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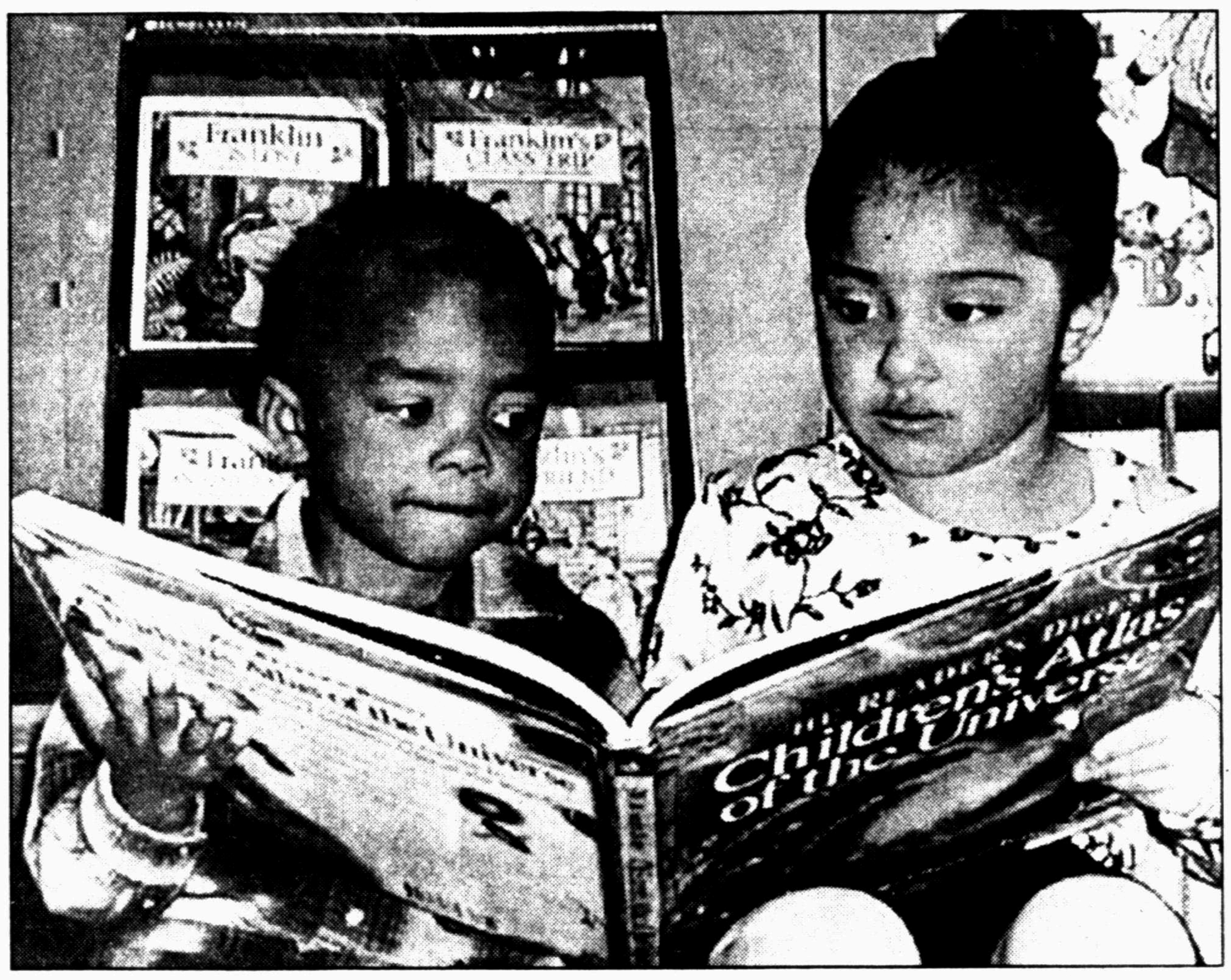


TAKE A LOOK — Scurry County Head Start students Tyeron Collins (left) and Rebecca Murillo look at a book at the Scholastic book fair. The fair continues daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 2800 2nd Street facility. Tyeron and Rebecca both celebrate a birthday today. (SDN Staff Photo)

For bomber training...

Public meeting today for Air Force update

The U.S. Air Force will update citizens on the progress of the planned flight training program over Scurry and seven other counties in a meeting to be held today at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The public is invited to the 4 p.m. meeting to hear the progress on the planned flight training area and the construction schedule for a building at Winston Field and emitter stations throughout the selected area.

Work on all facets of the program is expected to begin in late March or early April, and should be completed in about 12 months.

Up to 33 people are expected to be employed in Snyder following the implementation of the flight-training.

The Air Force has plans to build a 7,000-sq. ft. building at Winston Field to score bombing runs by pilots flying B-1 and B-52 aircraft.

The Air Force's plans have been challenged by a federal lawsuit filed in Lubbock by several individuals, and the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association.

Those filing the lawsuits have stated the flights would bring to an end the quality of life now enjoyed in rural areas, and would have an adverse economic impact on the entire area.

The Air Force has said that the filing of the lawsuit has not changed its plans.

No date has been set to try the lawsuit, according to a federal court clerk in Lubbock.

Kick-off rally set for Relay for Life

A kick-off rally for this year's Relay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder High School Student Center.

The Relay for Life is the annual fundraising event of the American Cancer Society.

Team captains and corporate sponsors from last year's event are urged to attend, along with others who would like to participate in the fundraiser.

Organizational packets for team captains will be distributed at the rally.

Former and current cancer patients and their families, businesses, civic clubs and the public are invited to make plans to participate in this year's Relay for Life at Tiger Stadium.

The event will start at 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, and will conclude at 10 a.m. the next day.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's version of an athletic relay, but with a new twist.

It is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team, and also raise funds to support the activities of the cancer society.

Participants camp out in the stadium, and when not taking their turn walking or running, take part in fun activities and enjoy a night of local entertainment.

The relay will have a carnival theme this year.

"Relay for Life brings the progress against cancer to the forefront," said Carole Haynes, event chairperson. "Many of the participants are our family, friends and neighbors who have been cured of cancer themselves."

"Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made, not in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment," added Haynes.

"The funds raised enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through research, education and services to the patients," said Bonnie Hodge, income development chairperson.

Businesses that are interested in sponsoring the relay and have not yet been contacted are urged to contact Hodge at 573-8285.

Information about how to form a team or become involved in the Relay for Life is available from Haynes at 573-7874.

WTC professor has art display at SC Museum

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Some of the paintings that Jack Price has completed during the last 30 years or so are currently on display at Scurry County Museum.

Many depict scenes from the years Price, now a Western Texas College teacher, lived in Montana. Some were painted outdoors, while others were painted from photographs he had taken.

The paintings are acrylics, watercolors and oils.

One watercolor scene was painted from a photograph a friend had of a farm in North Dakota. He gave the original painting to his friend, but the practice one, a favorite of his wife's, is in the exhibit.

Another of Price's paintings features buffaloes, which were prominent when he lived in Wyoming. "I like to paint them," Price said.

Another painting entitled, Guadalupe Peak, was painted from a photograph Price took while driving to El Paso.

"I just pointed my camera out the window and took a picture," he explained.

Another painting depicts a backyard area in Montana. Price described it as "kind of an acrylic" that he painted while working with an artist — Troy Dalton — an acrylic painter who was "teaching me about colors, such as blues for atmosphere."

While living in Billings, Mont., Price said he entered one of his paintings in a city-wide contest, and won first place.

The subjects of Price's other paintings range from his daughter, Jill, when she was a young girl, to an old tree on Round Top Road.

"I really enjoy the oils the best," Price said. "They have the most possibilities. Acrylics are nice, but tend to be dull. They don't have the vibrancy of oil.

"I enjoy oils more even though they are more difficult and can overwhelm a painter, but I can get more and better effects with oils if I handle them right," Price continued.

Price said the painting he did in the workshop last summer might not be to everyone's taste, but he likes it because it has different colors.

"I like to use colors that don't fit," he added.

"Because I am so interested in color, I almost have to say oils are my favorite. You can get a lot of nice paintings with oils."

Price said he can do a lot of "interesting and realistic stuff" with watercolors like the North Dakota scene in one of his paintings, but if he really wants color he has to use oils because they make "more vibrant paintings."

Price likes to paint in his "studio," which is really his garage. He noted that he prefers to paint outdoors. "I feel I can do my best work because I'm working in the actual light."

He said he has to be "in the mood to paint." That's why even though he started painting 30 or more years ago, if the actual time he spent painting were compressed he said it would be more like three or four years.

Price has sold around eight or 10 paintings while living in Snyder, but he gives many away to family or friends.

He is an associate professor, teaching local, state and American government and political science at WTC.

Schools slate spelling bees

The 2001 campus spelling bees will kick off at 9 a.m. Thursday at West Elementary. Northeast Elementary has set its spell-off for 2 p.m. Monday.

Snyder Junior High School's bee will follow at 2:10 p.m. next Wednesday.

Ira School's fourth through eighth graders will begin spelling at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 8. East Elementary will have its campus bee at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 9.

Hermleigh School has not yet set the date for its campus bee.

The Scurry County Spelling Bee will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas Campus.

Officers, deputies testify in assault trial on Tuesday

Four local peace officers testified Tuesday in the trial of a woman accused of striking Cpl. Mike Duddleston and Sgt. Brian Peterson last August.

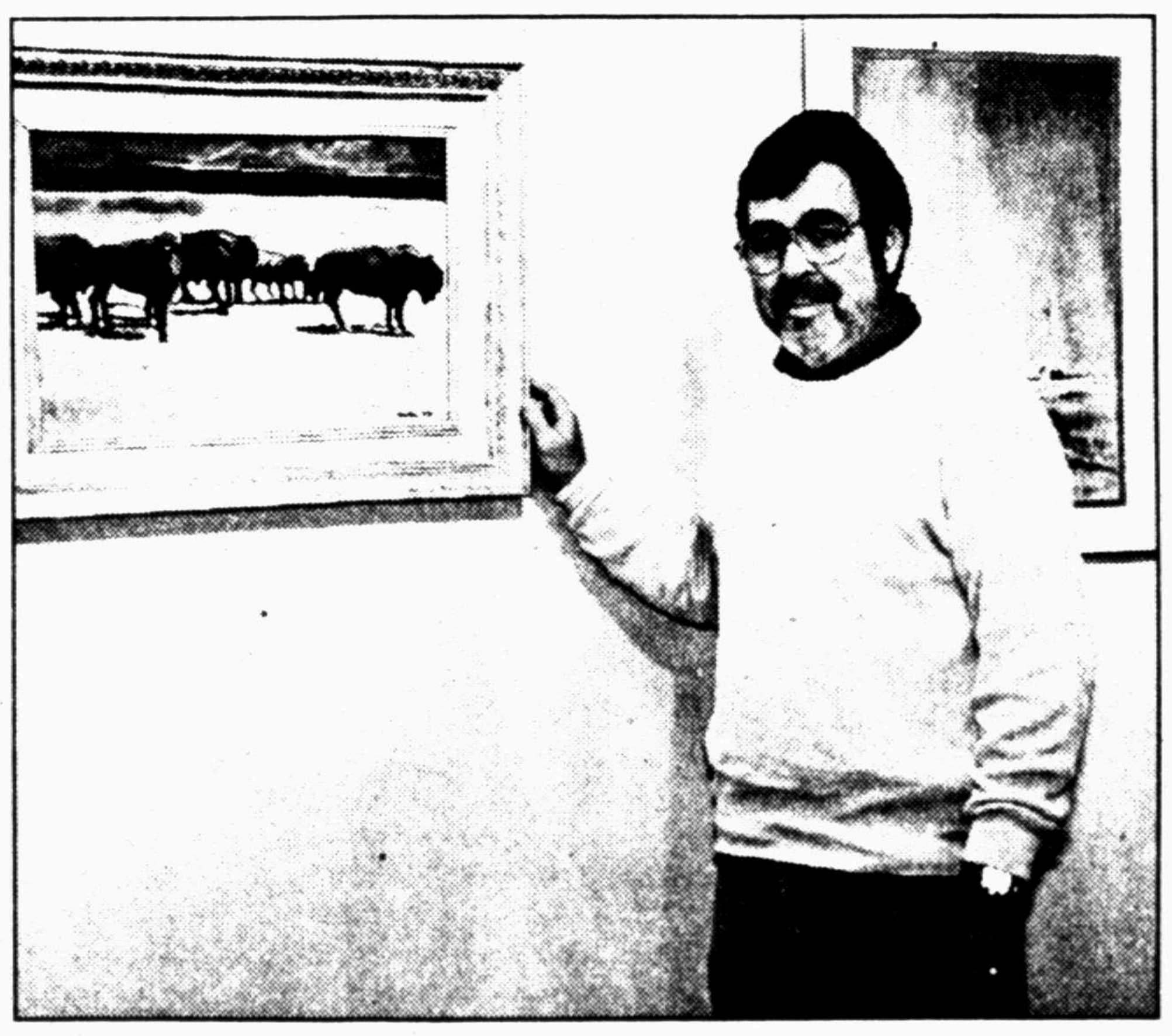
Duddleston, Peterson, and Scurry County deputies Kenny Burns and TJ Wood testified for the prosecution Tuesday.

The defense brought one witness to the stand, and other defense witnesses were testifying this morning.

Josephine Olivarez Lujan, 36, is charged with assaulting Duddleston and Peterson on Aug. 26. The two officers were responding to a disturbance call in the 1400 block of Avenue K when the alleged attacks occurred.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

And District Attorney Dana Cooley is presenting the state's case. Big Spring attorney Novert Morales is representing Lujan.



PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY — Jack Price, who teaches government and political science at Western Texas College, has several paintings on display at the Scurry County Museum. Price is standing near one, which features buffaloes that he saw while living in Wyoming. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

"The feller on Deep Creek says," A marriage is a lot like both war and peace. All three of 'em require sacrifice."

Our Texas Senator, Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls, has introduced legislation in Austin hoping to make couples take their wedding vows more seriously.

The 30th district senator, who has been married 42 years, is a believer in lengthy marriages. "Anything we can do (the legislature) about long marriages is long overdue."

Haywood has proposed a covenant marriage option, designating a more serious approach to vows exchanged by a couple.

The prospective bride and groom would voluntarily enter into an agreement that they intend for the union to last. They agree – if trouble surfaces – that they will seek counseling.

A couple already married can do the same thing. Grounds for divorce in these covenant marriages would include only adultery, felony conviction, abandonment, family violence or a long prison term.

Some senators, however, like the no-fault provisions for divorce. We've never understood the "no-fault" concept. It must have been dreamed up by somebody who has never been married.

We think a lot more marriages would remain successful if they would take the vows more seriously and themselves less so.

We liked the story in the January issue of a civic club publication.

An elderly couple, married for more than 70 years, sit holding hands in the front porch swing.

The husband declared, "You know, Martha, when the market crashed in the '20s, we lost our investments, and you stood by me."

The wife nodded cheerfully.

The old feller continued, "When I went off to war in the '40s, got shot up in combat and came home crippled, you stood by me." The wife smiled and nodded.

"When the barn burned down in the '60s and we had no insurance and no money to rebuild and we had to borrow – you stood by me."

The wife said she remembered.

"And even in the '80s, when the market crashed, the banks closed and we lost our savings, you were there by my side."

The missus nodded.

"And last year, when I had triple by-pass surgery, you sat with me day and night."

She nodded again.

"You know, Martha," the husband continued, "come to think of it, you're bad luck."

ASK US

Q—What is the level of Lake Colorado City?

A—The lake is down just over seven feet.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 53 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 30; no precipitation; total for 2001, 1.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low around 25, light, variable wind. Thursday, partly cloudy, high around 50, light W wind, becoming N, 5-15 mph in the afternoon.

Jessie Kenley
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:19 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:36 a.m.

Of 30 days in 2001, the sun has shone 24 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Imagination, not invention, is the supreme master of art as of life.
—Joseph Conrad

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Juries handing out bigger product liability rewards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Juries were a lot more generous during the 1990s to people harmed by defective products than to those injured in other ways, but the overall size of jury verdicts in injury lawsuits remained roughly constant, an independent study showed.

Awards grew dramatically in product liability cases, from a median of $500,300 in 1993 to $1.8 million in 1999, but with significant fluctuations in between, the study released Tuesday by LRP Publications concluded.

Still, the 1999 figure, coming on top of a median award of $1.2 million in 1998, represented the fastest growth in two decades.

The study includes all figures from plaintiff awards that LRP could collect from every state but is not a comprehensive database of every award nationwide. LRP, which sells its services to legal, business and other clients, broke jury awards into several categories: automobile accidents, faulty products, medical malpractice and personal and business liability.

Product claims involving faulty cars and other transportation devices yielded the highest median awards over the seven years, more than $1 million.

Several other categories of personal injury claims also saw increases in the size of jury awards, but all increases were offset by declines in the sizes of awards for negligence involving cars and other vehicles, the most common type of claim.

The median jury award for all types of injuries was the same in 1993 and 1999, $50,000. The median award figure dipped to $39,000 in 1996 but otherwise remained between $45,000 and $50,000 for all years.

The figures do not include punitive damages, which sometimes accompany so-called compensatory damages, the amount a jury decides is fair restitution for the injury.

The increases in jury awards for the sophisticated and often highly specialized categories of product liability and medical malpractice cases largely reflect greater selectivity by plaintiffs' lawyers, said Association of Trial Lawyers of America spokesman Carlton Carl.

"The cases that are brought are the most appalling and the most convincing to a jury," Carl said.

Overhauling the tort system, a legal movement to limit outsize damage awards and frivolous lawsuits, has made many kinds of personal injury cases more difficult and expensive to mount. The Supreme Court also has set a high bar for expert testimony in such cases, meaning that plaintiff lawyers must pay more for additional research and vetting of witnesses and sometimes hire multiple layers of expert witnesses, lawyers say.

"If you make it more difficult for people to seek remedy in the courts, and if the process is more expensive," many lawyers will concentrate on those cases that offer the greatest opportunity for large verdict awards, Carl said.

Plaintiff lawyers typically pay up front the cost of bringing personal injury cases. They win less than half the time, which means lawyers take a calculated risk with every case because the attorney typically does not get paid unless the client wins.

In general, jury awards and insurance payouts for all types of injuries have gone down in the past decade, Carl said.

On the Net: LRP Publications: http://www.lrp.com/

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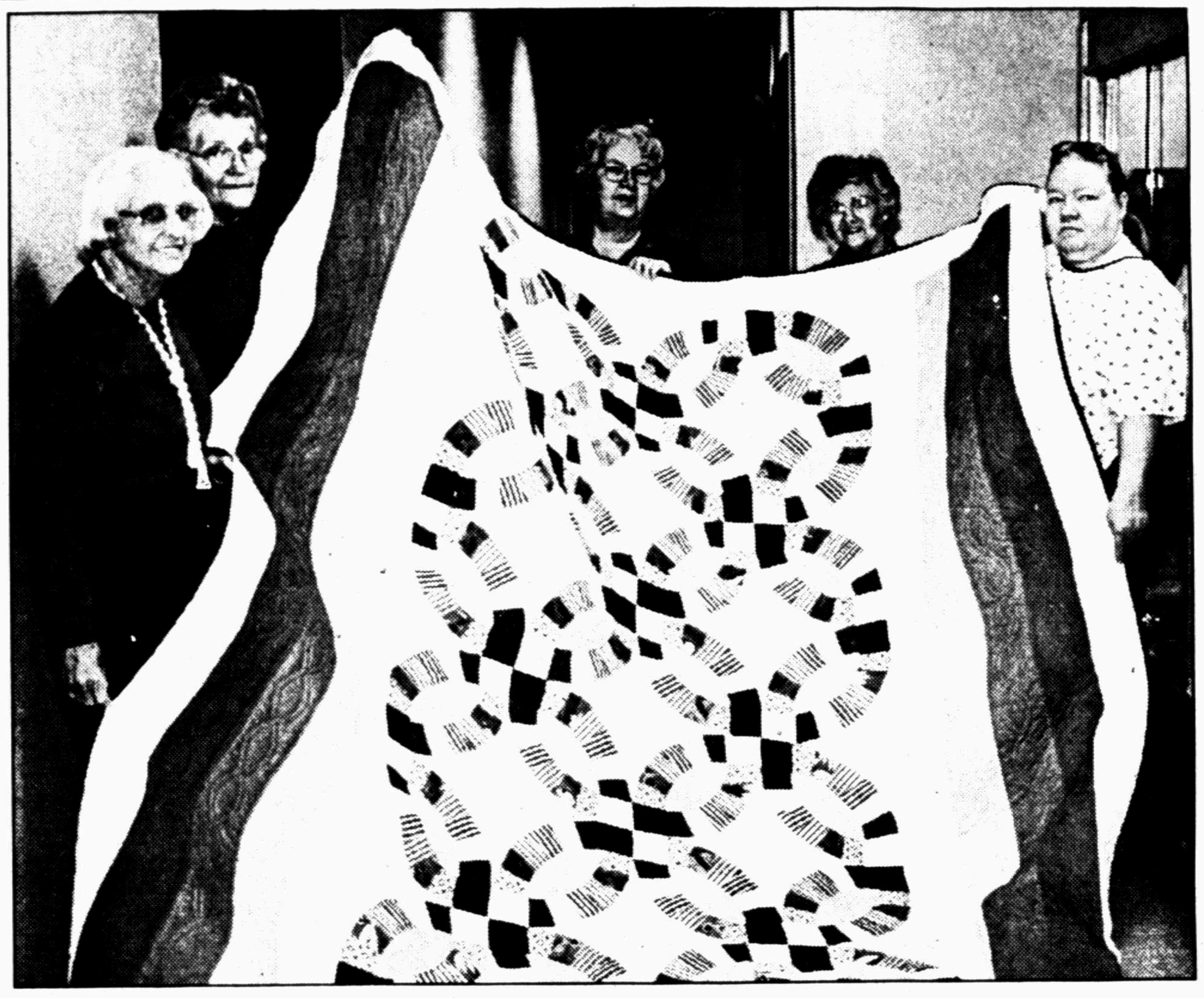

DONATE QUILT — The Rock and Roll Quilting Club of Hermleigh made this double wedding ring quilt and donated it to the Scurry County Museum. Mary Costello made the top and quilters include left, Dorothy Campbell, Maggie Barnes, Joy Early, Fay Sims, Lee Spruill. Not pictured are Pauline Walton, Ellen Riley and Berniece Sealy. The quilt will be auctioned and proceeds will benefit the museum's education outreach programs. Anyone who likes to quilt may join the Rock and Rollers, whether beginners or advanced. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Amazon.com hopes layoffs will result in profitability

SEATTLE (AP) — Amazon.com said its decision to lay off 1,300 employees is part of an effort to steer itself toward profitability, despite lowered expectations for revenue growth in the year ahead.

Analysts said the cost-cutting measure was a step in the right direction, though they were concerned the lowered sales forecasts could drag down earnings at Amazon, which has never turned a profit.

"I think the layoffs are just symptomatic of the fact that they are not growing as fast as they thought they would," said Allyson Rodgers, an analyst with Ragen MacKenzie Inc. in Seattle.

The world's largest Internet retailer also reported Tuesday that it had a narrower-than-expected $545 million net loss for the fourth-quarter.

Analysts were expecting revenue growth of 35 percent to 40 percent for 2001, but Amazon said growth would likely be more in the range of 20 percent to 30 percent.

Jeff Bezos, Amazon founder and chief executive, told analysts the decision to cut workers was painful but "clearly the right business decision for us." The layoffs amount to 15 percent of Amazon's work force.

Amazon's chief financial officer, Warren Jenson, said the company would reach profitability by the fourth quarter of this year.

Amazon will close a distribution center in McDonough, Ga., affecting 450 employees, and a customer service center in Seattle, affecting 400 more. The moves are expected within 90 days. It also said the company's distribution center in Seattle would be operated seasonally.

Amazon joins other companies that are laying off employees amid signs of a sluggish U.S. economy. Earlier this week, DaimlerChrysler announced plans for 26,000 layoffs and The Walt Disney Co. said it was folding its money-losing Internet business back into the parent company, a move that will result in 400 layoffs.

On the Net:
Amazon: http://www.amazon.com

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-0-8

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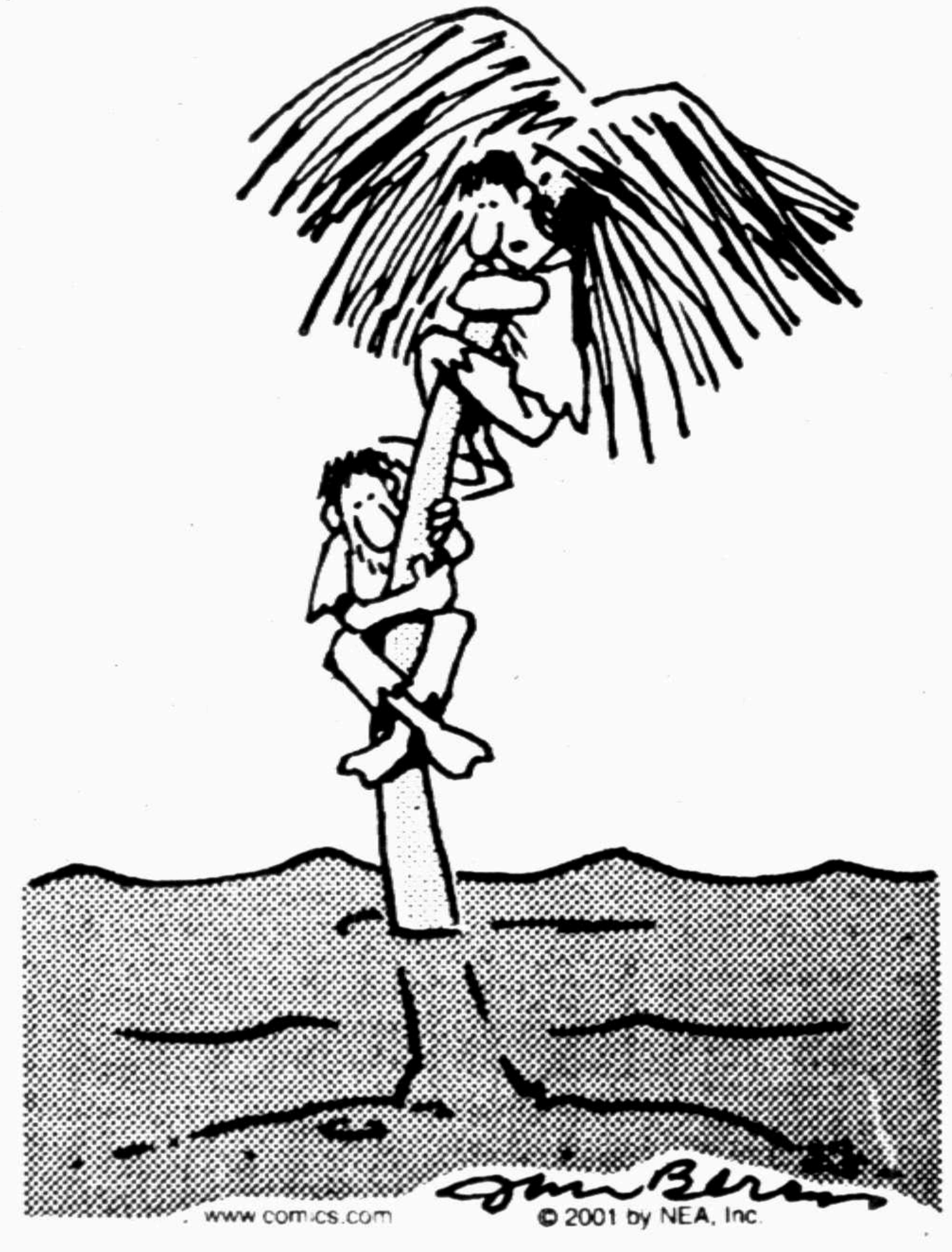

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Date Book

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001

Today is the 31st day of 2001 and the 42nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1863, in Buford, S.C., the first Union regiment in the Civil War to be made up of African-American soldiers was mustered into federal service. In the following year, the regiments name became the 33rd U.S. Colored Infantry.

On this day in 1873, the U.S. Senate abolished the franking privilege of its members. The privilege was restored a few years later.

On this day in 1992, sports announcer Howard Cosell retired from broadcasting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Schubert (1797-1828), composer; Anna Pavlova (1882-1931), ballerina; Eddie Cantor (1892-1964), comedian; Tallulah Bankhead (1903-1968), actress; Jackie Robinson (1919-1972), baseball great; Carol Channing (1923-), actress, is 78; Ernie Banks (1931-), baseball great, is 70; Philip Glass (1937-), composer, is 64; Nolan Ryan (1947-), baseball great, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, the San Diego Padres ball club was purchased by Ray Kroc, the chairman of McDonald's.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It's one of the tragic ironies of the theater that only one man in it can count on steady work — the night watchman." — Tallulah Bankhead

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

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Verdict brings some families relief

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N.J. (AP) — When the first verdict was announced, Daniel Cohen clasped his hands together and breathed deeply, overcome by emotion.

Sitting in his living room watching television, the father of a 20-year-old college student killed in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 sighed with relief.

"I'm happier than I thought I would be," he said after a Scottish court convicted Libyan intelligence officer Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi of murder Wednesday.

Then he watched CNN, waiting to hear the second verdict. A second Libyan, Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, was acquitted.

"Both would have been better, but the important thing is that the Libyan government has been indicted in this thing," said Cohen, who attended the first week of the trial in Camp Zeist, the Netherlands, last May.

Moments later he fielded a phone call from his wife, Susan, who watched the closed-circuit broadcast of the verdicts in Washington, D.C., along with other victims' families.

Cohen, 64, and his wife lost their only child, 20-year-old Syracuse University student Theodora Cohen, in the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Thirty-five other Syracuse University students were aboard the plane when a bomb-laden suitcase exploded, destroying the plane and raining debris down on the tiny town.

Eleven of the 270 victims were killed on the ground.

Robert and Peggy Hunt of Rochester, N.Y., lost their 20-year-old daughter Karen in the bombing. The split verdict left the family determined to pursue civil action they say will bring to light evidence of deeper involvement by the Libyan government and others.

"We're extremely happy that the one defendant was found guilty and disappointed that the other was found not guilty," Robert Hunt said. "The word 'innocent' didn't sit real well."

The wounds continue to heal for the Hunt family but the memory of their daughter and of that terrible day will never disappear.

"Things can never be closed," Hunt said.

The United Nations imposed sanctions against Libya in 1992 because of its refusal to cooperate in the case, and then-President Clinton ordered sanctions against foreign companies that invest in Libya in 1996. But the Cohens blame the U.S. government for not acting more aggressively to punish Libya.

Victims' families say the verdict can't soothe the ache of their losses.

"We want justice, we want those responsible punished," said Norma Leckburg, of Cold Spring, who lost son Robert Leckburg Jr., 30, in the bombing. "But there will never be closure. It won't minimize the loss of our son."

Leckburg was a product engineer returning to the United States from a business trip to Europe.

Bob Monetti, 57, of Cherry Hill, who lost his son Richard Monetti, 20, in the bombing, also watched the verdict from a closed-circuit broadcast in Washington, D.C.

"We got the best we could possibly hope for," Monetti said.

"I'll tell you this, in a U.S. civil court, it'll be drop-dead easy to convict Libya, not just this one guy," he said.

For Audrey Bergstrom, the mother of crash victim Sgt. Phillip V. Bergstrom, the judgment brought only more questions: Were others involved? Will we ever know what really happened?

"My husband and I wanted to know who did it," she said from Minnesota. "Now what we want to know is why. And I don't think we'll ever know why."

On the Net:
Syracuse site:
http://www.law.syr.edu/academics/academics.asp?whatlockerbie

Workers ordered to take 3 Fridays off

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Charles Schwab Corp. is ordering thousands of its employees to take off three Fridays during the next five weeks as part of the stock brokerage's efforts to weather a downturn in its once-booming business.

All employees that don't interact with Schwab's customers in the branches or telephone service centers have been told not to report for work this Friday, Feb. 16 and March 2, said spokesman Glen Mathison. To get paid, the employees will have to use their vacation time.

Schwab is still determining how many employees will be affected by the mandate. More than 10,000 of Schwab's 26,300 full-time employees probably will be kept away from the office.

Although its operations will be scaled back during the three days, all of Schwab's branches will remain open.

The Friday furloughs will help Schwab pad its profits during what analysts expect to be a poor quarter for the San Francisco-based company. Even if all the affected employees use vacation time to assure they get paid, the move will still reduce Schwab's accrued liabilities and improve its balance sheet, Mathison said.

To combat the sluggish market conditions, Schwab has already slashed management salaries by up to 50 percent through March and reduced the company's first-quarter bonus pool by 5 percent.

The belt-tightening has required Schwab to balance satisfying shareholders and making sure it has the proper staffing to keep its customers happy.

Schwab, the nation's most popular online stock brokerage, has been hard hit by the recent Wall Street volatility that has scared off many investors. The falloff took a toll on the company's fourth-quarter profit, which represented Schwab's first decline in quarterly net income in three years.

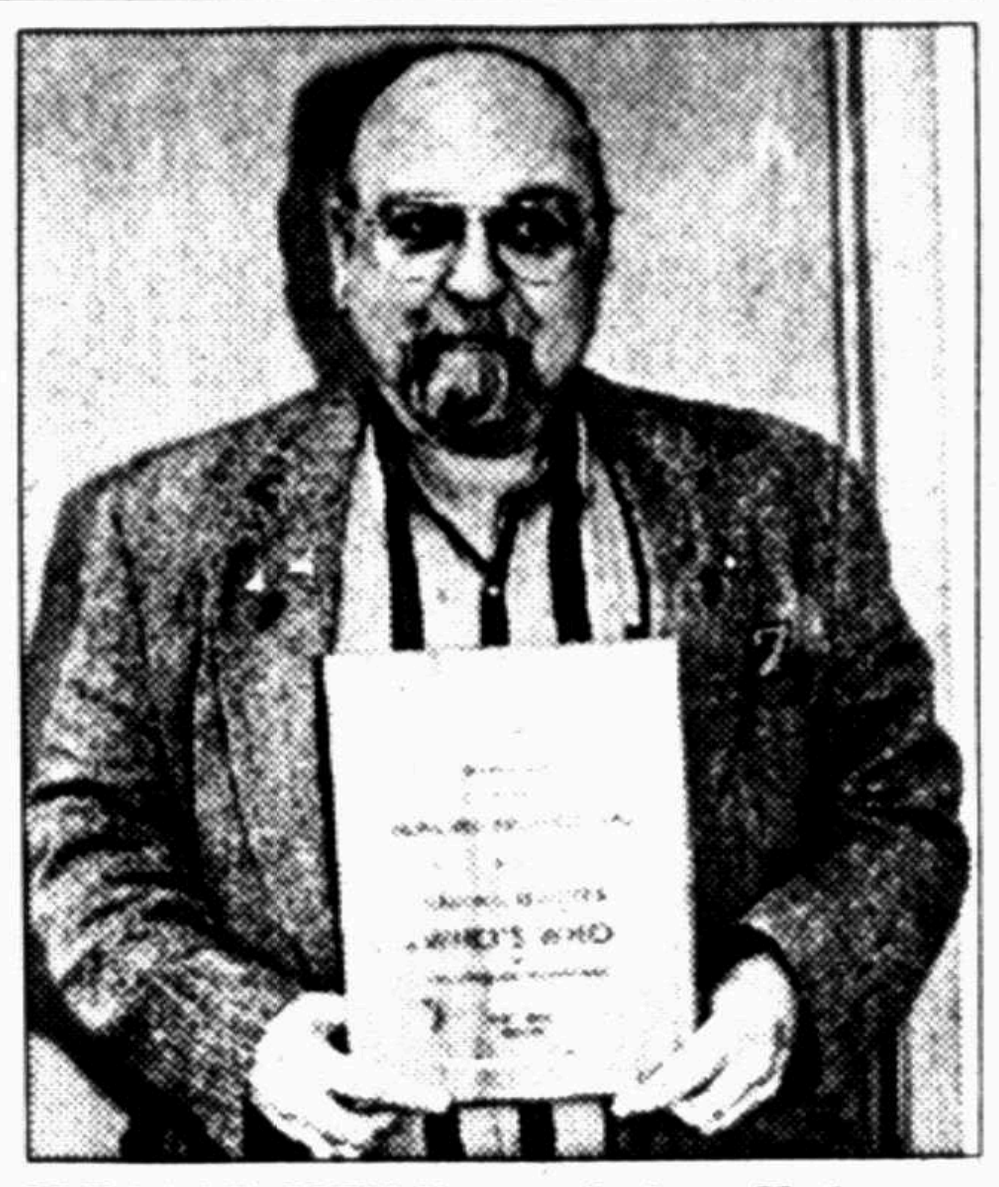
Analysts expect Schwab's first-quarter earnings to fall 32 percent below last year's profit.

"They are going to be in for a rough first half of the year," predicted industry analyst Andrew Collins of ING Barings in New York. "Their stock still looks overvalued."

Schwab's stock fell by $1.29 Tuesday to close at $27.29.

A steady escalation in stock prices, particularly in the technology industry, had ignited a period of rapid growth at Schwab. In 2000, the company increased its payroll by more than 30 percent, or 6,300 employees, and opened a sprawling new suburban campus about 40 miles east of its San Francisco headquarters to accommodate its growth.

On The Net:
http://www.aboutschwab.com



WHO'S WHO — John Zalman III, owner of ZTV Productions, has received "Who's Who" recognition, and will be included in the 2001-2002 edition of the "National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals."

Priestly gets more time to complete alcohol program

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former "Beverly Hills 90210" star Jason Priestley will get more time to complete a treatment program ordered after his drunken driving conviction last year.

The 31-year-old actor had been ordered by a court to complete a three-month alcohol counseling program. His attorney said Priestley has been unable to enter a program in Los Angeles because he has been working in New York and England.

On Tuesday, Superior Court Judge H. Randolph Moore gave Priestley until July 2 to complete a program, and allowed him to do so in New York, where he now lives. Priestley was not present for the hearing.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-31-01
♠ J 10 9 6 4
♥ Q 5
♦ A J 10 8
♣ Q 5

West
♠ A K
♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 4 3

East
♠ —
♥ A K J 10 6
♦ 7 6 4
♣ J 10 8 6 2

South
♠ Q 8 7 5 3 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K Q 9
♣ A K

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♠ K

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001

Back into southern Queensland

By Phillip Alder

Queensland enjoys at least one thing in common with Florida. Any guesses?

Sunday, Sept. 10, Jennifer Allfrey, Margot Girle and I left Inverell early for the two-hour drive through parched plains to Goondiwindi. (Aren't Aboriginal names great?) This town lies just over the New South Wales border inside Queensland. When we arrived, we learned there was an unwelcome reprise of the previous day. I had been told I was doing one class for 28, but the 15 present were expecting me to do a pair of lessons. I covered suit establishment and honor signals.

When you play bridge, you never miss a card, but is your partner so observant? For example, if you drop the heart six before the heart five, will partner always spot the high-low and draw the appropriate conclusion? Or will he note only that you played two low hearts — or, even worse, that you contributed two red cards? However, if you play an unexpected honor-card, even the most inattentive of partners will sit up and take notice.

Against four spades, I asked the Wests to lead the spade king. What should East discard?

Agreed, West might well lead a heart at trick one. And even if he selects a minor-suit card, declarer will probably assume trumps are 1-1. Yet if he guesses they are 2-0, he will play four rounds of diamonds, discarding a heart loser on the last and making the contract.

The right discard is the heart ace. It is honorable to wake up partner with an honor-card signal!

Both Queensland and Florida are called the Sunshine State.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Strangers' intrusive questions offend new adoptive mom

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been blessed with a beautiful daughter we adopted from another country. When we go out, we hear a variety of comments from strangers. Some of them — while well-meaning — are potentially hurtful to our little girl.

I am writing in the hope that sharing our point of view will help others to be more sensitive to adoptive families:

— Please DON'T ask if I have children of my own. My daughter IS my own. If you must ask about other siblings, a better term is "biological children."

— Please DON'T ask about my daughter's birth family and why they are not raising her. These are issues I wish to discuss with her privately, in my own time.

— Please DON'T make disparaging remarks about my daughter's country of origin, regardless of how you feel about their customs or government policies. My daughter needs to hear positive things about her culture of origin. Many of the negative comments I have received have been untrue or one-sided.

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— Please DON'T ask me about my fertility status. I would rather not discuss it with a stranger.

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DEAR BLESSED: Thank you for telling it like it is. Sometimes people engage their mouths before engaging their brains. Unfortunately, there is no end to the thoughtless, insensitive questions some people ask — which brings to mind a letter that appeared in my column many years ago. Read on:

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Aaliyah to appear in 2 sequels to 'The Matrix'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grammy-nominated R&B performer Aaliyah has signed on to appear in two sequels to the high-tech thriller "The Matrix."

The 22-year-old singer, who made her feature acting debut in "Romeo Must Die," will begin work in March when the first of the sequels begins production in Australia, The Hollywood Reporter reported Tuesday.

Aaliyah will play a character named Zee, but details of the plot have not been released.

Her song "Try Again" recently earned her a Grammy nomination for best female R&B vocalist.

Sibling filmmakers Larry and Andy Wachowski, who directed the first installment of "The Matrix," will direct both sequels. Stars Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne and Hugo Weaving will also return.

Filming for the third installment is set to begin after production wraps on the second movie.

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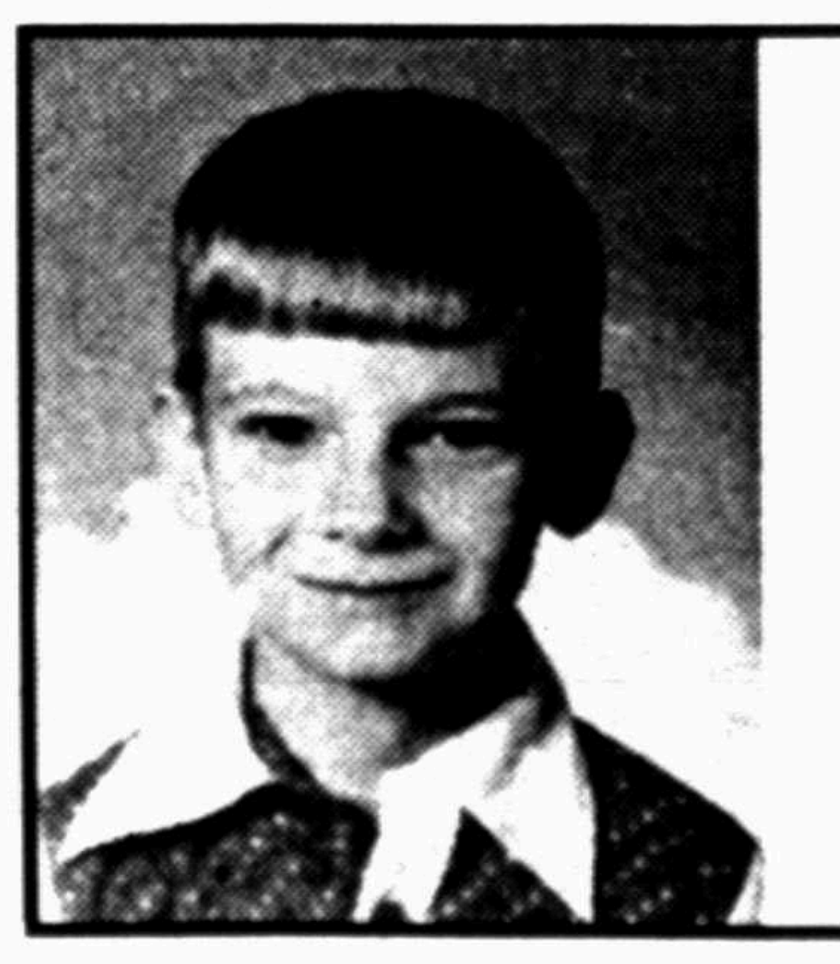

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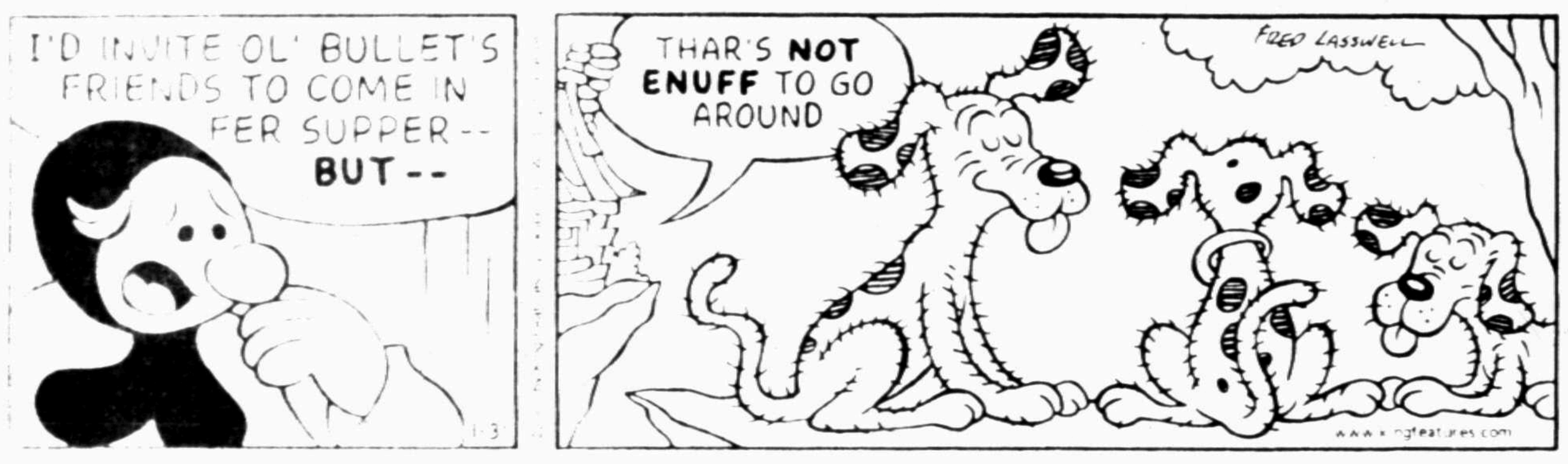
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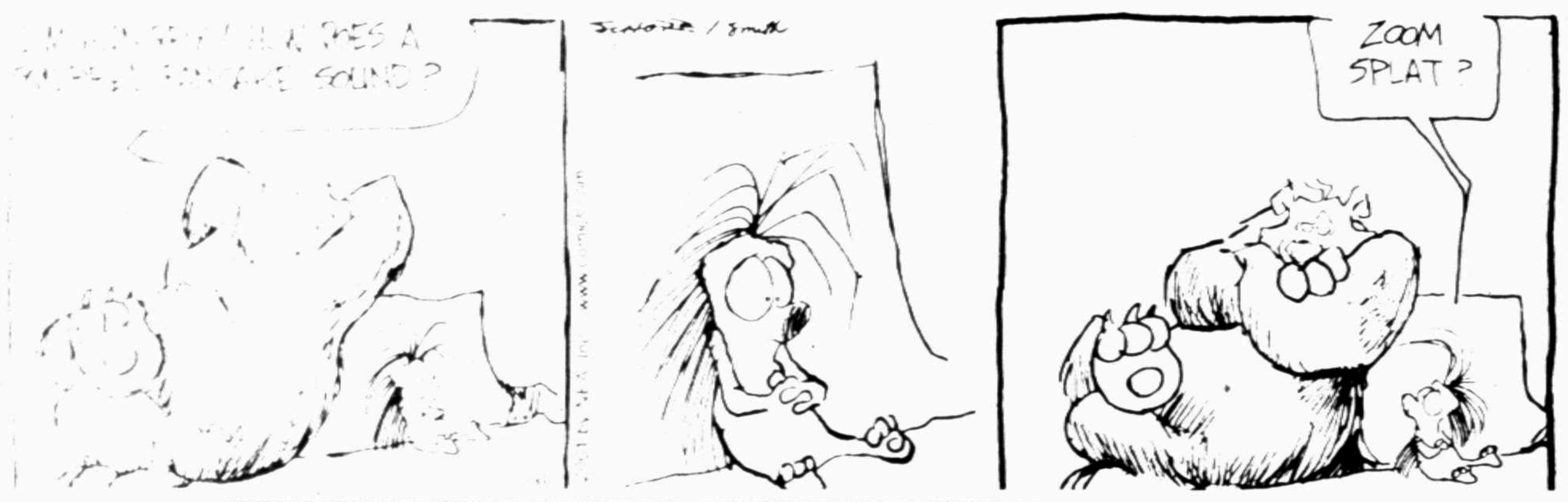

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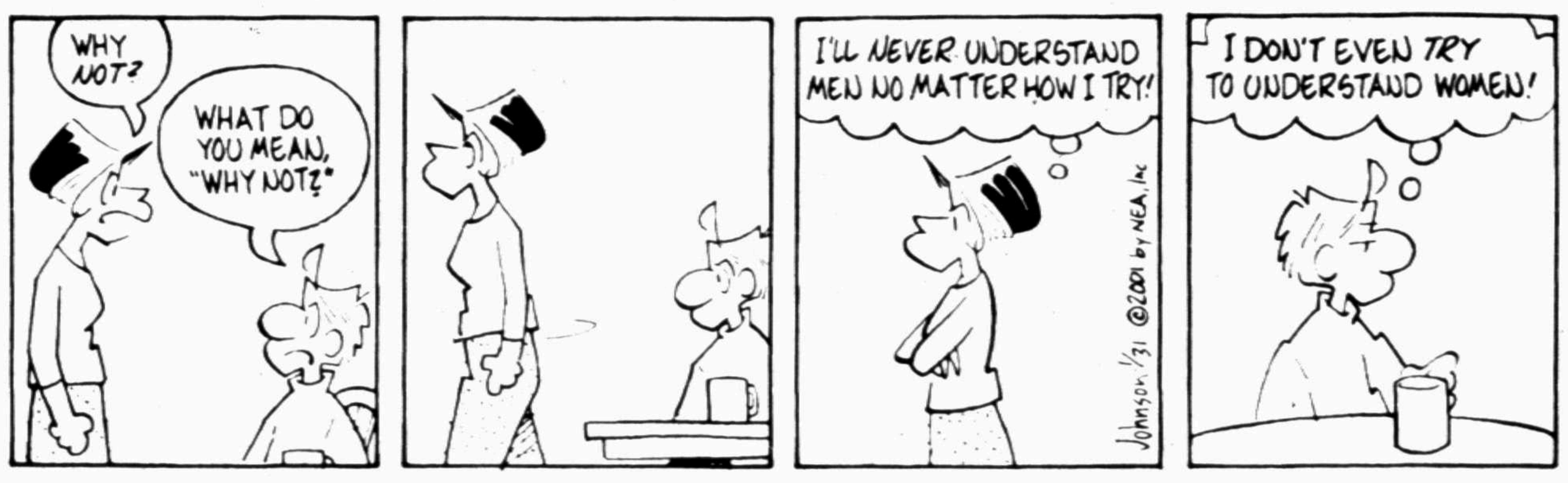
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHY NOT?"
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I DON'T EVEN TRY TO UNDERSTAND WOMEN!
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IT'S THE END OF AN ERA
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, GORDIE! YOU'VE ENDED UP WITH ABBY HERE! BUT ELLEN'S STARTED HANGING OUT WITH SOME IDIOT NAMED MARK!
WHAT A JERK! HE CAME BY THE HOUSE EARLIER AND THEY TOOK OFF TOGETHER TO WHO KNOWS WHERE!
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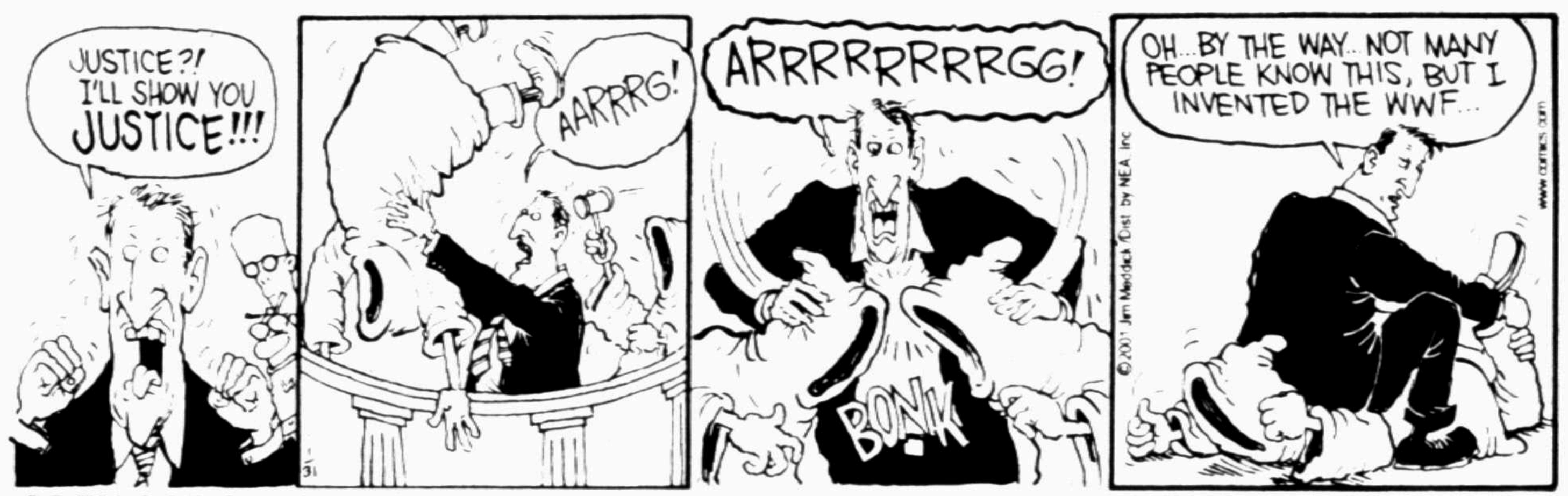
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SO AT LEAST THEY'RE NOT DISCUSSING US
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1 Fought with swords
7 Hindu mendicant
12 Dull
13 Debonair
14 Sunday speech
15 Spruce up
16 Oklahoma town
17 Horse doc
18 First lady
21 Enclose snugly
23 Videotape type
26 — and void
28 Musical medley
29 Wide shoe size
30 Blackthorn fruit
31 Popular reference book
33 Coldness
36 Put in a secret spot
37 Vegas lead-in
38 Sundae topping
40 Shot a hole-in-one
41 Compass pt.
42 Lake fish
44 Before, to a bard
45 Nosh
46 Mrs. Peron
48 Adulterate
51 California's neighbor
55 Submerged
56 Pressed
57 Terminated
58 — Film Festival

DOWN

1 Orthodontist's deg.
2 "Vent" end
3 "Ballad" finish
4 Tibetan monk
5 Wear away by abrasion
6 Forceful person
7 Liberty
8 Blind as — —
9 Krazy —
10 "Opal" finish
11 Stimpy's pal
13 Reveal
18 Store fodder
19 Fire deity
20 Girl who lived at the Plaza
22 Explosions
23 Italian city
24 Double- — (baseball event)
25 Withdraw from the Union
27 Bernstein, for short
32 "Eureka!"
34 Boxed
35 Was fit for
39 Having fine views
43 — — barrel (stuck)
45 Alleviate
47 Shakespeare's river
48 ETO head
49 Vast age
50 Comic Abbott
52 Actress Jillian
53 Poor mark
54 Commercials

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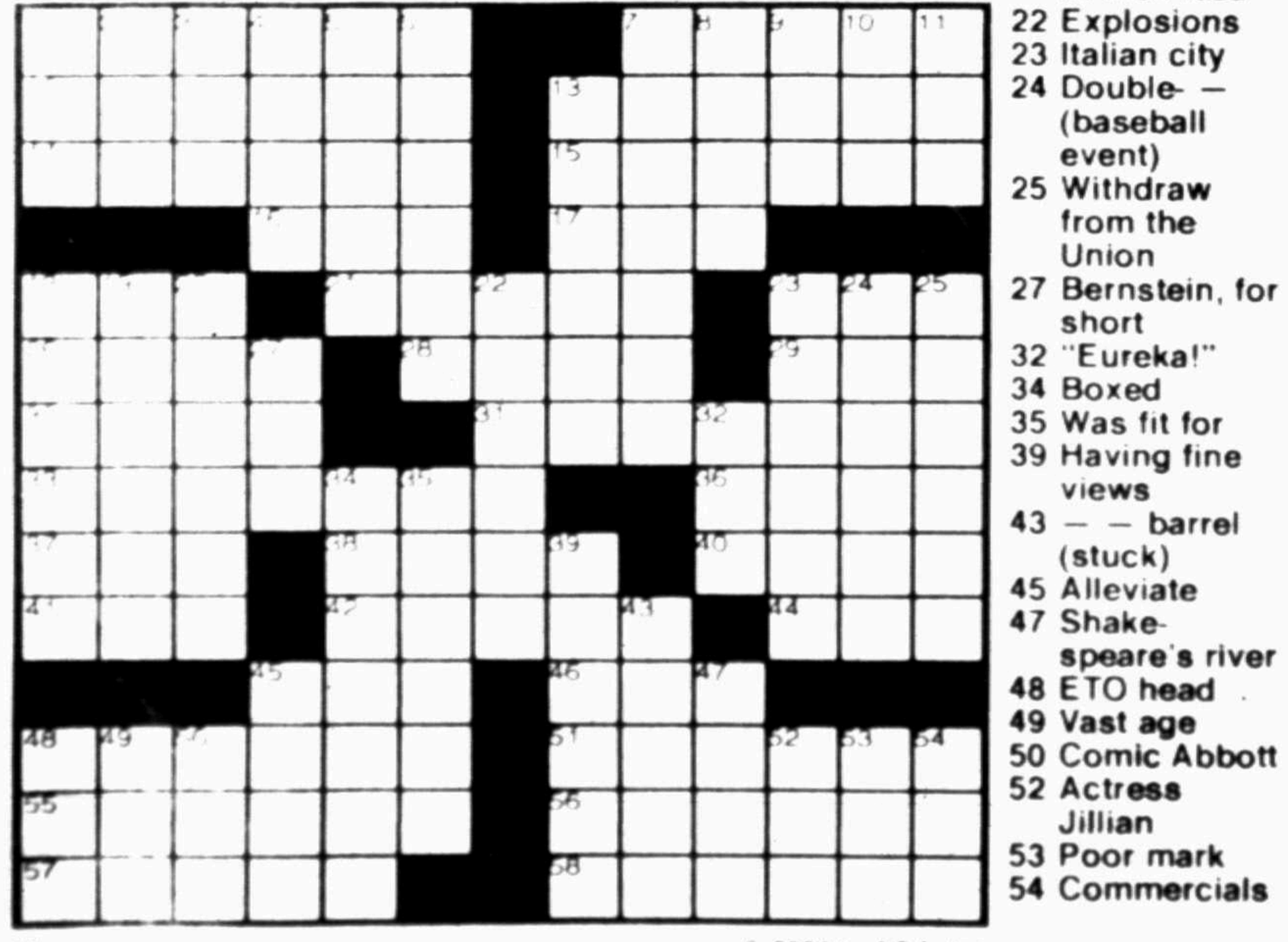

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SPORTS

Wildcats hold off Bulldogs, 60-47

WESTBROOK — The Ira boys and girls had different outcomes to Tuesday night's ballgames, but their paths to the postseason remain identical.

The Ira boys fell to Westbrook, 60-47, while the Lady Bulldogs whipped the Lady Wildcats, 45-15. Now both Ira squads can secure playoff berths with victories Friday over Grady.

Ira's girls improve to 5-2 in district play and 11-11 on the season, while the Bulldogs slip to 5-2 and 10-10 overall.

In Tuesday's boys' match-up, Ira jumped out to a 16-11 lead and seemed poised to redeem an earlier setback to the Wildcats.

But Westbrook changed the course of the game in the second quarter, switching to a triangle-and-two defense to try to limit the production of Ira's Nathan Smith and Eric Dickerhoff.

The switch was effective as the Bulldogs managed only three points in the second period to trail by nine at halftime.

"When they switched defenses we really struggled for a while," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Then we were able to make some adjustments at halftime to get back in the game; but every time we would make a run, they would answer."

Following the halftime adjustments, Ira netted 21 points in the third quarter. With only a handful of seconds left in the third, the Bulldogs had trimmed the deficit to two points, before Westbrook's Chris Matlock nailed a long-range jumper at the buzzer to stretch the margin back to five.

The Wildcats then opened the fourth quarter with another bucket, and quickly the lead was back to seven points. Ira would get no closer than four points the rest of the way.

Despite Westbrook's defensive tactics, Smith finished with a game-high 22 points that included five three-pointers.

Seth Sterling added 13 points for the Bulldogs, and Jake Barnes and Eric Dickerhoff posted six apiece.

In girls' action, it was Ira's defensive effort that dominated the game.

The Lady Bulldogs surrendered only two points in the first half, shutting out Westbrook in the second quarter.

With a 22-2 lead at the break, Ira continued to stretch its advantage in the second half, outscoring the Lady Wildcats 23-13 in the final two periods.

On the offensive end, the Lady Bulldogs got balanced scoring from eight different players.

Tara Allen's 13 points led the team. Celeigh Sterling added 10, and Morgan Clements netted seven.

Lindsey Wilson drained five points, with Michelle Nettles dropping in four. Kali Clements posted three points. Amanda Calley chipped in two, and Mikanna Herring finished with one.

Ira hosts Grady on Friday. The girls get underway at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 p.m.

Tigers crumble late against 'Dogs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

When looking for reasons for Tuesday night's loss, the Snyder Tigers won't have to look very far. Coach Bud Birks has it spelled out on their dressing room blackboard, "Possessions – 58, Turnovers – 20, Bad Shots – 9."

Birks put the numbers on the board to drive home a point with his team.

"We can't continue to take bad shots and turn the ball over, and expect to win ballgames," Birks said. "It's as simple as that."

Snyder (17-9) struggled with those aspects down the stretch Tuesday night, allowing the Plainview Bulldogs (16-12) to rally for a 60-57 victory at the SHS gym.

After falling to Frenship on Friday, Tuesday's setback marks the first time the Tigers have dropped back-to-back games since late November. The loss drops the Tigers into a second-place tie with the Bulldogs at 7-3.

Snyder now faces the task of getting back on track Friday against the district's top team, Lubbock Estacado.

"To win in this district, we are going to have to stick to the game plan," Birks stated. "On the offensive and defensive ends, all five guys have to do what they're supposed to do."

Other than an initial 3-0 advantage to start the game, the Bulldogs never led until midway through the fourth quarter, when the Tigers started to crumble.

After inside buckets from Shante Taylor and Jared Thornhill put Snyder up by three points at the 4:44 mark, the Tigers managed only four points over the next four minutes and never saw the lead again.

Plainview took advantage of Snyder turnovers and errant shots to put together a 12-4 run that gave the Bulldogs a 57-52 advantage with 25 seconds left on the clock.

The Tigers closed to within two points when Chris McLeod nailed a long-range jumper with five seconds remaining.

In addition to the turnovers, Snyder was only 4 of 10 from the free-throw line in the second half.

"We didn't make our free throws, and that will always come back to get you in the end," said Birks. "And we gave up 21 points in the fourth quarter, because for most of the second half we had some guys that were playing defense like they're supposed to, and some that weren't.

"That won't work. You have to have all five guys doing what they're supposed to do. Just one or two guys doing their own thing will mess everything up."

The Tigers led by as many as eight points early in the third quarter, thanks in part to Taylor. The 6-6 senior poured in 11 of his team-high 15 points in the second half.

But Snyder never could find the range from outside, as the Tigers' usual sharpshooters were off target. Heath Pinkerton was 1 for 9 from behind the arc, and Jamaal Wofford went 1 for 5.

Taylor, Thornhill and junior Chris McLeod helped keep the Tigers in the game. Taylor and Thornhill combined for 25 points in the paint, and McLeod added 11 points to go along with a handful of steals.

The Tigers must correct their mistakes before facing Estacado on Friday, according to Birks.

"We're going to work on our mistakes in practice, and hopefully it will pay off," said Birks. "We're going to have to play better than this to have a chance to beat Estacado."

In Tuesday's other district action, Frenship knocked off Levelland, 51-41. Big Spring toppled Lake View, 76-41, and Estacado downed Andrews, 89-42.

Plainview	14	12	13	21	—	60
Snyder	16	16	10	15	—	57

Plainview
Davis 8-13 3-4 19, Bradie 7-13 3-5 19, Garcia 3-4 0-0 9, Stokes 1-5 0-0 2, King 0-1 0-1 0, Heads 4-7 1-3 9, Porter 1-1 0-0 2, Hall 0-5 0-0 0, Brotherton 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 24-52 7-13 60.**

Snyder
Taylor 7-10 1-3 15, McLeod 4-7 2-2 11, Thornhill 4-6 2-6 10, Pinkerton 2-13 4-6 9, Wofford 3-8 0-1 7, Landes 1-1 1-1 3, Pruitt 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals 22-46 10-19 57.**

Three-point goals: Plainview 5 (Garcia 3, Bradie 2), Snyder 3 (McLeod, Pinkerton, Wofford). Rebounds: Plainview 23 (Davis 10), Snyder 31 (Taylor 10). Total fouls: Plainview 20, Snyder 16. Fouled out — King.

District 4-4A Boys' Basketball

	District		Season	
Team	**W**	**L**	**W**	**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

Tuesday's results: Plainview 60, Snyder 57; Frenship 51, Levelland 41; Big Spring 76, Lake View 41; Estacado 89, Andrews 42.

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.

Hermleigh falls to Highland

HIGHLAND — After three quarters of fighting the Highland Hornets, the Hermleigh Cardinals ran out of steam down the stretch.

Highland outscored Hermleigh, 17-7, in the fourth quarter Tuesday night to turn a close ballgame into a 50-37 victory in District 12-A boys' action.

The Hermleigh girls also fell, dropping a 44-22 decision to the Lady Hornets.

In the boys' match-up, Hermleigh grabbed a two-point lead in the opening minutes, before Highland pulled even by halftime.

The Hornets went in front, 33-30, to start the fourth quarter, then the Cardinals hit their dry spell of only seven points over the next eight minutes.

Billy Lambaren finished with 17 points to lead the Cardinals, while David Digby posted 10.

Jeremy Roemisch tallied four points, and Terrel Culp and Chris McClure added three apiece.

The Cardinals fall to 3-15 on the season and 1-6 in league play.

In the girls' contest, Highland was able to limit the production of Hermleigh's Sheena Callaway.

Callaway, who averages 24 points per game, netted only eight Tuesday.

The Lady Hornets stingy defensive effort held the Lady Cardinals to only 12 points through the first three quarters of play.

Sabrina Terry also dropped in eight points, while Cheyenne Walker, Valerie West and Brittany Jones chipped in two apiece.

The Lady Cardinals slip to 2-5 in district competition and 7-14 overall.

Both Hermleigh squads finish out their seasons Friday when they host Trent.

Heat rip Rockets, 103-85

HOUSTON (AP) — Steve Francis was upset with what he saw as a lack of effort by some of his teammates. He had plenty of support.

"Some of our guys looked like they didn't want to play," said Francis, who had 21 points and 10 rebounds in Houston's 103-85 loss to the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

"If it was up to me, I'd have put them on the bench. I don't know if Rudy saw that or not."

Actually, Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich agreed with Francis.

"I didn't feel there was any energy," Tomjanovich said. "There certainly wasn't enough energy to play a playoff team like Miami.

"I don't know what happened. We've had that energy all year. But tonight, when we needed to make a run, it just never came."

Francis knows why the Rockets ended a modest two-game winning streak.

"It was like it was raining out there or something," he said. "I know what to do to get myself prepared to play, but I don't know what to do to get someone else prepared. I'm not saying any names but there are definitely some people who need to look in the mirror."

Cuttino Mobley, who led all scorers with 22 points, agreed.

"We were just passive. We weren't aggressive at all. I don't accept that kind of play."

It was fine with the Heat, which had lost 91-80 to the Rockets in Miami Nov. 25. Houston was 11-2 vs. Eastern Conference teams before Tuesday.

"We were happy with the way we came out tonight because Houston jumped on us in Miami," Anthony Carter said. "Tonight we took it to them. It was a great effort by everybody."

Miami hit 63 percent of its shots in the first quarter and led by as many as 24 in the third quarter.

"It was revenge tonight," said Tim Hardaway.

Lady Tigers succumb to Plainview pressure

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Early in the third quarter Tuesday night, the Plainview Lady Bulldogs were well below their scoring average, and the Snyder Lady Tigers were within 10 points of the lead.

Then the Lady Bulldogs proved why they're the state's No. 1 team.

Plainview put together a 20-2 run in the second half Tuesday to pull away from Snyder for a 55-25 victory at the SHS gym.

The Lady Bulldogs remain unbeaten in District 4-4A competition and improve to 27-1 overall. The setback drops the Lady Tigers (17-9) to 6-6 in the league but doesn't mathematically eliminate them from the playoffs.

Snyder can keep its postseason hopes alive with victories over Estacado and Andrews, combined with Frenship and Big Spring losses in either of their final two games. Snyder, Frenship and Big Spring would then square off in a district playoff tournament to determine the final qualifier.

"Even with everything we've been through, we're still not out of it," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "And for all that's happened, for us to still have a chance says a lot about our girls."

Early in the second half, Snyder still had a chance to upset the top-ranked Lady Bulldogs. After trailing by 14 points at the break, the Lady Tigers cut the deficit to 10 points and had possession of the ball, before Plainview forced a turnover and began its run.

"We wanted to take a couple of their offensive options away from them, and we were able to do that," Tipton stated. "At halftime, we said the biggest things hurting us were turnovers and Plainview's offensive rebounds."

After a bucket from Ashley Delce brought the Lady Tigers to within 10, the Lady Bulldogs picked up the pace and soon put the game out of reach.

"I'm proud of our girls for executing what we wanted, but Plainview was able to make some extra adjustments that hurt us," said Tipton. "That's why they're the best team in the state. I vote them No. 1 every week, and if I had six more votes, I would vote the same way.

"We were having to play about as good as we could play to keep our heads above water. Then in the third quarter, Plainview went into another gear, and we just didn't have anything more."

The Lady Bulldogs closed out the third quarter with a 10-0 run to take a 41-17 lead, before opening the fourth period with four consecutive points.

Snyder tried to answer, as T'Leah Eicke buried two three-pointers in the span of a minute, but Plainview never let up.

The Lady Tigers committed 27 turnovers on the night, 18 of them in the first half, but limited the Lady Bulldogs to their second-lowest point total of the year.

Plainview shot only 39 percent from the floor, but attempted 28 more shots than Snyder.

Ashley Delce paced the Lady Tigers' offensive output with 10 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

Snyder will be on the court Friday when it hosts Estacado.

In Tuesday's other district action, Levelland knocked off Frenship, 40-33. Big Spring toppled Lake View, 67-31, and Andrews downed Estacado 77-68.

Plainview	19	08	14	14	—	55
Snyder	08	05	04	08	—	25

Plainview
Welch 5-11 0-0 11, Shaw 5-8 0-0 10, Robertson 3-9 2-4 10, Reinart 3-12 0-0 7, Robbins 1-5 0-0 3, Thompson 4-6 2-2 10, Williams 1-2 1-2 4, Bates 0-1 0-0 0, Hauk 0-1 0-0 0, Newland 0-1 0-0 0, Ortegon 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 22-57 5-8 55.**

Snyder
Delce 5-9 0-0 10, Eicke 2-10 0-0 6, Murray 2-3 0-0 4, Geiger 1-3 1-2 3, Mackey 0-1 0-0 0, Schwertner 1-2 0-1 2, Robinson 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 11-29 1-3 25.**

Three-point goals: Plainview 6 (Robertson 2, Welch, Reinart, Robbins, Williams), Snyder 2 (Eicke 2). Rebounds: Plainview 23 (Robertson 6), Snyder 24 (Delce 10). Total fouls: Plainview 12, Snyder 6. Fouled out — None.

District 4-4A Girls' Basketball

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

Tuesday's results: Plainview 55, Snyder 25; Levelland 40, Frenship 33; Big Spring 67, Lake View 31; Andrews 77, Estacado 68.

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Local Sports Schedule

FRIDAY
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

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SATURDAY
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TaeKwonDo

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

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

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Philadelphia	34	11	.756	—
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Toronto	24	21	.533	3
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Indiana	20	24	.455	6½
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Dallas	28	18	.609	2
Minnesota	28	18	.609	2
Denver	26	19	.578	3½
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L.A. Lakers	28	15	.651	3
Phoenix	25	18	.581	6
Seattle	26	22	.542	7½
Golden State	14	31	.311	18
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Tuesday's Games
L.A. Lakers 102, Cleveland 96
Orlando 93, Indiana 86
Toronto 96, Philadelphia 89
Miami 103, Houston 85
Utah 102, Seattle 88
Portland 92, Chicago 81
Sacramento 105, Golden State 79

Wednesday's Games
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Philadeiphia at New York, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

TaeKwonDo tournament

The West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships will be held Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Between 400 and 500 competitors are expected.

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Edwards can't serve time in the same prison his son is in

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Federal officials have denied former Gov. Edwin Edwards' request to serve his federal sentence in the same Texas prison as his son, an attorney said.

Richard Crane, an attorney for Edwards, said the federal Bureau of Prisons office in Dallas denied the request —without explanation — in a letter received Tuesday.

"It's terrible," Crane said. "It's like saying you're going to go to trial tomorrow but you say, 'Well what are the charges?', and they say, 'We're not going to tell you.' It could be anything."

A Bureau of Prisons official said it is customary to deny a prison change request without providing a reason and said the office does not comment on prisoners who have not yet reported.

Crane said the denial probably ends any chance of Edwards and his son serving their time together.

Both were convicted last year on charges they rigged the riverboat casino licensing process before and after Edwards' fourth and final term in office, which ended in January 1996.

Edwards, 73, was assigned to the Federal Medical Center at Fort Worth, Texas, a complex that includes a health care complex. He wanted to begin serving his 10-year sentence at the low-security federal prison at Beaumont, Texas, where Stephen Edwards is to begin serving a seven-year sentence.

Both have been ordered to report to prison Feb. 5 but have asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to allow them to remain free while they appeal their convictions and sentences.

Judge says release autopsy

DENVER (AP) — A judge on Tuesday ordered the release of the autopsy report on a slain Columbine High School student whose parents say police shot as they responded to the attack.

Jefferson County District Judge Brooke Jackson agreed to release summaries of the autopsy reports for the remaining victims and gunman Dylan Klebold. The summaries would include information such as the type of gun used and the part of the body that was injured.

But the judge refused to release those autopsies in full, citing the desire to avoid needless emotional pain for survivors and victims' relatives.

The reports for slain student Isaiah Shoels and gunman Eric Harris were released previously.

The ruling involved Daniel Rohrbough, 15, who was killed outside Columbine High School when Klebold and Harris stormed the building on April 20, 1999.

Brian Rohrbough, Daniel's father, has alleged his son was killed by police during a shootout with the student gunmen and that the autopsy supports the allegation. Police said Daniel was killed by Klebold.

Rohrbough said, "I think it is important for people to understand he was running from the gunmen who were on the hill behind him, and he was shot and killed from the front."

"The fatal bullet could not have come from Klebold and Harris. It had to come from law enforcement at the bottom of the hill."

"There is a public interest in knowing whether Daniel was killed by 'friendly fire,' as contended by the Rohrboughs," the judge wrote.

Jefferson County Coroner Nancy Bodelson said she plans to consult office attorneys and inform the families before taking steps to release the report.

Harris and Klebold killed 12 students and a teacher before taking their own lives at the school near Littleton, Colo.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Are Vasectomies always effective?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband had a vasectomy 10 weeks ago. At his scheduled follow-up, his analysis was clear. When he questioned the doctor about contraception, he was advised that any additional form of birth control was the choice of the couple. What gives?

DEAR READER: Vasectomy is a sterilization procedure during which the tubes leading from the testicles are severed and the ends clipped shut. The operation prevents sperm from leaving the testicles and, therefore, renders a man infertile. The surgery is safe, simple and relatively inexpensive. I wish that more men would have it, because it is much easier than female sterilization. Also, the procedure does not affect sexual interest or performance.

Although vasectomy blocks the flow of sperm, it may not result in immediate sterility; some sperm cells remain viable in the reproductive tract. Eventually, after repeated orgasms, these sperm are "washed out" of the system. Until the semen is free of living sperm, a man is not considered sterile. This is the reason why doctors recommended continued birth control until the semen analysis shows no sperm.

Your confusion is understandable. I suggest that you ask the doctor for clarification. Probably the physician meant to say that you and your husband should use contraception until the semen analysis is clear. However, from your description, I conclude that your husband's 10-week checkup revealed no sperm, the operation was successful, and you can enjoy relations without further protection.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In the past, when I took insulin shots for my diabetes, I experienced drowsiness and weakness. Now I am again using insulin, with the same reaction. Am I intolerant to insulin?

DEAR READER: No, you're not. Insulin is normally produced in the body and, in the proper quantity, does not result in intolerance. More likely, you are receiving an improper dosage. It's often difficult to determine how much insulin a diabetic requires. Too little is ineffective, allowing the blood sugar to rise to unacceptably high levels. Too much insulin lowers the blood sugar too far, leading to weakness, sleepiness and faintness.

I believe that your dose of insulin needs adjusting. This is easy to check. During one of your "spells" after taking insulin, have your blood sugar checked either at home, at the hospital, or in your doctor's office. If the sugar is low — below 50 milligrams per deciliter — you'll need either a dose-reduction or a change in the type of insulin.

For example, long-acting insulin preparations may cause "tea-time" hypoglycemia, a low blood sugar late in the afternoon, even when the sugar level has been normal all day. Reducing the long-acting product and adding short-acting regular insulin usually solves the problem.

You should bring your symptoms to your doctor's attention. This is important. He or she needs to know how you feel so that your insulin doses can be tailored to your particular requirements.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." 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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Reading can be fun!

The first community-wide reading program was held Saturday morning at First Baptist Church. In the top left photo Heather Holmes and Glyn Wright read "The Crippled Lamb" to the children who attended. In the top right photo, Mary Hagins helps her children, Timothy, 6, and Kimberly, 5 read. In the bottom right photo, Patricia Aplin helps Codee Aplin, 6, and Mariah Cearley, 6, choose books to read.

The Snyder Independent School District is working with various organizations and businesses to host a community-wide reading program once a month during for the remainder of the school year.

Besides FBC, other businesses and organizations participating in this event include Sonic Drive-In, Scurry County Library, First Presbyterian Church and Pizza Inn.

The community-wide reading program is an Academics 2000 initiative designed to improve students' reading achievement.

Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Combs supports migrant worker plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Picking onions in the bitter of winter and cantaloupe in Uvalde's summer sun isn't desirable work for Americans who have grown accustomed to a wealth of inside, air-conditioned jobs.

So Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and a host of rural Texas state legislators said Tuesday they're supporting a move to invite Mexicans across the border to do the farm work Texans won't do.

"There's a huge labor problem," Combs told members of the House Rural Caucus. "It's harder and harder to get people to work outside."

The United States allows guest workers, but restrictions on migrant work in the agriculture sector should be relaxed to allow more Mexicans to work on Texas farms, lawmakers say.

"My Mexican counterparts support it because it injects money into their economies," Combs said.

Rep. Judy Hawley said lawmakers intend to use the "collective weight of our voices" to lobby their Washington counterparts, especially U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, for more temporary migrant workers.

Rep. Tracy King, D-Uvalde, said he'd support such legislation to help many of his farming constituents.

But opponents say agriculture guest worker programs exploit workers.

"There is no labor shortage in agriculture " said Bruce Goldstein, co-director of Farmworker Justice Fund in Washington D.C. "They want cheap foreign labor; they don't want to offer wages and working conditions that will attract and maintain workers."

Current programs don't offer the same protection to migrant workers that American workers enjoy, putting workers at the whim of their employers, Goldstein said.

Farmers tell a different story.

Bruce Frasier, president of Dixondale Farms in Carrizo Springs, says he has trouble finding workers to harvest crops for $9 per hour, even though Dimmitt County has a 20 percent unemployment rate.

"If I don't find a remedy real soon I don't know if I'll be in business next year," said Frasier, a fourth-generation farmer. He has 34 workers out in the field, but needs about 100 to meet contract deadlines, he said.

When he asked the Texas Workforce Commission to help him find workers, the commission notified 297 unemployed, Frasier said. Not one of them showed up at his farm.

Frasier is working with Gramm on legislation that would tweak the guest worker law to allow farmers to employ guest workers, regardless of the local unemployment rate.

"You can't say that they're taking Americans' jobs because we can't find Americans who will do this," Frasier said. "You're on your hands and knees pulling the onions out of the ground."

Rancher charged in shooting case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas rancher was free on bond Wednesday after being accused of shooting a Mexican immigrant who stopped on the ranch to drink water from a trough.

Mexican native Ramon Flores Hernandez was recovering at Wilford Hall Medical Center from a gunshot wound to the knee.

The shooting last week has prompted involvement by the Texas Rangers, who are investigating the attack, and Mexican Consulate officials, who also interviewed the victim.

Rancher Pat McCarty, 50, is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting of Hernandez, 28.

"We're still trying to figure it out," Zavala County Sheriff Eusevio Salinas said. "We're just trying to piece things together."

Hernandez said he and two friends had been walking for days and were tired and thirsty when they stopped on the 1,600-acre ranch.

"We went to drink water from the windmill," the father of three said Tuesday.

The water had to be strained through T-shirts before it was drinkable, he said.

Moments later, Hernandez said, McCarty jumped out of the brush and was shouting at them in English.

His two friends ran away as the shot was fired and Hernandez was hit in a knee. He said he feared for his life.

McCarty drove him to a nearby convenience store, where a witness said the rancher called for help and applied ice to Hernandez's wound.

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Vegetable Gardens

If vegetable gardeners have a secret to their success, it is proper soil preparation and fertilization. Experienced gardeners know the potential for producing good yields of high-quality, homegrown vegetables is greatly enhanced by a well-prepared soil containing liberal amounts of organic matter and adequate available nutrients.

Cottonseed meal is an excellent means of providing both the organic mater and the nutrients vegetables need. It is an organic, slow-releasing, premium fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, as well as numerous minor elements. When incorporated into the garden soil, cottonseed meal decomposes over a period of time, slowly releasing its nutrients and forming soil-improving humus.

When the garden is established and the soil warms, place mulch around the plants with a 1- to 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls or other suitable organic material. About 2 to 3 weeks later, apply a top-dressing of cottonseed meal at the rate of ½- to 2-pounds per 100 square feet, or per 35 feet of row. Lightly work the meal into the mulch, and water thoroughly. Depending upon the crop and the weather, additional applications of meal at the same rate may be needed periodically during the growing season.

USDA announces CRP contract extensions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — USDA's Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly announced that certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants whose contracts expire on September 30, 2001, would have an opportunity to extend their contracts for one year.

"CRP provides significant and long-lasting environmental benefits for our nation," said Kelly. "A one-year contract extension will go even further to safeguard precious rural land."

Contract extensions will also provide an opportunity for USDA to review the ongoing effect of CRP on buffer areas and critical watersheds such as the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

The one-year contract extension option applies to CRP participants with contracts of original duration of less than 15 years that are scheduled to expire on September 30, 2001. Under the Food Security Act of 1985, a CRP contract may not exceed 15 years.

The extension will not change participants' rental rates. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added. Obligations existing under an original contract will continue to apply to contracts that are modified and extended.

Local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency are notifying eligible CRP participants of their option to modify and extend their CRP contracts. Although no general signup opportunity is scheduled for fiscal year 2001, interested producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly desirable acreage such as filter strips and riparian buffers at any time at their local FSA office.

For more information on the Conservative Reserve Program, contact the Scurry County Farm Service Agency office at 915-573-1701 or visit FSA on the Wold Wide Web at http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

FSA redesigns Web site

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Keith Kelly, administrator for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced the introduction of a redesigned FSA Website at www.fsa.usda.gov. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible online FSA forms.

"We redesigned the FSA Website with the producers' needs in mind," Kelly said. "A producer can now get county loan deficiency payment rates and expanded program information directly from our Website. With our new online forms feature, farmers and ranchers can download program and disaster assistance forms when it's most convenient for them — without having to visit their local FSA office of USDA Service Center."

With these modernizations, producers have a Website that's aesthetically pleasing and easier to navigate. Navigation features include navigation sidebars, a drill-down menu within each subsection and a "quick search" feature on every page. The new design also includes direct links to news releases, online forms, program information and contacts for buyers and producers. In compliance with The Electronic and Information Technology Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the site offers improved access for users with disabilities.

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Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,100 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan.25, sale. Cows were $3 to $4 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

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Appeals court won't OK stay

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has refused to stay a death row inmate's execution date, even after Attorney General John Cornyn's contention that seven condemned convicts were entitled to new sentencing hearings as a result of an expert witness's racially biased testimony.

Cornyn said last spring that Michael Dean Gonzales and six other death-row inmates were entitled to new sentencing hearings because of racial remarks made by Walter Quijano, a clinical psychologist. Cornyn said the remarks violated the men's constitutional rights.

Quijano, a former chief psychologist for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who is now in private practice at Conroe, had testified as an expert witness in more than 100 capital cases. Most often, Quijano testified for the defense.

The psychologist has frequently testified that a defendant's race was one of the factors he considered when determining whether the accused posed a risk of being dangerous in the future.

Gonzales, 27, is scheduled for an April 21 execution date for the slaying of an elderly neighbor couple in Odessa six years ago.

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Bush convenes first Cabinet meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was convening his first Cabinet meeting, but with some conspicuous absences. His attorney general and trade representative have not yet won Senate confirmation, and his health secretary was home in Wisconsin delivering his swan song as governor.

Bush's tax cut proposals were at the top of Wednesday's agenda. He was meeting with 19 members of the House and Senate tax-writing committees, seeking support for his proposed 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax cut.

He was pitching the tax plan to wholesale distributors who were dropping by the White House office complex. And in a gathering with Roman Catholic charities, he was promoting his proposed tax breaks that would encourage charitable giving.

Later, he was sitting down with the Congressional Black Caucus. Blacks overwhelmingly favored Bush's opponent, Al Gore, in the November election, and many remain distrustful of the new president.

That suspicion deepened for some blacks when Bush nominated John Ashcroft as attorney general. Ashcroft's record against affirmative action, hate-crimes laws and desegregation lawsuits has won Bush fresh criticism from some activists.

On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee narrowly sent Ashcroft's nomination to the full Senate, and Republicans were pressing for a Thursday vote.

Bush voiced frustration with the continuing opposition to Ashcroft from Democrats and from private groups critical of his views.

"There's been a lot of discussion, a lot of debate, a lot of questionnaires presented and answers filled out and it's time for the vote, it seems to me," Bush said Tuesday.

With Ashcroft not yet installed at the Justice Department, Bush tapped a holdover from the Clinton administration, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, to substitute for Ashcroft at the first Cabinet meeting.

Likewise, Bush's pick for U.S. trade representative, Robert Zoellick, has yet to be confirmed by the Senate. He was questioned Tuesday by members the Senate Finance Committee.

Projected surplus now at $3.12 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) — New projections for an enormous $3.12 trillion surplus over the coming decade are proof that "there's enough money" for debt repayment plus more spending and tax cuts, President Bush said Wednesday.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office planned to disclose its new surplus projections Wednesday to the Senate Budget Committee. Details of the huge estimates emerged Tuesday, giving added momentum to Bush's plan for a $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut.

"I was pleased to see the CBO number. I think it helps further the case that there's enough money to pay down debt, to meet priorities and to give some of the money back to the people who pay the bills; that's the taxpayers," Bush said in a Cabinet Room meeting with leaders of the House and Senate tax committees.

Bush also discussed tax-cut strategy with House and Senate GOP leaders on Tuesday at the White House.

Democrats, who mostly prefer a smaller tax reduction than Bush's, argued that the huge surplus projections could prove overly optimistic if the economy's recent sluggish performance becomes a long-term problem.

They also said the costs of Bush's tax cut and expected spending boosts for defense, prescription drugs, education and other programs could erase the surplus and push the budget back into deficit.

"It doesn't leave room for much of anything else," Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee, told reporters about Bush's tax-cutting plans.

Eager to cash in on the tax-cutting momentum, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he believes lawmakers can ship a final tax package to Bush by Congress' Independence Day recess.

Initially, the House is likely to break the tax cuts into several smaller bills, starting with an across-the-board reduction in income-tax rates, said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. A cut in income-tax rates has been the keystone of Bush's plan.

Eager to limit Democrats' opportunities to alter the legislation in the Senate, Lott said he would try to package all the tax cuts into a single bill in his chamber.

In what could provide more political help for Bush, the Federal Reserve is expected to announce a new 0.5 percentage point cut in interest rates on Wednesday. The rate cut would be designed to prod the economy, which Bush has argued a tax reduction also would do.

CBO's $3.12 trillion surplus projection, which excludes added surpluses expected from Social Security, is for fiscal 2002 through 2011. It is this non-Social Security portion of the surplus that both parties feel is available to pay for tax cuts or higher spending.

WTC board begins search for president

Western Texas College trustees in executive session Monday night looked over input from faculty, staff and administrators concerning their vision for the next president of the college.

The board requested the input from employees after approving the retirement of Dr. Harry Krenek, who has been president of the institution the past 14 years. He plans to retire Aug. 31.

Board President Lee Presswood said that trustees are in the process of writing the criteria for the profile of the person for the leadership position.

"We will try to finalize it by the board meeting in February," Presswood said.

He said previously that the board hopes to have the new president named before Dr. Krenek's last day in August.

Theft report filed at SHS

• ***Theft***

An offense report for Class B theft was filed at Snyder High School Tuesday morning in reference to a grinder being stolen from Will Henderson, an SHS student. The item was taken from the agriculture building, according to police reports.

• ***Arrests***

A 17-year-old male was taken into custody at 9:58 a.m. Tuesday on justice of the peace warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

• ***Accidents***

A four-vehicle accident occurred at 12:14 p.m. Tuesday in the 3900 block of College. Involved were a 1999 Honda driven by Christy Traywick, 27, of 3208 Irving, a 1991 Dodge Ram driven by Casey Lee Chaney, 18, of 2103 24th Street, a 1994 GMC Sierra pickup driven by Clarissa Sauceda, 15, of 1137 Willis in Hermleigh, and a 1991 Camaro driven by Adrian Daniel Ramos, 17, of 313 34th Street. There were no injuries.

Officers took an accident report at 6:41 p.m. Tuesday in the 3700 block of Austin. Involved were a 1997 Ford Taurus driven by Lisa Marie Martinez, 18, of 108 Canyon and a parked, unoccupied 1996 Mazda owned by Nina and Adam Madrid of 3728 Austin.

Former Snyder man pleads guilty

A 48-year-old former Snyder man pleaded guilty in district court in Breckenridge Monday for sexually assaulting a child under 17 years of age.

Donnie Clay Buchanan, who now lives in Abilene, entered the plea in 90th District Court.

In doing so, Buchanan waived a jury trial and District Judge Stephen Crawford is to set punishment Feb. 15.

The offense occurred in 1997 when the girl was 15 years old. Buchanan has been free on a $10,000 bond since his arrest here last March.

Obituaries

Troy Scott

1930-2001

A memorial service for Troy T. Scott, a Snyder public school teacher for 30 years, is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, interim pastor, will officiate.

Troy Scott

Mr. Scott, 70, died Friday, Jan. 26, in Methodist Medical Center in Dallas from complications with pneumonia. Mr. Scott had been in the hospital's intensive care unit since Jan. 5 when he was critically injured in a two-vehicle accident in Duncanville.

A service and interment was held Tuesday in Dallas.

Born Nov. 24, 1930 in Purvis, Miss., he married Mary Lou Balta on Aug. 31, 1956 in Dallas. Mr. Scott was an U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

A resident of Snyder since 1959, Mr. Scott was an elementary physical education teacher, retiring in 1989. He was a member of Snyder's First Baptist Church and a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Scott of Snyder; two brothers, Kent Scott of Arlington and Gerald Scott of Stephenville; and a sister-in-law, Betty Brickley of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to the Snyder Classroom Teachers Association Scholarship Fund, Paula Bowden, treasurer.

Luther Bedwell

1914-2001

Luther G. Bedwell of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 29, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Bedwell, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Allan Matthies will officiate. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born April 12, 1914 in Dierks, Ark., Mr. Bedwell had lived in Big Spring for 50 years, retiring after 32 years as an inspector supervisor for Webb Air Force Base. He also ran Bedwell's Bookstore for many years. He was a member of Snyder's First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Verlene, of Snyder; two daughters, Alice Henry and Neva Brunson, both of Dallas; two stepdaughters, Ramona Dillin of Idalou and Wanda Taylor of Abilene; a stepson, John Murphy of San Angelo; two brothers, Cecil Arnold of Big Spring and Richard Lee Arnold of Brownwood; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nine stepgrandchildren.

Pete Etheredge

1912-2001

ROSCOE — Clifford C. "Pete" Etheredge, brother of two Snyder residents, died Sunday, Jan. 28, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mr. Etheredge, 88, is set for 1 p.m. Thursday in the First Salem Lutheran Church. The Rev. Glenn Dittmer will officiate. Burial will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Roscoe.

Born on Sept. 27, 1912 in Fisher County, he married Hilda Matilda Ohlenbusch on May 4, 1939 in Roscoe. She died Dec. 20, 2000.

He was a member of Roscoe's First Salem Lutheran Church, Lions Club, Fisher County Historical Society, S.N.A.P and a past member of the Inadale Snake Hunting Club. He played football at Howard Payne College. Mr. Etheredge designed and gave brushes and cardholders to one-armed people.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Ruth Etheredge; seven brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include two sons, Jay Etheredge of Houston and Cliff Etheredge of Wastella; one brother; Bob Etheredge of Gorman; three sisters, Edna Ruth Cave and Faye Rinker, both of Snyder, and Tura Lou Duke of Hugo, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Martha Olenbusch of Hamilton; a brother-in-law, Albert Olenbusch of Ogelsby; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 51 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Salem Lutheran Church, Fisher County Historical Society, Roscoe Museum or to a favorite charity.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Snyder tennis boosters

The Snyder tennis boosters will meet at 7 this evening at Texas Savings Bank. Parents of all tennis players are invited.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8 tonight in the school cafeteria.

Alzheimer support group

Alzheimer family support group will meet at 6 p.m. today at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Speaker will be Sue Davis of the Abilene Alzheimer Association.

7th grade special needs parents

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday for parents of special needs 7th graders. For more information, call Jean Burns at 573-6301 or Sylvia Sapsky at 573-6356.

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.

FBC worship service

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

55 Alive defensive driving

A 55/Alive defensive driving class will be held Thursday and Friday at the Senior Citizens Center in Snyder. Students must attend both days from 12:30-4:30 p.m. to receive a certificate accepted by most insurance companies for a discount in premiums. Cost is $10. To register, call 573-4035.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Bobby Goodwin will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Scout food drive

The annual food drive for Boy and Girl Scouts will be from 8:30 until noon Saturday. The bags are being distributed today and Thursday. 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 night. 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.

8th grade special needs parents

A meeting will be held 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.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing date for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9. 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.

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.

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 311390601.

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 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

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

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Tests approved for mechanical heart

BOSTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved experimental use in humans of a fully implantable, battery-powered artificial heart.

Abiomed Inc., the Danvers-based company that makes the 2-pound, fist-sized pump, said Tuesday the FDA approved use of the device in five patients, all of them too sick for heart transplants.

The grapefruit-sized artificial heart is inserted in the body along with a rechargeable battery that can work on its own for about 30 minutes. The battery can be recharged through the skin.

The patient can also wear an external battery pack that can last for several hours. The mechanical heart, called the AbioCor, is expected to enable patients to participate in normal activities, including light sports.

Earlier versions of an artificial heart, including the Jarvik-7, were powered outside the body. The latest device, which has been tested on calves, is designed as a permanent replacement to a heart transplant.

The AbioCor will sell initially for $75,000 to $100,000, analysts projected, making it comparable to the cost of open heart surgery, but less than the cost of heart transplant surgery.

An estimated 100,000 Americans suffer from end-stage heart failure each year, but only about 2,000 human hearts are available for transplants.

"The medical system desperately needs something to fill in that very big gap," said Phillip E. Nalbone, an industry analyst with Salomon Smith Barney in San Diego.

Tests on the device were to be conducted on patients at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia; Jewish Heart Lung Hospital in Louisville, Ky.; the Texas Heart Institute in Houston; and Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

The implantation procedure would have to be reviewed and approved by the hospital's institutional review board, which goes over experimental procedures to make sure they're safe.

The AbioCor is expected to be much more advanced than the Jarvik-7, which kept several people, including retired Seattle dentist Barney Clark, alive for several days in the early 1980s.

Museum pays tribute to black veterans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The day the National D-Day Museum opened, the country threw one of its grandest military parades in decades, showering confetti and applause on convoys packed with waving World War II veterans.

But as Tommye Myrick searched for black faces among the honored veterans, she counted barely a handful. Vernon Joseph Baker, the country's only living black Medal of Honor recipient, was nowhere to be found.

Mindful that the U.S. military was segregated during World War II and black soldiers were excluded from most victory parades that followed, Myrick sought out the museum's directors for an explanation.

"Where were all these guys?" asked Myrick, who directs the African and African-American Center at Southern University in New Orleans. "We were there in World War II."

This week, with Myrick's help, the D-Day Museum is seeking to make amends. It is co-sponsoring a three-day celebration to honor the role of the more than 1 million black soldiers who fought in the war, and to highlight the battle they fought simultaneously at home: racism.

The museum never intended to exclude anyone from the opening celebration, said Kenneth Hoffman, museum director of education. He didn't know if Baker was invited to the June 6 ceremony, organized in part by the Department of Defense, or whether all Medal of Honor holders were contacted. Seven attended, he said, and more than that are alive.

"This museum is all about honoring and exploring our past, and during Black History Month, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore what up to this point has been somewhat neglected in national history," Hoffman said.

The "Double V" — for double victory — commemoration starts Thursday. Actor and war veteran Ossie Davis is scheduled to lead more than 200 veterans in a parade, and Baker and others are scheduled to speak about the "two-front" war they fought against military enemies overseas and prejudice at home. Historians plan a symposium about how black experiences during the war influenced civil rights movements.

"We were in a position where our lives were on the line to defend this country," said Tex Stephens, 79, who spent the war at several posts in the United States training soldiers for combat. "Still, on the home-front, without the uniform on, walking the streets anywhere in the country, we still did not have full citizenship."

Stephens, 79, a retired New Orleans broadcaster, participated in the museum opening and plans to attend this week's ceremonies. However, he said some other black World War II veterans have misgivings.

"They thought this program was put together, sort of, to make us feel good about being denied the first time," Stephens said.

Some veterans Myrick reached about this week's ceremonies remained too embittered about their experiences during the war and the way they were treated afterward to participate, she said.

"I called one veteran who said he burned his uniform and pictures years ago and doesn't want to relive or talk about it because it was one of the worst times in his life," Myrick said. "They thought by going into war they could prove themselves to be true Americans, but when they came back they realized they were still second-class citizens."

Black regiments and fighter squadrons played an integral role in the war. The Tuskegee Airmen escorted bombers on runs in north Africa and parts of Europe and never lost a bomber. The 761st Tank Battalion, known as the "Black Panthers," landed in France four months after the D-Day invasion and later liberated concentration camps. Thirty-three years after the war ended, the group received the Presidential Unit Citation.

Baker received the Medal of Honor in 1997 along with six other blacks, who were honored posthumously.

While the D-Day Museum opening celebration was held on the 56th anniversary of the invasion, organizers of this week's events decided against waiting until the 57th anniversary. World War II veterans, most in their late 70s and 80s, are dying at a rate of about 1,000 a day, Myrick said.

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Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel in the tail-pipe, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gas Saver adds platinum to the air-fuel mixture, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Platinum Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold almost a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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Government Produced Test Data

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4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Two dogs attack, kill woman

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman was attacked and killed outside her apartment door by two dogs that authorities said had been bred and trained to guard illegal drug laboratories.

Diane Whipple, a 33-year-old lacrosse coach, died Friday after the five-minute attack steps away from her door.

The dogs' owners, lawyers Robert Noel, 59, and his wife, Marjorie Knoller, 45, were Whipple's next-door neighbors. No immediate charges were filed against the couple. Neither returned calls on Tuesday.

The district attorney's office is trying to determine if the dogs were "trained to fight, attack or kill causing injury," said spokesman Fred Gardner.

The dogs had been raised as part of a business run out of Pelican Bay State Prison by white supremacist inmates Paul Schneider, 38, and Dale Bretches, 44, said Corrections Department spokesman Russ Heimerich.

The business bred and trained dogs to guard criminal operations such as methamphetamine labs, Heimerich said.

Noel and his wife have adopted Schneider as their son, according to court papers. They were issued a decree of adoption in San Francisco Superior Court on Monday.

Noel acquired the dogs three months ago from Janet Coumbs, who was raising them for the inmates, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"They ate all my sheep, all my chickens and my house cat," Coumbs told the newspaper. "No matter what I did, they killed. I couldn't deal with it anymore."

One of the dogs was a 3-year-old, 120-pound mastiff-Canary Island mix. It was put to death Friday. The other dog was a 2-year-old, 113-pound dog of the same breed. It was taken to an animal shelter.

Schneider and Bretches are serving life sentences without parole.

Schneider, 38, is doing time for robbery and attempted murder. Bretches, 44, was convicted of murder and assault with a deadly weapon while behind bars.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001

By first laying a solid foundation, you can reap the types of material rewards in the year ahead for which you're hoping. With a strong base, your prospects look quite impressive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of delegating an important matter to individuals who are not as familiar with the situation as you are, do it yourself. It's too risky today to leave things in the hands of others. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Timing and method are extremely important today in getting things done. If you are too assertive, you could push so hard that you'll end up tripping over your own feet. Be systematic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though you might get the chance today to advance your interests at the expense of others, it won't be worth it. By protecting your associates, you'd be protecting yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your ego could cloud your judgment today if you allow it to get the upper hand. Unfortunately, it would severely lessen your chances for success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful today to not let a fast talker mesmerize you into accepting a faulty premise. An idea could sound good on the surface but may leave a lot to be desired in application.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial involvements with friends are always a chancy matter, and today they could be especially tricky. You could lose more than money if things go awry.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It may be extremely important to you today that you win the good will of your contemporaries, but don't think it'll be granted gratis. You're going to have to earn their respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Because your sense of priorities could be a trifle distorted today, you're going to have to be more on your toes in tending to that which is most urgent. Don't get sidetracked.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Play for the fun of things today and not for who is better at what. If you make winning all important, it could damage your social standing among your peers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Without continuity of purpose today, you're not likely to finalize too much of anything, let alone a project you've been wanting to complete. Keep your eye on one thing at a time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The more simple you keep a presentation you're making today, the more effective you'll be. Complex statements or stories will confuse your listeners and totally lose their interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Operate along traditional lines today when it comes to making money. If you're inclined to gamble or play a long shot, you could lose all too easily.

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