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Home of Otis Crumly

Hospital board told today...

Surgeon expresses interest in Snyder

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Cogdell Hospital CEO George Parsley told hospital board members this morning that a general surgeon had expressed strong interest in locating his practice in Snyder.

"I'm very excited about this physician coming to Snyder," said Parsley. "He visited with us Tuesday and we anticipate another visit soon."

The surgeon, Dr. Luis Jimenez, is presently in practice in Harrisburg, Pa. A native of the Dominican Republic, the physician completed his residency in the United States.

"Our next step is to send Dr. Jimenez a letter of intent," said the hospital administrator. "And I will be doing that today."

In action items this morning, the board approved the reappointment of credentials for a total of five physicians; three of those are courtesy credentials and two work with the hospital's pathology department.

Physicians in the pathology department are Dr. Charles Osborn and Dr. James Balch, and specialty clinic physicians are Dr. David Lamberts, Dr. Austin King and Dr. Linda Fagan.

The board also approved the monthly financial statements.

Joe Wright, interim financial officer, said the hospital census increased by an average of almost three in January over December, and there were six births in December compared to 16 in January.

Wright also said cash collections in January were $1,089,233, as compared to $790,245 in December.

Wright also clarified the number of collection agencies the hospital is now using, in reference to a question from board member Dink Foree.

The hospital is using three agencies at present. Wright said that two of the agencies are being referred past due accounts, and the third one has accounts from a past agreement.

The board also approved a change in who is responsible for accessing medical records after hours. Wright recommended the admitting department have access, as opposed to the house supervisor. "This will be considerably less expensive," noted Wright.

The board also approved Parsley negotiating with Dr. Mark Weaver to purchase his medical and office equipment.

"This will be far cheaper than buying all new equipment," said Parsley. "All of it is in very good shape."

The board okayed the negotiations not to exceed $25,000.

Parsley also told the board that the hospital's audit is underway, and that the hospital had received the county's check for $395,000 as its payment for 2001 from tax money.

"We appreciate that very much," said Foree, who was presiding at the meeting in the absence of Jim Bob Cave.

In response from a question from board member Nan Swanson, Parsley said Texas Department of Criminal Justice patients are now being referred to Hendrick Hospital in Abilene for treatment after being treated in the hospital emergency's room.

Parsley said alternative hospitals, if Hendrick is full, are at Brownwood and Odessa.

In addition Foree and Swanson, other board members in attendance were Stanley Martin, Terry Williams and E.D. Walton.



POPULAR MUSICAL — Ritz Community Theatre presents the *Phantom* opening Friday evening at 8. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Others are March 2-3 at 8 p.m. and March 4 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets, $7 each, may be obtained at the Ritz box office today and tomorrow from 2 to 5 p.m. or for reservations call 573-8880. Pictured from a scene are, from left, David Brown, Katie Thornton, Troy Lilly and Rebekah Thornton. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most people go around in circles because they cut too many corners."

They're having trouble getting people to serve on juries in the big cities. Somebody has suggested that the pay of jurors be raised in order to improve attendance. It's possible that that might work.

In places like Scurry County, the judge simply sends the sheriff or a deputy to round up missing prospects.

It might help if they could just make court a little more entertaining, like some of the stuff contained in a little book called "Disorder in the Court."

Here's a few excerpts:

Q. What is your date of birth?
A. July 15
Q. What year?
A. Every year.

Q. How old is your son, the one living with you?
A. Thirty-eight or 35, I can't remember which.
Q. How long has he lived with you?
A. Forty-five years.

Q. And where was the location of the accident?
A. Approximately milepost 499.
Q. And where is milepost 499?
A. Probably between milepost 498 and 500.

Q. What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?
A. He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"
Q. And why did that upset you?
A. My name is Susan.

Q. Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Q. The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

Q. Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q. So the date of conception (of the baby) was Aug. 8?
A. Yes.
Q. And what were you doing at the time?

Q. Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse or blood pressure?
A. No.
Q. Did you check for breathing?
A. No.
Q. So, then, it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
A. No.
Q. Doctor, how can you be sure?
A. Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
Q. But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?
A. Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

Story prompts return of cash to United Fuel

A 21-year-old man returned $668.71 in cash he had received from United Fuel Center on Friday, Snyder police reported this morning.

The man had gone to the store and purchased $6.50 worth of gasoline. He then presented the clerk with a coupon from where he had cashed a check for $675, and she gave him the money.

"He gave her that receipt and she treated it like it was $675 in cash and gave him the change of $668.71 in cash," Sgt. Keith Ward said.

When a person cashes a check at the store, United charges one percent of the total amount of a check as a check-cashing fee. A coupon is then given that will take the amount of the fee off of your bill if you purchase $25 or more in merchandise.

Sgt. Ward said the clerk at United told him that the man had tricked her into giving him the money by telling him that the store had not given him his $675 in cash but had instead given him store credit.

The man, however, told Sgt. Ward that he had showed the clerk the receipt, and she started giving him the cash. He said he and his girlfriend took the money home and were going to hang onto it.

"After they saw the story in the newspaper they decided they would go pay it back," Sgt. Ward said. The case is now considered closed.

College honors group sets Sunday induction

The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will hold a formal induction ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre.

Featured speaker will be WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek. Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the two-year college. The society's hallmarks are Scholarship Leadership, Service and Fellowship. Membership in PTK is extended to students each semester who have accumulated 12 or more semester hours, who are working toward an associate degree, and who have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.



FAMILY DOLLAR OPENS — Colby Marsh, company assistant specialist, helps three-year-old Chrailyn Dean with her balloon after the Family Dollar store opened this morning. Her mother, Laurel Dean, looks on. The store is located in the Varsity Square Shopping Center. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Francene Noah...

Candidate officially files for mayorship

Francene Noah formally filed for the mayor's post Wednesday afternoon.

Noah had made her intentions known earlier, and filled out the necessary paperwork around 3 p.m. at city hall.

She will join present councilman James Ashley on the May 5 ballot for mayor of Snyder.

Ashley signed up Monday for the post currently held by Dayton Robertson.

Robertson, citing increased demands of his job as plant manager at YZ Systems, is not seeking re-election.

Also, two at-large seats will also be on the municipal ballot – the one currently held by Ashley and one held by Terry Martin. Martin said he has not made up his mind if he will seek re-election.

Both incumbents filed Tuesday for the Snyder ISD board – Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples.

At Ira, Kirby Sterling has filed for the position currently held by Bo Robinson on the school board. Robinson is not seeking re-election.

Three incumbents have also filed at Ira – Shane Smith, Doug White and Keith Clements.

The terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins expire at Hermleigh, but neither has filed for re-election.

The filing period for the Snyder city council and the school board posts ends March 21, and early voting runs from April 18 through May 1.

Western Texas College does not have a trustee election this spring.

Raid results in more drug charges filed

A second drug raid in two months netted a 40-year-old Snyder man another felony charge and a possible illegal firearms possession charge.

Alvin Leonard "Smokey" Ollison of 1007 29th Street was arrested Friday at his home and charged with possession of a controlled substance suspected to be cocaine.

Lt. Jerry Parker of the Snyder Police Department said Ollison was in possession of an amount greater than or equal to four grams, but less than 200 grams, making it a first degree felony.

A Dec. 20 special session of the Scurry County grand jury returned five indictments against Ollison, including four counts of delivery of cocaine and one count of delivery of methamphetamine.

Lt. Parker said the search warrant executed on Friday was the combined efforts of the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force of Abilene, the Scurry County Sheriff's Office and Snyder Police.

Two handguns were also found at the residence. Lt. Parker said that information will be forwarded to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and also could result in federal charges against Ollison for possession of a firearm by a felon.

Another subject, 19-year-old Michael Jason Williams of 315 South Emerial in Crosbyton, was also arrested at the residence for possession of a controlled substance.

The cases are being forward to District Attorney Dana Cooley.

ASK US

Q—When is something going to be done about the roof and ceiling at the high school?

A—The district is in on-going negotiations with its insurance carrier regarding hail damage repairs. Hopefully, the matter will be resolved soon and the repairs made, said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 44 degrees; low, 34; 7 a.m. Thursday, 34; trace precipitation; total for 2001, 2.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 40% rain chance, low 45-50, SE wind 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy, 40% rain chance. High mid 60s.



Remington Bloom
Rain

Sunset:
6:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:17 a.m.

Of 52 days in 2001, the sun has shone 46 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no more noble occupation in the world than to assist another human being — to help someone succeed.
—Alan Loy McGinnis

Courthouse items needed

Persons who wish to contribute to the Scurry County Museum's "West Texas Courthouse and Their Occupants" exhibit may do so through Tuesday.

The exhibit opens March 4 with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. at the museum, located on the Western Texas College campus.

Director Charlene Akers said persons can bring material, including photographs or items, which come from a regional courthouse.

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SHS band will send 33 students to state

Thirty-three Snyder High School band students are state bound, including one soloist and members of eight ensembles. They advanced Saturday by earning a 1st Division on a Class I solo or ensemble during UIL competition held at Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Clark Reed is the only soloist to advance. He received a 1st Division on a Class I alto saxophone solo. Meagan Langham received a 1st Division on a Class II flute solo. On a Class II clarinet solo, Kerissa Shipp also received a 1st Division rating. Class IIs do not advance. Melinda Langham received a 1st Division on a Class I oboe solo, but does not advance because the piece was not memorized.

The following ensembles all earned a 1st Division on a Class I ensemble.

Flute quartet: Stefani Beck, Erin Cooley, Emily Long, Amanda Greenwood.

Clarinet Choir: Trent Boyd, Dustin Whitson, Ryan McAnally, Melina Campos, Jeremee Lester, Shell Hembree, Melissa Jerome, Anna Williams, Kerissa Shipp.

Clarinet Choir: Erika Estrada, Melina Campos, Shavon Pesina, Jeremee Lester, Anna Williams, Dustin Whitson.

Brass ensemble: Matthew Stokes, Isaac Sanchez, Isaac Hernandez, Justin Stokes.

Five Brass ensemble: Johnathan Bell, Zach Allred, Eric DeLeon, Carcie Posey, Lynn Fogleman.

Five brass ensemble: Bonnie Cleveland, Tyler Neves, Ryan Burk, Amanda Culwell, Brandy Birkenfeld.

Alto saxophone quartet: Mycah Hilburn, Clark Reed, Sterling Millhollon, Ryan McAnally.

Mixed woodwind ensemble (flute, oboe, clarinet): Stefani Beck, Shell Hembree, Kristina Mayer.



SOLOISTS — (from left) Meagan Langham, Clark Reed, Melinda Langham. Kerissa Shipp is not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



FLUTE QUARTET: (from left) Stefani Beck, Erin Cooley, Emily Long, Amanda Greenwood. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CLARINET CHOIR: (front row) Trent Boyd, Dustin Whitson, Ryan McAnally; (back row) Melina Campos, Jeremee Lester, Shell Hembree, Melissa Jerome, Anna Williams. Kerissa Shipp is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CLARINET CHOIR — (from left) Erika Estrada, Melina Campos, Shavon Pesina, Jeremee Lester, Anna Williams, Dustin Whitson. (See page 8 for more photos) (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sailor trying to leave Harlem killed

NEW YORK (AP) — A sailor was fatally shot in the back outside his great-grandmother's home in Harlem as he packed up his car before returning to base, police said.

Seaman Recruit Demetrius Haskins, 21, and his wife stopped by his 84-year-old great-grandmother's home Tuesday night to pay a final visit before beginning a six-month stint aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

Police were investigating whether the shooting stemmed from an altercation last year in which Haskins wrestled a knife away from a man and stabbed him in self-defense.

Objectivity of ALS probe by U.S. Air Force concerns some

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The steeply rising incidence of a deadly neuromuscular disease at Kelly Air Force Base has alarmed experts who want to ensure that an investigation into the outbreak's causes remains an objective one.

San Antonio congressional leaders plan to scrutinize the Air Force's lead role in the study, which will explore the reasons why 66 former and current Kelly workers have been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

"It's human nature — there may be some suspicion or doubt over whether this constitutes an agency policing itself, " Rep. Charlie Gonzalez told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions. "People are always saying, 'You're an interested party, so are you going to be objective?'"

Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, said such questions are inevitable following the spread of the illness.

Since 1938, the count of Kelly patients diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, has increased to 66. Some of those on the list are living, but many have died.

The list, compiled by the South Texas ALS Association, has grown more than fourfold since October.

The national ALS Association, the Air Force and the Metropolitan Health District released the new count Wednesday.

In response to the concerns, the Air Force is consulting with several nationally renowned ALS researchers about how to conduct the probe.

An epidemiologist from Brooks Air Force Base, which is in charge of the study, said the researchers' input is vital to the success of the investigation.

Lt. Kenneth Cox added that more researchers may be brought into the probe as it expands in the future.

ALS statistically affects fewer than two out of 100,000 people each year in the United States, leaving some experts alarmed by the high numbers at the air base.

An ongoing environmental cleanup of Kelly and its associated health-risk studies have only heightened suspicions.

Rep. Ciro Rodriguez has orchestrated the addition of federal money to several ongoing health studies connected to Kelly and its vast resources of industrial solvents and jet fuel stored beneath the base and under thousands of nearby homes.

"It's one thing to accuse the government of wrongdoing, but it's another to have the data to back it up," said Rodriguez, D-San Antonio.

Two dead in Naval trainer crash off Jacksonville coast

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Two people were killed Wednesday after a trainer jet from a Texas naval station crashed in the Atlantic while watching student pilots practice aircraft carrier takeoffs and landings, authorities said.

The jet, a T-45A Goshawk from the Naval Air Station in Kingsville, Texas, crashed en route to the USS Eisenhower from Naval Air Station Jacksonville, said Pat Dooling, NAS Jacksonville spokesman.

"They were conducting carrier qualifications aboard the USS Eisenhower ... there was an accident and two fatalities," said Dooling. "The cause is under investigation."

Master Chief Jim Rostohar, public affairs officer at the station in Kingsville, identified the two on the T-45A Goshawk as Navy Lt. Gregory Fulco, 30, of Metairie, La., and Air Force Capt. Justin Sanders.

Fulco was an instructor pilot assigned to the VT-22 training squadron at NAS Kingsville. Sanders, whose age and hometown weren't immediately available, was assigned to the 33rd Training Squadron at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla., and was a test pilot.

Rostohar said Fulco and Sanders ejected from the plane. Sanders' body was recovered. The search for Fulco, identified as missing and presumed dead, was called off for the night Wednesday.

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 5-7-22-26-36-43

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $36 million.

Pick 3

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

0-2-4



Allison...

Sweet sixteen our pet
Hasn't been kissed
by no boy yet

Maga & Maga

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Girl Scouts their cookie County. They easy recipes f to try for desse time.

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2 small box pudding
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1 box Girl Sc Patties, frozen
Decorations:
Artificial flo worms

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By Leiter's Hagerstown, Laurel Girl York, Pa.

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PEQUOT (AP) — Teac Lakes School dents to just s
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Teachers reprimands caught huggi way. They ar detention if times in a day week.
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Desserts made with Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scouts are delivering their cookie orders in Scurry County. They offer the following easy recipes for creative cooks to try for dessert, snacks or anytime.

DIRT PUDDING

¼ pound softened margarine
8 ounces softened cream cheese
1 cup powdered sugar
2 small boxes vanilla instant pudding
3 cups milk
1 8-oz. container whipped topping
1 box Girl Scout Peanut Butter Patties, frozen
Decorations:
Artificial flowers and gummi worms

Cream together margarine, cream cheese and powdered sugar. Blend milk with instant pudding. Add first mixture to pudding mixture. Stir in whipped topping. Crush cookies a few at a time in a blender.

Spring bottom of a bowl or flower pot with a layer of crushed cookies. Pour some of the pudding mixture on top. Repeat layers, ending with crushed cookies.

Pour some of the pudding mixture on top. Repeat layers, ending with crushed cookie layer on top as dirt. If desired, decorate with the artificial flowers and gummi worms.

By Leiter's Fine Catering, Hagerstown, Md. with Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council, York, Pa.

LEMON CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

2 ½ packages Girl Scout Lemon Pastry Creams
½ lb. and ½ stick butter
½ cup powdered sugar
5 oz. milk chocolate
½ teaspoon vanilla
6 eggs (separated)
¼ cup warm water
pinch salt
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Line the base of an 8½ inch springform pan with wax paper. Spray or butter pan well.

Grind one package of cookies in a food processor and mix with ½ stick melted butter. Press into base of pan. Line sides of pan with split Lemon Pastry Cremes, plain side against side of pan.

Cream ½ lb. butter and ½ cup powdered sugar together.

In double boiler, melt chocolate. When melted, remove from stove, cool slightly and add to butter mixture. Beat well and add ½ teaspoon vanilla and a pinch of salt. Add 6 egg yolks, well beaten and ¼ cup warm water. Beat egg white stiffly and add to mixture.

Pour one-half chocolate mixture into pan. Dip 8-9 cookies in milk and vanilla mixture to soften, then layer on the chocolate. Pour remainder of chocolate mixture over the top of the cookie layer and refrigerate. Unmold from pan and serve.

By San Jacinto Girl Scouts, Houston

GIRL SCOUT CARAMEL De LITE GIRL TURTLES

Cheesecake Batter:
12 oz. Cream Cheese (room temperature)
1 ½ Cup Sugar
2 Teaspoons Flour
1 Cup Sour Cream
3 Eggs (separate 2)
1 Tablespoon Lemon Juice
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
1/8 Teaspoon Cream of Tarter
2 Boxes of Girl Scout Caramel de Lite Cookies
Garnish:
Pecan halves
Mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place cream cheese, sugar, flour and salt in large mixing bowl or food processor. Beat at medium speed until smooth, scraping bowl as needed. Add sour cream, two egg yolks, one whole egg and vanilla.

In a separate bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar at high speed until soft peaks form; fold into cheese mixture. Pour almost to rim of 2-inch foil cups that have been put into cupcake tins. This will help keep the foil shape circular.

Cook in oven for about 35-45 minutes. The tops of the miniature cheesecakes should be firm.

Remove from oven and let sit and cool for at least one hour. Put the foil cheesecakes in the freezer overnight, or for approximately 8 hours until frozen.

Lay Caramel de Lite cookies out on a tray. Take the cheesecakes out of the freezer and carefully peel off the foil wrap. Put one mini-cheesecake on each cookie. Then take some mini-morsel chocolate chips (not regular size) and put nine chocolate chips on top of the cheesecake in rows of 3 across. Take 5 pecans and push them into the sides of the cheesecake to imitate the turtle's head and four legs.

By San Jacinto Gril Scout Council, Houston



COOKIES ARE IN! — Tressie Martin of Troop 100 and Sarah Cearley of Troop 172 have begun delivering their orders of Girl Scout Cookies. For those who did not previously order cookies, there will be extra boxes for sale by calling 573-3525 or 573-6725. (Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
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3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
5 ♦	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ??

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001

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By Phillip Alder

If you pay $16 to join the American Contract Bridge League for one year (go to www.acbl.org for full details), inter alia you receive 12 issues of the Bulletin. The magazine contains articles, news, results, tournament schedules, and advertisements. However, the small-page publication is printed on low-quality paper. If a company wished to sponsor a bridge event and advertise in the Bulletin, it would have to reset its ad. Surely when the ACBL decides to try to find sponsors, a first step has to be to change the Bulletin to a Time-magazine size. (This would also make it more appealing to the membership, in my opinion.)

Here's a deal featuring arguably the world's top bridge player over the last 20 years: Bob Hamman, from Dallas. First, though, look only at the West hand. What would you lead against five diamonds doubled? Your partner opened with a weak two-bid, showing a decent six-card suit and 5-9 high-card points.

North's three-spade cue-bid asked South to convert to three no-trump with a spade stopper. However, Hamman didn't fancy that contract with a void.

The heart king looks "normal," and that lead kills the contract easily. Yet West selected the club eight.

Hamman rarely misses an opportunity to benefit from an opponent's error. Here, his two heart losers immediately disappeared on dummy's club queen and club ace. Hamman continued with a heart ruff in hand, a diamond to dummy's jack, the diamond king, another heart ruff, and the diamond ace. Then, by using dummy's 10-9 of spades, Hamman kept his spade losers to a pair and finished with 11 tricks for plus 750.

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BABY SHOWER — A baby shower was held Jan. 7 at 37th Street Church of Christ for Ronda White. From left are Rosemary Jones, grandmother of the honoree; Jodi White, her sister-in-law; Vickie White, her mother-in-law; the honoree; Donna Parker, her mother from Roscoe; Jewel Parker and Lisa Parker, her sisters. Riley D'Lynn White was born Jan. 29 to Ronda and Justin White. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Science Spectrum activities set

LUBBOCK — The Science Spectrum has released its March calendar and announces "Island of the Sharks" and "Golf Fever" will be featured in the Omnimax Theatre.

"Island of the Sharks" explores the mysterious underwater world surrounding the Cocos Islands, just off the coast of Costa Rica. Filled with footage of a variety of marine wildlife, this film lives up to its name as you see a place with perhaps more sharks per cubic yard of water than anywhere else on Earth.

"Golf Fever" takes viewers on a voyage across the world, from abandoned mines in the Klondike to the Gold Coast of Africa, and along the way weaves a story spun in pure gold. Discover what makes this metal so precious, and witness the extremes that must be endured to obtain it.

In addition, spring break is brain week at the Science Spectrum. From Monday, March 12, through Saturday, March 17, there will be a focus on brains. Fun activities such as egg drops to cool experiments like brain dissections, one can really learn just what's inside you head.

The Science Spectrum is located at 2579 S. Loop 289 in Lubbock, between University and Indiana Avenues. For ticket information, show times or hours of operation call 806-745-2525.

Births

Bobby and Angela Velasquez of Snyder announce the birth of their seven-pound daughter at 12:58 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Angela Velasquez and Alfred Vernon.

DISMISSALS: Lindsey Jackson and Coy D. Mebane.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-16, Long-term Care-23, OB-2 and Nursery-1)

Teachers tell students to just say no to hugs

PEQUOT LAKES, Minn. (AP) — Teachers at Pequot Lakes School are telling students to just say no to hugs.

Hugging has become a standard greeting and way to say goodbye at Pequot Lakes, with some students saying they get 40 to 60 hugs a day from friends. But the school isn't embracing the idea.

Teachers are doling out reprimands to students caught hugging in the hallway. They are punished with detention if caught three times in a day or four times a week.

School officials "think it's sexual and it's not appropriate," said Ashley Bennett, 12, who has been written up for hugging. "But that's how people express their feelings. It makes people feel better."

Police officer cleared of assault and harassment

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — A former police officer has been cleared of assault and harassment charges stemming from a fight over the pronunciation of yarmulke.

Dispatcher Mary Ann Siegel said Capt. Lisa Brooks put her in a wrist hold after she corrected the officer on how to say yarmulke, the term used for a Jewish skullcap.

But Brooks, who had just returned from a two-hour standoff with a man yelling anti-Semitic slurs and brandishing an antique rifle, contended Siegel called her "stupid" and punched her in the shoulder.

Brooks was later fired and charged with fourth-degree assault and physical harassment. She was acquitted Thursday.

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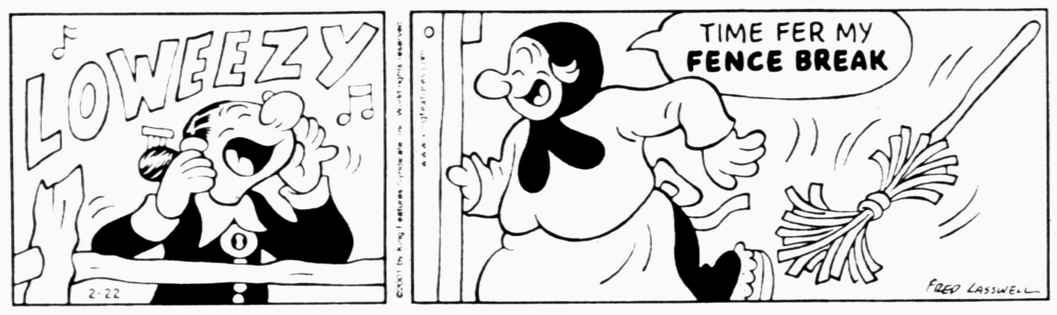
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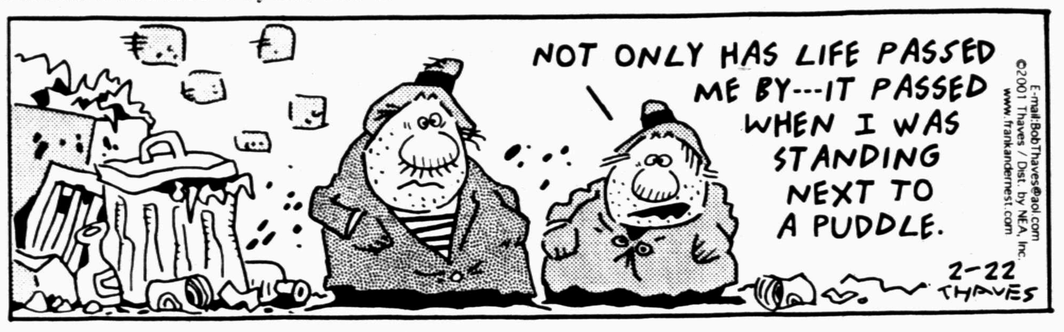
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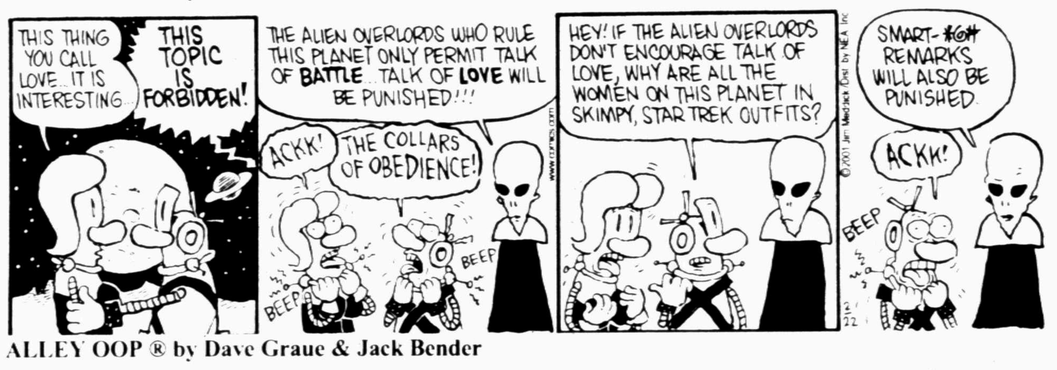
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Necklace
6 Native of Edinburgh
10 Land-use guidelines
12 Boll —
14 Showier
15 Model of the solar system
16 Ethiopian title
17 Compass pt
19 Arrow poison
20 Pad
23 Inexpensive
26 Sixth sense (abbr.)
27 Singer Damone
30 Actress Kitt
32 Champagne and orange juice
34 Very motivated
35 Lobe
36 Asner and Begley
37 Fleur-de- —
39 Adolescents
40 Looked up to
42 Flower part
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49 Not on course
51 Actor Orson
54 Flimsy paper
55 Mariner
56 Annoying one
57 Pierre's school

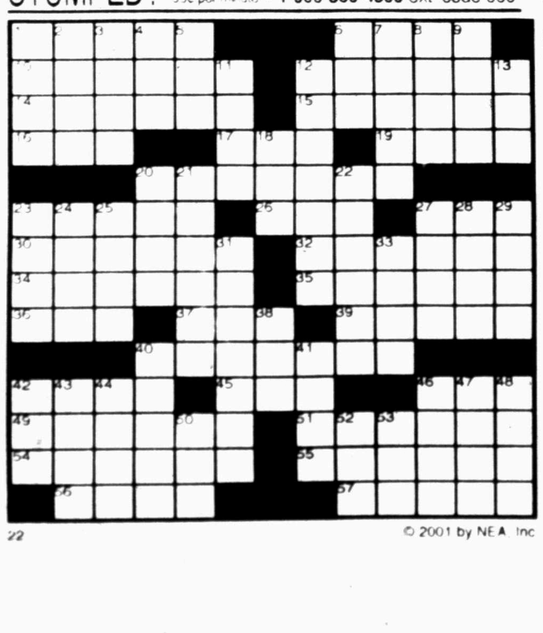
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5 Compass pt.
6 Sun. speech
7 Waxy substance in cork
8 Pizzeria feature
9 Radial, e.g.
11 French stoneware
12 "Alas!" (3 wds.)
13 Caustic substance
18 The woman
20 Cablevision (abbr.)
21 Supported
22 Sedative
23 Relinquish
24 Difficult
25 Goddess of discord
27 Rodent
28 "No man — — island"
29 Lids
31 Work on a cartoon
33 TV horse (2 wds.)
38 Err
40 Gather
41 Quarrels
42 Matched pair
43 Journey
44 Irish Gaelic
46 Sailor's patron saint
47 Calf meat
48 Medieval slave
50 Macadamia, e.g.
52 Wide shoe size
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Rockets continue to soar in 89-83 victory

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A fresh start was the last thing the Minnesota Timberwolves needed. The Houston Rockets are thriving off theirs.

Houston won its seventh game in eight tries and handed Minnesota its fifth straight loss Wednesday night, 89-83.

The Rockets have used balanced scoring and improved chemistry to creep within three games of the reeling Timberwolves in the Western Conference playoff race.

"We've been waiting for this to happen," said Cuttino Mobley, whose teammates have missed a combined 112 games to injuries in the first 55 games. "Now we're just jelling at the right time."

Minnesota has used passive play and poor shooting to nearly erase the memory of their 11-game winning streak leading into the All-Star break.

"It's going to take ourselves to get out of this," said Kevin Garnett, who had 23 points and 15 rebounds, but was just 9-for-20 from the field. "No Superman is coming through the door."

Maurice Taylor had 17 of his 21 points in the second half and helped neutralize Garnett, while Hakeem Olajuwon added 13 points and 13 rebounds. The pair's strong play inside helped offset an off night by the league's third-highest scoring backcourt. Mobley (10 points) and Steve Francis (12 points, 12 assists) were 6-for-30.

Taylor had 23 points in 29 minutes Tuesday against Boston, and Olajuwon — who just a few weeks ago had requested a trade — is averaging 15 points and 11 rebounds in his last eight games.

"It's a real good sign," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Maurice is feeling more and more comfortable with us."

Minnesota coach Flip Saunders was anything but comfortable with the Wolves' second-quarter performance. They shot 24 percent and were outscored 28-12 in the period, prompting a halftime tongue-lashing from Saunders.

"We didn't play with passion or heart in the first half," he said. "That's as disappointed as I've ever been coaching here."

Wally Szczerbiak had 20 points and eight rebounds, but was 7-for-18. Terrell Brandon had 16 points, but just four after halftime.

Minnesota pulled within three points three times in the fourth quarter but failed to convert several short shots and wide-open looks. The Wolves were 21-for-63 (33 percent) in the final three quarters.

Walt Williams added 12 points in a reserve role for Houston. Francis, who turned 24 Wednesday, left the game with a bruised rib on his left side late in the first quarter.



LADY COYOTES — The Borden County Lady Coyotes will take on Brookesmith at 7:30 Friday in a semi-state semifinal at Wichita Falls. Members of the Lady Coyotes are, front row from left, Shawna Kempf, Michelle Bond and Krystle Lee. On the back row are Coach Gailan Winegarner, Rebekah Hensley, Kylia Culp, Jessica Ellison, Micah Hensley, Dalen Kempf, Rika Copeland, Bobbie Kempf, Carolina Arrellanos, Shayla Glass, Patti Rodriguez and Coach Michael Floyd.

UIL Basketball Playoffs

BOYS
CLASS 4A
Region I

Bi-District

EP Parkland 76, Clint 64
Hereford 64, Snyder 54
Justin Northwest 89, Wichita Falls 67
Cleburne 50, FW Poly 46
San Elizario 32, EP Bowie 30
Canyon 56, Plainview 49
WF Rider 59, Grapevine 51
FW Southwest 76, Crowley 72

Area

EP Parkland (R-1) vs. Lubbock Estacado (W-4)
Hereford (R-3) vs. Fabens (W-2)
Justin Northwest (T-6) vs. North Crowley (W-8)
Cleburne (T-8) vs. Southlake Carroll (W-6)
San Elizario (R-2) vs. Canyon Randall (W-3)
Canyon (T-3) vs. EP Ysleta (W-1)
WF Rider (T-5) vs. FW Dunbar (W-7)
FW Southwest (T-7) vs. Burkburnett (W-5)

CLASS A-DIVISION II
Region II

Bi-District

Balmorhea 53, Marathon 48
Westbrook 57, Trent 44
Panther Creek 47, Richland Springs 42
D'Hanis 94, Cherokee 44
Grandfalls-Royalty 62, Sierra Blanca 37
Blackwell 48, Ira 46
Brookesmith 66, Veribest 51
Utopia 88, Lometa 45

Sectional Semifinals

Balmorhea (W-9) vs. Westbrook (W-11)
Panther Creek (W-13) vs. D'Hanis (W-15)
Grandfalls-Royalty (W-10) vs. Blackwell (W-12)
Brookesmith (W-14) vs. Utopia (R-15)

GIRLS
CLASS 4A
Region I

Regional Quarterfinals

Plainview 69, Borger 44
Cleburne 42, Southlake Carroll 29
Canyon 61, Canyon Randall 49
FW Wyatt 57, Crowley 54

Regional Semifinals

Plainview (W-4) vs. Cleburne (W-8)
Canyon (W-3) vs. FW Wyatt (W-7)

CLASS A-DIVISION II
Semi-State Semifinals

Regions I-II

Whitharral (W-5) vs. Nazareth (W-4)
Borden County (W-11) vs. Brookesmith (W-14)

Regions III-IV

Throckmorton (W-19) vs. Saltillo (W-24)
Round Top Carmine (W-31) vs. Dime Box (W-30)

Sports Briefs

Ground Hog golf tourney

The Ground Hog Open will be held Saturday and Sunday 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.

Little League managers

Snyder Little League is accepting applications for Major League managers. Applications are available at Caprock Securities, and must be completed by Monday. For more information, call 573-8058.

Lindros stays in Philadelphia

TORONTO (AP) — Attempts to bring Eric Lindros to Toronto appear dead, with the Maple Leafs accusing the Philadelphia Flyers of pulling out of a "done deal."

Toronto general manager and coach Pat Quinn said the Maple Leafs were setting up a news conference Tuesday when the Flyers called off the deal.

But Flyers general manager Bob Clarke said there was never a done deal and that Philadelphia backed out after seeing medical reports for defenseman Danny Markov.

Duke retires Battier's jersey

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The player Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski calls the best all-around player he ever coached had his jersey retired by the school.

Shane Battier became the 10th player to have his jersey retired by Duke during a ceremony before the No. 4 Blue Devils' 98-54 victory over Georgia Tech.

Battier's No. 31 jersey will join those of Dick Groat (10), Art Heyman (25), Jeff Mullins (44), Mike Gminski (43), Johnny Dawkins (24), Danny Ferry (35), Christian Laettner (32), Bobby Hurley (11) and Grant Hill (33) in the rafters of Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Big 12 round-up...

Cyclones' streak stays alive

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Iowa State won their 10th straight and swept the season series with Kansas State for the second straight year to remain atop the Big 12.

The No. 6 Cyclones defeated the Wildcats 62-51 Wednesday night with a strong defense, holding Kansas State to 5-of-26 from the floor in the first half and forcing 14 turnovers.

"Parts of that game were the best defensive performances that I've seen all year from us," coach Larry Eustachy said. "It's a great win for us. We really thought we had a difficult task ahead of us tonight."

In other games Wednesday, Kansas defeated Colorado 91-79; Oklahoma State won over Texas A&M 82-76; Texas Tech defeated Nebraska 65-64, and Texas beat Baylor 69-59.

Iowa State (23-3 overall, 11-2 conference) holds a two game lead over Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas with three games remaining.

No. 11 Kansas (20-5, 9-4) snapped a two-game losing streak with its win over Colorado. The win gave Coach Roy Williams his 349th victory at Kansas — with 29 of those victories coming against Colorado. Nick Collison scored 26 points for the Jayhawks.

Williams trails Phog Allen, a pioneer of college coaching, by 241 victories.

"Some day I will look back on it and feel really good," said Williams, whose career mark is 349-182. "I'll think about all the kids and how well they've represented us. On game night it doesn't seem all that important, because more than anything you want the win.

"But yeah, it's pretty neat."

Oklahoma State claimed its first road victory since Jan. 17 by defeating Texas A&M. The Cowboys shot 59 percent from the field.

"That's what I call a grinder," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said. "Both teams were playing hard. Maybe we weren't getting as much accomplished as we'd like to, but I was happy we held our poise."

Texas Tech ended a seven-game losing streak by downing Nebraska on a last second basket by Andy Ellis.

"We are who we are and we're consistently inconsistent," Nebraska coach Barry Collier said. "I think we got outplayed. There wasn't enough fire in our guys."

Texas had 18 points from Maurice Evans and held Baylor's Terry Black to seven points in its 69-59 win.

"We had a goal of not allowing Black to dunk," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "He had six (in Baylor's upset of Kansas last week), and we felt like we had to take those plays away from him."

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	41	14	.745	—
New York	31	22	.585	9
Miami	32	23	.582	9
Orlando	28	24	.538	11½
Boston	24	30	.444	16½
New Jersey	19	37	.339	22½
Washington	13	41	.241	27½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	32	20	.615	—
Charlotte	28	26	.519	5
Toronto	28	26	.519	5
Indiana	23	28	.451	8½
Cleveland	21	31	.404	11
Detroit	21	33	.389	12
Atlanta	18	36	.333	15
Chicago	8	44	.154	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	35	16	.686	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	1
Dallas	33	21	.611	3½
Minnesota	32	23	.582	5
Houston	29	26	.527	8
Denver	28	28	.500	9½
Vancouver	18	37	.327	19
Pacific Division				
Portland	38	16	.704	—
Sacramento	34	17	.667	2½
L.A. Lakers	35	18	.660	2½
Phoenix	32	21	.604	5½
Seattle	29	26	.527	9½
L.A. Clippers	18	38	.321	21
Golden State	15	38	.283	22½

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 107, Vancouver 91
Phoenix 100, Miami 85
Detroit 90, New York 85
L.A. Clippers 100, Cleveland 94
New Jersey 113, Toronto 111
Houston 89, Minnesota 83
L.A. Lakers 101, San Antonio 99
Seattle 127, Denver 98

Thursday's Games

Sacramento at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.



SJHS netters drop matches

BIG SPRING — Snyder fell short of Big Spring in Tuesday's junior high tennis action.

Big Spring won the eighth grade competition, 12-5, and notched a 12-6 win seventh grade action.

SJHS will be in action again Tuesday when it hosts Frenship.

Eighth grade
Big Spring 12, Snyder 5

Boys' singles: Logan Martin lost to Nick Rivera, 8-9; Matthew Kerr lost to Nick Paradez, 6-8; Brent Tyler lost to Jason Vela, 2-8; Terry McGough lost to Matt Islas, 0-8; Ryan Ward lost to Joey Lloyd, 0-8; Ryan Ward lost to J.J. Moskoe, 3-6.

Boys' doubles: Logan Martin-Matthew Kerr lost to Nick Rivera-Nick Paradez, 1-8; Brent Tyler-Terry McGough lost to Jason Vela-Matt Islas, 1-8.

Girls' singles: Annie Martinez lost to Jessica Rodriguez, 1-8; Kalli Wesson def. Heather Knappe, 8-5; Nikki Timora def. Alex Gariepy, 6-3; Heather Zajicek def. Synda Calobreves, 6-3; Mechelle Renfro lost to Date Smiley, 4-6; Codi Nichols def. Jessica Brown, 6-2.

Girls' doubles: Annie Martinez-Nikki Timora def. Jessica Rodriguez-Date Smiley, 8-4; Kalli Wesson-Heather Zajicek lost to Heather Knappe-Synda Calobreves, 1-8; Codi Nichols-Mechelle Renfro lost to Alex Gariepy-Jessica Brown, 0-8.

Seventh grade
Big Spring 12, Snyder 6

Boys' singles: Austin Lyle lost to Kyle Connelly, 5-8; Cody Alaniz lost to Josh Yanez, 2-6; Tye Stone lost to Jonathan Wegner, 4-6; Stanley Forbes lost to Dusty Thomas, 4-6; Omar Alcala lost to Paul Diaz, 1-6; Tyler Zalman lost to Collin Carroll, 4-6.

Boys' doubles: Austin Lyle-Cody Alaniz def. Kyle Connelly-Josh Yanez, 8-1; Tye Stone-Stanley Forbes lost to Jonathan Wegner-Paul Diaz, 5-8; Omar Alcala-Tyler Zalman lost to Dusty Thomas-Collin Carroll, 6-8.

Girls' singles: Meagan Crisp lost to Natasha Neighbors, 0-8; Tara Kubena def. Jessica Alvarez, 8-6; Kayla Hartzog lost to Kayla Odle, 2-6; Dondi Brock def. Amanda Farmer, 8-6; Laura Boyd lost to Jamie Jordan, 4-6; Camry Hill def. Jessica New, 7-5.

Girls' doubles: Meagan Crisp-Tara Kubena lost to Natasha Neighbors-Jessica Alvarez, 1-8; Kayla Hartzog-Dondi Brock def. Kayla Odle-Amanda Farmer, 8-4; Camry Hill-Laura Boyd def. Jamie Jordan-Jessica New, 8-4.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Baseball

Snyder varsity vs. San Angelo Central at San Angelo tourney, 4 p.m.

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Softball

Snyder vs. Abilene High at Abilene tourney, Cal Young Park, 6:30; Snyder vs. Brownwood, 7:45

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	51.5	18.5
Snyder Iron	42.5	27.5
Cutting Edge	38.5	31.5
Larry's Trucks	37	33
YZ Systems	37	33
Blue Sunco	37	33
The Shack	36	34
Tinder Storage	26.5	43.5
Tiger Mart	23.5	46.5
Timely Finance	20.5	49.5

High series: Mark Thompson, scratch, 604; Cory Maxfield, handicap, 613.

High game: Jeff Smith, scratch, 212; Mike Logan, handicap, 235.

Splits and special mentions: Kenneth Parker, Stacy Browning and Joe Mac Cheyne, 3-10; Butch Evans, 4-5; Barney Tate, 5-7; Gary Kinder, 4-7-9.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Snyder Nat'l Bank	49	27
Snyder Machine	48.5	27.5
NAPA	45	31
Martin Herefords	45	31
Allen Compressor	33.5	42.5

High series: Cara Lindsey, scratch, 517; Cindy Aikin, handicap, 611.

High game: Cara Lindsey and Cindy Aikin, scratch, 201; Jackie Martinez, handicap, 222.

Jack N jill League

Team	W	L
Renegades	12.5	7.5
Snyder Iron	11	9
Countryplace	10.5	9.5
BCEC	10	10
Do Overs	8	12
J.Shea Jewelers	8	12

High series: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 588; Betty Boatman, 487. Handicap: Cory Maxfield, 680; Donna Smith, 613.

High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 217; Donna Smith, 172. Handicap: Cory Maxfield, 244; Donna Smith, 224.

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Earnings represent $0.32 per diluted share, compared to $232,000, or $0.01 per diluted share, for the same three-month period in 1999.

Patterson's fourth quarter net income increased 82 percent over net income of the third quarter ended September 30, 2000. Earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization (EBITDA) during the fourth quarter 2000 were $30.2 million as compared to $8.7 million for the same period in 1999, an increase of 247 percent. Operating revenues for the fourth quarter 2000 were $103.6 million versus $54.4 million for the fourth quarter in 1999, an increase of 90 percent.

During the fourth quarter of 2000, Patterson achieved an 80 percent utilization of its 124 marketable rigs producing drilling revenues of $81.2 million, or an $8,895 day rate per rig. Direct drilling costs for the fourth quarter of 2000 were $53.0 million, or 65 percent of related operating revenues, in which daily cash margins of approximately $3,100 per rig were realized.

Net income for the 12 months at year-end was $23.8 million, or $0.66 per diluted share, on operating revenues of $307.9 million compared to a net loss of $9.1 million, or $(0.28) per diluted share, on operating revenues of $151.5 million a year ago. EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2000 was $76.1 million versus $18.8 million a year ago.

Cloyce A. Talbott, chairman and chief operating officer said, "We were pleased with the Company's financial and

operational performance for the year 2000 and, although there are no assurances that the underlying commodity prices will remain strong through fiscal 2001, we are optimistic about the future performance of Patterson.

Patterson ended the year with an 83% utilization rate for the month of December."

Last year, Patterson expanded its drilling operations with the addition of 12 contract drilling rigs (eight of

which were fully operable by year end) in two separate transactions and expanded its contract services of drilling and completion fluids with its acquisition of the Gulf of Mexico and South Texas operations of Ambar Inc. Since year-end, 21 additional contract drilling rigs (14 of which are fully operable) were acquired, increasing the number of marketable rigs to 138.

Talbott added, "The expanded drilling fleet provides Patterson with greater opportunity and flexibility to take advantage of the favorable commodity prices and resulting increased demand for contract drilling services. Refurbishment of the firm's non-operable rigs is a constant undertaking whereby Patterson expects to activate an additional six rigs by the end of the second quarter and another five rigs by the end of the year."

Some farmers use crops to heat homes

CENTRE HALL, Pa. (AP) — On a cool, still day, there's a subtle scent of popcorn surrounding Ed Leightley's farm.

Something on the stove? Nope. The aroma is coming from the furnace.

Leightley is one of a growing number of farmers who find they can save money by using their crops to heat their homes.

"I just love it," said Leightley, a corn farmer who lives in a 100-year-old two-story home without insulation in central Pennsylvania. "It hasn't varied 2 degrees in here all winter. And there's no way I could get heating oil for the same price I'd get for my corn — this old house doesn't heat cheap."

No one knows exactly how many people are burning grain for heat, but rising prices for fossil fuels and falling grain prices have prompted more farmers to switch to grain furnaces, which can burn corn, wheat, barley, rye, sorghum and even soybeans.

Dennis Buffington, a professor of agricultural and biological engineering at Penn State University, says one bushel of corn will generate about as much heat as five gallons of liquid propane, which has long been the fuel of choice in farm country.

While prices vary based on location and dealer, Buffington said corn had a wholesale value of about $2 a bushel in late 2000, while propane cost about $1.30 per gallon. That means farmers could cut their heating costs by more than two-thirds by heating with corn.

And those savings can add up.

Eldon Higgins, who owns a sheet metal shop in Sandusky, Mich., said he saved close to $2,000 in the first month after switching from propane to corn and wheat to heat his shop. Higgins started using his grain furnace in January.

"My last bill for 28 days was $2,126 for propane," Higgins said. "Now we're heating for about $8 per day."

And, he said, he'll soon start saving even more after agreeing to take some substandard wheat from an area grower. Higgins said he'll get the grain for free.

Buffington said that's one of the advantages of grain furnaces: the furnace doesn't know if kernels are too small to be marketable or if the grain is diseased.

"Where this has a real advantage is if the corn has lesser value," Buffington said. "When corn is low-quality or is mildewed or for some other reason is unmarketable, it still burns just as well."

Most farmers who use grain furnaces burn whatever crop they grow instead of buying grain. The furnaces have been most popular among corn and barley farmers because of the low prices for those crops.

While grain-fired furnaces are starting to catch on in farm country, grain specialist Dan Brann said most urban and suburban customers probably would find the heaters inconvenient.

"Somebody's got to make it where the homeowner does not need to bring in grain — that the homeowner simply goes down, knocks the ashes out, and everything else operates just like their oil furnace," said Brann, who works for Virginia Tech Extension.

On the Net:
Penn State University College of Agricultural Sciences: http://www.cas.psu.edu

Roger Clinton charged with DWI

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Clinton's half brother was charged with drunken driving following his arrest over the weekend in nearby Hermosa Beach.

Roger Clinton, 44, also was charged Wednesday with disturbing the peace by challenging someone to a fight in a public place.

Clinton allegedly told a nightclub doorman that he would "kick his ass" for refusing to let him back inside, according to Hermosa Beach police spokesman Paul Wolcott.

Clinton was freed on his own recognizance pending his April 2 arraignment on the two misdemeanor counts. He could face up to a year in jail and a $2,000 fine if convicted, police said.

A message left for Clinton at his Torrance home was not immediately returned.

Clinton was arrested shortly before 2:30 a.m. Saturday in Hermosa Beach, 18 miles south of Los Angeles. An officer allegedly saw his Ford Expedition hit a curb while making a right turn, stop beyond the limit at two stop signs and straddle the center dividing line.

A breath test indicated Clinton's blood-alcohol level met or exceeded 0.08 percent, the legal limit, authorities said. Police did not release a specific figure.

Less than an hour earlier, police alleged, Clinton tried to re-enter the Lighthouse nightclub after it had closed for the night. Clinton allegedly tried to push his way past a doorman, Wolcott said.

The doorman told police Clinton threatened him several times before patrol officers arrived and sent him on his way.

Clinton is no stranger to legal troubles. He served more than a year in prison after pleading guilty in Arkansas in 1985 to a charge of conspiracy to distribute a single gram of cocaine.

Bill Clinton, who was governor of Arkansas at the time, pardoned him as one of his last acts as president.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Chriopractic quack or fact?

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a practicing chiropractor, I read with great concern your recent column about chiropractic care of children. A study has shown that colicky babies cried far less when they underwent spinal adjustments. Moreover, doctors of chiropractic are trained to diagnose and treat disorders in children, such as scoliosis, postural deformities and musculoskeletal injuries from trauma. You owe the profession a retraction.

DEAR READER: Hold the phone.

I am not qualified to judge whether chiropractic therapy is justified in treating the conditions you listed, and I didn't address this issue at all. Rather, I stated that chiropractic manipulation is not appropriate therapy for acute ear infections (otitis media), for which antibiotics are preferred, and that except for well-child examinations by pediatricians, healthy children do not need medical or chiropractic attention. I made no other statements about chiropractic adjustments or the indications for such intervention. Therefore, I believe that a retraction is not in order.

I accept the fact that chiropractic treatment is beneficial to many patients, and I regularly refer people to chiropractors in my community. However, some chiropractic claims are not based on sound scientific principles. Consequently, I expect to be shown convincing, objective proof of alternative therapy before acknowledging its effectiveness. I know enough not to attempt to perform open-heart surgery (even though I am licensed to do so), and I expect my chiropractic colleagues to exhibit the same sensible self-regulation. Evidence-based medicine is the cutting edge of traditional medical practice; we can expect no less from our colleagues in the other healing professions.

Finally, if you have a problem with my stand on these issues, send me hard evidence from reputable scientific studies proving your point, and I will share it with my readers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can ozone cause health problems?

DEAR READER: That depends on our whether the ozone is in our lungs or in the atmosphere.

Ozone (O3) is a more active and unstable molecule of oxygen (O2). It is formed when oxygen is exposed to strong electrical charges or to ultraviolet (UV) radiation. A peculiar pungent odor in the air in the vicinity of a lightning bolt, for example, is caused by the small amounts of ozone generated by the electrical discharge.

Earth is surrounded by an ozone shield 20 to 40 miles in the atmosphere that protects us from dangerous UV radiation. Because this vital ozone layer is being depleted rapidly by chlorofluorocarbons — industrial chemicals widely used in refrigerator insulating foam, solvents and aerosol propellants — the United States government has taken an active role in banning (or limiting the manufacture of) CFCs. Unfortunately, many other industrial nations have failed to adopt such an aggressive stance. Similarly, various forms of air pollution may also deplete the ozone shield, leading to global warming with all its potentially disastrous effects, not to mention higher incidences of skin cancer. Again, many nations have thus far refused to address this issue. Thus, ozone in the upper atmosphere is vital to health.

In contrast, ozone can cause problems when breathed in quantity, although the reason is not fully understood. Ozone sickness occurs in jet aircraft passengers when O3 enters the cabin at altitudes above 40,000 feet and causes headache, chest pain, difficulty breathing and sleepiness. These effects are transient and disappear once the aircraft has descended.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "What You Should Know About Skin Cancer." 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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BP Amoco	49.59	49.01	49.35	+ .62
BakerHughes	40.69	39.39	39.39	— .78
Bank of Amer	47.60	45.65	46.55	—1.20
BellSouth	41.03	40.27	40.81	— .25
Beth Steel	2.25	2.12	2.18	— .05
BurlNoSFe	30.10	29.75	29.91	+ .21
Caterpillar	41.45	40.62	40.75	— .21
Chevron	86.88	86.21	86.76	+ .83
Citigroup s	48.76	46.30	47.00	—1.30
CocaCola	54.92	53.31	53.90	—1.02
ColgatePal	60.25	59.60	60.17	+ 1.02
ComclMetals	24.70	24.70	24.70	
CooperIn	45.57	44.17	44.19	— .95
DaimlrChry	49.62	49.00	49.44	—2.22
DallSemicn s	33.74	32.21	33.10	— .17
DeltaAirl	43.30	42.40	42.59	— .66
Dillards Inc	18.10	17.80	17.93	— .15
DowChem s	31.12	30.25	30.51	— .42
DuPont	42.98	42.05	42.40	— .03
EastmanChem	49.68	48.60	49.16	+ .32
EstKodak	43.06	42.00	42.75	+ .76
EDS Corp	63.90	61.80	62.06	—1.69
Entergy	38.95	38.20	38.93	+ .53
ExxonMobil	84.50	83.75	84.11	+ .59
Flowers	17.47	17.30	17.38	+ .02
GenDynam	70.24	69.65	70.01	+ .20
GenlElec s	47.50	46.06	46.76	— .54
GenMills	44.29	43.75	44.20	— .09
GenMotors	52.57	50.80	51.97	— .49
GaPacGP	29.15	28.55	28.85	+ .12
GlobalMar	30.10	29.05	29.07	— .51
Goodrich	40.81	40.00	40.52	+ .02
Goodyear s	24.92	23.86	24.18	— .61
GtAtlPac	10.35	10.15	10.30	— .15
Halliburtn	42.60	40.56	40.57	— .93
Hanson ADS	32.90	32.40	32.90	+ .60
HarteHanks	23.05	23.00	23.05	+ .05
HomeDepot	41.50	40.00	40.25	— .70
HoneywellIntl	48.90	47.10	47.96	— .71
IBM	107.51	103.38	107.00	— .51
IntlPaper	36.75	36.00	36.26	+ .46
JohnsonJn	97.64	96.34	96.95	+ .04
K mart	8.97	8.55	8.55	— .36
Kroger Co	24.28	23.89	24.00	— .23
Litton	78.98	78.80	78.82	— .17
LockheedM	38.14	37.10	38.03	+ 1.18
Lowes Cos	54.50	53.15	53.74	— .57
Lubys	6.80	6.75	6.75	— .03
LucentTech	12.07	11.53	11.92	+ .32
MayDeptStr	36.45	36.00	36.07	+ .16
Medtronic	51.51	49.76	50.34	—1.16
Motorola s	17.90	16.90	17.28	— .06
NCR Corp	48.41	47.45	47.71	— .70
Navistar	24.63	24.00	24.07	— .45
Penney JC	14.20	13.51	13.90	+ .26
PepBoys	5.43	5.19	5.25	— .11
PepsiCo	47.06	46.38	46.44	— .81
Pharmacia	50.30	48.80	49.80	+ .95
PhelpDodge	43.85	43.30	43.55	— .30
PhilipPet	55.86	55.51	55.70	+ .20
PilgrmPrd B	10.79	10.50	10.70	— .16
Polaroid	5.12	5.75	5.75	+ .34
Praxair	44.38	43.20	43.30	— .72
ProctGamb	77.15	75.40	76.51	— .29
PubS NwMx	25.03	24.57	24.85	— .28
RadioShack	39.40	37.25	37.35	—1.10
ReliantEngy	42.80	41.53	42.37	+ .47
RoyalDut	59.17	58.52	58.97	— .19
SBC Comm	47.91	46.75	47.28	— .22
SaraLee	21.64	21.25	21.56	+ .31
Scripps EW	63.65	63.10	63.25	— .45
SearsRoeb	39.40	38.54	38.69	— .51
SherwinW	25.20	24.74	24.93	— .27
SouthernCo	31.40	30.56	31.04	+ .44
SwstAirl s	20.04	19.55	19.75	— .27
SprintFON	21.74	20.90	21.55	+ .38
SprintPCS	21.20	20.06	21.11	+ .74
Sunoco Inc	34.46	34.06	34.27	+ .04
TXU Corp	42.20	41.54	42.01	+ .41
TempleInland	47.49	46.81	47.12	+ .37
Texaco	65.04	64.50	64.90	+ .58
TexInd	28.26	27.82	27.85	— .35
TexasInst s	34.47	32.53	33.00	—1.25
Textron	53.49	53.00	53.27	— .23
TriconGlbR	37.10	36.59	37.10	+ .09
TrinityInds	22.15	22.00	22.01	
TritonEngy	25.80	25.10	25.10	— .55
TylerTech	1.35	1.25	1.30	— .10
USX Marathn	28.90	28.00	28.90	
USX-USS	14.59	14.00	14.13	— .30
UnionPacif	53.60	52.90	53.35	+ .45
UnitedTech	79.38	78.37	78.60	— .52
Unocal	36.90	36.00	36.03	+ .01
Venator Grp	11.30	11.03	11.28	— .02
VerizonComm	50.02	48.20	49.94	+ .94
WalMart	51.00	48.87	49.20	—1.01
WellsFargo	48.20	46.42	47.03	— .99
WstnGasRs	26.69	26.37	26.47	— .13
WinnDixie	26.30	25.80	25.94	+ .64
Xerox Cp	6.65	6.50	6.54	— .21

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BRASS ENSEMBLE — (from left) Matthew Stokes, Isaac Sanchez, Isaac Hernandez, Justin Stokes. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



FIVE BRASS ENSEMBLE — (from left) Bonnie Cleveland, Tyler Neves, Ryan Burk, Amanda Culwell, Brandy Birkenfeld. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MIXED WOODWIND (flute, oboe, clarinet) — (from left) Stefani Beck, Shell Hembree, Kristina Mayer. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



FIVE BRASS ENSEMBLE — (from left) Johnathan Bell, Zach Allred, Eric DeLeon, Carcie Posey, Lynn Fogleman. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



ALTO SAXOPHONE QUARTET — (from left) Mycah Hilburn, Clark Reed, Sterling Millhollon, Ryan McAnally. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Coastal Bend student has meningitis

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Del Mar College student is the latest to be diagnosed with a potentially fatal disease following an outbreak of meningoccal bacteria, prompting the institution's president to meet with dozens of classmates who were potentially exposed.

Del Mar President Terry L. Dicianna and Dr. Nina Sisley, director of the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health Department, announced Wednesday, the 19-year-old student was hospitalized with meningococcal meningitis.

Sisley said it was the first meningitis case reported in Corpus Christi this year.

But statewide, 40 other cases have been confirmed in nine Houston-area counties.

Two of the 13 cases in Montgomery County have resulted in deaths. Only one case was reported in the county in all of 1999.

Bacterial meningitis, while not as contagious as viral meningitis, has a higher mortality rate, said Dr. Jaime Fergie, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

"Many people develop viral meningitis and it has no consequences," said Fergie.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 23, 2001

Look for more than one favorable shift in conditions to be in store for you in the year ahead. The one that might please you the most could be career-oriented and mean a bigger paycheck.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Only if you approach associates in a friendly, grateful manner will they help you accomplish an aim today. However, should they feel pressured into it, it'll be another story. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Basically, you're someone who lives and let lives and gives others the benefit of the doubt. Today, however, if you don't put that in operation, you could judge people erroneously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should your friendly, sociable personality go too far and get carried away today with your co-workers, your productivity will suffer. Unfortunately, so may your paycheck.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Being cowardly about making the hard decisions today will have a price tag attached to it. Your chances for achieving an important objective will drop.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're smart, you'll stay on top of things today and tackle the tough assignments as well as the easy ones. Don't succumb to doing merely what pleases you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might be one of those days in which the very people you try to help will be the ones who put up the most resistance, even though they'll know what you're doing is for their good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Patience and tolerance are a must today, because testy conditions prevail. When with someone with whom you're closely involved, either of you could ignite a confrontation with little provocation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should someone who has been instrumental in helping you in the past now ask for your assistance, make every effort to do so. Not reciprocating could mar your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Poor losers could be among the group today when involved in a friendly, competitive activity. Try to keep competition or betting out of the picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might want to consider letting your heart rule your head today instead of being too hard-nosed about things. It'll gain you more in the long run.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something you know about another may make for some very interesting conversation. However, if you reveal the confidant and the party learns about it, you'll wipe out the relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Getting into a business arrangement with a close friend could be a bit hazardous today. If something should go awry and it backfires, each might blame the other.

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2 more fugitives are back in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Under heavy security, two more of the Texas fugitives were returned from Colorado on Wednesday to face capital murder charges.

Donald Newbury, 39, and Patrick Murphy Jr., 38, were booked into Lew Sterrett Justice Center about 3 p.m., where gang ringleader George Rivas already is awaiting trial.

The two, handcuffed and wearing orange jumpsuits issued by Colorado authorities, looked straight ahead as they walked into the Dallas County jail.

When asked if he was sorry for his alleged crimes, Murphy responded, "Yes." Newbury would not answer questions as he walked toward the jail, "Not until I speak to my attorney."

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill has vowed to seek the death penalty against Murphy, Newbury and Rivas, along with three others fighting extradition from Colorado. The group, which escaped Dec. 13 from a South Texas prison, is charged in the Christmas Eve slaying of Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins during the robbery of an Oshman's Supersports USA.

A seventh escapee, Larry Harper, killed himself Jan. 22 while barricaded inside a mobile home that was surrounded by police. The group had been hiding for three weeks at a Woodland Park RV lot.

Murphy and Newbury were captured two days later at a Colorado Springs hotel. They were held at the El Paso County, Colo., jail before leaving for Texas on Wednesday.

"We didn't have any type of incidents or problems with them at all," said El Paso County sheriff's spokeswoman Melissa Hartman. "Of course their movements were limited because of their administrative segregated status."

In Texas, State District Judge Molly Francis has issued a gag order preventing the inmates, their court-appointed attorneys, prosecutors and law enforcement officers from talking to the media about the case.

While bond may be set on the capital murder charges against Murphy and Newbury, the two would not be released because they had escaped prison. The inmates will be housed in single cells away from the general inmate population.

Hill has said the six men would be tried separately, and that no plea agreements would be accepted. Rivas, who has said he will plead guilty, could face a jury for sentencing as early as June.

A capital murder conviction carries either life in prison or lethal injection.

Fighting extradition are Michael Rodriguez, 38; Joseph Garcia, 29, and Randy Halprin, 29. A hearing is set for Friday in Colorado Springs.

The seven fled the Connally Unit, about 60 miles southeast of San Antonio, after tying up employees and guards in a precisely orchestrated plan. They grabbed weapons and ammunition on their way out.

Date Book

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001

Today is the 53rd day of 2001 and the 64th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1879, F.W. Woolworth opened his first store in Utica, N.Y.

On this day in 1923, the first successful chinchilla farm in the United States was established in Los Angeles by Mathias Chapman.

On this day in 1991, President George Bush issued an ultimatum to the president of Iraq to the effect that unless he began to withdraw from Kuwait by noon the next day, the United States would attack his forces.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Washington (1732-1799), U.S. president; Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860), philosopher; James Russell Lowell (1819-1891), poet; Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950), poet; Luis Bunuel (1900-1983), film director; Robert Young (1907-1998), actor; Edward M. Kennedy (1932-), U.S. politician, is 69; Jonathan Demme (1944-), film director, is 57; Julius Erving (1950-), basketball great, is 51; Drew Barrymore (1975-), actress, is 26.

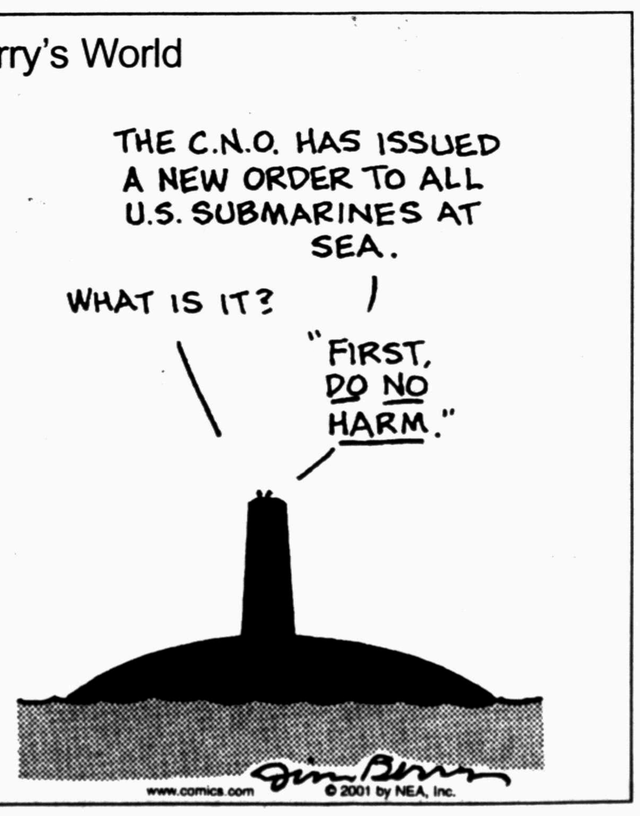
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, in professional hockey, the Quebec Nordiques defeated Washington 11-7.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Reputation is only a candle, of wavering and uncertain flame, and easily blown out, but it is the light by which the world looks for and finds merit." — James Russell Lowell

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Feb. 23).

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Furor over Clinton pardons continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — In addition to her brother's efforts to secure clemency for clients, Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign treasurer helped obtain last-minute pardons for two convicted felons from former President Clinton, lawyers told The Associated Press on today.

The treasurer, New York attorney William Cunningham III, is the law partner of longtime Clinton adviser Harold Ickes and said Ickes referred the two Arkansas men, both Republicans, to him about a week before Clinton left office.

"Harold does not do this kind of work, and we are partners so Harold contacted me and asked if I would speak with them," Cunningham told AP in an interview. "I told them I would be happy to review the paperwork and submit the applications."

Cunningham said his and Ickes' firm was paid just $4,000 for the work of preparing and sending the applications to the Justice Department. He said neither contacted the White House nor discussed the pardons with Hillary Clinton or the former president.

Cunningham said he did not believe his role as Mrs. Clinton's treasurer during her Senate campaign in New York last year had any effect on the ex-president's decision.

"My connection is really with Senator Clinton, and not the president," Cunningham said. "These applications really cried out on the merits that these are the folks who should be pardoned, and the fact that their request was assembled by me really operates independently," he said.

Ickes said he did not talk to either Clinton about the two men — Robert Clinton Fain and James Lowell Manning — who were convicted in the 1980s on tax charges.

"He (Cunningham) acted as a lawyer. He never consulted her (Hillary) in any way shape or form, nor did I," said Ickes, who served as deputy White House chief of staff to the former president and later as a key adviser to Mrs. Clinton's campaign.

The revelation comes one day after Mrs. Clinton's brother returned nearly $400,000 he collected for helping secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two other clients.

Senators want answers on alleged spy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even the senators who got advance word on the case of alleged FBI spy Robert Philip Hanssen have a lot of unanswered questions about what happened and how to stop it from recurring.

So the Senate Intelligence Committee scheduled a closed hearing for next Wednesday to press FBI Director Louis Freeh and CIA Director George Tenet for some specifics.

"Some of the questions that will be asked are looking through the rearview mirror, trying to find out what happened, and some will be looking through the front window pane into how we can prevent a repetition," Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., the panel's vice chairman, said Wednesday.

One question Graham indicated he's not seeking an answer to: Why?

"It's essentially one word: greed," he said in a telephone interview from his family farm in Albany, Ga. "There did not appear to be any ideological basis to what he was doing."

A 100-page affidavit released by the FBI on Tuesday, when Hanssen, 56, was arraigned on espionage charges, alleges that Hanssen in 1985 sent a letter to a Soviet agent volunteering to provide classified intelligence information in exchange for $100,000.

For the next 15 years, the affidavit says, Hanssen passed along to Soviet and later Russian agents 6,000 pages of documents on secret programs that described how the U.S. gathers intelligence, technologies used for listening, people who work as double agents and other highly sensitive matters.

Other details of Hanssen's career with the FBI appeared in published reports today:

—Former FBI officials quoted by USA Today said Hanssen once openly hacked into the office computer of the FBI's top Russian counterintelligence official in the early 1990s. After infiltrating the computer, he told FBI officials that he was demonstrating the vulnerability of system. He was not reprimanded, according to the officials.

—David Major, who was Hanssen's boss at the FBI, told The Washington Post that the agent had access to "Everything — all sources, all methods, all techniques, all targets. There's only a few people in counterintelligence that have to know everything. And he was one of them."

The FBI scoured Hanssen's suburban Virginia home Wednesday, emptied the family shed and even raked through leaves and debris in the yard.

At the same time, Attorney General John Ashcroft promised to search for answers to one of the most troubling questions in the case: Why Hanssen's alleged 15 years of spying for Moscow was never detected at the FBI.

Former CIA and FBI Director William Webster, at Ashcroft's request, will convene a panel to review FBI security procedures and recommend changes that could prevent future incidents.

Hanssen's knowledge of how things worked made it much tougher to uncover him, officials said.

He didn't suddenly start flashing cash around; his outward behavior didn't change; he exhibited none of the signs — financial troubles, marital problems, drug or alcohol problems — that would attract attention.

"He knew the system, he knew how to protect himself or he wouldn't have lasted for 15 years," Graham said.

FBI agents as a rule are given polygraph — or lie-detector — tests only when they join the bureau and when they need a higher level of clearance for a particular assignment.

Unemployment said up by 4,000 people

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 4,000 last week after declining the week before, the government said today.

The Labor Department said the small increase pushed the total number of newly laid off workers seeking benefits to 348,000. The previous week, the number of persons filing for claims had fallen by 17,000.

Economists had been expecting the claims figure to decline. The government revised the estimate of the drop in jobless claims for the previous week, which had been put at 11,000.

The four-week moving average of claims, which economists follow because it smoothes out week-to-week variations, rose by 9,250 to 350,750, the highest since the first week of January.

A year ago, the four-week moving average stood at 285,250. The rise of 65,500 persons filing weekly claims indicates that labor conditions have worsened since last February, reflecting the fact that economic growth has slowed considerably.

Mother reports son thrown in dumpster

• ***Kid harassed***

A mother contacted police Wednesday to report that four juveniles had thrown her son in the dumpster at Stanfield Elementary. Officers spoke with the mother and school officials and no charges were filed. A close patrol will be maintained in the area.

• ***Burglary***

Branda Gutierrez notified officers at 7:24 p.m. Wednesday that jewelry items and sports equipment had been taken from her 302 35th Street residence.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive reported at 8 p.m. Wednesday that a subject had left the store without paying for $5 in gasoline.

• ***Felony arrest***

Jessie Wayne Wells, 64, of 1690 McBeth Farm Road was taken into custody at 10:05 p.m. Wednesday for felony driving while intoxicated.

• ***Accidents***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 11:20 a.m. Wednesday in the 4200 block of Avenue V. Involved were a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by David Johnson, 34, of 2900 Parks and a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Jimmy Simpson, 54, of 2102 42nd Street.

At 3:25 p.m. Wednesday, officers took an accident report in the 1900 block of Huffman. Involved were a 1991 Mack truck towing a 1991 Overland cargo tank and a 1991 Chevrolet pickup. The truck and tank are owned by Holcomb Oil Well Services.

Larry Martinez, 34, of 2504 Avenue X was driving the truck and Roland Morin, 22, of 1212 North Avenue L was driving the pickup.

Obituaries

Erna Chauncey

1906-2001

Erna Lilly Chauncey, a resident of Scurry County since 1940, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa after a lengthy illness.



Erna Chauncey

Graveside service for Mrs. Chauncey, 94, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Arthur Lowe, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church in Abilene officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 12, 1906 in Yorktown, Tex., Mrs. Chauncey had been a resident of Scurry County since 1940 and farmed for many years in the Inadale community. She was an active quilter at the Scurry County Senior Center and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Erma Devers of Snyder and Patsy Channell and her husband, James, of Odessa; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Dorothy Lauw of Abilene; six grandchildren, including Connie Irvine of Snyder; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Jack H. Price of Snyder and Thomas C. Price of Trophy Club; two granddaughters, Deidre Price McCoy of San Angelo and Jill K. Price of Austin; and a great-grandson, Blue Price McCoy of San Angelo.

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Martha Price

1914-2001

Martha Bess Price, a resident of Snyder the past year, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.



Martha Price

Graveside service for Mrs. Price, 86, is set for 4:30 p.m. Friday in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 20, 1914 in Cisco, she was married to John E. Price who owned Oil Well Machine and Tool Company in San Angelo. Mr. Price died in 1971.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Mosely and Martha Johnson.

A longtime resident of San Angelo, Mrs. Price was a homemaker, a member of the West Texas A&M Mothers Club, the Shannon Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and the College Hills Baptist Church.

Facoline Norton

1917-2001

MEMPHIS, Tex. – Facoline Messer Norton, the sister of Ernest Hollis of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Funeral service for Mrs. Norton, 83, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Travis Baptist Church with the Revs. Phillip Shelton and Tom Posey officiating. Burial was to follow in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Memphis Funeral Home.

Born in Acme, she had been a resident of Memphis most of her life where she owned and operated the Messer Café. She was a member of the Travis Baptist Church and the Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Norton was preceded in death by two husbands, C.J. Messer and Russell Norton; and a son, Charles Messer.

Survivors also include a daughter, Jaussetta Martin of Memphis; two stepsons, Larry Norton of Childress and R.L. Norton of Denver; two stepdaughters, Jo Thompson and Pat Norton, both of Amity, Ark.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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West Elementary yearbooks

Orders for West Elementary annuals are being taken through Friday. Cost is $7 each and must be pre-paid. No extras will be ordered.

C.H.I.P signup

Parents of children without health insurance are encouraged to investigate the Children's Health Insurance Program between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. today at the community room at Texas Savings Bank. A second session is set from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday.

Relay for Life

A team captain meeting for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at city hall. All team captains and anyone wishing to form a team are encouraged to attend.

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.

Northeast family reading night

Northeast Elementary's family reading night will be at 6:30 this evening. Pizza, soft drinks will be served and childcare is available.

GED testing dates

Testing date this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. 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.

Ira class group pictures

Envelopes are due back at the Ira school Friday to order a 5x7 class picture for $7. Parents who wish to see a copy of the pictures may go to the school and see Mrs. Hudgins for grades 6-12, or the classroom teacher for grades K-5.

Enchilada dinner

Ira First Baptist youth set an enchilada dinner at noon Sunday in the fellowship hall. $5 for adults, $3.50, 12 and under; and $20 for a family. Proceeds will benefit summer camp and youth trips.

Enchilada dinner

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

Mt. Sinai Assembly revival

Mt. Sinai Assembly of God, 2613 Ave. Z, will hold a revival Friday through Sunday. Bernie Guebara of San Angelo is the evangelist. Weekday services are at 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

SHS Baseball boosters

A meeting of the SHS baseball booster club will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SHS Student Center. Door and yard signs will be made.

United Way luncheon

The annual awards luncheon for the Scurry County United Way will be held at noon Monday at The Shack.

WTC brown bag luncheon

A brown bag luncheon and cultural exchange will be hosted at noon Monday in the Fine Arts Multimedia room at Western Texas College. Student Kamie Stubblefield will present a program on the life of Mary Todd Lincoln. She is a great-great-great-great-niece of the famous First Lady. The public is invited. For details, call 573-8511, ext 394.

Substance abuse class

Monday is the deadline to register for Western Texas College's class on understanding substance abuse that starts next Thursday and ends April 26. Class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays and the cost is $40. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, to reserve a space.

Class of 1951 reunion planning

The SHS class of 1951 will hold a planning session at 4 p.m. Tuesday. For location and more information call Patsy Sutton, 573-4359, Islasu Minor, 573-8412, or Anne von Roeder, 573-7485.

Dee Wilson reception

Gateway Family Services board of directors invites the public to a reception honoring executive director Dee Wilson from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Wilson is moving to Abilene to become the executive director of Noah Project Inc.

Hospice dinner

Community Care Hospice staff and volunteers invite all caregivers to a dinner in their honor at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Garden Room of First Baptist Church. Call 573-0212 or 573-4296 to RSVP.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

St. Elizabeth fish fry

St. Elizabeth fish fry will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, in the parish center, 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 with children ages 6-12 eating for $4. Tickets sold at the door. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

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.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

1961 SHS class reunion

The class of 1961 is seeking current e-mail and mailing addresses of class members for a summer reunion. To submit information call Ginny Sims Griffith, 573-0212, or e-mail griffdg@bigcountry.net, or Gilbert Merritt, 573-1921, or e-mail gmerritt@snydertex.com.

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Capitol Highlights

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' Medicaid contractor is under investigation for allegedly overcharging the state "tens of millions of dollars," House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell said Wednesday.

Investigators from the Travis County District Attorney's Office searched the offices of National Heritage Insurance Co. in Austin and its parent company, Electronic Data Systems of Plano.

The search was "to seize records related to the Medicaid contract between EDS and the state of Texas," said Junell, D-San Angelo. It is alleged that NHIC fraudulently represented certain aspects of the contract to the state, Junell said.

SALES TAX BREAK

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander wants lawmakers to extend the state's three-day sales tax holiday in August to five days and expand the list of tax-exempt items.

The holiday falls on the first weekend in August each year to coincide with back-to-school shopping.

The tax holiday, which includes some clothing and shoe items under $100, is too narrow, Rylander said. She proposes including items such as zippers and fabric used for homemade clothing, school supplies including backpacks and safety equipment such as bicycle helmets and car seats for young children.

EDGEWOOD VOUCHERS

Dozens of parents and educators from the Edgewood School District in San Antonio descended on the Texas Capitol to take a stand against taxpayer-funded school vouchers.

There is no big push for vouchers this legislative session. But the parents said they wanted to warn about the privately funded voucher program in their district.

As many as 1,100 students from the district are enrolled in the CEO Horizon Scholarship Program, costing the district $2 million to $4 million per year in state funding, said Edgewood Superintendent Noe Sauceda.

The CEO Foundation defends its $50 million voucher program as giving parents choices in selecting schools.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

The Senate Public Education Committee began tackling the school employees health insurance issue.

Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said his committee would work on the issue every Monday "to study what, if anything, we're going to be able to do." House Speaker Pete Laney has appointed a special House committee to deal with the issue.

There are about 530,000 public school employees in Texas, where some districts have said rising costs have forced them to offer little or no coverage to employees. A fully funded state paid program would cost an estimated $6 billion a year.

TAAS BILL

Schools would not be permitted to build their classroom instruction solely around the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills under a bill filed by Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple.

Accountability through testing is important, Delisi says, but she doesn't want emphasis on the TAAS test to corrupt a child's natural desire or learn.

SENATE AFFIRMATION

The Senate affirmed the reappointment of Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commissioner Ralph Marquez, but not without some debate.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, rattled off a list of statistics that puts Texas at the top of the list for many environmental problems.

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, told Barrientos that Environmental Protection Agency officials have said that Texas' air and water quality has improved over the past 10 years.

"Is that good enough for Texas?" Barrientos answered back.

The Senate, including Barrientos, then approved Marquez and a host of other Senate nominations. Environmental groups have protested the appointment of Marquez.

LOTTERY

Minors who buy lottery tickets could be fined up to $250 under a bill approved by the Senate. Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, sponsored the measure. Current law prohibits sales agents or their employees from selling lottery tickets to minors, but does not ban minors from buying tickets.

SPACE BILLS

Considering the skimpy surplus, paying for poor kids' insurance might seem a more pressing concern than building a multimillion dollar spaceport somewhere in Texas. But Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, backed by a slew of lawmakers and local officials at a news conference, said the state should find a way to fund both.

"In addition to taking care of our children's needs today, we need to provide for our children's future," said Brown, R-Lake Jackson. "This new space technology coming to Texas would be a way to provide tremendous job opportunities in the high tech area for a lot of our citizens."

The politicians want the Legislature to appropriate $3.1 million for environmental impact studies and licensing documentation for the spaceport, which would be home to a fleet of reusable space vehicles that aim to launch commercial satellites and other cargo into orbit at a fraction of today's cost.

The House subcommittee on general government recommended last week that lawmakers appropriate the $3.1 million, said Rep. Vilma Luna, D-Corpus Christi.

The spaceport could bring up to 7,000 jobs and an economic impact of more than $1 billion to the state, according to the Texas Aerospace Commission.

Leaders from possible sites — Brazoria County, Pecos County and Kenedy County — are working together to get legislative permission to create a trust fund for the spaceport.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If it's one dollar, it's one dollar too much." — House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, on how much money the state's Medicaid contractor allegedly overcharged the state.

Teen arraigned in two murders

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — The father of one of two teen-age suspects in the stabbing deaths of two Dartmouth College professors waited about eight hours before notifying police that his son had fled, according to court documents.

John Parker watched his 16-year-old son drive away from their Chelsea, Vt., home in his mother's car about 3 a.m. Friday, then followed the boy to the home of Robert Tulloch, 17, according to an arrest warrant affidavit released Wednesday.

The affidavit, signed by New Hampshire State Police Sgt. Robert Bruno, says the father then returned home and found a note from his son asking him not to alert police.

Parker placed a call to the New Hampshire State Police about 11 a.m., according to the affidavit, triggering a manhunt for the teens, who were arrested Monday at a New Castle, Ind., truck stop.

James Parker remained jailed Wednesday in Indiana. Attorney Richard Kammen said the family was "trying to come to grips with things."

Tulloch, meanwhile, was arraigned in Lebanon District Court on two counts of first-degree murder in the Jan. 27 slayings of Half and Susanne Zantop in their Hanover home.

He answered only "yes, your honor" when asked if he understood the charges and was ordered held without bail. He is expected to enter a plea at a hearing next week.

"We represent a terrified teenage boy who is trying to deal with very tragic circumstances," Richard Guerriero, Tulloch's public defender, said after the five-minute arraignment.

Assistant Attorney General Kelley Ayotte declined to say whether the teens would be tried together and wouldn't comment on a report that one of the boys was cooperating with investigators.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dad urged to take the offense in blocking ex-wife's boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: "A Dad in a Dilemma" wrote that his ex-wife informed him she's moving in with a registered sex offender, and he's concerned about sending his girls to stay overnight with her. Your advice to not let his daughters stay at their mother's house was correct.

I am a police detective in a sex crimes unit. Probably 90 percent of our sexual assault victims are children. Sex offenders, especially those who victimize children, have a very high rate of recidivism. Additionally, many child sex offenders are prohibited from having ANY contact with children under the age of 10 and can be arrested if they do so.

"Dad" can contact his local law enforcement agency or the man's probation officer to determine whether the man is allowed to have contact with minor children. Even if there is a custody arrangement which states that his ex-wife gets to see their daughters, he should contact the attorney and do everything possible to keep the girls from having any contact with this man. He should not rely on his ex to provide the proper supervision, as she has already shown a severe lack of judgment in exposing her other child to this risk. — **POLICE OFFICER IN COLORADO**

DEAR POLICE OFFICER: Thanks for adding your expert opinion to my original advice. "Dad in a Dilemma's" letter generated a flood of mail from alarmed readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I work with an attorney who handles the legalities when children are removed and detained by child protective services. We have a number of cases where children were removed from one parent because of socialization with sex offenders.

"Dad" should research this person's criminal background. If he can't get the full history, he needs to get the local law enforcement or child protective services agency involved. — **A WORD TO THE WISE, CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.**

DEAR WISE: A helpful suggestion. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You were right telling "Dad" not to let his daughters visit his ex-wife. No sex offender should have such easy access. Even though the mother might be present in the house, sex offenders need only a moment to satisfy their twisted urges.

"Dad" would be wise to notify the court that issued the custody award for the daughters of the changed circumstances and to seek an immediate modification of the visitation. (This is in case the ex-wife wants to exercise her visitation rights despite the obvious risks.) A modification of the decree would prevent such a problem.

If "Dad" can't afford a lawyer to get the change made, most state bar associations have a list of attorneys who will work "pro bono" (for free), and many attorneys, once aware of the circumstances, will help because they are parents also. — **AN ATTORNEY WHO CARES**

DEAR ATTORNEY: I am sure your advice about "pro bono" legal services will be of interest to many people. Thank you for it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a survivor of child sexual abuse, I know what can be lost if "Dad's" daughters end up in the clutches of this registered sex offender who was convicted of aggravated assault on a 10-year-old.

The fact is, the ex-wife's new boyfriend is a danger to "Dad's" girls. He should insist that his ex sign a legally binding document that visitations NEVER occur in the company of her boyfriend. Period. If she refuses, he should take it to court. "Dad's" daughters must be protected from their mother's bad choices. — **STILL SURVIVING IN L.A.**

DEAR SURVIVING: **How true.**

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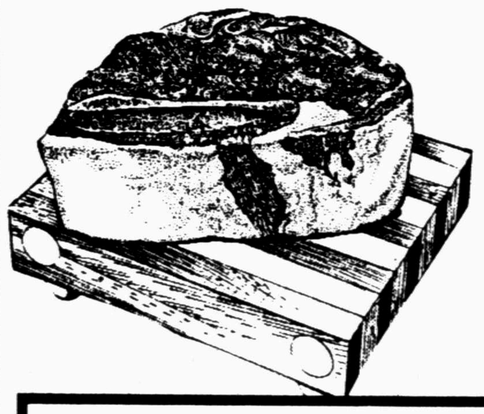
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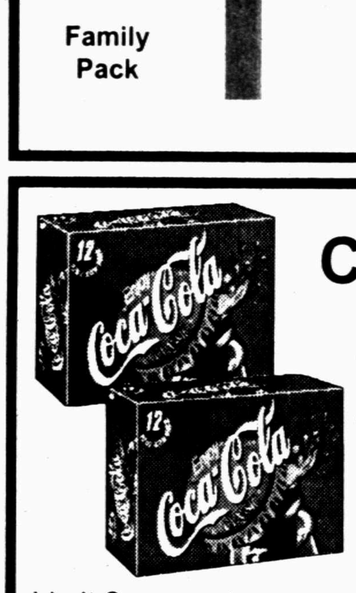
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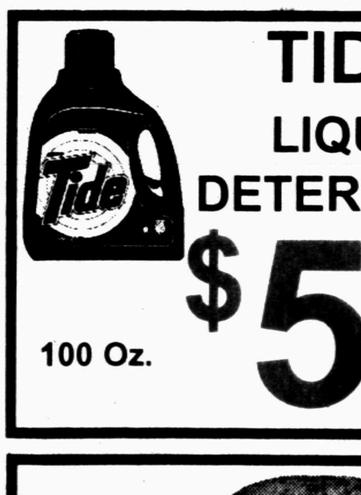
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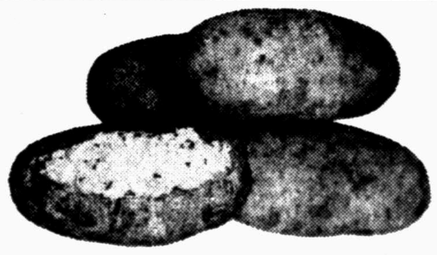
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