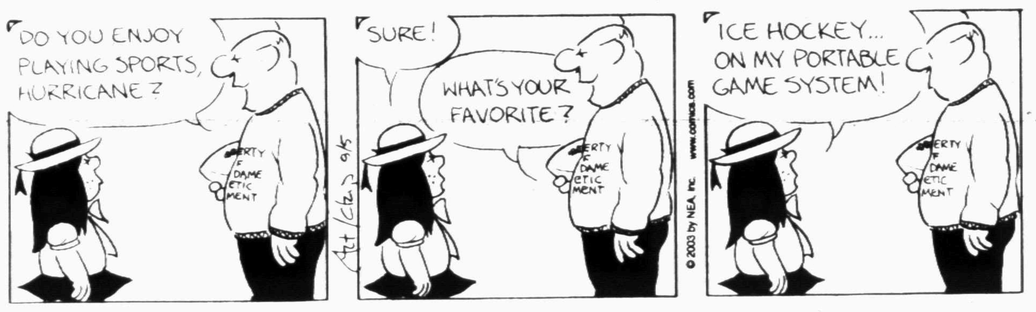

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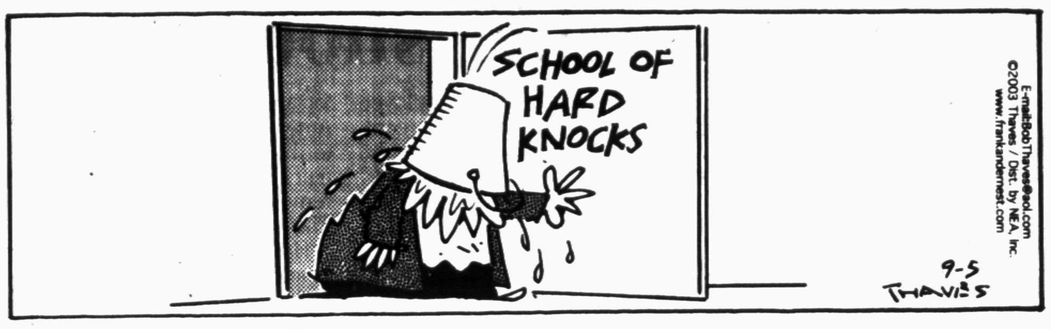

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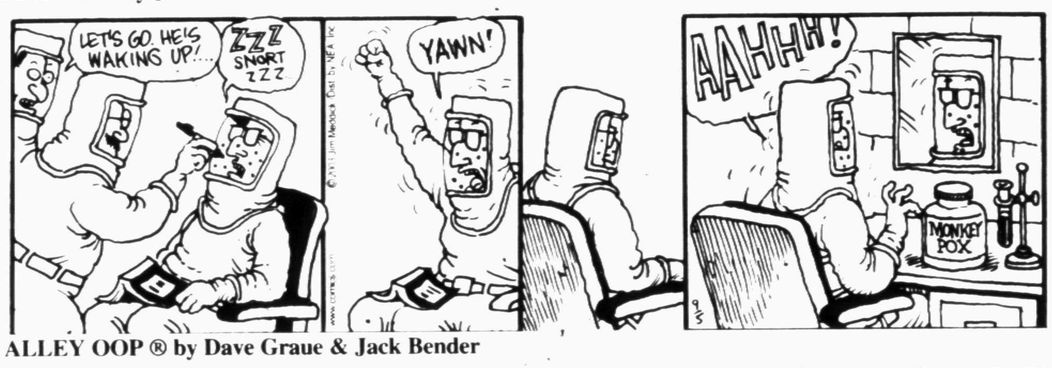

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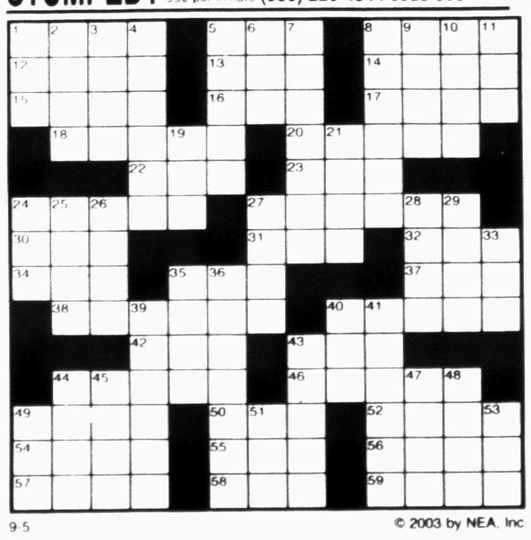

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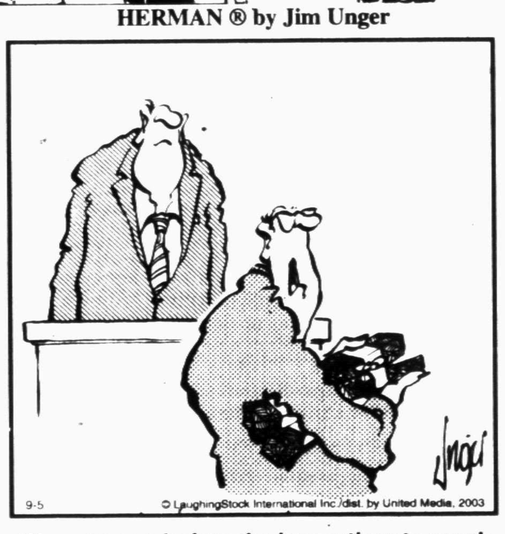

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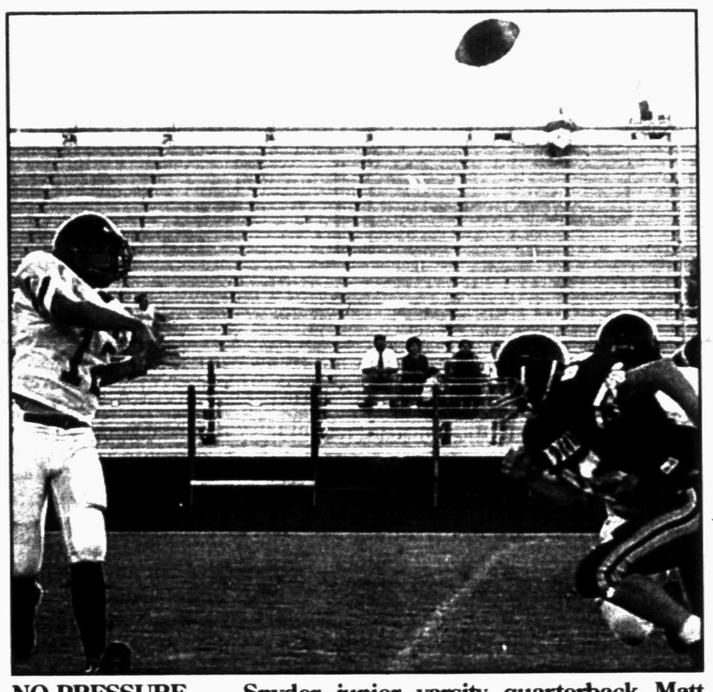

NO PRESSURE — Snyder junior varsity quarterback Matt Reigh delivers a pass before the Wylie rush can close in. Reigh threw for two touchdowns in the 26-0 beating of the Bulldogs Thursday. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

JV Tigers blank Wylie; Frosh play well in loss

The Snyder junior varsity gridders dominated the junior Bulldogs from Wylie Thursday, using two touchdown throws from Matt Reigh and two interceptions from Jonathan Gonzales to blank Wylie, 26-0.

Reigh and Gonzales opened the scoring with a 45-yard pitch and catch to make it 6-0. Gonzales made it a two-touchdown lead a little later, returning his first interception 55 yards to paydirt. A pass to D'Angelo Davis gave the Tigers a two-point conversion and a 14-0 lead at halftime.

Reigh was able to find his receivers because of the stout play of the offense line, including Chase Ashworth, Blake Scott, Nathaniel Clarady, Orlando Vasquez, Rudy Ibarra and Davis.

"They did an excellent job," JV coach Charles Bollinger said. "They dominated the line of scrimmage, and the defense played out standing."

Snyder added to its lead in the second half on a 10-yard run by Dustin Williams. A 10-yard touchdown pass from Reigh to Jonathan Vasquez rounded out the scoring for the junior Tigers, who have an open date next week.

Despite a 34-28 setback Thursday, the freshmen Tigers made great headway, getting a pair of goal-line touchdowns from Joey Hernandez and Adam Smith and playing fundamentally sound on both sides of the football.

Frosh coach Tommy Doyle said the team is showing progress each week.

"At times our offensive line looked really good, and we looked a lot better this week," he said. "We're getting there."

Lucas Munoz recovered a Snyder fumble and took it to the endzone, while Brandon Morris was on the receiving end of a 10-yard scoring strike from Ryan Mitchell.

Fernando Carrillo and Keith Manleif each recorded a two-point conversion.

The freshmen will play at Lubbock Cooper Thursday at 7 p.m.

SJHS spikers fall to Big Spring

The Snyder eighth-grade volleyball teams each lost two-game matches with visiting Big Spring Thursday, with the "B" team going right down to the wire in both of their games.

Big Spring topped the "B" team, 26-24, 25-23, as Jordan Derryberry had nine service points in the two games, six in the first game.

Alayna Alexander had four points and Christine Villa and Vanessa Pena both added two for the squad.

"The girls played hard and with enthusiasm," head coach Bradi Johnson said. "I have a lot of hard workers on this team."

The "A" team also played close with the jr. high ladies, falling 21-25 and 18-25.

Cayelea Rhodes had six service points — including an ace — in the first game, while Angela Almanza added four in the second. Maya Estrada had three points and Alex Urias had two.

"We definitely did not play up to our potential," Johnson said. "I have a lot of confidence in these girls and have high expectations on their season."

The jr. high girls next play at 5:30 Tuesday, when they host Midland Christian.

Sports Briefs

MGA monthly tournament

The Men's Golf Association will host its monthly tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday at the WTC golf course.

Golf car wash

The SHS golf program will hold a by-donation car wash from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the United parking lot.

Booster club fundraiser

The SHS football booster club will be in the Wal-Mart parking lot Saturday from open to close. The club will sell chances to win a $1,000 gift card from United, a $500 certificate from Wal-Mart, and 10 other prizes.

Ex-player hats

The SHS football booster club will be selling hats for Snyder exes for $30 for homecoming week. The caps will feature the name, class and number of the ex-player, and all orders should be put in a week before the Oct. 3 homecoming game against Levelland. Contact Mike Tyrrell at 207-2315 for more information.

Club championship

The Scurry County Golf Course will host its club championship Sept. 20-21. Tee time is 1 p.m. both days with a $20 entry fee. Contact Rick at 573-7101 for more infor mation.

Jeter out for weekend series with Sox

TORONTO (AP) — New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter is expected to miss a three-game series against the Boston Red Sox this weekend because of a strained rib cage. Jeter sustained a slight muscle strain in his left rib cage Sunday and hasn't played since.

Tigers face pivotal game in home opener against Wylie

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

When the Tigers take the field tonight in their home opener, the stands will be packed with hordes of gold-shirted Snyder faithful and excitement in the air.

But with such a pivotal game — one that will even more clearly define this year's squad than last week's game against Frenship — there is a danger that such energy can become a distraction.

"It's exciting, but we can't get too excited," senior quarterback Boicy Martinez said after practice Thursday. "We have to come together as a team and play ball the way we are capable of playing, and overcome outside distractions."

Head coach Chad Rogers said the way the club responds to the distractions of a home opener and the mental meltdowns of a couple of players at practice this week would give an indication of what kind of team to expect in the coming weeks.

"The kids have to respond together and not let outside distractions interfere," he said. "The good teams govern themselves — on and off the field,"

The Tigers will seek their first win of the young season at 7:30 tonight at Tiger Stadium against the 1-0 Abilene Wylie Bulldogs, who thumped San Angelo Lake View, 29-14 last week.

"This is a big game," said Rogers. "They will do things right, and they have beaten us the last two years. The kids will have to be on their game and have to stay focused."

Snyder took a 14-7 lead into the locker room at halftime of last year's game, only to be outscored 21-3 in the final 24 minutes in the 28-17 loss.

Rogers said he was immediately pleased with the overall performance of his team in last week's loss to Frenship, but was even more positive about it after watching the film this week.

"We played good, aggressive defense, but it was small mistakes that turned into touchdowns for them," he said. "We have got to continue to be aggressive and not be afraid to make mistakes. They have to believe and trust in each other, and believe that their teammate will make a play."

One area the team needs to shore if they are to have success this week is the running game, after recording just 54 yards on 35 carries last week.

"We definitely need to improve our running game," Rogers said, adding that despite some of the distractions, the team had a "decent" week of practice, including Monday's walk-through.

"Tuesday was very crisp. There were a couple of distractions Wednesday and overall Thursday was smooth," he said.

Martinez, who rushed for 61 yards last year against Wylie in place of the injured Josh Montoya, said he needs to be quicker in his decision-making in the pocket this week.

If he can get the passing game going early, it would take some pressure off the rushing attack.

"I've got to be more confident, get rid of the ball quicker so I can give my receivers a chance to make a play," he said. "We are capable of big things if we put our minds to it. We've got to face adversity and eliminate those things that can kill a drive."

No more waiting: Ira opens tonight against Whitharral

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

While other area teams waited out the rain and lightning during zero week, the Ira Bulldogs hunkered down and continued to work on and study their season-opening opponent.

The Bulldogs will see if that study paid off at 7:30 tonight when they host the Whitharral Panthers.

Whitharral dropped 64 on Ira to start last season, but head coach Toby Goodwin said several factors would make this season opener different.

"We are more ready and more confident this year," he said. "They lost some hosses and they aren't the defending state champion. Our eyes aren't as wide as they were last year. It's the first game, and we are ready to get out there."

Goodwin said having the game at home also is significant.

"That's a long road trip, and not having to travel makes this year so much different."

Whitharral lost the versatile Brandon Hoskins along with four other starters that contributed to the team's 2002 state title.

Whitharral also has a new coach in Joseph O'Malley, as former coach Ken Hoskins moved on to Garden City.

The Ira Bulldogs will have a new look this year, as well. Gone are standouts Eric Dickerhoff and Josh Gutierrez, and the Bulldogs are in a full-blown youth movement in the secondary, with sophomores Caleb Gutierrez, Joel Lollar and Wes Kellner manning the safety and corner positions.

Goodwin said he has tremendous confidence in those underclassmen.

"If I didn't have any, I wouldn't play them," he said.

Goodwin said that he and assistant coach Randy Jones made some roster changes after the team's two scrimmages.

"Scrimmages are scrimmages," he added. "It gives us a chance to figure out who we want and where we want them."

Justin Taylor will move into the left end spot on offense, giving the team a dual threat in both blocking and pass catching.

Joining Taylor on offense will be center Brandon Graves, right end Jake Barnes, quarterback Wes Kellner, and a three-man rotation in the backfield featuring Gutierrez, Jess Wall and Lollar.

An experiment to move Barnes to linebacker was scuttled, and he will be at his more familiar defensive end position.

Brandon Graves and Roy Torres will split time at nose guard, with Wall manning the other end spot.

The dream of taking District 7 this year begins tonight, and Goodwin feels this is the year for Ira to breakthrough.

"We have lots of experience under our belts. We are not only ready to play the big boys, we are ready to be the big boys," he said. "This is the year we need to step up into the elite. We are excited, and the community is excited."

Jets done in by former players

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — John Hall wanted the chance to kick a game-winning field goal against his former team.

He thought about it for months, envisioning different scenarios. They all ended the same way: in victory.

Hall got the opportunity he craved in the NFL season opener Thursday night and came through. He kicked a 33-yarder with 5 seconds remaining to lift the Washington Redskins past the New York Jets 16-13.

The win meant vindication for Hall, Laveranues Coles, Chad Morton and Randy Thomas. They finally could brag about jumping from the Jets to the Redskins in the offseason.

"It's pretty much one of those stupid things you do when you're done practicing," Hall said. "You make up those situations where you have this or that — and I'm sure you know which team it was against."

Hall also had kicks of 50 and 22 yards to help the JetSkins take bragging rights.

Coles also contributed in a big way, with five receptions for 106 yards — though they all came in the first half. The former Jets-turned-Redskins story line dominated talk throughout the week leading up to the game.

How fitting, then, that Hall won it.

Coach Steve Spurrier handed a game ball to Hall and owner Daniel Snyder, whose offseason spending made the acquisition of Coles, Morton, Hall and Thomas possible.

"It just goes to show that sometimes the grass is greener on the other side," said Coles, who jawed at his former teammates and stared at the Jets sideline after making big plays.

Major League Baseball

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	84	54	.609	—
Boston	81	58	.583	3½
Toronto	69	70	.496	15½
Baltimore	63	76	.453	21½
Tampa Bay	55	83	.399	29
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	73	66	.525	—
Minnesota	73	66	.525	—
Kansas City	71	67	.514	1½
Cleveland	62	79	.440	12
Detroit	37	102	.266	36
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	83	57	.593	—
Seattle	81	59	.579	2
Anaheim	67	72	.482	15½
Texas	64	76	.457	19

Thursday's Games

Detroit 2, Cleveland 1
Baltimore 7, Oakland 5
Arizona 6, Kansas City 5, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 1, Seattle 0

Today's Games

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Seattle (Meche 14-10) at Baltimore (Johnson 10-6), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 10-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 17-7), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 8-9) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 6-7), 6:15 p.m.
Texas (Callaway 1-5) at Minnesota (Santana 9-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Traber 6-7) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 10-10), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Anderson 10-11) at Anaheim (Washburn 10-12), 9:05 p.m.

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	87	52	.626	—
Florida	76	64	.543	11½
Philadelphia	76	64	.543	11½
Montreal	71	70	.504	17
New York	62	77	.446	25
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	66	.525	—
Chicago	73	67	.521	½
St. Louis	73	68	.518	1
Pittsburgh	63	74	.460	9
Milwaukee	62	77	.446	11
Cincinnati	60	79	.432	13
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	85	53	.616	—
Los Angeles	72	66	.522	13
Arizona	71	69	.507	15
Colorado	65	76	.461	21½
San Diego	57	82	.410	28½

Thursday's Games

Florida 5, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 6
Arizona 6, Kansas City 5, 10 innings
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 5

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Ol.Perez 4-8) at Atlanta (Ramirez 9-4), 3:35 p.m., 1st game
Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1) at Atlanta (Reynolds 11-7), 2nd game
Florida (Redman 11-8) vs. Montreal (L.Hernandez 14-8) at San Juan, 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Seo 8-9) at Philadelphia (Padilla 12-9), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Cruz 1-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harang 3-2) at St. Louis (Hitchcock 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 9-5) at Colorado (Stark 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Fernandez 2-3) at San Diego (Eaton 8-9), 9:05 p.m.
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Ryan Fuqua added 133 yards on 26 carries for the Vikings.

After a slow start, Portland State (1-0) scored three consecutive touchdowns to take a 21-7 halftime lead. Wiser scored on a quarterback sneak, tossed a 31-yard scoring pass to Adam Whitehead and threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Jay Williams.

The Division II Javelinas (0-1) closed to within 21-14 early in the third quarter when quarterback Daniel Taylor, who threw for 228 yards and three touchdowns, connected with Errick Lewis on a 56-yard play.

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	Salary Increases	Proposed Salaries
County Judge	$ 985.41	$31,840.21
County Commissioner, Pct. #1	$ 907.20	$31,237.50
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County Commissioner, Pct. #4	$ 907.20	$31,477.50
County Clerk	$ 935.72	$32,216.90
District Clerk	$ 935.72	$32,386.90
Justice of Peace #1	$ 834.26	$29,134.08
County Attorney	$1,138.15	$39,311.21
County Treasurer	$ 795.30	$32,190.60
Tax Collector	$ 945.55	$33,512.82
Sheriff	$1,189.49	$41,795.79
Constable #1	$ 187.82	$ 3,366.70
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Any other proposed increases in expenses/allowances may be found in the proposed County Budget which is available in the office of County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas. Call County Auditor Charlie Bell at 915-573-7121 or County Judge Rod Waller at 915-573-8576 for information relating to salaries, expenses or allowances proposed to be increased and the amount of the prooosed increases or any other budget information.

Rod Waller
County Judge

Service is held for U.S. soldier

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — When he was a boy, Army Spc. Stephen Scott would race around with a blanket or sheet on his shoulders playing Superman, his family said.

"As he got older, he found different ways to be Superman," Joey Hobbs said Thursday at a memorial for his little brother. "He is a very beautiful person."

Scott, a cook in 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, died Aug. 23 in Iraq from a non-combat gunshot wound. The Army is investigating.

Scott was born in San Antonio and moved several times before settling in Lawton, Okla., where he graduated from high school.

At 6 feet, 5 inches tall, Scott loved playing basketball and hoped to play professionally.

He joined the Oklahoma National Guard in 2001 and chose to go on active duty a year ago. One of his brothers encouraged him to become a full-time soldier to improve his life, Hobbs said.

Scott married his wife, Marie, last year. A private first class, she is assigned to the public affairs office at Fort Carson.

Scott's commander in Iraq, Capt. James Hayes, recalled him as a soldier who worked hard and had an easy disposition. Other troopers felt they knew him from somewhere else.

"They (troopers) wondered why he was so happy," Hayes said during a memorial to Scott in Iraq that was read at Thursday's service.

Adam Scott remembered his younger brother as his best friend, closest confidant and hero. He didn't judge people and said laughter was necessary for life.

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NEW YORK AP

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	13.24	12.50	13.20	+ 7[illegible]
AOL TimeWr	16.75	16.48	16.55	— 2[illegible]
AT&T Corp rs	23.18	22.40	22.97	+ .45
Albertsons	22.90	22.39	22.86	— .14
Alltel	47.44	46.87	46.87	— .58
AmElPw	29.28	28.84	29.16	— .15
AndarkPtr	44.10	43.26	43.55	— .55
ATMOS Egy	24.53	24.38	24.52	— .01
Avaya	13.15	13.02	13.12	+ .10
BP PLC	42.76	42.42	42.[illegible]	— .29
BakerHughes	32.43	31.55	32.21	— .07
Bank of Amer	77.06	75.55	76.82	+ .58
BellSouth	25.91	25.46	25.79	+ .14
BurlNoSFe	29.01	28.72	28.73	— .28
Caterpillar	71.09	69.66	70.16	— .93
CenterPoint	9.05	8.93	8.97	— .07
ChevronTex	73.64	72.83	72.99	— .71
Citigroup	44.68	44.34	44.52	+ .27
CocaCola	44.80	44.12	44.18	— .32
ColgatePal	56.30	56.02	56.02	— .28
CmclMetals	19.60	19.55	19.62	— .05
ConocoPhill	56.88	56.35	56.38	— .42
Cooper Inds	50.49	50.06	50.44	— .04
DaimlrChry	39.21	38.89	39.12	— .14
DeltaAirl	14.97	14.40	14.93	+ .14
Dillards Inc	15.40	15.02	15.40	+ .20
DowChem	34.10	33.68	33.72	— .48
DuPont	44.45	43.98	44.06	— .39
EastmanChem	35.80	35.56	35.75	— .14
EstKodak	29.38	29.04	29.30	
EDS Corp	22.83	22.53	22.58	— .32
Entergy	54.26	53.88	53.95	— .32
ExxonMobil	38.10	37.94	37.99	— .11
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Goodyear	7.70	7.16	7.[illegible]	+ .3[illegible]
GtAtlPac	10.00	9.82	9.[illegible]	— .1[illegible]
Halliburtn	24.44	24.15	24.[illegible]	— .2[illegible]
Hanson ADS	33.60	33.40	33.55	+ .15
HarteHanks	19.00	18.95	19.00	— .25
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HoneywellInt	29.75	29.45	29.51	+ .16
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IntlPaper	39.44	39.06	39.63	— .37
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Kroger Co	19.47	19.22	19.47	— .13
LockheedM	51.90	51.26	51.76	+ .16
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LucentTech	2.23	2.14	2.23	+ .08
MarathonOil	28.84	28.69	28.75	— .05
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Medtronic	49.26	48.70	48.87	— .28
Motorola	11.09	10.68	11.06	+ .22
NCR Corp	30.89	30.63	30.76	— .14
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SaraLee	19.01	18.82	18.85	— .09
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SearsRoeb	45.33	44.85	45.02	— .26
SherwinW	30.50	30.22	30.39	— .06
SouthernCo	28.92	28.78	28.86	— .06
SwstAirl	17.95	17.48	17.90	+ .25
SprintFON	15.28	14.86	15.25	+ .42
SprintPCS	5.99	5.79	5.95	+ .26
Sunoco Inc	40.40	39.84	40.30	+ .39
TXU Corp	22.30	21.75	22.25	— .10
TempleInland	49.37	48.86	49.19	— .22
TexInd	26.29	25.84	25.96	— .38
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TrinityInds	29.75	28.62	28.85	— .15
TylerTech	6.48	6.29	6.48	
UnionPacf	61.18	60.74	60.77	— .54
USSteel	18.92	18.37	18.87	+ .26
UnitedTech	79.49	78.47	78.76	— .72
Unocal	31.06	30.86	30.97	
VerizonComm	37.50	36.73	36.75	+ .10
WalMart	59.50	58.90	58.94	—1.14
WellsFargo	51.17	50.76	51.07	+ .17
WstnGasRs	38.72	38.45	38.53	— .27
WinnDixie	10.96	10.75	10.90	— .05
Xerox Cp	10.82	10.67	10.67	— .15
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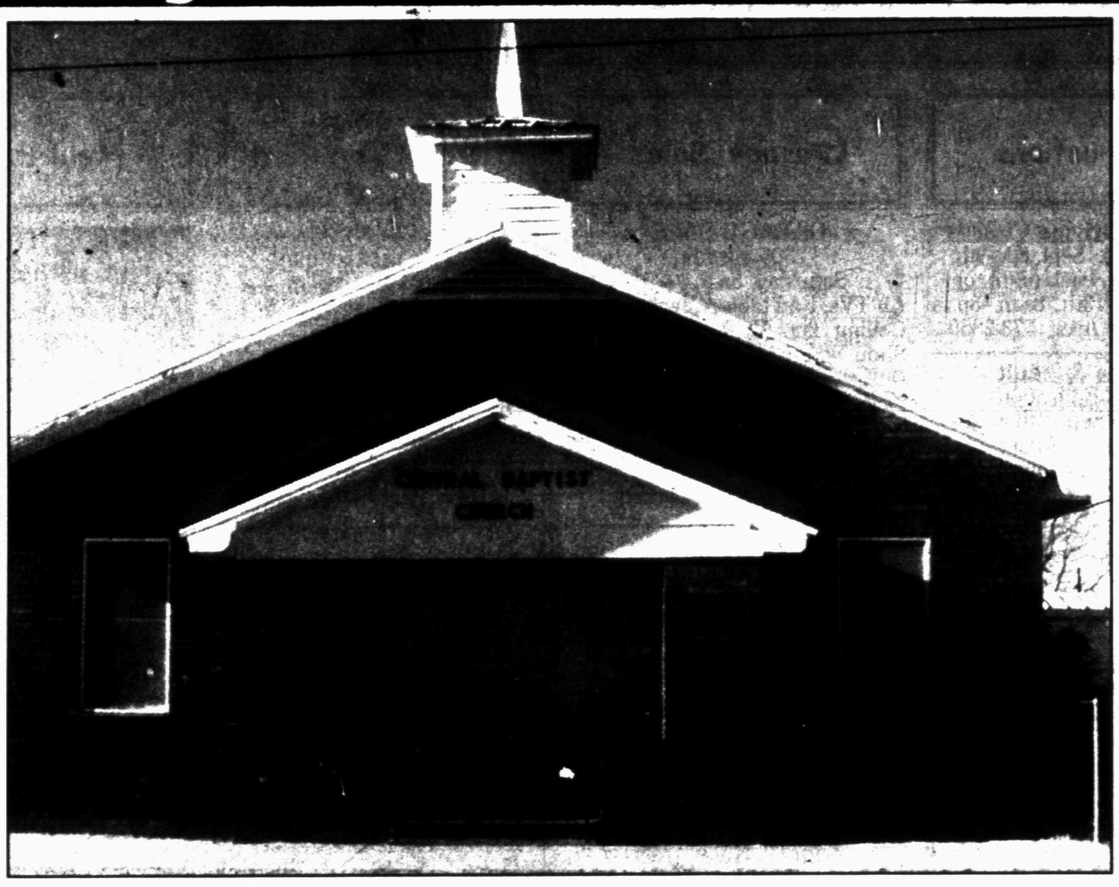

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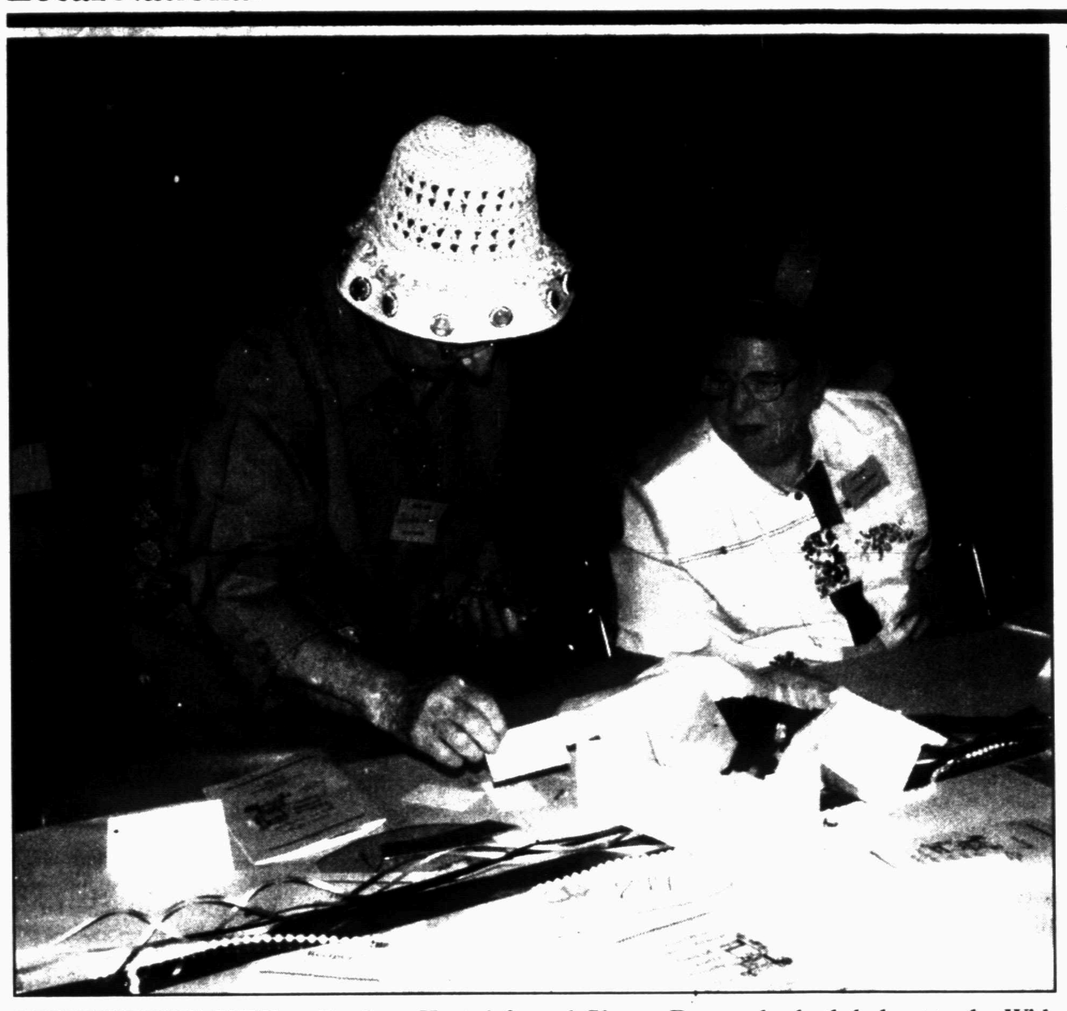

RESERVATIONS ONLY — Faydean Hart, left, and Glenna Bane, who both belong to the Widows Night Out Club, take advantage of the Taste of Scurry County museum fundraiser last Thursday night. The annual event benefits the Scurry County Museum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Doctors are obligated to speak clearly

DEAR DR. GOTT: I find that doctors speak too rapidly (and with too much scientific jargon) when talking to elderly patients. Older folks can't comprehend as quickly as can younger ones, and sometimes they miss instructions and are too embarrassed to ask that the doctor repeat what he has said. Also, we have a lot of foreign doctors in my community who are also difficult to understand. Perhaps you could address this important issue.

DEAR READER: You are not alone in your frustration and concern. Doctors often explain things in technical language that is not understandable, or they may provide overly complicated descriptions that are impossible to comprehend. This situation is made intolerable, of course, if there is a language problem or if the physician fails to enunciate and speak clearly.

When patients find themselves in these awkward circumstances, they must politely, but firmly, stop the discussion and ask for clarification. Also, written instructions are often more appropriate (providing the doctor writes legibly) when dealing with complex issues or lengthy suggestions about which medicines to take and how often.

Finally, the crucial step. Elderly patients should, in my opinion, arrange to have a patient advocate present who may help to clarify confusing issues. No one needs to be embarrassed or intimidated by physicians. It's OK to ask practitioners to back off, rephrase something or say it again. After all, the patient is purchasing a service and the doctor is ethically obligated to provide that service to the best of his or her ability. Doctors who remain unresponsive to their patients' needs will soon be looking for work or may end up in court because of a bad result stemming from improper communication.

Keep badgering your doctors until they speak to you in intelligible and understandable English.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can someone be having a heart attack and not know it?

DEAR READER: Some heart attacks are "silent," meaning that they occur without warning and are not associated with the characteristic symptoms of chest pain and pressure. The cause of this unusual phenomenon remains a mystery.

Other heart attacks may cause nonspecific symptoms, such as malaise, weakness, palpitations and faintness.

Silent heart attacks are usually diagnosed well after the event, when routine cardiograms show areas of cardiac muscle damage.

The diagnosis of heart attack rests on findings obtained from blood tests, cardiograms and imaging studies, regardless of whether pain is present or absent.

Because silent heart attack patients rarely seek medical attention at the time of the injury, their diagnostic testing is somewhat different and delayed. However, most authorities agree that coronary angiography (to identify blockages in the coronary arteries) should be performed on all such patients so that a second heart attack can be prevented.

To give you related information, I am sending you my Health Report "Heart 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.

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Western states prepare for spread of West Nile virus

DENVER (AP) — Health officials west of the Rockies are preparing for the anticipated spread of the West Nile virus, which has claimed more lives in Colorado than in any other state.

"If I were my counterparts in Arizona, Utah and Idaho I would be preparing," said John Pape, the Colorado state epidemiologist.

The virus has killed 16 elderly people in the state this summer and infected 1,051 people — the most in any state since the virus first entered the country through New York in 1999. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said last week that West Nile virus activity has again doubled, with 34 states reporting a total of 1,442 cases and 21 deaths.

Even with three more deaths reported Thursday, Pape said the threat in Colorado has peaked. He advised people to continue to take precautions until cold weather begins killing mosquitoes. Late August through September has been its peak season.

The disease will probably begin hitting western Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Idaho next year. It won't be long before Oregon and Washington see human infections and "California will get whacked in 2005," Pape said.

Arizona officials have been preparing for years, and dozens of billboards warning of the virus are already up in Utah.

So far, Arizona's only human victim is believed to have contracted West Nile during a visit to Colorado, said Elisabeth Lawaczeck, the state public health veterinarian.

"I think we will have a human sick with West Nile this year. And we do expect to have more cases next year than this year," she said.

State officials are particularly concerned because Arizona has a large population of elderly retirees, Lawaczeck said. Although the state is much drier than Colorado, and thus less hospitable to mosquitoes, many retirees live along the Colorado River.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003

You could get the chance in the year ahead to participate in a venture in which you may play merely a minor role, but a highly rewarding one. What you gain materially will far outshine being in the spotlight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Before you attempt doing a job today that you've never tackled before, as a backup, try to enlist a person who can give you some direction or take over if you find yourself in way over your head.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Those natural leadership qualities you possess, along with your organizational skills, will be your two best assets today. You'll use them well in a social situation that's sorely in need of direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There's little doubt that you'll be strongly motivated today to finish whatever needs completion. Anything that has been left dangling is likely to be a source of frustration to you at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In order to satisfy the mental restlessness you're likely to be plagued with today, seek out stimulating conversationalists to exchange news and views.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's a good chance you could find yourself in a situation today that would enable you to lay a foundation for something profitable. Have your trowel and mortar ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Appearances can be everything today, so it will be important to put on a positive demeanor and behave in a cheerful manner if you have any hopes of inspiring or influencing your peers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It'll be in places of seclusion or solitude where you'll be able to unravel and resolve complicated problems today that need sorting out. Isolate yourself from distracting outside influences.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your hopeful and optimistic desires can be realized today, so long as you keep your expectations within realistic limits. Be grateful for each of your achievements as they occur.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Sometimes it's who you know that opens doors for you, but not today. What you know (and how much better equipped you are than your competitor is) will be what tilts the odds in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you're looking for new things to happen in your life, you must first start by broadening your perspective. The wider your horizons are, the greater your chances will be of finding new opportunities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your knack for research or probing could be far keener today than usual. Now is the time to poke around in a book, check records or do some detective work to clean up some loose ends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The secret to your success or self-satisfaction today will be to keep everything in proper balance. Don't put too much emphasis on your work, nor focus too much on play.

Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

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Fed judge dismisses suit seeking return of 10 Commandments

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — In dismissing a lawsuit seeking to return a Ten Commandments monument to the lobby of the Alabama Judicial building, a federal judge said the 5,300-pound granite marker's removal demonstrates government neutrality toward religion.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson disagreed with a claim by the three residents who filed the lawsuit that the monument's removal would violate the constitution's protection of freedom of religion.

Thursday's ruling comes after a lengthy legal battle in a separate lawsuit that led to the Ten Commandments' removal last week. In that case, Thompson ruled the monument an unconstitutional promotion of religion by government.

Plaintiffs' lawyer Jim Zeigler said he has not decided whether to appeal Thompson's decision.

Suspended Chief Justice Roy Moore had the monument moved into the judicial building in the middle of the night on July 31, 2001, saying it represents the moral foundation of American law. The monument soon became a symbol of the fight over the separation of church and state, drawing hundreds of protesters to Montgomery who decried its removal.

Patrick Mahoney of the Christian Defense Coalition, said the ruling "shows the courts are now defining neutrality as the removal of all acknowledgment of God from the public square."

But Ayesha Khan, an attorney for one of three groups that filed the original suit seeking removal of the monument, applauded the ruling.

"Judge Thompson recognized that Justice Moore's monument shoves religion down people's throats," Khan said.

Also Thursday, about 150 Moore supporters marched to the Alabama Capitol and presented a wooden plaque of the Ten Commandments to Gov. Bob Riley's chief of staff. The chief of staff said the governor would consult with lawyers before displaying the plaque.

A day earlier, a spokeswoman for Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove said Moore had turned down Musgrove's offer to publicly display the monument for a week at the Mississippi Capitol.

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U.S. softens terms in North Korea talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has dropped its insistence that North Korea meet U.S. nuclear disarmament demands before it can be offered economic assistance and other benefits.

A senior State Department official outlined the more conciliatory U.S. position on Thursday in reviewing the outcome of six-nation talks in Beijing last week on the impasse over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

North Korea "would not have to do everything" before getting something in return, said the official, who briefed reporters on the condition that he not be identified.

Previously, the administration insisted that North Korea would have to dismantle its nuclear programs in a verifiable, irreversible way before the United States would be willing to offer concessions. White House press secretary Scott McClellan on today declined to say whether the senior State Department official was signaling a shift in U.S. policy toward North Korea.

"North Korea is learning that the international community is not going to reward bad behavior," he said. "North Korea must change its behavior and take concrete steps to end its nuclear weapons program."

During the Beijing talks last week, North Korea said it would disarm if the United States resumed free oil shipments, provided economic and humanitarian aid, signed a nonaggression treaty and opened diplomatic ties.

3 people hurt in shooting at Baghdad mosque early today

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three gunmen sprayed bullets at worshippers at the end of dawn prayers today, wounding three people, the cleric at a Sunni mosque in northeast Baghdad said.

Walid al-Azari said the gunmen got out of a pickup truck near the Quiba mosque and opened fire with Kalashnikov rifles at about 4:30 a.m.

"They wanted to harm the unity of Islam," al-Azari said.

In Najaf, 110 miles south of Baghdad, more than 10,000 people filled the area around the Imam Ali shrine waiting to hear the today sermon of Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, whose brother was assassinated in a car bombing outside the mosque a week ago. The inside of the shrine compound was packed with congregants as well.

Al-Hakim did not appear, and the sermon was delivered by a deputy of his slain brother.

Armed security men stood every five yards along the top of the Shiite shrine, the holiest in Iraq.

Al-Hakim, a member of the American-picked governing council, has taken over his slain brother's leadership position in the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq. He led the armed wing of the organization, the Badr Brigade, which U.S. forces ordered disarmed shortly after the war ended April 9.

The group rearmed in defiance of the U.S. demand and many members, wearing arm bands identifying themselves as Badr Brigade and carrying Kalashnikov rifles, were part of the security force.

Also today, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was in ousted leader Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, visiting troops of the 4th Infantry Division. He then went to Mosul, in the far north, to visit the 101st Airborne Division.

"I think we have the formula here for success," Rumsfeld said today. "A lot of things have been accomplished. It's not going to be a straight steady path. In the future there will be difficulties."

The commander of American troops in Tikrit said today that Saddam probably is hiding in or around there. Major Gen. Ray Odierno said 4th Infantry Division troops had captured several of Saddam's former bodyguards in the past month.

Man is arrested for PI Thursday

•Arrest

Thursday at 9:04 p.m., a 22-year-old man was arrested in the 2300 block of 31st Street for public intoxication.

•Burglary

At 10:51 a.m. Thursday, Ruth Craig reported items missing from her daughter's residence on FM 1609. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

•Disturbance

At 9:04 p.m. Thursday, there was a report of several people yelling at each other at the American Legion Hall. The subjects were contacted by police and directed to leave.

•Traffic hazard

Thursday at 12:08 p.m., Virginia Fulks reported a five-gallon bucket of pipes in the roadway at 4500 College. Police removed the bucket.

18-year-old man put on probation

An 18-year-old Snyder man was placed on probation for five years following a guilty plea entered Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Don King of 1011 21st Street pleaded guilty to the July 20 charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle belonging to Francisco Esparza.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced King to serve two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years.

Bush to open new fund-raising phase

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is completing a trio of Midwest speeches on the economy and opening a fresh round of fund raising to bolster his re-election bank account.

Bush was to highlight administration efforts meant to boost small business, visiting one such company in Indianapolis today en route to the fund-raiser. He currently has more than $56 million on hand for next year's primary, though he faces no GOP opponent.

The president has not headlined a fund-raiser since Aug. 26. But today marked a new round that shows he has no intention of slowing down before the end of the current fund-raising period Sept. 30. Bush has six more fund-raisers in five states this month.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said today that the president will attend campaign events in Nashville, Tenn., on Sept. 8; Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Sept. 9; Philadelphia on Sept. 15; and Cincinnati, Ohio., and Chicago on Sept. 30.

He is trying to keep the public focused on his efforts to revive the economy, and to spread the optimism he says he feels about an upturn.

"America's economy today is showing signs of promise," the president told a cheering audience of 2,500 executives at the Kansas City Convention Center on Thursday. "We're emerging from a period of national challenge and economic uncertainty."

The nation has lost some 2.7 million jobs lost since Bush took office. In an interview with the financial network CNBC, Bush predicted the unemployment picture will brighten: "I'm much more optimistic today than I was a year ago," he said.

Asked who bears the blame for the nation's growing budget deficit, Bush said "It's nobody's fault."

He attributed half the deficit to the recession and a quarter to the cost of waging war in Iraq and fighting terrorism. "And then about a quarter of the deficit was caused by the tax relief," Bush said. "And the tax relief was necessary to get the economy up and running."

Bush said reversing the tax cuts he championed in an effort to reduce the deficit "would be a big mistake."

Bush won Indiana decisively in 2000, but is eager to keep its 11 electoral votes in his column. The state has shown it can tilt either way in statewide elections: It most recently elected a Democratic governor, Frank O'Bannon.

Bush's former budget chief, Mitch Daniels, is running for governor this year.

Bush typically packs his audiences with supporters, as he did Thursday with the GOP-friendly Chamber of Commerce in Missouri.

But outside, hundreds of demonstrators stood behind police barricades to protest his economic record and the war in Iraq.

Obituaries

Loyd Raschke

1937-2003

Loyd Edward Raschke, longtime communications technician, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.

Loyd Raschke

Rosary for Mr. Raschke, 65, is set for 6 this evening in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with interment to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Oct. 20, 1937 in Lubbock County, he was reared in the Westbrook area and was a U.S. Army veteran. Mr. Raschke moved to Snyder from Fort Stockton in 1968. He was a telephone service technician for Southwestern Bell and AT&T for 32 years and was a self-employed technician for the past 10 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Scifres of Snyder and Stacie Goswick and husband Raymond of Westbrook; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Diane Raschke of San Angelo; two sisters, Margo Grant of Snyder and Laura Notgrass of Stanton; four brothers, Alvin Raschke of Lake Buchanan, E.J. Raschke of Midland, Alton Raschke of Colorado City and Larry Raschke of Austin; and eight grandchildren, Jacob and Kegan Scifres of Snyder and Wesley, Miranda Goswick of Westbrook, Mercedes and Dylan Raschke of Hollywood, Fla., and Riley and Morgan Raschke of San Angelo.

Memorials may be made to the St. Elizabeth Prayer Garden fund.

Rudene Gladson

1921-2003

Mildred Rudene Gladson, former Snyder resident, died Friday, Aug. 29, in Prescott, Ariz.

Graveside service for Mrs. Gladson, 82, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Born Aug. 1, 1921 in Lubbock, Mrs. Gladson was a homemaker and a Southern Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Sherene Lamb of Prescott, Ariz., Phyllis Tidwell of Carrollton and Denise Phillips of Peoria, Ariz.; two sisters, LaNell Hogan and LaFon Berryhill, both of Wimberly; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Family Care Inc., 100 East Sheldon #100 in Prescott, Ariz., 86301.

Alvaro Baeza

1919-2003

Alvaro Baeza, 83, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Services for Mr. Baeza are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Nicolasa Baeza of Snyder; a daughter, Connie Baeza of Snyder; a son, Javier Baeza of Snyder; and three sisters.

Richard Jones

1951-2003

OWASSO, Okla. — Richard Clint Jones of Tulsa, Okla., son of Laura Jones of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 3 in a Owasso hospital.

Memorial service for Mr. Jones, 52, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Friendship Baptist Church in Owasso with the Rev. Randy Binion officiating.

Born Jan. 16, 1951 in Fort Worth, he was the son of Laura Jean Brickell Jones and the late Denver Clint Jones.

Survivors also include his wife, Mitzi Jane Jones of Tulsa; one son, Darrin Clint Jones of Tulsa; four daughters, Amy Knight Coffeeville, Kan., Angela Ritchie of Oklahoma City, Kristin Cole of Owasso and Krystal Jones of Tulsa; one sister, Diana Owen of Lufkin; and eight grandchildren, Devin, Andrew, Kutler, Karsen, Ethan, Jolie, Matthew and Lillian Bella.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 9/6	Sun 9/7	Mon 9/8
87/62	87/62	87/63
Sunny skies. High 87F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise 7:21 AM, Sunset 8:02 PM	Sunrise 7:22 AM, Sunset 8:01 PM	Sunrise 7:23 AM, Sunset 7:59 PM

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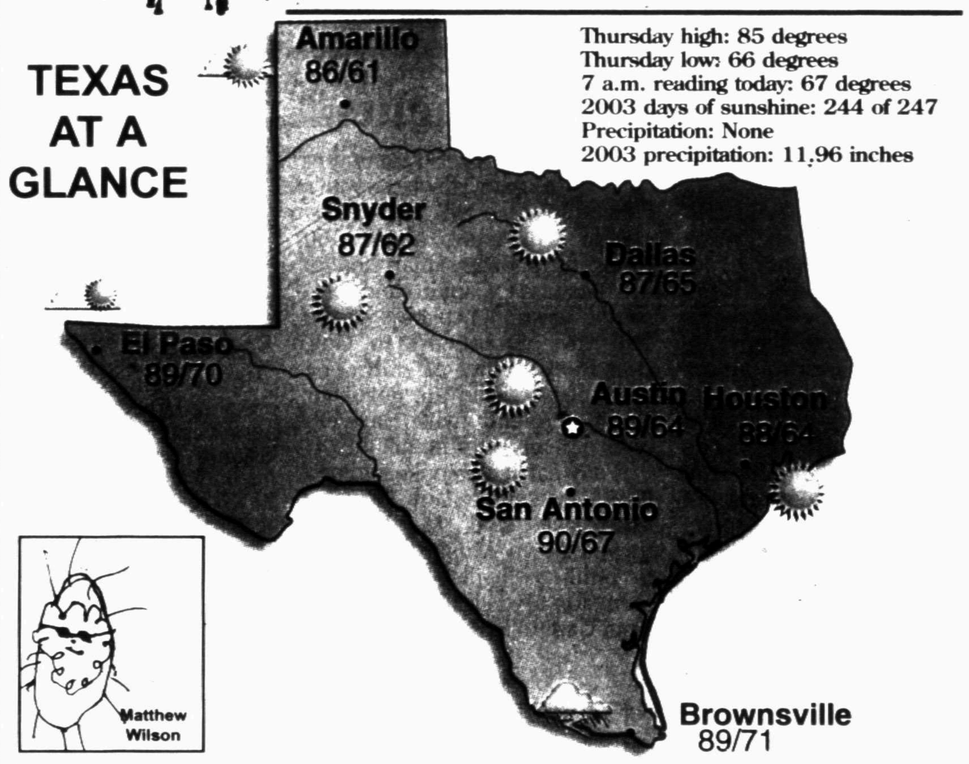
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Thursday high: 85 degrees
Thursday low: 66 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 67 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 244 of 247
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 11.96 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	64	sunny	El Paso	89	70	pt sunny	Midland	89	66	sunny
Amarillo	86	61	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	89	66	sunny	Raymondville	90	69	pt sunny
Austin	89	64	sunny	Gainesville	86	60	sunny	Rosenberg	88	64	sunny
Beaumont	87	64	mst sunny	Greenville	86	59	sunny	San Antonio	90	67	sunny
Brownsville	89	71	t-storm	Houston	88	64	sunny	San Marcos	91	64	sunny
Brownwood	91	62	sunny	Kingsville	90	68	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	58	sunny
Corpus Christi	88	69	pt sunny	Livingston	89	61	sunny	Sweetwater	88	63	sunny
Corsicana	88	61	sunny	Longview	86	60	sunny	Tyler	88	62	sunny
Dallas	87	65	sunny	Lubbock	87	63	mst sunny	Weatherford	87	60	sunny
Del Rio	94	71	sunny	Lufkin	87	61	sunny	Wichita Falls	89	62	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	63	rain	Houston	88	64	sunny	Phoenix	107	84	mst sunny
Boston	75	58	sunny	Los Angeles	81	63	sunny	San Francisco	70	55	windy
Chicago	78	60	sunny	Miami	85	76	t-storm	Seattle	78	56	mst sunny
Dallas	87	65	sunny	Minneapolis	84	61	mst sunny	St. Louis	81	61	sunny
Denver	76	56	t-storm	New York	76	61	sunny	Washington, DC	79	64	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 18	Sep 26

UV Index

Sat 9/6	Sun 9/7	Mon 9/8
Very High	Very 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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