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DIG OUT YOUR CHANGE — The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder including at Taylor's, L&L, NAPA, Autozone, Lone Star Cleaners and MD Laundry. For other locations call 573-2913. (SDN Staff Photo)

In tonight's meeting...

WTC board to look at impact high gas prices has on budget

Western Texas College has been hit especially hard with high natural gas prices this winter, and the impact that will have on the institution's budget will be discussed by trustees this evening.

The board convenes at 7, and Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, will present specific figures regarding the college's use of natural gas.

"Ms. Claxton is working with TXU Gas to estimate the budget shortfall we are certain to experience this year," Dr. Harry Krenek, college president, said.

Administrators also will discuss with trustees the current contract with TXU as well as some alternative contract options, Dr. Krenek said in a memo to the board.

"On the demand side of the issue, we would also like to discuss some of the options we are considering for energy conservation."

The president said that these ideas include such things as the consolidation of classes into fewer numbers of buildings, raising the set point for thermostats, the adjustment of schedules and limiting the use of college facilities to off-campus groups.

"As of this time, we do not plan to reduce or eliminate services or make major changes in operations on the campus, and we believe we can cover the additional energy costs using funds from our contingency account," Dr. Krenek said. "We recognize, however, that these contingency funds will not be available as they have been in the past for summer repairs and other projects."

Other items of business for trustees include two items under personnel.

Terri Racher, computer science instructor, has submitted her resignation to the board. The employment of Ray Newton as a drama instructor will also be considered.

Jim Clifton, dean of student services, will present the spring enrollment report. Preliminary figures presented to the board at a planning session in late January showed record enrollment for the college.

Tuition variances and the small class report, routine items for the beginning of a semester, are also on the agenda.

In the information and discussion portion of the meeting, administrators will ask for approval to seek bids on carpet for various locations on campus.

A report on the college's service contract with Johnson Controls Inc. also will be discussed as will a report on surveys to be administered by the Strategic Enrollment Committee.

After finishing its business items, trustees are scheduled to go into executive session to again discuss the search for a successor for Dr. Krenek, who is retiring as president effective Aug. 31.

Astronauts working on aerial space lab

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two shuttle astronauts floated out into space Monday to put more finishing touches on the international space station's newly installed science lab.

Spacewalkers Thomas Jones and Robert Curbeam Jr. were to assist astronaut Marsha Ivins as she used the shuttle's robotic arm to place a docking port at the end of Destiny, space station Alpha's new science laboratory. The port will be where the shuttle docks, or attaches itself, to the station on future missions.

"OK, guys, I think it's a great day to go and do a spacewalk," shuttle pilot Mark Polansky told Jones and Curbeam as they floated out.

The port had been moved to a temporary location during the mission's first spacewalk on Saturday, to be out of the way when the Destiny $1.4 billion lab, the newest and priciest addition to the station, was attached to Alpha. On Sunday, space commanders opened the door linking Destiny and the rest of the station.

Before the start of the spacewalk, Ivins grabbed the docking port with the robotic arm and then waited for Jones and Curbeam to exit the shuttle.

The spacewalkers also planned to attach various other equipment and fixtures to the exterior of the lab, including the future connection point for the space station's robotic arm — due to be brought up in April. The spacewalk was scheduled to last just more than six hours.

At the end of the spacewalk, space station flight controllers were to send Destiny's computers commands to begin spinning four large gyroscopes on Alpha, which will eventually help control attitude, saving station fuel. Testing of the gyroscopes will continue throughout the mission.

If the docking port can't be attached to Destiny, it would halt future space station construction. Another mission would have to be scheduled or the next one in early March would have to be revamped in order to get the docking port connected, flight director Bob Castle said.

A shuttle could dock in the same port Atlantis is using but the lab would be right above the payload bay.

The complex mission has so far proceeded without any major problems.

"I am very pleasantly surprised that it has gone as well as it has," Castle said.

Monday's spacewalk was the second of three scheduled for the mission to mount and outfit Destiny — which is 28 feet long and 14 feet in diameter.

After opening the hatch Sunday, the crews of Atlantis and Alpha installed fire extinguishers and emergency masks and lights in the laboratory. They also hooked up the air-circulation system, cameras and computers.

Circus coming to town

Circus Gatti will perform two shows in the Scurry County Coliseum Tuesday.

Performances are scheduled for 4:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and each show will last two hours.

It's the 39th edition of the circus and features more than 100 performers.

The circus is sponsored by the Scurry County Sheriff's Posse.

The musical, Phantom...

Tickets are on sale for Ritz production

Based upon a combination of the novel, screen and stage productions, The Ritz Community Theatre will present ***Phantom*** for its winter production.

The production will weave a combination of narratives from the famous story, which has been adapted by Emily Hataway and Mike Thornton.

These narratives will be further enhanced by musical selections from the stage production by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

"The ***Phantom's*** story is that of a woman, a girl really, who is manipulated forcefully by three men, all of whom she loves — the Phantom, her father (who is dead) and a well bred young patrician," Thornton, director, explains. "The story traces her rite of passage."

"Set originally in a Paris Opera House in 1881, the Ritz production of the ***Phantom*** moves with the figure of the mysterious music lover that haunts the story of ***The Phantom of the Opera*** — a disfigured man skulking through the labyrinths of the Opera House masterminding the career of his beautiful protegee," Thornton said. Performance dates are Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4. Tickets are $7 each with discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

Phone reservations can be made at 573-8880.

The musical stars Donnie Burk as the Phantom; Katie Thornton as Christine; David Brown as Raoul; Valery Haines as Meg; Emily Hataway as the narrator and chorus member; and Rebekah Thornton as Carlotta.

The roles of the theatre manager of the Opera House are played by Bill Lyon as Andre and Ken Spoor as Firmin.

Chorus members include Doylene Gilliland, Troy Lilly, Jana Neal and Thomas Lowery.

Michael Gibson will provide musical accompaniment.

The box office will be open this week from 2 to 5 p.m., as well as the week of Feb. 19-23 and Feb. 26 through March 2.

Performance times will be 8 p.m. on Feb. 23-24 and March 2-3. Sunday matinees on Feb. 25 and March 4 will be at 2:30.

CHIP sign up is set for Tuesday morning

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) of Texas will take applications from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Snyder Department of Human Services to enroll children in the program.

The enrollment process is relatively simple. Required is proof of income for the past 60 days, and this could be in the form of paycheck stubs or verification from the employer, plus proof of daycare fees paid by the parents. Also, the parent must provide documents relative to any child support that is being received or paid.

The CHIP Program provides insurance for children up to their 19th birthday.

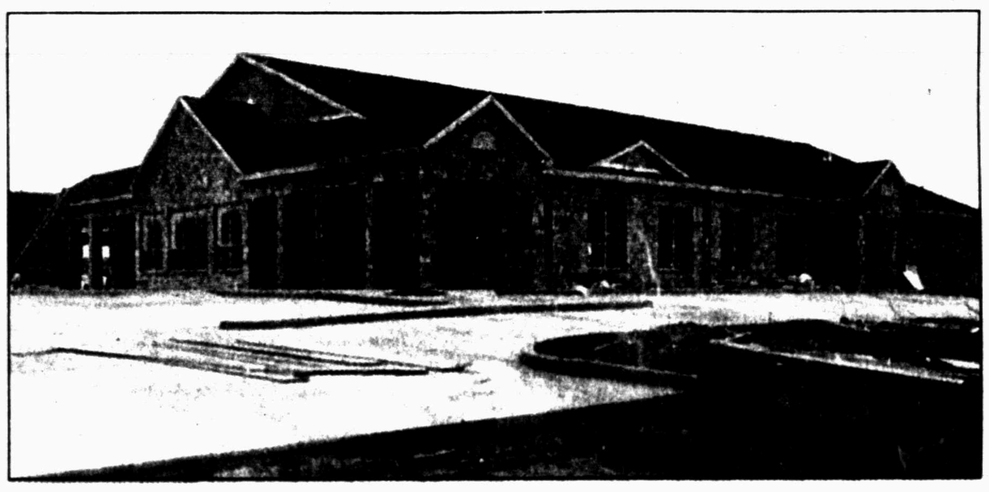
It also covers pre-existing conditions and special needs children.

The most the insurance can cost is $18 per month to cover all children in the household.

The insurance program is designed for families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid health care, yet cannot afford to buy private insurance.

The insurance covers services such as hospital care, surgery, X-rays, therapy, prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse treatment, emergency services, eye examinations and glasses, plus vaccinations.

For more information, call Kathy Blueford at People for Progress in Sweetwater at 235-8455, ext. 21.



WEATHER DELAYS OPENING — The cold and rainy weather over the past couple of months has delayed work on the new Snyder Post Office. Officials are projecting an April opening. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hermleigh ISD trustess to meet

Hermleigh's school board will meet at 6 p.m. today for its regular monthly meeting.

Agenda items include calling the board election for May 5 as the posts of Sherene Digby and David Higgins will be on the ballot. Both are at-large positions.

Also, the board will consider bids on lots owned by the district, and discuss personnel matters, including cutting the vocational ag teacher's position to a half day.

The other personnel matter is the extension of Clarence Spieker's contract. Spieker is the school's principal.

The board will also receive an update on a technology grant.

The meeting will be in the high school building.

ASK US

Q—When will Phi Theta Kappa, Western Texas College's honor society, hold its spring induction ceremony?

A—The ceremony will be at 3 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Fine Arts Theatre.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 44 degrees low, 22; high Sunday, 56 degrees; low, 31; 7 a.m. Monday, 46; no precipitation; total for 2001, 1.85 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 50% rain chance, low upper 40s, SE wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance, high mid 60s.



Aryn May
Rain

Sunset:
6:29 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:27 a.m.
Of 42 days in 2001, the sun has shone 36 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Conscience takes up more room than all the rest of a person's insides.
—Mark Twain

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Small wireless companies say FCC auction was rigged

NEW YORK (AP) — Several small telecommunications companies are preparing court challenges to the government's $16.86 billion wireless communications auction, saying giants like AT&T Wireless used unfair tactics to outbid them, The New York Times reported on Monday.

The Federal Communications Commission set aside a number of licenses for small companies, but almost all of the nation's largest telephone companies struck deals with the smaller players, bankrolling their bids to buy the wireless airwave frequencies, the Times reported.

The losing bidders and the federal Small Business Administration say AT&T Wireless, Cingular Wireless, VoiceStream Wireless and Sprint PCS won more than 90 percent of the licenses that the federal government had set aside for small companies. A total of 422 licenses were up for grabs.

Three of the wireless giants also benefited from hundreds of millions of dollars in government subsidies that were meant to promote competition by helping small entrepreneurs, the auction critics said.

The December auction offered rights to an extremely limited and valuable resource needed by companies eager to serve more cellular-telephone customers and expand into wireless Internet service. The licenses allow winners to offer new services, such as wireless Web connections or two-way messaging on mobile phones.

Critics say the large wireless companies lobbied the Clinton administration to set aside licenses and discounts for small companies and then took advantage of the provisions.

"What these companies did was wrong, and they know it," said Paul Posner, the founder of a small mobile paging company in Texas.

Posner said he was outbid by another small company, which was allied with AT&T Wireless.



DONATES COMPUTER — Oxy Permian has donated a computer to Central Elementary School. Pictured with the computer which is in the music room are from left, Leamon Hood, team leader for Cogdell Team; Judy Grimmett, Central's adopt-a-school committee member; Marty Toombs, Oxy Permian employee; Lee McNair, SISD assistant superintendent; and Pam Hart, Central principal. Oxy Permian is one of Central's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Innocent inmate prepares for release

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Earl Washington Jr. spent 9-1/2 years on death row, knowing he could die for a murder he didn't commit.

"I thought about it," the soft-spoken Washington said. "It made me upset."

Largely illiterate and with an IQ of 69, Washington confessed although no fingerprints or biological evidence tied him to the crime.

Today, he was expected to leave prison a free man thanks to DNA tests showing he was wrongly convicted in the 1982 rape and slaying of Rebecca Lynn Williams.

Washington, 40, came within nine days of being executed by the electric chair in 1985 but was granted a stay.

A 1993 DNA test cast doubt on Washington's guilt and prompted then-Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, a Democrat, to commute his sentence to life. Last fall, additional DNA tests found genetic material belonging to two other men, leading Republican Gov. Jim Gilmore to pardon Washington.

"It made me happy," Washington said in an interview Friday. "He (Gilmore) did a good job by my book."

The DNA tests, which have spared Washington and several other death row candidates nationally, have also prompted Virginia legislators to rethink the death penalty. Since the penalty was reinstated in 1976, Virginia has executed 81 people, second only to Texas's 243 executions.

On Feb. 5 the Virginia Senate unanimously backed legislation that would wipe out the 21-day limit it places on condemned inmates to present new evidence of their innocence. The measure is before the House of Delegates.

A Senate committee stopped short of recommending further executions be suspended pending a study of the policy, however.

Six states — Illinois, Nebraska, Arizona, North Carolina, Maryland and Indiana — have launched capital punishment studies looking at issues ranging from the quality of defense lawyers to the overall functioning of the death penalty, said Paula Bernstein of the Death Penalty Information Center.

In Illinois, Republican Gov. George Ryan imposed an indefinite moratorium on executions last year after several men were released from death row because they had been wrongly convicted or received unfair trials.

Washington is to leave prison for an apartment house for mentally disabled people.

events

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP)— No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $14 (M) million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 20-25-33-42-50-54

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 (M) million.

Pick 3

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

4-1-2

Date Book

Monday, Feb. 12, 2001

Today is LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY; it is the 43rd day of 2001 and the 54th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet became the first African-American to deliver a sermon in the House of Representatives.

On this day in 1879, the first indoor ice skating rink in the U.S. was officially opened. It was built by Thomas Rankin at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

On this day in 1976, Roberta A. Kankus became the first woman licensed to operate a nuclear power plant.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), U.S. president; Charles Darwin (1809-1882), naturalist; George Meredith (1828-1909), writer; John L. Lewis (1880-1969), labor leader; Omar Bradley (1893-1981), U.S. Army general; Bill Russell (1934-), basketball great, is 67; Judy Blume (1938-), writer, is 63; Arsenio Hall (1958-), entertainer, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, George Gervin of the San Antonio Spurs scored 23 points in the fourth quarter of a game with the Golden State Warriors.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered." — George Meredith

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 8) and last quarter (Feb. 14).

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Genome findings lay groundwork for research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that scientists have published their first examinations of nearly all the human genetic code — the genome — the job of figuring it out and reaping benefits is just beginning.

Imagine trying to figure out how a large corporation works by scrutinizing its telephone directory. You've got lots of names and locations. But what does each of these people do? How do they work together to get things done? If something goes wrong, what employees or teams are at fault?

That's one way to look at how decades of research will proceed from the new data.

Both teams that largely decoded the genome say their results have already helped others find dozens of disease-promoting genes. That's a step toward understanding the biological roots of disease, which could someday pay off in better treatments.

But that's just one payoff scientists are hoping for from the genome work.

Researchers also want to find ways to use a patient's particular genetic makeup to choose therapies that will work best and with fewest side effects, for example. Better understanding of human biology should also help scientists evaluate environmental hazards as well, researchers say.

And on the scientific side, scientists hope to learn more about evolution, ancient migrations of human populations and puzzles about the genome's own history and structure.

"We have peered for the first time at the ancient text," said Eric Lander, director of the Whitehead Institute Center for Genome Research in Cambridge, Mass., and a co-author of one of the new analyses. "We find a few answers and dozens of new mysteries."

Both versions of the genome being published this week in the journals Nature and Science are still being worked on. One, presented by a consortium of federal and institutional scientists in the United States with colleagues in five other countries, is a draft with a couple more years' work scheduled. And Celera Genomics of Rockville, Md., will continue to improve its version, says Celera president J. Craig Venter.

The two groups determined most of the 3 billion "letters" of the human DNA code, a long chemical sequence that contains the basic instructions for building and running a human body. Both agreed that they found surprisingly few genes, some 26,000 to 39,000 according to Celera, and about 30,000 to 40,000, according to the consortium.

It's not easy to accurately identify genes in the human genome, and nailing down a more precise count will be one task for the future.

Then there's the immense job of figuring out what newly found genes do. Venter said 40 percent of the minimum 26,000 genes in his group's count are mysteries, with no known function.

And the real biological understanding will come not only from learning what individual genes do, but also tackling more complex questions: how genes work together, how their activity is regulated and how the proteins they give rise to interact, scientists say.

The genome data can help scientists find disease-promoting genes in several ways. One is by pointing out millions of subtle variations in the DNA code between people. Each variation can be used as a landmark in the chromosomes, the microscopic structures that carry genes, and the landmarks can be used to find genes through studies of inheritance patterns.

Once a chromosome region is implicated in this way, the DNA code for that region can be quickly searched on a computer database, yielding a list of genes for further testing. That's far faster than years of seeking these genes by analyzing the DNA itself.

Such computer searches are also a speedy way to find unknown genes that are structurally similar to known disease genes. Such similar genes might also be involved in disease. The consortium's paper reports it found 286 such matches.

Dr. Francis Collins, a co-author of the consortium paper and director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, recalls it took two scientific teams 10 years to isolate the gene that causes cystic fibrosis when defective.

2 women ski across Antarctica land mass

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Two former schoolteachers have become the first women duo to ski unaided across Antarctica.

Explorers Ann Bancroft and Liv Arnesen reached the Ross Ice Shelf on Sunday, completing a 2,400-mile journey that began Nov. 13, the Star Tribune reported in Monday's editions.

"It's a big day for us," Liv Arnesen, of Oslo, said by satellite phone.

Both women have already accomplished astonishing feats. Bancroft, 45, of Scandia, Minn., was the first woman to ski to both the North Pole and the South Pole. Arnesen, 47, became the first woman to ski solo and unaided to the South Pole in 1994.

On Sunday, the 90th day of the journey, the women pulled their 240-pound sleds for more than nine hours down the final 12 miles of the Shackleton Glacier, named after the explorer whose 1915 disastrous expedition inspired Bancroft and Arnesen to become polar adventurers.

They ended a difficult descent that required them at times to trade their skis for crampons — metal spikes attached to their boots — to navigate hard, sharp "blue" ice that ripped holes in Arnesen's sled.

Conditions on the final day on the glacier allowed them to ski, although it was through deep snow on "snow bridges" that cross crevasses. The snow settled as they moved, creating loud bangs that Arnesen called "scary."

They traveled onto the Ross Ice Shelf, a thick slab of floating ice bigger than France. Next, the women will use parasails to ski some 495 miles to meet an ice ship sailing to bring them home.

They will need the wind to blow their parasails consistently to reach McMurdo Station by Feb. 22. That's when the ice ship must leave the Ross Sea for Australia so it doesn't get trapped in the freezing ocean.

If Bancroft and Arnesen ski within 100 miles of the ship, a helicopter on board will try to get them.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Tax preparer offers advice you can take to the bank

DEAR ABBY: Tax time is approaching. As a tax practitioner, I am asking for your help. Please inform your readers:

(1) Same- or next-day "refunds" are NOT refunds. They are super-high interest loans with interest rates that make loan sharks charge! If you file early, you can get your money back in as little as two weeks.

(2) Allow the practitioner to use a direct-deposit refund. If you don't, your return could take up to 10 days longer to be printed, sorted and mailed. The IRS already knows about every bank account you have, so you have nothing to fear.

(3) Choose a practitioner who will be there after the end of April. Don't use a tax mill that disappears after three or four months.

(4) Make sure the preparer signs your return. IT'S THE LAW. If he or she refuses, do not pay for or accept the return. Remember, you are just as responsible for your tax preparer's mistakes as he or she is for yours.

(5) Don't ask the preparer to do something illegal. (You could wind up as cellmates.)

(6) Just because somebody you know took a certain tax deduction does not mean you're also eligible.

(7) The IRS now requires Social Security numbers for each member of your family. Most hospitals arrange for numbers to be issued at birth. You can also obtain one from your local Social Security office. If you are a nonresident alien, the local IRS office will issue you a temporary number for identification purposes while you are in this country.

Thanks for your help in getting this information out, Abby. — **TAX TIPS FROM A PROFESSIONAL**

DEAR PROFESSIONAL: As people scramble to get their tax filing done, it's tempting to take a few shortcuts. Thank you for your warnings and helpful suggestions. I hope my readers will take them to heart.

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DEAR ABBY: My letter is in response to "Terrified in the South," who discovered her husband's interest in child pornography. "Terrified" asked whether you thought her husband could be a child molester and said that she couldn't stand the thought of her husband touching her "if he ... hurt a child like that."

Abby, her husband doesn't need to physically touch a child to "hurt a child like that"; his desire for child pornography creates and fuels the demand for the sexual exploitation of children. Please inform your readers that the very act of downloading or viewing child pornography is a criminal act and creates the environment for children to be sexually abused by SOMEONE.

The U.S. Customs Service investigates the trafficking of child pornography via the Internet. If your readers suspect someone is involved with child pornography over the Internet, referrals can be made by calling 1-800-BE ALERT (1-800-232-5378) or via e-mail to c3(at)customs.treas.gov. — GABRIEL HAGAN, SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

DEAR SPECIAL AGENT HAGAN: Thank you for your expertise on this subject. Child pornography is a vice that affects everyone whose lives are in any way touched by it. I suspect your letter will be clipped and saved by concerned readers.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Monday, Feb. 12, 2001

Bridge from the Land of Nod

By Phillip Alder

Do you ever dream bridge? I do when playing in a tournament, but rarely at other times. However, in the early hours of December 18, I was dreaming about a deal that contained only today's club suit. I have since dreamt up the other three suits. How should the play go in four spades?

North's three spades is a limit raise, showing at least four trumps and 10-12 support points. South should perhaps pass this, but they give a juicy bonus — and lots of cash when playing Chicago — for bidding and making a vulnerable game, so he goes higher.

West starts with the club ace, of course. The first problem is East's: Which card should he play?

It is tempting to encourage with the nine, but that could be fatal. West might continue with the king and another club. Declarer ruffs the last, draws trumps ending in the dummy, and pitches his diamond loser on the established club jack.

So, let's assume East drops the club two. Now West switches to the diamond queen: ace (to hide the king), two (discouraging to deny the king), four. Declarer draws two rounds of trumps ending in hand, then leads the club 10. West has to pass another test: He must play low. (If he wins with the king and continues with a diamond, declarer wins in hand, crosses to dummy with a trump, ruffs the club eight in hand, returns to the dummy with a trump, and discards a diamond on the club jack.) Assuming West does duck, the contract will fail, the defense collecting one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

Pleasant dreams!

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7 Fill with joy
12 More expensive
13 Like many workaholics
14 Package
15 "Dr. J," Julius —
16 Bernstein, for short
17 "Norma —"
18 Greek letters
21 Namely (2 wds.)
23 Card spot
26 Rabbit tail
28 Dry riverbed
29 Comedian Philips
30 Ages and ages
31 Says from memory
33 Opens
36 Early Briton
37 Stop working, like a battery
38 Fly high
40 Opera role
41 Fall mo.
42 Like cut wood
44 Actor Mineo
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46 Swine
48 Testify
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55 Tentative sketches
56 Shallow body of water
57 Seasons
58 Sent packing

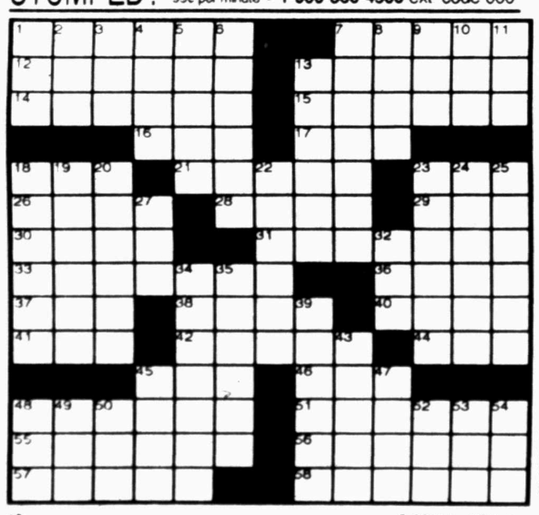
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2 "Velvet" finish
3 Fleetwood —
4 — Mountains of Europe
5 Change the position of
6 Before this time
7 Lacking uniformity
8 Not taped
9 Bird (comb. form)
10 Decimal unit
11 Pt. of ESL
13 Ridicule
18 False
19 Of sacred images
20 Gloria Swanson film, "— Boulevard"
22 Capital of Poland
23 Gabriel and Fonda
24 Mrs. Marcos
25 Part of U.S.P.S.
27 Mao — -tung
32 Frost (a cake)
34 Helps
35 Bread buys
39 Disgusts
43 Singer Shore
45 Artist's space, maybe
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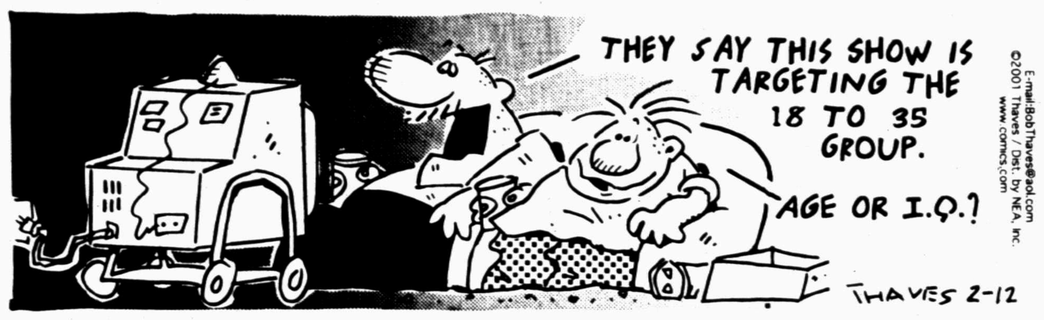
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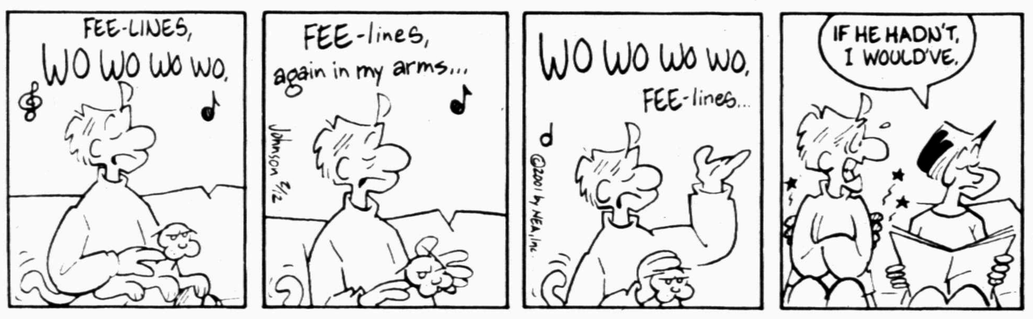


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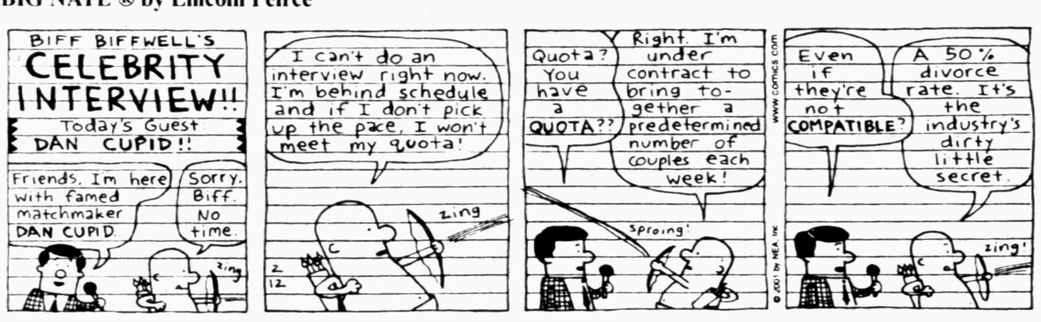
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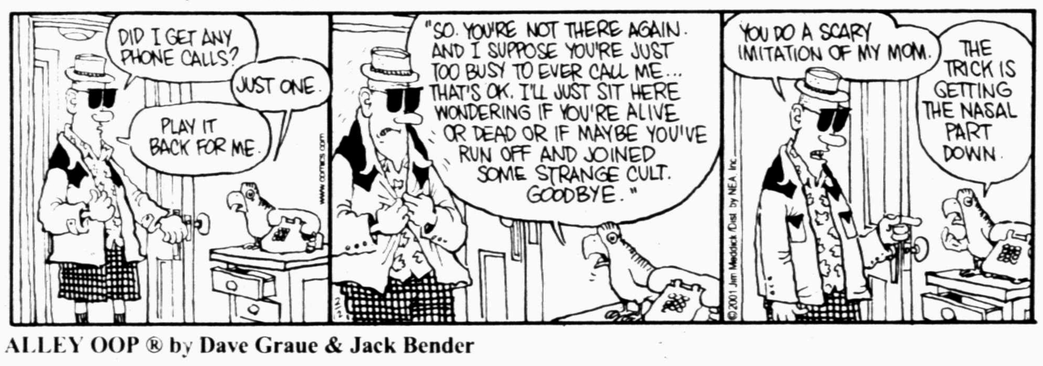
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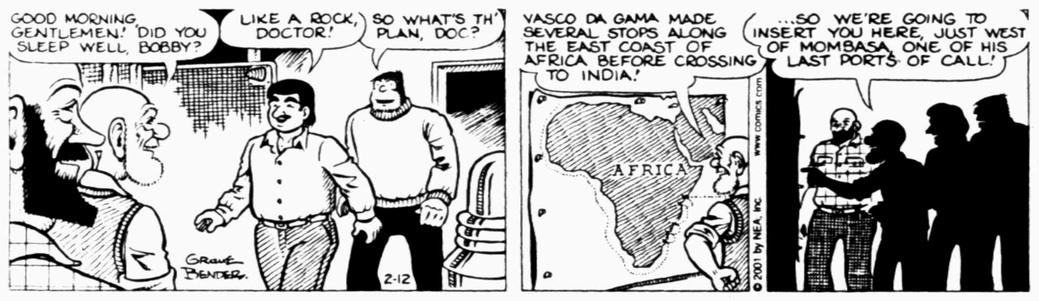
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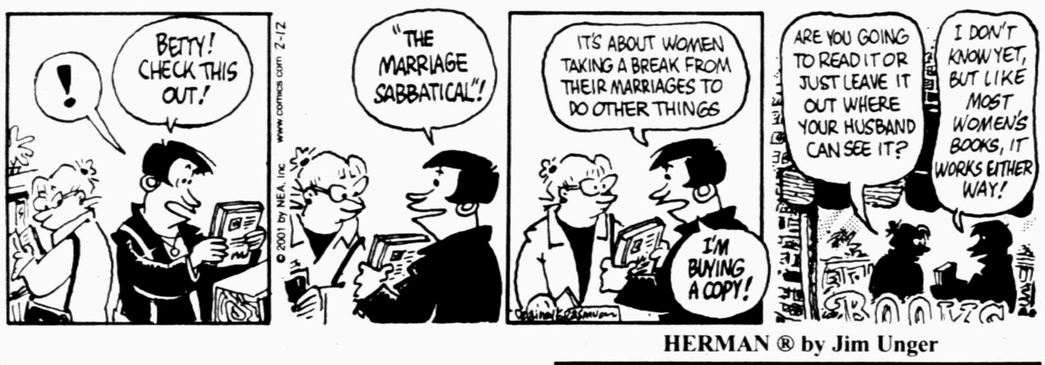
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SPORTS

Lancaster leads SHS to 27-stroke victory

BIG SPRING — Any worries about the inexperienced Snyder Lady Tigers golf team might have been premature.

Despite only two players back from last year's regional championship squad, Snyder opened its spring golf schedule with a convincing victory over the weekend at the Big Spring Invitational.

Snyder carded rounds of 338 and 331 to win the event by 27 strokes over Pecos. Lamesa was third. The closest district competitor to the Lady Tigers was Plainview in 10th place, 136 strokes off the pace.



Lancaster

"I'm pleased with how our girls performed," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "They're right where we want them to be, and they're getting better and gaining confidence every time out."

Andra Lancaster led the Lady Tigers' effort. The junior fired rounds of 81 and 75 to earn top medalist honors with a tourney total of 156.

Kelli Dodson turned in an 83-84—167, while Kara Harrison tallied an 87-86—173. Katie Kerley came in with an 87-87—174, and Christan Curry finished with an 89-86—175. Lauren Day, competing as a medalist, carded an 80-88—168.

Snyder's junior varsity boys were also in action at Big Spring. The JV Tigers shot 340-343—683 to finish 17th.

Frenship won the boys' event, while Odessa Permian was second, Sweetwater was third.

Vaughn Wiggins led the Tigers' effort with an 84-80—164, while Jason Williams posted a 78-87—165. Matt McCormick finished with an 85-83—168, and Nathan Hines registered a 93-93—186.

Snyder's varsity boys weren't in tournament action, but used the weekend to duel San Angelo Central.

The Tigers fired a 306 to top the Bobcats by 17 strokes at San Angelo's Quicksand Golf Club.

Senior Levi Mandrell led the Tigers with a round of 73 that included an eagle on the par-5 12th hole.

Zach Starnes and Clinton Calmes fired rounds of 78, while Landon Day posted a 79, and Brady Reed tallied an 82.

Snyder's varsity and JV girls will host the Snyder Invitational Friday and Saturday, while the varsity boys will take part in the Abilene Invitational.

BIG SPRING INVITATIONAL
Girls

Team totals: 1. Snyder 338-331—669; 2. Pecos 361-335—696; 3. Lamesa 346-356—702; 4. Abilene High 362-348—710; 5. Midland Lee 355-370—725; 6. Abilene Cooper 367-361—728; 7. Monahans 376-389—765; 8. Pampa 398-394—792; 9. Odessa High 396-399—795; 10. Plainview 390-415—805.

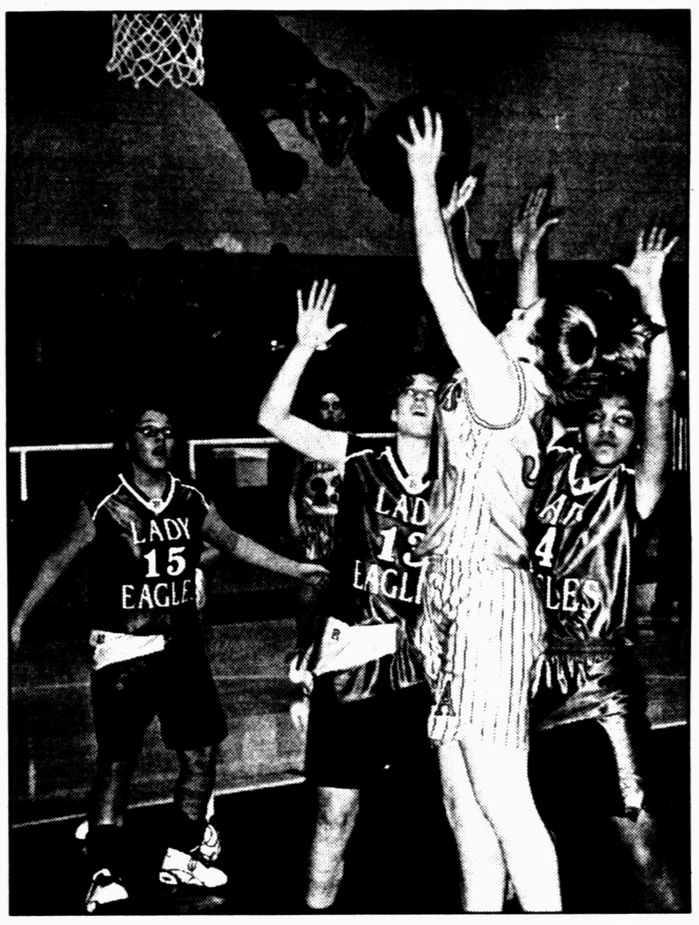
Medalists: 1. Andra Lancaster, Snyder, 81-75—156; 2. Salem Mitchell, Pecos, 81-80—161; 3. Federica Billing, Midland Lee, 76-87—163.

Other Snyder scores: Kara Harrison 87-86—173, Kelli Dodson 83-84—167, Katie Kerley 87-87—174, Christan Curry 89-86—175, Lauren Day 80-88—168.

Boys

Team totals: 1. Frenship 301-298—599; 2. Odessa Permian 303-301—604; 3. Sweetwater 308-306—614...17. Snyder II 340-343—683.

Snyder II: Vaughn Wiggins 84-80—164, Jason Williams 78-87—165, Matt McCormick 85-83—168, Nathan Hines 93-93—186, James Mills 100-NC—NS.



SHOOTING TOWARD THE PLAYOFFS — Ira's Celeigh Sterling (32) shoots over Ropes defenders Friday during a practice game at Klondike. The Lady Bulldogs begin the Class A playoffs against Trent at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Abilene High.

Ira hopes to continue success in postseason

In the course of the district season, the Ira Lady Bulldogs reached some milestones, like upsetting the highly-touted Borden County girls, and earning a playoff berth.

Come Tuesday night, the Lady Bulldogs will try to achieve another goal — a postseason victory.

Ira squares off with the Trent Lady Gorillas in a Class A girls' bi-district playoff game at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Abilene High School.

The Lady Bulldogs, runners-up from District 11, sport a 13-11 record. Trent, the District 12 champion, is 18-5 on the year.

Trent will hold the advantage in playoff experience, but the Lady Bulldogs don't plan on letting that stand in their way.

"None of our girls have ever been to the playoffs," said Ira coach Mike Duke. "But then again, they had also never been in a battle to earn a playoff spot. I think the experience we gained in big district games, will help us on Tuesday."

Ira will likely look to senior Morgan Clements, who led the district in scoring, but can rely on a number of Lady Bulldogs, if the Lady Gorillas focus on Clements.

"Morgan is our go-to player, and most people know that," Duke said. "She's a great player, but we also have some other girls who have really stepped up. If Trent focuses on shutting down Morgan, then we'll look to some other girls to help out with the scoring."

The Lady Bulldogs will be the visiting team. Tickets for the playoff contest are $5 for adults, and $3 for students.

The winner advances to Friday's sectional semifinal against either Sanderson or the District 9 runner-up.

Girls' Playoffs

CLASS 4A
Region I

EP Burges (R-1) vs. Canutillo (T-2)
Plainview (W-4), bye
Borger (R-3) vs. Frenship (T-4)
Clint (W-2), bye
Burkburnett (R-5) vs. FW Boswell (T-6)
Cleburne (W-8), bye
FW Eastern Hills (R-7) vs. Stephenville (T-8)
Southlake Carroll (W-6), bye
EP Riverside (T-1) vs. Clint Mountain View (R-2)
Canyon (W-3), bye
Canyon Randall (T-3) vs. Levelland (R-4)
EP Parkland (W-1), bye
Wichita Falls (T-5) vs. Grapevine (R-6)
FW Wyatt (W-7), bye
FW Southwest (T-7) vs. Crowley (R-8)
WF Hirschi (W-5), bye

CLASS A
DIVISION II
Region II

District 9 winner vs. Buena Vista (R-10)
Borden County (W-11) vs. Blackwell (R-12)
Santa Anna (W-13) vs. Rochelle (R-14)
Knippa (W-15) vs. Mullin (R-16)
District 9 runner-up vs. Sanderson (W-10)
Ira (R-11) vs. Trent (W-12)
Panther Creek (R-13) vs. Brookesmith (W-14)
Utopia (R-15) vs. Cherokee (W-16)

XFL ratings drop for Week 2

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer

The novelty factor didn't last long for the XFL.

NBC's second broadcast of the fledgling football league owned by the network and the World Wrestling Federation drew about half as many viewers as the debut did, despite a boost in the final 45 minutes from a double-overtime game.

Tellingly, NBC finished last among the four major networks in prime time Saturday just a week after beating ABC, CBS and Fox with the opening of the part-sports, part-spectacle program.

The preliminary overnight rating for Saturday's XFL show was a 5.1, meaning an average of 5.1 percent of television homes in the country's largest 49 markets tuned in at any given time.

That's a steep fall from the 10.3 preliminary Nielsen number last week, and reminiscent of the viewer erosion experienced by the USFL in the 1980s.

There was a major glitch 12 minutes into the show, when an NBC power generator gave out and the feed from Los Angeles was lost. Viewers saw an on-screen graphic for 11/2 minutes before being taken to the night's other XFL game, San Francisco at Orlando, for about 25 minutes.

Still, it took just seven days for the loud and sometimes lurid XFL to go from vastly exceeding expectations to hovering right around the 4.5 national rating NBC promised advertisers. National ratings for Saturday night should be released Tuesday.

"We remain a work in progress, and our numbers last night are exactly where we said they would be the last six months," NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol said.

The size of the drop surprised some industry observers.

"I had anticipated perhaps a 25 percent decline from the first week to the second," former CBS Sports president Neil Pilson, who now heads a TV consulting firm, said Sunday.

According to Pilson, it's too early to judge whether the XFL can be a viable TV product on Saturdays, traditionally the lowest-rated night of the week.

"We have to wait at least four weeks to get an accurate prediction for the season," he said.

Sports Briefs

Ground Hog golf tourney

The Ground Hog Open will be held Feb. 24-25 at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man scramble, and entry fee is $80 per team.

The field will be pre-flighted by total handicap, with a five-shot maximum differential between players. Play will begin at 1 p.m. both days. To enter, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Junior golf applications

Junior golfers interested in the NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation can pick up membership applications at the Snyder Country Club pro shop.

Bass club meeting

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Scifres Tire. The meeting is open to the public. On the agenda are election of new officers and this year's tournament schedule. For more information, call 573-4031.

Girls Little Dribblers

Registration for girls Little Dribblers basketball will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Players can sign up from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Ages 8-12 are eligible to play, and entry fee is $30. Players must be accompanied by a guardian, and bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Mickelson earns bizarre win

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Phil Mickelson in the didn't come without the kind of finish that made his stomach churn. And it had nothing to do with food poisoning that he battled all week.

Mickelson became the first back-to-back winner of the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines in 25 years by making double bogey on the third playoff hole and winning when Frank Lickliter three-putted from 12 feet for a shocking loss that nearly left him in tears.

Davis Love III was eliminated from the three-man playoff one hole earlier when he failed to save par from a plugged lie in the bunker.

All three players finished at 19-under 269. All had eagle putts to win in regulation on the par-5 18th, and again on the first extra hole.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	36	14	.720	—
New York	29	18	.617	5½
Miami	30	20	.600	6
Orlando	25	23	.521	10
Boston	22	27	.449	13½
New Jersey	17	34	.333	19½
Washington	12	37	.245	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	29	18	.617	—
Toronto	26	23	.531	4
Charlotte	26	25	.510	5
Indiana	21	27	.438	8½
Cleveland	20	27	.426	9
Detroit	19	31	.380	11½
Atlanta	16	33	.327	14
Chicago	6	42	.125	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	32	15	.681	—
San Antonio	31	16	.660	1
Minnesota	32	18	.640	1½
Dallas	31	19	.620	2½
Denver	27	24	.529	7
Houston	25	25	.500	8½
Vancouver	13	36	.265	20

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	35	15	.700	—
Sacramento	31	15	.674	2
L.A. Lakers	31	16	.660	2½
Phoenix	28	20	.583	6
Seattle	28	24	.538	8
L.A. Clippers	16	34	.320	19
Golden State	15	33	.313	19

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
All-Star Game: Eastern Conference 111, Western Conference 110
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 8 p.m.
New York at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

All Times EST

EAST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	2	0	1.000	59	43
Birmingham	1	1	.500	39	34
Chicago	0	2	.000	61	72
NY/NJ	0	2	.000	12	38

WEST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Las Vegas	2	0	1.000	44	3
Memphis	1	1	.500	25	45
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	52	47
San Francisco	1	1	.500	29	39

Saturday's Games
Orlando 26, San Francisco 14
Los Angeles 39, Chicago 32, 2OT
Sunday's Games
Birmingham 19, NY/NJ 12
Las Vegas 25, Memphis 3
Saturday, Feb. 17
Los Angeles at Las Vegas, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18
Chicago at Birmingham, 4 p.m.
Orlando at NY/NJ, 7 p.m.

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	12	1	21	10
Plainview	10	3	19	12
Snyder	9	4	19	10
Frenship	9	4	19	13
Levelland	6	7	20	12
Andrews	3	10	16	15
Lake View	2	11	10	21
Big Spring	1	12	6	24

Tuesday's games: Lake View at Snyder; Levelland at Andrews; Big Spring at Estacado; Plainview at Frenship.
End of regular season



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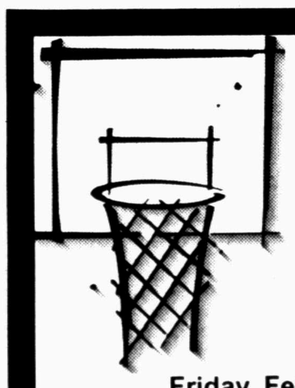
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Sub accident to be investigated fully

HONOLULU (AP) — As hope for finding survivors faded, officials investigating the sinking of a Japanese fishing boat by a U.S. submarine said nine missing people may have been trapped as the boat plunged to the ocean bottom. The Japanese asked U.S. officials to raise the ship.

"There is a possibility that the bodies are still in the vessel," Coast Guard Capt. Steven A. Newell said Sunday, more than 48 hours after the collision that has strained U.S.-Japanese relations.

Newell said weather was good and the search would continue through at least this afternoon.

In a closed, two-hour briefing, relatives and friends of the missing urged officials to raise the Ehime Maru. The 34 loved ones, who had arrived from Japan on Sunday, emerged from the briefing looking stoic and drained, and quietly filed onto a bus to return to their hotel.

Japan's prime minister lodged a protest with the United States, also demanding that the Ehime Maru be raised. Yoshiro Mori met Sunday with U.S. Ambassador Thomas Foley and asked the United States to "use all available means" to reclaim the ship, said Kazuhiko Koshikawa, Mori's spokesman.

Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's national security adviser, said today that "we'll certainly want to talk to the Japanese about what they have in mind."

"There will be a complete and transparent investigation so we will know what happened," she said on CBS' "The Early Show." "There is no evidence yet that proper procedures were not followed."

Twenty-six people were rescued after the 180-foot fishing vessel sank, 10 minutes after it was struck by the USS Greeneville on Friday. Still missing were three crew members, two teachers and four students — teen-age boys on a field trip learning to fish.

Aircraft and ships scouring a 5,000-square-mile area day and night have found only life rafts and debris from the fishing vessel, which sank in 1,800 feet of water about 9 miles from Diamond Head and 20 miles southeast of Pearl Harbor.

"The longer we go without signs there are people in the water, the more difficult it becomes for us to continue," Newell said. "But we will continue to search for any objects ... the possibility that they are in a life raft, in a life jacket or perhaps even treading water."

Timothy McVeigh called 'delusional'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Relatives of those killed in the Oklahoma City bombing rebuked Timothy McVeigh's suggestion that his execution be publicly broadcast.

"Are citizens going to see this sitting in a bar?" asked Tom Kight, whose daughter, Frankie Merrell, died in the explosion.

"What about the people who follow him, the right-wing anti-government people? I think Tim would like to go out a martyr," he said.

McVeigh, 32, is set to be executed May 16 by injection at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind., for his role in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The bombing killed 168 people and injured 500.

In a letter published in The Sunday Oklahoman, McVeigh suggested that for all who wish to view the execution to have fair access, "a reasonable solution seems obvious: hold a true 'public' execution — allow a public broadcast."

Federal Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said a national broadcast was not an option.



On Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

New FDA hot line

Dear Readers: As a nutrition scientist who is also a member of the press, I find myself constantly in the trenches, working on the border between scientific research and public understanding. This is a period of rapid expansion in the supplement marketplace, with state-of-the-art marketing techniques making it difficult to discriminate between fact and fiction. Those who experiment with unproven remedies can experience unexpected and sometimes dangerous side effects. What do you do when this happens? The first thing is to stop taking the supplement, and, depending on the nature of the problem, contact your health professional. Another critical step, however, is to report your experience. I use the word "critical" because there is so much we don't know, and it will be years before the research catches up. Your experience can help others avoid the same pitfalls.

The Food and Drug Administration has a system designed to record adverse events. It's called MedWatch, and you can call them at (800) 332-1088. You can also find information online at www.fda.gov/medwatch. Anything reported is held in complete confidence; it will not get back to your doctor or anyone else. If you have the misfortune of experiencing an adverse effect to a supplement or any medical product, I encourage you to make use of this service.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am wondering what your view is on a high-school sports coach who tells his athletes that they should eat 18 eggs per day, yolk and all. A coach at our high school is recommending this for his athletes to gain weight. I have been unable to find any information in research studies regarding that much egg consumption. Thank you. — **A.B., via e-mail**

Dear A.B.: In my opinion, this approach is ill conceived and illogical. If you want to gain weight, there are better ways, including eating more often (at least six meals per day) and having additional servings of nutrient-rich, calorie-dense foods. Foods that come to mind include nuts, seeds, avocados, etc. The other essential adjunct is a structured training program that encourages your body to increase its muscle mass.

Eggs are not a calorie-dense food. They provide needed protein, but they are not an ideal food. You can have some, but not 18 per day. Eighteen large eggs will provide 1,350 calories, 112.5 grams of protein, 90 grams of fat and 3,834 milligrams of cholesterol! That is way too much cholesterol.

And what else are you supposed to eat during the day? Eggs are good source of nutrition, but they do not comprise a well-balanced diet in and of themselves.

I encourage people to eat food rather than rely on supplements, but there are a number of concentrated-calorie milkshakes on the market targeted to those trying to gain weight. Athletes such as weight lifters, wrestlers and football players often use these products to help them bulk up. The products are ideal for those who are underweight and those who have to work at maintaining their present weight.

Most of these products contain hundreds of calories, and, when you take them in addition to your regular diet, you will begin to gain weight. Their special advantage is that they are carbohydrate-based drinks as opposed to fat-based drinks.

Don't attempt to gain weight using junk foods such as french fries, potato chips and doughnuts. This is bad stuff. If you walk that road you will regret it later. These foods contain calories, but they will also set you up for future health problems.

Understand that there is a limit to what you can do. You have to consider the overriding influence of your genetic predisposition. If most of your family members are tall and thin, it will lessen the odds that you can become a 250-pound player. This not to say that you are without remedies, but they might not achieve the desired result.

A well-balanced diet and weight-lifting and conditioning programs are important adjuncts to any weight-gain program. Consider, though, that if you were to gain one pound per week, this would involve taking in 500 calories per day above your normal caloric intake. Snacking on healthful, calorie-dense foods or using those weight-gain milkshake products can help accomplish this. Be advised, though, that studies have found that the body does not always gain as expected. Good luck.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Hospital

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Births

Miranda Hancock announces the birth of her daughter weighing five pounds, 12 ounces. She was born at 1:20 a.m. on Feb. 9 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Jenny Bowlin announces the birth of her son at 6:33 p.m. on Feb. 10 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

Several reports filed over the weekend

• ***Shoplifter***

A 15-year-old shoplifter was issued a citation at United Supermarket at 8:50 a.m. Saturday. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted, and the juvenile was released to his grandmother.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk at Rip Griffin's notified officers at 11:35 a.m. Saturday that a subject had driven off without paying for $5 worth of gasoline.

• ***Credit card abuse***

Nellie Rios contacted police at 2:14 p.m. Saturday to report that someone had opened a credit card account in her name and was making charges on it. An offense report was taken for credit card abuse.

• ***Coat stolen***

At 2:44 p.m. Saturday, Kay Price reported that someone had stolen a leather coat from her while she was at the American Legion.

• ***Wallet stolen***

A report for theft was filed at 7:38 p.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of 29th Street in reference to a wallet being stolen from a 1993 Chevrolet pickup. Kaylem Whiteley reported the incident.

• ***Window broken***

The driver's side window of a 1999 Chevrolet pickup owned by Curtis Clay of Euless was broken out while the vehicle was parked at the VFW. The incident was reported at 11:13 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Runaway***

A woman reported her 16-year-old daughter as a runaway at 2:50 a.m. Sunday. The girl was located in Big Spring at 11:32 a.m. Sunday at her grandmother's residence.

• ***Arrests***

A 26-year-old man was taken into custody at 12:53 p.m. Sunday on a misdemeanor warrant revoking his probation.

At 8:09 p.m. Sunday, a 23-year-old man was arrested on a warrant for failing to pay child support.

• ***Accident***

Officers investigated a two-vehicle mishap at 4:52 p.m. Sunday in the 3700 block of College. Involved were a 1991 Oldsmobile Regency driven by Julia Green, 87, of Loraine and a 1993 Geo Metro driven by Robert Rae Patterson, 57, of 2702 47th Street.

At 7:55 p.m. Sunday, an accident occurred in the 3400 block of Irving. A 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Bradley Dallas Hart, 25, of 3404 Irving, struck a parked, unoccupied 1992 Ford pickup owned by Billy Doucette Sr. of 4470 North Hwy. 84.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	34.95	34.30	34.45	— 16
AOL TimeWrn	47.65	46.50	47.51	+ 26
AT&T Corp	23.03	21.56	22.87	+ 77
Albertsons	29.25	21.88	28.99	+ 03
Alltel	56.39	55.01	55.88	+ 78
AmEl Pw	46.47	45.76	46.47	+ 35
AndarkPtr	66.20	64.70	64.90	— 1.30
ATMOS Egy	24.00	23.64	23.70	— 15
Aviall	7.48	7.30	7.48	+ 18
BP Amoco	52.75	52.52	52.69	— 47
BakerHughes	44.01	42.80	42.98	— 1.03
Bank of Amer	50.30	49.70	50.27	+ 77
BellSouth	44.17	42.78	44.11	+ 1.26
Beth Steel	2.44	2.35	2.41	
BurlNoSFe	30.00	29.70	29.75	— 20
Caterpillar	43.68	43.25	43.65	+ 65
Chevron	86.14	85.01	85.21	— 68
Citigroup s	54.80	54.03	54.70	+ 65
CocaCola	60.33	59.50	60.05	— 09
ColgatePal	59.61	58.25	58.45	— 93
ComclMetals	24.15	23.85	24.00	+ 32
CooperIn	45.10	44.74	45.05	— 11
DaimlrChry	49.35	49.06	49.35	+ 98
DallSemicn s	36.99	35.77	36.99	+ 99
DeltaAirl	45.28	44.51	44.85	+ 01
Dillards Inc	17.90	17.00	17.83	+ 79
DowChem s	32.30	31.75	32.11	— 10
DuPont	41.90	41.11	41.61	— 38
EastmanChem	49.01	48.28	48.41	— 60
EstKodak	45.50	44.71	45.41	+ 62
EDS Corp	64.27	62.23	63.95	+ 21
Entergy	37.85	37.20	37.76	+ 35
ExxonMobil	86.25	85.37	85.93	+ 07
Flowers	17.04	16.90	16.99	+ 02
GenDynam	66.80	66.41	66.85	— 90
GenElec s	46.98	45.66	46.96	+ 1.30
GenMills	43.60	43.10	43.10	— 10
GenMotors	55.28	54.46	55.24	+ 79
GaPacGP	30.35	29.59	29.67	— 22
GlobalMar	30.74	29.92	30.00	— 70
Goodrich	37.10	36.65	36.85	+ 15
Goodyear s	24.49	23.51	23.60	— 36
GtAtlPac	11.74	11.21	11.35	— 50
Halliburtn	42.25	41.45	41.70	— 77
Hanson ADS	32.10	31.95	32.10	+ 95
HarteHanks	23.07	23.00	23.04	— 03
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HoneywellIntl	48.60	47.37	48.50	+ 1.30
IBM	114.52	110.27	114.35	+ 2.35
IntlPaper	37.00	36.00	36.27	— 33
JohnsonJn	97.45	96.50	96.67	+ 1.69
K mart	8.72	8.42	8.62	+ 20
Kroger Co	25.20	25.00	25.13	+ 03
Lrtton	79.10	78.99	79.05	+ 06
LockheedM	36.55	35.50	35.70	— 43
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Lubys	6.75	6.51	6.75	+ 22
LucentTech	15.14	14.73	15.03	— 33
MayDeptStr	37.19	36.20	36.97	+ 76
Medtronic	53.15	51.96	52.90	+ 1.12
Motorola s	19.65	18.90	19.60	+ 70
NCR Corp	47.91	46.81	46.81	— 1.19
Navistar	27.62	26.18	26.85	— 87
Penney JC	14.45	13.98	14.35	+ 39
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PepsiCo	47.10	46.25	46.64	+ 44
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PhelpDodge	44.75	44.00	44.08	— 57
PhilipPet	56.67	56.00	56.13	+ 38
PilgrmPrd B	10.70	10.45	10.48	— 18
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Praxair	45.10	44.26	44.44	— 29
ProctGamb	75.44	74.70	74.91	— 08
PubS NwMx	25.35	24.90	25.25	+ 05
RadioShack	46.30	45.00	45.70	+ 08
ReliantEngy	41.66	40.75	41.65	+ 41
RoyalDut	63.56	62.75	62.80	— 91
SBC Comm	48.32	46.60	48.12	+ 1.55
SaraLee	21.20	21.03	21.15	+ 03
Scripps EW	65.95	65.50	65.74	+ 42
SearsRoeb	38.15	37.30	37.74	+ 44
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2000 election reminiscent of 1876 dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Until history tried to repeat itself in last year's election, Rutherford B. Hayes was little more to many Americans than a man with a beard, an extravagant first name and a wife the newspapers called "Lemonade Lucy."

The Hayes election in 1876 — with no final result for nearly four months — was at least as contentious and disputed as the airtight contest between George W. Bush and Al Gore.

Threats of violence followed Hayes' selection, and as he stood to deliver his conciliatory inaugural address few knew that he had already taken the oath of office in a secret ceremony in the Red Room of the White House.

In one of his first acts Hayes, a Republican, honored an agreement made on his behalf with southern Democrats to end Reconstruction and the military occupation of the South that had been imposed at the end of the Civil War. Despite promises to Hayes to protect civil rights, white Democrats ultimately reasserted political control in the region, causing many newly enfranchised blacks to lose the right to vote.

Over the next four years, Hayes set the course for future civil service reform, fought corruption and, on the lighter side, established the enduring tradition of the White House Easter Egg Roll.

Hayes dealt with an inherited economic depression, advocated federal aid for education, including that for blacks; and installed the first telephone and typewriter used in the White House.

Then his single term in office swiftly faded into the dusty horizons of history.

Last year's presidential election cleared some of the dust away.

Astonished but delighted historians found themselves pointing out the parallels between Hayes in 1876 and Bush 124 years later.

Each, for example, gained a narrow Electoral College victory after losing the popular vote.

Hayes struck an independent tone in his inaugural address and offered no hope of reward for the Republican allies who had toiled in his behalf.

"... He serves the party best who serves the country best," Hayes said.

Hayes refused requests to install party warhorses in his Cabinet, not even Republicans who had served previous GOP presidents in top-level positions.

But Hayes entered office handicapped by more than the circumstances of his election. Well before Election Day he had promised to serve only one four-year term, effectively making himself a lame duck from the moment he took office.

His programs also were hobbled by the fact that Democrats controlled either the House or the Senate during his presidency.

Wounded four times in his Civil War rise from major to major general, Ohio-born Rutherford Birchard Hayes graduated from Harvard Law School in 1845. Historians say he was the richest president of the 19th century, mostly through inheritance.

In 1852, he married Lucy Webb. As first lady, she became widely known as "Lemonade Lucy" by refusing to serve alcoholic drinks to White House guests. The first president's wife to have graduated from college, she would also become an early and outspoken advocate of voting rights for women.

Hayes was still a Union army officer when he was nominated as a candidate for Congress in 1864. When it was suggested he take a furlough to campaign, he refused. "An officer fit for duty who at this crisis would abandon his post to electioneer for a seat in Congress ought to be scalped," he said.

He served two terms in the House, then was twice elected as a corruption-fighting governor of Ohio.

Hayes reached the White House immediately after Grant, a personally honest soldier-hero whose administration had been corroded by corruption centered in the thoroughly partisan spoils system.

But Hayes was able to take his reform fight only so far.

He based his own appointments on merit and banned federal employees from taking part in partisan politics. He bucked GOP political bosses and removed three Republicans from lucrative jobs in the New York Customs House.

But Congress declined to act on the president's civil service legislation. Even so, he was able to say he had laid the groundwork for future reform.

Like most presidents before and after, Hayes had his own estimate of what he wanted history to think of him.

With the exception of Abraham Lincoln, he said, few presidents had begun their term in such rough waters and few had ended "in so smooth a sea."

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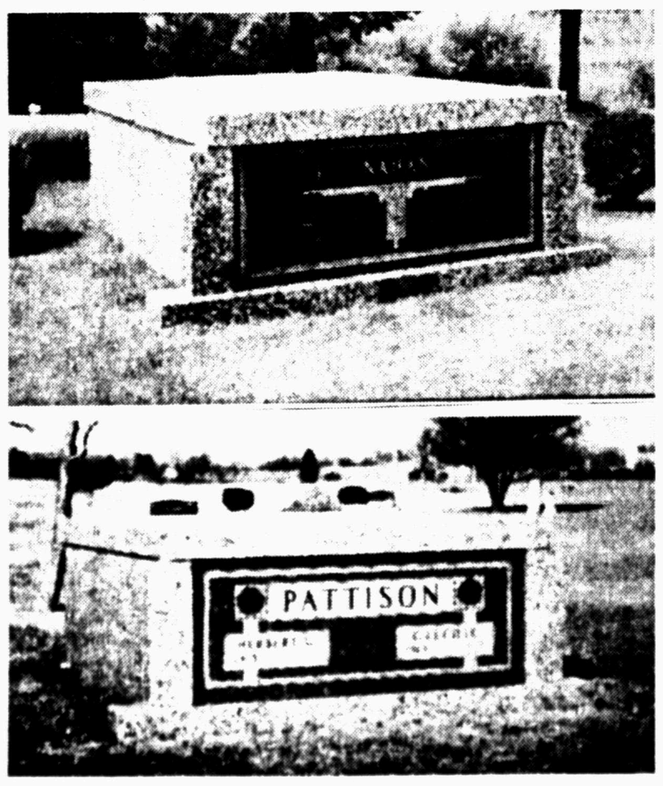
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Police hunting for killer of 7-year-old girl

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — Sometimes Stephanie Kahalekulu wakes up wondering why the bubbly 7-year-old she helped raise vanished 14 months ago and how her remains came to be abandoned on a wooded hillside.

The search for Xiana Fairchild ended this month with the discovery of a small skull found in the Santa Cruz mountains, but Kahalekulu's questions won't stop. What happened to Xiana? And does a jailed cab driver hold a key to the case?

"I need to know," said Kahalekulu. "Knowing is hard and it hurts but it's nothing compared to going through it and she went through it."

On Sunday, more than 600 people came to mourn Xiana's death, many of the same people who have volunteered in a high-profile search since her disappearance.

The case has created a flurry of accusations, rifts between families and countless leads turned in to police — but never the prospect of her return.

Xiana was born to Antoinette Robinson, a prison inmate convicted of auto theft. She was brought up in Hawaii with her great-grandmother and Kahalekulu, her 36-year-old great-aunt.

"She was in her own little giggly world, really," says Kahalekulu of the gap-toothed child with a mop of curly black hair.

In June 1999, Xiana was reclaimed by her mother, who had moved to Vallejo, about 35 miles north of San Francisco.

Kahalekulu also relocated to Colorado and made do with frequent phone calls, the last one on Thanksgiving weekend in 1999. Two weeks later, Xiana was gone.

Robinson's live-in boyfriend, Robert Turnbough, told police he had dropped Xiana off at the school bus stop on Dec. 9, 1999.

A few days later, the gray sweat pants Turnbough said Xiana was wearing turned up in the laundry. Turnbough said he had assumed that was how she had dressed when she disappeared.

Kahalekulu flew in to search for Xiana. While walking to the bus stop, neighbors told her about how Xiana was sometimes locked out of the apartment in the afternoons.

Turnbough and Robinson subsequently appeared before a federal grand jury but no charges were filed. Both deny having anything to do with Xiana's disappearance.

Turnbough called an impromptu news conference to declare his innocence. "I might do drugs and mess up a bit, but I am not a monster," he said.

Robinson's lawyer, Dan Healy, says his client's been maligned.

"They've treated the mother of a murdered child like dirt," he said.

Within days of Xiana's disappearance, a volunteer search center was in place and fliers flapped from telephone poles. But it wasn't until the summer of 2000 that the case took an unexpected turn.

A girl who had been kidnapped from the streets of Vallejo escaped. Shackled to the front seat of the kidnapper's car for two days, she grabbed a ring of keys when her abductor was out of the car and freed herself, flagging down a passing truck.

The man arrested in the 8-year-old's kidnapping, former cab driver Curtis Dean Anderson, 39, had lived in Vallejo at the time of Xiana's disappearance.

From jail, Anderson made a number of rambling statements, including reportedly telling Kahalekulu he kidnapped Xiana and kept her for two weeks and then gave her, alive, to someone else.

Police said there is no evidence linking him to the disappearance and it's not clear whether Anderson knows something or is just fond of publicity.

Anderson's attorney, Carl Spieckerman, did not return telephone calls.

The search for Fairchild ended on Jan. 19 when a construction worker found portions of a skull and two pieces of jaw on a mountainous road about 60 miles south of her Vallejo home.

State is investigating boot camp for drugs

ARLINGTON (AP) — A boot camp probationer remained hospitalized Monday after what he described as inadequate medical care at the facility — the second time in as many months that treatment questions have arisen.

Michael Johnson of Fort Worth, serving four months in a drug rehabilitation program at the privately operated Mansfield boot camp, was afraid to return to the prison. The 19-year-old Mansfield man's pulse had stopped and he had to be resuscitated.

"As far as adequate medical treatment ... no, I'm not getting proper care," Johnson told the Arlington Morning News in Monday's editions. "My doctors here think it might be pneumonia and they're running a whole bunch of tests on me. I didn't go there to catch a disease there. I'm in there for rehab, not to die young."

Texas Rangers and other investigators earlier examined the boot camp's medical records and supplies following the Jan. 9 death of probationer Bryan Alexander. The 18-year-old Arlington man died after being transported to the hospital from the facility.

In the latest case, the attorney representing boot camp owner Correctional Services Corp. of Florida in a civil lawsuit by Alexander's family, said he expected Johnson to be back at the facility later Monday.

"This seems like a stream of hard luck, where several situations in a row that wouldn't have garnered any attention have become a situation where everything that happens is garnering attention," said attorney Tony Schaffer. " ... There are state agencies watching all aspects of our operation."

Randy Tate, the boot camp administrator, was out of the office until Monday.

Sen. Chris Harris said he is investigating Johnson's hospitalization and that law enforcement needs to take a closer look as well.

"It will be a few days before we know what happened to this young man. But it does raise questions," Harris, R-Fort Worth, said. "The Alexander boy is not an isolated incident. This is a progression of events that's gotten worse and worse."

Johnson said he first complained of stomach pains on Wednesday and was taken to the hospital the next day. Doctors at John Peter Smith Hospital, he said, had prescribed pain pills.

Oil Patch News

Borden County

Mike E. Nolta Inc. will drill the No. 2 Baby Kakes in the Pancho-Mag field, 14 miles south of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 23, Block 31, T3N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Chevron USA will drill the No. 44-E Earl Morrison in the Westbrook field, 13 miles west of Colorado City. The venture will be drilled to 3,250 feet, and drill site is in Section 21, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Merit Energy will drill the No. 1WSW Lucy Coleman in the Coleman Ranch field, 10 miles north of Westbrook. Planned depth is 600 feet, and location is in Section 48, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

RJD Management Co. Inc. will drill the No. 8 George Beggs in the Post field, 15 miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 2,750 feet, location is in Section 78, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Caps Oil Corp. will drill the No.16F-B J.P. Davis heirs in the Iatan East Howard field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, drill site is in Section 2, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Continental Exploration will drill the No. 1 Blackstone Minerals, a 5,500-foot wildcat located one miles northeast of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 31, Block 21, T&P survey.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Donating to mental health

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently lost a 15-year-old daughter to suicide. She had manic depression. Now I would like to send donations every Christmas to a group or institute doing the most promising research on children with mental illness. Can you direct me to the proper source?

DEAR READER: I applaud your desire to reach out and assist other families that have experienced this tragic event. There are many worthy organizations that would welcome your support; you can obtain their names and addresses by writing the National Institute of Mental Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Parklawn Building, Room 15C-05, 5600 Fisher's Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife is fearful of toxic shock syndrome, to the extent that she is up and down all night changing her tampons during menstruation. Does she have to worry so much?

DEAR READER: Probably not; she may be overdoing it a bit. Toxic shock syndrome, first described in 1978, is a serious infection marked by high fever, rash, low blood pressure, shock and death. Other features include sore throat, conjunctivitis, vomiting and diarrhea.

The disease is now known to be caused by both virulent streptococci and potent staphylocci that release a unique protein called Toxic Shock Syndrome Toxin-1. The bacterial production of TSST-1 is enhanced by an environment low in oxygen, glucose and magnesium.

Toxic shock syndrome was, in the past, associated with the injudicious use of super-absorbent tampons. The elimination of these tampons and the more appropriate use of regular tampons significantly reduced the number of cases. TSS has also been associated with the use of contraceptive sponges and the presence of burns, abscesses and pneumonia. Many experts believe that TSS was the cause of a disastrous plague that swept Athens in 430 B.C.

Women can avoid toxic shock by using tampons strictly according to the manufacturer's directions. The product should be changed frequently and used for only part of the day or portions of the menstrual cycle. I suggest that your wife use pads, instead of tampons, during the night.

Toxic shock is diagnosed by appropriate bacterial cultures and is treated with antibiotics and intravenous fluid replacement. However, despite aggressive therapy, the mortality rate remains about 5 percent.

DEAR DR. GOTT: This autumn, I was driving along a sunlit, tree-lined street. My 10-year-old son, who is being treated for epilepsy, was in the back seat. Suddenly, he had a brief seizure. Why would this happen?

DEAR READER: I suspect that he was the victim of what is called a "strobe effect." Some patients with epilepsy are particularly sensitive to rhythmic flashes of light. In fact, such strobe lights are sometimes used to diagnose epilepsy because they may trigger seizures. The relatively regular tree shadows alternating with the associated bursts of sunlight and your steady driving speed probably had the same effect as strobe lights. Ordinarily, this is nothing to worry about, unless your son, when he is older, is operating a motor vehicle. Check with the boy's neurologist to make sure that a change in medication isn't in order.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Epilepsy: The Falling Sickness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001

Making chances for frivolous reasons will set you back in the year ahead instead of elevating your hopes. Keep your head out of the clouds and your feelings under control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If an objective is not achieved today, chances are it'll be your own fault. This is because, although you'll know what's required of you, you may not be willing to pay the price. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It could be all too easy today to feel sorry for yourself just because friends may not be sympathetic to playing pity games. If you dwell on sad thoughts, you'll be sad.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't go poking your nose today into places where it doesn't belong. You could offend someone important to you by exposing something she or he wanted to keep private.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You must take care how you deal with people, especially those with whom you work. Give and take is essential, as well as being tolerant of the frailties of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so be cognizant today of how much you eat, drink or be merry. Develop and follow sensible health habits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't believe everything you're told, even if the info comes from a friend. Wrong facts could lead to wrong moves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Making promises or commitments about a matter you intuitively feel uncomfortable about could be a mistake today. Chances are your inner voice is warning you about something.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Any postponements you make today are likely to lead to complications for you down the line. Stay on top of all tasks and obligations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a good chance your head isn't screwed on too straight today when it comes to shopping for personal items. Make a list first and purchase only what's on it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll only handicap yourself if you anticipate disappointment before you enter the fray today. If you don't think you're hot, you're not.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're basically a very giving and compassionate person, yet for some reason you could subdue these tendencies and exercise a very self-serving attitude instead. It'll hurt you in the end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In your involvements with your friends today, make certain you keep everything on an even plane. Overreacting or being unduly sensitive about a simple remark is unproductive.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Three children and their dad found dead

KATY (AP) — Three children and their father were found dead today in an apparent murder-suicide that ended a standoff at their home, police said.

A fourth child was wounded in the shootings in Katy, west of Houston.

"She has a critical injury to her left arm," police spokesman Robert Hurst said.

The 32-year-old man had been holding children ages 2, 7, 9 and 11 hostage and had cut off authorities' initial attempts to negotiate with him.

Obituaries

Donald Boone

1962-2001

A memorial service for Donald Bryan Boone, a former Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Snyder's First United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Robertson, former pastor, and Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, will officiate.

A funeral service for Mr. Boone, 38, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Resthaven Abbey Chapel. Burial will be at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.



Donald Boone

Mr. Boone died Friday, Feb. 9, in an industrial accident in Lubbock.

Born July 20, 1962 in Harlingen, Mr. Boone was a 1981 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Western Texas College, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

He married Michele Massey on Sept. 5, 1987 in Lubbock. A resident of Lubbock since 1991, he had been employed as a mechanic for Frito-Lay for the past six years.

Survivors include his wife, Michele Boone, of the home; a son, Bryan Boone, also of Lubbock; his parents, Billy and Marie Boone of Snyder; two brothers, Dennis Boone of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Darryl Boone of Midland; five nieces, Charli Boone, Scotti Boone and Nickki McKinney, all of Snyder, and Jacquelyn and Christina Boone of Salt Lake City, Utah; a nephew, Joseph Boone of Salt Lake City; and a future sister-in-law and niece, Susan and Erin Hickman of Midland; a sister-in-law Marianna Tassin of Cleburne; and his father and mother-in-law, Milton and Catherine Massey of Mission.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or to a favorite charity.

Elizabeth Brinner

1919-2001

Elizabeth M. Brinner, a retired Snyder public school teacher, died Sunday, Feb. 11, in Walnut Place Care Center in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Brinner, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Merrell, former pastor, and the Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor, will officiate.

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

Born Feb. 11, 1919 in Seminole, she married John W. Brinner on May 21, 1944. He died Jan. 15, 1993.

Mrs. Brinner received her teaching certificate from Sul Ross State University. She taught in Klondike and Big Spring before teaching in the Snyder schools for more than 37 years, retiring in 1984.

She also was preceded in death by a son, John Brinner, on April 1, 1993; and two sisters, Jo Poe, in 1994, and Nova Lynn Campbell.

Survivors include three daughters, Roevella Baker of Snyder, Cheryl Collins of New Braunfels and Sandra Snyder of Dallas; a son, Dan Brinner of Rockwall; two brothers, G.C. Graves of Hereford and Jack Graves of Lexington, Tex.; eight grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 2910 Swiss Ave. in Dallas, 75204.

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Jason Jenkins

1982-2001

Jason Brett Jenkins, 19, died Friday, Feb. 9, at his home in Abilene after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Jenkins was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry White, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Jan. 18, 1982 in Abilene, Mr. Jenkins was a student.

Survivors include his father, Steve Jenkins of Abilene; his mother, Cindy Jenkins of Houston; his paternal grandparents, Don and Betty Jenkins of Snyder; his maternal grandfather, Bill Clayton of Snyder; and three uncles, Don Jenkins of Snyder, Dale Jenkins of Clyde and Billy Clayton of Daytona, Fla.

Karlvin Helm

1921-2001

ROSCOE – Karlvin Helm, the father of two Scurry County residents, died Saturday, Feb. 10, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Funeral service for Mr. Helm, 79, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Roscoe Church of Christ with John Morgan and Phil Collard officiating. Burial was to follow in the Roscoe Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 30, 1921 in Haskell County, he married Rosalie Eckert on Aug. 18, 1945 in Nolan County.

A resident of Roscoe since 1940, Mr. Helm was a farmer and also former owner of Helm Auto Electric. He was a member of the Roscoe Church of Christ.

Mr. Helm was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Mary Helm; and a brother, J.V. Helm.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie Helm of Roscoe; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn and J.B. Tate of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Ramona Helm of Hermleigh; a brother Bill Helm of Alvin; four grandchildren, Janna Peterson and husband, Clay, of Abilene, Kevin Tate and wife, Cheree, of Snyder, Joshelyn Helm of Abilene and Linsey Helm of Hermleigh; three great-grandchildren, Carlton and Caroline Peterson of Abilene and Abby Tate of Snyder.

Teresa Yreta

1933-2001

COLORADO CITY – Teresa Yreta, the mother of two Snyder residents, died Friday, Feb. 9, in a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Yreta, 67, was set for 2 p.m. today in the St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial was to follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 13, 1933 in Celaya Gito, Mexico, Mrs. Yreta was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She had lived in Colorado City since 1974 and in Big Spring for the past 18 months.

Survivors include six daughters, Rosa Alfaro of Snyder, Mary Lou Alfaro and Teresa Alfaro, both of Big Spring, Yolanda Vazquez of Colorado City, Maria Elena Olguin of Dallas and Isabell Salazar of Loraine; three sons, Guadalupe Alfaro of Snyder, Pablo Alfaro of Loraine and Moisis Alfaro of Mexico; 39 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Evelyn Watson

1929-2001

STAMFORD – Evelyn D. Watson, the aunt of Melissa Jones of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, in a Stamford hospital.

A memorial service for Mrs. Watson, 71, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Central Presbyterian Church with the Revs. Larry Black and Henry Chisholm officiating.

Born March 19, 1929 in Old Glory, she attended school in Paint Creek and studied nursing at Stamford Hospital. She married Jack Watson in 1951, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Watson was active in Stamford civic affairs, including the Texas Cowboy Reunion, the Pierian Club, Garden Club and Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Virginia Swanson of Colorado Springs and Margaret Decker of Bronte; a brother, Eddie Shanafelt of Ranger; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Leo Flusche

1928-2001

ELECTRA – Leo John Flusche, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 10, at his home in Electra.

Service for Mr. Flusche, 72, was held this morning in St. Paul's Catholic Church. Burial was to follow in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Punkin Center, Tex.

Born in the Mt. Carmel community, he attended Enterprise schools and graduated from Electra High School in 1946. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Japan.

He married Janet Thompson on Dec. 9, 1950 in Wichita Falls.

An employee of Mobil Oil, he moved to Snyder in 1952 and then to Denver City before returning to Electra in 1969 where he worked for the City of Electra and for Pennington Oil, retiring in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Janet of Electra; a brother, Herb Flusche of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Ann Breeze of Wichita Falls and Teresa Hays of Electra.

The family suggests memorials to the Diabetes Foundation or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Harry Robinson

1914-2001

SAN ANGELO – Harry W. Robinson, the brother-in-law of Maurine Wylie of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 10, in Shannon Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Robinson, 86, is set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery.

Born in Clarendon, he was a graduate of Matador High School. He married Margaret Hampton on May 22, 1938 in Abilene. She died in 1993.

Mr. Robinson worked as a cowboy on the Matador Ranch. He was an associate engineer with Schepps Dairy in Dallas and returned to San Angelo 1978 and worked for six years as a school crossing guard. He was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors also include a daughter, Linda Syler of San Angelo; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and another sister-in-law.

Dorothy Pearson

1925-2001

GATESVILLE – Dorothy Eloise Pearson, the sister of Waldine King of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 9, in a Gatesville Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Pearson, 75, were held Sunday at Scott's Funeral Home, and burial followed in Restland Cemetery.

Born in 1925 in Limestone County, she was a 1943 graduate of Gatesville High School. She married Herman Pearson on April 13, 1946.

A longtime resident of Coryell County, she worked for Walls for 11 years and for Smead Manufacturing for 13 years. She also worked part-time at Walls Outlet Store for two years.

Survivors include a daughter, Dottie Lawrence of Waco; two sons, Herman Pearson of Gatesville and Jackie Pearson of Waco; and three grandchildren.

Don Hudgeons

1932-2001

LUBBOCK – Don Hudgeons, retired vice chairman of American State Bank and a former board member of American State Bank in Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 10, in Covenant Medical Center.

Service for Mr. Hudgeons, 68, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Rix Funeral Directors Chapel. The Rev. Keith Wiseman, Methodist minister, will officiate.

Born May 18, 1932 in Burkburnett, he married June Burdine on Dec. 1, 1950 in Lubbock.

Mr. Hudgeons was a graduate of Lubbock High School and the Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Hudgeons retired as vice chairman of ASB in 1988 after 34 years of service. He served as executive vice president of American State Financial Corp. until August, 1990. He was active in Lubbock civic affairs and in banking organizations, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, June Hudgeons of Lubbock; two daughters, Gwen White of Buffalo Springs and Shirene Reeves of Cypress; two sisters, Maxine Fancher of Lamesa and Lyn Anderson of Hawaii; and five grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

West PTO

West Elementary PTO will meet at 5 p.m. today in Room 4. Projects and fund-raisers will be discussed and all parents and teachers are invited to the meeting.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Promise of Christ's Return," followed by "Our Greatest Adversaries: Loneliness."

Scurry Lodge chapter, council

The Scurry Masonic Lodge chapter and council will meet at 7:30 tonight.

East Elementary family reading night

Sessions will begin at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday and will conclude at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Childcare will be provided.

Discovery School open house

Discovery School, a childcare program at the First United Methodist Church, invites the community to an open house sandwich supper at 7 p.m. Tuesday. An RSVP at 573-4770 is requested, but not required.

Ira school pictures

The friendship, casual picture proofs for the Ira schools are due back no later than Tuesday. If you have questions, see Becky Hudgins. Even if pictures are not being ordered, the proofs must be returned.

Lady Bulldogs sendoff

A sendoff for the Ira Lady Bulldogs will be held at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday at the gym. Ira faces Trent in a bi-district game in Abilene.

Alzheimer support group

Alzheimer family support group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. For more information, call 573-9377.

AARP board meeting

A board meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Nursing graduation

WTC's school of vocational nursing will have its graduation and pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

CPR heartsaver course

A CPR heartsaver course will be taught at Western Texas College on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The course will be held from 6-10 p.m. and the cost is $35. Call 573-8511, ext. 350 for additional information.

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday, Feb. 23. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855 or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

Earthquake relief

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church is pooling financial help to reach out to the needs of earthquake victims in Bhuj, India. To contribute, call 573-3866 or write to 1311 Ave. K in Snyder.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank for four-month premature Christa Lane Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool opens

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.