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Charlie Stenholm...

Oil and ag interests must work together

Saying tax cuts won't solve current economic woes, U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, said Tuesday that oil and gas interests and agriculture interests must join forces.

Stenholm, meeting with a group of Snyder residents at noon Tuesday at the Spanish Inn, said there is a growing realization that the serious economic conditions in West Texas are not necessarily a regional problem.

While much of the nation is enjoying low gasoline and food prices, the international market and America's national security are strong arguments for legislative action.

While many oil producers are calling for an oil import tax, Stenholm called that a "four-letter word" in most of the country.

Stenholm said petroleum industry representatives meeting in Washington last week were successful in talking about an "environmental equalization fee" on imported oil.

The congressman said a fee of $6 per barrel would generate funds that could be used to help balance the budget as well as assist schools hit hard by the loss of mineral valaues.

"That would help level the playing field for domestic producers," Stenholm said.

"You cannot lose 41,000 oilfield jobs in Texas and it not impact the rest of the state," Stenholm added.

Without legislation, Stenholm noted that experts are predicting even lower oil prices. "Try and think what your community will be like five years from now with $6 oil, 40-cent cotton and 40-cent cattle."

"I came looking for suggestions. Call me collect. I'm suggesting that oil interests and ag interests work together. Even together, we're a minority voice in Congress."

Stenholm said tax cuts don't help people who are not making any money. The Democrat said he opposed any across-the-board tax cuts, but rather favored targeted cuts. "We need to think about national security and apply surplus to the national debt."

Responding to questions, Stenholm said he believed the concept of an integrated textile industry in Snyder is a good idea. "Lorber will be the first, not the last."

Stenholm was in Lamesa Tuesday morning, and after the luncheon, he toured Lake J.B. Thomas with representatives of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

CRMWD manager John Grant said this morning that he asked Stenholm to view Lake Thomas for a couple of reasons.

"We wanted to show him first hand what effect the drought has had on Lake Thomas," said Grant, adding that the lake is at 3.5 percent of its capacity.

"There are several lakes in Mr. Stenholm's district that are in the same shape, including Lake Stamford," said Grant.

Stenholm's hometown is Stamford.

The water district has had to trench part of Lake Thomas in order to get a water supply to the Snyder inlet by the dam, and had faced delays in obtaining a permit required by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in regards to designating part of the lake as a "wetlands."

"We wanted to show the congressman what we had had to do, and to see if he could introduce legislation that could speed up the process."

"This legislation could impact anyone with lakes at the level Thomas is at now," said Grant.

"If you have to move dirt in order to get water to a community, you don't have time to wait long on permits," said Grant.

"We would like to see it be easier to get permits from the Corps of Engineers during drought conditions," Grant added.

Stenholm said he had learned that concern had been expressed to the water district about the trench that has been dug to allow the water from Lake Ivie to get to the outlet that serves Snyder.

"I want to see that wetland and I want to be present at any press conference where they talk about a dry lake bed being a wetland," said Stenholm.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The facts, although interesting, are often irrelevant."

You know the speech — walking to and from school in snow and sleet. And it was uphill both ways.

You know you're getting older when you start making those speeches instead of listening to them.

Here's some entries in a contest seeking to find out just how tough it was "in the ole days."

--In my day, we couldn't afford shoes, so we went barefoot. In the winter we had to wrap our feet with barbed wire for traction.

--In my day, we didn't have rocks. We had to go down to the creek and wash our clothes by beating them with our heads.

--In my day, we didn't have dogs and cats. All I had was Silver Beauty, my beloved paper clip.

--When I was your age, we didn't have fake doggie-do. We had only real doggie-do, and no one thought it was a darn bit funny.

--Back in the 1970s we didn't have the space shuttle to get all excited about. We had to settle for men walking on the crummy moon.

--In my day, we didn't have days. There was only time for work, time for prayer and time for sleep. The sheriff would go around and tell everyone when to change.

--In my day, we didn't have hand-held calculators. We had to do addition on our fingers. To subtract, we had to have some fingers amputated.

--Kids today think the world revolves around them. In my day, the sun revolved around the world, and the world was perched on the back of a giant tortoise.

--Employment? Things were so bad that Snow White laid off three dwarfs.

--Business got so bad that one store had a pre-fire sale.

--In my day, things got so bad that the wages of sin were cut.

--Things got so bad that the doctor's stethoscope was put on a party line.

--The neighborhood kids had to share a pet — a tumbleweed.

--In my day, Baskin Robbins only had one flavor.

--We had a toronado once — and it did $2 million worth of improvements.

--In my day, things were so bad that the barbershop quartet only had two members.

STRANGE CHANGE — The United States Mint has announced its 50 State Quarters Program that honors the individual U.S. states through a new series of circulating quarters being issued over the next decade. Five state quarters will be unveiled each year with Deleware (shown in inset) being the first. Amercian State Bank teller Amy Perez looks over one of the new quarters. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Wendy Proffitt garners 5th campus spelling bee victory

Wendy Proffitt has done it again. The perennial spelling bee winner won her fifth straight campus spelling bee Wednesday afternoon at Snyder Junior High School.

Since the fourth grade, the eighth grader has won campus bees at East, Northeast, West and two at the junior high. In addition, she won the 1998 county bee and placed second at the regional bee in Lubbock.

Wendy is the daughter of Doug and Jill Proffitt.

Jessica Rylant, daughter of Camilla Stewart, is the runner-up. She is an eighth grader. Rebecca Pavlovsky, seventh grader and daughter of Lori and Donny Pavlovsky, finished third.

Virginia Trevey coordinated the junior high bee. Sylvia Sapsky was the pronouncer. Margaret Corkran and Linda Huestis were the judges and Carla Allen provided requested word definitions.

Hermleigh also held its elementary bee on Wednesday afternoon. The winners, both sixth graders, are Justin Kelly, first place; and Lennon Lane, runner-up.

Justin is the son of Magdalena Kelley, and Lennon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lane.

Samantha Berry, fifth grader, also competed at Hermleigh.

Brenda Kuss was the bee's coordinator and pronouncer. Judges included Cathy Beckman and Vickie Harrison.

West Elementary's bee winners decided this morning are Tara Gilliland, first place, daughter of Ronald and Daylene Gilliland, and Hadley Hirt, runner-up and son of Rex and Stacy Hirt.

Sixth graders who competed at West's include Patrick Jones, Walter Ezell, Cole Robertson, Marisa Munoz, Terry McGough and Cody Pechacek, Hope Cole, Jarrod Fletcher, October Wells, Heather Polk, Jonathan Hembree, Tara Gilliland, Lesli Jackson, Christy Essery, Nathan Graves, Traci Jordan, Kim Cooper, Hadley Hirt.

October Wells won the 1998 campus bee at Northeast.

Danita Covey coordinated West's spelling bee. Judges were Dorothy Petersen, Kathy Scott, Nan Swanson.

Fifth graders who were to compete at Northeast at 2:40 p.m. today are Jeremy Reed, Yuliana Arellano, Glyn Wright, Mark Keller, T'Shambra Day, Kimberly Bell, Trevor Groat, Tehmina Zarrin, Sequoya Powell, Ryan Thompson, Whitnet Kinney, Gena Dooley, Chance Grantham, Sergio Rodriguez.

Also, Daniela Garcia, Celeste, Rachel Herrera, Laura Boyd, Samantha Pena, Derek Garcia, Bianca Carrisalez, Chris Lopez, Camry Hill, Cody Alaniz.

Vanessa Taylor coordinates Northeast's bee. Helpers were to include Rebekah Thornton, pronouncer; Carmen Carpenter, bell ringer, and Paige Shaw, all judges. Barbara Owen and Triesta Lilly were to provide definitions.

Hermleigh's seventh and eighth graders were to compete at 12:20 p.m. today.

Contestants were to include seventh graders Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson, Brittany Milota and Valerie West.

Eighth graders were to be Terrel Culp, Niki Doggett, Maria Rangel and Angie Glover. Culp, Doggett and Milota were Hermleigh's 1998 spelling bee winners.

The final bee — at East — will begin at 9 a.m. Friday.

The Top 10 spellers who will compete include Sydney Wright, Ember Proffitt, Priscilla Guerrero, Christina Martinez, Brianna Bernal, Ami Foreman, Adrian Sosa, Chelsey Drummond, Matthew Beal.

Wayne Kennedy, principal, will pronounce the words. Judges will include Janet Davis, Ann Adams, Billie Adams, Christy Smith.

Ira School determined its spelling bee winners last Friday morning.

Elementary winners were Terryn Autry, 5th grader, first place, and Colton Long, 6th grader, runner-up.

Junior high winners include John Gainer, 8th grader, first place, and Bubba Walker, second.

The first and second place winner in each campus bee will advance to the county bee on March 5.

BEE WINNERS — Snyder Junior High School Spelling Bee winners are top photo, from left, Wendy Proffitt, first; Jessica Ryland, second, and Rebecca Pavlovsky, third. West Elementary's winners are bottom photo, Tara Gilliland, first, and Hadley Hirt, runner-up. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Final arguments set to begin

Final arguments in the wrongful death suit being heard in 132nd District Court were expected to start this afternoon.

During this morning's session in the spectator-packed courtroom, attorneys for both sides were arguing points of the charge to be presented to the jury.

The suit is the result of three men losing their lives near Fluvanna in 1996 in an oilfield accident.

R. L. "Buddy" Drum, Jerry McNew and Juan Guardado died of hydrogen sulfide poisoning while cleaning a frac tank.

The suit was filed against the builder of the frac tank, Bill Stephens Welding Co. of Pampa.

The trial began last Monday and has continued longer than expected. It's length forced a time change for a criminal trial that was to have begun Wednesday involving four counts of forgery.

Among those testifying in the trial were Buddy Drum's son, Max, and Snyder EMS director and fire chief, Perry Westmoreland.

ASK US

Q—What was the salary of former Police Chief Lannie Lee?

A—Lee, who retired last Friday, received $3,842 per month plus a $60 per month uniform allowance.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 72 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Thursday, 40; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, lower 30s. N wind 10-15 mph early, becoming light by midnight. Friday, partly cloudy. High, lower 70s. S-SW wind 10-20 mph.

Amanda Sanchez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:33 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.
Of 48 days in 1999, the sun has shone 47 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Remember when life's path is steep, keep your mind even."

Horace

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH — Tony and Marsha Scott, owners of Subway, were honored at a reception by the Snyder Gold Coats. Subway was named business of the month. Subway supports the chamber of commerce in various ways throughout the year and is active in civic endeavors. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Gun-rights advocates clash with shooting victim's mom

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A shouting match between the mother of one of the Jonesboro school shooting victims and gun-rights advocates ended in taunts and tears on the state Capitol steps.

Suzann Wilson, whose 11-year-old daughter, Britthney Varner, died in the March 24 attack, watched indignantly Wednesday as about a dozen people held a news conference criticizing state legislation that she supports.

The bill would hold gun owners criminally responsible if children use accessible guns to hurt or kill someone. The bill was developed in response to the shooting that killed Ms. Wilson's daughter, three other students and a teacher at Westside Middle School.

Prosecutors said Andrew Golden, then 11, and Mitchell Johnson, then 13, used guns taken from the home of Andrew's grandfather, Doug Golden. The boys were sentenced as delinquents to the state Juvenile Justice system.

Relatives of the victims are suing the boys' families, including Doug Golden, and the gun manufacturers.

Opponents said the bill would not have stopped the murders, but would infringe people's right to bear arms.

Immediately after the news conference, cameras turned to Ms. Wilson and Pam Herring, whose daughter, Paige Ann Herring, also was killed in the Jonesboro attack.

"It wasn't a case about protection. It was a case about a grandfather who had a million, trillion guns stored on the wall," Ms. Wilson said. "They were stored so the child could break in, take them off the wall, take them to school and blow away my daughter."

Her words attracted several gun-rights advocates, who questioned, criticized and taunted her as she continued to talk.

"I've got guns, come and get them," one man said.

"We've got a right to protect our own homes," proclaimed another over the growing noise.

Before leaving the area in tears, Ms. Wilson screamed: "This is not about the Second Amendment; this is about parents burying their children."

The bill is pending before the state Senate.

Sweeps' month makes TV 3-ring circus

NEW YORK (AP) — VCRs, already hot from overuse this month, will kick into action again tonight when George Clooney's departure from "ER" airs opposite the finale of Stephen King's "Storm of the Century."

It's television "sweeps" time again, a three-ring circus of hype when the best material networks can offer bump into each other. ABC hopes to cap off the February sweeps by grabbing everyone's attention with an interview of Monica Lewinsky by Barbara Walters.

There's an effort underway to change sweeps, since TV executives suspect the periodic avalanche of miniseries and special events has something to do with declining viewership during other parts of the year.

"I feel like sweeps programming actually hurts network television in general," said Leslie Moonves, president of CBS Television.

Four times a year — in February, May, July and November — Nielsen Media Research sends out diaries to participating families to measure viewership in local markets. The data is used to set local advertising rates.

In order to please their affiliates and boost ratings, networks tend to concentrate their best programming during these periods.

That means a logjam of "extra special events." On Feb. 7, for instance, an NBC miniseries, "The '60s," a CBS movie, "Night Ride Home," and a key episode of "The X-Files" on Fox were shown simultaneously.

"Frankly, if we didn't have sweeps, I think these three events, which were all worthwhile, could be on not opposite each other and it would be better for the business," Moonves grumbled in a CNBC interview.

Sweeps is when you'll see the wildest and most shocking Fox reality specials. Even NBC got into the act Wednesday with "Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us?"

If something momentous happens in the lives of your favorite fictional characters, chances are it's a sweeps month. The Camden twins arrived this month on "7th Heaven," Jill undergoes a hysterectomy on "Home Improvement," Jack comes out as gay in "Dawson's Creek," and, yes, Doug Ross is leaving the ER and NBC's top-rated show. Guess which month Ellen used to declare her homosexuality?

Sweeps fever may explain ABC's decision last week to run promotional announcements for "Storm of the Century" in a written crawl on the screen during other prime-time shows. It confused viewers who thought they were seeing a special report and angered producers who considered it a distraction.

"It's jammed," said Dorothy Swanson, president of Viewers for Quality Television. "You have to put one VCR to work here and another VCR to work there. It sort of makes up for the mediocrity that runs during the rest of the season.

"I've just gotten resigned to knowing we have to wait until sweeps to see something interesting," she said. "They don't want to waste it in October or December or March."

More often, viewers are left with reruns during non-sweeps months, even if it's not summer. A recent New York ad agency study found resentment of this pattern was causing viewers to flee to cable.

Networks and Nielsen are studying plans to change the system. One idea is to expand the time when data is collected into eight months instead of four, forcing the networks to spread out their best shows.

Another proposal is to eliminate the diary measurements in favor of computerized "people meters," which now measure nightly ratings in major metropolitan markets. But this would be considerably more expensive for the networks and affiliates that pay for Nielsen's service, company spokesman Jack Loftus said.

Besides, local stations that are doing well in the ratings now have no incentive to change a system that's working for them, he said.

Networks, meanwhile, are already preparing for the May sweeps. On tap are final episodes for shows like "Home Improvement," "Mad About You" and "The Nanny."

"I think sweeps are an endangered species," said David Poltrack, chief CBS researcher, "but I think it will take years to do."

Personal trainer talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky's former personal trainer is talking, and she says the presidential paramour is "a very good client who knew why she was there."

Kacy Duke, who calls herself a healer, said she worked with Ms. Lewinsky to help her slim down for her grand jury appearances. They worked secretly so as not to become paparazzi fodder.

The job was rewarding but surreal, Duke said in Wednesday's Washington Post.

"Here she was, working out in the gym in my son's bedroom," said Duke, who lives in New York.

Coroner's office releases report on police shooting

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A coroner's report failed to determine whether a 19-year-old woman was conscious when she was killed in a barrage of police gunfire as she sat in her car.

The report released Wednesday confirmed preliminary autopsy results that showed Tyisha Miller, 19, died from gunshot wounds to her head. The report said 12 bullets entered her body from the back, with four hitting her in the head.

The shooting has angered blacks and others in this city 60 miles east of Los Angeles, with some claiming it was racially motivated. Three of the officers are white and one is Hispanic; Ms. Miller was black.

The report did not address whether Ms. Miller was unconscious, if she could have moved her head or if she suffered from epileptic seizures. Coroner's spokesman Mark Wasserman said those questions could not be answered.

The report, signed by Dr. Darrell J. Garbur, may help prosecutors decide whether charges should be filed against the officers.

The police, called to the scene by Ms. Miller's relatives early Dec. 28, said they found her sitting in her car at a gas station parking lot with a gun in her lap.

Initially, the officers said Ms. Miller fired at them with the handgun, but later said she grabbed at the gun after an officer broke a window. Family members and some witnesses contend Ms. Miller was unconscious.

Relatives were unsatisfied with the report and demanded the release of the contents of a 911 call that brought police to the scene.

Acting school receives gift

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Mel Gibson gave his old acting school a $640,000 birthday gift.

Gibson's donation to the National Institute of Dramatic Art was announced by the school Wednesday at a celebration marking its 40th year.

The actor, one of Hollywood's top box office draws, grew up in Australia after his parents migrated from the United States. He studied acting for three years at the school beginning in 1977.

The gift will help build a new theater, film and TV studio and performance arts library, the Daily Telegraph reported.

Calvin Klein's children's underwear campaign pulled

NEW YORK (AP) — An ad campaign featuring children romping in Calvin Klein underwear has been pulled in the face of critics who called it pornographic and threatened to boycott the designer's products.

A gigantic billboard showing children jumping on a sofa was to be unveiled today in Times Square, but the company said late Wednesday that the entire campaign would be discontinued immediately.

"The comments and reaction that we have received today raised issues that we had not fully considered," the statement said.

A black and white photograph of the promotion, showing two boys in briefs, was published in full-page newspaper ads Wednesday.

The company said the campaign to launch Calvin Klein underwear for kids was "intended to show children smiling, laughing and just being themselves.'

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Guardian Angel Was Godsend For Accident Victim in Shock

DEAR ABBY: In December of last year, I was traveling to college to take my final exams when I was in a serious automobile accident. It had been snowing most of the morning and I lost control of my car. I hit the guardrail, a large truck, a tree — and ended up in a ditch.

When my car stopped spiraling out of control, I got out, and as I stood in the snow, I screamed but no sounds came out. I was crying, but no tears rolled down my cheeks. My body was in shock.

The first person to stop at the accident was Molly. She came to me, put her arms around me and held me. When she did that, I collapsed. I was so scared and so alone. She took me to her car where it was warm and safe. She calmed me by telling me about her young children and her Christmas tree. She was like a guardian angel. We sat in her car until the state police arrived.

After the police and rescue arrived, everything happened so fast I never got the chance to give Molly a hug and properly thank her.

Abby, would you please print my letter and my message to this dear woman? I'd like to say, "Molly, thank you for what you did for me. You were an angel, and I'll never forget you."

SHEBA COTE,
WINSLOW, MAINE

DEAR SHEBA: I'm pleased to publish your letter and message. Guardian angels are people who think first with their hearts. If Molly wasn't a heavenly angel, she was as close to one as a human being can get on that snowy day. Thank you for sharing your story.

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DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter and her husband have been married just five years, and now they want to renew their wedding vows. Their first ceremony was a "quickie" before a local judge with no family or friends present.

Would it be proper for them to renew their wedding vows in a church with a reception afterward? If so, who pays for the event, and do the guests bring gifts?

CONFUSED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CONFUSED: A renewal or reaffirmation of wedding vows has become increasingly popular in recent years, usually for couples who have been married 10 or more years. Traditionally, wedding vows are repeated on the couple's anniversary, with each promising to continue to "love, honor and cherish."

There is no right or wrong way to renew one's wedding vows. It can be done as formally as a church ceremony (white gown and all), or as casually as giving a party, inviting a clergyperson, and verbalizing your love and commitment to each other in the privacy of your living room, surrounded by family and friends.

The couple pays for the event, including the reception. No gifts from the guests are expected, although it would be gracious to bring the couple a gift to mark their latest wedding anniversary. They may wish to exchange rings again, either old or new.

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DEAR ABBY: At the risk of sounding prejudiced, can you tell me why so many Jewish celebrities constantly remind everyone that they are Jewish? For example, there is Larry King, Dr. Laura and Judge Judy. I have watched or listened to other celebrities for years, and they don't give you a clue as to their ethnic background or religious persuasion, which is fine with me. This seems to be a Jewish trait. Can you explain it?

CURIOUS, TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR CURIOUS: I was not aware that "so many Jewish celebrities" constantly remind everyone that they are Jewish. The reasons probably vary from individual to individual. You will have to ask Larry King, Dr. Laura or Judge Judy.

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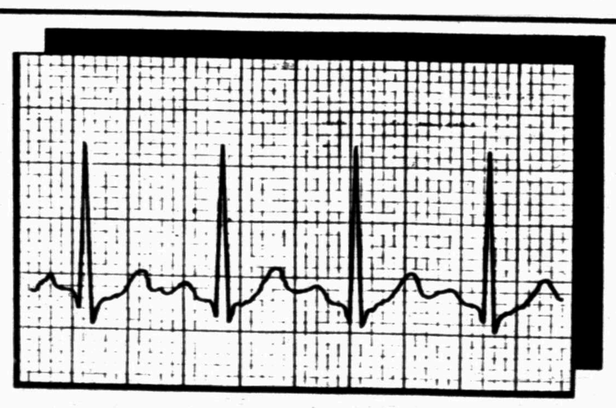

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BRIDAL COFFEE HELD — Denise Thompson, bride-elect of Leddy Lewis, was honored with a bridal coffee on Feb. 6 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. She is the daughter of Derwin and Betty Thompson. Leddy's parents are Melvin and Paula Lewis. From left are Melanie Alarcon, sister of the bride; Rosie Williams, her maternal grandmother; Paula Lewis, mother of the groom; the honoree; Betty Thompson, mother of the bride; and Zella Thompson, paternal grandmother of the bride. The wedding will be at 2 p.m., March 6 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

CONTEST PARTICIPANTS — Piano students of Barbara Tune participated in the Lubbock Sonatina, Sonata Contest on Feb. 6 at Texas Tech University. Pictured from left, back row, are Nichole Ornelas, third place; Stephanie Parmer, third place; Gretchen Hollis, second place; Sandra Nussey, participant; and Jason Hall, participant. Seated are Whitney Jones, third place; Alayna Alexander, participant; and Crissida Tyler, unable to participate. (Contributed Photo)

Norma Cumbie

Valentine queen crowned at BSP

Norma Cumbie was crowned the 1999 Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Queen when the members met Feb. 9 at the Snyder Country Club.

Beth Bowen, the chapter's 1998 Valentine Queen, made the announcement and presented Norma with a bouquet of roses and a framed remembrance. She was also given the red robe and tiara, a chapter tradition.

Norma was honored by the chapter for her inner beauty and personal qualities. She has made contributions to the chapter, holding several offices, including president. Her other honors have been Pledge of the Year, Ms. Congeniality, and Girl of the Year.

In the short business meeting, conducted by Dena Ellis, it was announced that the next meeting is set for 7 p.m., Tuesday with Matt Cross presenting the program on "Fit For Life."

Memorable proposal

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — John Novogratz wanted a memorable proposal. He certainly came up with a lasting one.

Novogratz, 25, and Tina Estes, 22, of Princeton, N.J., visited their alma mater, the College of William and Mary, over Valentine's Day weekend.

They ended up on the patio of the Alumni House, where a nervous Novogratz kept looking at the ground.

He knelt down; she looked down, and there it was, engraved in a brick: "Tina Estes '98, Will you marry me? John Novogratz '96".

Tears came to her eyes and it took her a moment to answer, "Yes."

There are hundreds of engraved bricks on the patio, commemorating graduations, anniversaries and wedding ceremonies. This was the first to propose marriage, officials said.

Man fed up with junk mail fined

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Steven McClung was just trying to get even for all the junk mail stuffed into his mailbox. Instead, he got three years of probation.

McClung, 44, filled out business reply cards in the names of TV characters and of local businessmen and their companies. Winn-Dixie and First Union National Bank, among others, ended up getting boxes of unwanted mail every day for months.

"It was very disruptive for these particular companies that were receiving this unsolicited mail," said prosecutor Andrew Kantor. "There were volumes that they would receive on a daily basis."

McClung, a telemarketer who sells magazine subscriptions, allegedly got the cards from trash cans at post offices.

Prosecutors learned of the problem when a postal employee noticed the number of cards arriving in the name of Winn-Dixie President James Kufeldt.

McClung was arrested Jan. 14 after he'd mailed 20 to 25 cards. He was sentenced Wednesday after pleading guilty to schemes to defraud.

In addition to the probation, he must undergo a mental health evaluation, perform 150 hours of community service and pay $1,000 in court costs.

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Money really isn't everything. If it was, what would we buy with it?

—Tom Wilson

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 02-18-99		
	♠ J 10 8 3		
	♥ A 7 4		
	♦ K Q J		
	♣ Q 6 5		
West		East	
♠ 6 2		♠ A 5	
♥ Q J 10 9		♥ 8 5 3	
♦ 6 5 3		♦ A 10 9 8 4	
♣ 8 7 4 2		♣ A 10 3	
	South		
	♠ K Q 9 7 4		
	♥ K 6 2		
	♦ 7 2		
	♣ K J 9		

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

You are 5-3-3-2 and ...

By Phillip Alder

Now we come to the crux of the matter. You are 5-3-3-2 with a doubleton in the suit opened by your right-hand opponent. When do you pass, overcall in your suit, overcall one notrump, or double? Well, first, let's assume your suit is a *major*. Now it depends on your strength. If you are relatively weak, having some 10-12 points, you should overcall only if your suit is respectable. Having jack-fifth, pass; but having king-queen-fifth, overcall.

Remember also that it is better to overcall in spades than in hearts. If you make a one-spade overcall, the responder must go up to the two-level to bid a suit; he might not be strong enough to do that. Yet over one heart, he can bid an easy one spade.

In this deal, South should overcall one spade; North bids what he hopes his partner can make.

West guesses well to lead the heart queen.

There are three top losers plus a potential fourth in hearts. If you win the first trick and immediately play a trump, East will (should!) win and return a heart, setting up that fourth defensive winner. You will lose a trick in each suit. The answer is to lead a diamond first, establishing a discard for the heart loser on the third round of diamonds. But did you win trick one in hand? If not, East can beat you by ducking the first round of diamonds. Then you will have no fast dummy entry to the diamond winner.

So, when minimum, overcall with a decent suit. And when in a suit contract, always count your losers before playing to trick one.

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According to folk legend, a 12-foot-long upturned shell of a 600-pound snapping turtle served as Davy Crockett's cradle when he was an infant.

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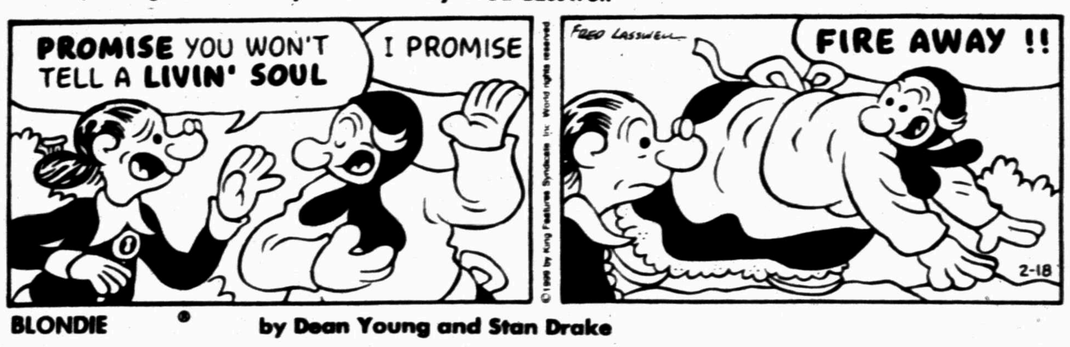

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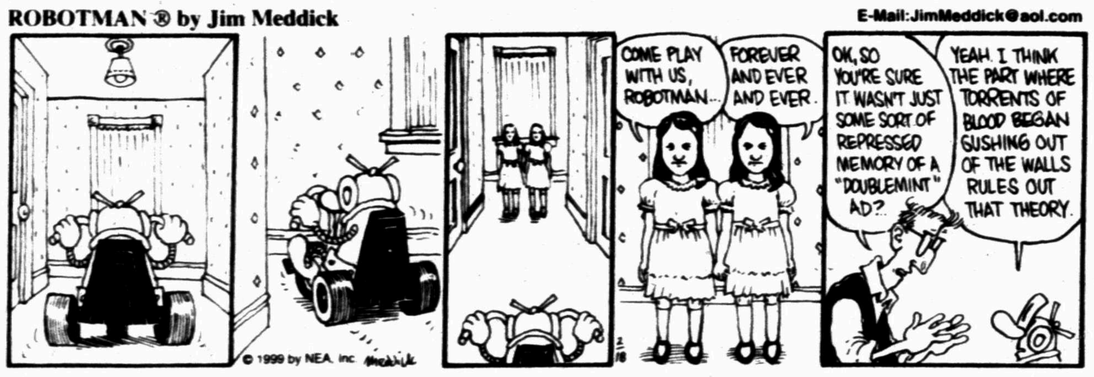

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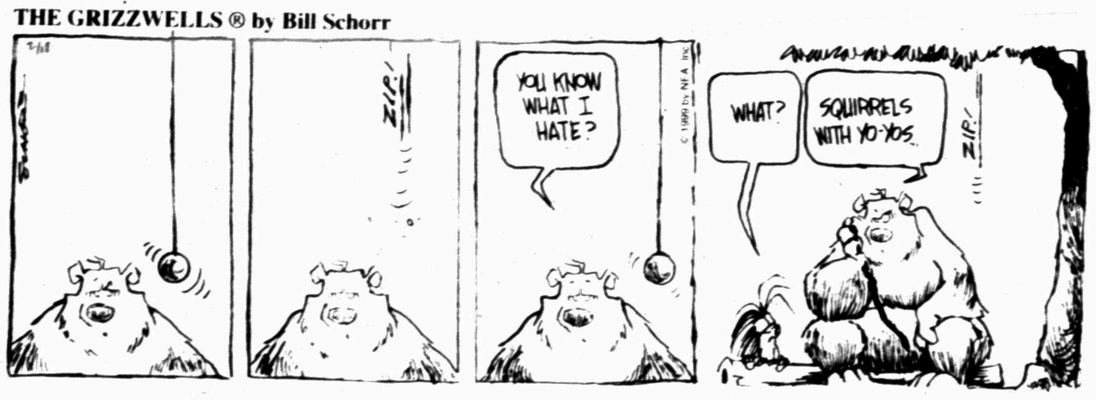

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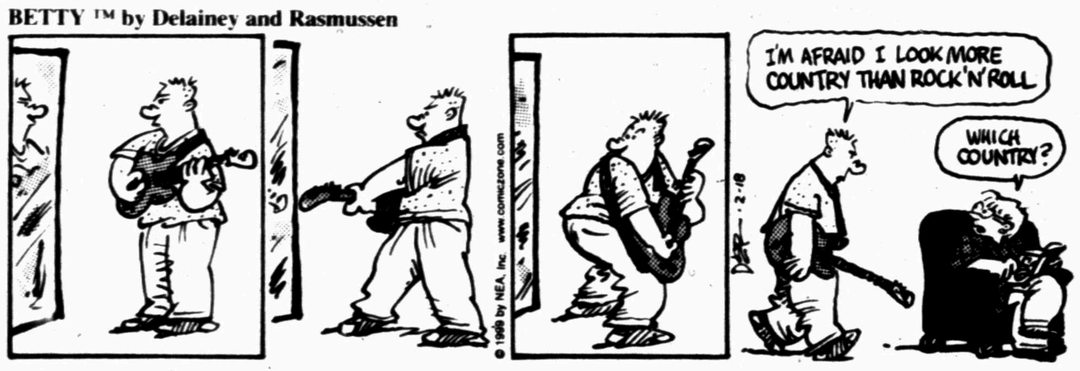

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Lease from another renter
7 Javanese ruler
13 Adulate
14 Magician's word
15 Loan shark
16 Congenitally joined
17 School of modern art
18 XXVIII × LXXV
20 Central Asian inland sea
21 Basket willow
23 Makes wet
27 Embarrassed
32 Planet's path
33 Resembling sheep
34 Everything considered
35 "Inferno" author
36 Frequent state revenue raiser
39 Village VIP
40 Singer Leann
42 Pub selection
46 Pianist Cliburn
47 "Woe is me!"
51 Mexican garment
53 Author Jacqueline
55 Placard
56 Bearlike
57 Scoffs
58 Menu item

DOWN

1 Tater
2 — Major (constellation)
3 Signal speed unit
4 Italian currency
5 Compass point
6 Fixed periods of time
7 Word separators
8 Hairy annual bean
9 Siberian river
10 Old Russian leader
11 "— girl!"
12 Songwriter Coward
19 Actress Farrow
21 Stable worker
22 Large Greek island
23 Loam, e.g.
24 Yes — —?
25 Blind as — —
26 Laddie's garment
28 Relating to grandparents
29 Intellect
30 Grafted, in heraldry
31 Antlered animal
37 "Can we talk?" comedian
38 Entertainer — Sumac
41 Follow
42 Vipers
43 Novelist Uris
44 Irish Gaelic
45 Fill to the brim
47 Aide (abbr.)
48 Animal's den
49 Actress Baxter
50 Large knife
52 — annum
54 Large vase

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	R	I	S	E	S		D	R	O	N	E	D
D	E	V	O	T	E		E	U	R	E	K	A
A	N	A	D	E	M		I	N	B	R	E	D
Y	O	N			I	O	S			D	D	S
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D	U	S	T	I	E	R		E	R	N	I	E
U	T	U	R	N				W	E	I	R	S
C	A	R	E	D				T	A	R	O	T
T	H	E	S	E		A	C	E	T	O	N	E
			T	R	A	C	E	R	Y			
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O	V	E	R	D	O		E	R	M	I	N	E
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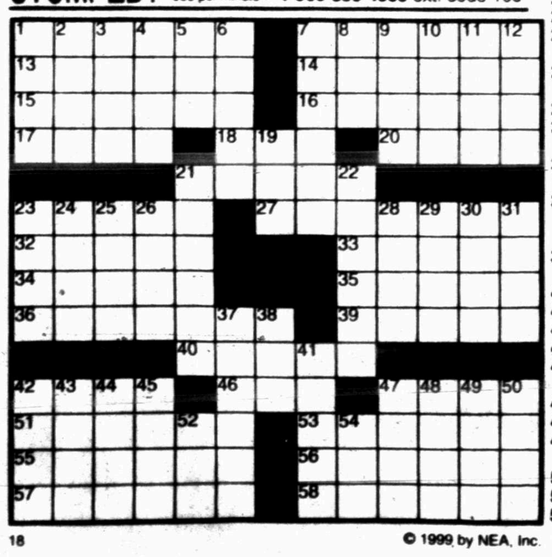

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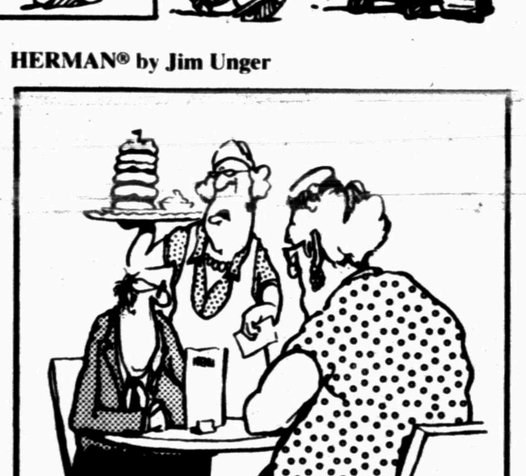

"Who gets the triple 'jumbo-burger'?"

"SOMETIMES I WISH I WAS A LITTLE KID AGAIN."

SPORTS

WTC hosts Odessa in WJCAC tilt

With the postseason drawing near, Western Texas and Odessa square off tonight in a conference battle with major playoff implications.

The two squads enter tonight's match-up tied with New Mexico for the fourth and final postseason berth at 5-6. Action gets underway at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum.

The Lady Dusters toppled Odessa in their first meeting, but will be forced to line up without a key player tonight.

Sophomore leader Christy Wells will be sidelined due to an ankle injury. Wells also missed Monday's contest at Frank Phillips.

In Monday's outing, sophomores Pam Odhuong'o and Latasha Vizcorrondo picked up the slack to carry WTC to its fifth conference victory.

Odessa carries a 15-7 overall record into the ballgame, while Western Texas sports a 16-10 mark.

Tonight's contest will be the final home game for the Lady Dusters. Western Texas wraps up the season on the road at South Plains and Midland.

GRIDIRON RECRUIT — Former Snyder resident Joseph Streetman (front left), along with Gatesville High School teammate Kyle Hardin, signs a letter of intent to play football at Angelo State University. Pictured with Streetman are his parents, Charlie and Sharon Streetman. Streeman is a former assistant warden at the Price Daniel unit in Snyder. (Contibuted Photo).

Local competitors get their kicks at Taekwondo event

Several West Texas Taekwondo students won medals in their individual divisions recently at the 13th annual West Texas Invitational Taekwondo Championships.

Alex Jaramillo placed second in his division in both forms and sparring while DaNorris Smith placed third in both forms and sparring.

Wes Hardin placed second in sparring and third in forms and Kristen Miller placed third in forms.

Both Jack Hardy and Joyce May placed third in sparring in their respective divisions.

Ryan Beall won a third place medal in forms while Chance Rainer picked up a second in both forms and sparring.

Kyle Briggs placed second in sparring.

First place in the team competition went to Center of Martial Arts Virtues in Ft. Worth. Instructor is Ken Reese.

Won Park Institute of Ft. Worth placed second in team competition. Grandmaster Won Park is instructor.

Third place went to Buske Taekwondo in Big Spring. Master Pat Buske is instructor.

More than 300 competitors participated in the event held Feb. 6 at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Esparza, Knipe lead Snyder powerlifters

LUBBOCK — Snyder's Joe Esparza and Corey Knipe turned in another pair of strong performances — literally.

Esparza captured third place, while Knipe secured the fifth spot overall at the Lubbock Western Classic powerlifting meet.

Competing in the 275-pound classification, Esparza posted a total lift of 1,215 pounds to lead the Tigers.

Knipe, who was Snyder's only entry in the super-heavyweight division, tallied a total of 1,160 pounds to break into the top-five.

Also competing for Snyder A and their total lifts were John Ortegon, 900; Paul Camp, 910; Sam Bedell, 1060; Jacob Hodges, 1060; Cheyenne Robinson, 1090; R.J. Hernandez, 1050; Jeff Fuentes, 1070; Tremaine Johnson, 1095; Chase McJimsey, 1060.

Competing for Snyder B and their total lifts were Rad Eicke, 860; Craig Bowen, 790; Joe Salinas, 945; Sid Villasana, 880; Brian Hall, 750; Matthew Blocker, 775; Danny Hernandez, 815.

NCAA Basketball Scores

EAST
Bucknell 70, Army 43
Colgate 47, Lafayette 46
George Washington 78, Massachusetts 72
Georgetown 57, Boston College 54
Marshall 73, Buffalo 63
Minnesota 69, Penn St. 63
Monmouth, N.J. 94, St. Francis, Pa. 82
Navy 83, Lehigh 50
Pittsburgh 69, West Virginia 67
Syracuse 71, Notre Dame 65

SOUTH
Auburn 81, Vanderbilt 62
Clemson 88, Virginia 65
Duke 85, Florida St. 59
East Carolina 64, Richmond 48
Elon 93, Charleston Southern 81
Fla. International 63, SW Louisiana 62
George Mason 89, Va. Commonwealth 73
High Point 81, Coastal Carolina 64
Kentucky 92, Georgia 71
LSU 60, South Carolina 56
N.C.-Asheville 89, Liberty 86
North Carolina 62, N. Carolina St. 53
Old Dominion 63, N.C.-Wilmington 54
Radford 57, Winthrop 53
Tennessee 69, Mississippi 67
William & Mary 67, James Madison 61

MIDWEST
Akron 71, Bowling Green 65
Cincinnati 82, N.C. Charlotte 69
Creighton 79, SW Missouri St. 76
Dayton 63, Duquesne 44
Drake 64, S. Illinois 60
Evansville 62, Bradley 47
Illinois 69, Northwestern 63
Kansas 62, Kansas St. 47
N. Iowa 78, Illinois St. 66
Ohio St. 69, Indiana 67
Ohio U. 67, E. Michigan 57
Oklahoma St. 60, Nebraska 48
Toledo 66, Miami, Ohio 63
W. Michigan 78, Ball St. 69

SOUTHWEST
Texas 62, Texas Tech 44

FAR WEST
Colorado 71, Texas A&M 61
UCLA 68, Southern Cal 63
Weber St. 76, Idaho St. 62

Women's Basketball Scores

EAST
Adelphi 63, C.W. Post 56, OT
Boston College 65, Villanova 39
Bowdoin 66, Maine-Farmington 50
Brooklyn 71, Medgar Evers 33
Bucknell 67, Army 58
Cabrini 71, Marywood 61
California, Pa. 88, Clarion 67
College of N.J. 77, Rutgers-Camden 45
Connecticut 88, Providence 53
Delaware Valley 85, Wilkes 62
Elizabethtown 73, Juniata 40
Emerson 72, St. Joseph's 69
Franklin Pierce 80, New Hampshire Coll. 59
Gallaudet 100, York, Pa. 84
Green Mountain 69, Lyndon St. 50
Grove City 66, D'Youville 41
Gwynedd Mercy 72, Eastern 44
Hunter 76, John Jay 28
Husson 72, St. Joseph's, Maine 70
Indiana, Pa. 72, Lock Haven 53
Kings, Pa. 77, Lycoming 50
Kutztown 65, Mansfield 51
Lafayette 46, Colgate 41
Miami 66, Seton Hall 52
Misericordia 75, Beaver 53
Molloy 72, Concordia, N.Y. 69
Monmouth, N.J. 78, Fairleigh Dickinson 68
Drake 73, Evansville 62
Emporia St. 95, Missouri Western 67
Grand View 95, Iowa Weslyn 83
Hastings 64, Northwestern, Iowa 63
Huntington 76, St. Francis, Ind. 61
Illinois College 69, Monmouth, Ill. 59
Lake Forest 67, Ripon 45
Lawrence 80, St. Norbert 41
Marquette 74, Wis.-Milwaukee 48
Missouri-Rolla 80, Missouri Southern 74, OT
Mount St. Clare 63, Viterbo 57
N. Illinois 63, Marshall 50
Northland 45, St. Scholastica 40
Notre Dame 82, Syracuse 60
Ohio Weslyn 59, Earlham 44
Pittsburg St. 76, SW Baptist 62
Siena Heights 68, Cornerstone 58
St. Benedict 77, St. Thomas, Minn. 62
Taylor 72, Bethel, Ind. 70
Tri-State 78, Indiana Tech 64
Washburn 73, NW Missouri St. 54
Wheaton, Ill. 75, Millikin 70
Wis.-Eau Claire 74, Wis.-River Falls 38
Wis.-Oshkosh 70, Wis.-LaCrosse 46
Wis.-Stout 89, Wis.-Platteville 72
Wittenberg 72, Denison 62
Wooster 60, Kenyon 55

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 70, Mississippi 68
NW Oklahoma 89, Langston 59
Nebraska 62, Texas A&M 54
Texas Tech 73, Oklahoma St. 58
Montclair St. 64, Rutgers-Newark 51
Moravian 59, Messiah 42
Mount St. Mary, N.Y. 89, N.Y. Maritime 58
N.J. City 46, Kean 33
N.J. Tech 54, Mercy, N.Y. 41
Navy 76, Lehigh 66
New Haven 70, S. Connecticut 61
New Rochelle 64, St. Elizabeth 28
Phila. Textile 72, Queens College 46
Plymouth St. 70, Keene St. 61
Rowan 70, Stockton St. 54
Sacred Heart 86, Bridgeport 84
Scranton 60, Allentown 44
Shippensburg 73, Pitt.-Johnstown 66
Simmons 69, Rivier 38
Slippery Rock 84, Edinboro 69
St. Mary's, Md. 87, Goucher 51
Staten Island 91, Manhattanville 44
Stony Brook 51, Mass.-Lowell 42
Susquehanna 83, Albright 66
Washington & Jefferson 72, Waynesburg 64
West Chester 63, East Stroudsburg 53
William Paterson 69, Ramapo 44
York, N.Y. 74, Mount St. Vincent 57

SOUTH
Carson-Newman 67, Gardner-Webb 59
Coker 65, Erskine 60
Kennesaw 77, Georgia College 69
Livingstone 57, Barber-Scotia 47
Mars Hill 63, Newberry 57
Methodist 79, Chowan 63
N.C. Wesleyan 83, Averett 73
Presbyterian 93, Catawba 63
Salisbury St. 85, Catholic U. 63
Thomas More 69, Ohio Dominican 56
Washington & Lee 66, E. Mennonite 61

MIDWEST
Aquinas 64, Concordia, Mich. 49
Bluffton 65, Mount St. Joseph 49
Bowling Green 84, Cent. Michigan 81
Briar Cliff 61, Wayne, Neb. 60
Calvin 61, Hope 43
Carleton 68, Augsburg 54
Carroll, Wis. 78, Beloit 68
Case Reserve 71, Oberlin 65
Cent. Missouri 74, Truman St. 63
Colorado 57, Kansas St. 54

Longhorns keep Big 12 lead with blowout of Red Raiders

By The Associated Press

Despite shooting just 36 percent from the floor, Big 12-leading Texas picked-up a big win, mostly on the team's maturity and patience.

"They do things right," Texas Tech coach James Dickey said after his team lost to the Longhorns 62-44 Wednesday night. "Other teams are as physical, but they're sound. They never get in a hurry."

Texas, it seemed, decided that if it couldn't score, then Tech's Rayford Young, coming off a 41 point game against Kansas, would be shut down, too. The job fell to Ivan Wagner, and he did it well.

"Wagner didn't leave me alone," said Young, who scored just 10 points. "One of our strengths is that I can get open coming off a screen but he was always with me and they had guys coming over to help."

In other Big 12 games Wednesday night, Kansas stopped Kansas State 62-47, Oklahoma State beat Nebraska 60-48, and Colorado defeated Texas A&M 71-61.

Texas (16-10 overall, 11-2 Big 12) now has a one-game lead over Oklahoma in the conference race. The Longhorns trailed 23-19 with 5:47 left in the first half, but went on an 11-2 run to lead 30-25 at halftime.

The Red Raiders (12-14, 4-9) scored just 19 points in the second half.

Chris Mihm led Texas with 20 points and 13 rebounds, while Andy Ellis had 12 for Tech.

For Kansas, the home game against Kansas State was being played for more than just state bragging rights. After blowing double-digit leads last week and losing two in a row, the Jayhawks (17-8, 9-4) not only fell out of The Associated Press Top 25, they didn't even get a single vote.

"For the first time in 11 years I mentioned the polls to them," coach Roy Williams said after his team beat the Wildcats for the 15th consecutive time.

Apparently it was motivation enough.

"More than anything," Kansas guard Ryan Robertson said, "we wanted to tell people we're still a good team."

Kenny Gregory led Kansas with 19 points, while Manny Dies had 14 for the Wildcats (16-10, 5-8).

For a while it looked as if Kansas might be on the verge of letting a third straight game slip away. The Jayhawks went almost two and one-half minutes without a field goal late in the second half, and the Wildcats pulled to within five at 51-46 on a short hook by Dies.

But Gregory turned in a spectacular three-point play to stop Kansas State's late surge and Nick Bradford popped in a short jumper for a 56-46 lead with 2:03 remaining.

"It's tough," said Dies. "We came back and just let go and stopped. We should have come back and won. But we just couldn't do it."

Nebraska's loss to Oklahoma State ended a five-game winning streak for the Cornhuskers.

"Thank God it's just one game," said Nebraska coach Danny Nee. "The whole night I never felt we got into a rhythm. It was one of those games where we couldn't get anything done."

Nebraska (17-9, 9-4) was down by as many as 12 in the second half but rallied to trail 51-46 with about three minutes left.

But the Cowboys' (17-8, 8-5) Joe Adkins then hit a 3-pointer with a Cornhusker in his face that proved to be the momentum killer for Nebraska.

Colorado (13-13, 4-9) took a quick lead against Texas A&M (11-12, 4-9), but made just one field-goal in the final eight minutes and got the 71-61 victory largely on free throws.

Kenny Price sparked the Buffalos early as they took a 20-6 lead, and had a 32-16 margin at the half.

SJHS captures second place at hoops tourney

Snyder White captured second place at the Snyder Jr. High basketball tourney, while SJHS Black split its contests.

Snyder White opened the event with a 42-25 victory over Lamesa C.

Kenneth Johnson poured in 24 points to lead the Tigers, while Zach Cain, Josh Kemp and Brad English netted four apiece. Tucker Early and Garrick Clayton chipped in two points apiece.

Snyder White continued to get balanced scoring in its next outing, but couldn't overcome a high-powered Lamesa B squad, falling 54-36.

English paced the Tigers with 11 points, while Clayton notched seven. Cain and Johnson registered six each, with Early knocking down three. Justin Stocker posted two points and Josh Kemp added one.

For Snyder Black, Malcom Wells poured in 18 points to lead the Tigers to a 36-34 victory over Sweetwater in the tourney opener.

Joe Maldonado rattled home seven points, with Matthew Vasquez posting five. Justin Guynes and Roberto Sauceda drained two points apiece.

Wells continued his strong play with 14 points in Snyder's next outing, a 46-32 setback to Lamesa C.

Maldonado accounted for six points for the Tigers, with Sauceda, Demitrius Horn and David Rodriguez tallying four points each.

NBA GLANCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	6	2	.750	-
NewYork	4	2	.667	1
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	1
Miami	5	3	.625	1
Boston	3	3	.500	2
NewJersey	2	4	.333	3
Washington	1	4	.200	3½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	-
Atlanta	5	2	.714	½
Indiana	4	3	.571	1½
Cleveland	3	3	.500	2
Detroit	3	5	.375	3
Toronto	1	4	.200	3½
Charlotte	1	6	.143	4½
Chicago	1	6	.143	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	6	1	.857	-
Houston	5	2	.714	1
Minnesota	5	2	.714	1
SanAntonio	4	4	.500	2½
Vancouver	3	4	.429	3
Dallas	1	7	.125	5½
Denver	1	7	.125	5½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	6	1	.857	-
Portland	4	2	.667	1½
L.A.Lakers	5	3	.625	1½
Phoenix	5	3	.625	1½
Sacramento	4	3	.571	2
GoldenState	3	5	.375	3½
L.A.Clippers	0	6	.000	5½

Wednesday's Games
Orlando 96, Washington 85
Miami 91, Detroit 80
Minnesota 116, Houston 102
Phoenix 79 San Antonio 76
Milwaukee 91, Chicago 83
Portland 100, Denver 85
Sacramento 109, Seattle 106, OT
L.A. Lakers 101, Dallas 88
Golden State 96, Charlotte 87
Boston 131, Vancouver 129, 3OT

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.

Yankees lure Clemens

NEW YORK (AP) — Five-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens was traded to the New York Yankees today for David Wells, Graeme Lloyd and Homer Bush.

Clemens agreed to the deal, but did not get an extension to his contract, which has two years to run and calls for him to be paid $16.1 million.

"I'm a little emotional right now," Wells said at the Yankees' training complex in Tampa, Fla. "Give me a couple days. It's a little tough right now."

The trade shakes up the World Series champions, coming off a record-setting 125-win season, on the day they start training camp.

Wells, a quirky left-hander known as "The Boomer," was the toast of New York after pitching a perfect game against the Minnesota Twins last season. While he clashed with owner George Steinbrenner and manager Joe Torre at times in 1997, he reached a tentative peace with them last year and became one of the team's most effective pitchers.

"There's some shock in that room right now," Torre said of his clubhouse. "It's something you have to get used to. That is what the game is all about. There are going to be changes."

Going into today, New York had retained 24 of the 25 players who helped win its second Series title in three seasons, letting go of only outfielder Tim Raines.

"I'm shocked," Lloyd said. "To break up the team — it's a shame."

Clemens, coming off consecutive Cy Young awards, has always been one of Steinbrenner's favorite players, and is the only five-time Cy Young winner in baseball history.

Texas, Cleveland and Houston also expressed interest in the 36-year-old right-hander, who went 20-6 last season, leading the American League in ERA (2.65) and strikeouts (271), and tying for the lead in wins. His career record is 233-124 in 15 seasons.

FIRST BUCK — Snyder's Colton Brewster, age 9, bagged his first buck this past deer season in King County. (Contributed Photo).

Sports Briefs

Snyder to host playoff games

Scurry County Coliseum will play host to a pair of playoff basketball games.

On Friday, Trent and Wellman-Union will square off for the 1A girls area title. Tip-off is slated for 6:30. Ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for students.

In boys action, Lubbock Coronado and Abilene Cooper will battle Monday in a bi-district tilt at 7:30. Ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for students. Only District 3-5A and 4-5A passes will be accepted.

Pitching clinics scheduled

Weekly pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball will begin Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

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Congress or Clinton?

New battle over who can wage war

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the United States sent a peacekeeping force to Bosnia, the House and Senate grudgingly agreed in a resolution pointedly calling it President Clinton's commitment, not theirs. That line may be drawn again should Clinton send troops to Kosovo.

It is part of the unending strain between the White House and Congress over war-making, or war-risking, powers. This one isn't partisan, it is institutional.

The Kosovo mission is on hold at the moment, contingent on a peace deal that would be backed by a NATO force Serbs are resisting. There is a Saturday noon deadline for them to accept or face NATO air strikes.

But the debate about the U.S. role didn't wait. Nor did Clinton, who said in a radio address on Saturday that he is prepared to send nearly 4,000 American troops to join about 24,000 from other NATO nations to enforce peace between Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

"Now, a final decision on troops, which I will make in close consultation with Congress, will depend upon the parties reaching a strong peace agreement," Clinton said.

But any consultations will be on a commitment that already has been made. Clinton said he believes that with an agreement, there should be an American role. And while promising to work

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with Congress on it, the administration isn't seeking authority to send forces. Like his White House predecessors, Clinton maintains that power is inherent in his office.

George Bush narrowly won congressional approval for the Persian Gulf War against Iraq just before it began, and said he welcomed the expression of support although he didn't need it to act.

"This administration, like previous administrations, takes the view that the president has broad authority as commander in chief, and under his authority to conduct foreign relations, to authorize the use of force in the national interest," Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering told the House International Relations Committee a week ago.

He cited as precedents the operations ordered by Republican presidents without action by Congress. "Previous constitutional violations do not justify subsequent ones," replied Republican Rep. Tom Campbell of California.

While that has been argued since the end of World War II, the decisions have been made by presidents, sometimes with use of force resolutions approved by Congress, more often, without.

Congress tried to change the balance 25 years ago with the War Powers Act, seeking to require congressional approval to keep U.S. forces in danger spots abroad. That hasn't worked; presidents can simply certify that the operations they order don't trigger its terms.

Clinton advised congressional leaders, but did not seek consent, in ordering U.S. air strikes against Iraq on Dec. 17, the day the House was to have started debating his impeachment, which was voted two days later.

Nor was there prior approval of an earlier peacekeeping mission to the Balkans, in late 1995. That was to enforce the U.S.-brokered peace settlement of ethnic wars in Bosnia, and at one point involved 22,500 Americans. There are still about 6,700 U.S. troops there.

Ten days after Clinton approved the operation, Congress adopted a resolution agreeing to it, "notwithstanding reservations" about his decision.

The resolution, which wasn't binding, said "the president may only fulfill his commitment" for about a year, the duration he'd set but could not keep.

"We really learned a lesson in Bosnia that setting an artificial deadline doesn't work," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said. There would be no deadline on a peacekeeping mission to Kosovo, she added.

Republicans who argue that Clinton's foreign policy credibility was shaken by the impeachment charges despite his Senate acquittal say the long-missed Bosnia deadline adds to their mistrust.

"We knew that wasn't quite as honest as it needed to be," said Sen. Don Nickles, the Republican whip. "And so that is affecting right now his request for troops into Kosovo."

But it isn't a request. The next step is contingent on a peace deal for Kosovo, not permission from Congress.

"I look forward to working with Congress in making this final decision," Clinton said. But he would make it, and he's already said what it would be.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Papers delivered in spite of tornado

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The day after a tornado devastated downtown Clarksville and demolished the newsroom of the city's only daily newspaper, residents awoke to a pleasant surprise amid the debris.

Newspapers on their doorsteps.

The twister that touched down before dawn on Jan. 22 demolished the newsroom of The Leaf-Chronicle. The staff never skipped a beat, publishing the next day's paper and every day since.

They have moved their offices three times — from the publisher's house to a hotel lobby to an abandoned supermarket, where a neon "Fresh!" sign shines next to The Leaf-Chronicle banner and the city editor sits in the "nuts" aisle.

The paper still gets letters thanking the staff for its effort.

"To see the newspaper show up and to know that they were still out there, that was wonderful," said Anthony Golden, a psychology professor at Austin Peay State University whose own office was damaged.

The tornado cut about a five-mile swath through Clarksville, a city of 89,000. Incredibly, only five people suffered minor injuries.

Two landmark churches, the huge county courthouse, the city museum and dozens of homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed. The tornado ripped the ceiling and walls off The Leaf-Chronicle's second-story newsroom before rain soaked everything inside.

Photo editor Fred Dye was working at home when the storm hit at 4:15 a.m. His grabbed a camera and raced downtown.

When he got there he found another photographer and a security guard. In the rainy darkness, they crawled into the newsroom to salvage equipment.

They took the computers to Dye's home, ran an extra phone line from his upstairs neighbor's apartment and had photos of the damage ready before 9 a.m.

Editorial page editor Alane Megna was at home on the phone with the paper's publisher trying to gauge the damage when a TV station reported the newspaper building had been destroyed.

Warrants, PI send 2 to jail

Outstanding warrants sent one subject to jail early this morning while a second was arrested for public intoxication.

At 12:25 a.m. today, officers arrested an 18-year-old male on warrants for no valid Texas drivers license and failure to appear.

A man requested an officer in the 800 block of 23rd Street at 3:22 this morning in reference to a subject kicking in his front door and taking his VCR and a bottle of cologne.

Officers located the subject, a 21-year-old male, in the 2400 block of Avenue J and arrested him for public intoxication.

The property was located and returned to the owner, who declined to file charges.

In activity Wednesday, officers took two juvenile shoplifters into custody at the Movie Stop at 5:37 p.m. The subjects were later released to their parents and an offense report for Class C theft was filed.

Jose Ibarra requested an officer at 9:10 a.m. in the 300 block of Maple in reference to someone taking a nail gun and staple gun out of his vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

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Albertsons	56 5-16	53	1-16	55⅝— 1
AlldSignal	42⅛	41¼	42	1-16+ 5-16
Alltel	59⅝	58½	59	1-16+15-16
AmOnline s	156	150	9-16	154⅜+ 1¾
AmOnline wi	78¼	75⅛	77½+ ½	
AmStores	32⅝	30¼	32	+ ⅛
Ameritech	63¾	62	3-16	63⅜+13-16
AndarkPtr s	28½	28	1-16	28⅛— ¼
Armcolnc	5	4	156	+1 1-16
BethSteel	8	3-16	8⅜	
BurlNoSFe s	34 7-16	33¾	34	1-16— ¼
CBS Corp	37	3-16	36¾	37 1-16
Caterpillar	46⅝	45	1-16	45 5-16— 7-16
CenSoWst	25 9-16	25	1-16	25⅛+ 7-16
Chevron	77 9-16	76	5-16	76⅞— ⅜
Citigroup	53¾	52⅝	53	— 1-16
Coastal s	31 9-16	31	1-16	31⅛+ 3-16
CocaCola	65 3-16	63	15-16	65⅛+13-16
ColgatePalm	88⅛	86¼	88	3-16+2 3-16
ComclMetals		23¼	2323	— ⅛
Cooperln	42⅞	42	9-16	42⅝— ¼
CyprusAmax	10 13-16	10⅝	10	11-16— ⅛
DaimlrChry n	96⅞	95	5-16	96 + 1⅜
DallSemicn	35¼	35⅛	35	3-16+ ⅛
DeltaAirl s	55⅞	54⅝	54⅝	— ⅛
Dillards Inc	25 7-16	24⅞	25	7-16+ 9-16
DowChem	95	3-16	94	3-16 95
DuPont	52 11-16	51	11-16	51 15-16—13-16
EastmanChem	46⅝	45	11-16	45 15-16+ ⅛
EstKodak	64 9-16	63¾	63¾	— 9-16
EDS Corp		46	45⅞	46 + ⅛
Entergy	29⅞	29	3-16	29⅝+ 9-16
Exxon	69 1-16	68	7-16	68⅛— ⅛
FstBkxAm	20½	20½	20½	
Flowers	23 11-16	23⅜	23⅜+ ⅛	
FordMotor s	60⅞	60	60⅝+ 1⅛	
GTE Cp	65⅞	63¾	65⅛+1 11-16	
GenDynam s	59⅞	58	58	15-16+13-16
GenElec	100 5-16	98	7-16	100⅛+15-16
GenMills	82 5-16	81½	82⅛+ ½	
GenMotors	85¾	83¼	85	9-16+ 3
GaPacGP	67 13-16	67	3-16	67⅛— 3-16
GlobalMar	7⅝	7	9-16	7 9-16
Goodrich	33½	32	32	3-16+11-16
Goodyear s	49⅞	48⅝	48⅛— ½	
GtAtlPac	30⅞	30	7-16	30⅞
Halliburtn	29 9-16	29	3-16	29 5-16+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	36⅛	36	13-16	36⅛— 3-16
HarteHanks s	25 11-16	25¼	25	11-16+ 7-16
HomeDepot	58½	57⅞	57	13-16— 3-16
IBM	173	170	3-16	172 5-16+1 13-16
IntlPaper	41 7-16	40⅞	41⅛+ ⅞	
JohnsonJn	86½	85⅛	86	5-16+ 9-16
K mart	16⅞	16⅛	16⅛— 7-16	
Kroger Co	63⅛	62	13-16	63 1-16— 1-16
Litton	53¼	51⅛	53⅛+ 1⅜	
LocktheedM s	36¼	35⅞	36⅛+ ¼	
Lowes Cos s	54½	53¼	54	7-16+ ⅞
Lubys	14 5-16	14	3-16	14 3-16
LucentTech s	98 7-16	95⅛	98	1-16+1 13-16
MayDeptStrs	58⅞	58¼	58	5-16— 3-16
MediaOne	55 3-16	54⅝	55⅛+ ⅜	
Medtronic	76 7-16	74¼	75⅛+ ⅜	
Mobil	86⅞	85⅝	85	13-16— ⅛
Monsanto	46⅛	44	15-16	45 3-16— 9-16
MorganJP	111½	109	1-16	111 + ⅜
Motorola	65 5-16	63	11-16	65 3-16+1 11-16
NCR Corp	42⅛	41⅛	42⅛+ 1	
Navistar	40⅛	38¼	39⅞+ 1⅞	
OryxEngy	10 7-16	10¼	10⅜+ ⅛	
Penney JC	38 7-16	38	1-16	38 3-16+ ⅛
PennzEngy s	10⅛	9	7-16	9⅝— 3-16
PepBoys	18⅞	18⅝	18	11-16+ 3-16
PepsiCo	38⅛	37	9-16	38 + 7-16
PhelpDodge	44⅛	42⅞	44	3-16+11-16
PhilipPet	40	39⅞	39	13-16+ 1-16
PilgrmPrd B		20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
Polaroid	19 9-16	19	19	7-16+ 9-16
Praxair	35⅛	34⅛	34	15-16+ ⅛
ProctGamb	91⅞	90	5-16	91½+1 3-16
PubSNwMx	16 7-16	16⅛	16	3-16— ⅛
ReliantEngy	28⅞	27⅞	28⅛+ ⅛	
RoyalDut	42	41	5-16	41½— 7-16
SBC Comm	52 5-16	51	1-16	51⅛+ ⅞
SaraLee s	26⅛	26	1-16	26 3-16— 3-16
Scripps EW	43	11-16	43	9-16 43 11-16
SearsRoeb	40⅛	39⅞	39⅞+ ⅛	
SherwinW		24	23⅞	23⅞
SmithklBchm	69⅞	68	15-16	69⅝— 1-16
SouthernCo	26 9-16	25⅞	26	7-16+ ⅞
SwstAirl s		29⅛	28⅞	29
SprintFON n	83½	82	1-16	83½+1 7-16
SprintPCS n	33 11-16	32⅞	32	13-16— 7-16
Sunoco Inc	33⅛	32⅝	32⅝	—13-16
TNP Ent		30⅛	30	9-16 30⅛
Tandy	55 3-16	53	15-16	55⅛+1 5-16
TempleInland	58⅛	57⅞	58	5-16+ 1
Tenneco	28 9-16	27⅞	28	— 7-16
Texaco	49 13-16	48⅛	48⅛	— ⅞
TexInd	24⅛	23½	23	9-16— ⅞
TexasInst		92⅛	89	91 + ⅛
TexUtil	43½	43	1-16	43½+ 5-16
Textron	77 1-16	75⅞	77	1-16+1 7-16
TriconGlbR	58⅞	58	3-16	58⅛— ⅛
TrinityInds	33⅞	33¼	33½	— ⅛
TritonEngy	6⅛	5	15-16	6⅛— 1-16
Tyler		4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
US West Inc	60⅞	58⅞	60⅛+1 7-16	
USX-Marathn	21 9-16	20⅞	21⅛— 3-16	
USX-USS	25⅞	25¼	25⅝+ 9-16	
UnCarbde	38½	37⅞	38	7-16+13-16
UnionPacif	49½	48	13-16	49⅛+ 1-16
UnitedTech	123⅛	121	7-16	122⅛+ ⅞
Unocal	29 1-16	28½	28⅛— 1-16	
Venator Grp	3⅜	3	3-16	3½— 1-16
WalMart	86 1-16	84½	84	9-16— ½
WellsFargo	37⅛	36½	36⅞+ ⅛	
WstnGasRs	4 15-16	4⅞	4⅞+ ⅜	
WinnDixie	44 3-16	42½	43	7-16— ⅞
Xerox Corp	114 3-16	112⅞	114	3-16+1 15-16
Xerox Cp wi		56⅞	56⅞	56⅞— ⅛

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

The inflammation/heart disease link

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What's the story on the new research suggesting that heart attacks may actually be caused by an infection?

DEAR READER: This is truly one of the most interesting and innovative theories to pique the curiosity of the medical profession. There is, indeed, increasing evidence that inflammation may play an important role in arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) and, by extension, may be a major factor in causing heart attacks.

The first indication of this relation came in the form of C-reactive protein, which is a marker (in the blood) for inflammation in the body. The Physicians' Health Study revealed that high C-reactive protein levels in healthy men without heart disease were strongly predictive of subsequent heart attacks: Those men with the highest levels were more likely to develop heart disease than were men with the lowest levels.

Following this study, other reports were published that suggested several possible types of microorganism (including chlamydia, H. pylori and cytomegalovirus) that might be to blame.

Last summer, researchers in the Helsinki Heart Study reported that other protein markers (known as immunoglobulins) also predicted an almost three-fold increase in coronary events. This relation held true even when the data were adjusted for age and smoking-history. These findings prompted some scientists to recommend antibiotic therapy for people with heart attacks.

Obviously, the inflammation/heart disease connection requires more definition; there are still many pieces missing from this complex puzzle. Fortunately, new and expanded research is underway. Experts caution that it's still too early to make blanket recommendations about using antibiotics to cure coronary disease. But the preliminary findings are intriguing and, if confirmed, may well revolutionize the treatment of cardiac disorders, vascular diseases — even the consequences of aging itself.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 70-year-old woman. I took estrogen shots for 10 years following menopause. After I stopped them, I developed an excessive growth of hair on my face and body. What causes this and what can I do about it?

DEAR READER: Your accelerated hair-growth may result from the small amounts of male hormone that every woman normally produces. After menopause, this hormone is no longer counterbalanced by the powerful female hormones, so hair growth may occur. Check with your gynecologist to see if the judicious use of hormone replacement therapy (in pills or patches) might ameliorate your problem.

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Scurry County Country

Drip irrigation effective way to water vegetable crops

HEREFORD — Drip irrigation systems are perhaps the most water-efficient way to irrigate vegetable crops, but producers need to plan carefully and do some homework on available resources before they install a drip system, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service irrigation specialists at the West Texas Vegetable Conference held here in January.

"You have to do a lot of planning before hand in order to get a good system that meets your needs," said Dr. Dana Porter, Extension irrigation specialist based in Lubbock. "And you have to ask yourself some hard questions."

"You have to ask ... How much water do I have? Is my well and water consistent? Is my well and water source reliable? What is the quality of my water?"

Drip irrigation is more water-efficient and energy-efficient than other systems and can help producers reduce some input costs if the system is equipped for chemigation (applying fertilizer and ag chemicals in the water).

"Drip irrigated crops often yield more than furrow — or center pivot-irrigated crops, and there is less long-term labor required with a drip irrigation system," Porter said. "But there also are a few drawbacks.

"Producers with drip systems cannot use deep tillage to combat certain crop pests and they often have fewer crop rotation options. Seed germination is another concern, because the water is applied below ground rather than at the soil surface. And drip systems can require more intensive management than furrow or center pivot irrigation."

Producers who decide to switch to drip irrigation should consult with a drip irrigation engineer or consultant who can help them design a system suited to their needs, fields and crops, the irrigation specialist said.

"Most drip systems rely on a buried tape to place irrigation water near the plant roots. These systems must be designed well and properly equipped," she said. "After you come up with a design that factors in field topography, well limitations, crop options, tape spacings and crop water needs, you should focus on learning your system and its key components.

"A good drip system will include effective filters. These help protect components in the system, and help minimize detrimental efforts of contaminants such as sand, sediment, algae bacteria and calcium carbonate. Filters also help maximize the life expectancy of a drip irrigation system.

Knowing how irrigation water moves in the soil also helps producers pick the right drip system and get the most from a system after it is installed, the irrigation specialist said.

"When you hire a consultant, engineer or firm to design and install a system, you need to ask several questions up front. Inquire about the system's life expectancy — how many years use can you expect to get from it with proper operation and maintenance?" Porter said. "Will they provide you with operating guidelines and some initial operations training? Does the system and components come with a warranty? And, what are my initial installation costs, long-term operating costs and annual maintenance costs?"

Producers should also take into account the 'learning curve' period after they choose and install a drip irrigation system, he said.

"Running a drip system profitably and efficiently is quite a bit different than furrow or center pivot irrigation," Porter said. "In most cases, producers find that it take one to three years of in-season experience to learn their system and the irrigation management strategies it offers."

Porter was one of 11 featured speakers at the 1999 West Texas Vegetable Conference. This year's day-long education event attracted more than 150 producers and vegetable industry representatives from Texas and adjoining states.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Prevention works! Individuals can save a lot of pain, worry and money by avoiding health problems. Everyone is growing older and that changes the way you look and feel. Some changes are unavoidable, like gray hair, alterations in vision and hearing, and the loss of skin tone. But others can be controlled to some extent by lifestyle and attitude. Regular exercise is essential to good health. It helps control weight and can be beneficial for problems like arthritis and osteoporosis. Exercise can be relaxing, increase energy, reduce stress, help prevent heart disease and generally makes you feel better.

Keeping a positive attitude and staying busy are two keys to preventive health care. Get involved. Keep up with old friends and make new ones. Explore a new hobby or leisure activity. Change your scenery or take a vacation. Try to always have something to look forward to. Make goals and plans for the day the week, the month, and the year!

Any way you define it, fitness is essential to good health. Even moderate exercise makes a huge difference in both how you feel and what illnesses you get. It is also very important to eat a balanced low-fat diet of wholesome foods to keep you energetic and free of many illnesses. Controlling stress, avoiding smoking, alcohol and drugs are also key preventive strategies. And don't forget to take naps, relax during meals, play with kids, or anything else that you consider a healthy pleasure. And finally, think well of yourself. A good self-image is the foundation of good health.

Federal aid, crop insurance help soften blow from storms

HOUSTON (AP) — The last Texas drought, blamed for major crop losses, was less devastating thanks to hundreds of millions of dollars of federal aid and crop insurance, a published report says today.

Better-than-expected yields and sophisticated hedging by some farmers also helped stem the damage, according to Wednesday's edition of the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

A study to be delivered next week at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual agricultural outlook conference in Washington, D.C., reports that total receipts from crop sales in Texas and Oklahoma last year were about 15 percent less than those of the year before.

Texas and Oklahoma farmers, according to the report, took in an average of $20,000 per farm in emergency disaster relief, crop subsidies, and other direct government payments in 1998, far more than the approximately $12,000 they averaged during the 1994-96 drought.

But 1998's one-two punch of low prices and poor yields led many in Texas' farming regions to predict doom for a large swath of the state's farmers. Some bankers and farmers late in the season even predicted a third of the state's farms might fail.

Now, Texas lawmakers are considering a variety of disaster-relief and drought-response initiatives. They include a $400 million program suggested by Sen. Steve Ogden, a Bryan Republican, to pay farmers for seed, fertilizer and other costs in bad years.

Leading Texas farm groups have urged Congress to expand crop-insurance programs — privately operated, but defined by the federal government — so that farmers will be able to get coverage on a larger portion of their production, and to extend the program to cover livestock owners, for whom no federal insurance is currently available.

The groups are also urging that Congress renew all crop subsidies when legislators begin drafting a new farm bill in 2000.

USDA recalls more meat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Chicago company has recalled 2,600 pounds of headcheese, a type of seasoned meat sold by Asian specialty stores, because of concern that it might be contaminated with listeria, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

The product distributed by Ba Le Meat Processing & Wholesale Inc. was produced between Jan. 7 and Feb. 5, officials said.

Subject to recall are packages of "Ba Le Gio Thu (Headcheese)" between 1 and 8 pounds. Headcheese is a seasoned loaf made of the head meat of a calf or pig. The packages bear "Est 18442" in the U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection mark.

The product was distributed to Asian specialty stores in Philadelphia; New York; Chicago; Houston; Austin, Texas; Garland, Texas; Rochester, Minn.; Raleigh, N.C.; Oakland, Calif.; Tampa, Fla.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Orlando, Fla.; Coral Springs, Fla.; Silver Spring, Md.; Dorchester, Mass.; and Doraville, Ga.

Listeria bacteria can cause a flu-like illness called listeriosis, which is especially dangerous in newborns, pregnant women and people with serious illnesses such as cancer or AIDS who have suppressed immune systems.

Natural resources week celebrated by the NRCS

TEMPLE — USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) celebrated Natural Resources Week (Feb. 8-12) in Texas. In a statement issued by USDA-NRCS State Consevationist John P. Burt, the week was designed to encourage all Texans to reflect on the importance of natural resources in our daily lives.

"Our abundant natural resources of soil, water, air, plants and animals continue to provide us with a healthy environment," Burt said. "The wise use of the resources sets us apart from every other country in the world. We are fortunate to have a conservation ethic that encourages landowners and all citizens to conserve and protect those things which benefit all of us."

In Texas, NRCS works with 216 local soil and water conservation districts to address local resource issues. As part of the local celebrations, various activities were held at each USDA-NRCS office in Texas. These included conservation tours, displays, educational programs, environmental awareness and other events.

"Each office participated in its own program," Burt said. "Which were tailored to local natural resource issues or concerns. We have a real opportunity to have people across the state become better aware of our environment and the work of our conservation program in Texas."

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 727 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 13, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $3 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady, trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200 to 300: 100 to 106
300 to 400: 95 to 106
400 to 500: 85 to 95
500 to 600: 78 to 86
600 to 700: 70 to 75
Feeder Heifers:
200 to 300: 87 to 95
300 to 400: 79 to 86.50
400 to 500: 74 to 81.50
500 to 600: 68.50 to 76
600 to 700: 66 to 71
Young bred cows: 450 to 510
Young cows and calves: 550 to 650
Slaughter cows: high yielding: 38 to 41.25.
Slaughter bulls: high dressing 44 to 48.50

Joe Canon of Gail owns bull listed in '99 report

GAIL — Joe Canon, of Gail, owns one bull listed in the 1999 Spring Sire Evaluation report published by the American Angus Association which is headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on more than 4,400 sires.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," says John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 69 percent have expected progeny differences (EPDs) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product." EPDs are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product. The analysis for the sire evaluation report is done in cooperation with Iowa State University.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 633 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 11, sale. Cows were steady. Calves and yearlings were $2 to $3 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 35 to 40.50
Canners and low cutters: 27 to 54
Slaughter bulls: 43 to 51.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 85.50-115
400-500: 75-92.50
500-600: 72-85
600-700: 70-77
700-800: 68-73.50
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-85
400-500: 70-77.50
500-600: 70-75
600-700: 65-75
700-800: 60-65
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 68 to 77.50; 700-800, 60 to 68.50.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 600 to 820: Grade 400 to 550.
Springers: 275 to 525.
Baby calves: 75 to 150.
Doodlers 125 to 200.

Justice Dept. probing N.Jersey state police

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating New Jersey's state police force to determine whether troopers regularly violate the civil rights of minority motorists.

Investigators are trying to find out if there is "a pattern or practice of misconduct," Christine DiBartolo, a spokeswoman for the department's Civil Rights Division, said Wednesday.

She said the investigation predates a shooting on the New Jersey Turnpike last spring that prompted allegations among black leaders that troopers routinely stop motorists based on race.

Three minority men were wounded April 23, 1998, after two white troopers pulled over their van for speeding. The troopers said they fired because the van backed toward them.

State police deny making stops based on race, but there has been a growing furor over allegations that they do.

State Attorney General Peter Verniero appointed a review team last week to examine racial profiling after documents were made public showing that 75 percent of motorists arrested on the turnpike over a two-month period in 1997 were minorities.

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HERE'S HOW TO DO IT — Sherry Faulkenberry, alternate mascot at Western Texas College, visited Northeast's After School Program last week. She showed, from left, Mitchell Williams, Jonathan Browning, Roy Daniel Mojica and Lupe Garza what a mascot does at a game. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

EPA set to propose tough new requirements for cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to dramatically cut air pollution in the next decade, the Environmental Protection Agency is set to propose tough new requirements for cleaner cars and gasoline, including a dramatic reduction in pollution from popular sport utility vehicles.

The draft proposal could be sent to the White House for review as early as Friday, according to government sources.

The proposed regulations, which would go into effect in 2004, have been the subject of intense lobbying by both the auto and oil industries and could shape the kind of cars Americans will drive over the next 20 years.

For the first time, automakers would be required to make popular sport utility vehicles, which now account for nearly half of the market, as pollution free as passenger cars, according to sources familiar with the general outline of the proposal.

In some cases, the largest SUVs would be given additional time to comply, however, according to one source, who like others who discussed the proposal, did so under conditions of not being further identified.

The EPA also plans to require oil companies to dramatically reduce the amount of sulfur in gasoline sold nationwide. The low-sulfur gas will have to contain on average 30 parts per million sulfur. Outside of California, gasoline today has more than 10 times that amount in most parts of the country.

EPA officials declined to comment on the draft proposal.

Industry sources and environmentalists, some of whom had been briefed on the proposed rules, said that they largely mirror the tougher emission requirements already planned in California, beginning in 2004.

That would include a reduction of nitrogen oxide emissions from cars from the current 0.4 grams per mile to 0.05 grams per mile in 2004. The automakers already have committed to cutting these emissions to 0.2 grams per mile under a national low-emissions vehicle program beginning in 2001.

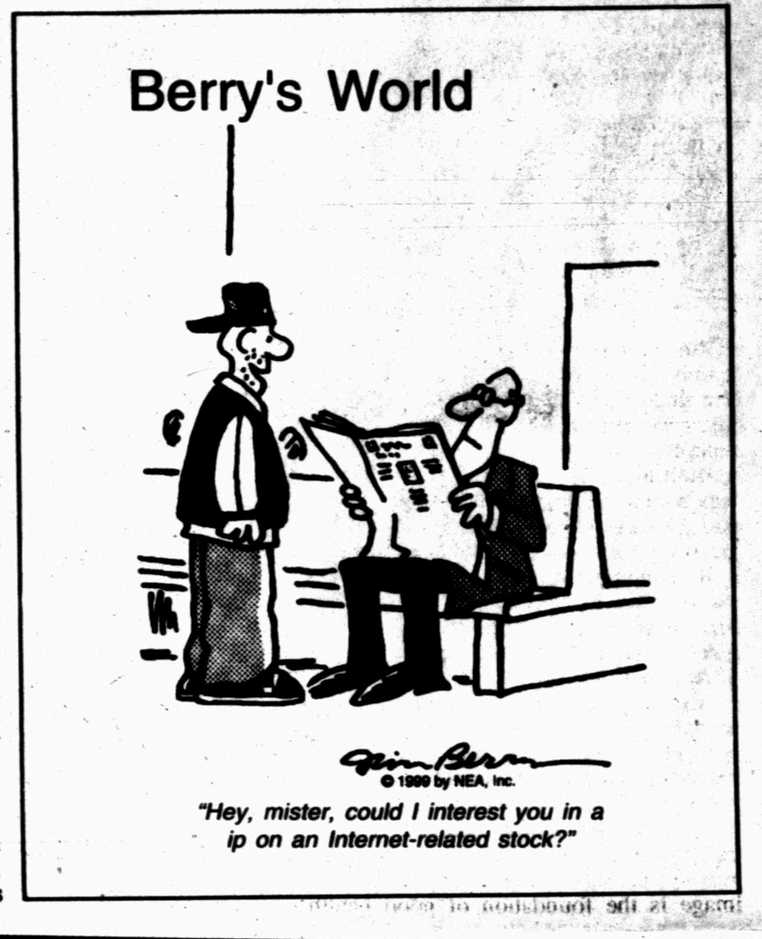
Environmentalists said tailpipe releases of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxide, both sources of urban smog, would be cut by as much as 90 percent from levels required today outside California.

"This decision will dictate how clean cars will be in the first decades of the 21st century," said Michelle Robinson of the Union of Concerned Scientists. Most important, she added, is that for the first time it will mean sharp reductions in emissions from SUVs, which, along with pickups and minivans, account for nearly half of the vehicles sold today.

William Becker, executive director of the association representing state air pollution control officials, said the tougher emission controls on both cars and SUVs will be essential if states are to meet future air quality mandates.

The cleaner gasoline alone is equivalent to taking 54 million cars off the road, said Becker, adding that the tougher tailpipe standards will be like removing an additional 50 million cars by the year 2020.

The new rules have been the focus of fierce lobbying by both the auto and oil industries.



"Hey, mister, could I interest you in a ip on an Internet-related stock?"

Efforts...

Regulators: Banks should inform customers on Y2K

WASHINGTON (AP) — The customer is clearly distraught as he approaches the teller's window. "What happens if the bank's computers go haywire on New Year's Eve?" he beseeches. "Will I lose all my money?"

Such scenarios are being played out in banks and thrifts across the country — on videotape. Bank managers are using role playing and other training techniques to prepare tellers and other employees for the onslaught of customers' nervous questions.

That is part of how banks, thrifts and credit unions need to make clear to customers how they are working to prepare for the year 2000 date change, federal regulators say.

Bankers have been telling people not to panic over the millennial computer problem, trying to counteract doomsday scenarios of millions of Americans draining their bank accounts this year. ATM machines, credit cards, checks and banking services will be functioning normally, industry officials have promised.

A group of federal bank regulatory agencies issued guidelines Wednesday to help banks and other financial institutions get that message to their customers.

The institutions "can address customer expectations by underscoring that maintaining customer confidence in the financial services system — now and after the year 2000 — is a top priority of the institution and its senior management," said the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

Banks, S&Ls and credit unions need to make clear to customers what they are doing to ensure that people have access to their money and continue to receive accurate information on their accounts, the government group said.

It said the effort could include training of tellers and other employees to answer customers' questions, brochures on year 2000 issues, toll-free "hot lines" that customers can call, and year 2000 seminars and Web sites.

The group also suggested that financial institutions point out to customers that the year 2000 date change will not affect their $100,000 federal deposit insurance coverage on each account.

"Banks are doing this already and are certainly concerned about getting their message out," said John Hall, a spokesman for the American Bankers Association, the industry's biggest trade group.

Now that the bulk of technical year 2000 problems have been solved, Hall said, "We recognize it's a communication problem."

The banking industry is spending more than $8 billion to retool its computer systems, which are being tested this year.

Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, chairman of a Senate committee on year 2000 problems, has said the financial services sector — including the banking and securities industries — appears to be "in the best shape" of all the seven priority areas he has identified.

The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council is comprised of the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 19, 1999

If you've been looking for a break to come your way concerning your work or career, this could be the year of your dreams. New channels could open up for you that will lead to significant advancement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Because your judgment will be so keen today and obvious to others, it will be quite easy for you to garner their support for ventures you'd like to initiate. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a good chance that you could pick up on something of personal value today that has been totally overlooked by others. Keep a weather eye peeled for the unusual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you get a head start today you could get all your duties and responsibilities out of the way and be able to knock off early. You may feel the need to participate in some pleasurable pursuits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An objective you may have previously felt was unattainable can now be achieved. Try your hand once more today, because the tides are shifting in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to avoid involvements today with persons who only think in the "status quo." Your greatest potential for achievements will be realized through progressive people who think like you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Cancers are sometimes fearful of anything untraditional, but today you'd be wise not to discount a unique idea just because it's a departure from your normal way of operating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you'll be speaking with today could express a new but brilliant point of view about something that could be extremely helpful to you. Listen attentively when others talk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Step-savers where your work is concerned could be developed if you don't hesitate to experiment today. What you conceive could enhance your productivity a great deal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) While your associates might be standing around trying to figure out what the problems are today, your instant, on-the-spot analysis will not only define the issue, but work them out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although you could have a tendency to leave a few things to the last minute, you'll still be ingenious enough to squeeze them in under the wire today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There a good chance that something fun and exciting to do will pop up from nowhere today. Try to keep your schedule as flexible as possible because you'll want to participate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Chance and circumstances tend to continue to favor you again today, especially where your material interests are concerned. Through a loving friend, something opportune could develop.

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Datebook

Feb. 18, 1999

Today is the 49th day of 1999 and the 60th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1885, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens), was published.

On this day in 1930, astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto. The discovery was made at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

On this day in 1972, the California Supreme Court banned capital punishment on the grounds that it is cruel and unusual.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Peabody (1795-1869), merchant-philanthropist; Jack Palance (1920-), actor, is 79; Helen Gurley Brown (1922-), author-editor, is 77; Toni Morrison (1931-), novelist, is 68; Cybill Shepherd (1950-), actress, is 49; John Travolta (1954-), actor, is 45; Matt Dillon (1964-), actor, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, Dan Jansen won a gold medal in the 1,000-meter speed-skating event at the Winter Olympics at Lillehammer, Norway.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits." — Mark Twain

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 16) and first quarter (Feb. 22).

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Kosovo debate continues...

Clinton adding 51 U.S. warplanes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dramatizing a threat to bomb the Serbs, the Clinton administration is adding 51 U.S. warplanes to an already powerful attack force in Europe to pressure the Yugoslav government to approve a self-rule plan for Kosovo and to accept NATO peacekeeping troops.

"We want to be in a position to carry out an air operation, should it be requested," Defense Secretary William Cohen said on his arrival early this morning in Seattle on unrelated business.

Cohen told reporters the additional planes — 12 Air Force F-117 stealth fighter-bombers, 10 EA-6B electronic warfare planes and 29 refueling planes — would begin arriving in Europe this weekend. He said they would be ready for a possible attack by the middle of next week.

Cohen declined to say where in Europe the extra planes would be based. Aviano air base in Italy is one possibility.

The purpose of sending more warplanes is to heighten the threat of force and thereby intimidate Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic into accepting a six-nation plan to end a yearlong conflict between Serb troops and secession-minded ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, a province in the dominant Yugoslav state of Serbia.

So far, Milosevic has defied the United States and five allied governments who have given him until noon Saturday to agree to pull most Serb troops out of Kosovo and see them replaced by some 28,000 NATO peacekeepers, including about 4,000 U.S. troops.

One of those allies, Russia, made clear once again its opposition to airstrikes.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin said today that he had told Clinton recently: "We will not allow Kosovo to be touched. ... I conveyed my opinion by letter and by telephone to Clinton, that this (bombing attack) won't do. That's it."

While his Serb negotiators at Rambouillet, France, are showing some interest in the self-rule plan for the Albanian-majority Serbian province, Milosevic is defying the United States and its partners on the peacekeeping operation that would clear the way for a local police force to take charge in Kosovo.

"Right now the Kosovars appear to be willing to sit down and negotiate some kind of agreement," Cohen said. "He (Milosevic) does not at this point. So we are going to put the forces in place to at least prepare for taking action."

Asked what purpose air strikes would serve, Cohen said, "It would reduce some of his (Milosevich's) ability to pose the kind of threat that he has posed to the Kosovar people. It would be designed to take down some of his assets that pose the most immediate threat to the Kosovars."

Asked to be more specific about the potential targets of NATO bombs, Cohen said, "It would be a significant operation is all I can say at this point."

Col. Richard Bridges, a Pentagon spokesman, said the fresh deployment of U.S. warplanes will demonstrate "a clear commitment that time is running out" on the Serbs to negotiate, although NATO military action might not happen right away.

"This is not an automatic 12:01, the bombs fall," Bridges said.

Prosecutors say...

Tattoos on murder defendant show that he is a man of hate

JASPER (AP) — Defense attorneys tried today to show that racist and satanic tattoos covering the body of dragging death murder defendant John William King were intended as protection devices to help King survive in prison.

Under cross-examination, Jasper police officer Rich Ford acknowledged that the symbols could be interpreted in different ways, but insisted they were meant to express values and beliefs.

"Some may have expression of love and some may have expression of hate," Ford said.

But he also acknowledged motivation for the tattoos could be meant to intimidate other inmates who might prey on a 5-foot-7 white man in prison.

"It's in the eye of the beholder," defense attorney Brack Jones told him.

"Yes, sir," Ford replied.

Prosecutors are portraying King as so hateful he proudly adorned his body with dozens of bold and intricate racist and satanic tattoos. The tattoos have been labeled as one of the key pieces of evidence to show King's hate toward blacks, a hate so severe prosecutors say it prompted him to instigate the killing of a black man, James Byrd Jr., last year.

"Obviously you can't commit a crime this heinous unless you've got a lot of hate and anger in your heart," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said Wednesday after introducing into evidence color photographs of King and his tattoos. "Devils and monster faces and skulls and things like that are pretty consistent with somebody having a lot of hate in their heart."

Today is the third day of prosecution testimony in the capital murder trial of King, accused of killing Byrd by chaining him to the back of a pickup truck and pulling him for nearly three miles along a bumpy asphalt road, dismembering his body.

A jury of 11 whites and one black also was hearing today from an FBI agent who collected blood and human flesh samples from under a truck authorities say was used in the killing.

"We saw items that looked like tissue, bloody tissue, human flesh," Mark Young said.

Conviction on the charge could get King, 24, a life prison term or a death sentence.

Two other men, Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, and Shawn Allen Berry, 23, also are charged with Byrd's death and are to be tried later. Pictures of their tattoos also were introduced into evidence Wednesday.

Defense attorneys unsuccessfully objected on grounds of constitutional protection of freedom of expression as Ford described tattoos on King that showed Nazi and satanic symbols and other designs touting Aryan supremacy and racist Ku Klux Klan beliefs.

King's tattoos, obtained mostly while he was in prison for a burglary conviction, not only are interwoven and cover both arms, they also are on his head, shoulders and torso. He even has one on his genitals.

One of the tattoos shows a baby Jesus with horns coming from his head, which Ford said was a satanic message. Another shows a black man hanging from a tree.

"If you've got a hanging black man on your arm, you're more likely to commit a crime against a black person," Gray said. "The Klan thing is the same way. It's motive, intent and state of mind.

"Certainly it's relative that Brewer and King belonged to the same gang and shared the same type of hate feelings. We'll tie that together with a gang expert later on."

Obituaries

Bessie Wilson

1911-1999

CISCO — Bessie Mae Wilson of Cisco, mother of Dolores Jones of Snyder, died this morning in an Eastland hospital.

Services are pending at Chambers-Wilcox Funeral Home in Cisco.

Mrs. Wilson was born in March, 1911.

Herman Johnston

1913-1999

Private graveside service for H.E. Johnson of Abilene was held Monday in the Dunn Cemetery. Jerry Rose officiated and arrangements were under the direction of North's Funeral Home.

Mr. Johnston, 85, died Sunday, Feb. 14, in an Abilene hospital.

Born in Wagon Mound, Kan., Mr. Johnston had lived in Fort Scott, Kan., and Odessa before moving to Abilene in 1970. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.

Survivors include two daughters, Tennie Kelley and Diane Leatherwood of Houston; a son, Jerry Rose of Austin; a sister-in-law, Mildred Rose of Abilene; and six grandchildren.

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Low-key so far, Hastert nears crunch for making decisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton's impeachment trial fades into history, House Speaker Dennis Hastert is entering a period of decision-making on Social Security, taxes and other issues that will dominate the rest of 1999.

In his first six weeks on the job, the 12-year House veteran has remained mostly out of sight, favoring private strategy meetings with colleagues over television interviews. That has played well with Republicans eager to avoid the negative attention frequently attracted by Hastert's predecessor, Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

"What you have in Dennis Hastert is the kinder, gentler speaker," Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., an old friend, said recently.

But with the impeachment trial over, Congress returns Monday from a one-week breather. The focus will be back on the bills and political maneuvering that will set the stage for the 2000 presidential and congressional elections.

For Hastert, R-Ill., that means forging consensus on high-profile issues that have divided Republicans, but that they want to use to demonstrate they have other priorities besides impeachment.

"Next week will be crunch time for him," said Marshall Wittman, director of congressional affairs for the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Hastert and other leaders have decided that the House will vote initially on bills dealing with African trade, cellular phones, anti-missile defense and schools.

"Almost overnight, there will be a recognition that we're back to business," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

But behind the scenes, the speaker will be seeing where the Republican votes are on marquee issues. These include the size and type of the tax reduction the GOP will seek, whether to postpone tax cuts until reaching a deal with Clinton on overhauling Social Security and whether to exceed spending limits enacted just two years ago.

All of those issues will be addressed in the fiscal 2000 budget that House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, plans to push through his panel by March 17. With Hastert saying he wants Congress to complete its budget work quickly this year, that leaves roughly a month for resolving those questions.

"We have to get our act together first," Kasich said.

The House GOP edge over Democrats is slim — just 222-211, plus one Democratic-leaning independent and one vacancy. With just six GOP defections able to sink a bill, no speaker — not even the forceful Gingrich — could dictate decisions to Republican lawmakers.

By his nature and history, Hastert, an amiable 57-year old former high school teacher and wrestling coach, is not one to dictate positions anyway. Hastert, who until this year had risen no higher in the House than deputy whip, prides himself on building consensus behind the scenes, and that's what he's been seeking the past several weeks.

Aides say Hastert has held countless meetings with other GOP leaders, committee chairmen and lawmakers, trying to divine the direction they should take. GOP aides say the speaker believes Republicans should initially engage Clinton in trying to revamp the politically sensitive Social Security program before tackling the GOP's trademark cause: cutting taxes.

To help begin that process, Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and congressional Democratic leaders plan to meet with Clinton at the White House next week to discuss the year's agenda.

Hastert has rarely been in public view since becoming speaker Jan. 6, when the new Congress was sworn in. He has gone home to his rural-suburban district near Chicago almost every weekend and will appear on a network interview program next Sunday for only the fourth time as speaker.

So far, he is nowhere near the GOP fund-raising draw that Gingrich was. His only venture into that world came last month when he attended several money-raising events in Miami during Super Bowl weekend, aides say.

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ONGOINGS

Nursing graduation

WTC's vocational nursing program will hold graduation and pinning ceremonies at 7 tonight at Trinity Methodist Church. A reception will follow.

East Elementary parent council

The East Elementary parent council will meet at 7 this evening in the school auditorium.

Stanfield parent council

Stanfield Elementary parent council will meet at 7 tonight in the school's library.

Fish Fry

A Fish Fry sponsored by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Men and Women's Association will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday in the Parish Center, 30th and Ave. A. Tickets, sold at the door, are $6 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Discover Creation program

A Discover Creation program, presented by former evolutionists, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church. Evidence from both science and scripture will be presented and will be informative for both youth and adults.

Class of '74 reunion

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the College Ave. Dairy Queen to plan the class of 1974 reunion. For more information, call 573-7014 or 573-3653.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What Kind of Body Will We have in the Resurrection," followed by "Fear of Death."

Distance learning course

Midwestern State University will offer a trimester course, public personnel administation, through the distance learning lab on the Western Texas College campus. The course begins Tuesday and will meet from 5:30-9:15 p.m. each Tuesday. To apply, call 1-888-521-1112 or 940 397-4400.

Community garden meeting

A meeting to plan the 1999 community garden will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of First Presbyterian Church. All interested persons are welcome.

Genealogy Society meeting

The Genealogy Society is looking for new members. There will be a program and business meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Interested persons are welcome.

Kiwanis pancake feast

Snyder Kiwanis Club will held its annual Pancake Feast Saturday, March 6, in the West Elementary Cafeteria from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4 per person and children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a free TV. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from any club member or by calling 573-2191.

Food Cupboard needs freezer

Snyder Food Cupboard is in need of a large freezer to store meat. Can pay a small sum or will accept a donation. Call 573-3203.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available today and every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Mills medical fund

A fund to assist with the cancer treatment of Marie Mills has been opened at Snyder National Bank.

Hermleigh photos wanted

The Scurry County Museum is seeking photographs of buildings in Hermleigh. The photos may be donated or loaned and one will be used on the 1999 Christmas ornament. Call 573-6107 or come by the museum on the WTC campus.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Pick 3

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

1-7-1
(one, seven, one)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

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

A winning ticket would have been worth $10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 10, 25, 26, 28, 30 and 33.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $14 million.