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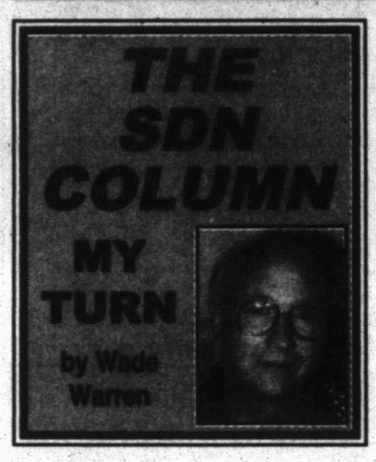
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On Feb. 6, we wrote of the plight of Doris and J.C. Harrison who live in a very nice, well-maintained home in the 200 block of 30th Street.

The two were not happy in February about a burned down mobile home, adjoining their property, not being hauled off and the lot cleaned up.

And they're still not happy.

Doris has talked to a lot of folks about the problem from the county to the city administration.

She thought the problem was solved when she spoke with City Manager John Gayle who assured her the burned mobile home would be gone in 45 days.

At that time, we wrote that Doris probably had the 45th day after her conversation with Gayle circled on the calendar in red.

She must have because she called this week and said, "Guess what, the mess is still the same."

What she doesn't understand is that a lot of people who have settled into cushy government jobs, whether it be city or federal or county or whatever, have different clocks than most of us.

It's kind of like counting dog years - only in reverse.

Here's hoping the Harrisons' have their problem solved shortly.

And on the subject of cleanups, the city has been working diligently on the railroad right-of-way on the Old Lubbock Highway.

It's looking good and we give the city crews high marks for their work.

There's a lot of work to be done around our community and it appears there's just not enough workers to do the jobs that need to be done.

I don't profess to know anything about running city government, but it just seems there are a lot more inside workers than outside workers and there's a lot more of the city outside of city hall than inside it.

But that seems to be true in most governmental bodies, including Cogdell Hospital.

The number of offices for department heads is rapidly catching up with the number of patient rooms.

And an update from our friends in Lamesa.

It appears Dawson Countians will continue to have to buy beer just outside the city limits of Lamesa at Los Ybanos because the local option petition drive has apparently failed.

The supporters of the drive needed 1,098 valid signatures on the petitions, but the county officials charged with validating the signatures found they lacked 172.

And back to city happenings.

The skyline of Snyder will be changing in the future as two water towers are scheduled to come down. They are the ones on 32nd Street and the oldest one near 40th Street.

Also be aware of the upcoming "Make Snyder Brighter" citywide cleanup program set for April 19-22.

This is an excellent program sponsored by the city for folks like us who collect stuff all year long and never use it and then wonder how we're going to get rid of it after we've received our orders to do so.

Tree limbs, lumber and appliances will be picked up as long as they can be lifted manually over the sides of a dump truck.

Old tires will not be picked up, but most everything else will be. It's a good deal, so let's all participate.

Six schools entered...

SHS will host District UIL

By Shirley Gorman
SDN News Editor

For the first time in several years, Snyder High School will host the 2004 District 3-3A UIL Academic Literary Meet Saturday and Larry Scott, SHS principal, serves as the district director.

Other schools competing are Sweetwater, Merkel, Lamesa, Denver City and Seminole.

Students will compete in 21 categories — accounting, calculator applications, computer applications, computer science, current issues and events, literary criticism, mathematics, number sense, ready writing, science, social studies, informative speaking, poetry interpretation, Lincoln Douglas Debate, news writing, feature writing, spelling and vocabulary, persuasive speaking, prose interpretation, editorial writing and headline writing.

A hospitality room for judges and sponsors will be set up by Lynda Patterson. Bettsey Robertson and the Band Boosters will set up a snack bar for students.

The one-act play competition has been is April 3 in Sweetwater.

SHS students entered are:

Accounting: Matthew Kerr, Josh Kemp, Josh Payne and Seth Cooper.

Calculator applications: Kim Cooper, Erin Hackfeld and Brooke Jackson.

Computer applications: Megan Fletcher, Katie Haggard, Whitney Waldon and Samantha Moyers, substitute.

Computer science: Austin Hatfield, Kim Cooper, Matthew Morris and Bryan Clifton.

Current issues and events: Matthew Kerr, Seth Cooper and Ashley Pavlovsky.

Literary criticism: Amanda Whitson, Adrienne Garcia, Aeryal Peoples and Emily Jones.

Mathematics: Josh Kemp and Josh Payne.

Number sense: Josh Kemp and Jordan Payne.

Ready writing: Erin Burleson, Josh Payne and Cami Trout.

Science: Fran Leighton, Will Floyd, John Birks, Barrett Bowlin, Clayton Floyd and Nathaniel Clarady.

Social studies: Erin Hackfeld, Ashley Pavlovsky, Emily Jones and Aeryal Peoples.

Informative speaking: Laura Arellano, Fran Leighton, Kerissa Shipp and Daniela Garcia, substitute.

Poetry interpretation: Ginelda Lopez, Lacey Kincaid and Austin Owens.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Amanda Blythe, Kerissa Shipp and Valerie Lopez.

News writing: Jeff Scott, Gretchen Hollis, Molly Haire and Anna Henson.

Feature writing: Jeff Scott, Molly Haire, Anna Henson and Gretchen Hollis, substitute.

Spelling and vocabulary: Marisa Munoz, Mechelle Renfro, Hollie Berryhill and John Whitworth.

Persuasive speaking: Paula Fritz, Amanda Blythe, Daniel Burton and Daniela Garcia, substitute.

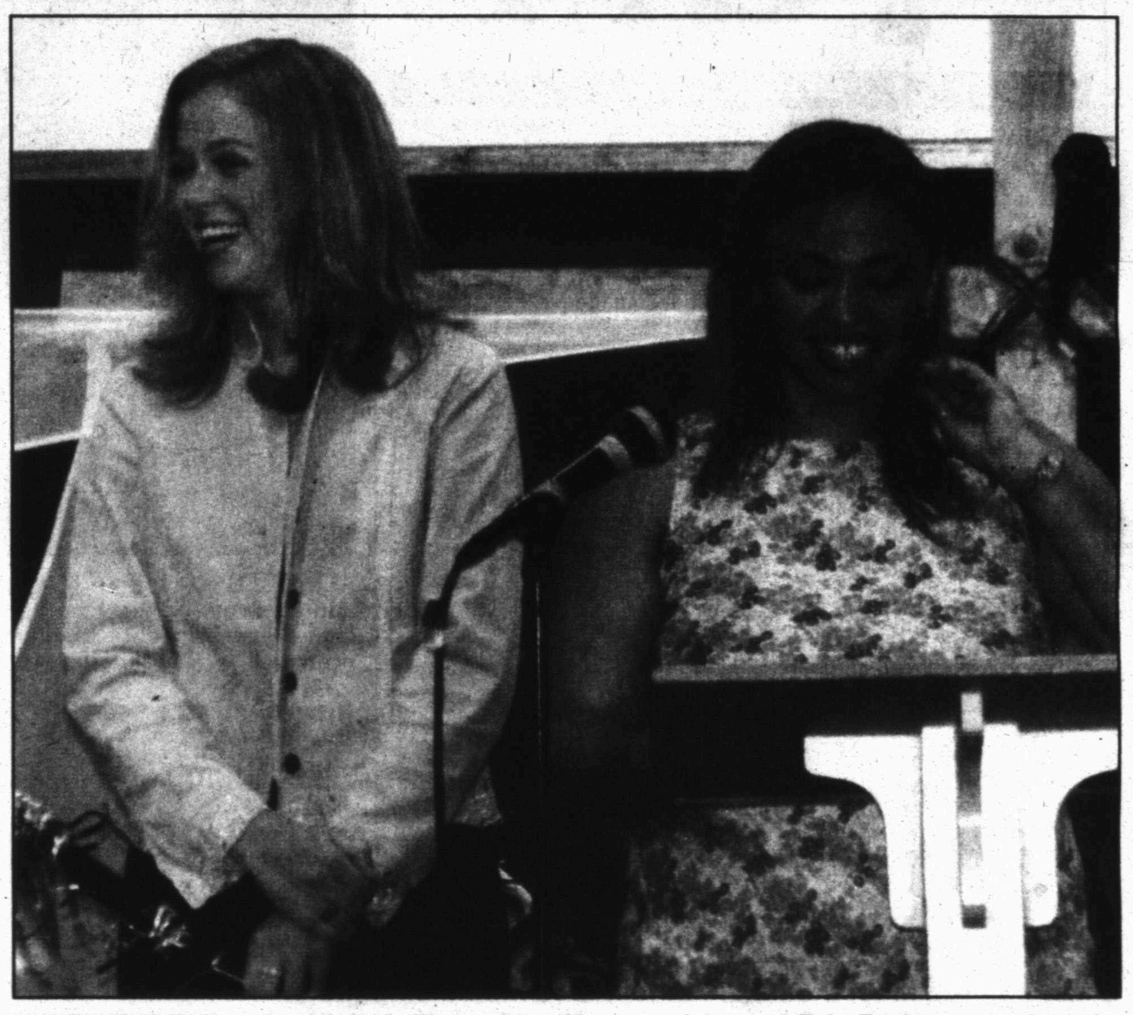
Prose interpretation: Kristel Fitts, Blake Robertson, Laura Arellano and Ozzy Benitez, substitute.

Editorial writing: Molly Haire, Anna Henson and Gretchen Hollis.

Headline writing: Gretchen Hollis, Anna Henson and Molly Haire.

SHS sponsors are Phyllis Smith, accounting; Darlene Stokes, math and calculator; Beth Bowen, current issues and events; Becky Johnson, spelling and vocabulary; Phyllis Graham, literary criticism; Diane Arnold, journalism; and Michael McQuerry, one-act play.

Others are Wynola Early, computer science; Lynda Patterson, computer applications; JoAnn Cotton, ready writing; Thomas Strayhorn, science; Janice Mitchell, social studies; and Ron Hester, speech.



HAPPY ENDING — Snyder Lady Tigers Anna Henson, right, and Erin Burleson speak to the crowd at the 2004 basketball banquet Thursday in the Family Life Center. Burleson and Henson, who along with Dominique Braziel (not present), were the only seniors on this year's district and area championship team. See page 5 for a list of award winner. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Community praised for help on Air Force training project

By JoAnn Nunley
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder, as a partner with the U.S. Air Force, was praised Thursday at a joint civic club luncheon.

Sgt. James Musgrove of Dyess Air Force Base and Dwight Williams, air space manager of the base, explained the interface the Air Force has with the local AHNTECH facility and the community.

Prefacing the comments about AHNTECH, Williams noted the valuable assistance received from civic leader Max von Roeder, DCOS executive director John DeLille and the city of Snyder in locating the facility in Scurry County.

"The facility is located in Snyder and not Abilene partly because of their work," Williams said.

The AHNTECH facility, located at Winston Field, eliminates long-distance flying to Utah and Nevada for large bombers such as the B-1 and B-52.

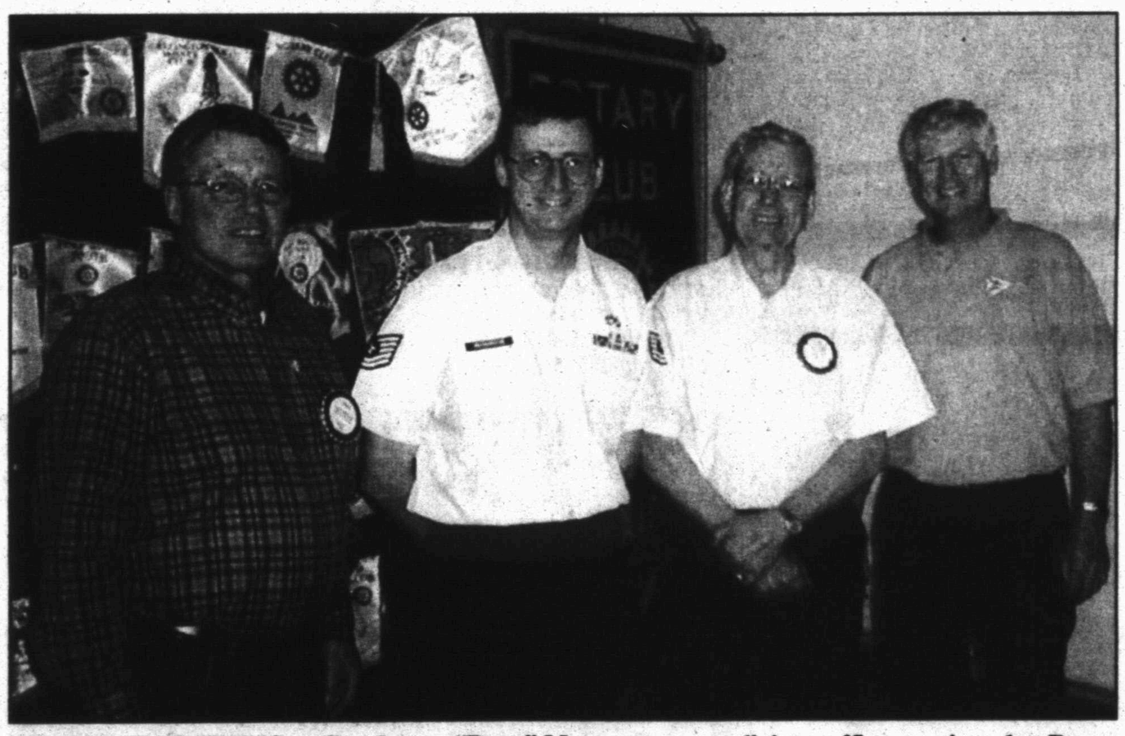
Sgt. Musgrove pointed out three simulated targets in the local area on a map that included one being a bridge near Justiceburg, another target just west of Snyder and a third, the Gypsum plant near Rotan.

The AHNTECH facility employs two government officials, 20 civilians and four military personnel dedicated to taking reports and maintaining the $17 million radar equipment and the $2.3 million, 7,000-square foot facility.

"Ten to 15 aircraft a day use the Snyder electronic scoring site with many of the aircraft flying at altitudes too high to be heard," said Musgrove. "The techniques used in training over Snyder are the same ones used in combat."

He also explained the Modern Multiple Threat Simulator and other modern technology used in training.

During March, programs for the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs have centered on national interest matters, particularly energy and national defense.



AIR FORCE TRAINING — Sgt. James "Bugs" Musgrove, range liaison officer stationed at Dyess Air Force Base (second from left), was guest speaker at Thursday's joint meeting of Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs. Musgrove is standing with Jack McDonald, Rotary president; Frank Miller, incoming president; and Dwight Williams, Dyess air space manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ranch rodeo this weekend at SCC

Nineteen teams will participate in the 6th annual Ranch Rodeo Saturday and Sunday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, teams competing are the C-Bar Ranch, Carter Ranch, Newton Ranch, Triangle Plus Ranch, Pig Cattle Co., Baugh Family Ranch, Open A Ranch, Mayfield Cattle Co., Spur Cattle Co. and Tucker-Martin Ranch.

Events get underway at 1 p.m. Sunday with teams competing from the Diamond Ranch, Rafter S Ranch, Pogue Cattle Co., Majors Ranch, LaMejar Ranch, Cowen Ranch, TJ Cattle Co., Rafter 3 Ranch and NT Ranch.

Events are wild cow milking, double mugging, team doctoring, branding and team penning.

Adult tickets each day are $5 and children under 10 are free.

Senior Center recognition fete for volunteers planned tonight

Viva Las Vegas!

That's the theme for the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center's 25th annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet to begin at 6:30 tonight.

The banquet pays recognition to the senior citizens who perform a variety of tasks during the year. This year's volunteers have worked a total of 42,779 hours.

The top 15 for the past year each will receive a red rose. Volunteers who have entered a new category will also receive a pin.

Entertainment will be provided by Logan Martin and Temi Thompson.

Carla Thompson, director, will welcome everyone. Norma Laywell will give the invocation and Pamela Fenton will present volunteer pins. Fenton and Thompson also will hand out door prizes.

Members of WTC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will help serve.

ASK US

Q—Will the chamber banquet be held at Martha Ann Woman's Club again this year?

A—No, it will be at the Scurry County Coliseum on April 21.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Carla Thompson...

...is a lifelong resident of Snyder. She is the director of the Scurry County Senior Center and her husband, Larry, is the coliseum director. She enjoys singing and playing the piano. The Thompsons also have two daughters, Jacki, a senior at SHS, and Temi a SHS sophomore.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Tomorrow is ours to win or to lose.
–Lyndon B. Johnson

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Jury call cancelled

Jurors called for duty in 132nd District Court Monday need not appear. The case scheduled Monday was settled.

Scurry GOP convention

The Scurry County Republican convention will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the district court room in the courthouse.

County Democratic convention

The Scurry County Democratic convention will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jaramillo's Restaurant. The occasion will be dutch treat.

Women's Aglow

A Women's Aglow meeting will be held at noon Saturday at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th Street. There will be music and a speaker. For information call 573-8511, ext. 509.

Car wash

Snyder High School Technology Students Associaiton will hold a car wash from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. By donation only.

Rabies vaccination clinic

The city of Snyder, in conjunction with West Texas Animal Clinic, will hold a rabies vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum annex. Fee is $8.50 and there will be other animal vaccinations available.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message.

WTC swim time

The WTC pool will not have open swim time Monday evening. The noon to 1 p.m. lap swim time has been moved to 4-5 p.m. Monday through Friday for the remainder of the semester.

What's up guidelines

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ALL DRESSED UP — To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday Wednesday, Ira School's faculty, staff and students dressed up like characters from Seuss' books. From left are Dr. Larry Devitt, superintendent; Gale Northcott, second grade teacher; Rusty Josey, senior; and Dale Pectol, principal. (Staff Photo by Shirley A, Gorman)

Congress passes fetus rights bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major win for social conservatives, Congress is sending to the president legislation that would expand the legal rights of the unborn by making it a separate crime to harm a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman.

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act cleared the Senate on a 61-38 vote Thursday, a month after the House passed the bill and five years after conservatives first tried to move the legislation through Congress.

The measure is limited in scope, applying only to harm to a fetus while a federal crime is being committed against the pregnant mother, such as terrorist attacks, drug-related shootings or attacks on federal lands or military bases. But proponents on both sides of the fetal rights and abortion issue saw far-reaching consequences.

Tony Perkins, president of the conservative Family Research Council, said that with the president's signature, "our nation will be one giant step closer to rebuilding a culture of life, where every child, born and unborn, is given the protections they so clearly deserve." President Bush has urged Congress to send a bill to his desk.

But the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, Kate Michelman, said it would be the first time ever in federal law that an embryo or fetus is recognized as a distinct person, separate from the woman. "Much of this is preparing for the day the Supreme Court has a majority that will overrule Roe v. Wade," the 1973 Supreme Court decision affirming a woman's right to end a pregnancy.

The legislation earlier in the day came within one vote of failing, when the Senate voted 50-49 to defeat an amendment by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. Her provision would have increased penalties for attacks on pregnant women, including bringing murder charges against an assailant whose attack results in the termination of a pregnancy.

But the proposal also focused on the harm to the pregnancy rather than attempting to determine when life begins.

"Clearly, there is a concerted effort to codify in law the legal recognition that life begins at conception," she said. "If we allow that to happen today, or in any other law, we put the right to choose squarely at risk."

The legislation defines an "unborn child" as a child in utero, which it says "means a member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb."

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., Bush's opponent this fall, interrupted his campaign schedule to vote yes on the amendment. He voted no on final passage.

Supporters of the legislation insisted it had nothing to do with abortion rights, and cited language in the bill that specifically states that lawful abortions are not subject to prosecution.

World Almanac

Friday, March 26, 2004

Today is the 86th day of 2004 and the seventh day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1953, Dr. Jonas Salk announced his polio vaccine.

In 1979, Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin signed the Camp David Accords.

In 1999, a Michigan jury found Dr. Jack Kevorkian guilty of second-degree murder for euthanizing a terminally ill patient.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Frost (1874-1963), poet; Tennessee Williams (1911-1983), playwright; Sandra Day O'Connor (1930-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 74; Leonard Nimoy (1931-), actor, is 73; James Caan (1939-), actor, is 65; Bob Woodward (1943-), Watergate journalist, is 61; Diana Ross (1944-), singer, is 60; Steven Tyler (1948-), musician, is 56; Martin Short (1950-), actor/comedian, is 54; Marcus Allen (1960-), former football player/announcer, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1973, Bill Walton led UCLA's basketball team to its 75th straight win and seventh straight NCAA title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." — Robert Frost

TODAY'S FACT: In 1952, there were about 58,000 new cases of polio reported in the United States. By 1957, after two years of nationwide inoculation, the number had dropped to about 6,000.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 15,806 — record number of career assists handed out by NBA player John Stockton.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 20) and first quarter (March 28)

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Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 25-34-32-21-16.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $47,448.

Winning tickets sold in: Sugar Land.

Matching four of five: 136. Prize: $157.

Matching three of five: 4,288. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 44,167. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 4-4-9
(Night) 5-6-3

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
Pass	1 NT	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Friday, March 26, 2004

Writing increases one's knowledge

By Phillip Alder

Karl Marx (where is he buried?), in a January 1870 pamphlet railing against the Bakuninists (who?), wrote: "The English have all the material requisites for the revolution. What they lack is the spirit of generalization and revolutionary ardour."

This deal occurred in England, during the final of that country's first-ever Senior Knockout Teams Championship last year.

The player on your left opens one no-trump, and your partner overcalls three hearts. How would you read that bid?

If the opener has a strong no-trump, three hearts is a weak jump overcall, promising offense but not defense. In England, though, the weak no-trump, showing only 12-14 points, is highly popular. Then, three hearts should be treated as a strong hand indicating some 14-16 high-card points and a good six-card suit. (With even more points, one doubles for penalties first.) Here, South judged well to take a shot at three no-trump.

West has no winning lead as the cards lie. He chose the spade queen, South winning with his king when East played low. Declarer, after crossing to dummy with a heart, played a low diamond to his 10. West won with the ace, cashed the spade jack, and continued with another spade, but South's second useful 10 won the fourth round of the suit. He took 10 tricks in all: two spades, six hearts, one diamond and one club.

Karl Marx is buried in Highgate Cemetery, in north London, and — I have just learned — the Bakuninists were supporters of a Russian anarchist, Mikhail Aleksandrovich Bakunin (1814-76).

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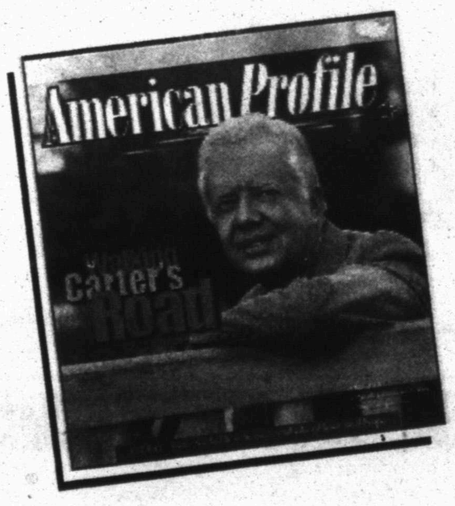
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Using his time to make a difference

Former President Jimmy Carter left office 23 years ago. Since then, he has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and recognized worldwide for doing what he says is some of the most important work of his life.



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Dynegy executive gets lengthy term for accounting fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Dynegy executive was sentenced to more than 24 years in prison Thursday in an accounting-fraud case that fell under tough new federal rules aimed at cracking down on corporate corruption.

Jamie Olis, a former senior director of tax planning for the energy company, is obliged to serve nearly all of his sentence of 24 years and four months because there is no parole in the federal system. He is 38, and would be behind bars until he is 62.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake said the punishment "reflects Congress' intent" that white-collar criminals deserve harsh prison sentences.

"I take no pleasure in sentencing you to 292 months," he said. "Sometimes good people commit bad acts, and that's what happened in this case."

The punishment easily surpassed sentences in more prominent fraud cases, and dwarfed those of some Enron Corp. executives who have pleaded guilty in that company's accounting scandal. Olis took the chance of a trial and was convicted.

Federal probation authorities maintained that Olis' actions in illegally disguising company debt in 2001 eventually resulted in more than $500 million in Dynegy stock losses, and they had asked for 24 to 30 years in prison.

The maximum possible sentence was 35 years for one count each of conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud and three counts of wire fraud.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, March 27, 2004

It'll behoove you in the year ahead to actively seek ways to make your hopes and aspirations realities when you know they are based upon feasible and practical foundations. Your chances for success are better than usual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What didn't go well for you in the past two days could now run smoothly. If there is a product or project you're eager to get going, this is the time to put out the effort to do what needs to be done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you have any projects or situations you're trying to make a profit on, it would be best to keep the state of your intentions to yourself. You'll get further by letting things develop quietly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When conversing with someone today to whom you're attracted, listen well and reveal little. The more the person is able to talk, the more you'll learn how to cultivate the friendship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — People with whom you associate today are apt to be more attentive than usual, so be sure that you say only things that would enhance your reputation and standing in the eyes of your peers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a good day to try to find ways to open a line of communication with someone you haven't been able to talk to for some time. Your call or e-mail is apt to be responded to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It may be wiser today to settle for a half a loaf than to hold out for more and possibly get nothing. If conditions are unsettled, but a small profit is certain, take it and make your sandwich.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your greatest asset today is your ability to accurately size up situations for what they really are. Your judgment can be relied upon, so don't hesitate to use it when circumstances call for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Because you're exceptionally perceptive today when it comes to financial matters, you may be able to help another solve a dilemma she or he is facing. Go ahead and give advice when asked for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — For best results in handling a domineering companion you're saddled with today, let this person think what you conceive is something she or he inspired in you. It's a small price for peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is an excellent day to put your hand to those small patch-up jobs around the house that need repair. You'll be mentally adept at figuring out how to fix that leaky faucet or clogged drain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Recreational breaks will not be a waste of time today, because they'll serve to refurbish your attitude and give you a positive outlook on life. Social activities of all types are recommended.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This could turn out to be a particularly good day for scouting out bargains, especially for household items. If you're in the market for a high-priced item, check the stores out today.

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Today's chuckle

Cops investigating burglary find marijuana



MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Two men may wish they hadn't called police after a burglary at their home.

They reported that their TV and VCR had been destroyed and their video game console was missing on Wednesday, said Latah County Sheriff's spokeswoman Darla Buckley.

But as deputies checked the perimeter of the home for suspects, they allegedly spotted some pot plants growing in a doorless shed.

Jason Wellman, 19, and Matthew Beyer, 18, were each charged with manufacturing marijuana with intent to deliver. They were taken into custody.

Investigators had no leads on the home burglary, Buckley said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Red-Blooded Americans needed to ensure safe blood supply

DEAR ABBY: For a grandmother fighting leukemia, a child battling sickle cell anemia, or a parent awaiting a liver transplant, a safe and available blood supply is more than a wish — it's a necessity. Our goal is to ensure that blood is available to patients when they need it.

We encourage our nation's citizens to donate blood. Our call to action comes at a time when blood supplies are perilously low.

Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days. The supply must be constantly replenished. Donors can safely give blood up to six times a year. To avert shortages, please ask your readers to donate.

Blood donation is safe and takes only one hour. To be eligible to donate, you must be at least 17 years of age (some states permit younger teens to donate with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. The single unit of blood you donate could help to save the lives of up to three people.

To learn more about donating blood and to locate a nearby blood collection facility, contact one of the following organizations today: American Association of Blood Banks: (866) 376-6968 or www.aabb.org; American Red Cross: (800) 448-3543 or www.redcross.org; America's Blood Centers: (888) 872-5663 or www.americasblood.org.

— KAREN SHOOS LIPTON, CEO, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKS

DEAR KAREN: I'm pleased to pass along your important message. No one can predict when a life-threatening emergency might strike — and a national blood supply is something many of us take for granted. This is something that can affect all of us, so, my friends, let's roll up our sleeves and make sure that our hospitals and emergency centers are well stocked.

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DEAR ABBY: While I was still married, I began dating "Alvin," a man I met through work. I then divorced my husband — the marriage wasn't good anyway — and moved in with Alvin. It meant giving up most of my friends and also my lifestyle.

Alvin gets mad if I wear something he thinks is "too tight" or "too revealing," He goes wherever he wants whenever he wants, but he gets upset if I even visit my parents. He is nasty to one of my children, and I feel like I'm constantly defending my child.

To make a long story short, our lease is up in a few weeks, and Alvin's been hinting that he and I will be moving separately.

I have a chance to rent a wonderful apartment, and I am starting to think I should take it no matter what happens with Alvin, but I'm scared to death to be on my own.

Should I cut my losses and move on with my children? I hate to say this, but I think I still love Alvin and the security he provides.

I have no clue what to do, but I do know I am afraid. — **NEVER BEEN ON MY OWN**

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Kanakaredes joins cast of latest CSI show

NEW YORK (AP) — Melina Kanakaredes has been cast in the new CBS drama series "CSI: New York," the network announced.

The series will be spun off from an episode of "CSI: Miami" in May, CBS said Thursday.

Kanakaredes, who starred in NBC's family drama "Providence," will portray a detective for the New York City crime unit "who is a workaholic and a jack-of-all-trades."

"Melina Kanakaredes is an amazing addition to an already successful franchise," said Anthony Zuiker, one of the executive producers of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "CSI: Miami" and "CSI: New York."

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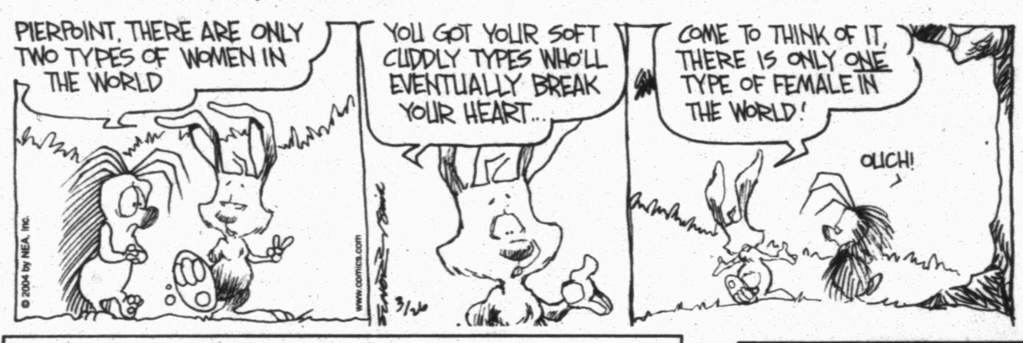
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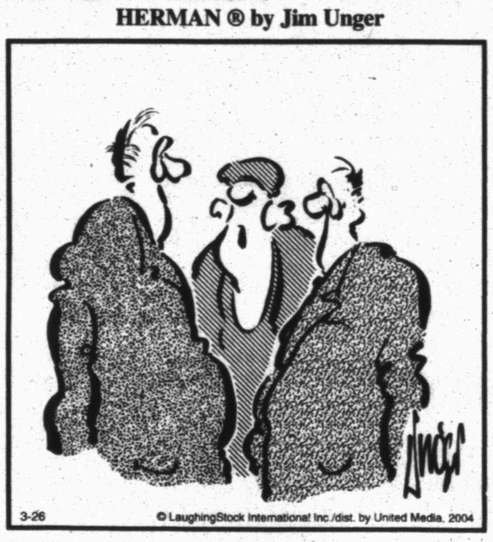
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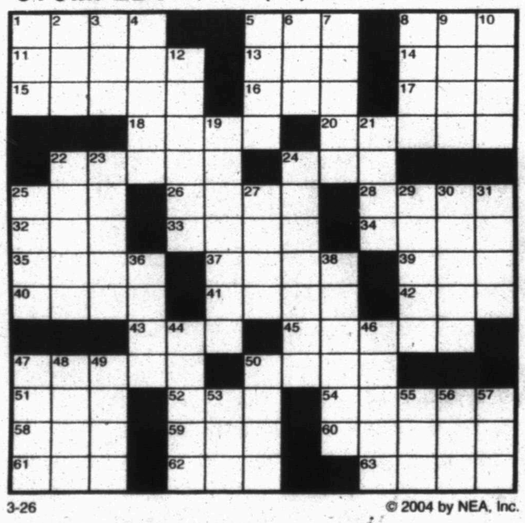
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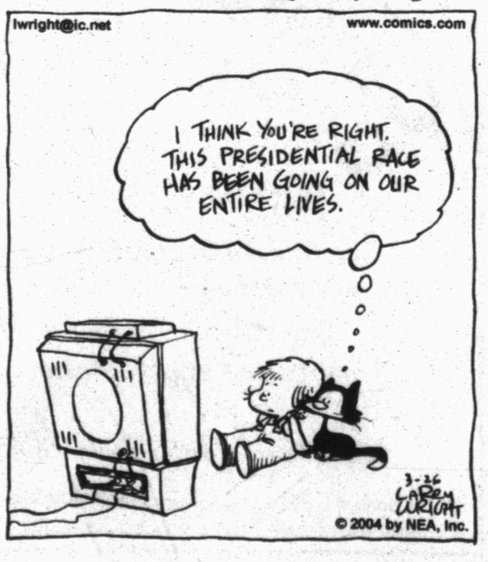
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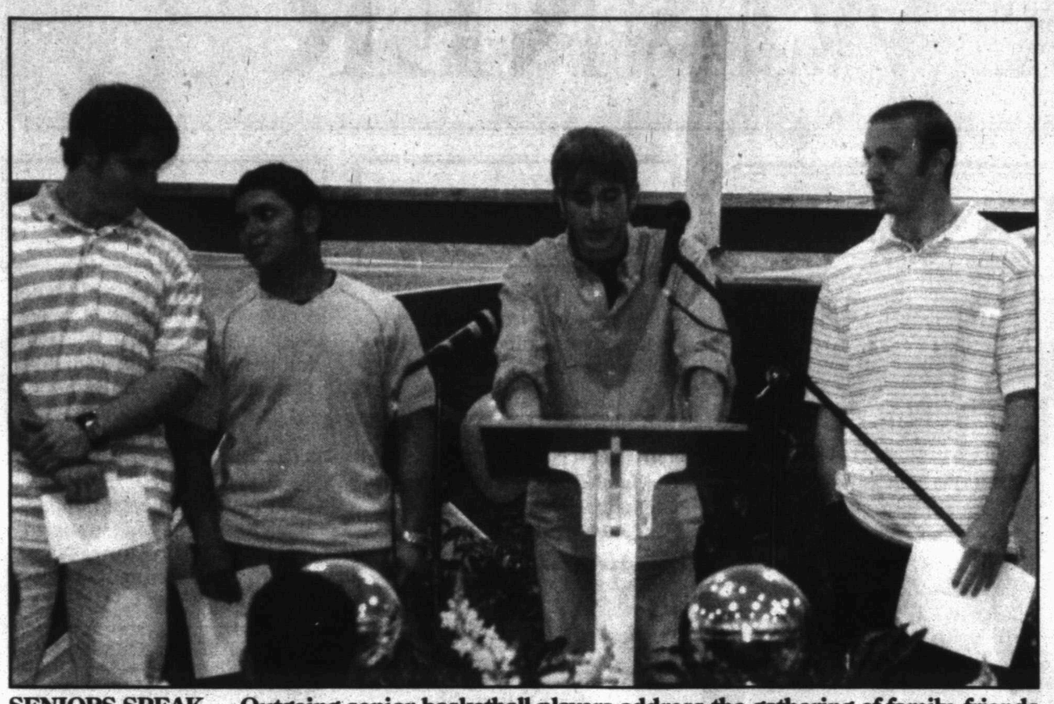
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SPORTS



SENIORS SPEAK — Outgoing senior basketball players address the gathering of family, friends and supporters at the Snyder High School basketball banquet Thursday night. Lee Scott, at the podium, is flanked, from left, by Brock Tyrrell, Isaac Ramon and Tucker Early. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Tigers open district tonight

The Snyder Tigers open district play tonight at Moffett Field against Lamesa, looking to rebound from a disappointing performance against Lubbock Cooper, which shut out the Tigers, 10-0, Tuesday.

Ty Collier (1-2) will get the start for the Tigers. Collier boasts a 1.47 ERA and has struck out 24 batters in 19 innings, allowing just four earned runs over that span.

The Tiger offense has been led by surprising sophomore designated hitter Jordan Dea, who leads the team with 20 RBIs and is batting .500 with two home runs.

Seniors Blake Grimmett and Bradley Price have been solid at the top of the order for the Tigers, especially on the base paths, where the two have combined to steal 19 bases in 20 attempts. Grimmett is hitting at a .444 clip and leads the team with 20 hits through the first 13 games.

Price is batting .405 with 14 RBI, and Marcus Villarreal has hit .387 and swiped eight bases in eight attempts.

In all, the Tigers have stolen 43 bases in 45 attempts. Meanwhile, opponents have stolen just six bases in nine tries against catcher Eric Martinez.

In the field, the Tigers will go with Alex Neal at first, Grimmett at second, Marcus Rodriguez at shortstop, Isaac Ramon at the hot corner and Martinez behind the plate.

Price will play center, Villarreal will man right field and Hadley Hirt will get the start in left field tonight.

The Tigers (10-3) have fought inclement weather all season, with rain forcing the cancellation of the Snyder varsity tournament.

The team will begin the march for the district title against a Lamesa club that has a new head coach in Herb Rios and is coming off a 6-20 campaign in 2003. Senior Tony Gonzales will take the mound for the Tors, who were 2-8 in district last season. The Tigers went 7-3 in 3-3A, tied for second with Seminole.

The rest of the district gets underway tonight, as well, with defending district champion Sweetwater sending sophomore Kendall Carillo to the mound at Denver City, which was 0-10 last year in district, while Merkel will host Seminole.

Snyder cagers honored

Snyder players were honored at the basketball banquet Thurday night, with Senior Erin Burleson winning the sole award from the girls squad.

Burleson was given the Lady Tiger Pride Award by her teammates for her outstanding season, in which she led the Lady Tigers to a 28-3 record — including 26 in a row — and an area championship. She has been selected to play in the Texas High School Girls Coaches Association all-star game in July in Arlington.

Boys head coach Bud Birks handed out four awards to the varsity club, with all the awards decided by player vote.

Junior Austin Hatfield won the Most Improved Award, sophomore Lico Castillo was named Best Defender and senior Isaac Ramon earned the Fighting Tiger honors.

Senior Lee Scott was honored as team MVP in a unanimous vote by his teammates.

The awards were handed out after the introduction of players from the varsity and subvarsity teams and guests were served a fajita supper.

Girls Little Dribblers

Majors

Storm 36, Panthers 19

Storm: Avery Ware 25, Baily Nickerson 6, Amber Gutierrez 4, Elsa Gallegos 1. Panthers: Micayla Redman 12, Xalee Northcutt 3, Monique Torres 2.

Lady Raiders 30, Sonics 11

Lady Raiders: Letekka Richardson 21, Tiffany Stack 4, Kelsi Fulford 2, Lauren Sullivan 2. **Sonics:** Jessica Ibarra 6, Larissa Arellano 5.

Juniors

Sharpshooters 36, Rockets 15

Sharpshooters: Kyla Freeman 26, Latisha Richardson 10. **Rockets:** Sarah Kollner 8, Katie Perales 4, Kellie Sanders 2, Randi Sanchez 1.

Eight-year-olds

Red Hots 21, Hoopsters 7

Red Hots: Adrianna Hernandez 12, Kelsi Pierce 7, Kelbie Herrley 2. **Hoopsters:** Chelsea Browning 4, Katelyn Lord 2.

Hornets 18, Suns 4

Hornets: Morgan Jones 8, Kalyn Massingill 6, Gabriella Sanchez 4. **Suns:** Lauren Floyd 2, Keylee Glass 2.

Sports Briefs

Little Dribblers all-stars win

The Snyder Littler Dribblers Senior all-stars topped Plainview II Thursday, 35-20. The team is scheduled to play Plainview I at 7:30 tonight. Details will be in Monday's edition.

MGA meeting

The Men's Golf Association will hold its first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. today at the WTC pro shop.

Softball work day

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will have a work day starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. All volunteers are encouraged to participate. Call Teresa Kariainen at 574-2646 for more information.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will kick off the second annual Baseball Buddies program this Saturday.

High school players will provide instruction for kids between 11 a.m. and noon free of charge at Lewis Field for the next three Saturdays.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
New Jersey	42	28	.600	—
Miami	34	37	.479	8½
New York	33	39	.458	10
Boston	31	40	.437	11½
Philadelphia	30	42	.417	13
Washington	23	48	.324	19½
Orlando	19	54	.260	24½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Indiana	52	19	.732	—
x-Detroit	46	27	.630	7
New Orleans	37	35	.514	15½
Milwaukee	35	36	.493	17
Cleveland	31	39	.443	20½
Toronto	30	41	.423	22
Atlanta	23	49	.319	29½
Chicago	20	51	.282	32
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Minnesota	49	23	.681	—
San Antonio	47	25	.653	2
Memphis	45	26	.634	3½
Dallas	44	27	.620	4½
Houston	41	29	.586	7
Denver	38	35	.521	11½
Utah	37	35	.514	12
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Sacramento	51	21	.708	—
x-L.A. Lakers	48	23	.676	2½
Portland	36	35	.507	14½
Seattle	33	38	.465	17½
Golden State	30	40	.429	20
L.A. Clippers	27	46	.370	24½
Phoenix	24	48	.333	27

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 84, New Orleans 76
San Antonio 84, Detroit 75
Washington 103, L.A. Clippers 94

Today's Games

Indiana at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Odessa deals WTC sixth straight defeat

The Western Texas College Dusters suffered their sixth straight loss Wednesday, dropping a doubleheader to Odessa in ways that have become a pattern over the last week.

The Dusters (19-20, 6-10) led Odessa, 1-0, heading into the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game, when errors allowed Odessa to score three unearned runs and steal the win from pitcher Pat Gonzales.

"We've figured out how to get a lead, but we're not closing it out," head coach Rodney McNeill said. "Pat was excellent. Over her last four or five starts she's been unhittable. We just haven't played behind her, but to her credit, she hasn't been discouraged. If anything, she's gotten stronger."

Odessa scored an unearned run in each of the first three innings of the nightcap off starter Amber House.

After falling behind 3-0, WTC got runners on second and third with one out in each of the next three innings, but was unable to score until pushing a run across with the bases loaded in the seventh.

McNeill said he noticed a lack of motivation from some of his starters, prompting him to make wholesale changes to his lineup during the game.

"We played bad," he said. "I made some changes and put some freshmen in, and they looked hungry."

He said he and assistant coach Rome McNary would spend the next few days trying to fix what ails the Dusters, who have lost six straight after winning six in a row.

With 24 games remaining on the schedule, McNeill said that while Midland looks to be running away with the conference, the Dusters are in good shape to get back in the hunt for a post-season berth, with their next 12 games at home against El Paso Community College, Odessa and Howard Junior College.

"Us, Howard and El Paso are all within a game of each other, and there is plenty of time to get one of the three playoff spots," he said. "We have to get consistency. We very well could be a solid third place or even second, we've just got to win games. It's not panic time — it's in our hands."

The Dusters open four-game weekend series with Odessa at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Rodeo has slow start at Odessa

Western Texas College's Cody Carter was in first place in team roping after the opening round of the Odessa College Rodeo Thursday.

Carter and his partner earned the top spot with a time of 8.4 seconds.

Bruno Paoiella stood in second in steer wrestling with a 6.7, and Clay Bunney was third in bareback riding after earning a 70 on his initial ride.

Jennifer Weeding was second in goat-tying with an 8.7, and Lane Nixon was in seventh in bull riding with a 70.

"We started off slow, but most of our guys and girls will be going tonight," head coach Greg Rhodes said.

The rodeo is slated to run through Saturday, with the championship round Saturday night.

St. Joseph's rolls on

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jameer Nelson, Delonte West and Saint Joseph's aren't ready to pack it in quite yet.

Nelson and West each scored 24 points Thursday night, keying an 84-80 victory over Wake Forest in the semifinals of the East Rutherford Regional.

Despite all the back-and-forth buildup between coach Phil Martelli and Packer, the CBS analyst and former Wake Forest star who doubted the Hawks, this game was decided solely by the nation's best backcourt.

"To me, it's about the kids and how tough they've been. It's really not about sticking our chests out," Martelli said. "We're one of the best teams in the country and the best story in college basketball."

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball:	SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon
Softball:	SHS varsity at Denver City, 5 p.m. SHS JV at Denver City, 7 p.m.
Tennis:	SHS at Brownwood Tournament
Track:	SHS varsity and JV at Levelland
Rodeo:	WTC at Odessa

SATURDAY

Baseball:	SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon
Softball:	WTC vs. Midland College, DH, 1 p.m. SHS varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 1 p.m.
Tennis:	SHS at Brownwood Tournament
Rodeo:	WTC at Odessa

MOVIES Best of the Best

The Passion of the Christ R

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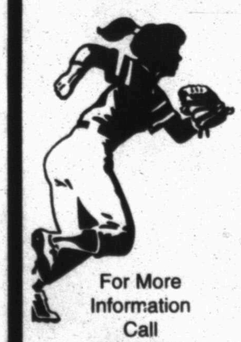
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Odyssey Marine Exploration of Tampa discovered the wreck of the SS Republic last summer and has already plucked 52,000 gold and silver coins from the site in the Atlantic about 100 miles southeast of Savannah, Ga.

Early estimates put the collectors' value of the coins at $120 million to $180 million. Discovery of more coins is expected to push the amount even higher.

Odyssey, which already held salvage rights, petitioned for title to the wreck after reaching a $1.6 million settlement with a company that had insured the paddlewheel steamer and its cargo and paid claims after it sank in a hurricane in October 1865.

Besides the coins, the SS Republic was carrying 59 passengers, thousands of bottles of everything from pickled fruit to stomach bitters, and various other cargo.

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AT&T Corp	19.84	19.66	19.79	—.03
Albertsons	23.66	21.86	22.14	—.52
Alltel	49.85	48.95	49.55	—.25
AmEl Pw	33.14	32.76	32.77	—.32
AndarkPtr	51.22	50.47	50.66	+.11
ATMOS Egy	25.24	25.12	25.14	—.11
Aviall	14.88	14.74	14.84	+.02
BP PLC	48.29	47.90	47.96	
BakerHughes	35.38	34.58	35.25	+.53
Bank of Amer	79.99	79.50	79.93	+.19
BellSouth	26.80	26.40	26.74	+.03
BurlNoSFe	31.18	30.77	31.15	+.08
Caterpillar	77.10	76.45	76.97	—.18
CenterPoint	10.88	10.78	10.79	—.06
ChevronTex	86.30	84.44	84.44	—.24
Citigroup	50.28	49.91	50.16	—.10
CocaCola	48.80	48.35	48.66	—.10
ColgatePal	55.07	54.70	54.91	
CmclMetals	30.94	30.33	30.68	—.19
ConocoPhill	67.00	66.21	66.45	+.41
Cooper Inds	56.27	55.52	55.99	—.12
DaimlrChry	41.52	41.11	41.18	—.17
DeltaAirLines	7.89	7.50	7.69	+.20
Dillards Inc	18.49	18.20	18.39	—.10
DowChem	40.04	39.40	39.73	—.22
DuPont	41.92	41.51	41.75	—.21
EastmanChem	42.09	41.60	41.95	—.14
EstKodak	25.73	25.30	25.59	+.03
EDS Corp	19.45	19.01	19.29	+.19
Entergy	58.10	57.75	57.98	+.23
ExxonMobil	40.59	40.30	40.53	+.28
FootLocker	24.85	24.40	24.49	+.10
GenDynam	87.87	87.22	87.37	—.38
GenElec	30.46	28.90	30.40	+.70
GenMills	46.53	46.08	46.13	—.35
GenMotors	46.08	45.39	45.91	+.30
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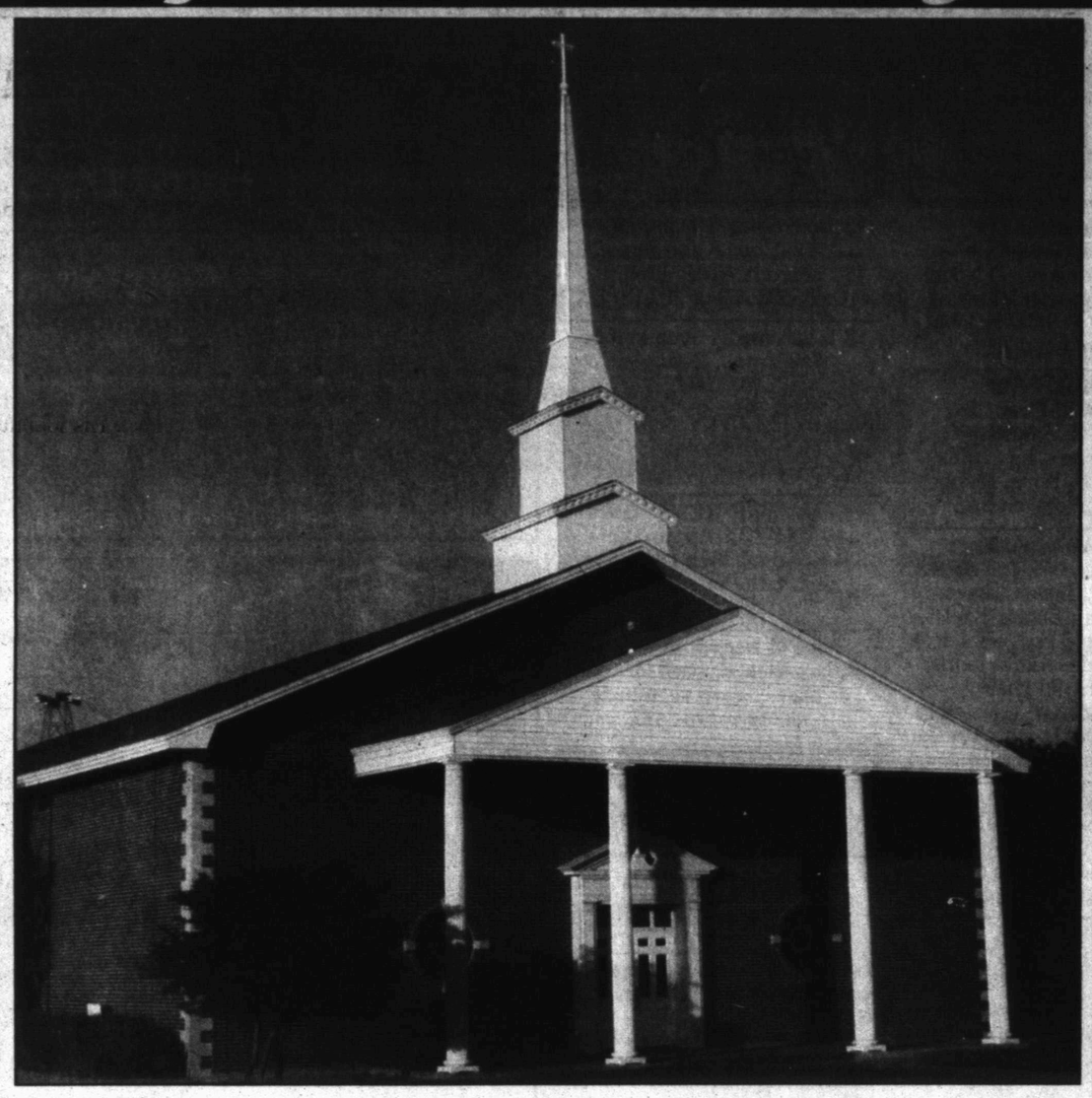
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GETTING READY — The Senior Citizens Center was busy as a bee hive this morning as volunteers decorated for tonight's 25th annual volunteer recognition banquet. (See story on page 1.) Juanita Ellington, left, and Dorothy Lankford sort through a basket of goodies as they prepare to decorate the tables. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Fiery crash shuts part of key route

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — A section of Interstate 95, the main traffic artery linking New York and Boston, could be shut down for two weeks or more following a fiery tanker truck wreck that melted a bridge.

"It's going to be a pain in the neck," Gov. John G. Rowland said after surveying the scene today.

State police said a car apparently forced the tanker truck into a concrete barrier on the southbound side of the interstate Thursday night. The truck carried 12,000 gallons of home heating oil, which fueled a huge blaze that sent a fireball dozens of feet into the air.

The highway buckled and the overpass sagged several feet, said Ronald Jantzen, a state Department of Transportation engineer.

The fire damaged the steel support beams that carry both sides of I-95 over an avenue. Jantzen described the southbound side of the interstate as "totaled."

Engineers were taking measurements this morning as crews worked to clean up the scene.

Rowland said northbound I-95 possibly could reopen this weekend. The southbound side of the bridge will have to be torn down, he said.

Instead of rebuilding the bridge, engineers will close the street below and use dirt to fill in the span; a temporary highway will then be built on top of that fill.

Rowland said he hoped the southbound highway could be reopened in two weeks, and estimated the cost of the temporary fix at $3 million to $4 million. Rowland declared the site a disaster area, in hopes of making the repair project eligible for federal funds.

I-95 is a vital East Coast artery that is heavily congested in New England.

Rebels blow up oil well in Iraq; 5 killed

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents bombed an oil well in northern Iraq, sparking a fire that raged for 24 hours before being extinguished, a senior Iraqi security official said. West of Baghdad, U.S. Marines and gunmen fought an hourlong battle today that left five Iraqis dead and six others wounded, a doctor said.

The dead included an Iraqi television cameraman, hospital officials said. His identity was withheld pending notification of next of kin. The U.S. military had no comment on the fighting and it was unknown who killed the cameraman. A doctor said he was shot once in the head.

The fighting occurred in the town of Fallujah in the so-called Sunni Triangle, where support for Saddam Hussein was strong and rebels often carry out attacks against American forces.

Witnesses said heavy gunfire and explosions were heard when Marines moved into the center of the city. American troops rarely venture into downtown Fallujah, one of the most dangerous areas in Iraq for the U.S. military.

After the battle, Marines patrolled on foot. The city was largely deserted with shops shuttered and residents staying indoors. U.S. troops blocked the city's entrance.

Diyaa al-Jumailee, a doctor at Fallujah hospital, said five Iraqis were killed and six wounded. A U.S. military spokeswomen in Baghdad said she had no information on the clash.

This week, Marines took over authority in the area from the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

The blast on the Northern Oil Company well in the Khabaz area, about 55 miles west of Kirkuk, occurred Wednesday night, said Gen. Mohammed Amin, the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps chief in Kirkuk. The fire was extinguished late Thursday.

The well was not being tapped at the time of the blast and was not closely guarded, he said.

"This is a terrorist act. This is the first time an oil well has come under attack in Kirkuk," Amin said.

He accused remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime of being behind the attack, but offered no proof. The attack "is a sign that some strategic locations will be attacked. So, we are going to tighten security on places that are considered national resources."

A pipeline in the southern Basra oil facilities was also on fire today, an official from Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization said. Crude exports from the region were not affected, he said. It was not clear what caused the fire.

On Thursday, a U.S. soldier died and two others were wounded when a homemade bomb exploded near Baqouba, the American military said. The soldiers went to the area after Iraqi ICDC forces notified them that a homemade bomb had been found. The two injured soldiers were in stable condition.

Criminal mischief, harassment reported

• ***Criminal mischief***

Officers were called to Ezell Key Feed & Seed at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in reference to a broken window. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

• ***Harassment***

A woman notified officers at 9:30 a.m. Thursday that she was being harassed by a person who she had earlier been involved in a property dispute. She was advised of the proper steps to take.

• ***Aggressive dog***

Officers were called to the 3100 block of 37th Street at 8:46 a.m. concerning an aggressive dog running at large.

• ***Traffic problems***

Officers were called to assist at the intersection of Highways 180 and 208 early Thursday morning to direct traffic as two oversize loads were passing through town.

At 2:43 p.m., Thursday officers were notified of a vehicle traveling through a school zone at 42nd and College Avenue at a high rate of speed.

A motorist reported at 6:15 p.m. Thursday from the 600 block of North Avenue Q that juveniles were riding motorcycles recklessly.

At 1 a.m. today, a caller reported a reckless driver on a motorcycle in the 3000 block of Irving. Officers made contact and had him put the motorcycle up for the remainder of the night.

•***Mischief***

Contact was made with the parents of a juvenile at 7:30 p.m. Thursday concerning a juvenile opening gates and letting dogs out.

Man gets probation

A 34-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court Thursday and will serve a 10-year probated prison sentence.

Manuel Fuentez of 2904 42nd Street pleaded guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, a Sept. 21, 2003 offense.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Fuentez to serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice probated for 10 years. Fuentez also was fined $2,500 and ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County jail.

Ira school board meets

Ira's school board dealt mostly with personnel matters in its Thursday evening meeting.

Trustees extended staff contracts and voted to non-renew one contract due to a reduction in force (RIF), said Supt. Larry Devitt.

The RIF affects Joanna Roemisch, fifth grade teacher who also teaches sixth grade science.

Roemisch has a term contract with the district and can appeal the board's action, said Dr. Devitt.

Dr. Devitt explained the RIF as the school district having to cut back on expenses.

Trustees also approved the 2004-2005 calendar and heard several monthly reports.

HISD board has meeting

In a called meeting Thursday, Hermleigh school board approved the district's textbook committee recommendations, and heard several reports from Supt. Marvin Beaty.

Beaty updated the board on the budget, athletic facilities, athletic supplies and ongoing construction projects.

Obituaries

Red Walker

1922-2004

Raymond James "Red" Walker, a former longtime resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 23, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's.

Graveside service for Mr. Walker, 82, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Red Walker

Born March 2, 1922 in Ft. Towson, Okla., his father died during the Depression and Red, at age 18, joined the CCCs to help support the family.

He then enlisted in the U.S. Army in El Paso where he served in the last mounted Cavalry at Fort Bliss. There he met Sue Bentley and they were married on Nov. 30, 1941. She died Feb. 19, 2004.

Then came Pearl Harbor and he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on the Destroyer Doyle in both the Pacific and Atlantic. It made 16 crossings, including the D-Day landing at Normandy.

After being discharged from the military in 1945, he went to work for Texaco and moved from town to town in West Texas.

Mr. Walker was transferred to Snyder in 1954 as a surveyor in the production and drilling department. He retired in 1984 after 38 years. The couple remained in Snyder until 2000.

In 1960, Mr. Walker drew a map of Snyder and adjacent property with the assistance of Willie T. Morrow, city draftsman.

His love of surveying and mapmaking also resulted in The Historic Map of Scurry County on display in the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. He also authored several historical markers in the city and served on the Scurry County Library board.

He also completed a book, "A Mound and Four Pits," about early surveying in Texas and he was working on a book about the significance of water and mineral rights.

Mr. Walker was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church where he was a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, James and Lynn Walker of Virginia; two daughters and sons-in-law, Molly and Michael Droge and Amber and Eric Delvin, all of Dallas; two grandsons, Matthew and Owen Walker of Virginia; two step-grandsons, Matthew and Michale Delvin of New York; a brother, Herbert Hendricks of Van Alytne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700 in Chicago, 60601.

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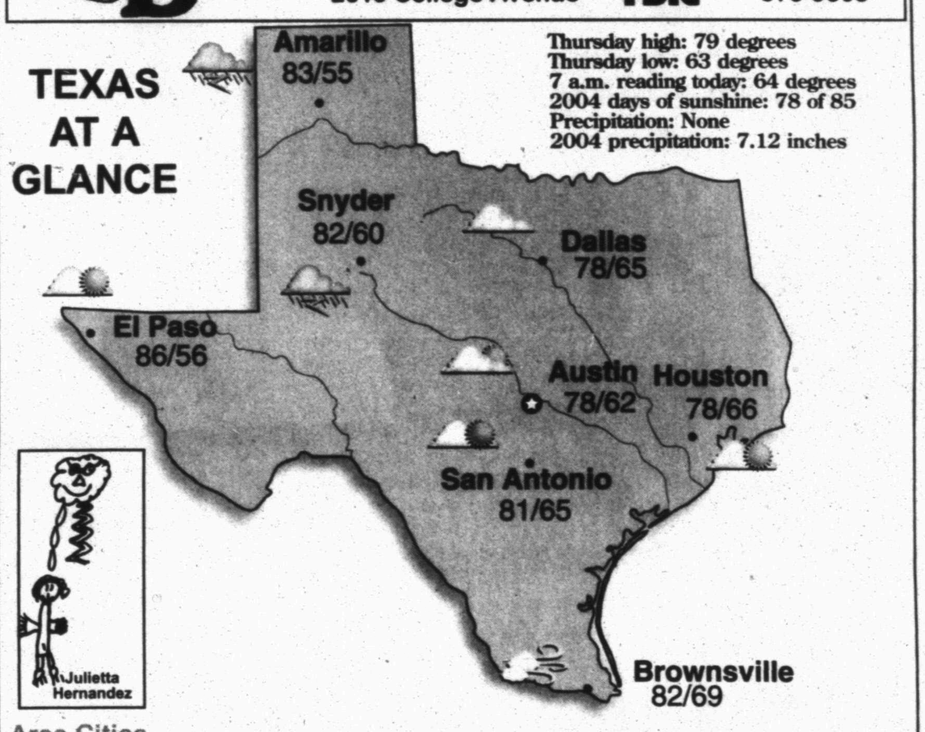
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28	Mon 3/29
82/60	78/54	69/42
Cloudy and windy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms.	Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
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2004 days of sunshine: 78 of 85
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 7.12 inches

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	80	62	windy	El Paso	86	56	pt sunny	Midland	84	62	windy
Amarillo	83	55	t-storm	Fort Stockton	86	60	windy	Raymondville	83	66	windy
Austin	78	62	cloudy	Gainesville	76	62	pt sunny	Rosenberg	79	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	78	64	pt sunny	Greenville	76	58	cloudy	San Antonio	81	65	pt sunny
Brownsville	82	69	windy	Houston	78	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	79	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	83	67	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	58	cloudy
Corpus Christi	80	68	windy	Livingston	78	60	pt sunny	Sweetwater	81	62	windy
Corsicana	77	63	pt sunny	Longview	78	58	pt sunny	Tyler	78	58	pt sunny
Dallas	78	65	cloudy	Lubbock	84	58	t-storm	Weatherford	78	62	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	66	pt sunny	Lufkin	79	60	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	79	62	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	50	pt sunny	Houston	78	66	pt sunny	Phoenix	87	59	pt sunny
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Dallas	78	65	cloudy	Minneapolis	59	42	pt sunny	St. Louis	71	59	t-storm
Denver	78	45	mst sunny	New York	65	51	cloudy	Washington, DC	75	54	cloudy

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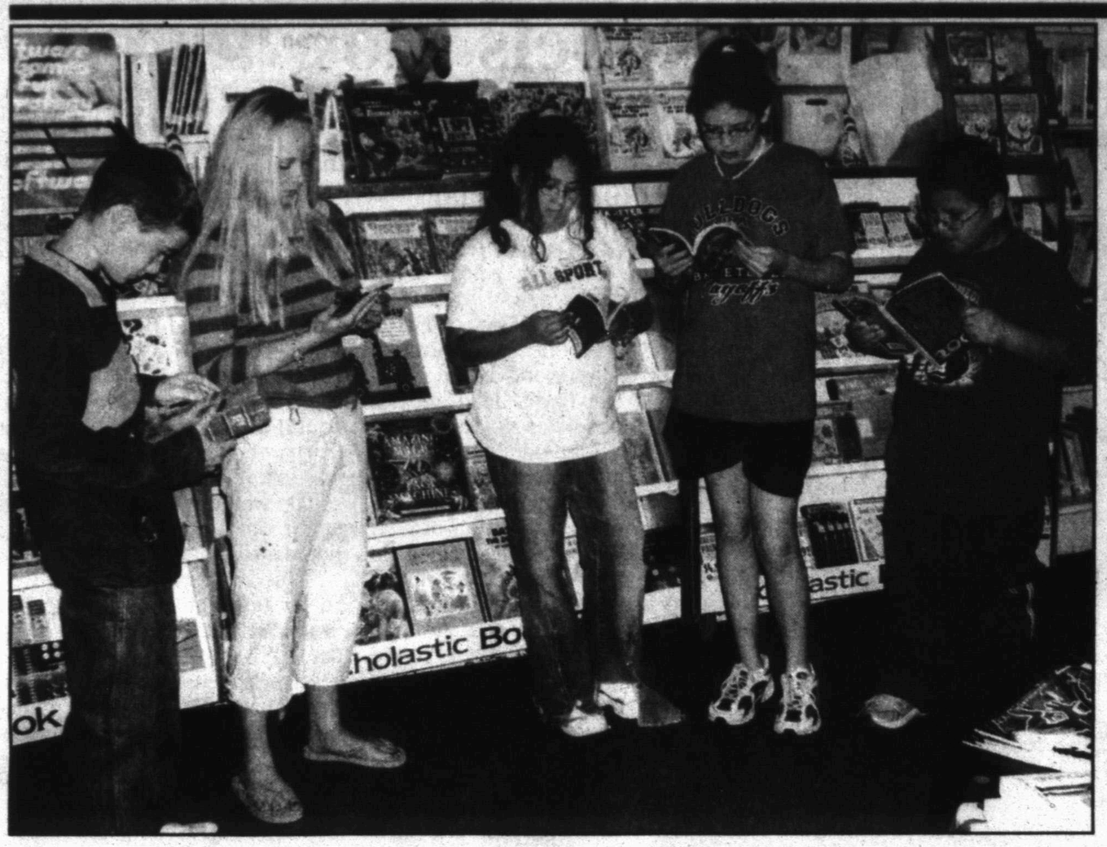
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Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28	Mon 3/29
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Moderate	High	High

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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WHICH ONE DO I WANT? Ira School students have enjoyed the Scholastic Book Fair set up this week in the library. Students looking at books are from left, Tyrelle Gilbert and Kaci Waller, both eighth graders; and Kyrstin Baker, Amber Baker and Lupe Ornelas, all fifth graders. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



X-ray studies of circulation are usually harmless

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 82 years old and have arterial blockages common to people my age. In particular, I experience severe cramps in my calves when I walk even short distances. My doctor suspects that I may need surgery to reopen the arteries in my legs. To this end, he has urged me to have an arteriogram, so that he can see the location of the problem and suggest appropriate therapy.

Therefore, he scheduled me for an arteriogram.

However, I'm not happy. I worry about the potential consequences of having X-ray dye injected into my system. Could this "contrast medium" damage my kidneys or, in some way, loosen plaque that could cause problems in my lungs or heart?

Is there another method that could be used to check for blockages in my legs and thighs? I would appreciate your comments.

DEAR READER: As you stated, age-related arteriosclerotic plaque is a normal but troubling consequence of getting older. When significant arterial blockages affect the legs, cramps and pain (called claudication) are a predictable consequence.

The gold standard of diagnostic procedures is an arteriogram, an X-ray study that examines arterial circulation using an injectable substance ("contrast medium") that meticulously defines both the location and the extent of the blockages. Then, based on the test, doctors will be able to predict if surgery is the best therapy.

As a general rule, the study is safe. Unless you have an allergy to iodine dyes, you should have no difficulty. The material is rapidly excreted in the urine and should not damage the kidneys. It should not "loosen plaque." In fact, based on the information you supplied, I concur that this X-ray study is certainly important.

If, however, you have a history of iodine allergy — or simply feel uncomfortable with the procedure — you could certainly opt for a different, but less accurate test called "arterial ultrasound." During this test, specialists examine your arterial circulation using electromagnetic energy, without a contrast medium.

I suggest that you share your concerns with your physician. After you have discussed your worries, he may be able to **1)** reassure you that the arteriogram is, indeed, necessary and risk-free, or **2)** suggest a suitable alternative that would be preferable.

Let me know what you decide.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please print this letter so that my elderly mother will read it and, I hope, follow your advice.

She has been taking up to six enemas a day for 20 years. Consequently, she is weak and has been told of a "vitamin deficiency," but she is as addicted to these enemas as is a drug addict to his drugs.

Is it true that the enemas could lead to dangerous consequences? She won't listen to her doctor.

DEAR READER: Your mother's habit is unhealthful. This degree of colonic stimulation can accelerate the passage of nutrients through the bowel, where they may be excreted before they are absorbed by the body and used.

I agree with you that her practice is more habit than necessity. In a similar situation involving patients with drug or alcohol problems, the first step in getting well is to have an intervention, a meeting during which family members, friends, clergy and medical personnel confront the patient about their concerns. Often, such a meeting will be beneficial for no other reason than it shows that people care; in other instances, more formal therapy, such as in-patient rehab, may be in the patient's best interest. The consistently positive aspect of an intervention is that it gets the problem "out of the closet" and enables people to make sensible and positive decisions about their lives and lifestyles.

To initiate such a possible meeting, discuss this with your mother's physician who, I am certain, may have very constructive ideas that might even negate an intervention.

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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No survivors found after two days of searching Gulf waters

HOUSTON (AP) — More than two days of searching for a helicopter that went down in the Gulf of Mexico has so far failed to find survivors among the 10 on board.

Four bodies were recovered Wednesday. U.S. Coast Guard officials said no others had been found as of late Thursday. Officials said they would meet this morning to get their latest search orders and continue search efforts.

Meanwhile, they expressed sympathy for the families of four victims whose bodies have been recovered.

The Era Aviation Inc. helicopter was last heard from around 7 p.m. Tuesday as it ferried two pilots and eight contractors to a drilling ship in the western gulf.

The Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office on Thursday identified the bodies found a day earlier as helicopter pilot Tim B. O'Neal, 50, of El Lago, Texas; co-pilot Donald J. Janning, 46, of Monument, Colo.; and contractors Trampas Terwillegar, 27, from Rayne, La.; and Tyler Breaux, 23, of Houma, La.

The six still missing were contractors Jason Petitjean, 34, of Rayne; David Kamolsiri, 24, of Houston; Craig Bally, 43; Thomas Jackson, 37, of Houma, Andre Lake, 36, of Trinidad, Texas and Jeff Langley, 42, of Kountze. Bally's hometown was not immediately available.

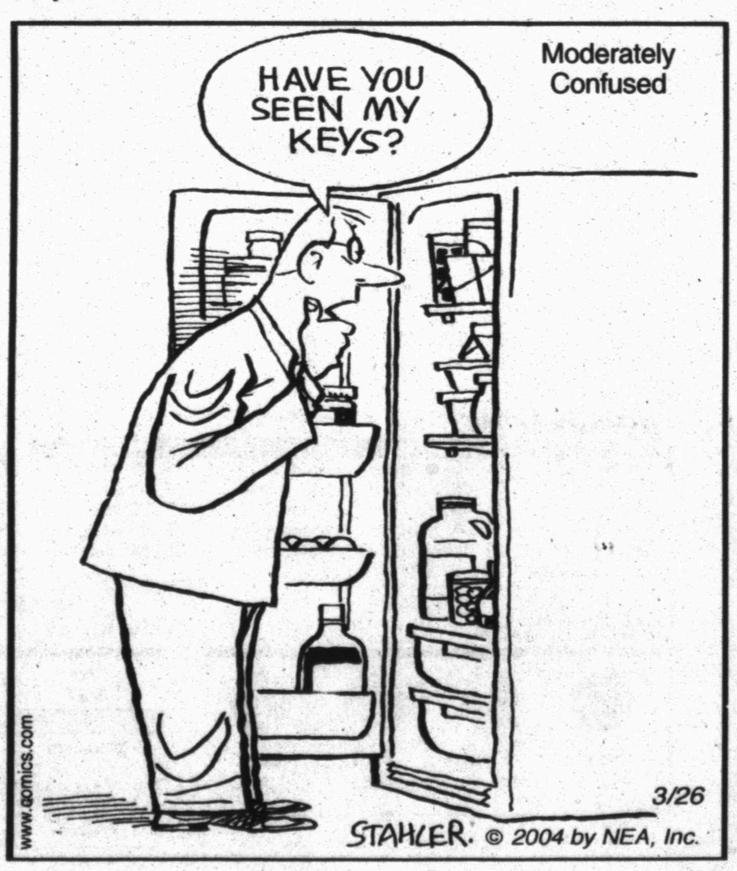
Helicopters and a Coast Guard jet that uses infrared scanners came up empty on Thursday, only finding the helicopter's radar dome around midday about 30 miles northwest of the search zone. Several civilian aircraft and ships helped the Coast Guard in the search.

Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Adam Wine said a normally clothed person could expect to last about 30 hours in the Gulf waters, where temperatures are estimated in the upper 60s.

"But individuals can often overcome more," Wine said.

Complicating search efforts Thursday were gusty winds and choppy seas on the open gulf.

All aboard the helicopter were believed to be wearing life jackets. Among the items found floating Wednesday about 60 miles south of Galveston was an Era life jacket.



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