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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most public speakers need no introduction – only a conclusion."

It was a busy first month of 2001 in Snyder.

Despite cold weather and higher natural gas bills, Snyder received 1.36 inches of moisture. It's sure a better start than last year.

Despite a decline in the area population, it is interesting to note that **Western Texas College** has a record spring enrollment.

A community college, unlike a university, is supposed to respond to changes in community needs. WTC has done just that in vocational and workforce training, helping re-equip the local workforce with skills to earn a paycheck to help pay family bills.

There are some changes in the Snyder business community ...

New owner of IGA is **Bill Davidson**, a 45-year veteran of the grocery business. Davidson has moved to Snyder and will operate Davidson Supermarkets in both Snyder and Sweetwater.

Renovations to Varsity Square Shopping Center continues. One of the center's new owners, **Steven Cersonsky** of Denver, was in town this week working to fill some of the vacant retail spots.

We enjoyed the first-person account of the Bush inauguration by **Shelly Bolton**, wife of banker **Scott Bolton**. They attended the festivities in Washington, D.C. along with their daughter, **Jessie B**.

Readers could tell that the Boltons had a great time. We were in Austin and heard an inauguration story from Snyder's **David Holt**.

He said State Rep. **Warren Chisum** of Pampa also attended the inauguration. He reported to his friends in Rep. **David Counts'** office, "Six porta-potties had a better view than I did."

Coming up next Wednesday is the grand opening of the renovated radiology department at **Cogdell Memorial Hospital**.

Cogdell is inviting the public to tour the facilities between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m.

And welcome to all the competitors in town this weekend for the **West Texas TaeKwonDo Championship** to be held in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The annual meet attracts between 400 and 500 competitors and their families to Snyder.

SHS golfers have their first spring competition today. The girls are in San Angelo and the guys are hosting a tournament here in Snyder.

In getting ready, Snyder's **Andra Lancaster** recorded an ace while playing in Andrews.

And Snyder's **Edwin James** won first place in the 165-pound class at Midland Greenwood, lifting a total of 1,205 pounds.

And tonight is a big matchup in SHS gym as the **Snyder Tigers** host the league-leading Estacado Matadors.

Have a good weekend!

Prosecutors say no deals

Father of one recaptured prisoner arrested for furnishing getaway car

DALLAS (AP) — Even though prison escape ringleader George Rivas has said he believes he fired the shots that killed an Irving police officer, prosecutors renewed their promises Thursday to seek the death penalty against all six captured convicts.

"No deals," said Assistant District Attorney Toby Shook about any possible plea agreements. "We are confident we have solid cases on all six individuals."

Friday morning, the father of another recaptured prison convict, Michael A. Rodriguez, and a friend were arrested on charges of supplying the getaway car for the inmates.

Raul Rodriguez and Patsy Gomez, both of the San Antonio area, were held at Karnes County Jail in lieu of $700,000 bonds each on charges of permitting and facilitation of an escape, a second-degree felony, said Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"We believe that Rodriguez wanted to purchase the vehicle for use by his son on a planned escape set for Dec. 12," Todd said, adding that the automobile was purchased and taken to a Wal-Mart parking lot on that day but the breakout did not occur until the next day.

Rivas was returned to Texas on Thursday and appeared in the Dallas County jail before Magistrate Dorothy Shead, who set bond at $1 million on the capital murder charge. But because Rivas is a prison escapee, he cannot be released.

Shook said the men would be tried separately, with Rivas going first as early as June. A capital murder conviction carries either life in prison or lethal injection.

Rivas is the only one of the surviving six escaped convicts to waive extradition. The other five have court hearings scheduled for later this month in Colorado, where they were captured after seven weeks on the lam. A seventh inmate committed suicide as police closed in.

Wayne Huff, one of Rivas' two court-appointed attorneys, said he planned to represent Rivas at a pretrial hearing Friday morning. State District Judge Molly Francis scheduled the hearing to consider a gag order barring prosecutors and attorneys from speaking with reporters.

Lujan receives five-year sentence in state prison

A former Snyder woman, Josephine Olivarez Lujan, was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Thursday evening following an hour of deliberation by the jury.

Lujan was also fined $10,000.

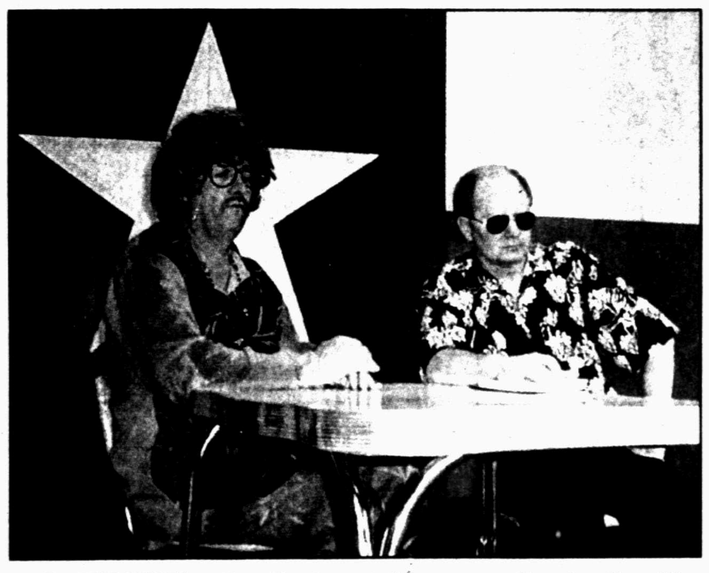
The six-man, six-woman jury had returned a guilty verdict Wednesday afternoon after it had deliberated some 90 minutes in 132nd District Court.

Lujan was convicted of assaulting two Snyder police officers in August.

Cpl. Mike Duddleston and Sgt. Brian Peterson were assaulted when the two tried to arrest her during a domestic disturbance in August that had occurred in the 1400 block of Ave. K.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided.

District Attorney Dana Cooley was the prosecutor and Big Spring attorney Novert Morales represented the defendant.



***GREATER TUNA*— Jim Gruben, left, portrays Stanley Bumiller and David Hargrove portrays Pearl Burras in a scene from *Greater Tuna*. The play will run today through Sunday at the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre. Performances today and Saturday will be at 7 p.m. and Sunday's performance will be at 2 p.m. A sneak peek at some scenes from the play will air from 4 to 5 p.m.today on Cox Cable channel 2. Call 573-8511 ext. 234 for ticket information. (SDN Staff Photo)**

WAKE ME UP IN SIX WEEKS — Honeybear, a prairie dog who lives with Dalton and Dylan May here in Snyder, checks out the calendar. His cousin the groundhog saw his shadow this morning, meaning six more weeks of winter weather. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

You'll get a kick out of this event Saturday

It will be high-kicking fun when the West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships get underway Saturday morning at Scurry County Coliseum.

Competition begins at 10:30.

Between 400 and 500 competitors from Texas, surrounding states and even Mexico are expected at the event, which is hosted by West Texas TaeKwonDo Academy's Greg Gafford.

"It's always been a great competition in the past, and it should be more of the same this year," Gafford said. "The black belt competition is always good. We'll probably have 50 black belts here, including s strong delegation from Mexico."

Individuals as young as five will compete, with age divisions ranging to the 41-and-up classification.

The tourney gets underway with the forms competition at 10:30. The top fan attraction will follow lunch, when the black belt sparring competition begins.

"We'll have certified referees at all eight rings, and we expect good, hard competition," stated Gafford. "Some of the best competitors in the state are from the West Texas area."

As well as battling for individual honors, competitors will be trying to help their team garner the coveted team title.

"We're one of the only tournaments that has a team competition, but we think it's a lot of fun," said Gafford. "Competitors will compete as individuals, and they will be awarded team points based on their finish. We total up the points at the end of the day, and the team with the highest number wins."

South West TaeKwonDo Academy of Fort Worth is the two-time defending team champion.

Admission prices are $5 for adults, and $3 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under get in free.

"One reason this tournament has been a success over the years is the people here," Gafford remarked. "People who come from the Dallas and San Antonio areas are always talking about how nice everybody is here in Snyder."

SPARRING — Ronnie Martinez (right) delivers a kick to Greg Gafford during practice Thursday at West Texas TaeKwonDo Academy. The West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships will be held Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tuna starts three-day run

Greater Tuna begins a three-day run tonight at 7 o'clock at Western Texas College.

The play is being presented as a fundraiser for the college's chapter of the international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa.

Part of the proceeds from the play will go to the Psi Zeta chapter, said Helen Fare, vice president of fellowship.

Greater Tuna is billed as "a hilarious comedy about Texas' third smallest town, where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies."

The eclectic band of citizens that make up the fictitious town of Tuna, Texas, are portrayed by only two performers — David Hargrove and Jim Gruben. The two depict all of the inhabitants of Tuna — men, women, children and animals. Jaye Neice Clements directs.

The play was written by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard with Sears and Williams playing the original roles.

Rotan residents Gruben and Hargrove performed the play, each playing 10 characters each, for three weekends in October and one in November last year at the Theatre on the Brazos in Rotan.

Tickets are $4 for students and senior citizens and $6 for adults.

Saturday's performance will be at 7 p.m. while the Sunday performance will be at 2 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling the WTC box office at 573-8511 ext. 234.

ASK US

Q—Will the Snyder schools have a holiday on President's Day, Feb. 19?

A—No, it will not be a holiday for any of the county schools.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 56 degrees; low, 24; 7 a.m. Friday, 24; no precipitation; total for 2000, 1.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low around 30, SW wind 5-19 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny, warmer, high 60-65, W wind 5-15 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear, low mid 30s.

Quintin Bass
Sunny

Sunset:
6:21 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:35 a.m.
Of 32 days in 2001, the sun has shone 26 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork.

—Pearl Bailey

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Police shoot suspect

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — Police shot and wounded a man as he loaded his truck with what authorities said was an "unbelievable arsenal" to make good on threats to former co-workers at an Army chemical weapons depot.

David Miller, 44, was in fair condition Thursday at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland, where he was being treated for a gunshot wound to his left arm.

He also remained under arrest but not formally charged pending "a very active and continuing investigation," said Umatilla District Attorney Christopher Brauer.

On Wednesday, Miller went to a union hall in Pasco, Wash., and threatened former co-workers at the Umatilla Chemical Depot, police said.

Union officials reported the incident to authorities. FBI agents and police then went to Miller's home in Pendleton.

"The officers found him outside his home getting together an unbelievably huge cache of ammunition, rifles and handguns," said Christopher Brauer, Umatilla County district attorney. "The pickup was literally littered with guns."

Miller had loaded the cab of his pickup with four handguns, three rifles, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition, Brauer said.

Police repeatedly ordered Miller to drop a semiautomatic rifle he was carrying, but he refused. Oregon State Police Detective Mike Davis fired one round, wounding him in the arm, Brauer said.

Miller was part of a general layoff in August, according to Chris Early, spokesman for Washington Demilitarization Co., which is building an incinerator at the depot under contract for the Army.

Union officials said Miller was forced off the job by an injury at the incinerator and was angry over his insurance settlement.

"At that point, I think he'd gone over the edge mentally. And he was mad at everybody and everything," said Gary Barcom.

West Spelling Bee

Winners

Brandon Robbins won West Elementary's spelling bee Thursday morning. He is the son of Bill and Darlene Robbins. Claire Morris is the runner-up. She is the daughter of Scott and Robin Morris. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Competitors

Other students who competed include Gabriel Aguilar, Zack Block, Brett Bowlin, April Boyd, William Brasher, Amy Campbell, Dalton Cole, Sarah Covington, Monte Crooks, Julie Cruz, Linda DeLaCruz, Andrew Dupree, Monica DuBois, William Green, William Greenwood, Kinsey Guynes, Kade Kruger, Christopher Kuliga, Cheryl Massey, Terann Ragland, Juan Ramirez, Jeremy Rodriguez, Adam Smith, Lucio Solis, Adrian Sosa, Clyde Sullivan, Bryce Westmoreland, John Whitworth.

Danita Covey coordinated the spelling bee.

General Electric says reports of 75,000 layoffs are 'false'

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — General Electric Co. dismissed as false and mere guesswork a BusinessWeek magazine report that it plans 75,000 job cuts over the next two years.

Spokesman Gary Sheffer said Thursday that while chairman Jack Welch announced last month that significant layoffs were likely, the number has yet to be determined.

"The numbers being discussed are purely speculative, and because of that, inaccurate," Sheffer said.

The magazine, citing analysts who have spoken to GE executives, said some 50,000 of the cuts would come from GE's $45 billion merger with Honeywell International Inc. The report is in the Feb. 12 edition released Thursday evening.

On Friday, USA Today published a similar report. Citing Wall street analysts, the paper said GE is expected to lay off as many as 80,000 people after it completes the Honeywell merger.

Honeywell spokesman Tom Crane said he did not know when the companies would announce layoff numbers, but said the merger is still on track to be completed by the end of March.

Honeywell International has about 120,000 employees worldwide. It was created in December 1999, when Minneapolis-based Honeywell was acquired by AlliedSignal, which is based in Morris Township, N.J. The new company set up headquarters in Morris Township.

GE employs about 340,000 people worldwide.

GE and Honeywell said last October that Honeywell's headquarters would be closed as part of the merger and about 550 people there would lose their jobs.

In mid-January GE reported double-digit profits for the fourth quarter and all of 2000, with six of eight major business segments seeing operating profits increase by 10 percent or more.

But at the same time Welch, who is retiring at the end of this year, warned of "significant" job cuts once the Honeywell merger was completed. He said the cuts would be fueled by three factors: volume slowdowns, increased efficiency as Internet initiatives mature and eliminations of duplicate positions in the two companies.

"Anybody who's putting numbers of those kinds of activity is speculating, particularly with the acquisition of Honeywell," Sheffer said. "Our integration planning for GE and Honeywell is not completed."

Analyst Nicholas Heymann of Prudential Securities Inc. said large-scale layoffs would not be a surprise, given the pending merger and GE's push to put more of its functions on the Internet.

"The company is very cognizant of how long and how deep this (economic) downturn may be ... and therefore it wouldn't be surprising to see them be preemptive in adjusting their staffing levels," Heymann said.

But Heymann said a sweeping announcement is unlikely.

"It isn't GE's style," he said. Instead, Heyman predicted, GE will make local announcements at individual facilities as it cuts a few hundred jobs here and there.

Harriet C. Baldwin, a multi-industry analyst at Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown Inc. who follows Honeywell, said she hasn't heard any layoff numbers.

There was no mention of layoffs when Honeywell reported quarterly earnings last Friday, she noted.

Scurry County Court

There were 18 cases heard in Scurry County Court in recent court sessions.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and $235.25 in court costs.

A 20-year-old female pleaded guilty to criminal mischief. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail — probated for 1 year; ordered to pay $585.53 in restitution and $235.25 in court costs.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail — probated for six months — fined $200 and assessed $235.25 in court costs.

A 55-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was ordered to attend DWI school, spend 60 days in jail — probated for one year – ordered to pay a fine of $500 and court costs of $235.25.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to one year deferred probation, fined $500 and assessed $210.25 in court costs.

A 16-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and court costs of $200.25

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and court costs of $200.25.

A 41-year-old female pleaded guilty to failure to comply with the law after hitting a fixture on the highway landscape. She was sentenced to 15 days in jail with court costs of $200.25.

A 26-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. A sentence of six months deferred probation was handed down along with a $100 fine and court costs of $235.25.

A 53-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault, family violence. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation, $235.25 court costs and a $100 fine.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated for one year, ordered to attend DWI school and pay $235.25 in court costs and a $250 fine.

A 33-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated for one year, ordered to attend DWI school and pay $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated for one year , plus a one year driver's license suspension. He also must pay $235.25 court costs and a fine of $750.

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail, probated for one year. He also must pay $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $200.

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail — probated for 24 months — and ordered to pay $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 365 days driver's license suspension and court costs of $200.25.

A 35-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail — probated one year — ordered to attend DWI school, and pay $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $500.

A 54-year-old female pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to one year deferred probation, ordered to pay $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $500.

Defense protests jury chosen

NEW YORK (AP) — Defense lawyers for four men accused of conspiring to bomb U.S. embassies in Africa asked for a mistrial Thursday, saying a jury was selected unfairly and should be disbanded.

The request was denied and the anonymous jury of 12 people and six alternates was told opening statements would be heard on Monday.

If convicted, two defendants could face death penalties while two others could face life in prison for conspiracy in the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings at U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The twin attacks killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

The mistrial request came Thursday when lawyers said the questioning of jurors tainted the process and prevented a fair cross-section of the community to be picked after the trial began in early January.

"We move to strike the panel based on the objections we have had all along, the accuracy of the voir dire that has been conducted," said David Ruhnke, a lawyer for Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 27, of Tanzania.

Sam Schmidt, a lawyer for Wadih el-Hage, 40, of Arlington, Texas, said he wanted a mistrial in part because he believed the jurors were not properly screened for a trial in which some defendants could face a death penalty while others do not.

U.S. District Judge Leonard B. Sand defended the process, saying questions asked of several hundred prospective jurors were steered by what the lawyers wanted to ask.

"The record will speak for itself," the judge said.

So far, though, the public record has been severely limited, with scores of documents by both sides as well as court rulings filed under seal.

Nearly all of the jury selection process was done in secret, in part to prevent prospective jurors from hearing about ways to escape their civic duty from a trial expected to last up to a year. A request by the media to open most of the proceedings to the public was rejected.

By Thursday, the jury selection process was supposed to be opened up for public viewing as lawyers exercised dozens of challenges to decrease a pool of more than 90 jurors to 12 jurors and six alternates.

But it was decided that additional questioning of jurors needed to occur and the courtroom was closed again. The challenges, which took less than an hour at the end of the day, were exercised without public observation.

Other defendants are Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, 35, of Jordan and Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, 23, of Saudi Arabia.

events

Lotto Texas

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

2-19-21-23-34

Pick 3

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

2-7-0

Date Book

Friday, Feb. 2, 2001

Today is the 33rd day of 2001 and the 44th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, Jonathan Jasper Wright of Beaufort, S.C., became the first African-American justice of a state supreme court.

On this day in 1923, in Dayton, Ohio, ethyl gasoline was sold to motorists for the first time.

On this day in 1973, President Richard Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Joyce (1882-1941), writer; George Halas (1895-1983), football coach; Jascha Heifetz (1901-1987), violinist; James Dickey (1923-1997), poet; Liz Smith (1923-), columnist, is 78; Tom Smothers (1937-), comedian, is 64; Farrah Fawcett (1947-), actress, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, John Uelses pole vaulted 16 feet, 1/4 of an inch — a world record. He broke that record the next day by vaulting 16 feet, 3/4 of an inch.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No matter what side of the argument you are on, you always find people on your side that you wish were on the other." — Jascha Heifetz

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Feb. 1).

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MOVIES

MISS CONGENIALITY
PG-13
★★★ Entertaining fluff and often funnier than expected. Bullock gives a funny performance as a decidedly unfeminine FBI agent asked to go undercover when terrorist threatens to bomb a beauty pageant.
Starring Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt

VERTICAL LIMIT PG13
★★★ Fun fluff, and throughly entertaining. Tension and glued to the seat screen pacing.
Starring Bill Paxton & Chris O'Donald

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Pet-proofing kitchen includes hanging towels out of sight

DEAR ABBY: I am grief-stricken. Yesterday my husband and I faced the awful experience of putting our 3-year-old chocolate Labrador to sleep. For two or three days, he wouldn't eat or drink, and was lethargic and vomiting. We took him to the emergency vet hospital. The vet examined him and found "something" in his abdomen, which would require surgery to remove. What they found in his intestines was part of a kitchen towel.

Unfortunately, the tissue around the towel was infected and dead from the lack of blood supply to his intestines. The damage was worse than anticipated, and he began bleeding internally. He was too weak to make it, and we had to put him to sleep. To say that we're devastated is an understatement.

I always hang a kitchen towel on the handle of the oven on which to dry my hands, remove things from the oven, etc. The towel probably smelled like food, which prompted him to chew it. To top it off, when we came home from the surgery, our 1-year-old puppy threw up the other portion of the towel!

Abby, please make other pet owners aware of this potential hazard. If sharing my story can spare someone else the devastation of losing a pet to something so avoidable, I'll gain some comfort. **— KELLEE IN TEMECULA, CALIF.**

DEAR KELLEE: Please accept my sympathy for the sad loss of your dog. I'm printing your letter as a warning to pet owners. While I thought what happened to your beloved pet was a freak accident, a staff member recalled that something similar had happened to a dog belonging to one of his relatives.

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DEAR ABBY: The passenger side door of my friend "Rodney"'s truck does not close easily. A few weeks ago as I left the vehicle, I closed the door, but not completely. The locking mechanism prevented me from opening the door to reclose it, so I decided to push on it to force it closed.

I pushed the door with my posterior and heard a ringing, metallic popping sound. I leaned away from it and saw I had dented the door with my rear end!

Rodney had recently paid for two collisions with this truck, so I offered to pay for the damage I caused. I got estimates from two repair shops, and it will cost close to $1,000 to fix the door.

My girlfriend insists that it was not entirely my fault, and that I should tell Rodney to make a claim on his insurance for it.

Abby, what is your advice? **— WATCHING MY ASSETS**

DEAR WATCHING: Rodney should not have to file a claim on his insurance, as that could increase the cost of his premium or possibly result in it being canceled. You damaged his vehicle, and you should pay to have it repaired. Fair is fair.

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DEAR ABBY: Your column about displaying pictures of deceased spouses reminded me of the time our minister asked if anyone in the congregation thought that he or she was perfect. No one stood up, so he repeated the question. A man finally stood up. "Do you really think you are perfect?" the minister said. "No," the man replied, "I'm just standing up for my wife's first husband." **— VERNON BENSON, ST. LOUIS PARK, MINN.**

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Anna Nicole Smith storms out of court

HOUSTON (AP) — It was a tempest on the stand for Anna Nicole Smith: The former stripper Playboy centerfold ended a round of testimony in her late husband's inheritance trial by storming out of the courtroom and leaving the judge threatening to have her investigated for perjury.

The trial, already 4 months old, pits Pierce Marshall against his disinherited brother, J. Howard Marshall III, 63, in a war over the estate of their multimillionaire father.

J. Howard Marshall II died in 1995, 14 months after he married Smith when he was 89, and she was 26.

Smith, now 33, exploded in anger Wednesday when an attorney for Pierce Marshall, her 61-year-old stepson, asked her to post bond to ensure she would be back Feb. 12 to resume her testimony.

Smith dropped out of the trial a month ago after a federal bankruptcy judge awarded her $475 million, about a quarter of the estimated value of the estate. However, she was still compelled to testify because of a countersuit by Pierce Marshall, who says she unlawfully interfered with his inheritance.

Smith's three days of testimony this week have brought life to the trial, with episodes of crying and pouting from the model and sarcastic exchanges between her and Pierce Marshall's attorney, Rusty Hardin.

Probate Judge Mike Wood at one point threatened to slap Smith with a contempt of court citation if she didn't stop repeating a string of unsubstantiated accusations against Pierce Marshall — including claims that he had both his father and his father's former mistress killed.

"She is continually using this as an opportunity to make up stories, and she can't do that," Wood told Smith's attorney, Tom Cuningham, while Smith was still on the stand Wednesday. "Try to explain to her she can't say these things."

Wood said he found reprehensible Smith's accusation that an anesthesiologist, acting on Pierce Marshall's order, delivered a lethal dose of medication to Jewell DiAnne "Lady" Walker, who had been J. Howard Marshall's previous companion.

"I don't think there's a question she committed perjury on several elements of what she was saying," Wood said.

Smith has insisted she didn't lie to the court, though she admits she has no proof to back up the claim. She also has accused Pierce Marshall of shredding documents that showed his father had promised her half the estate.

When Hardin asked Smith for documents proving her late husband wanted her to have half his estate, Smith responded: "I'm sorry. I'll have to get back to you."

Pierce Marshall is appealing the federal bankruptcy court's award. His attorneys have also claimed the late oilman's estate is actually worth only about $60 million.

The judge denied the request that Smith post bond.

Simpson talks about her upcoming album

NEW YORK (AP) — Jessica Simpson is only 20, but the pop singer admits she's had some "diva moments."

Simpson tells CosmoGIRL!, on newsstands Monday, that with people making a fuss over her all the time, it's hard to stay true to herself.

"I've definitely had my diva moments where I hate my outfit because my stomach's hanging out over my pants or my butt looks big. I'll blow up at people," Simpson said. "But I'm not some ... machine. I'm human."

In the article, Simpson talks about her shyness — and her upcoming album.

"I have this fear of talking to people. I'm worried they won't like me," Simpson said. "I've always had that insecurity. I tried to go up to Celine Dion at the Billboard Awards last year — she was right there — but I couldn't do it!"

And Simpson realizes that her second record could make or break her.

"I'm right there ready to explode. ... Or I could go pffffffff. No one could ever hear from me again."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-02-01
♠ 8 7 6 5
♥ K Q
♦ K J 3 2
♣ 6 5 4

West
♠ 4 3
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♦ 6 5 4
♣ K 9 8 7

East
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♥ 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ Q J 10

South
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♥ A 2
♦ A Q
♣ A 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Friday, Feb. 2, 2001

From the southwest to the north

By Phillip Alder

After a second night in Toowoomba, Jennifer Allfrey, Margot Girle and I drove to Buderim, north of Brisbane, Queensland's capital city. We spent the night at the beautiful house of Lindy and Hamish Dalziell. In the late afternoon, we visited Mooloolaba Beach, where an ad was being photographed. (For what, we never ascertained.) Six people were standing waist-deep in the sand. From the left, a man was working on a laptop, a man was on a cell phone, a woman was wearing a mortarboard and holding a diploma, a woman had a bucket containing cleaning materials, a man held up a freshly caught fish, and a woman had a tray.

The next afternoon, September 13, I taught two short classes on blocking and unblocking plays, and on the defensive target. Here is the last deal from the first. How should the play go in seven spades after West leads the heart jack?

Note that South must bid first four no-trump, then five no-trump to find out how many kings his partner holds. An immediate jump to five no-trump is the Grand Slam Force, asking only about trump honors. And, yes, South's last bid is a bit of a shot, but I wanted to end on a high note!

There are 13 top tricks: six spades, two hearts, four diamonds and one club. But the diamond suit is blocked. To get four diamond tricks, a dummy entry is needed once the ace and queen are unblocked. So, trick one must be won in hand with the ace. After that, it is smooth sailing.

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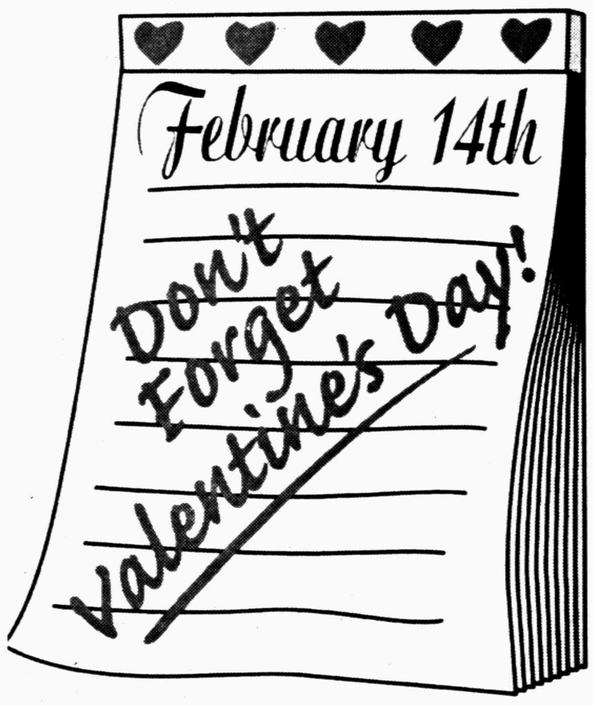

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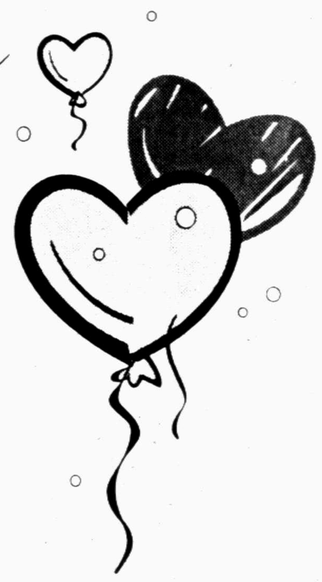

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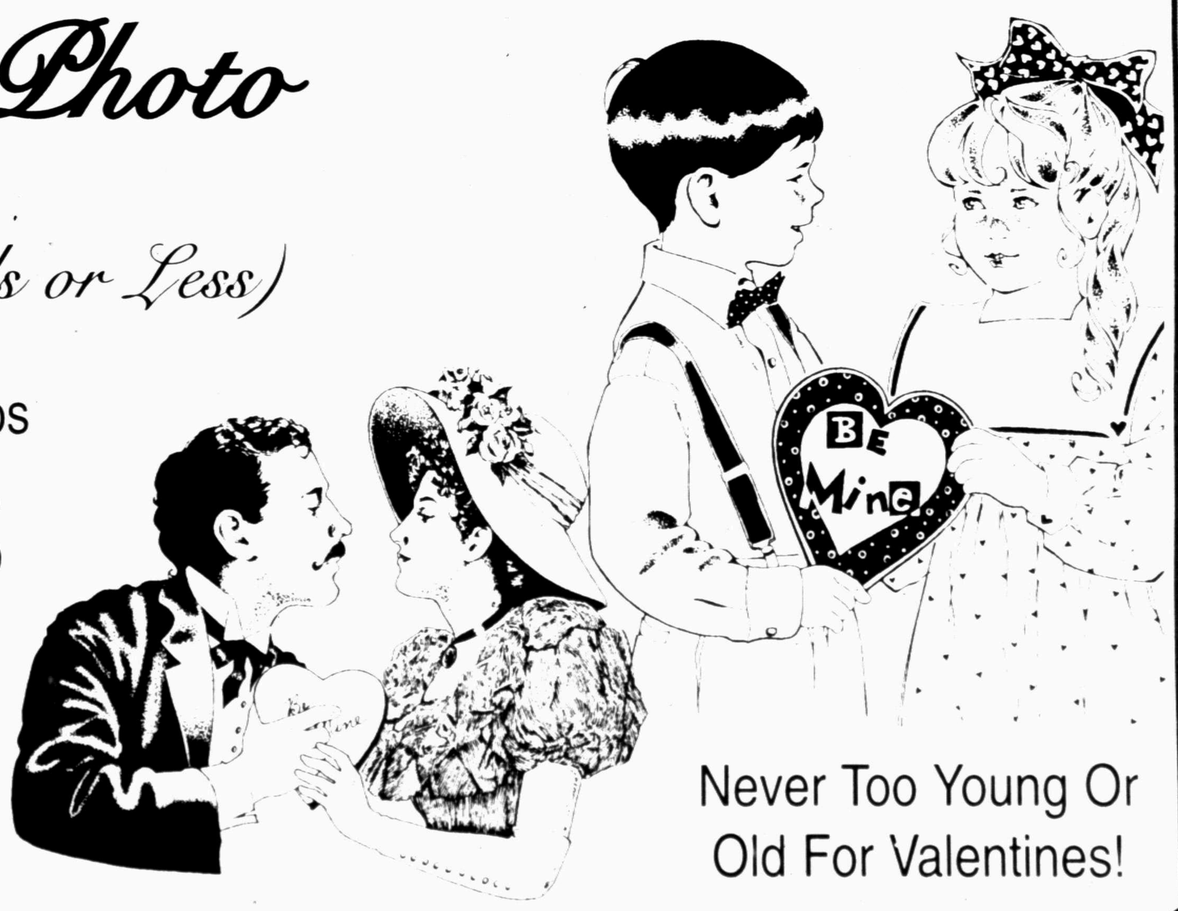

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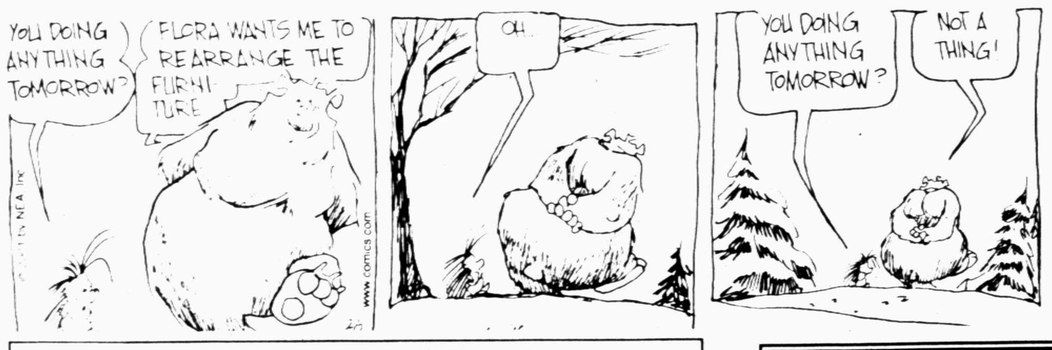

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Unfasten
6 Birthmarks
10 Linger aimlessly
12 Lets down
14 Electorate
15 Newspaper executive
16 "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds.)
17 Dyeing container
19 Taboo item
20 Charting
23 Not qualified
26 Paris season
27 Moray
30 Despise
32 Clairol shade
34 — States
35 Overjoys
36 — Lingus
37 Cloistered woman
39 "Goodnight, —"
40 Gets away
42 Homeowner's document
45 Year (Sp.)
46 Hawaiian timber tree
49 Burst suddenly
51 Not winning
54 Pool-player's accident
55 Sheen
56 Printer's word
57 Tropical fish

DOWN

1 Edible seaweed
2 Midday
3 Type of pasta
4 Native of (suff.)
5 Apiece
6 Grow drowsy
7 "Dallas" family name
8 President's no
9 Golf club
11 Invitation inits.
12 Beatles' song (3 wds.)
13 Sign at a full house (abbr.)
18 Mimic
20 Catcher's glove
21 Greek capital
22 Nervous —
23 Hawaiian food fish
24 Zilch
25 So-so
27 Grafted, in heraldry
28 Paradise
29 — majesty
31 Instruct
33 Rowing tools
38 A Bobbsey twin
40 Elicit
41 Do Roper's job
42 Poorly lit
43 Goddess of discord
44 Formerly, formerly
46 Singer Eartha —
47 Remarkable person
48 Site of the Taj Mahal
50 Deposit
52 — to lunch
53 Opp. of NNW

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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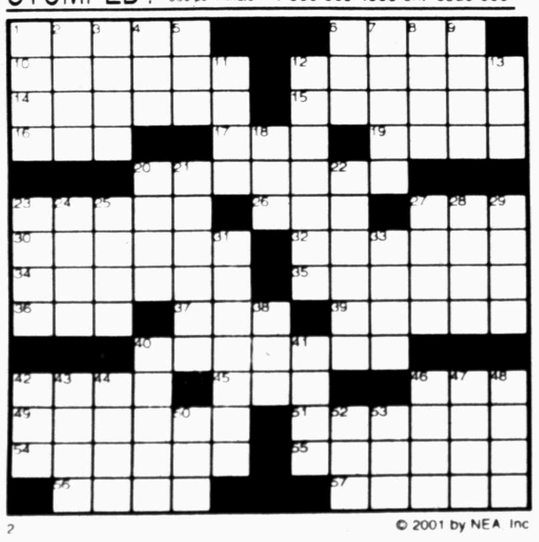

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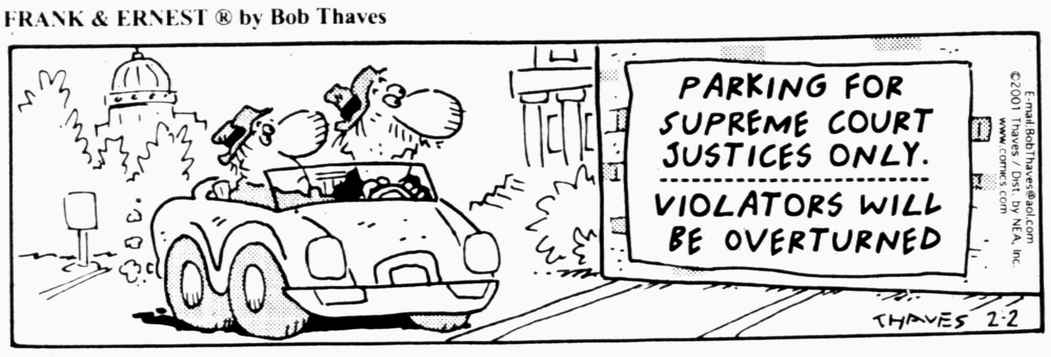

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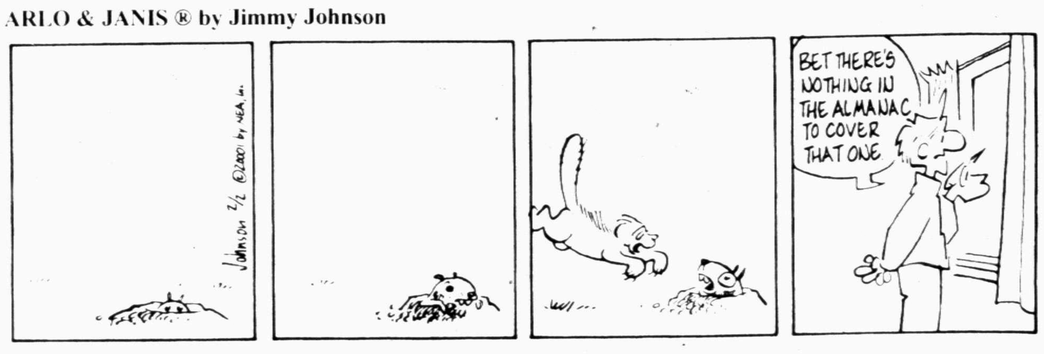

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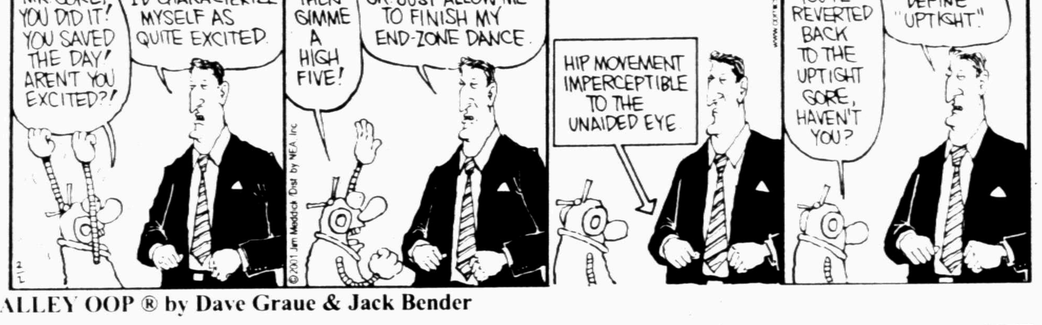

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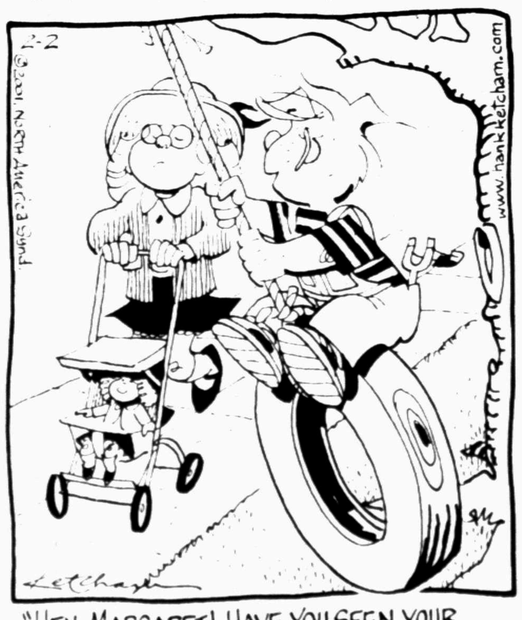

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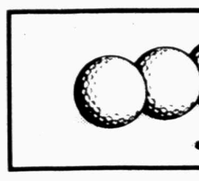

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Snyder	7
Plainview	7
Frenship	6
Levelland	5
Andrews	3
Lake View	2
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BOYS	W
Westbrook	5
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Grady	3
Sands	3
Borden County	0
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Sands	3
Grady	0
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King, Plainview
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Tharp, Andrews
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Thornhill, Snyder
Hill, Estacado

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Ferguson, P.S.

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SPORTS

Tigers hope to get back on track against Mats

In their last meeting with Estacado, the Snyder Tigers had an eight-game winning streak snapped. Now the Tigers are hoping tonight's match-up with the Matadors will break a two-game skid.

With the District 4-4A basketball season heading down the home stretch, Snyder hosts Estacado at 7:30 tonight in a crucial battle for postseason positioning.

The Snyder girls, who still have playoff hopes of their own, take on the Lady Matadors at 6 o'clock.

The Lady Tigers must win their final two contests, and hope Frenship and Big Spring drop a game to force a three-way tie. The three squads would then meet in a mini-tournament to determine the final postseason qualifier.

In the boys' standings, the Tigers are deadlocked with Plainview for second place at 7-3, two games behind the league-leading Matadors. Plainview faces Lake View (2-8) tonight.

Snyder's setbacks to Plainview and Frenship in their last two outings marked the first time the Tigers had dropped back-to-back games since late November. The Tigers are hoping to end the skid tonight.

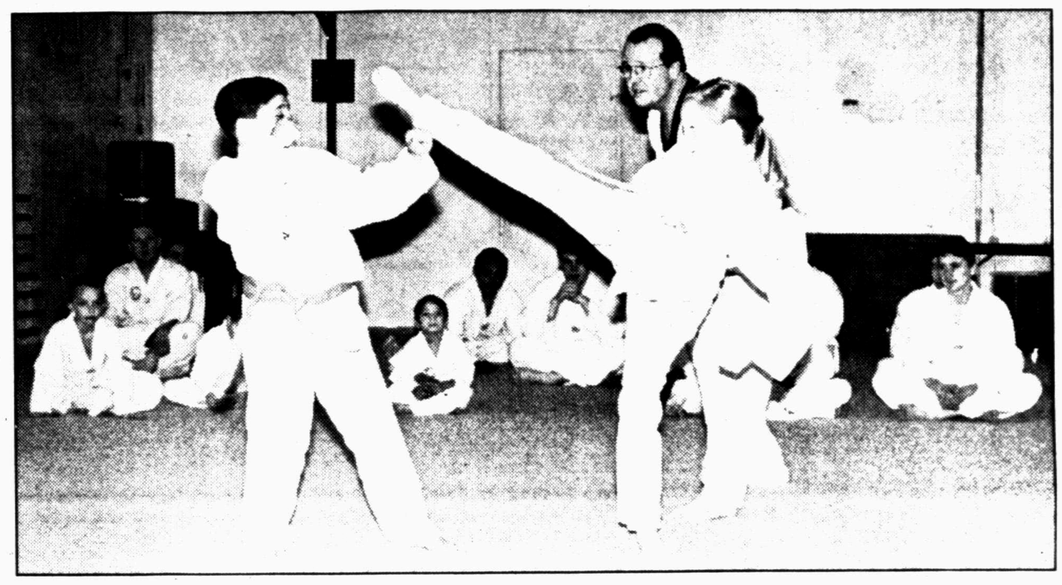
"It's another big game for us, just like every other game in this district," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "This a tough district, so every game is a battle. We just have to come out and play our style of basketball. We have to take care of the ball, stick to our offense and play tough defense. We've done those things before, but we got away from them the last two games."

Estacado won the first meeting, 57-46, when the Tigers were without the services of senior point guard Jamaal Wofford. All five regular starters will be on the floor tonight, but the Tigers must still find a way to slow down the high-flying Matadors.

"Estacado is extremely athletic," said Birks. "And they are going to make some plays, simply based on their athletic ability. We know that going in. What we have to do is keep them from getting on a run, because one they get rolling, they're hard to stop."

Following tonight's action, Snyder travels to Andrews on Tuesday.

In the Class A ranks tonight, Ira hosts Grady, while Hermleigh finishes out its season at home against Trent.



PREPARATION — Cheyenne Alavarez (left) and Lesa Jones practice Thursday for this weekend's West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships, while instructor Greg Gafford looks on. The tournament gets underway at 10:30 Saturday morning at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	9	1	18	10
Snyder	7	3	17	9
Plainview	7	3	16	12
Frenship	6	4	16	13
Levelland	5	5	19	10
Andrews	3	7	16	12
Lake View	2	8	10	18
Big Spring	1	9	6	21

Friday's games: Estacado at Snyder; Big Spring at Levelland; Lake View at Plainview; Frenship at Andrews.

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

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	12	0	27	1
Levelland	9	3	22	5
Frenship	7	5	20	10
Big Spring	7	5	17	8
Snyder	6	6	17	9
Andrews	5	7	16	12
Estacado	3	9	13	13
Lake View	0	12	8	11

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District 11-A

BOYS	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Westbrook	5	1	19	3
Ira	5	2	10	10
Grady	3	3	17	8
Sands	3	3	8	11
Borden County	0	7	1	24
GIRLS	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Borden County	6	1	15	13
Ira	5	2	11	11
Sands	3	3	11	13
Grady	3	3	12	12
Westbrook	0	6	3	20

District 12-A

BOYS	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Blackwell	6	1	12	5
Trent	4	2	7	8
Highland	4	2	5	3
Loraine	1	5	1	12
Hermleigh	1	6	3	15
GIRLS	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Trent	6	0	16	5
Blackwell	5	2	11	5
Highland	3	4	8	13
Hermleigh	2	5	7	14
Loraine	0	6	6	13

South Plains Basketball Leaders

4A BOYS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
C.Hodges, Hereford	23	454	19.7
McGaha, Frenship	16	306	19.1
Davis, Plainview	28	515	18.4
N.Bridges, Levellnd	28	490	17.5
Duvall, Estacado	28	476	17.0
Hooper, Andrews	27	442	16.4
Pinkerton, Snyder	24	390	16.3
Thornhill, Snyder	25	358	14.3
Bradic, Plainview	26	290	11.2
Wofford, Snyder	25	265	10.8

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
King, Plainview	28	262	9.4
Davis, Plainview	26	237	8.5
Taylor, Snyder	21	167	8.0
Bell, Frenship	29	180	6.2
Pinkerton, Snyder	24	145	6.0
Tharp, Andrews	27	156	5.8
Wilkins, Big Spring	13	71	5.5
N.Bridges, Levellnd	28	152	5.4
Thornhill, Snyder	25	132	5.3
Hill, Estacado	28	140	5.0

4A GIRLS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
Delce, Snyder	26	417	16.0
Robertson, Plnview	28	436	15.6
Welch, Plainview	28	422	15.1
A.Shephard, Estcdo	27	350	13.0
Forth, Big Spring	25	298	11.9
Russell, Frenship	29	341	11.8
Kallemeyn, Snyder	19	223	11.7
Robertson, Levellnd	27	300	11.2
Vaughn, Levelland	27	299	11.1
Davis, Estacado	27	297	11.0

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
Russell, Frenship	29	288	9.9
Delce, Snyder	26	251	9.7
Davis, Estacado	27	224	8.3
Robertson, Plnview	28	180	6.4
Kallemeyn, Snyder	19	118	6.2
Neloms, Estacado	24	159	6.1
Bagwell, Frenship	29	172	5.9
Flowers, Levelland	27	169	5.8
Gwynn, Big Spring	25	137	5.5
Robertson, Levellnd	27	148	5.1

1A BOYS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
Lee, O'Donnell	24	555	23.1
Cribbs, Whiteface	30	675	22.5
Cline, CottonCntr	23	490	21.3
Long, Jayton	23	485	21.1
Pickering, Crosbytn	23	457	19.9
Bleiker, Jayton	23	434	18.9
Gregory, Farwell	26	460	17.7
Martin, Sudan	23	408	17.7
McLaughlin, Amhrst	24	394	16.4
Ferguson, P.S.	13	204	15.7

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
Smithson, Sands	20	351	17.6
McLaughlin, Amhrst	24	348	14.5
Bleiker, Jayton	23	275	12.0
Ferguson, Amherst	24	249	10.4
Hoskins, Whitharral	13	124	9.4
Gregory, Farwell	26	239	9.2
Floyd, Sands	20	182	9.1
Long, Jayton	23	195	8.5
Ellison, Whiteface	30	247	8.2
Cline, CottonCntr	23	187	8.1

1A GIRLS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
Callaway, Hermleigh	20	469	23.5
Thiel, Nazareth	28	580	20.7
Clements, Ira	22	424	19.3
Johnson, Jayton	22	416	18.9
J.Shipman, Guthrie	26	490	18.8
Gonzales, Whrl.	25	463	18.5
Via, Lazbuddie	22	386	17.7
K.Shipman, Guthrie	26	433	16.7
Lakey, Roby	23	368	16.0
Pittman, Smyer	22	347	15.8

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
Lakey, Roby	23	345	15.0
Johnson, Jayton	22	259	11.8
Callaway, Hermleigh	20	234	11.7
Gonzales, Whrl.	25	282	11.3
Wilson, Meadow	25	258	10.3
Via, Lazbuddie	22	214	9.8
Cornelius, W-Union	25	236	9.4
Clements, Ira	22	195	8.9
Thiel, Nazareth	28	241	8.6
Stuart, Roby	23	184	8.0

Tarheels edge Blue Devils in final seconds

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Shane Battier has made a big steal to give Duke momentum many times in his college career.

This time, one of the program's greatest defenders came up short as No. 4 North Carolina edged the second-ranked Blue Devils 85-83 Thursday night.

Battier ran into 7-foot center Brendan Haywood 22 feet from the basket trying to make a steal with 1.3 seconds left and the game tied 83-83.

Haywood, a 48 percent free-throw shooter, swished both as the Tar Heels (18-2, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 15th straight to send a wild Cameron Indoor Stadium crowd home stunned.

"It was a gamble," North Carolina's Joseph Forte said of Battier's costly steal attempt. "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. If he had stolen the ball, it would be overtime. It was a foul and a foul is a foul."

Battier, a two-time national defensive player of the year, said he was just trying to make a play. But instead, the senior fouled out and cost the Blue Devils (19-2, 7-1) a shot at the outright ACC lead.

"That's basketball," said Battier, who also had an off night from the field, going 5-for-16. "I wasn't making a play on him. I was going for the ball. We both collided and I guess I lost.

"It stings, it stings because we lost. It doesn't matter who we were playing."

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 1 Stanford edged No. 21 Southern California 77-71; Oregon upset No. 7 Arizona 79-67; Hawaii beat No. 19 Fresno State 91-73; and Miami defeated No. 22 Seton Hall 72-66.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski had no beef with the late foul call by official Mike Wood.

"You would like to see something with a shot involved, but hey, they saw it. We're big boys," Krzyzewski said.

Forte scored 24 points, had a career-best 16 rebounds, six assists and three steals. His rebound total was the most ever by a North Carolina guard.

Forte and the Tar Heels never got rattled in steamy Cameron, while the Blue Devils had one of their worst shooting games of the season. Duke shot 39.7 percent, made just 12 of 35 3-pointers and missed 14 free throws.

Jason Williams led Duke with 32 points, but he missed six of 10 foul shots and couldn't really get this club in an offensive groove as the Tar Heels switched defenses effectively.

"I think our offense affected our defense," Krzyzewski said. "The fact that we didn't see the ball go in on some open shots had a negative impact on our defense. You have to be mentally tough to go on to the next play. They had 35 points in the first 121/2 minutes, then our defense started to play better. No question our offense hurt our defense."

The Tar Heels were up by seven at halftime, and Duke led on just five possessions of the second period before Mike Dunleavy's 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds left tied it at 83-83.

Battier then fouled Haywood, who wasn't really supposed to touch the ball.

"The play was designed for Joe to catch it on the run and go up the sideline and get the best shot he could," Haywood said of the inbounds plan following Dunleavy's game-tying shot. "But three guys swarmed Joe, he was trapped and I stepped up. Battier had to go through me to get it."

The Dean Smith-Bill Guthridge regime played man-to-man defense for 40 years, rarely going to a zone. But first-year coach Matt Doherty went to an effective zone numerous times to slow down one of the nation's top scoring teams.

"Part of their deal is to drive it and get fouled, and we didn't want to put them at the foul line," Doherty said. "We liked what we saw in the zone. We had a good feeling with it."

Mavs hold off Heat in overtime battle, 85-91

DALLAS (AP) — Tim Hardaway couldn't believe it. He was a major reason why the Miami Heat were in overtime, yet with time running out he was out of the game.

Hardaway missed the final 1:49 of Miami's 95-91 loss to the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night because coach Pat Riley trapped himself in a strategic web.

Riley put Anthony Carter in for defensive purposes with Dallas leading 92-88. Carter never came out and wound up running a sloppy final few possessions while Hardaway watched helplessly from the sideline.

"It's very frustrating when your go-to guy is not there at the end," said Hardaway, who had 21 points. "It hurts me. I know I can play defense, I know I can rebound and make plays that my team needs."

Riley admitted he should've called a timeout to put in Hardaway, who had scored 13 straight points after Dallas went ahead 81-67 early in the fourth quarter.

This was one of the biggest wins of the season for Dallas.

Not only did the Mavs end a 16-game losing streak to the Heat, they did it without point guard Steve Nash and with Dirk Nowitzki making only five of 20 shots.

Michael Finley was the main reason Dallas did it as he scored 26 points, many of them on spectacular shots in key situations.

"It was an ugly win, but we'll take it," said Finley, who also had 11 rebounds in his first game since being named an All-Star for the second straight season.

The Mavericks, in a 10-year playoff drought, last beat the Heat in December 1991. Miami's run since then was the longest winning streak for one team over another in any of the four major pro sports.

The Heat also came in on a five-game winning streak, all by at least 10 points.

Miami could've kept it going had Eddie Jones not missed one of two free throws with 11 seconds left. Finley had a chance to win at the end of regulation, but missed a long, off-balance shot at the buzzer.

Finley then opened overtime with a 3-pointer, and Nowitzki scored his first basket since the third quarter to put Dallas up 92-87.

Sports Briefs

Bills hire Titans' defensive coach

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Gregg Williams, the Tennessee Titans defensive coordinator, has been hired as the Buffalo Bills next head coach, The Associated Press has learned.

Under Williams, the Titans defense finished first in the NFL in fewest yards allowed this past season.

Defensive coordinator in Tennessee for the past four seasons, Williams broke into the NFL as the franchise's first quality control coordinator in 1990 when the Titans franchise was based in Houston.

Woods only two off the lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — One day after Tiger Woods got tripped up by an autograph hound and injured his knee, the defending champion found his stride at Spyglass Hill with birdies on the last three holes for a 6-under 66 in the first round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Woods, who sprained a ligament in his left knee Wednesday, was two strokes behind leader David Berganio on a gorgeous afternoon on the Monterey Peninsula.

Berganio tied the Spyglass tournament record with his bogey-free round of 64. Tommy Armour III and Mark Johnson each had a 65 at Poppy Hills, the easiest course in the rotation.

Masters champion Vijay Singh, who finished two strokes back last year, also was at 66 along with Ed Fryatt and Brad Elder.

XFL Glance

All Times EST

EAST CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Birmingham	0	0	.000	0	0
Chicago	0	0	.000	0	0
NY/NJ	0	0	.000	0	0
Orlando	0	0	.000	0	0
WEST CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Las Vegas	0	0	.000	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	0	0
Memphis	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	.000	0	0

Saturday's Games

New York-New Jersey at Las Vegas, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Memphis at Birmingham, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10

Chicago at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Orlando, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Birmingham at New York-New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Las Vegas at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Local Schedule

TODAY

Basketball

Estacado at Snyder girls, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30

Estacado at Snyder boys, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30

Grady at Ira, girls at 6:30, boys at 8 p.m.

Trent at Hermleigh, girls at 6:30, boys at 8 p.m.

Golf

Snyder JV and varsity boys host Snyder Invitational at Western Texas College and Snyder CC

SATURDAY

Golf

Snyder JV and varsity boys host Snyder Invitational at Western Texas College and Snyder CC

TaeKwonDo

West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships at Scurry County Coliseum, 10:30 a.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	35	11	.761	—
New York	26	17	.605	7½
Miami	28	19	.596	7½
Orlando	21	23	.477	13
Boston	19	26	.422	15½
New Jersey	14	33	.298	21½
Washington	12	35	.255	23½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	27	17	.614	—
Charlotte	25	22	.532	3½
Toronto	24	22	.522	4
Cleveland	20	24	.455	7
Indiana	20	25	.444	7½
Detroit	17	29	.370	11
Atlanta	16	28	.364	11
Chicago	6	39	.133	21½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	30	15	.667	—
San Antonio	28	15	.651	1
Minnesota	30	18	.625	1½
Dallas	29	18	.617	2
Denver	26	20	.565	4½
Houston	22	24	.478	8½
Vancouver	12	33	.267	18
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	30	12	.714	1
Portland	34	14	.708	—
L.A. Lakers	28	16	.636	4
Phoenix	26	19	.578	6½
Seattle	27	22	.551	7½
Golden State	14	31	.311	18½
L.A. Clippers	14	33	.298	19½

Thursday's Games

Minnesota 90, Cleveland 81
Dallas 95, Miami 91, OT
Philadelphia 87, New York 80
L.A. Clippers 101, Houston 84
Utah 87, Charlotte 76
Seattle 97, Chicago 91
Portland 100, Phoenix 92

Friday's Games

Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New York at Miami, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.

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British couple knew twins were taken from someone else

CHICAGO (AP) — A British couple embroiled in an international dispute over twin girls say they knew the twins had been taken from another couple, but they went ahead and adopted them anyway.

The British couple, Alan and Judith Kilshaw, are mixed up in a custody fight involving the second couple, Richard and Vickie Allen of San Bernardino, Calif., and the birth mother, Tranda Wecker of St. Louis.

The 7-month-old twins were first given to the Allens. Two months later, Wecker took the girls back, drove to Arkansas and had them adopted by the Kilshaws, who took them to Britain. The Allens had paid Internet adoption broker Tina Johnson $6,000 in adoption fees; the Kilshaws paid about $12,000.

In an interview aired Thursday on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," the Kilshaws said they hadn't known until they arrived in California that the girls had already been placed with the Allens. But they went ahead with the adoption anyway because the birth mother made it clear she did not want the Allens to have the babies and because they feared the girls would be given to someone else, they said.

In the interview, Alan Kilshaw said he and his wife "could never understand why we had been asked to fly out to California because you cannot adopt internationally from California."

"Once Vickie and Richard came on the scene, we realized why we were there," he said. "It was because the babies had been placed in California."

The Kilshaws then traveled with the girls and Wecker to Arkansas, where they completed a quick adoption and took the girls back to Wales.

The Allens, who appeared with the Kilshaws on Winfrey's Chicago-based show, said the birth mother told them she was taking the twin girls for a final visit and would return them within a few days. The Allens said they want the courts to decide what is best for the girls, even if they do not get them back.

"We love the girls so much, it's hard to describe," Richard Allen said. But, he said, "the bottom line is we must all get together and do what's best for the girls."

Both couples want the children. Wecker has also said she wants the twins back, as has their father, Aaron Wecker, who claims his ex-wife neglected the children by trying to sell them over the Internet.

Last week, a judge in St. Louis granted the girls' biological father temporary custody. However, the twins are in the custody of British social services until the courts there can straighten out the matter.

Baby girl latest victim of meningitis

AUSTIN (AP) — A 3-month-old Central Texas girl has become the latest meningoccal bacteria victim, but authorities say Travis County's first meningitis case in more than a year is not related to the Houston-area outbreak that has claimed four lives.

Health officials say Travis County typically reports 10 to 25 cases in a year.

Rose Ann Trevino was pronounced dead at her Austin home Saturday, about four hours after being treated at Brackenridge Hospital for a high fever, according to Friday's editions of the Austin American-Statesman.

Several family members and friends who might have been in contact with the infant are receiving antibiotics, in an attempt to eliminate the possibility they will develop the disease, said Steven Harris, a spokesman for the county's Health and Human Services Department.

"The disease rate in (the Houston area) is 200 times higher than what we're seeing," Harris said.

Two more weekend deaths in southeast Texas have raised the number of state-confirmed cases to 40 in nine Houston-area counties.

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

The number of confirmed cases in Harris County is 18.

The infection level has only reached the threshold of 10 cases per 100,000 population at which the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends mass vaccinations in Conroe and New Caney-Porter.

In Harris County, health officials say there is no more need for meningitis vaccinations than in any other year, with the exception of Humble.

The outbreak prompted state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, on Wednesday to expand a bill providing for education about the symptoms of meningitis and available vaccines to target all age groups.

Health officials said the risk of contracting the bacterial infection is very low and is commonly associated with close living conditions, such as at a military barracks or a school dormitory.

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Texas Legislature Highlights

State Education Chairwoman

AUSTIN (AP) — What a first day for State Board of Education Chairwoman Grace Shore.

Minutes into her first meeting since being appointed by Gov. Rick Perry last week, Shore was summoned across town by members of the Senate Finance Committee to answer questions about a scathing State Auditor's report.

The report released Wednesday criticized the education board's oversight of the $22 billion Permanent School Fund, a combination of stocks, bonds and royalties that generates $700 million annually for public schools.

Among the report's recommendations was one suggesting that lawmakers strip away the board's power to manage the fund.

Shore told members of the finance committee that the auditor's report was outdated and that recent leadership and membership changes on the board would help.

"I would ask you to give us a little time to take care of these internal problems," Shore said.

Some legislators questioned the board's investment decisions, but Shore said the fund was in good shape and grew from $13 billion to $22 billion over the last decade.

The audit also criticized some members for seeking financial advice from money managers not hired by the state.

Shore and other board leaders said they weren't aware of the conflicts until a recent legislative investigation.

"I don't think I trust what any of you tell me on anything," said Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, who suggested the Texas Rangers investigate.

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Lens Law Still Cloudy

Getting contact lens prescriptions remains a frustrating process for many consumers whose eye doctors are violating a 1997 consumer protection act, according to a report released by advocacy group Consumers Union.

A survey of 83 Texas eye doctors and an analysis of consumer complaints by the Texas Optometry Board shows that while some doctors are refusing to hand over prescriptions, others are requiring customers to pay fees, buy more lenses or schedule follow-up visits in order to get their prescriptions.

These and other stipulations violate Rep. Glen Maxey's Texas Contact Lens Prescription Act, according to the report.

Eye doctors may refuse to release prescriptions for reasons relating to a patient's health, outstanding financial obligations or if the request is more than a year after the patient's last eye exam, the report stated.

Maxey, D-Austin, has filed a bill this session to help close loopholes in the law.

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Reading, Writing and Redistricting

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, visited the State Board of Education, where he discussed his package of education bills, including those proposing signing bonuses for teachers at low-performing schools and monetary rewards for high-achieving campuses.

Many members asked Grusendorf about a State Board for Educator Certification funding request to pay veteran teacher's $3,000 a year bonuses to mentor newer educators.

Supporting new teachers is seen as one way to help solve the state's teacher shortage.

"My own opinion is that we will provide some money for mentoring this session," Grusendorf said.

Grusendorf also spoke about an issue near and dear to the hearts of legislators and education board members: redistricting.

Members jokingly asked Grusendorf, a member of the House Redistricting Committee, to assure them none of their districts would be eliminated in the process.

Once every 10 years the Texas Legislature redraws voting districts for the state Senate, House, Board of Education and Congress.

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Prison Pay

Rep. Chuck Hopson, D-Jacksonville, filed a bill ordering the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to do a national survey of correctional officer salaries in other states, then pay Texas guards 2 percent above that national average. The proposal also asks the department to cut spending in its budget before asking the Legislature to appropriate more funds for higher salaries.

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Quote Of The Day

"We might have made history. This might be our only unanimous vote." — State Board of Education Chairwoman Grace Shore after the usually divided 15-member panel voted unanimously to reject rules changing the way the state issues emergency teaching certificates.

Cattlemen: Mad cow probe won't have lasting impact

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Beef industry officials say the quarantine of a herd of Texas cattle that ate outlawed feed shouldn't have a lasting impact on beef prices.

At the National Cattlemen's Beef Association annual convention in San Antonio on Thursday, the group's chief economist said the government investigation of the Texas herd may have contributed to a decline in beef futures this week but that prices already have rebounded.

About 1,200 cattle on a feedlot 30 miles from San Antonio ate a protein supplement that contained meal from ground-up cattle — a practice that was banned in 1997 as a precaution against mad-cow disease. After a two-week investigation, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday the amount eaten by each animal was so small that it didn't pose a threat to the human food supply.

"Uncertainty breeds volatility, and I think at least some of the (cattle price) break can be attributed to just uncertainty about what the FDA was going to announce," said Chuck Lambert, chief economist of the cattlemen's group.

"Also, we were at a price level because of weather and other things where the market was due for a correction, so any kind of negative news like that or uncertainty just accelerates or acerbates that break," he said.

Ron Plain, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri, also said the Texas incident appeared to have a minimal effect.

"I'd say that so far the impact of all the publicity on mad-cow disease has had a very minor impact on the markets," he said by telephone from the university.

Mad-cow disease, known formally as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has devastated herds in Britain and appeared elsewhere in Europe but has never been found in U.S. cattle.

The disease has been transmitted to humans since at least 1995 and is blamed for more than 80 deaths in Britain. Beef sales have plummeted across Europe.

Researchers believe cattle contract the disease by eating feed made from the parts of infected cows or certain other animals. The 1997 ban on feeding animal meal to cattle is a precaution to keep the illness from striking U.S. herds.

Purina Mills Inc., which made the improper feed, said this week it would buy the 1,200 cattle and the meat would not be sold for human consumption.

Plain said the mad-cow risk to U.S. cattle is "very, very low."

"I think consumers have sort of understood the risk here is really quite low, so it hasn't quite developed into a scare," he said.

But there is potential for a scare, he said, and that has ranchers on edge at a time when beef has been rebounding after a decade of flat sales.

"It's going to have some effect on the industry right now because it's got some folks scared about it, just like E. coli," said Bill Thane, a 66-year-old rancher from Brenham, referring to a meat-borne bacteria that the federal government blamed for 60 deaths last year.

"When we had an E. coli epidemic, well, everybody sort of laid off beef for a while," said Thane, among the 6,000 attendees at the conference. He said the federal government must be vigilant against mad-cow disease.

"We can't lay down and say it's not going to happen," he said.

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"IS THIS OK FOR DRESS DOWN FRIDAYS?"

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001

Knowledge you've acquired and skills you've developed over the past few years could pay handsome dividends in the months ahead. Several profitable uses for them will come into play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be certain you are allied with people who can pull their own weight if you involve yourself in any team effort today. Those who can't will pull down the rest of the group. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Most people are as protective of their self-interests as you are of yours, so it behooves you to find compromises should you meet with an impasse that could cause complications.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) When out with friends today, don't let yourself get dragged into petty peer politics. It could place you smack in the middle of an argument, and you might have to choose sides. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When materially motivated today, your chances for personal gain look pretty good. However, should you team up with another, she or he could take you off onto a losing course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's nothing wrong with your assessing abilities today. You could go wrong by not following your own conclusions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're reasonably shrewd today in business matters that require logical thinking. However, this may not be true in your physical undertakings. Stick to the mental projects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Once plans are made and promised today, don't break them in lieu of something better that comes along. Reneging could create ill will with those who have been good friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Believe in your talents and what you're doing if you hope to succeed today. The minute you allow doubts to creep in, you'll unconsciously do all that you can to fulfill negative prophecies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a chance you could meet someone today who is very charismatic, but take care you are not deceived. It takes a charmer to get others to let their defenses down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't waste your time today on things that are not yet fully developed. Instead, focus your efforts and energies on meaningful matters that are within close range.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's a terrible mistake to sacrifice your standards to appease others. Should certain morals and principles by which you abide not be equally as popular with your peers today, don't cave in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have to stand up for your rights today if you are to receive everything to which you're entitled. Don't let anyone bully you out of what you deserve.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Arrhythmias and smoking

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother and grandmother have smoked all their lives and within the past few years have experienced arrhythmias. What role could cigarette smoking and second-hand smoke play in this ailment?

DEAR READER: The nicotine in tobacco smoke can stimulate the heart, causing irregular cardiac rhythm (arrhythmia). Although arrhythmias commonly occur in non-smokers, too and do not necessarily reflect heart disease, I'd be suspicious that your mother and grandmother may be exhibiting inappropriate, nicotine-induced heart stimulation. In view of the fact that cigarette smoke is exceedingly harmful in other ways, I suggest that your mother and grandmother strongly consider kicking the habit. A doctor could help them, or they could use nicotine gum, nicotine patches, a support group — even hypnosis and acupuncture.

The case against side-stream or second-hand smoke is less clear. Its effects on the body depend on the length of exposure and the concentration of the inhaled smoke. While probably not a significant health hazard to adults without lung disease, side-stream smoke has a profound effect on children; studies have shown that it markedly increases the chances of asthma and bronchitis in youngsters. In any case, this smoke is unhealthful (and irritating) to those exposed to it, regardless of their ages.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is taking prednisone for a condition called polymyalgia rheumatica. It helps to some extent but his progress has been slow. How long must he remain on this medication, which I understand may cause serious side effects?

DEAR READER: PMR is a common disease that causes muscular pain and stiffness, leading to muscle wasting (atrophy). Other symptoms include fever, loss of appetite, malaise, anemia and temporal arteritis (inflammation of the arteries over the skull's temples, sometimes leading to loss of vision). The cause of PMR is unknown.

The diagnosis is often confirmed by the sudden and dramatic improvement brought about by prednisone (cortisone) therapy. The medicine may completely relieve symptoms in as little as 24 hours. Once the patient is symptom-free, the dose of prednisone is gradually tapered. Flare-ups require repeated courses of treatment. Prednisone is the most effective therapy for PMR.

The rapid response to prednisone suggests that the basis of the disease may be an auto-immune disorder that causes the body to attack its own normal tissues, similar to lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases. Because long-term prednisone therapy is fraught with complications — such as diabetes, cataracts and osteoporosis — patients with PMR should be carefully monitored by their doctors, and every effort should be made to reduce or discontinue the prednisone as soon as possible.

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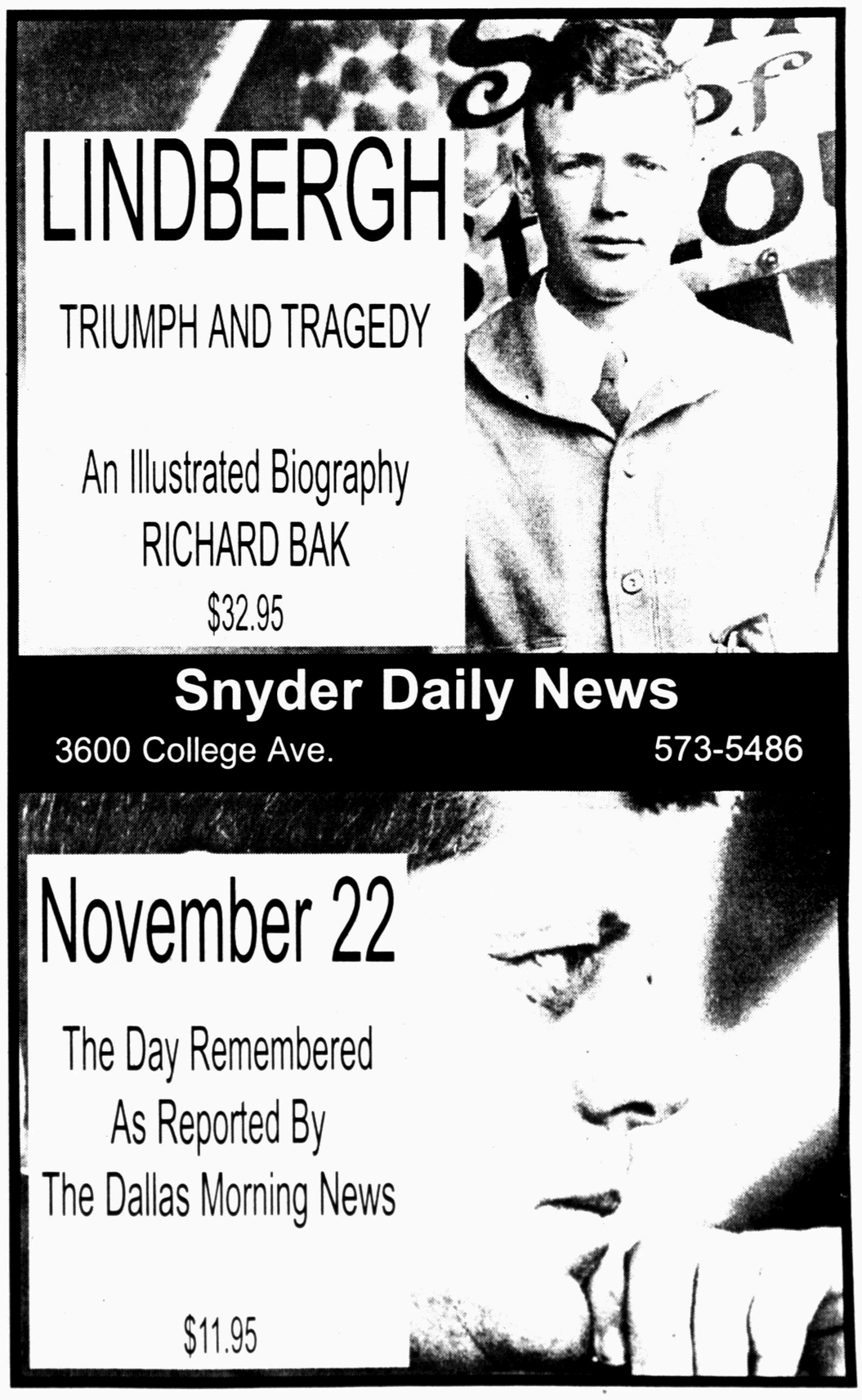
Chris Noth appears in Lane Bryant ads

NEW YORK (AP) — "Sex and the City's" Chris Noth has become the first male celebrity to join Lane Bryant models in the retail store's advertising campaign.

He appears in one ad with a model in one-of-a-kind $5,000 crystal-studded jeans, which will be given away in a contest, and in other ads surrounded by plus-size models in lingerie.

Lane Bryant, a division of The Limited, will show its newest collection of intimate apparel at a runway show at Studio 54 in Manhattan on Monday. Anna Nicole Smith, the company's "sexy jeans girl," Kim Coles and Kate Dillon are among the confirmed models. Aretha Franklin will close the show by singing "Respect," "Think" and "Freeway of Love."



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Ashcroft begins first day as AG

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Ashcroft declared it's "nice to be here" as he began his first day as attorney general Friday after a bruising confirmation battle in which Democrats attacked his deeply held conservative beliefs.

Ashcroft promised a Justice Department "free from politics" after winning Senate confirmation on a vote of 58-42.

"The Justice Department will vigorously enforce the law guaranteeing rights for the advancement of all Americans," the conservative former Missouri senator said after the vote.

He arrived at the department's Pennsylvania Avenue headquarters promptly at 9 a.m. after stopping at another Justice office to take the drug test which is required of all new executive branch employees.

Asked how he felt, the beaming 79th attorney general replied: "Very pleased."

He promptly began walking the halls of the department and introducing himself to Justice officials. He also planned meetings later with heads of Justice agencies like the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons and others. And he scheduled a separate meeting with Eric Holder, the Clinton administration's deputy attorney general who served as acting attorney general since Jan. 20.

Aides to Ashcroft said no major announcements were planned for his first day in office.

Three hours after the Senate vote Thursday, he was sworn in at the Supreme Court by Justice Clarence Thomas, who survived a similarly searing confirmation struggle a decade ago.

Ashcroft took his oath on three family Bibles, one for each of his children. His wife, Janet, passed homemade chocolate chip cookies around to a dozen or so friends and aides gathered for the ceremony.

"I will confront injustice by leading a professional Justice Department that is free from politics; that is uncompromisingly fair; a department defined by integrity and dedicated to upholding the rule of law," Ashcroft said in remarks distributed by the department.

He also plans to meet soon with critics as well as supporters in the Senate, said Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Four aides already were installed in key agency positions, and Republican sources, even before the Senate vote, identified two likely sub-Cabinet nominees for Ashcroft's Justice Department.

These were Theodore Olson as solicitor general, the lawyer who represents the administration before the Supreme Court, who represented candidate George W. Bush in the high court during the aftermath of the Florida election that gave Bush the presidency; and Larry D. Thompson as deputy attorney general, the agency's No. 2 official. Thompson, U.S. attorney in Atlanta during the Reagan administration, was a key adviser to Thomas during his 1991 confirmation battle.

Bush attends Demos retreat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as President Bush steers his White House toward a partisan tussle over tax cuts, he is making an unprecedented gesture to congressional Democrats: joining their annual closed-door retreats.

Bush was fielding questions from the opposition for a half-hour at the opening of Friday's Senate Democratic retreat at the Library of Congress before venturing back onto Republican turf in the afternoon at the House-Senate GOP retreat in Williamsburg, Va.

As he walked across the White House South Lawn to board his helicopter for the trip to Virginia, Bush told reporters how his session with the Democrats went. "Good," he said with a thumbs-up.

After an abbreviated weekend at Camp David, his first as president, Bush will fly on Sunday to Farmington, Pa., near Pittsburgh, where House Democrats were meeting at a mountain resort.

The president "hopes that by going to the retreats of the other parties, as well, of course, as his own party, that people across the country will see our government works together well," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. Americans want to see Washington "focus less on bickering and more on working," he added.

Whether that focus can hold will be tested next week when Bush sends Congress his $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax-cut package. Democrats have already mounted a campaign against the plan, saying its massive size risks a return to Reagan-era deficits.

White House and congressional officials could not recall a president ever dropping in on the opposing party's private team huddles.

"It's without modern precedent," said Fleischer. "It may be without precedent entirely."

By the latest White House count, Bush has, in his first 13 days as president, welcomed a record number of Congress members — between 150 and 160 — from both parties to the White House to meet with him. President Clinton extended such an invitation to just 17 lawmakers during his first week in 1993 and aides said former President Bush, the current president's father, tallied under 10.

The outreach is raising some eyebrows in Washington.

"I noticed that people are referring to this as the hug-a-Democrat-a-day administration," Fleischer joked Thursday.

Acting on a suggestion from Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., invited Bush to speak and field questions for a half-hour at the opening of Friday's Senate Democratic retreat at the Library of Congress.

"Senator Daschle and Senator Dorgan and, I think, the entire caucus want to work very closely with the new president," said Ranit Schmelzer.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb 1-Cynthia French, Sandra Groce, Anniely Martinez, Jerry Reynolds, C.L. Robinson, Riley White and Charlene Whitfill.

DISMISSALS: Johnna Babb, Petra Delao, Elida Garcia, Anthoni Gonzales, Concepcion Siliuetes, Alisa Cain, Sandra Groce, Penni Mayes, Jerry Reynolds, Lela Stevens and Ronald Wallace.

CENSUS: 53 (Med./Surg.-23, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-3 and Nursery-2)

Various reports taken Thursday

• ***Window broken***

Edie Parrish called officers at 8:17 a.m. Thursday in reference to a man kicking the door of a 1980 Oldsmobile and breaking the window. The vehicle is owned by Tom Fennell. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

• ***Wheelchair stolen***

A representative from Barbee Medical contacted police Thursday in reference to a wheelchair being stolen from Petra Delao at 806 23rd Street. Barbee Medical owns the chair and was renting it to Mrs. Delao.

• ***Dog bite***

Officers took a report for dog bite Thursday in reference to an 83-year-old man being bitten by a dog while riding his bicycle in the 4000 block of Houston. The man was not injured, and the dog was not located.

• ***Racket stolen***

Bert Crisp notified officers at 9:31 p.m. Thursday that his daughter's tennis racket had been stolen from the storage shed at the Snyder Junior High School tennis courts.

• ***Family violence***

At 1:13 a.m. today, a report for family violence was taken.

• ***Accident***

Officers took two accident reports at 6:09 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of U.S. Hwy. 84 at the Avenue E bridge intersection.

Marcus Walker, 34, of Jacksonville, Texas, was driving a 1999 Freightliner towing a Wabash trailer when the trailer hit the Avenue E bridge. A piece of metal was scraped off the trailer and landed in the roadway.

A 2001 Western Star truck driven by John Michael Adkison, 57, of Alvarado then struck the debris, causing damage to the vehicle's cab.

Obituaries

Roy H. Sallee

1924-2001

Funeral service for Roy H. Sallee, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary, with the Rev. Myron Crawford of Mineral Wells, officiating. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Roy Sallee

Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Lunch for the family will be served at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Sallee, a retired public school educator, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, in San Angelo. He was born Nov. 17, 1924 in Brady. He married Natalie Newton on Jan. 18, 1946 in Abilene.

Mr. Sallee spent 32 years in the public school system as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. He spent four years at Aspermont, three years at Roscoe, 20 years at Ira, and then another four years at Aspermont.

Sallee served as Ira School's superintendent and girls' coach from 1955-1975. He also coached Ira's junior high girls for 15 years. He started a girls' track team after he came.

During his tenure, the girls' basketball team captured the district title 10 times, finished second place seven times, third place twice, and fourth place once.

When Mr. Sallee started at Ira, girls' track was not a state event. Ira and other area schools would set up their own "outlaw meets." In 1963, Sallee and other area superintendents began a successful two-year effort to have girls' track become a state event. They continued their efforts and in 1972 were also instrumental in getting the UIL to agree to sponsor girls' track.

Sallee's contributions at Ira were many as he guided the school through two decades of growth and change. Among his accomplishments were having a water well drilled so grass could be planted on the football field. A concession stand was added and bleachers were set up at the football field.

Mr. Sallee graduated from Brady High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 until 1945, spending 34 months at sea. He served in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, European and African Theatre and the Asiatic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

He received his bachelor of business administration from Hardin-Simmons University in January 1949. He then received his master of education in August 1951.

Mr. Sallee was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Renegade Sunday School Class.

Mr. Sallee is survived by his wife, Natalie of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and John Fenton of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Melanie Sallee of Broken Arrow, Okla.;

four granddaughters, Stacey Poe, Ginny Clinkenbeard, Heather Sallee and Cheyenne Sallee; two grandsons, Andy Poe and Robert Sallee; and three great-grandchildren.

His parents and one brother, Russell Sallee, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scurry County Senior Citizens Center or to the American Lung Association.

Louise Poston

1924-2001

Louise Poston of Snyder died Thursday, Feb. 1, at her residence.

Funeral service for Mrs. Poston, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. The Rev. Andre Dugger, pastor of Grace Baptist in Nashville, Tenn., will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 17, 1924, Mrs. Poston was a member of the First Baptist Church and active in numerous community volunteer programs.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Carrie Chandler of New Braunfels; two stepsons, James Poston of Terrell and Rusty Poston of Fort Worth; two stepdaughters, Marla Poston and Cindy Holcomb, both of Duncanville; a brother, Harold Henley of Midland; a sister, Katherine Minnick of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

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ONGOINGS

Scout food drive

The annual food drive for Boy and Girl Scouts will be from 8:30 until noon Saturday. Please, no glass or perishable items and place your items on your porch in a visible place. Call Rhonda Fletcher at 338-1865 if your bags are not picked up by Saturday noon. Also, scouts will be at local grocery stores Saturday accepting donations.

Faith Revival fundraiser

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will have enchilada plates available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Cost is $5. For more information, call 574-8013.

SHS class of 1991 reunion

Members SHS class of 1991 of SHS will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday to plan the 10-year reunion. The meeting will be at Les Rinehart's home. Call Robbie Braziel at 573-6632 or Les Rinehart at 573-0544 for more information and directions.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court. Approximately 15 felony cases will be considered.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Being an Encourager," followed by "Our Greatest Adversaries: Guilt."

8th grade special needs parents

A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder High School's CVAE building, room C-5 for parents of special needs 8th graders. Call Jean Burns or Charles Haggard at 573-6301.

Masonic meeting

Scurry Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday followed by a film on Shrine Hospitals. This will be open to the wives and refreshments will be served.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

West family reading night

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

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing date for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is 9 a.m. next Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Gospel, country music

The monthly gospel and country music night will be held starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center. For more information, call 573-3996.

Enchilada dinner

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

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

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

1986 class reunion

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

Medical fund

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

Adult basic education classes

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

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035. The swimming will begin for this semester on Monday.

WTC swimming pool opens

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

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargeson at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

Discovery School summer registration is underway at First United Methodist Church . The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday- Friday for children ages 6 weeks -5 years. For more information, call 573-4770.