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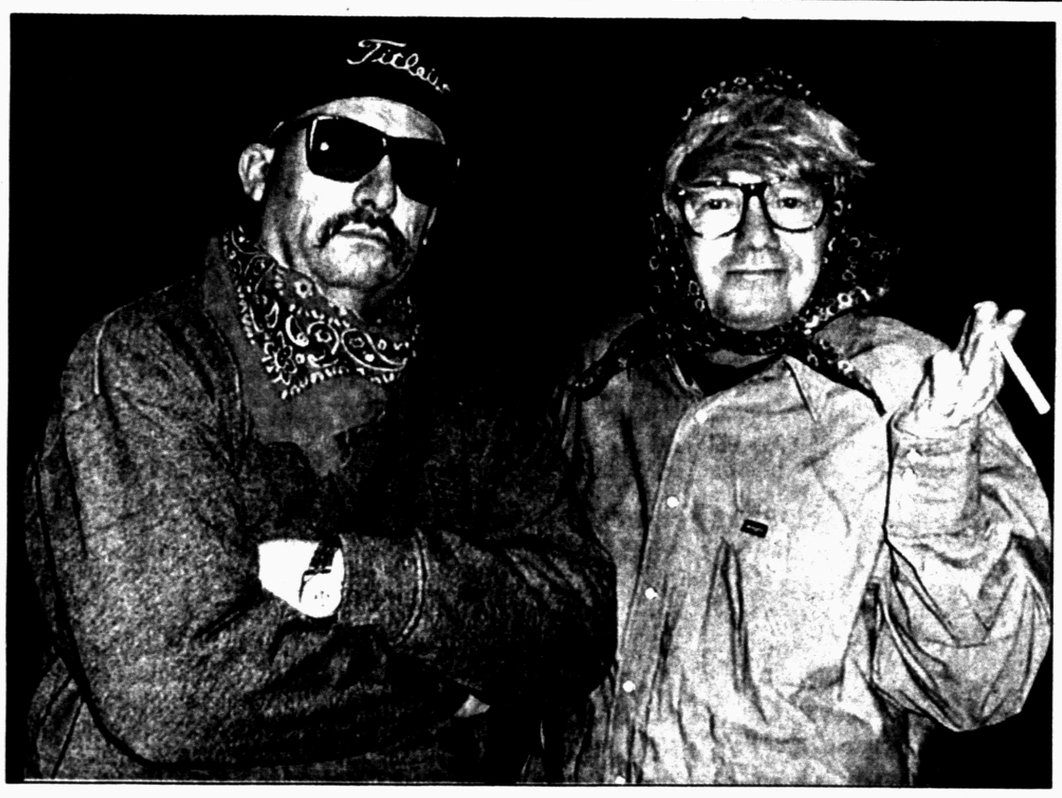

GREATER TUNA — Special performances of *Greater Tuna* are scheduled for Friday through Sunday at the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are $4 for students and senior citizens and $6 for adults. Actors David Hargrove (left) and Jim Gruben pose in "make do" outfits at an early rehearsal. Reservations can be made now. (SDN Staff Photo)

Reservations accepted for 'Tuna'

Greater Tuna will be presented this weekend at Western Texas College as a fundraiser for the college's chapter of the international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa.

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

Fare began the initiative to get Rotan actors Jim Gruben and David Hargrove to perform the comedy locally.

"I thought it would be a really great fundraiser, and I thought it would benefit the community," Fare said, adding half-jokingly, "Plus, I wanted to see it again myself."

The sophomore and wife of Golf Landscape Technology instructor Sam Fare, said she had seen the original play twice in Dallas.

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

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

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

"When friends of ours from Rotan called and told us two men from Rotan were doing it, I went to see it with skepticism," Fare said.

She said she expected a "small town production."

"I was very pleasantly surprised early on in the production when the Rotan players were as good as the originals. It seemed a shame that it should end there. They rehearsed all that time. I thought they should do it again."

Jaye Neice Clements is directing, and Fare, who is heading up publicity for the performance, said she is a "stickler for detail."

"What makes this a great performance is that everyone is right on cue. It's amazing to see how quickly and smoothly they change costumes and characters."

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

Performances on Friday and Saturday will be at 7 p.m. while the Sunday performance will be at 2 p.m.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the WTC box office at 573-8511 ext. 234.

Three-day drive for blood donors to begin Tuesday

The community-wide blood drive will be held Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be the site of the drive. United Blood Services employees will take donations between noon and 5 p.m.

The drive moves to the Price Daniel Unit on Thursday where employees may give blood between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

WTC group will meet in goal-planning session

The first of two scheduled goal-planning sessions for Western Texas College will be held tonight at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

The board and administrators, along with faculty and staff representatives, will meet at 7 p.m. at the ranch's "headquarters" building.

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said this first session will include a number of people who normally do not meet with the board.

"For example, we will have our four division chairs at the meeting as well as representatives from the Faculty Association and the classified clerical committee," Dr. Krenek said.

The college president, who will retire Aug. 31, said that during this initial session, the group will discuss five broad goals - including both short and long-term projections.

"Enrollment growth is one of the topics," Dr. Krenek said. "It is always a topic of interest and discussion, but this will try to project further down the road."

Revenue enhancement is another area.

"We are concerned every year with this, but we hope to go two, three, four or maybe five years into the future."

Dr. Krenek said the goal-planning portion would be limited during this first session to allow time for trustees to discuss the procedure to select his successor.

"We are going to try to limit this discussion to about an hour in order to give the board time to review, in executive session, the employee survey regarding the presidential search," he said.

Approximately 50 surveys from college employees were received concerning what attributes they want in a college president.

"I suspect that is going to take them a while to discuss," Dr. Krenek said. "Board members have received a copy of each response."

Dr. Krenek said the choice to go off-campus for the planning session "has some advantage."

"Instead of having board members at the board table with everyone else around the sides, we hope to have a situation where we can sit at a table in a hollow square to facilitate open discussion and input."

The next regular board meeting is scheduled Feb. 12 while the next planning session is set Feb. 26.

Weekend winter storm dances around county

Lubbock, Sweetwater areas hit again

While Snyder missed the brunt of the weekend storm, ole' man winter continues to take swipes at Texas as more than nine inches of snow fell in Amarillo over the weekend, with 12 inches at Dalhart and seven inches over much of the Panhandle.

The National Weather Service posted a winter storm warning for the Panhandle today.

Skies were sunny in Snyder this morning, despite a dusting of snow early Sunday evening.

Sweetwater apparently got the brunt of the snow in this area, making driving hazardous Sunday evening.

As a result, DPS troopers were investigating a number of wrecks on I-20 this morning in Nolan County.

A treacherous icy glaze remaining in Lubbock today from freezing rain and snow over the weekend forced a two-hour delay in public school openings.

Schools in Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh all started on time today.

Also in Lubbock, crews also began tackling tree damage from heavy ice accumulations.

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of Transportation has reopened Interstate 40 from Amarillo west to the New Mexico border. But U.S. Highway 54 from Dalhart southwest to Tucumcari, remains closed.

In Midland, police cautioned drivers over the weekend to avoid driving on Loop 250, a major throughway serving western and northern areas. Drivers were advised to use alternate routes.

Snowplows were used to clear lanes of Interstate 27 near Lubbock.

"By morning, we may have some sections that are dry, then the first thing you know you're sliding on ice," said George Dozier, TxDOT district manager.

Members of the theatrical production "Godspell" were stranded Sunday by the winter storm as highways were closed after weekend performances in Lubbock. The troupe's 21 members were scheduled to hit the road en route to Peoria, Ill., where they are scheduled to perform Tuesday.

"What it means is we get to watch the game and drink Shiner Bock," said Jim O'Connell, a keyboardist.

After freezing rain fell throughout Saturday and Sunday morning, the precipitation turned to snow Sunday afternoon, leaving a blanket atop a thick coating of ice. Weekend precipitation totaled 1.5 inches in Lubbock, the weather service said.

Although some early flights out of Lubbock International Airport were canceled Sunday, all carriers resumed their schedules by late afternoon. Passenger buses arriving and leaving Lubbock were delayed throughout the day, ticket agent Daniel Torrez said.

Ice forcing tree branches onto utility lines knocked out electrical power to hundreds of Lubbock residents for much of the day Sunday, officials with Southwestern Public Service and Lubbock Power & Light said.

Since November, the city has received 14.9 inches of snow, weather service meteorologist Robert Barritt said.

"It's unusual, but it's not unheard of," Barritt said. "It has probably been more as far as snowfall than we've had for the past 10 years."

The weather service said the months of December and November were the third and sixth coldest since 1913.

President Bush touts faith-based initiatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today he will tap religious institutions for more charitable work, confronting critics who say using public money for such programs could violate the wall between church and state. "Compassion is the work of a nation, not just a government," he said.

Bush established a White House office that would distribute billions of dollars to religious groups and charities over the next 10 years. The president said such groups grapple daily with "deep needs and real suffering" in communities, and deserve a chance to compete for taxpayer money for after-school programs, prison ministries and drug treatment, among other things.

"Government will never be replaced by charities and community groups," Bush said. "Yet when we see social needs in America, my administration will look first to faith-based programs. ... We will not discriminate against them."

The president signed two executive orders, one to establish a White House office of religion-based community initiatives, and the other instructing five Cabinet-level agencies to create entities to work with religious groups. Bush said he issued the second order to clear barriers "that make private groups hesitant to work with government."

To build support, Bush will meet throughout the week with leaders of spiritual and charitable groups and he plans to attend the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday.

Bush chose University of Pennsylvania political science professor John J. DiIulio Jr. to head the office, and tapped former Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith to head the Corporation for National Service, which will work in cooperation with the new White House office. Bush said both men will report directly to him.

Skeptics say shifting government money to churches, synagogues and mosques so they can expand assistance programs raises church-state separation questions. Even some churches are wary of government money that might come with strings attached.

Striking pre-emptively at those critics, Bush said religious groups must be part of the solution to society's ills.

"A compassionate society is one which recognizes the great power of faith," Bush said last week. "We in government must not fear faith-based programs, we must welcome faith-based programs."

Bush also was meeting Monday with top aides to discuss a long-range national energy policy. Aides said California's power crisis was certain to be at the center of the discussion among Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

Lisa Brooks, Ravens are Super Bowl champs

Lisa Brooks and the Baltimore Ravens were the big winners Sunday as both captured Super Bowl contests.

Brooks, 2206 29th St., is the first place winner of the Snyder Daily News Super Bowl trivia contest and will receive a check for $50.

Second place winner in the trivia contest is Frances Williams, 2301 Ave. O. Her prize is worth $25. The third place money of $10 will go to Joe Carrisalez Jr. of 1906 Scott.

Winners will be mailed their checks.

Dallas woman's trial underway in district court

The trial of a Dallas woman accused of striking two Snyder police officers was to begin at 1:30 this afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Josephine Olivarez Lujan, 36 is charged with assaulting Cpl. Mike Duddleston on Aug. 26. She is also charged with assaulting Sgt. Brian Peterson when the two tried to arrest her during a domestic disturbance in the 1400 block of Ave. K.

She allegedly attacked Duddleston with a leg brace. A second person was also arrested that night and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside. District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's case and Big Spring attorney Novert Morales will represent Lujan.

ASK US

Q—Is Dave Alexander and his band going to perform in this year's West Texas Western Swing Music Festival?

A—Yes, on Friday, June 8. The festival runs June 6-9.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 32 degrees; low, 27; high Sunday, 35; low, 28; 7 a.m. Monday, 33; .47 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 1.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 30-35. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high around 60, W wind 15-25 mph, decreasing to 5-15 mph during the afternoon.

Garrett Hale
Warmer

Sunset: 6:17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Of 28 days in 2001, the sun has shone 22 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A compliment is verbal sunshine.

—Robert Orben

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Poor state school districts worry about lawsuit

DONNA (AP) — Like hundreds of teachers and administrators in the state's poorest corners, Runn Elementary Principal Ofelia Gaona is nervous about the possibility of losing millions of dollars in funding.

Across Texas, school boards are deciding whether to join a lawsuit challenging a share-the-wealth plan that peels cash from the property taxes of rich districts, then passes the money to poorer areas.

"You do feel for those other people, but they've got excess," Gaona said. "We have to educate all our children, not just the children of the wealthy."

So far, 22 wealthy school districts have agreed to sue the state and more are expected to follow. The lawsuit won't be filed until the state's 84 property-rich districts have decided whether to join.

In the state's struggling pockets, memories of the fight for equal funding are fresh. Underprivileged districts sued Texas in 1984 for sending poor students to inferior schools, setting off the wrenching, decade-long legal battle that ended in the "Robin Hood" spending plan.

Runn Elementary, a rundown sprinkling of battered buildings and trailers, depends on Texas handouts. The district draws $54.6 million — half the annual budget — from the state.

Students live with their families in abandoned school buses and, in one case, an old horse trailer. The school has neither covered walkways nor a gymnasium, and two kindergarten classes are sometimes crammed into one room.

"How are we supposed to tax these families?" Gaona said.

Administrators at the wealthier schools say they don't want the poor districts to suffer. But, they say, the state should carve the money out of its budget instead of forcing wealthy areas to care for their underprivileged counterparts.

"How they do it? That's up to them," said John P. Connolly, superintendent of Highland Park Independent School District in the Dallas area.

Debate about who should pay to educate students in poor districts is roiling across the nation. As of January, 19 state supreme courts had ruled school funding systems unconstitutional. In all of those states, poor, usually rural or urban schools received less money than wealthy, suburban schools.

"It's a question of politics, of government and whose money it is," said Craig Foster, spokesman for the Austin-based Equity Center, a group that advises poor school districts. "It's about notions of taxing."

President Bush was no fan of Robin Hood spending. The former Texas governor fought to lower property taxes and retool the program to rely on general state revenue rather than property taxes.

Robin Hood was "a court-ordered system that I tried to change," Bush remarked last year.

Texas has neither income tax nor a state property tax. School districts can collect no more than $1.50 per $100 property valuation to run and maintain their schools.

But about a fifth of the state's 1,000 districts already have bumped into the tax ceiling. With Texas seizing a chunk for poor schools, wealthy areas are frustrated by their inability to raise more money.

On the edge of Fort Worth, Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District has paid almost $80 million to the state since 1993, and expects to cough up another $28 million this academic year.

The Robin Hood spending plan is expected to be re-examined after the legislative session ends in May.

Woman's killer to be executed tonight

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Nineteen-year-old Lori Bruch was driving home after getting off work at a Bexar County country-western club when her car was rammed from behind by a van.

Lured out of her car, authorities said the waitress and mother of a 2-year-old was grabbed by the driver of the van, driven away, raped, tied with rope and strangled.

The ex-con convicted of her death, Caruthers Alexander, was set for lethal injection Monday night. Alexander, 52, who insisted he was innocent, would be the third condemned killer to receive lethal injection this month in Texas, where a record 40 executions were carried out last year.

"It's every woman's worst nightmare to be driving on the street and be abducted and it's every husband's nightmare that your wife would be out and not come home," said Lyndee Bordini, a former Bexar County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Alexander.

"It was a terrible, terrible crime, very brutal. It was a ligature strangulation and the ligature was on so tight you could see bruising from his knuckles imbedded on the back of her neck."

It's been nearly 20 years since Bruch's naked and rope-tied body was found by children April 23, 1981, dumped in a rain-swollen gutter in front of their San Antonio elementary school.

Alexander was set to die last year but the execution was halted so more sophisticated DNA testing could be performed on evidence. The test results, received last month, confirmed Alexander's guilt.

"There's a lot of stuff in the conviction that was bunk," Alexander said earlier this month from death row. "I'll say that straight off the bat: Bunk! The test shouldn't have come back positive. If anything, this last test should have come back inconclusive or not mine."

Alexander was arrested two days after the killing. A priest driving past spotted a van with lettering painted on the side parked in the area where the woman's body was found.

Police tracked down the van, determined Alexander had it the night of the murder, then found one of the victim's earrings and her belt inside. In addition, paint scrapes on the van matched the paint of Bruch's car and measurements of the damage on each vehicle matched.

"There's nothing here to suggest the man did not commit this murder," said Mark Luitjen, who also helped prosecute the case and is now a state district judge.

"I don't hurt women," Alexander said. "I've been known to bump heads with a knucklehead if he gets at odds with me, but I've never hurt a woman, not like that. That's bunk."

Alexander already had two stints in prison behind him when he was arrested for the Bruch killing. In 1972, he was released after serving seven months of a two-year term for arson in Houston. In 1975, he was paroled after serving 10 months of a three-year sentence for involuntary manslaughter.

"This guy already killed before," Luitjen said. "This is not a poor dilettante who just happens to be a victim of the system."

Asked whether his past haunted him, Alexander, known to younger death row inmates as "Pops," replied: "I'm an ex-con. They jumped on that. Ain't no doubt about it."

Alexander first arrived on death row in 1982 but his conviction was overturned on appeal in 1987. He said he rejected a life prison term in a plea bargain deal, was tried a second time and condemned again in May 1989.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $23 (M) million

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 4-14-19-33-35-45

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

7-4-2

State approves grant for part of bird center

HARLINGEN (AP) — A birding center which developers hope will capitalize on nature enthusiasts' attraction to South Texas is getting state help.

Officials said the World Birding Center satellite in Harlingen will receive $500,000 in matching grants from the Texas Recreation and Parks Account.

Several communities competed for about $5.5 million in funds, said Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokesman Tim Hogsett.

Officials approved the funds at a public hearing in Austin on Thursday.

Headquarters for the World Birding Center will be in Mission, with other major satellite facilities to be located in Brownsville and Weslaco.

Advocates of the birding center say South Texas businesses including stores, restaurants and hotels will benefit from visiting bird enthusiasts.

State wildlife officials say up to 484 species of birds — more than half the species found in the United States — have been sighted in the Rio Grande Valley.

Grant funds for the Harlingen center were raised from a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods and set aside for park projects, said Hogsett.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001

Enterprises or ventures that are novel or extraordinary could be fortunate for you in the year ahead. Even if you're in unfamiliar fields, you'll still do well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have the marvelous faculty today for being able to buoy the sagging spirits of others. You might get a chance to utilize it with someone important to you. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

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

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a strong possibility you'll be able to find opportunities totally missed by others. This is because you'll see orchids today in places where others see only weeds.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Most of the time your ideas are pretty clever, but today they could be ingenious. Now it only remains for you to have the courage to implement them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When we say, "What goes around comes around," we usually mean one will get his or her comeuppance, but in your case this phrase means you'll receive rewards for past good deeds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Devote your time and energy today on interests you believe could further your aims. You'll be luckiest when working with new ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An opportunity may come your way today under some kind of cover or code for you to decipher. Listen very carefully when others talk about anything unique.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't make any concessions today without first examining whether they are necessary. Upon reflection, you will see that you're in a stronger position than you realized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Although you might get dragged into a situation today not of your choosing, after everything gets underway, it could prove to be extremely beneficial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'd be wise not to rush to judgment on an idea offered today just because it sounds too different. After careful study, it may not be as outlandish as you first thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be surprised today if you get the title of champion of lost causes, owing to your unique ability to transform endeavors that are gasping for air.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Especially if there's a chance of meeting new people, do not turn down any social invitations. Someone you meet could get you access to an opening blocked to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unusual circumstances could engineer two potentially profitable developments for you today. Each will happen independently.

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Original entries sought for spring poems publication

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild requests original poems for the spring issue of "Bards of a Feather." The theme is open and the limit is 20 lines. The deadline is March 1.

Submissions should be mailed to Mesquite Country Writers Guild, 9221 S. Hwy. 208, Hermleigh, 79526 or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

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By Phillip Alder

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New president, old battle lines over taxes

AP Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barely 10 days into the new administration, political lines are drawn for an old debate, with Republicans seeking big tax cuts that Democrats say would benefit the wealthy, shortchange domestic programs and risk renewed deficits.

President Bush's $1.6 trillion plan "threatens our prosperity and could return us to the big deficits of the 1980s," House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt said in his party's first response to the new president's weekly radio address.

It's an argument Democrats used to devastating political effect when deficits were big, Republican Newt Gingrich was House speaker and Bill Clinton held the White House.

But now, the deficits are gone and Republicans have control of the White House and Congress — and have an influential ally at the Federal Reserve, as well. "I must say, I never expected to see the day where I would be talking about anything other than reducing the debt," Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress last week.

With those words, Greenspan blunted the argument that tax cuts risk the return of deficits, almost before Democrats could begin to make it.

The Fed chairman also advocated tax cuts, and buoyed Bush and the Republicans by giving his blessing to across-the-board rate cuts.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said later that Greenspan's testimony "confirmed that the path advocated by President Bush and the Republican Congress is the right one. Fiscal discipline combined with tax relief will keep our economy growing."

Democrats, who had just finished congratulating Greenspan on his stewardship of the economy, grumbled, none more so than Sen. Paul Sarbanes. The Maryland Democrat said an accurate description of Greenspan's testimony was that he had taken "the lid off the punchbowl."

For their part, House Republicans intend to move quickly to counter a second charge by the political opposition.

Several GOP sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, say one of the first bills the Republican leadership puts on the House floor this year will be "lock box" legislation to safeguard Social Security and Medicare payroll tax receipts. The details remain to be worked out, and several sources said administration officials are concerned that the Medicare provision might limit their ability to fashion a budget.

Politically, though, Republicans acknowledge it is designed to shield them from attack by Democrats.

So, too, Hastert's desire to pass small pieces of a tax cut early in the year, rather than the entire $1.6 trillion, 10-year package all at once. That's a variation on last year's theme, when congressional Republicans broke their large tax cut into pieces, and were able to gain Democratic votes for an estate tax repeal.

At the same time, Republicans will soon begin to argue that surpluses would be even greater if it weren't for spending programs Clinton insisted on in his last two years in office.

Democrats appear to be on somewhat stronger political ground there. Their calls for money to hire teachers, build classrooms and provide prescription drugs for Medicare recipients all test well in the polls, and Bush sweetened his education proposal last week even before he submitted it to Congress.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Gephardt and other Democrats are likely to hit hard on that point throughout the tax-cut debate that is likely to last for months.

Daschle argued last week that virtually the entire 10-year surplus, not counting Social Security and Medicare funds, would be consumed by Bush's tax cut and increased defense spending.

Bush's tax cut plan, he jabbed, "leaves no room in the budget for 'leaving no child behind,'" — a reference to the president's campaign slogan on education.

To make room for more domestic spending, Democratic leaders favor smaller, targeted tax cuts, and are likely to try to unify the rank and file around an alternative to the Republicans.

Bush had a ready answer to that.

Greenspan, he said, got it "just right."

Relatives prepare to mark anniversary of airline crash

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don't expect to see Arthur Ost at memorial services for the 88 passengers and crew who died a year ago when Alaska Airlines Flight 261 spiraled out of control and plunged into the Pacific Ocean.

"I will not go and be a pawn of Alaska Airlines," said Ost, 81, who lost his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter in the crash. "I'll just think about it and mourn the death of my son and hope that someday we'll punish Alaska Airlines or their insurance companies."

There is still no official explanation why Flight 261 crashed Jan. 31, 2000, into the waters off Point Mugu. The twin-engine MD-83 was flying from Puerto Vallarta to San Francisco and Seattle when it fell out of the sky eight miles off Ventura County.

Like Oft, many of the victims' relatives have sought answers in the courts and in a multitude of law suits filed against the airline, its manufacturer McDonnell Douglas, and the company's new owner, Boeing Co.

Others, like the 800 family members expected to attend Tuesday's and Wednesday's services, hope to find their solace in prayers.

Fourteen members of the Ost family will attend the memorial events, paid for by the Seattle-based airline, and view the plane wreckage stored at the Navy base at Port Hueneme, northwest of Los Angeles.

Robert Ost, a firefighter with 15 years service, his wife, Ileana, and their 4-month-old daughter, Emily, died in the crash along with Ost's mother, Jean Permison, and her companion, Charles Russell. The five were returning from Mexico to celebrate Permison's 73rd birthday.

"The first month was really difficult," said Fred Ost, 48, of Skokie, Ill., who is Robert's cousin. "Trying to work at my job was difficult, I was getting choked up frequently. ... It took time and slowly I'm getting over it and life goes on."

The National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating why the aircraft suddenly plunged, upside-down, from 17,900 feet into the ocean.

Pilot Ted Thompson and co-pilot William Tansky had reported an apparent jam in the mechanism which lifts or lowers the plane's nose in flight. They wrestled with the problem for more than 30 minutes before losing control.

Many of the lawsuits filed since then have involved companies that played a role in manufacturing and maintaining the jet's jackscrew, a key part of the MD-83's horizontal stabilizer that is suspected of causing the crash.

A federal grand jury in San Francisco has been investigating the airline's maintenance operations at its Oakland facility since 1998.

The grand jury and NTSB investigators have also examined maintenance records of the downed aircraft's jackscrew mechanism, which controls the angle of the horizontal stabilizer on the aircraft's tail. The jackscrew's threads were found to be stripped.

Alaska officials deny any wrongdoing and say repeated tests showed the wear was insufficient to require replacement of the jackscrew assembly, which costs $30,000 to $70,000.

The NTSB's final report, which is to include the cause of the crash, is expected within the next few months.

The next hurdle for relatives, including Arthur Ost, is to come to terms with the first anniversary of the crash.

Ost said he'll talk by phone to his daughter, Janis, who will attend the ceremonies, and then grieve in private.

On the Net:
Alaska Airlines: http://www.alaska-air.com
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♣ A K J 5 2

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Dealer: East

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Monday, Jan. 29, 2001

The second teaching tour begins

By Phillip Alder

On Friday, Sept. 8, my second teaching tour began with a two-hour drive southwest from Brisbane to Warwick. I remembered this club from my 1996 tour because the president, Les Poole, when supposedly using fourth-highest leads, had attacked with his fifth-highest heart against my contract of three notrump. Thinking the hearts were 4-4, I played for an overtrick and went one down, when I would have succeeded if he hadn't been so nefarious!

This time, I partnered the new president, John Rose. He played perfectly on this deal, but was given help.

I overbid by responding two clubs, but only slightly.

Against four spades doubled, the defense started with a heart to the ace and a heart. Rose entered dummy with a club to the king, then called for the spade eight: 10, ace, diamond eight. Next, declarer played a club to dummy's jack, East ruffing. Best defense is a heart, conceding a useless ruff-and-discard. However, in answer to partner's unwise signal, East switched to the diamond jack: queen, ace, two. Now West must go back to hearts, but she led a low diamond. Rose won with dummy's 10, finessed the spade jack, continued with the spade nine, ruffed a club in hand, drew the last trump, and ran the diamonds for plus 590. Declarer had lost only one heart, one diamond and one club ruff.

East's worst error was doubling the final contract. Her opponents had bid strongly, there was no guarantee of four defensive tricks, and why warn South about the bad trump break?

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Reclining seats in cars pose unexpected danger

DEAR ABBY: On Sept. 12, 2000, our beautiful, blue-eyed 11-year-old daughter died from injuries she sustained in a car accident. With her seat belt fastened, she had the front passenger seat reclined to nap on the way home from school. Upon impact, she was thrown up to the seat belt and back down to the reclined seat. She suffered severe brain trauma.

Reclining the front seat is something people take for granted, and something we never realized was dangerous. We heard a doctor comment that severe injuries from being reclined are becoming more common. Commercials show how safe a car is while crash-test dummies are sitting upright with their seat belts fastened. Try to picture what that "dummy" would do if it was lying on its back without the support of a back seat. Without the back support, a sleeping person would be like a rag doll and would slide from under the lap belt, hitting the side of the car or the driver's seat. The only way airbags and seat belts can save you is if you're sitting with the seat upright and belts secured.

Since this tragedy, our families and friends have stopped this seemingly innocent but dangerous activity. Please get this message out to your readers; it may save a life. Thank you. — **JAMIE'S FAMILY, FLORISSANT, MO.**

DEAR JAMIE'S FAMILY: What a horror story. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your little girl.

I'm reminding readers of every age that the safest position for riding as a passenger in a moving vehicle is sitting upright, facing forward, with both feet on the floor and arms and hands inside. In the proper position, there is far less risk of neck injuries, scrapes, broken bones, crushed pelvises and brain injuries in a collision. Accidents can happen to anyone — that's why they are called "accidents."

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "Nancy's" comments on table manners. She said, "Remove your hat before sitting down at the table, including baseball caps." Sometimes a baseball cap might be more pleasant for others to look at than the scars it is hiding.

Six months ago, my son and three other crew members were in a C-130, fighting fires in France, when the plane crashed. Two were killed. My son and another young man survived when they were blown out of the plane on impact. They were in intensive care for quite some time.

In spite of very bad scars, they both looked wonderful to us. However, when my son was well enough for us to take him out to dinner, he wore a baseball cap to hide his worst scars, which were on his head.

You can believe I was proud to be sitting at the table with him — cap included! I'm hopeful that after some plastic surgery, the cap will no longer be necessary. — **A HAPPY MOM IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR HAPPY MOM: I am so glad to learn your son survived such a terrible accident and is on the road to recovery.

In most circumstances, men wear baseball caps because they think it's "cool" or they are having a bad hair day or have no hair at all. It would benefit all of us to refrain from judging those who wear caps indoors — there may be, as in your son's case, a legitimate reason.

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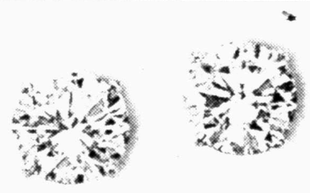

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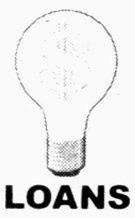

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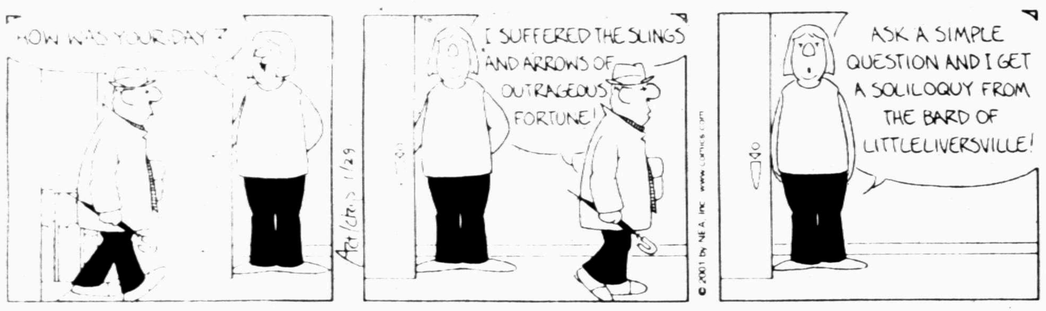

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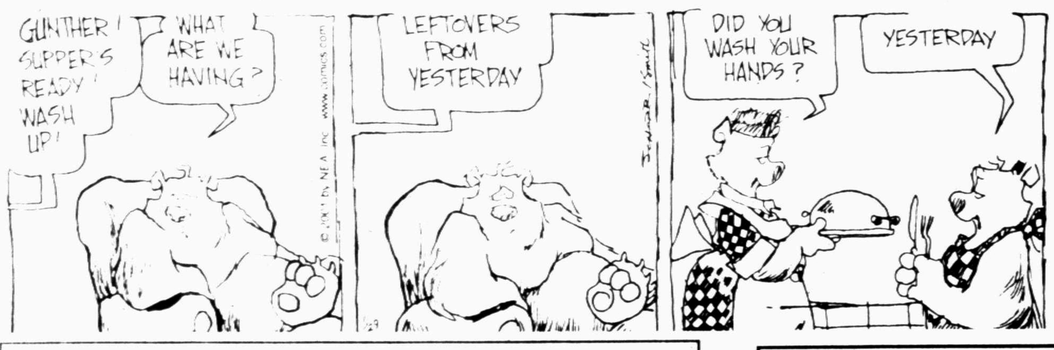

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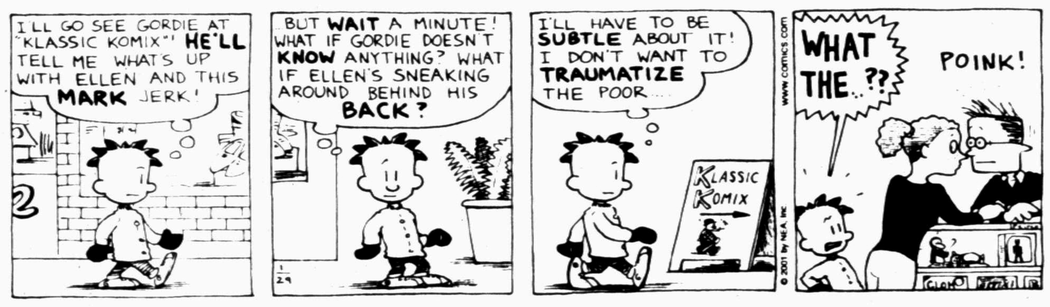

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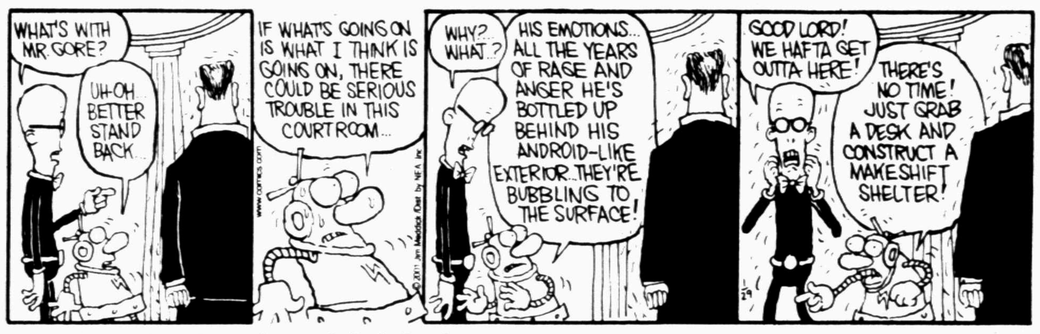

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14 Each
15 Breakfast pastry
16 Woolly
17 Cricket positions
18 Man-mouse connector
20 — and Pop
21 Gods
25 Imprisonment
28 Desert plant
32 Large antelope
33 Vestment worn by ancient priests
34 African canoe
35 Tropical vine
36 More knowing
37 Not so fat
39 TV western series starring Clint Eastwood
41 — out (stretch)
44 Positive vote
45 Author Umberto —
48 Ship's boat
51 Looking glass
54 Confine
55 Not digital
56 Reluctant
57 In recent times

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5 U.S. soldiers
6 Imitative in sound
7 — Lama
8 — — tree (in trouble)
9 Transgression
10 Yankees or Mets
11 Outside (comb. form)
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23 Kohl target
24 Lying on the back
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26 Hawaiian food fish
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29 Detective Charlie —
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38 Wintry
40 Actor John —
41 Icelandic writing
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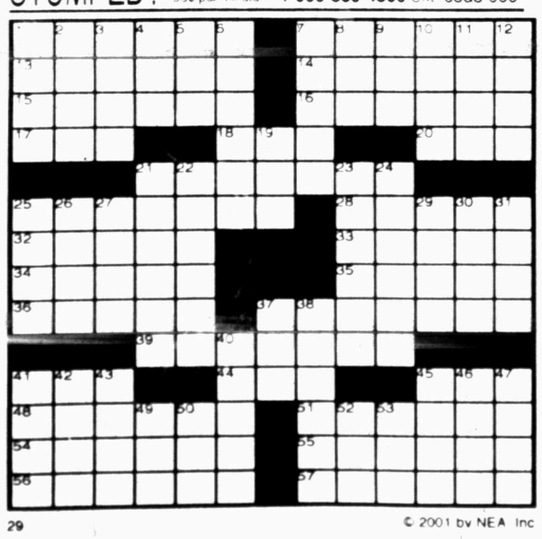

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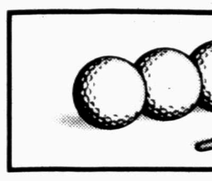

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SPORTS

Ravens slay Giants for NFL title, 34-7

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Nobody runs on the Baltimore Ravens, as the New York Giants found out early in Sunday's Super Bowl.

When the Giants tried to pass, the results were even worse against the NFL's best defense.

The Ravens' first NFL title was built on their ability to completely shut down an opponent's running game. It was secured by picking off four passes by Kerry Collins, who had five touchdown passes two weeks ago in the NFC championship game.

"They confused me," Collins said of the Ravens, who held him to 15 completions for 112 yards and sacked him four times. "They did a good job of disguising coverages. All around, I made bad reads, they had good defensive coverage, and in a game like this, against a defense like this, you can't do that."

Ron Dixon's 97-yard kickoff return provided the Giants' only points in Baltimore's 34-7 rout.

New York never got halfback Tiki Barber going, which meant the Giants had to go to the air early — just what the Ravens wanted.

"We came after them early, set a tempo," said defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis, who likely will wind up as the head coach in either Cleveland or Buffalo. "We applied pressure to let them know we'll play our defense and keep attacking and not let anyone take us out of our game."

Instead, it was New York's offense that was completely taken out of the Super Bowl.

Collins completed only eight passes in the first half, while the Ravens picked him off twice. The first was grabbed by Jamie Sharper after it was tipped by fellow linebacker Ray Lewis, the game's most valuable player. That didn't lead to any points, but it denied the Giants decent field position.

The second pickoff, by Chris McAlister, was a prime example of what Baltimore does best. The defense that allowed an all-time low of 165 points this season pressured Collins with a strong rush. He forced a deep pass over the middle into double coverage, and McAlister leaped to grab it at the Ravens 5 just before the half ended.

"I think maybe Collins got pressure he was not expecting," McAlister said. "He may have been rattled."

Kim Herring got the third interception when he stepped in front of Ike Hilliard on a short pass in the third quarter, but Matt Stover was wide left on a 41-yard field goal.

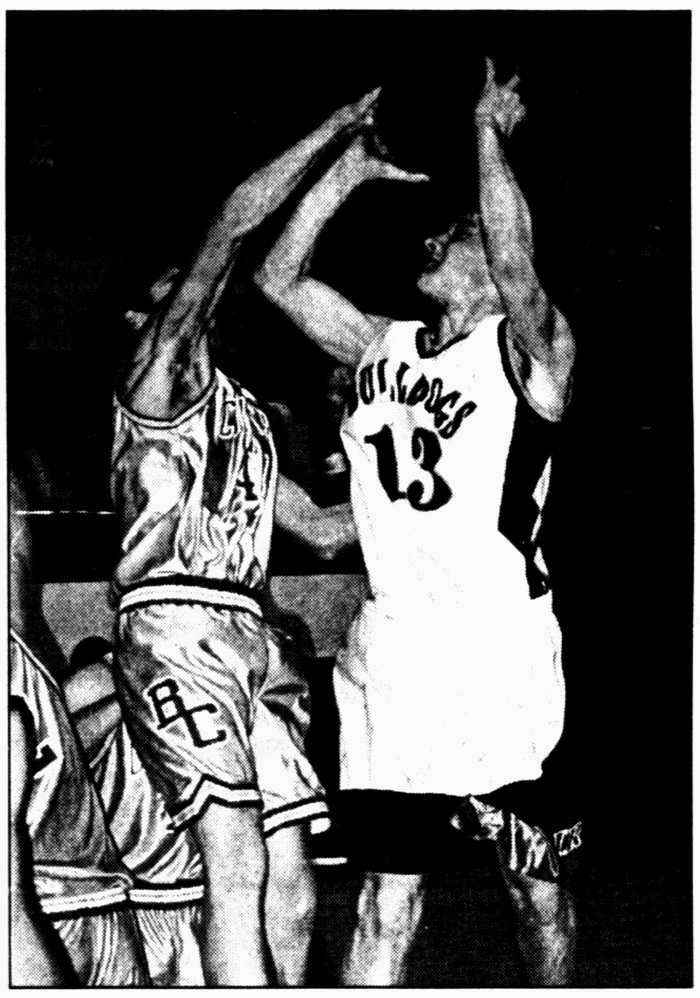
The fourth interception was the killer.

Still in the game, behind just 10-0, New York got the ball at its 44. On the first play, Collins' poor throw was intercepted by Duane Starks, who scooted untouched into the end zone from 49 yards.

"I played soft, and I took my chance when I knew I had a great shot to do it," Starks said. "All those interceptions that I didn't return for a touchdown during the season, I was saving it for the Super Bowl."

Following consecutive kickoff returns for scores, making it 24-7, the Giants no longer could afford to run. Not that they would have gotten anywhere — the Giants managed 66 yards on 16 rushing attempts.

"If you followed us throughout the playoffs, we dominated anyone we played," said Ray Lewis, the league's top defensive player this season. "I truly believe this defense has to go down as the greatest in history."



CONTESTED SHOT — Ira's Bryce Wilkins (13) tries to shoot over a Borden County player during the Bulldogs' victory Friday night. The Ira boys lead District 11-A with a 5-1 record.

Clues sought for OSU plane crash

BYERS, Colo. (AP) — The crew of a twin-engine plane that crashed during a snowstorm was told ice could form on the wings, but conditions were not harsh enough for authorities to ground the plane, investigators said Sunday.

The crash Saturday killed 10 people, including two Oklahoma State University basketball players and six staffers and broadcasters.

An ice advisory makes crews aware of weather conditions that could cause icing but does not restrict flying, National Transportation Safety Board investigators said.

At takeoff, the temperature at the airport was minus 4 degrees, with light winds, light snow and visibility of one mile.

The NTSB crash investigation team said its work would focus on whether de-icing procedures were performed on the plane.

Witnesses said the plane climbed and banked hard to the right before it crashed. They told investigators the propeller plane's engines revved and eased several times before the fiery crash in a field about 40 miles east of Denver.

"It sounded like he was flying full power. Then I heard a thump and saw a low glow," said Jon Carrick, who lives about two miles southwest of the crash site.

Cesar Ronquillo, another area resident, said the plane's engines were whining when he heard a loud noise. "I saw the plane turning around, go up again but all of a sudden go straight down," he said.

There was no distress call from the plane.

As light snow fell Sunday, an NTSB investigation team looked for clues to the cause of the crash amid twisted wreckage scattered across a mile.

The engines, de-icing boots and other pieces of the plane were to be taken over the next few days to a hangar in Greeley, where investigators planned to create a mock-up of the plane.

Aviation consultant Michael Boyd said a small amount of ice could reduce the lift on a wing.

"It doesn't take much," Boyd said. "That's why airlines are so intent on de-icing airplanes. You just don't mess with ice because it makes the wing nonaerodynamic."

The aircraft was one of three planes carrying the OSU men's basketball team and associates back to Stillwater, Okla., after they lost to Colorado in Boulder.

The victims were OSU players Nate Fleming and Daniel Lawson, sports information employee Will Hancock, director of basketball operations Pat Noyes, trainer Brian Luinstra, broadcast engineer Kendall Durfey, broadcaster Bill Teegins, pilot Denver Mills and co-pilot Bjorn Falistrom.

Also killed in the crash was student manager Jared Weiberg, the nephew of Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg.

Cyclones knock off Aggies, 72-53

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Iowa State showed its unselfishness against Texas A&M.

Jake Sullivan had 14 points to lead four players in double figures and the 17th-ranked Cyclones made 21 of 25 free throws and were able to put their emotions aside in a 72-53 victory on Sunday.

"I told our team the other day that there is no selfishness on this team," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "We have nobody on this team who cares how many points they score or when they score. That's why you see this evenness and we're very even talent-wise."

Martin Rancik scored 13 points for the Cyclones, who won their fourth straight, while Jamaal Tinsley added 11 and Tyray Pearson had 10.

Bernard King had 21 points to lead the Aggies, who lost their seventh straight.

Both teams played through their emotions after learning that 10 people, including two Oklahoma State players, died in a plane crash Saturday night while returning from a game in Colorado.

"It was far more than a somber day. I didn't sleep last night," Eustachy said. "I'm personally probably closer to the Oklahoma State program than I am with any other program in the conference. I cried a little bit, cried a lot. It's amazing."

The crowd at Reed Arena observed a moment of silence in honor of the crash victims.

"I was a little upset about it," King said. "It affected me because I don't like riding on planes anyway. I felt sorry for the families and Oklahoma State campus."

The Cyclones (17-3, 5-2 Big 12) controlled from the start, hitting their first 11 free throws against the undersized Aggies (6-13, 0-7).

"We're a tough team, but at times we don't think when we're playing," Eustachy said. "But it's disappointing because this is the smartest team we've ever had. I just want to get it through to the players because we're running out of time. The urgency should be just incredible."

The Cyclones went inside from the start and took advantage of A&M's foul trouble. Rancik made four free throws to start the game and followed with a basket and Iowa State pulled steadily into a commanding lead.

"We just go out there and try to win the game," Pearson said. "We don't have one player that scores all the points or tries to dominate that game."

Iowa State finished the first half 16-of-18 at the free-throw line. The Aggies had only three free throws in the first half and finished 10-of-13 from the line.

Lady Raiders upset by No. 12 Oklahoma, 84-66

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Since losing to No. 7 Iowa State on a game-winning shot, Oklahoma guard Stacey Dales says the Sooners have worked on establishing themselves early in games.

That work has paid off.

In the three weeks since the loss to Iowa State, No. 12 Oklahoma has five straight conference wins, including an 84-66 victory over No. 9 Texas Tech Sunday.

"I thought it was incredibly important that we stopped any momentum Texas Tech tried to build," Dales said. "Three weeks ago, that was our problem.

"Ever since the Iowa State game, we've established ourselves."

Against the Lady Raiders, Oklahoma got going from the opening tip.

Oklahoma (15-4, 6-1) never trailed after taking an 8-0 lead over Texas Tech (15-3, 6-1).

The Lady Raiders missed their first five shots and committed two turnovers during that stretch. The Sooners led 39-27 at halftime.

Natalie Richie's 3-pointer with 5:51 left cut Oklahoma's lead to 65-55, the closest Tech would get the rest of the way. Richie came off the bench to finish with a career-high 15 points.

The Sooners pressured the Lady Raiders' perimeter shooters, limiting Tech to 37.7 percent shooting.

"I was a little disappointed at how we handled their pressure early in the game," said Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "Every time that we made a mistake, they made us pay for it."

The win put Oklahoma in a tie with Texas Tech and Iowa State for first place in the Big 12 Conference standings.

Local Schedule

TODAY
Basketball

Lubbock Cavazos at Snyder 7th, 8th and 9th grade boys, 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Snyder 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls at Lubbock Cavazos, 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
Basketball

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY
Golf

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

TaeKwonDo

West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships at Scurry County Coliseum

Area Basketball Standings

4-4A BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	8	1	17	10
Snyder	7	2	17	8
Plainview	6	3	15	12
Frenship	5	4	15	13
Levelland	5	4	19	9
Lake View	2	7	10	17
Andrews	3	6	16	11
Big Spring	0	9	5	21

4-4A GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	11	0	26	1
Levelland	8	3	21	5
Frenship	7	4	20	9
Snyder	6	5	17	8
Big Spring	6	5	16	8
Andrews	4	7	15	12
Estacado	3	8	13	12
Lake View	0	11	8	10

11-A BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Ira	5	1	10	9
Westbrook	4	1	18	3
Grady	3	3	16	8
Sands	2	3	7	11
Borden County	0	6	1	23

11-A GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Borden County	5	1	14	13
Ira	4	2	10	11
Sands	3	2	11	12
Grady	3	3	12	12
Westbrook	0	5	3	19

12-A BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Blackwell	5	1	11	5
Trent	4	2	7	8
Highland	3	2	4	3
Loraine	1	4	1	11
Hermleigh	1	5	3	14

12-A GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Trent	6	0	16	5
Blackwell	4	2	10	5
Hermleigh	2	4	7	13
Highland	2	4	7	13
Loraine	0	5	6	12

Sports Briefs

TaeKwonDo tournament

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

Competition begins at 10:30 a.m. Admission is $5 for adults, and $3 for children ages 6-12. Children under the age of 6 get in free.

Agassi wins Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The Australian Open men's final was a battle from the baseline, and nobody plays that game better than Andre Agassi.

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Calcavecchia sets PGA record

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Calcavecchia birdied four of the last five holes to win the Phoenix Open with a 28-under-par 256, breaking a record held for 46 years by Mike Souchak for lowest 72-hole score.

Calcavecchia also set a record for most birdies in 72 holes, making 32 of them over four days on the par-71 TPC of Scottsdale course to win by eight shots over Rocco Mediate.

Irwin wins Senior Skins

WAILEA, Hawaii (AP) — Hale Irwin, given a reprieve when Jack Nicklaus holed a birdie putt to force an extra hole, made a 3-foot birdie putt to win the Senior Skins Game.

The three skins gave Irwin a total of seven, including the last six, and $320,000.

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New Jersey	14	31	.311	20
Washington	11	34	.244	23

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Indiana	20	23	.465	6½
Detroit	16	28	.364	11
Atlanta	15	27	.357	11
Chicago	6	37	.140	20½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	15	.643	—
San Antonio	26	15	.634	½
Dallas	28	18	.609	1
Minnesota	27	18	.600	1½
Denver	26	18	.591	2
Houston	22	22	.500	6
Vancouver	11	32	.256	16½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	32	14	.696	—
Sacramento	29	12	.707	½
L.A. Lakers	27	15	.643	3
Phoenix	24	18	.571	6
Seattle	26	21	.553	6½
Golden State	14	29	.326	16½
L.A. Clippers	13	31	.295	18

Saturday's Games

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Toronto 90, Chicago 80
Miami 81, Orlando 59
Minnesota 93, Portland 80
Washington 89, Phoenix 82
Atlanta 101, Cleveland 90
Houston 110, Charlotte 97
Detroit 108, Milwaukee 103
Denver 102, Dallas 100
Seattle 106, New Jersey 97
Sacramento 101, L.A. Clippers 89

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 86, Indiana 81
New York 91, L.A. Lakers 81

Monday's Games

Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
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Discovery of bones may close case

CAMP WOOD (AP) — For years, federal investigators believed Madalyn Murray O'Hair was killed. They just couldn't prove it.

But the weekend discovery of human remains in a shallow grave on a ranch suggest the long investigation into the atheist leader's 1995 disappearance may be near an end.

Investigators believe O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and adopted granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair, were killed, dismembered and dumped on the private, 5,000 acre ranch in south Texas.

A metal artificial hip and three skulls were unearthed Sunday near the same area where other human bones had been found a day earlier.

"The bones indicate three sets of human remains," said Roderick Beverly, special agent in charge of the FBI's San Antonio office. "All appeared to have their legs cut off."

O'Hair had a hip replacement operation several years before her disappearance.

Though Beverly stopped short of confirming the identity of the bodies, he said officials believe the search is over.

"The likelihood of three individuals walking around here, one of which has a hip replacement, and the trauma and marks we see on the bones, it's a better than even chance" the remains belong to the O'Hair family, he said.

It could take weeks to identify the remains, which were found about 2 feet down and layered on top of each other. DNA tests and dental records will be used. Investigators also will try to match the serial number on the metal hip to O'Hair's medical records.

Investigators also found a skull and hands in the grave, buried separately from the other remains.

The body of Danny Fry, one of the suspects in an alleged plot to kidnap, rob and kill the O'Hair family, was found near Dallas in 1995 with the head and hands severed.

A break in the O'Hair disappearance came on the eve of the trial of David Roland Waters, who was facing kidnapping and extortion charges in the case. Waters struck a deal with investigators Wednesday that was ordered sealed by a federal judge in Austin.

The 53-year-old Waters, who had pleaded innocent in the case, was to have gone on trial today.

A law enforcement source who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity confirmed Waters was taken to the ranch Saturday. His two lawyers also were present.

A hearing was scheduled today to hear objections from the AP on the judge's decision to seal the agreement. Waters' attorneys had made the request.

O'Hair, 77 and suffering from diabetes and heart disease when she disappeared, enjoyed calling herself the most hated woman in America. She was involved in successful court battles in the 1960s to ban prayer and Bible-reading in the nation's public schools.

O'Hair and her two relatives left their Austin home in August 1995 under mysterious circumstances. Breakfast dishes were still on the table and O'Hair's medication was left behind. The family's dogs were left at the house.

They were later seen in San Antonio but dropped from sight along with about $500,000 in gold coins from one of O'Hair's atheist organizations.

Investigators have alleged that Waters, O'Hair's former office manager, masterminded a kidnapping and extortion scheme.

Prosecutors contend the victims were dismembered at a public storage shed in Austin, and their bodies dumped on the ranch property under Waters' directions.

Waters was convicted in 1994 of stealing $54,000 from O'Hair's atheist organizations. He is serving 60 years in prison on weapons charges, and is to be sentenced in connection with his plea agreement on March 31.

Last August, Gary Paul Karr, 52, a former jailmate of Waters, was sentenced to life in prison for extorting money from the O'Hair family.

O'Hair's disappearance wasn't reported for a year until her estranged son, William Murray, told Austin police she was missing.

Theories ranged from foul play to O'Hair and family having run off with the money from her atheist organization, United Secularists of America. Others said she went away to die somewhere Christians wouldn't pray over her.

Yet on Sunday, as law enforcement officers came and went through the ranch gate, a man walked down the road pulling an 8-foot wooden cross.

"I'm not doing it for her, I'm doing it for her family," said Bob Hanus, 35, a self-described Christian missionary. "I said, 'What better place to go and pray.'"

On the Net:
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Substance abuse expensive for states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dealing with the effects of drug, alcohol and cigarette abuse cost states about as much as they pay for higher education, a private study estimates.

States spent $81.3 billion dealing with substance abuse in 1998 — or about 13 percent of their budgets, according to the study being released Monday by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

The three-year, state-by-state study, titled "Shoveling Up: The Impact of Substance Abuse on State Budgets," put New York at the top in percentage of funds — 18 percent of its budget — spent to "shovel up the wreckage" of abuse. South Carolina had the lowest percentage — under 7 percent.

"Substance abuse and addiction is the elephant in the living room of state government, creating havoc with service systems, causing illness, injury and death and consuming increasing amounts of state resources," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., the center's president.

Only about 4 percent of the amount spent, or $3 billion, was for prevention and treatment programs, Califano said. The rest of the money spent was drawn from state services ranging from law enforcement and welfare to health care and education.

The report recommends greater investment in prevention and treatment, particularly among prisoners to keep them from committing drug-related crimes after their release.

"Governors who want to curb child abuse, teen pregnancy and domestic violence and further reduce welfare rolls must face up to this reality: Unless they prevent and treat alcohol and drug abuse and addiction, their other well-intentioned efforts are doomed," Califano said.

Total state spending in 1998 was $620 billion, with 13.1 percent related to substance abuse, the report said. By comparison, states spent on average 13.1 percent of their budgets on higher education, 11.3 percent on Medicaid and 8.3 percent on transportation.

State justice systems had the largest portion of the expenses attributed to substance abuse, spending $30.7 billion on prisons, juvenile justice and court costs.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy said the report demonstrates the need for a "balanced strategy" to deal with drug abuse.

"We cannot simply arrest our way out of the problem," Edward H. Jurith, acting director of the office, said in a statement. "Treatment programs that follow a criminal from arrest to post-release follow-up must be implemented to end the cycle of drug abuse and crime."

Federal estimates, using 1995 data, place the overall federal, state and local costs of drug and alcohol use at $277 billion annually, including law enforcement and social programs.

The new study, which does not include federal funds, relied on data from the states about their spending on prevention programs, research and health care costs directly related to substance abuse. For indirect costs, researchers estimated the "burden" on state resources.

For example, to estimate substance abuse costs in elementary and high school education, researchers considered the expenses caused by all abusers. Mothers who drink while pregnant and have children with fetal alcohol syndrome influence the costs of special education when those kids go to school. Student drug use affects the need for drug testing and health care, and drug-related violence might require more spending on security and repairs. Teachers who abuse substances can cost the state in productivity, work time and more expensive health insurance.

Of the states, New York's estimated 18 percent amounted to more than $8.6 billion. Massachusetts was second, spending 17.4 percent of its budget, or $2,7 billion, followed by California, which spent nearly $11 billion, or 16 percent of its state budget.

Puerto Rico spent the smallest percentage of its budget, 6.1 percent, on substance abuse. South Carolina spent 6.6 percent, and Connecticut spent 7.6 percent of its budget.

In terms of substance-abuse spending per person, however, the District of Columbia topped the list, laying out $812 per resident. North Dakota spent the least, $155 per person.

Susan Foster, the study's principal researcher, cautioned against comparisons between states because the report does not include federal funds and states spend different proportions of their budgets on social programs.

On the Net: National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse: http://www.casacolumbia.org

India to receive earthquake aid from U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will send $5 million in emergency supplies to earthquake-stricken India, officials said Sunday, and could send more as the situation worsens.

More than 6,000 bodies have been recovered in the quake, and the death toll was expected to climb by several thousand more. Tens of thousands of Indians are homeless.

"This is clearly a terrible earthquake," said Len Rogers, acting assistant administrator in the bureau for humanitarian response at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Rogers said the United States will monitor the relief effort and send more aid if it becomes necessary.

"This is a major disaster, and we will respond accordingly," he said.

A seven-person disaster response team will be in India on Monday. USAID said the United States would send supplies that include plastic sheeting, blankets, water containers, purification and distribution kits and generators.

The agency, through the organization CARE, also began distributing 100 metric tons of food on Saturday. The emergency food will meet half the daily requirements for 4,000 families for 15-20 days, USAID said.

USAID also will provide financial assistance to support the work of relief groups already on the ground in Gujarat, the Indian state hardest hit.

Bhuj, a town in Gujarat, was near the epicenter of Friday's 7.9-magnitude quake and suffered the most casualties and damage.

On Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is Cat's Claw cat's meow?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: A friend of mine told me about an herbal supplement she takes called Uno de Gato, or Cat's Claw. She started taking it after completing treatment for breast cancer. She is originally from Peru and still has many relatives in that country. That is where she obtains her supplement. I did some research on the Internet and found much information on this supplement. The information I found sounded very encouraging. My husband is currently undergoing bio-chemotherapy for metastatic melanoma cancer, after previously undergoing surgery and Gamma knife radiation treatment to the brain. Do you have any information to add that has been scientifically tested in this country? Thank you for your help. — **J.P.**

DEAR J.P.: Finding information about herbs on the Internet and in books is not difficult. The problem comes in understanding where there is solid evidence, where there is reasonable hope, and where lies puffery salted with economic self-interest.

Cat's Claw (uncaria tomentosa) does indeed have a long folkloric use, and there are several alkaloid compounds in the herb that show some promise. There is preliminary evidence, for example, that one compound might protect against damage to DNA (the cell's genetic material). Other reports talk about a potential for stimulating the immune system, while other preliminary "test-tube" studies have shown that extracts from Cat's Claw can suppress the activity of factors involved in the cancer process. Cat's Claw seems to be on the right track, and these are all encouraging results, but such findings are too preliminary to predict whether these claims will pan out. Test-tube studies, for example, do not tell us if the active ingredients in the herb will be absorbed intact and whether they will successfully make their way to where the effect is needed. I wish I had more substantive news for you.

Another factor to consider is that there is little regulation on potency standardization with herbal preparations such as Cat's Claw. There can be great seasonal variation in the active ingredients in this herb, so there is no way of knowing what's inside the bottle when it says "Cat's Claw" on the label.

The American Cancer Society's Guide to Complementary and Alternative Cancer Methods (2000, American Cancer Society) also encourages caution, pointing to a lack of research on humans. It adds that people taking anti-ulcer, high blood pressure, anti-coagulant, hormonal or insulin medications should not take Cat's Claw.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I had a question about your answer on carbohydrates. You stated that once a carbohydrate is converted to fat, it can never become a carbohydrate again. If glucose is so important, why does the body store excess energy as fat? Thanks. — **R.S., Sacramento, Calif.**

DEAR R.S.: First, we need to store energy because we cannot capture the energy from the sun like plants do. Our only energy source is the food we eat. Fat is used because it is nature's most concentrated form of metabolic energy, containing more than twice the energy of carbohydrates such as glucose. A concentrated form of energy is used wherever mobility is needed. If we stored the bulk of our energy as carbohydrates, we would be too bulky to move.

A good example can be found in plants. There, by contrast, the basic theme is not mobility. They stay put, sending roots into the soil and leaves up to the sun. With this sunshine comes more energy for growth, the production of flowers, and the eventual production of seeds for the next generation. As plants take in their "meal" of sunshine, they turn energy into carbohydrates because they take up the most space per calorie.

Although the plant's "mission" is to grow rapidly while remaining in one spot, the seed's mission is much different. It must first travel away from the parent plant, being carried by winds or on animal fur. Next, after it falls upon a new patch of ground, it must have enough energy to send out roots and produce that first shoot so that it can begin gathering energy from the sun. The seed requires an energy-dense material so it can be compact in size. This explains why in seeds we find energy stored as fat.

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Bush: Contrasts, parallels of father, son

AP Analysis

By Lawrence L. Knutson
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The father faced a budget deficit, the son a budget surplus. The father faced a brooding and uncertain Soviet Union, now a memory for the son. The father fought to save an embattled nominee. The son let a troubled appointment quietly fade away.

The presidencies of George Herbert Walker Bush, and his son, George Walker Bush, are separated by a dozen years. And their first days in office are marked by as many contrasts as parallels.

They already have one secure niche in history. George W. Bush is the first son to follow his father to the White House since John Quincy Adams did so in 1825.

Twelve years ago, George W. Bush, speaking for his younger brothers and sisters, added the words, "God protect our mother and father," to the litany he read at the prayer service marking his father's inauguration as the 41st president.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, the Bush family again gathered under the gray-stone arches of Washington National Cathedral to mark the inaugural of the 43rd president.

This time all the prayers were for the son.

Both father and son got down to business as their terms started with almost the same words.

"I can't wait to get to work ... serious work," the elder Bush said in 1989. "I'm really looking forward to getting to work," his son echoed last week.

For all his eagerness, some charged the older Bush with getting off to a slow start, of "hitting the ground walking" on his top agenda issues.

His son, ready to deflect such accusations, dedicated his first week to education reform.

"We are here to make progress, we are not here to mark time," the new president said.

Although the younger Bush had marked education as the theme of his first week, his focus was joggled by the outcry over his first substantive act, an executive order banning U.S. aid to overseas charities that use their own money to provide abortions.

"Clearly the notion of 'uniter not divider' got seriously interrupted," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., citing a Bush campaign theme.

A dozen years ago, looking at the South Lawn from the Oval Office, the elder Bush held firm to his campaign promise of "read my lips, no new taxes." He did so even though the stubborn and growing budget deficit showed no signs of abating.

Inheriting a growing budget surplus, his son has a more pleasant task. But he must tussle with Congress, not about raising taxes, but whether the surpluses should be used to cut them or pay off the federal debt.

In January 1989, the elder Bush's most daunting challenge was the still frowning face of the Soviet Union. Bush was cheered by what he called a "generous" letter that first week from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. The Soviet threat, however, evaporated during his presidency, leaving his son with a memory, not a challenge.

The elder Bush spent considerable time and political capital 12 years ago defending his contested choice of former Republican Sen. John Tower of Texas to be secretary of defense. Tower had come under attack for his allegedly heavy drinking and womanizing and was defeated in a Senate roll call.

By contrast, his son acted quickly to replace Linda Chavez as the labor secretary nominee after revelations that she had given money and shelter to an illegal immigrant.

Throughout his first week the elder Bush introduced the nation to what would become a personal watchword — "prudence."

At his first news conference, he said he wanted to take the offensive in foreign policy rather than just react to moves by the Soviet Union.

"But prudence is the order of the day," the elder Bush said. He then used the word so many times it soon became part of the act for television comics doing George Bush impressions.

He may have summed up for his son as well as himself when he dictated in this typically staccato summary of his first full day in office:

"I'm not quite used to being called 'Mr. President.' Beautiful winter day, January 21 — clear, sunny, cold. The People's House, The Family's House — it is great."

State-level checkoff studied

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The apparent end of a national pork promotion program has some farmers considering a state-level checkoff to replace it.

Hog producers nationwide voted recently to end a mandatory payment, called a checkoff, of 45 cents per every $100 of a pig's value when it is sold. The money went to the quasi-governmental National Pork Board and paid for promotion, research and consumer information.

The National Pork Producers Council, or NPPC, partly funded through the program, and several other groups are suing in federal court, seeking to keep the checkoff program alive.

The Minnesota Pork Producers Association, or MPPA, is not joining in the lawsuit, but was addressing the impact of the national vote at its annual meeting in Minneapolis on Monday.

A state checkoff would come out of payments for hogs sold to Minnesota markets and would go to the association, but farmers who don't want to contribute could apply to get their money back, said David Preisler, association executive director.

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association already has voted to support a state checkoff, and South Dakota farmers are considering one, too.

A Minnesota checkoff would be voted on by the state's hog producers, who narrowly favored keeping the national checkoff in a 1,593-1,477 vote.

"The checkoff virtually did nothing to support my operation," said opponent Jim Joens, whose farrow-to-finish operation in Wilmont was wiped out in 1999 by pseudorabies, a swine virus. He now buys pigs from a Nebraska producer and then sells them, in addition to raising cattle and about 500 acres of crops.

Some producers, however, say they will lose the benefits the national checkoff provided.

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High prices creating interest in Alaska gas

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — For decades, Alaska's northern fringe has been intensively searched for large deposits of oil. Petroleum-industry crews are fanning across the North Slope again this winter, but this time some of them are looking for other riches: natural gas.

During the next three months, dozens of surveyors, heavy equipment operators and support staff will fire powerful volleys of sound into the ground — known as seismic testing — to learn the subsurface geology of the hilly, snow-covered tundra.

"This seismic program will give us another leg up in understanding this region," said Mark Hanley, a spokesman for Anadarko Petroleum Corp., based in Houston.

Tight supplies and rapidly growing demand have focused new attention on Alaska's huge but geographically remote natural gas reserves, discovered at the same time as oil in the late 1960s.

The current market imbalance has dramatically raised gas prices, long seen as an impediment to development. In addition, equipment improvements and regulatory changes have suddenly made viable a pipeline project that would link Alaska to North America's gas infrastructure.

"Basically, 21st-century technology has lowered the cost quite a bit," said Ken Konrad, Alaska gas development manager for BP Amoco Group. That technology includes high-strength steel that allows gas to be sent through a pipeline at high pressure and improvements in communications and remote control systems to operate the line.

The North Slope holds proven reserves of 35 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, but it's believed that vast amounts more remain to be found. The United States currently consumes about 21.5 trillion cubic feet of gas per year, with demand expected to grow by about 2 percent annually for the next two decades.

Alaska's three major oil producers — BP, Phillips Petroleum Co. and Exxon Mobil Corp., which is based in Irving, Texas — control nearly all of the known gas reserves. They are working together on a $75 million study of the gas development project.

Anadarko has launched its multimillion-dollar exploration program in hopes of having some say when decisions are made about the proposed pipeline. And there are many decisions to be made, including the pipeline's capacity and its route.

Gov. Tony Knowles and other Alaska political leaders are pushing a $10 billion, 2,000-mile route that would start at Prudhoe Bay and run along highways in Alaska and northwestern Canada to Alberta, where it would tie into an existing pipeline network linked to the lower 48 states.

A rival route would extend east from Prudhoe Bay into Canada along the Arctic Ocean coast before heading south along the Mackenzie River.

The Arctic coast route would be about 300 miles shorter and an estimated $2 billion cheaper than the Alaska route, and it could be used to transport some of the 9 trillion cubic feet of known natural gas in far northern Canada. But the route would almost certainly face strong opposition from environmentalists because it would skirt the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and pass through miles of wilderness in northern Canada.

Either way, it would be Alaska's biggest construction project since the $9 billion trans-Alaska oil pipeline was built in the 1970s. Making the pipeline steel alone would take a year, and the oil companies would have to build a mammoth plant to strip water and other impurities from the gas and otherwise ready it for the long trip south.

A gas line isn't the only project that could tap North Slope gas.

Several companies, including Phillips and BP, have been studying how to convert the gas to a waxy liquid fuel that could be sold domestically or overseas. Another project calls for liquefying the natural gas and sending it by tanker to Asia or to the rest of the United States.

"In California they're talking about rolling blackouts. The time may be right for (liquefied natural gas) to be shipped to the West Coast as well as the Pacific Rim," said State Rep. Scott Ogan, who chairs a legislative oil and gas committee.

Also still to be decided is ownership of any gas line. Three communities along one of the prospective pipeline routes have formed a port authority — they say public ownership of the line would be exempt from federal taxes, which could cut billions of dollars from the project cost.

BP, Phillips and Exxon Mobil have assembled a team of about 50 engineers and regulatory experts to sort through the various issues, with a decision on a route expected later this year. If all goes smoothly, a gas line could be completed by 2007, said Joe Marushack, vice president of gas commercialization at Phillips Alaska.

While the recent high natural gas prices may have raised interest in an Alaska gas line, developers say they are not counting on prices to remain at current levels. Natural gas is currently selling on commodity markets for about $7.70 per thousand cubic feet. That's down from more than $10 last month, but more than three times higher than the price a year ago.

Professors' suspicious deaths strike Ivy League town hard

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — The humanity that Susanne and Half Zantop brought to Dartmouth College has made it difficult for colleagues to accept how the couple's lives could have ended in a double homicide.

The Zantops, both longtime professors at the Ivy League school, were found slain in their secluded house about three miles from campus.

"They were wonderful people. They were special — intellectually, humanly, everything," said Dartmouth languages instructor Roxanne Verona.

Verona told neighbors she stumbled upon the Zantops' bodies when she arrived at the house for dinner Saturday evening and found the door unlocked.

Police have since cautioned Verona not to discuss the discovery, but some details about the slayings have seeped out.

"She went in and called out. There was no answer," neighbor and friend Audrey McCollum said. "She turned and saw Susanne on the floor with blood around her."

Verona rushed to McCollum's home to call police while McCollum's husband Robert, a doctor, went over to the Zantops' home. Robert McCollum said he saw enough to know for certain the couple had been dead for several hours.

Attorney General Philip McLaughlin on Sunday refused to discuss a possible motive, suspects, the cause of the deaths or the condition of the house, saying he did not want to jeopardize the investigation.

Susanne Zantop, 55, was chairwoman of the German Studies Department. Her 62-year-old husband taught Earth sciences. Both had taught at Dartmouth for at least 25 years and had two adult daughters.

About 50 faculty members, administrators and students held a somber meeting on campus Sunday night and agreed to set up a support network with a campus hot line.

Many embraced, some were tearful, and most, including Dean Jim Larimore, were trying to come to terms with the word "homicide."

"Words like this don't come easily in a place like this," he said. "What we have to acknowledge is that this is a nightmare, but we won't wake up."

A picturesque town of just under 10,000, Hanover is lively, but considered safe. The last murder was in 1991, when two female students from Ethiopia were killed with an ax. Police said it was the first murder in town in more than 40 years and the first murder of a Dartmouth student that anyone could remember.

An Ethopian man allegedly spurned by one of the victims was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Kinohi Nishikawa, a senior living in an apartment complex for German studies students, said he learned about the professors' deaths from the student newspaper.

"I was in total shock — I couldn't breathe," he said. "I've been following this on the Internet, and every little detail is tugging at my heart."

Nishikawa, who does research for a German studies professor, said he was dreading seeing the teaching staff Monday.

"It's almost too much for me to think about going back there and seeing them," he said. "I know this campus will be a very sad place in the next few days, whether they've ever met the Zantops or not."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

In light of depression

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every year at Christmas time, my husband becomes depressed. In the past, this has caused us to live separately. Recently, I have heard that depression can be caused by inadequate sunlight. Could this be his problem?

DEAR READER: Many depressed patients exhibit a cyclical pattern to their illness. Depression seems to be more severe around holidays, birthdays and anniversaries. Also, depression may profoundly affect people during the mid-winter months. Such a pattern is known as "seasonal affective disorder."

Some experts believe that this seasonal depression may actually be caused by inadequate sunlight. For example, in northern latitudes, such as Scandinavia, where winter days are short, people appear to suffer almost a cultural depression; this has led scientists to try artificial light, in an attempt to make patients feel better. This technique works well. Many patients are immeasurably helped by exposure to such light. However, in the United States, where winter days are less forlorn, sunlight (and artificial light) may play a less important role.

If your husband's depressive symptoms are so severe that they disrupt his life and have lead to a temporary separation, he could be helped by taking anti-depressant medication. Such therapy should be administered under the supervision of a physician, preferably a psychiatrist. Anti-depressants often produce astounding improvement in mood, allowing these patients to function more effectively and happily.

Try to get your husband to a psychiatrist or mental health center in your community. He may be a different man once he is medicated. In addition, if sun deprivation seems to be a factor in your husband's depression, the doctor can prescribe devices for him to obtain additional artificial light. However, I believe that medication may provide a more satisfactory solution to his problem.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 20-year-old-daughter has used Chap Stick for many years, as often as several times an hour. Without it, her lips are dry, cracked and painful. Can you suggest how she can reduce her dependence on this product?

DEAR READER: Chapped lips can be a real problem to control, especially in dry, cold climates and particularly in "lip-wetters" — people who, out of nervousness, constantly lick or bite their lips.

First of all, your daughter should find out why her lips chap so readily. Is she a lip-wetter? If so, she may need some assistance in breaking that habit. Is she constantly exposed to sun or dry, cold air? Such an environment can severely deplete lip oils and cause the skin to flake and crack.

Does she have an underlying skin disorder, such as psoriasis, eczema or excessively dry skin? Could she have, in fact, developed an allergy to lipstick or an ingredient in Chap Stick itself? These conditions may need the attention of a dermatologist. Ask your daughter to see such a specialist, so that her problem can be diagnosed.

Chap Stick is a good product and it does protect lips from a drying environment. However, in my experience, it is not the solution for everyone. I've found that lanolin containing creams and balms are superior, because the lanolin penetrates the skin, adds moisture to the tissues, and keeps the lips soft and supple.

Perhaps your daughter would be helped by trying one of the many available lanolin hand creams. She should apply the product several times a day and rub it in well. If dry weather contributes to her dry lips, she can apply Chap Stick right over the lanolin for added protection.

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DaimlerChrysler to cut many jobs

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — DaimlerChrysler announced Monday that it will cut 26,000 jobs over three years at its U.S.-based Chrysler division.

As part of the restructuring plan designed to pull Chrysler out of the red, the company announced it would cut about 20 percent of its North American work force.

The plan also calls for six manufacturing plants to be idled through 2002. Chrysler said it expects a large part of the job-cutting to be done through retirement programs, achieved within the framework of existing union contracts.

"To be competitive, the Chrysler group needs to be a more nimble company," Chrysler group president and chief executive Dieter Zetsche said in a statement. "Along with exciting products, this will establish a sound basis for future growth."

Chrysler said the job cuts will involve 19,000 hourly workers and 6,800 salaried employees.

All of the job cuts will be through a combination of retirements, special programs, layoffs and attrition.

Chrysler expects that three-quarters of the overall reduction will be achieved this year.

Date Book

Monday, Jan. 29, 2001

Today is the 29th day of 2001 and the 40th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1914, the Marines invaded Haiti in order to protect the American consulate.

On this day in 1936, in Cooperstown, N.Y., the Baseball Hall of Fame was founded.

On this day in 1984, to raise money for charity, Christie's Gallery auctioned a dinner with Gloria Steinem and Marlo Thomas.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772), scientist-mystic; Thomas Paine (1737-1809), American colonial pamphleteer; William McKinley (1843-1901), U.S. president; Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), writer; W.C. Fields (1880-1946), comedian; John Forsythe (1918-), actor, is 83; Paddy Chayefsky (1923-1981), dramatist; Tom Selleck (1945-), actor, is 56; Ann Jillian (1950-), actress, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, in high-school basketball, Grand Avenue High of De Quincy, La., defeated Audrey Memorial High 211-29.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the time of darkest defeat, victory may be nearest." — William McKinley

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 24) and first quarter (Feb. 1).

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Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Partee Drilling Inc. will drill the No. 5 Massey in the Westbrook east field, three miles north of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 25, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 2 East Lott in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 5,100 feet, and drill site is in Section 6, Block w, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Devon SFS Operating will drill the No. 3-28 Martin, an 8,300-foot wildcat located three miles southwest of Coahoma. Location is in Section 28, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Devon will drill the No. 6-22 Bond, an 8,300-foot wildcat located five miles southwest of Coahoma. Location is in Section 22, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 3308-A Snyder, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was completed to produce 13 barrels of oil and 190 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,658-830 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 30, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 2011-B Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, four miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was completed to produce 32 barrels of oil and 267 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,661-770 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 30, T&P survey.

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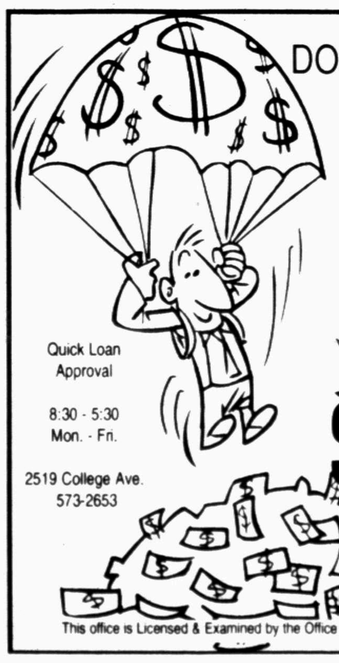

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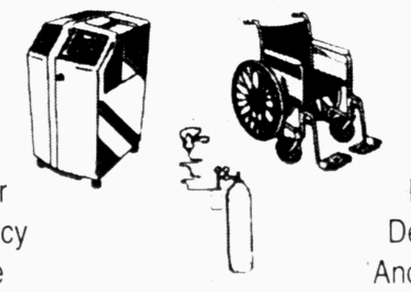

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Infant rescued from earthquake ruins

BHUJ, India (AP) — Kusumben Myacha lay for three days pinned under a massive chunk of cement without food or water, drifting in and out of sleep. She prayed to her Hindu gods to be saved.

No one heard her screams until the stillness of the second night. At daybreak, rescuers began a frantic race to dig her out from under the rubble of a collapsed seven-story apartment building. Myacha, 40, was pulled free as night fell Sunday.

Rescuers trying to recover the body of a woman killed by the quake made a startling discovery today — an infant in her lap, covered with blood but still alive. Doctors say the 7-month-old will survive, said R.K. Thakur, a Border Security Forces assistant commandant.

However, tales of dramatic rescues are becoming rare after three cold nights.

"Hope of finding survivors is dwindling hour by hour, but as long as there is hope, we won't give up," said Joachim Ahrens, spokesman for a Swiss government agency responsible for a rescue team in Bhuj. "The hopes are dwindling but they are not yet dead."

By official count, Friday's 7.9-magnitude quake had killed 6,287 people in the industrial state of Gujarat in western India, and the state's chief minister, Keshubhai Patel, said the toll could go as high as 20,000.

Tremors lasting up to 30 seconds continued to shake India on Monday, panicking residents but causing no new damage beyond minor cracks in buildings.

A magnitude-4.3 quake at 8:08 a.m. was centered 20 miles from Bangalore, a city 850 miles southeast of the epicenter of Friday's quake near Bhuj. Authorities there closed schools and colleges today.

No Barak, Arafat contact before Feb. 6

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Barak today ruled out any contacts with Yasser Arafat before Israel's Feb. 6 election and accused the Palestinian leader of an unleashing an "attack of lies" against Israel.

An Israeli motorist was shot and killed by gunfire on a West Bank road today between Jerusalem and the Palestinian city of Ramallah, witnesses said. The Israeli military said the Israeli, in his 50s, was shot from a passing car. His name was not immediately released.

In the Gaza Strip, Israel soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian man who Palestinian security officials said was working on his home.

The violence follows the round of peace talks in Taba, Egypt, which ended Saturday amid an upbeat atmosphere but without any agreement. A day later, Arafat and Barak began trading recriminations.

Arafat, speaking Sunday in Davos, Switzerland, accused Israel of waging "fascist military aggression" during the four months of clashes. He also claimed that the Israelis had used depleted uranium in their weapons. In a statement Monday, Israel's army denied using depleted uranium.

"After we heard Arafat's comments in Davos yesterday which were a full-fledged attack on the army ... and an attack of lies on the state of Israel, there's no point continuing discussions these days," Barak told army radio.

Barak called off all "political contacts" with the Palestinians but said security cooperation would continue, his office said in a statement.

Barak said he was still committed to peace effortr that it's not possible, then we will fight."

Arafat and Barak had reportedly been planning to meet in Stockholm, Sweden, this week to follow up on six days of peace talks in Taba, Egypt. The Taba talks were seen as Barak's last real shot at a breakthrough before Feb. 6 elections in which his opponent, hard-liner Ariel Sharon, is heavily favored.

After a meeting in Switzerland with U.N. Secretary-General Kófi Annan, Arafat said he had not meant to speak against the peace process, and just wanted to emphasize Palestinian suffering.

"We strive to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace," Arafat told a press conference at the World Economic Forum. "We don't want a breakdown of the peace process."

A total of 377 people have been killed, including more than 330 Arabs and more than 40 Israeli Jews since the fighting began in September.

Barak had hoped the peace negotiations in Egypt would revive his sagging campaign for prime minister. Both Israeli and Palestinian negotiators offered a positive assessment of the talks.

14-year-old girl hospitalized

• ***Overdose***

A 14-year-old female was treated and released at Cogdell Memorial Hospital over the weekend after overdosing on alcohol.

A neighbor had called police to the 3700 block of Avenue U at 12:33 a.m. Sunday in reference to kids possibly being intoxicated in the front yard of a residence.

An officer responded and requested Snyder EMS in reference to the girl being unconscious.

Sgt. Brian Haggard of the Snyder Police Department said the juvenile was released to her mother and that the case has been referred to Child Protective Services for further investigation.

• ***Theft***

Jan Rogers called an officer to Wes-T-Go at 4201 College at 5:51 a.m. today to report the theft of some coins from the Lubbock Avalanche Journal newspaper machine. A report for Class C theft was taken.

• ***Family violence***

An offense report for family violence was filed at 6:50 a.m. Saturday.

• ***Arrests***

A 41-year-old female was taken into custody at 8:18 a.m. Saturday at 29th Street and Avenue L for public intoxication.

At 10:57 a.m. Saturday, a 20-year-old man was arrested in the 2400 block of 29th Street on a warrant for not paying a speeding ticket.

Officers took a 17-year-old man into custody at 11:28 p.m. Saturday in the 3700 block of Avenue U for the offense of a minor consuming alcohol.

Public intoxication landed a 39-year-old man in jail at 1:54 a.m. today. He was arrested at the VFW.

• ***Accidents***

At 2:56 p.m. Sunday, a private property hit-and-run accident was taken in the parking lot of Taylor's convenience store. An unknown vehicle struck a 1991 Ford Thunderbird owned by Belinda Jo Lara and then left the scene.

A minor mishap occurred at 3:09 p.m. Sunday in the same parking lot. A 1997 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle owned by the City of Snyder and driven by Officer Jason McMillan struck a dumpster.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 28-Shirley Hagins, Ralinda Mills, Reaghan Ruiz, Kenneth Armstrong and Lisa Moore.

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Obituaries

Troy Scott

1930-2001

DALLAS – Funeral service for Troy T. Scott, a Snyder public school teacher for 30 years, is set for noon Tuesday in the Wheatland United Methodist Church in Dallas. Interment will follow in the DFW National Cemetery under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home.

Troy Scott

A memorial service for Mr. Scott, 70, is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder First Baptist Church Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, interim pastor, will officiate.

Mr. Scott 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.

Born Nov. 24, 1930 in Purvis, Miss., he married Mary Lou Balta on Aug. 31, 1956 in Dallas. Mr. Scott was a 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.

John Alls

1911-2001

AMARILLO – John William Alls, the father of Pat Cain of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 25, in the VA Nursing Home in Amarillo.

Funeral service for Mr. Alls, 89, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Rector Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Gil Lain, pastor of the Paramount Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to follow in Llano Cemetery.

Born Feb. 14, 1911 in Swanson, Mr. Alls was a U.S. Army veteran of World Ward II. He married Ruth Weeks in 1955 in Clayton, N.M.

A resident of Amarillo since 1976, he was a retired chef for the Amarillo Club and a member of the Paramount Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Alls of Amarillo; two other daughters, Deborah Bishop and Sharon Evans, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Orville Alls of Clovis, N.M. and Sid Alls of Denver; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

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.

Maurine Hunt

1914-2001

TYLER — Opal Maurine Hunt, mother of Jean Loyola of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 27, in Greenbriar Nursing Home in Tyler.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hunt, 86, set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home.

Born April 15, 1914 in Whitehouse, Tex., she married O.D. Hunt on April 12, 1935 in Tyler. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three other daughters, Mary Stanford of Tyler, Peggy Grim of Milwaukee, Wisc., and Shirley Saenz of Bellingham, Wash.; one son, Billy Hunt of Whitehouse; numerous grandchildren, including Lisa Tate and Linda Key of Snyder, Tracy Loyola of Colorado City and Debbie David of Fordyce, Ark., formerly of Snyder; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Credit union annual meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Scurry County School Federal Credit Union will be held at 7 tonight in the SHS cafeteria.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Lessons from the Life of Joseph," followed by "Our Greatest Adversaries: Fear."

Cub Scout pack meeting

Cub Scout Pack 61 will meet at 7 p.m. today in the West Elementary auditorium.

Scholastic book fair

Scurry County Head Start will have a Scholastic book fair from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. this week through Friday at the head start program, 2800 2nd St. Everyone is invited.

WTC continuing ed classes

Western Texas College's Continuing Education Department will present "The Great American Debt Opportunity" today and "Spend Smart" Tuesday. Each session will last from 6 to 9 p.m. and both will be located in building 15A. The cost for each is $40. The textbook for "The Great American Debt Opportunity" costs $43, but it is not required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390 to reserve space in either class.

Family Math, Science Night

Math and Science Night for Snyder 7th graders is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Genealogy meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Members will read narratives about great-grandfathers. The public is invited and each visitor will receive a free family pedigree chart.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing dates for the March vocational nursing class at WTC are 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Snyder tennis boosters

The Snyder tennis boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank. Parents of all tennis players are invited.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Alzheimer support group

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

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Wednesday. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

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.

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 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to receive a certificate accepted by most insurance companies for a discount in premiums. Cost is $10. To register, call 573-4035.

Scout food drive

The annual food drive for Boy and Girl Scouts will be from 8:30 until noon Saturday. The bags will be passed out Wednesday and Thursday. Please, no glass or perishable items and place your items on your porch in a visible place.

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, Feb. 6, 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.

Medical fund

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

1981 class reunion

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclassof81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

Adult basic education classes

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

Senior citizen swimnastics

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

WTC swimming pool opens

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