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MR. AND MISS SHS — Seniors Brady Cobb and Sharika Wofford were named Mr. and Miss Snyder High School during a coronation ceremony in the Worsham Auditorium. Miss Wofford was also homecoming queen, and Cobb is a member of numerous varsity athletic squads and is also in the choir. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Snyder ISD...

Tax values to be covered at board meeting tonight

Snyder Independent School District board of trustees will hear a report from Scurry County's chief tax appraiser on projected tax values when they meet this evening at 6 o'clock.

Larry Crooks, who was appointed by the appraisal board to the post at the end of last year, will have the unenviable task of reporting on a projected drastic drop in oil property values.

It has been estimated that the district could find itself with a shortfall of tax money up to $825,000 due to declining oil prices.

Coupled with a drop in state money due to declining enrollment, the district may be looking at a drop in income of almost $1 million.

The Snyder school board is certainly not the only group facing this partiular problem as Ira ISD has been projected to lose $312,400 and Hermleigh ISD $4,822.

Andrews ISD is projected to lose almost $7.5 million, while Post ISD will lose $1,074,930.

The trustees will also hear an environmental report on Stanfield Elementary.

The study was prompted after the administration received a letter from Stanfield school employees noting that since 1993, six teachers who had worked in the building had cancer.

Two earlier reports from the environmental firm that did the testing indicates there are no cancer-causing agents in the building.

King Consultant's representative Brian Rogers will present the firm's report tonight, along with the district's maintenance supervisor Lawton Taylor.

In action items, the board will call the school board election for May 1.

Terms of Place 1 trustee Glenn Clarady, Place 4 trustee Mark McCormick and Place 5 trustee Janet Stribling will be expiring.

Trustees will also act on contract extensions for administrators.

Supt. Gayle Lomax has recommended that all present administrastion contracts receive a one-year extension, with the exception of two who have submitted letters of resignation.

Maintenance and transportation director Lawton Taylor is retiring, and Stanfield principal Lois Boles is resigning from the district.

All other building principals and assistant principals are being recommended for contract extensions, as are assistant superintendents Dr. Melissa Jones and Lee McNair.

Dr. Jones serves as the assistant superintendent for elementary curriculum and special programs, while McNair is the assistant superintendent for business and finance.

The contract of athletic director and head football coach David Baugh is also being recommended for extension, as is the contract for Barbara Granato, director of special programs.

If approved, all the above contracts will expire on June 30, 2001.

In one other business matter, the board will consider the second reading and approval of a policy regarding electronic communication and data management.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. in the school's administration building.

In wrongful death suit...

Plaintiff attorneys call defense witness to stand

An expert defense witness called by plaintiff attorneys testified Wednesday afternoon and was on the stand this morning in a wrongful death suit being heard in 132nd District Court.

Midland forensics engineer Ronald Britton was questioned at length by attorney Mark Lanier.

On Tuesday, Cathy McNew, the widow of one of three persons killed in a frac tank when overcome by hydrogen sulfide gas, testified.

Snyder EMS personnel who were among the first to respond to the accident scene are expected to be called to the witness stand next.

The suit was filed on Oct. 29, 1998 by the wives of the three victims.

Killed in the accident were Juan Guardado and Jerry McNew who both worked for Drum Salt Water Disposal, and the owner of the firm, R.L. "Buddy" Drum.

The defendant in the trial is Bill Stephens Welding Company of Pampa — the firm which built the frac tank.

Paula Stephens, the president of the company which built the frac tank, also testified Tuesday afternoon.

Artoro Guardado, the brother of Juan, was the first to discover the men inside the frac tank and notified the firm's answering service of the accident.

Law enforcement personnel and Snyder EMS were made aware of the accident by an employee of the answering service.

Buddy Drum's son, Max, was also injured in the accident.

Artoro Guardado was treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, but Max Drum was air-lifted from the scene to Lubbock's Methodist Hospital for treatment.

Besides Snyder EMS units, three helicopter ambulances responded to the scene of the accident about two miles west of U.S. 84.

Numerous defendants, including Gecko Booty 1994 Limited Partnership, Geo Sciences Exploration, Drum Transports, the estate of R.L. Drum and Max Drum were named as defendants.

However, plaintiffs non-suited all defendants with the exception of the Pampa company.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding in the trial which is expected to last into next week.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Cities could save some money. Don't make any more speed limit signs, 'cause nobody reads 'em."

Everybody from the sticks knows that if you try and drive the speed limit on the freeways, then you'll likely get run over.

And if you're not run over, there will be a lot of people waving the universal sign at you.

We were at a press meeting in Dallas a few weeks ago and we noticed two things about city traffic. It's heavier and it's quick.

We heard a story about one of our newspaper friends who had an encounter with a city driver.

The other driver was young. Our friend says she even had the possibility of being good looking. And the sports car she was peddling was something else — likely a gift from good ole dad.

As our friend told the story, the gal shot him the bird. He couldn't believe it. He admitted to having beeped his horn after she pulled out in front of him, without consulting the traffic.

It was the single horn honk that sent the middle finger and the face flying out the window at the same time. He couldn't read her lips, but he was pretty sure it wasn't nice.

He followed her a few blocks and she turned into a parking lot and greeted a friend. Our newspaper friend is a curious type. He pulled in behind her.

She isn't even surprised to see the guy approaching. "Hey man," she laughs, "you flipped me off."

Our friend was almost speechless. In a decided gentle tone he said he did admit to a beep of his horn, nothing else. He further explained he wasn't even mad, but wanted to know why she was so angry.

She laughs again. "Look, pops," she says. "Maybe you didn't flip me off, but this hasn't been my day."

Not only was the sports car impressive, but her clothes were equally expensive. And she never stopped adjusting her makeup, which already was too thick.

By now our friend was questioning his own good judgment about following someone afflicted with road rage.

But he was still wondering. How could somebody so young, with so much going for her, be so angry and cynical?

The incident shook our friend. Behind all that makeup, he said, you wanted to think someone sweet was trapped in there trying to break out.

At least she didn't wave a gun.

Mr. and Miss SHS named this morning

The highlight of Snyder High School's coronation this morning was the naming of Brady Cobb and Sharika Wofford as Mr. and Miss SHS.

Class favorites and department sweethearts for 1998-99 were also introduced during the ceremony held in Worsham Auditorium.

Other Miss SHS nominees were Starla Davis, Ashley Grimmett, Shannon Hall and Mary Hollis.

Other nominees for Mr. SHS were Jacob Hodges, Reid Johnson, Cory Mandrell and James Allan Shields.

Freshman class favorites are Ashley Owen and Stephen Oretgon while Brooke Williams and Jamaal Wofford have been named sophomore class favorites.

Janette Allen and Sonny Cumbie were chosen junior class favorites. Favorites for the senior class are Ashley Grimmett and Sam Bedell.

Bedell was also chosen cheerleader sweetheart, escorted by K.K. McClain. Grimmett was also named powerlifting sweetheart.

Among those named as sweethearts, were Crystal Rascon, band, escorted by Layne Scott; Ashley Herrera, baseball, escorted by Johnny Pena; Jodi Dennis, boys basketball, escorted by Brock Durham; and Tabitha Gilbreth, DECA, escorted by Kaleb Herrley.

Allison Bowden and Josh Burney were chosen choir sweethearts while Ana Hanan and Andy Parker were named drama sweethearts.

Other sweethearts were Marcie Irvine, FFA, escorted by Brandon Williamson; Toby Zalman, FHA, escorted by Kristin Kuhl; Britney Canada, football, escorted by Jeff Knowles; Elodie Chapaux, foreign exchange, escorted by Bradley Grimmett; Mayu Shintaku, foreign exchange, escorted by Phillip Broadwater; and Freddy Kirschner, foregin exchange, escorted by Calli Pierce.

Forensics sweethearts were Vanessa Jones and Nick Means. Jessica Dea and Devin Williams were named French Club sweethearts and Keisha Gafford and Landon Day were named golf sweethearts. Photojournalism sweethearts were Veronica Carrisalez and Kade Kubena.

Other sweethearts included Patrick Ely, girls basketball, escorted by Alicia Peoples; Whitney Owen, industrial technology, escorted by Josh Hall; Veronica Williams, rodeo team, escorted by Bradley Bynum; and Tyler Warren, softball, escorted by Amy Ricks.

Sweethearts for other departments include Felsha Biggers and Nick Barboza, Spanish Club; Vanessa Jones and Nicholas Means, speech; Angela Sanchez and Brett Gibson, tennis; Kate Maguire and Justin Guy, Tiger's Lair; Lisa Moore and Lawrence Arellano, Tiger's Tale; and Callie Bane and Juan Arizmendi, girls and boys track.

Also named sweethearts were Christy Wright, visual arts, escorted by Juan Olvera; and Matt Rodgers, volleyball, escorted by Dana Durst.

Ira trustees set to meet

Ira ISD board of trustees will meet this evening at 7:30 and will consider calling for the school board election on May 1.

The terms of Sid Wall, Kirby Sterling and Lance Autry are expiring.

Board members will also consider the salary and contract of school principal Rodney Schneider in closed session.

In other matters, the trustees will consider a contract with an inter-regional food purchasing and commodity processing cooperative.

Campus spelling bees scheduled

The 1999 campus spelling bees in Scurry County kick off Friday at Ira School. Grades four through six will begin at 8 a.m. and the seventh and eighth grades will immediately follow.

Other campus bees are slated next week. Hermleigh's fourth through sixth graders will compete at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday. The seventh and eighth graders will have their spell off at 12:20 p.m. on Thursday.

Snyder Junior High School has set its bee for 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday.

Northeast and West will both have bees on Thursday. West spellers will begin at 9 a.m. and Northeast's bee is set for 2:40 p.m.

The final campus bee — at East Elementary — begins at 9 a.m. next Friday.

The county bee is set for March 5.

Jury selected in dragging death case

JASPER (AP) — Seven men and five women have been chosen to decide the fate of a suspected white supremacist who could face the death penalty in the dragging death of a black man.

District Attorney Guy James Gray said Wednesday that he was barred from commenting about the panel, but added: "It is not an all-white jury."

John King, 24, and two other white men are accused of killing James Byrd Jr., 49, by chaining him to a pickup truck in June and dragging him nearly three miles.

Although Jasper is nearly half black, the racial makeup of the county — the source of potential jurors — is only 18 percent black. Just seven people in the 50-member pool were black, creating the possibility that King could have gotten an all-white jury.

Prosecutors have portrayed King as the ringleader. The other suspects, Shawn Berry, 23, and Lawrence Brewer, 31, will be tried later.

President's Day prompts closings

Citizens needing to take care of financial business may want to do so Friday as local financial institutions will be closed Monday for President's Day.

Scurry County Courthouse and the library will also be closed as county employees observe the holiday.

Students in Snyder schools will get the day off. Hermleigh, Ira and Western Texas College students, however, attend classes as usual.

City Hall will remain open.

Snyder Post Office will close. Mail will be placed in boxes, but will not be delivered.

ASK US

Q—How much cotton was ginned in Scurry County this season?

A—Inadale Gin ginned 2,600 bales; Farmer's Co-op, 1,263 bales and Paymaster, 200 bales.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 83 degrees; low, 44; 7 a.m. Thursday, 44; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, cold. Low, 15-20. Light N wind. Friday, sunny, warmer. Highs 55-60. W wind 5-10 mph.

Angel Ervin
Windy!

Sunset: 6:27 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:28 a.m.
Of 41 days in 1999, the sun has shone 40 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"No man ever became great except through many and great mistakes."

William E. Gladstone

State Sen. Fraser introduces new telecommunications bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker says he can save Texas consumers $500 million a year on their telephone bills by lowering the amount local telephone companies can charge to connect in-state long distance calls.

The legislation sponsored by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, would reduce the 12 cents a minute Southwestern Bell and GTE charge to connect in-state long distance calls. The bill would cut the charge, which is tacked on to monthly phone bills, to 5 cents.

"Texans for too long have been paying higher long distance rates compared to other states because of the inflated access rates charged by local telephone companies," said Fraser. "It's time for the Legislature to address this inequity, and it's time for the consumers to be given a fair shake."

The Public Utility Commission planned to reduce the access charge last year, but put off its plans when it couldn't get iron-clad guarantees from the big three — AT&T, MCI WorldCom and Sprint — that they would pass on the savings to all customers, not just the high-volume long-distance users. All agreed, except MCI.

Long-distance companies, which have lobbied for the reduction, must "proportionally" pass along the savings to residential and business customers, not just their preferred customers, according to the bill.

"Anyone who makes a long distance phone call from their home or business would benefit under this bill," Fraser said.

For two years, the PUC would have the authority to assess administrative penalties against long-distance companies for not passing the savings to all customers, under the bill. The PUC regulates the rates of local phone companies, but under current law has limited power over long-distance companies.

Reducing access charges is expected to be a top issue this year and has already prompted an air war between industry interests that want the access charges reduced or left alone. Each has sponsored television commercials.

The access charges are used to keep basic local rates low, according to the Texas Telephone Association, which includes Southwestern Bell.

"Rural and urban customers of Texas local phone companies will wonder why some legislators want to confiscate hundreds of millions of dollars from Texas firms and their customers and give it to such out-of-state corporate giants as AT&T," the group said in a news release.

Since the PUC cannot legally regulate the rates of long-distance companies, there is no guarantee that the companies won't reduce the access charge, but raise the prices of other services, according to the group.

"No matter what they say, no one will ever know whether access fee reductions are passed through to Texas consumers," the group said.

The bill also would continue a freeze on the state's basic phone rate until Sept. 1, 2005. The PUC could lift the rate freeze if it determined that an existing local telephone company had lost 30 percent of its market, according to the legislation.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, will unveil his own telecommunications bill to reduce access rates Thursday. Sibley's and Fraser's offices did not know how similar the two pieces of legislation are.

The legislation is SB467.

Maine is also known as the Pine Tree State.

The last week in February is National Engineers' Week.

Y2K

What You Should Know About Year 2000

Year 2000 is creating a lot of excitement and more than a little concern due to potential computer problems.

Despite the rumors that say many financial institutions will not be ready, we assure you that we are involved in all activities recommended by our governing agencies. In fact, our Year 2000 planning efforts are well underway with full implementation and testing to be completed within our governing agencies' guidelines.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Parent fights phone company over adult calls made by child

DEAR ABBY: Last March, I received a $400 phone bill that included $260 in adult entertainment calls made by my 10-year-old daughter and 11-year-old niece. At first, the phone company refused to adjust the bill, then it gave me credit for half. After five months of fighting with the long-distance phone company, and countless phone calls, I finally got the whole amount credited to my account.

In the state of Oregon, the public utility commission regulates telecommunications. There is a statute that says, "Any obligation that may have arisen from the dialing of a pay-per-call is void and unenforceable if made by an unemancipated child under 18 years of age."

Every state has its own regulations, but a call to your state's public utility commissioner should clarify whether people have to pay the bill in these circumstances. People can also contact the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.

The phone company knows it is supposed to write off the charges of such calls made by children. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of parents dispute their bill — even though this is a frequent occurrence. I hope my letter helps other parents.

VICTORIOUS IN OREGON

DEAR VICTORIOUS: Congratulations. I'm sure your letter will be of interest to other parents of "curious" children. Another effective preventive measure that parents can take is to put a 900 block or an international block on their phone line.

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DEAR ABBY: I have some advice for the adult son of "Dad, the Morning Rooster," who can't — or won't — get himself up in the morning. I used to have the same problem. I, too, just couldn't wake up in the morning.

The alarm clock on my nightstand would go off, and I'd reach over, turn it off and go back to sleep. Most of the time, I never remembered having turned it off.

I realized I had to do something to keep from missing work, so I decided to make my alarm clock harder to turn off. I bought an alarm clock (a wind-up Big Ben) with bells on the outside. That night, I set the alarm, then placed the clock in a metal dishpan and shoved it under my bed.

The next morning the alarm went off and started rattling the dishpan. The noise shocked me awake. I leaped out of bed to locate the source of the racket and shut it off. (By then I had forgotten where I had put the clock.) By the time I was down on my knees, flailing around beneath the bed, I was so wide-awake I couldn't have fallen back to sleep if I had wanted to.

That young man should try my solution. I can almost guarantee it'll work every time. Sign me ...

OLE SLEEPYHEAD
FROM FLORIDA

DEAR OLE SLEEPYHEAD: Thank you for the helpful anecdote. For slow risers who would prefer a less radical wake-up, placing the alarm out of reach — for instance, on the other side of the bedroom —is a valuable suggestion.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

G.I. Joe doll has face of veteran

CHARLEROI, Pa. (AP) — Mitchell Paige had a few conditions before he let a toy maker put his face on G.I. Joe: Make him look like a Marine and put a machine gun in his hands.

Hasbro got it mostly right.

"I never had hair that red!" the retired U.S. Marine colonel said.

The action figure of the World War II veteran is one in Hasbro's "Classic Collection" of Medal of Honor recipients. The model was released in October.

Paige, now 81, won the Medal of Honor in 1943 for keeping Japanese troops from taking a landing strip in Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. In the four-month battle, the platoon of 48 Marines he commanded dwindled until he was the last man left.

He single-handedly held the line for four hours as reinforcements arrived, then led them to push the Japanese back. Americans secured the island a month later.

Bill Hartglass, Hasbro's team leader for G.I. Joe product development, said the company wanted dolls modeled after real-life heroes who "encompassed the Joe essence of honor, courage and valor." He said Paige fit the bill.

"His story is pretty compelling," Hartglass said. "It's something out of a movie."

The $37 limited-edition dolls sold out by the end of December. Hasbro may release a second wave next year.

Paige was skeptical at first, but his wife talked him into it.

"How many children have a doll of their grandpa?" she said. "A lot of younger generations don't even know that Guadalcanal even happened. I felt this might cause them to look back and find out a little bit about the past."

Results of drug is duplicated

BOSTON (AP) — Government scientists have finally been able to reproduce a scientist's highly publicized results for an anti-cancer drug and are now seeking to begin the first human tests, The Boston Globe reported today.

The breakthrough using the drug endostatin came only when National Cancer Institute scientists conducted the experiment in the Children's Hospital laboratory of researcher Dr. Judah Folkman, who discovered it and found that it reduced tumors in mice.

Last fall, NCI scientists said they could not match Folkman's promising test results using a small quantity of the drug Folkman sent them.

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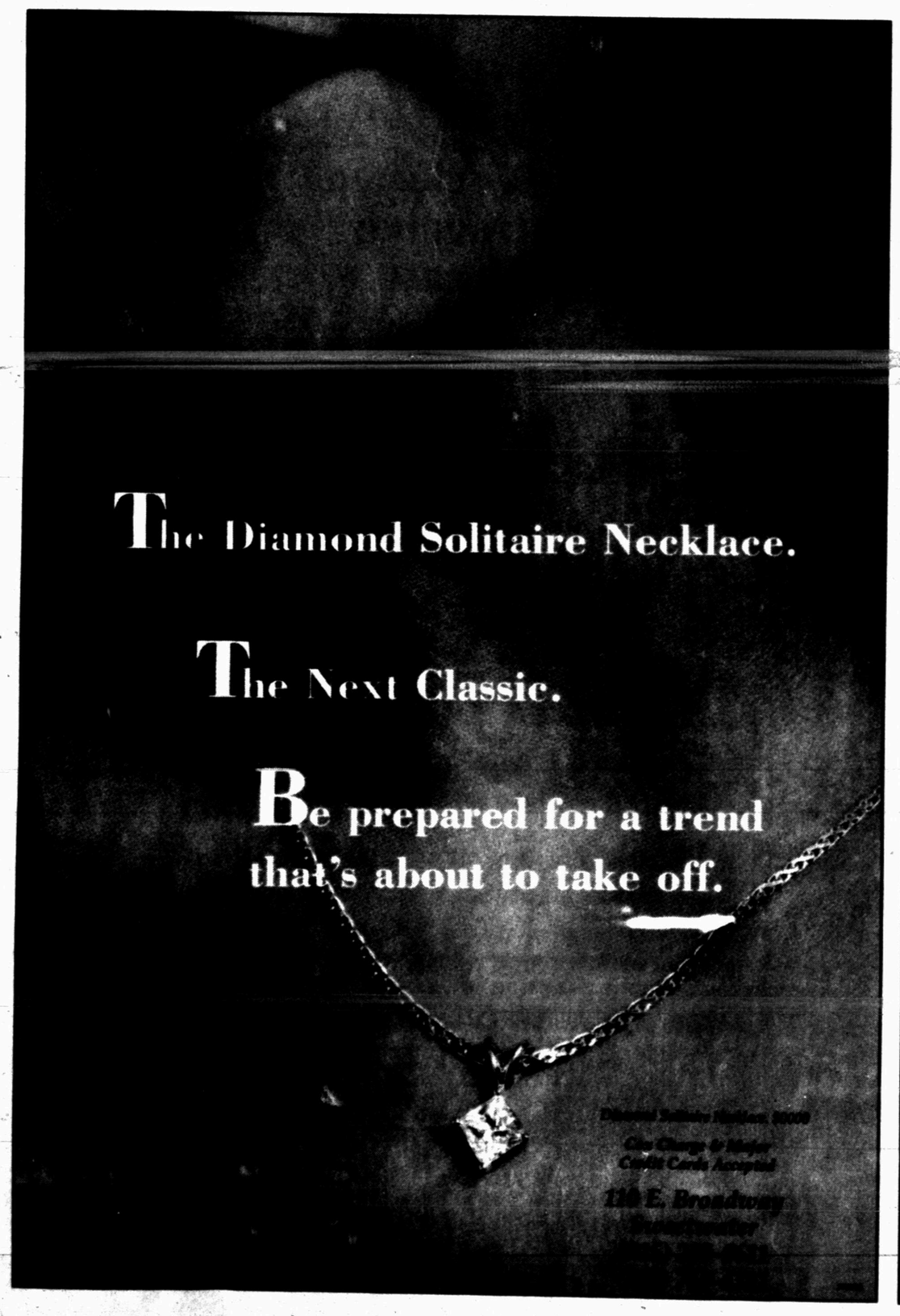
Happy 85 Daddy

Love,
Donald & Glenda



The Following Financial Institutions Will Be Closed Monday, February 15, 1999 In Observance Of

President's Day

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West Texas State Bank

SHOWER FOR NEWBORN — A shower was held for Kristi Cowan and her baby, Luke, at the 37th Street Church of Christ. Pictured from left are Sue McGuire, Luke's grandmother; the honorees; Taffy Cowan; Janet McGuire; and in front are Jordan McGuire and Kendra McGuire, holding her brother, Toban. (Contributed Photo)

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 12, 1999

You may be more strongly motivated than usual, so don't be surprised if you find yourself to be somewhat of a workaholic in the year ahead. This will lead to an advancement in your chosen field of endeavor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you're usually gregarious and outgoing, solitude might provide you with more enjoyment today than being in a buzzing crowd. Seek your own space. 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) Practicality is attainable today, so try to view your aims realistically. By doing so, your possibilities for making them a reality are greatly enhanced.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Qualify your goals in advance today, because there's a chance that after you gain whatever it is you want to do, you might become disenchanted with what you've achieved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Information that you acquired some time ago — for which you never found an effective need — might be put to good use today in helping you gain an advantage of some kind. Knowledge is power.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Chances are you will be on your toes today. Recognize a good financial proposition when you hear one. The trick is to put it to work for you in order to bring it to fruition.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be so quick to veto any suggestions put forth by your spouse today. There's a strong chance she or he might have a better handle on the issue than you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Any urgent responsibilities that are neglected today could create complications tomorrow, especially concerning your work or career. Give these matters top priority now!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your pals appreciate your company, and chances are they'll be vying for your attention today. You could find yourself more in demand socially than ever before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Accomplishments could be quite substantial today if you organize your agenda to accommodate worthy projects. If you attempt to play things by ear, this might not be the case.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This is an excellent day to fill your mind with constructive and productive knowledge, because you'll grasp ideas quicker than usual and retain what you learn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The probabilities for personal gain look very strong today, and fortunate circumstances are trending in your favor. So be alert for any opportunities that could add to your resources.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should something in which you have a collective involvement with friends misfire today, your pals will be turning to you for guidance. You'll know how to rectify the situation.

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Bridge By Phillip Alder

North 02-11-99
♠ K J 10 9 6 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 4
♣ K 10 8

West
♠ A 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 9 7 6 5

East
♠ 5 3
♥ A K Q J
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 4 3 2

South
♠ Q 8
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ A K J 10 9
♣ A Q

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 6

Snippets of gold

One of the most highly rated bridge books of all time, "Bid Better, Play Better" by Dorothy Hayden Truscott, has been republished in an updated edition by Devyn Press.

In this book, you will learn the changes that have taken place in Standard American bidding over the last three decades. The main modifications are the introduction of five-card majors, limit raises, weak two-bids, transfer bids, weak jump overcalls, and negative doubles. There is also a chapter titled The Gadgets, which concentrates on other conventions that have gained widespread acceptance in the tournament world. However, don't expect to learn about these bids from A to Z. You will get at least A: the basic idea; sometimes B, C and D as well. But if something appeals, you will need to find another book that gives the necessary B/E to Z. Still, for an aspiring player, this is an excellent place to start.

There are also three chapters on card-play. In this deal, from the one about signaling, North opened with a weak two-bid, showing some 6-10 high-card points and a decent six-bagger. South's response was debatable — just imagine North's having a singleton heart.

West leads the club six: eight, two (discouraging), ace. Declarer immediately attacks spades. Here, it is important for West to hold up his ace until the third round, so that he gets a chance to see a discard from partner. And what is this discard? It must be the diamond two, discouraging in that suit. Now, with luck, by process of elimination, West will switch to hearts.

The book is $15.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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Showers honor mother-to-be

Several showers have preceded the birth of Sandi and Cliff Price's baby, expected on Feb. 26.

Hostesses for the shower pictured right included Molly Tatum, Toni Shields, Kristi Menix, Vicki Williams, Rita Wolf, Sara Menix and Randi Head.

They used multicolored flowers for the centerpiece for the event held in the community room of Snyder Savings and Loan. Hostesses gave the honoree a baby stroller.

Another shower was held at the Fluvanna Baptist Church by Sally Martin, Sue Herring, Becky Beavers, Nelva Jones, Jacqueline Wills, Esma Kingston, Eleanor Hunnicut and Linda Beavers. The hostesses each gave individual gifts.

In addition, a luncheon was held by the Scurry County Appraisal District employees in honor of Mrs. Price. Tracy Powell, Lisa West, Gloria Lopez, Vicki Williams, Patricia Escobedo, Marsha Cribbs, Teresa Rowe, Catrina Lopez, Larry Crooks, Toni Shields and Yolana Rosas gave her a baby swing.

BABY SHOWER — Sandi Price is honoree at a baby shower held in January in the community room at the Snyder Savings and Loan. Pictured from left are Sherri Campbell, sister of the honoree from Rule, holding her daughter, Sarah; Linda Messick of Aspermont, their mother; the honoree; Melissa Johnson, another sister from Abernathy, holding her daughter, Kennady; and Belinda Hughes, her sister-in-law from Wolfforth. (Contributed Photo)

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Gary Gonzalez of Hermleigh, Russell Jones, Pamela Jones, Javier Mora, Douglas Sawyer, Ophel Woodson.

DISMISSALS: Pauline Price, Ora Ussery, Betty Hataway, Luis Hernandez, Bradley Smith.

CENSUS: 49 (Med., Surg.-19, Long-term-24, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Those working in or visiting ammunition storage rooms must wear shoes without nails to prevent the danger of explosion caused by sparks from metals.

Fireman fired for not having his tie tied

NEW WINDSOR, N.Y. (AP) — A former fire marshal says his unknotted tie unraveled his career.

John O'Brien Sr. said he was fired from the New York City Fire Bureau after he walked into a meeting with his tie undone.

O'Brien said May 1997 meeting was informal, and added that he was on his way to investigate a fire scene at the time.

"I was busy running around," O'Brien said this week. "I had my tie on, but it wasn't tied. No one brought this up at the meeting."

He was fired on Dec. 19. The union is appealing under the state Civil Practice Law. The department declined to comment on his firing.

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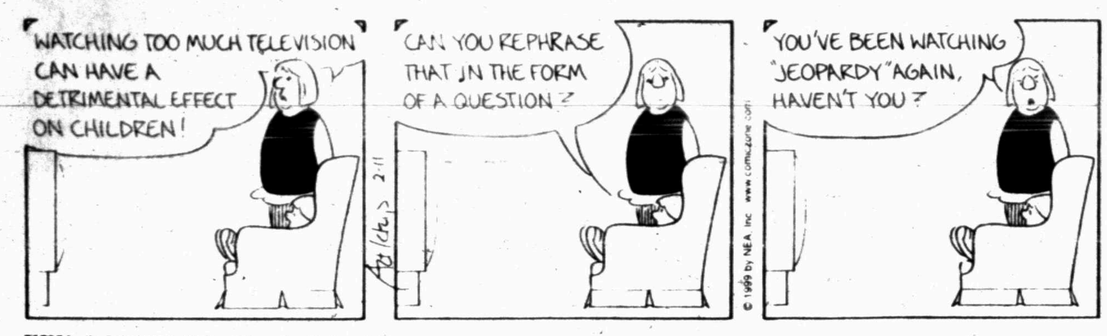

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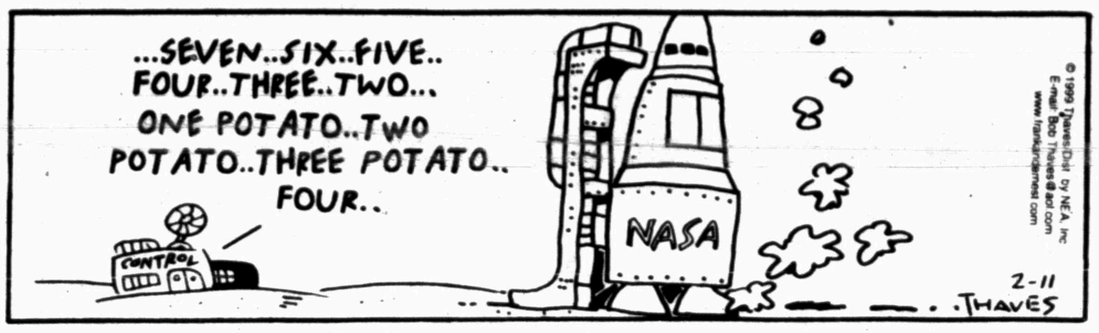

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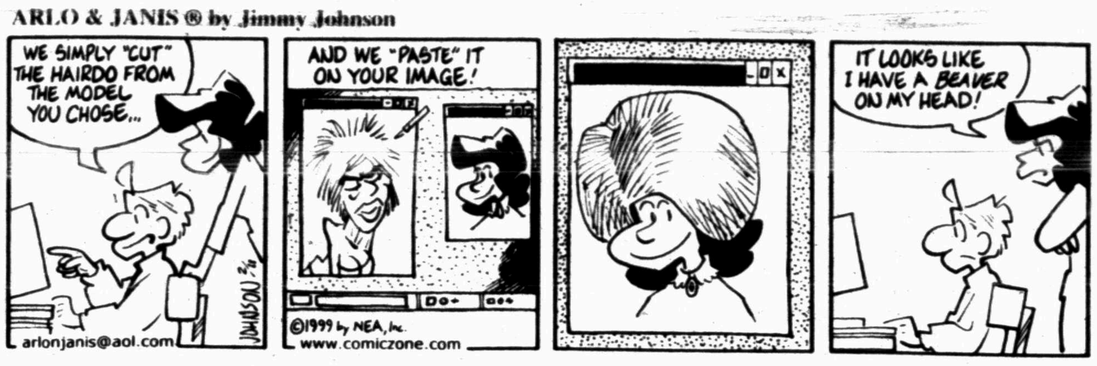

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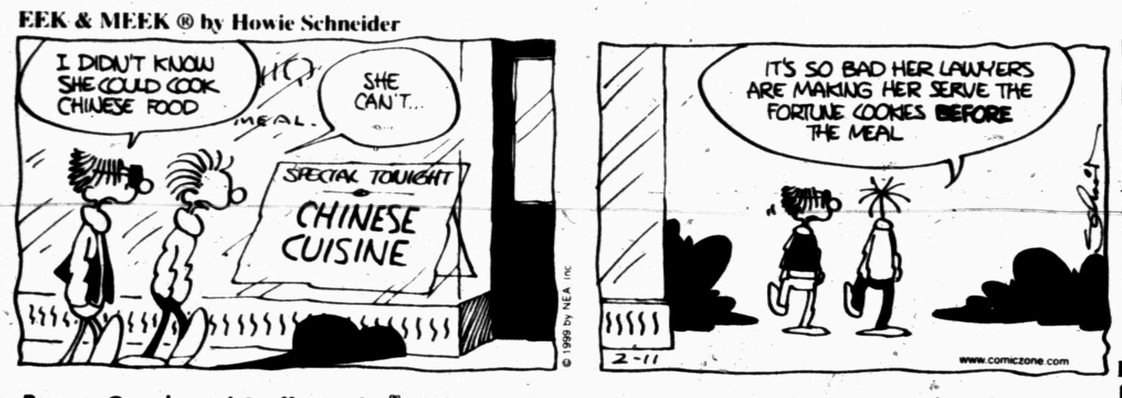

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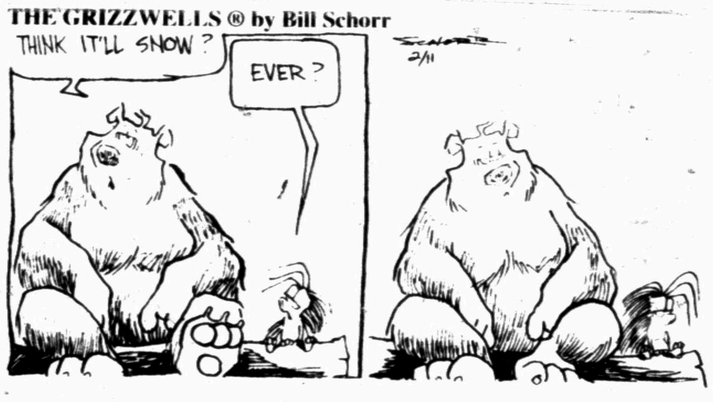

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1 Sound of rustling skirts
6 Carpets
10 Spoke
12 Highest point
14 In cahoots
15 Actor Estevez
16 Poet Robert
17 Doctors' org.
19 Waterproof covering
20 In a kingly manner
23 Sudden attack
26 Large snake
27 Artist's deg.
30 Ford's successor
32 Declares
34 Smoothly courteous
35 Divides up
36 Future bks.
37 Atty.'s deg.
39 Ant
40 Poison
42 Painter Bonheur
45 Mikhail of chess
46 Youth org.
49 Qualm
51 Be in great number
54 Make precious
55 Affirmed
56 Balkan peninsula denizen
57 Donkeys

DOWN

1 Dagger thrust
2 Chinese landmark
3 In a poor way
4 Emulate Alberto Tomba
5 "— Haw"
6 Sleep stage
7 Togetherness
8 — monster
9 Agitate
11 1944 invasion date
12 Highly enthusiastic
13 '50s teen dance
18 Queen of fairies
20 Roster
21 For all to see
22 Shaped with a tool
23 Pond topper
24 Armed conflicts
25 Spherical bodies
27 Highway shoulder
28 Release
29 Aide (abbr.)
31 One who tells
33 Trainable
38 Genetic material (abbr.)
40 Worker with rattan
41 "Now — — me down to sleep"
42 Map abbr.
43 Possesses
44 Team
46 Kiss
47 Large knife
48 Chips in
50 Chatter
52 Actress — Arthur
53 Forerunner of the CIA

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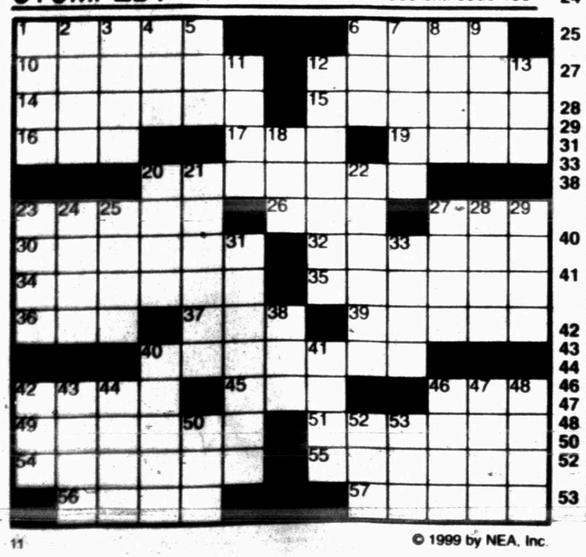

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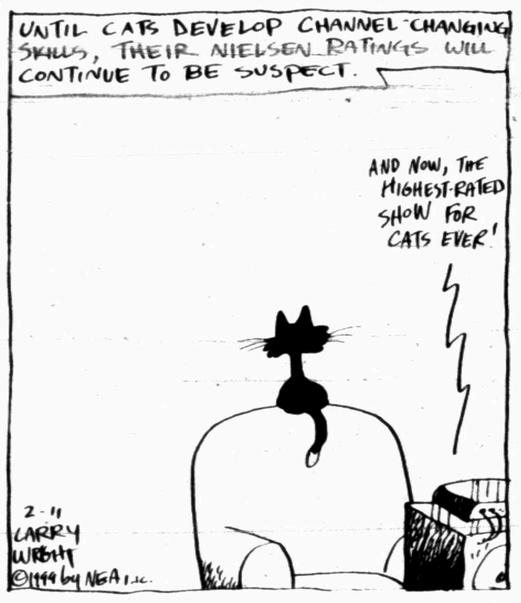

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SPORTS

Texas rewards Brown for football resurgence

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown will earn $1 million a year under a contract extension approved Wednesday by university officials that seeks to keep him leading the Longhorns through the 2008 season.

The extension approved by the UT System Board of Regents raises Brown's total compensation by $250,000 a year. It is retroactive to Jan. 1, the day Brown led the Longhorns to a 38-11 win over Mississippi State in the Cotton Bowl.

Brown's base salary is $200,000 a year, with the rest of the money coming from endorsements, radio, television and other media commitments, summer camp income and expense allowances, the school said.

"Coach Brown has done an excellent job not only on the field, but in projecting an attitude and image of excellence and character off the field," said Regent Patrick Oxford of Houston.

"He is at the peak of his profession and these compensation actions reflect the market for premier college football coaches," Oxford said.

Brown's contract is extended four years through Dec. 31, 2008. Also approved was an annuity to pay the 47-year-old Brown a net $1 million when he turns 55 if he is Texas' football coach for at least five years.

"I'm really excited about the confidence the university has shown in our program, not only for me but for our whole staff," Brown said.

The university last month approved pay raises for Brown's staff. Offensive and defensive coordinators Greg Davis and Carl Reese will each get raises of $35,000, bringing their salaries to $150,000. Brown's other assistants also will get raises of $15,000.

Davis, Reese, strength coach Jeff Madden, assistant athletic director for football operations Cleve Bryant and tight ends coach Tim Brewster also will receive annuities if they have been at Texas at least five years.

Each will receive $50,000 per year for five years.

Oxford said the new contract is necessary to keep Brown and his staff at Texas. Brown was offered a job with an NFL team, Oxford said.

Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds wouldn't say what NFL team offered Brown a job.

"That wouldn't really be fair to them or to coach Brown," Dodds said.

Brown said the raises and annuities for his assistants are very important.

"Just about every member was offered an opportunity to go elsewhere this year. All of our coaches chose to stay because of the commitment by the university to have the best program in the county," Brown said.

When Texas officials first discussed a new deal for Brown in December, Dodds said a contract buyout would cost UT $1 million at most because the school would be obligated to pay only the base salary over a five-year maximum.

Texas was 4-7 in 1997 before Brown arrived. After a 1-2 start in 1998, the Longhorns rebounded to win eight of their last nine, including wins over Nebraska and Texas A&M. Tailback Ricky Williams won the Heisman Trophy.

Last week, Brown signed a recruiting class that was hailed by experts as the nation's best.

"I want to make every effort to assure that our head coach and his staff are compensated at a rate that places them among the top-ranked programs in the country. I believe that the actions by the administration and the board of regents accomplish this goal," Dodds said.

Lady Cards to battle for playoff spot

The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals postseason fate will be decided Friday night when they take on Blackwell in a District 19-A playoff game.

Hermleigh finished the regular season tied with the Lady Hornets, forcing Friday's extra session to determine the district runner-up.

The contest tips off at 6:30 p.m. at Highland.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	3	0	1.000	-
Orlando	3	1	.750	½
Boston	2	2	.500	1½
NewJersey	1	2	.333	2
NewYork	1	2	.333	2
Miami	1	3	.250	2½
Washington	1	3	.250	2½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	-
Atlanta	3	1	.750	-
Detroit	3	1	.750	-
Indiana	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	1	2	.333	1½
Toronto	1	2	.333	1½
Charlotte	1	3	.250	2
Cleveland	1	3	.250	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	3	0	1.000	-
Houston	3	1	.750	½
Minnesota	2	1	.667	1
SanAntonio	2	2	.500	1½
Dallas	1	2	.333	2
Vancouver	1	2	.333	2
Denver	0	4	.000	3½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	4	0	1.000	-
L.A.Lakers	3	1	.750	1
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1½
Portland	2	1	.667	1½
Sacramento	2	2	.500	2
L.A.Clippers	0	3	.000	3½
GoldenState	0	4	.000	4

Wednesday's Games

Orlando 89, New Jersey 81
Cleveland 87, Charlotte 77
New York 101, Washington 88
Houston 92, Sacramento 82
L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 98
Portland 100, Indiana 92
Vancouver 105, L.A. Clippers 99
Seattle 89, Golden State 87

Thursday's Games

Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Andrews takes two from SJHS 7th grade boys

Andrews was held to only 37 points in both ballgames, but played some stingy defense of its own to capture a pair of victories over Snyder in seventh grade boys' basketball action.

Kris Hatley paced Snyder Gold with seven points in its 37-30 setback to the Mustangs.

Blake Grimmett notched six points for the Tigers, with Marcus Villarreal and Isaac Ramon netting five apiece.

Israel Sosa posted four points, while Peter Perez registered two and Lee Scott chipped in one.

Snyder Black had eight players add to its tally, before falling to Andrews, 37-34.

The Tigers were led on the offensive end by Jacob Rodriguez who poured in eight points.

Kenneth Fabre and Josh Kemp accounted for six points each, with Tucker Early draining four.

Justin Stoker and Zach Cain added three points apiece, while Joe Maldonado and Demetrius Horn rattled home two each.

Snyder Black will be in action again Friday and Saturday when it hosts the Snyder tourney.

8th grade boys fall to 'Stangs

Despite three players posting double digits, Snyder's eighth grade boys dropped a pair of hoop contests to Andrews.

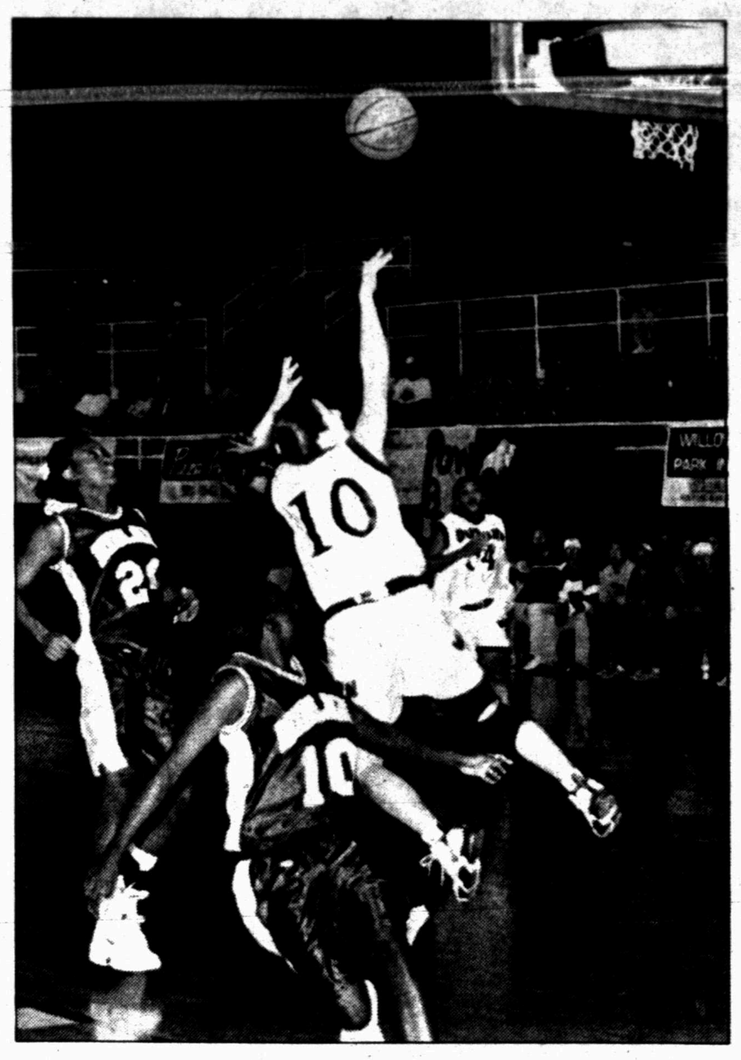
Stafford Gray poured in 16 points, while Logan Hill rattled home 12 in Snyder Gold's 48-42 setback to the Mustangs.

Clay Williams registered six points for the Tigers, with Colby Driggers and Trey Roland netting four apiece.

For Snyder Black, it was Josh McGaha pacing the offensive effort with 10 points in its 55-36 setback.

Tyler Pollard accounted for nine points, with Tanner Beard notching six. Matt McCormick drained five points, while Patrick Alderete added four and Josh Green chipped in two.

Snyder Black will be back on the court Friday and Saturday when it hosts the Snyder tourney.



FINCHER FOR TWO — Western Texas point guard Carrie Fincher scores two points during action earlier this season against Midland. The Lady Dusters (15-9, 3-6) continue conference play at 7:30 tonight when they host Clarendon at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

9th grade boys stomp LV

SAN ANGELO — Snyder jumped on Lake View early and never let the Chiefs get up.

Snyder poured in 24 points in the first and fourth quarters Tuesday night, powering it to a 72-51 romp over Lake View in freshman boys' action.

The Tigers led 24-6 at the end of the first period, before the Chiefs trimmed the deficit to 33-25 by halftime.

Snyder resumed control of the contest in the second half, posting 39 points while holding Lake View to just 25.

Tate Thompson paced the Tigers' output with 20 points, while Wade Pinson netted 18.

Jamaal Pruitt dropped in 11, with Brooks Nunley registering eight. Shay Franks rattled home six points, while Chris McLeod notched three. Ricki Dorsett, Brandon McGuire and Nick Landes chipped in two points apiece.

The Tigers will close out their season Friday at Andrews. Tipoff is slated for 4:30.

NCAA Basketball Scores

EAST

Bucknell 75, Lehigh 62
Connecticut 66, Boston College 50
Delaware 83, Hofstra 60
Drexel 66, Towson 54
La Salle 78, Fordham 71
Lafayette 89, Army 59
Maine 102, Hartford 91
Massachusetts 64, St. Bonaventure 46
Navy 70, Holy Cross 55
Northeastern 84, Boston U. 81, OT
Old Dominion 76, American U. 70
Rider 96, Marist 76
St. Peter's 67, Iona 64
Vermont 65, New Hampshire 54

SOUTH

Alabama 72, LSU 71, 3OT
Arkansas 72, South Carolina 66
George Mason 82, William & Mary 70
Jacksonville 57, Florida Atlantic 46
James Madison 71, Richmond 61
Maryland 63, N. Carolina St. 50
Mississippi St. 67, Vanderbilt 62
N.C.-Asheville 81, Charleston Southern 77
Rhode Island 76, Virginia Tech 67
Tennessee 91, Florida 56
Va. Commonwealth 69, East Carolina 66
W. Kentucky 56, Ark.-Little Rock 52
Wake Forest 79, Clemson 69
Winthrop 85, Coastal Carolina 68

MIDWEST

Akron 74, E. Michigan 45
Bowling Green 84, Cent. Michigan 73
Bradley 74, Illinois St. 70, OT
Creighton 77, N. Iowa 60
Evansville 68, Indiana St. 65
Georgetown 62, Notre Dame 53
Iowa 76, Minnesota 73
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Marquette 62, Cincinnati 58
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Miami, Ohio 61, Ball St. 56
Nebraska 64, Kansas 59
SW Missouri St. 72, S. Illinois 68, OT
Wisconsin 57, Northwestern 45

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma 84, Texas 63
Texas A&M 79, Kansas St. 74
Texas Tech 75, Baylor 66

FAR WEST

Arizona 86, Arizona St. 80
Colorado 83, Oklahoma St. 80
Denver 96, Missouri-Kansas City 77
Sacramento St. 63, Portland St. 62

Late spurt gives Tech 66-59 win

WACO (AP) — Rayford Young scored 18 points, including a pair of key baskets down the stretch that helped lift Texas Tech to a 75-66 victory over the Baylor Bears.

The Red Raiders (11-13, 3-8 Big 12) led 60-59 with just over six minutes to go, when Young scored 4 points in a spurt that put Tech ahead 66-59 with 2:32 remaining.

Texas Tech hit nine of 10 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Stan Bonewitz and Andy Ellis added 16 and James Ware 11 for the Red Raiders.

Kish Lewis notched his 10th double-double of the season with 18 points and 10 rebounds and Gabe Ramirez added 18 points to lead Baylor (6-18, 0-11 Big 12).

The Red Raiders picked up their third conference victory despite going scoreless for 6½ minutes in the first half, when Baylor went from 15 points down to within 32-31 at halftime.

Tech led by 10 at several points in the second half before the Bears closed the gap. Lewis scored 13 straight at one point for Baylor, but Tech's free throws and rebounding edge (38-28) were too much for the Bears.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Western Texas hosts Clarendon, Scurry County Coliseum, 7:30.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder Tigers at Andrews, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30.

Hermleigh Lady Cardinals vs. Blackwell, district playoff at Highland, 6:30.

Ira Bulldogs at Roby, playoff practice game, 8 p.m.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys and JV girls at Big Spring tourney.

SATURDAY

Baseball: Snyder Tigers host Midland High, scrimmage, 11 a.m.

Softball: Snyder Lady Tigers at Abilene Cooper, scrimmage at Redbud Park, 2 p.m.

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Sports Briefs

Bulldogs schedule practice game

The Ira Bulldogs will travel to Roby for a boys playoff practice game at 8 p.m. Friday against the Lions.

Ira faces Klondike in a bi-district tilt Feb. 23 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

Snyder to host playoff games

A pair of District 14-A playoff basketball games will be held Friday at Scurry County Coliseum.

O'Donnell will square off with Spur at 6 p.m. in girls' action, followed by Aspermont vs. O'Donnell in boys' action at 8 o'clock.

Ticket prices are $2 for adults and $1 for students.

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.

MGA golf tournament

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold a nine-hole, double-elimination, two-man scramble.

Tee times will be either 9:30 a.m. Saturday or 1 p.m. Sunday, with second rounds to follow each afternoon.

The field will be divided into two eight-team brackets and only the first 32 players to call will be accepted. To register contact Wayne Monroney at 573-9920.

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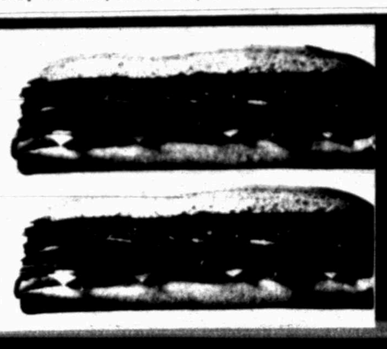

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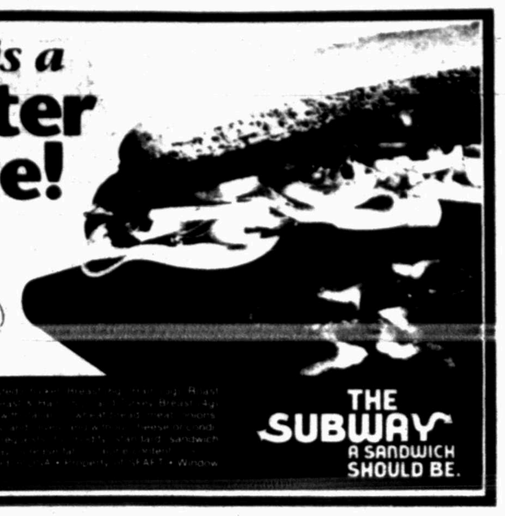

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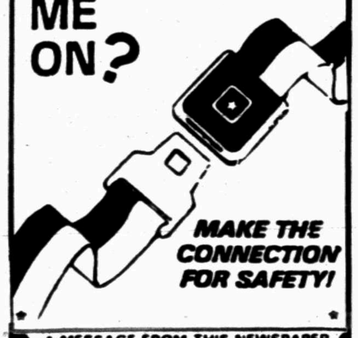

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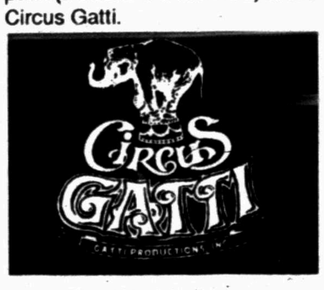

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Emergency petroleum...

U.S. to add oil to reserves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is moving to shore up the petroleum reserves the nation would tap in times of oil crisis with a plan to take 28 million barrels from a glutted marketplace.

The plan being announced today by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson would add up to 100,000 barrels daily to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, with the government accepting oil instead of cash from companies paying royalties for drilling on public lands.

The move has a threefold purpose: improve the nation's energy security; refill the reserve with oil now selling at historic lows; and siphon some oil from a saturated market. Producers who have been battered by depressed oil prices have been clamoring for help from Washington, with reserve replenishment one of the items on their agenda.

Oil-patch lawmakers welcomed the administration's action to fill the reserves, which are stored in underground salt caverns in Texas and Louisiana.

"I'm very pleased the administration has taken this critical step," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, who is the top Democrat on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "With oil prices at an all-time low, now is the time to strengthen our national energy security by replacing the oil we've drained from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Failure to do so would have been a grave mistake."

The administration's plan, which does not require congressional approval, closely mirrors legislation introduced last week by Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas.

At a recent Senate hearing on the state of the energy industry, senators and witnesses chided the administration for not replenishing the reserve at a time when prices are at their lowest level since 1986, and some say the lowest since the Depression when adjusted for inflation.

Since 1995, the government has sold 28 million barrels from the reserve as a revenue-producing measure to offset other federal spending. That oil, Bingaman noted, was sold for an average $19.50 a barrel and can be replenished now at a cost of less than $12 a barrel.

The reserve now holds 563 million barrels, more than 119 million barrels below capacity.

Markets Midday Stocks

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AT&T Corp	87 83¼ 85¼—11-16
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AlldSignal	42¾ 42 42 9-16— 3-16
Alltel	62¼ 60¾ 61¼+15-16
AmOnline s	156 15-16 152 156¼+ 6
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AmStores	35¼ 34 1-16 34 3-16—13-16
Ameritech	61¼ 60 9-16 61 9-16+ 7-16
AndarkPtr s	30 11-16 30¼ 30¼— 9-16
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Kroger Co	60¼ 60 1-16 60 5-16— ¼
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LockheedM s	37 11-16 37 1-16 37¼+ ¼
Lowes Cos s	54¼ 52½ 53 15-16+1 7-16
Lubys	14 13-16 14 11-16 14 11-16— ¼
LucentTech s	98 11-16 96¼ 97¼+ ½
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MediaOne	53 52 52 5-16+ ¼
Medtronic	83¼ 82¾ 82 13-16+15-16
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PhelpDodge	46 15-16 46½ 46 11-16— ¼
PhilipPet	40 39½ 39 9-16— ½
PilgrmPrd B	20 19¾ 20 + 5-16
Polaroid	20 1-16 19 19 15-16+13-16
Praxair	36½ 36 3-16 36 5-16+ ⅛
ProctGamb	89 87 9-16 88¼+ ¼
PubSNwMx	17 16¾ 16¾— ¼
ReliantEngy	28½ 28¼ 28 3-16+ ¼
RoyalDut	43 13-16 43¾ 43¾—1 3-16
SBC Comm s	52¾ 51 15-16 52¾+ ¾
SaraLee s	24 11-16 24 1-16 24¼+ ¼
Scripps EW	44¼ 44¼ 44¼+ ¼
SearsRoeb	40 39½ 39¾+ 5-16
SherwinW	25 5-16 24¾ 25¼— ¼
SmithklBchm	67¾ 66¾ 67 5-16+ 9-16
SouthernCo	25¼ 25 11-16 25¼— 1-16
SwstAirl s	28¾ 28 1-16 28 9-16+ ⅛
SprintFON n	79¾ 78 13-16 79 3-16+ 3-16
SprintPCS n	33 5-16 32¾ 33 3-16+ 3-16
Sunoco Inc	35¾ 3434¾— 1½
TNP Ent	32½ 32¼ 32½
Tandy	53 5-16 52 3-16 52¼+ ¼
TempleInland	58¾ 58 11-16 58 13-16— ¼
Tenneco	30¾ 29¾ 30⅛+11-16
Texaco	51½ 50¾ 51¼— ¼
TexInd	25 5-16 2525 — 1-16
TexasInst	92¼ 88¼ 92¼+ 3½
TexUtil	42¼ 41 13-16 42¼
Textron	74 73 5-16 73 7-16— 7-16
TriconGlbR	58¾ 57 13-16 58 + 4¼
TrinityInds	35¼ 35 3-16 35 5-16— ¼
TritonEngy	6¼ 6⅛ 6¼
Tyler	5 7-16 5 7-16 5 7-16— 1-16
US West Inc	62¼ 61 1-16 62¼+ ¾
USX-Marathn	24 7-16 23 7-16 23¾— 7-16
USX-USS	26 11-16 26 7-16 26¾+ 3-16
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UnionPacif	50¾ 49¾ 50¼+ 7-16
UnitedTech	119 117¾ 117¾— 1¾
Unocal	30 7-16 3030¼— 1¼
Venator Grp	4 9-16 4¾ 4 7-16— 1-16
WalMart	81 13-16 80¾ 81¼+13-16
WellsFargo	33 7-16 32¼ 33 5-16+ 9-16
WstnGasRs	4¼ 3¾ 4¼— ¼
WinnDixie	41 9-16 40¾ 41 5-16— 1-16
Xerox Corp	122½ 119¾ 121½+ 3
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Thrasher resigns as TDED director

Rick Thrasher has resigned as executive director of the Texas Department of Economic Development.

Thrasher has served as executive director since he was appointed by the department's nine-member board in January, 1998. Thrasher said he plans to return to the private sector.

Thrasher was a visitor in Snyder last month as he met with the Development Corporation of Snyder during the group's regular board meeting.

Thrasher, Texas Agriculture Secretary Susan Combs and other economic development specialists, toured Lorber Industries and the Western Texas College workforce training center while in Snyder.

Two arrested; reports filed

Along with making two arrests in the past 24 hours, law enforcement personnel investigated reports of theft, cruelty to an animal and assault.

Following a report of a domestic disturbance, officers arrested a 48-year-old male at 10:41 p.m. for assault/family violence. An offense report was also submitted.

A 44-year-old male was taken into custody at 12:58 a.m. today in the 2400 block of 26th Street on capias pro fine warrants for violating promise to appear, expired drivers license and speeding.

Earl Roberts requested a deputy at 2 p.m. at a lot on Lake J.B. Thomas in reference to reporting a theft and a burglary. An offense report for burglary of a building and an offense report for felony theft was submitted.

An offense report for Class A assault was filed at 4:54 p.m.

At 5:49 p.m., Shannon Fisk requested to speak to a deputy in reference to a subject setting her cat on fire. An offense report for cruelty to animals was filed.

Datebook

Feb. 11, 1999

Today is the 42nd day of 1999 and the 53rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1975, Margaret Thatcher was elected to lead the Conservative Party of the United Kingdom. She was the first woman to hold that office.

On this day in 1989, the Rev. Barbara Harris became the first woman to reach the rank of bishop in the Episcopalian church.

On this day in 1993, Janet Reno became the first woman to hold the office of U.S. attorney general.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Defoe (1660?-1731), writer; Thomas Edison (1847-1931), inventor; Sidney Sheldon (1917-), writer, is 82; Lloyd Bentsen (1921-), U.S. politician, is 78; Burt Reynolds (1936-), actor, is 63; Sheryl Crow (1963-), singer, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, James "Buster" Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson in the 10th round. It was the first time Tyson had been knocked out in his professional career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is no substitute for hard work." — Thomas Alva Edison

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 8) and new moon (Feb. 16).

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

New treatment for neuropathy

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR GOTT: I suffer from excruciating leg pains caused by neuropathy. I am a diabetic. Nothing my doctor has tried — including narcotics, antidepressants, special creams and acupuncture — will reduce this unremitting discomfort. Is there any hope?

DEAR READER: Fortunately, yes. There is a new treatment.

Diabetic neuropathy is one of the most common causes of nerve pain. Until recently, therapy included many of the techniques your doctor tried and was inconsistently effective. But in two, recent, back-to-back studies in the Journal of the American Medical Association (Vol. 280, 1998), researchers from several prestigious institutions reported that gabapentin (Neurontin), a prescription anticonvulsant medication, not only reduced neuropathic pain but also enhanced mood, improved quality of life and aided sleep. According to the authors, Neurontin therapy may well be the breakthrough that has eluded scientists for decades. Ask your doctor about this.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I just had a benign fatty tumor removed from my leg. Now there is an inflated, firm area at the site of the surgery. What should I do about it?

DEAR READER: The hard area on your leg may simply be a temporary nuisance caused by the healing process. Such a reaction, which may be aggravated by the presence of "digestible" sutures under the skin, commonly occurs in tissues after surgery. If the inflammation doesn't resolve within about six weeks after the operation, check with your surgeon to make sure that no complications have developed.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After passing bright red blood in my stool, I had a normal barium enema. This was followed by a sigmoidoscopy that showed hemorrhoids. Must I still have colonoscopy, as urged by my physician?

DEAR READER: Probably not. If, in the opinion of your doctor, the hemorrhoids were the obvious source of bleeding, no further investigation may be warranted at this time. Moreover, the normal barium X-ray would have shown any really serious disorder in the colon.

Nonetheless, if you continue to bleed, a colonoscopy would be advisable. This decision should be left to the discretion of a qualified specialist, either a surgeon or a gastroenterologist.

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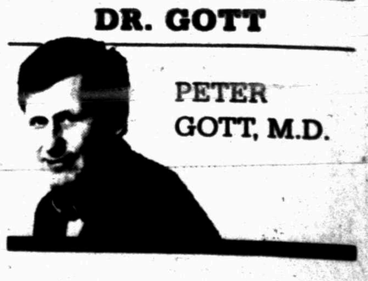

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Scurry County Country

Mild winters increase boll weevil problems

LUBBOCK — Seven mild winters in a row and more overwintering habitats have helped push boll weevil numbers to unprecedented levels on the High Plains.

Boll weevils damage cotton by feeding and laying eggs for successive generations in the plant's immature "squares" — flower buds and bolls, the fruit which bear high-value cotton lint. A 1997 economic impact study on weevil damage estimates that the Texas South Plains alone could lose $500 million annually in lost production, processing and jobs if weevil numbers go unchecked.

"We haven't had a harsh, weevil-killing winter in the last seven years and our Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grassland provide an additional habitat for migrating weevils to hide and survive the winter." said Dr. Don Rummell, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) research entomologist, Lubbock and chairman of the Texas High Plains Boll Weevil Task Force. The task force is a consortium of 12 Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and agribusiness scientists and consultants.

Further aggravating the problem is the weevil's apparent adaptability to the High Plains climate.

"Their rapid spread during the past five years leads us to believe we now are dealing with cold-hardy weevils that can successfully overwinter just about as far north as cotton can be grown on the Texas High Plains," Rummel said. "Our overwintering studies of mesquite and grass pastures and broadleaf shelterbelts (windbreaks) indicates that as much as 63.5 percent of hibernating weevil population survives our recent winters. Other choice overwintering sites include CRP land, clumps of elm trees, urban parks and fence rows."

Drought in 1996 and 1998 didn't slow the weevil's progress significantly, and High Plains producers are still deciding whether they want to participate in the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's eradication effort now operating in three other Texas zones.

But farmers can fight back by cleaning up sites where weevils hibernate, by managing their cotton crop for early maturity and timely harvest, and by applying in-season chemical treatment when needed, task force scientists say.

"Destroying the brushy, leaf-litter habitat that harbors overwintering weevils is crucial. Prune tree branches on existing windbreaks, and use wider tree spacing on new windbreaks so you can get in there with a tractor and disk the litter under," said Dr. Jeff Slosser, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist, Vernon. "Clean up leaf litter on old farmsteads and in fences.

"Consider a combination of burning and herbicide, treatment (tebuthriuron) to remove native stands of sand shinnery oak. Shredding isn't enough to control native brush, because it encourages re-sprouting and reaccumulation on leaf litter."

Farmers can also burn their CRP grassland in winter, using a prescribed burn plan approved by the Texas Natural Resouce Conservation Commission, to reduce overwintering weevil numbers. Haying or grazing CRP land also will reduce weevil habitat, but requires special permission from Farm Service Agency officials, task force noted.

"Any area near a cotton field that has accumulated plant debris is a potential harbor for weevils and should be cleaned up," Slosser said. "But treating these areas with insecticide is useless — there aren't any products labeled for this and they aren't likely to reach sedentary weevils hiding in plant debris.

Producers can also suppress weevil numbers and crop damage by managing the crop to shorten the time between planting and harvest. Short season management strategies that will help reduce the window of crop vulnerability include.

•preplant irrigation to provide 3 to 6 inches of stored soil moisture

•planting when soil temperatures and weather favor good stand establishment

•planting a moderate stand of 30,000 to 50,000 plants per acre

•avoid full-season picker cottons, lean toward well-adapted stripped varieties

•planting high-quality, treated seed ensures healthy seedlings.

•scout for early-season insects and treat if necessary to avoid loss of early squares

•Monitor the crop during early squaring and bloom, keep up with crop progress

•ensure good fertility prior to the crop reaching cutout

•reduce irrigation after cutout to gradually dry the soil and hasten boll maturity and opening

•use harvest-aid chemicals to prepare plants for an early harvest

•destroy stalks as soon as possible after harvest to prevent regrowth

Farmers can learn more about managing and reducing boll wevil population from "Boll Weevil Management in the Texas High Plains" — an entomology fact sheet currently available through county Extension offices. A guide to boll weevil management also is available on the internet at http://insects.tamu.edu/extension/bulletins/b-172.html.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Sole facts

Walking is simple, generally safe, easy to do and requires no special equipment except walking shoes. By starting slowly and progressing gradually, you will increase endurance. Add a stretching routine to increase flexibility and a few muscle strengthening exercises and you will have a good physical activity program for little money.

Good walking shoes are needed to help prevent injuries. Walking shoes are designed to provide rigidity, durability, flexibility, proper fit, adequate cushioning and comfort.

The most important consideration should be a good fit when buying walking shoesl They should be comfortable from the moment they are put on.

Consider the following points when choosing shoes.

•**Support.** the construction of the back and the heel of the shoe should provide stability and control of foot movement and protect the Achilles tendon from injury.

•**Cushioning.** Good cushioning in the heel and midsole is important. Walking shoes should be flexible, however, they should be slightly more rigid than a running shoe to permit rolling off the toes and joints rather than bending through them. (Dr. Martin Wichman, "Athletic shoes: Finding the Right Fit," the Physician and Sports Medicine.)

•**Performance.** Walking shoes that are lightweight and durable are preferred. Consider traction for the surface you will be walking on. The shoe should be made of material that will breathe, such as nylon mesh. This type of material will allow the sweat to evaporate.

•**Fit.** Shoes that fit correctly will make walking more fun.

Here are tips on how to buy walking shoes.

*Shop late in the day when your feet are the biggest.

*Wear the same type of sock you will normally wear when walking.

*The toe box of the shoes should be large enough for you to wiggle your toes and about a thumbnail longer than your longest toe.

*Feel inside for seams and ridges.

*The shoes should bend easily at their widest part.

*Walk briskly around the store to check for comfort and cushioning.

*Make sure the shoes feel good on you.

Tips given for bobwhite quail management plans

Now is the time for landowners and land management to begin planning the bobwhite quail management practices.

Practices such as discing and spot grazing can stimulate growth of forbs that quail and other wildlife species prefer as food. This is achieved by creating a soil disturbance, resulting in a backward swing of the plant success process.

In addition to providing food in the form of seeds and greens, forbs production is also advantageous by attracting insects that are very important in the diet of nesting hens and quail chicks.

Quail chicks depend heavily upon insects as a food during their first eight to 10 weeks of life. Practices such as half-cutting can provide quality loafing cover for quail by increasing the cover values of mesquite.

Discing should be performed by mid-March prior to the beginning of the growing season. The soil disturbance caused by discing can stimulate the growth of forbs or "weeds" that are preferred food items for quail and other wildlife species.

Disc in strips near existing woody cover such as a brushy field border or timber creek. Using a tandem disc at a depth three to six inches should work well.

Different soil types will result in different forb response to discing. Forbs such as annual sunflowers and giant ragweed may be produced by discing on bottom land soils. Discing on upland soils may produce croton, partridge pea, western ragweed and broomweed.

Spot or flash grazing is another practice that can stimulate forb growth. This practice involves heavy, short duration grazing small enclosures such as waste areas or traps. Forb growth is stimulated as a result of soil disturbance created by the hoof action of the grazing animals. Spot grazing should be completed and cattle removed by mid-March, prior to the growing season.

Half-cutting is best performed on smooth barked, multi-trunked mesquite. A living brush pile is created by cutting halfway through the top side of the outer trunks approximately 3 feet above the ground. The trunks or limbs should be pulled outward, away from the center, allowing the top to lie on the ground forming a wagon wheel pattern. Half-cutting should be performed in late spring or early summer when the sap is flowing. Half-cut mesquites should be spaced approximately 75 yards apart.

Free technical assistance with your wildlife management efforts is available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Private Land Enhancement Program. For technical assistance in the Snyder area, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 915-863-2755.

For technical assistance in the Panhandle or for the wildlife biolotists in your area, contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782..

Potato blight threatens some crops

MONTE VISTA, Colo. (AP) — Late blight, the fungus that caused the Irish potato famine 150 years ago, is now threatening producers in southern Colorado's San Luis Valley.

The valley was the last potato-growing region of the United States to have escaped the blight since it devastated Ireland in 1845.

"It is a very serious issue facing our industry," Colorado State University extension specialist Richard Zink said. "We'll all have to work together to get ahead of it. Once you've seen it, you'll never forget it."

Last summer, the blight, which has been causing problems for some Idaho growers, appeared in the valley for the first time, affecting more than 75,000 acres of cropland.

Reduce Tillage, Reduce Costs Using Burndowns

For much of the South's history, growers have used tillage in their farm operations. Fall moldboard plowing, one or two springtime trips to level the field and cultivation after crop emergence are common tillage practices.

Judy Collier
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In recent years, conservation tillage has gained a foothold in farming practices. Growers have come to realize that no-till and minimum-till have several cost-saving and environmental advantages. Less equipment with fewer horsepower is required, more acreage can be cropped due to field efficiency and improved soil tilth and health over years of reduced tillage can lead to fewer nutrient input requirements.

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Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 842 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 4, sale. Cows and bulls were $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 35 to 41.50
Canners and low cutters: 27 to 34
Slaughter bulls: 43 to 54.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 85-110
400-500: 75-90
500-600: 68-77.50
600-700: 68-75
700-800: 65-72
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-83
400-500: 68-75
500-600: 65-73
600-700: 62-70
700-800: 58-63
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 65 to 75; 700-800, 60 to 65.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 500 to 700: Grade 400 to 500.
Springers: 275 to 525.
Baby calves: 75 to 160.
Doodlers 125 to 200.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,153 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 6, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were $2 to $6 higher. Slaughterws cows and bulls were $2 to $4 higher. Bred cows wre firm. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200 to 300: 98 to 110
300 to 400: 94 to 103
400 to 500: 85 to 93.50
500 to 600: 75 to 83.50
600 to 700: 70 to 77
700 to 800: 69 to 73
Feeder Heifers:
200 to 300: 83 to 86
300 to 400: 78 to 85
400 to 500: 72 to 78
500 to 600: 65 to 76
600 to 700: 65 to 70
700 to 800: 62.50 to 67
Young bred cows (springer): 425 to 550
Young cows and calves: 530 to 640
Slaughter cows: high yielding: 38 to 42.
Slaughter bulls: high dressing 49 to 51.

SWCD Report

By Mark Sides

"The Colorado Headwaters watershed has been approved as a Priority Area to receive Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds. Included in this watershed is approximately 90 percent of Borden County and 60 perent of Scurry County," stated Kevin Wright, resources team leader, for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Snyder.

Seventy-five percent of the available funding for EQIP in Texas is designated for priority areas.

"The agricultural producers within this priority area will have a better chance of receiving EQIP funding to do Natural Resources Conservation work than those outside a priority area," says Wright.

Improving water quality for Lake J.B. Thomas, Lake Colorado City and Champion Lake, which supply drinking water for area citizens, is a main goal. Each of these reservoirs receives surface runoff from this watershed to re-charge their water supply.

Conservation practices reduce the amount of sediment in surface runoff from agricultural lands.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance to farmers and ranchers that participate in this voluntary conservation program.

Commission says...

Ag Department not doing enough for small farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department hasn't made enough progress in its efforts to help small farmers, say several members of a USDA-appointed commission.

Twenty-four of 29 commissioners on USDA's National Commission on Small Farms issued a report card Tuesday grading the agency's efforts to implement a January 1998 commission report on small farms. The commissioners have organized themselves as the Time to Act Campaign, an independent effort to get implementation of the report.

Out of 10 categories rated, the agency received higher than a C in three areas. The agency rated a "D" for its efforts to ensure fair market access for those farmers and reach out to farmworkers.

The agency's highest scores, three "Bs", were for its efforts to bolster marketing opportunities for small farms, reach out to beginning farmers as well as make changes to the crop insurance program.

"In some cases, USDA has acted quickly and decisively," the report said. "But in most areas, real change is slow to come."

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman defended the agency saying that while there is still work to do, improvements such as better loan programs for small farmers have been implemented.

"I think we've done a lot of good things," Glickman said. "The fact is, the reversal of the trends towards concentration in agriculture and trying to increase family farm agriculture is a tough problem."

Since the commission's report last year, thousands of small farms — in both commodities and livestock — have had a turbulent year that included low prices, falling exports and inclement weather.

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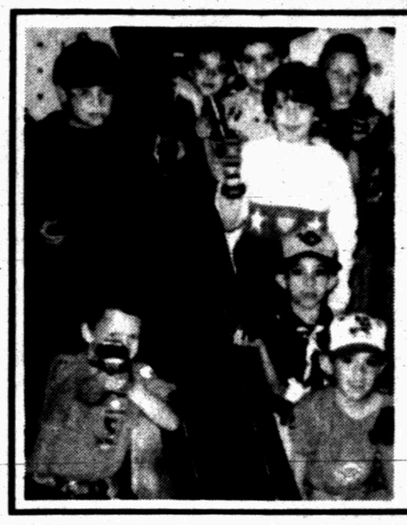

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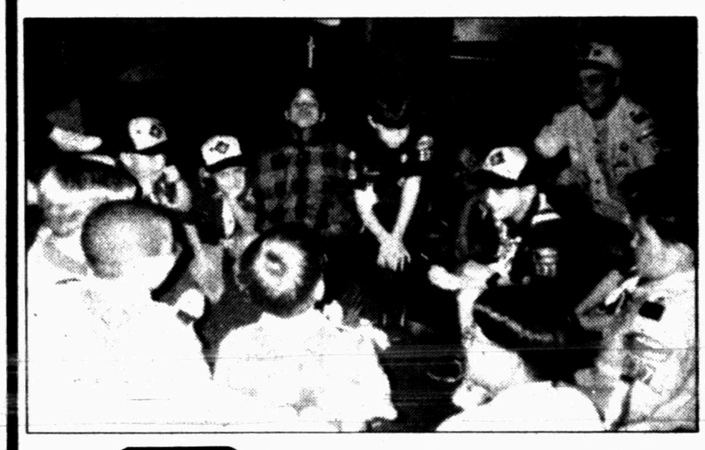

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In smoking case...

Philip Morris hit with biggest verdict

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When Patricia Henley was 15, she watched sultry star Susan Hayward smoke on the big screen. It was cool. It was glamorous. She said no one told her it might be deadly.

Three decades later, the former three-pack-a-day smoker with inoperable lung cancer convinced a jury that Philip Morris Cos. concealed the risks and addictiveness of smoking, and the panel rewarded her by returning the largest verdict ever in a tobacco lawsuit filed by an individual — $51.5 million.

"I feel wonderful," said Ms. Henley, who pledged to donate any money she receives to educate youngsters about the dangers of smoking. "This is a great day for the children."

Ms. Henley, 52, won $50 million in punitive damages Wednesday on top of $1.5 million in compensation awarded by the Superior Court jury a day earlier.

Although no similar verdict against the tobacco industry has survived on appeal, some say Ms. Henley's case marks a change in fortune for cigarette makers.

Dr. Stanton Glantz, a University of California, San Francisco professor of medicine who published a book in 1996 that exposed tobacco industry documents, said he believes plaintiffs' lawyers have learned from mistakes.

"I think you're just beginning to see the beginning of the dam burst," he said. "The evidence of wrongdoing by the industry is getting overwhelming."

Ms. Henley thought she had pneumonia when she started coughing and having trouble singing. She was about to record a country and western music compact disc when she finally sought help.

She was diagnosed a year ago with inoperable cancer. Ms. Henley was forced to quit smoking and educate herself about what was in all those Marlboros.

"I went from knowing nothing to knowing too much," she said. "We went into this case figuring we'd never beat big business."

She sued Philip Morris in May.

Her lawyer, Madelyn Chaber, asked a jury of five men and seven women to "send a message back to this company that the price of human life cannot be calculated into the cost of doing business."

Punitive damages were the only way to get the attention of a company worth $3.5 billion, she said.

Two of the 12 jurors, including jury foreman George Loudis, voted against awarding the $50 million in punitive damages. He supported punitive damages of $15 million.

"Our decision was based on a lot of evidence, the suppression of known facts by Philip Morris," Loudis said. "They had a lot of information they just didn't give out."

Greenspan endorses GOP bill's approach to financial overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan today extended his public disagreement with the Clinton administration over the best approach to take in overhauling the nation's financial services laws.

As Congress began this year's debate on legislation to remove Depression-era barriers between banks, brokerage firms and insurance companies, Greenspan endorsed a bill proposed by House Banking Committee Chairman Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, that would give the Federal Reserve more power over new financial activities.

Greenspan's remarks in testimony prepared for a Banking Committee hearing put him at odds again with the administration's top economic policymaker, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

Both men support revamping the laws by letting banks, brokerages and insurers get more deeply into each other's businesses. Legislation to do that died in Congress last year after getting closer to passage than it had in many years.

Leach's bill "has chosen the appropriate structure to combine banking, securities and insurance firms (by) using financial service holding companies," Greenspan said.

The holding company requirement in the bill "serves to promote the safety and soundness and stability of our banking and financial system," he said.

On Wednesday, the administration threw its support behind a new, competing version of the financial overhaul legislation. That bill, proposed by Rep. John LaFalce of New York, the Banking Committee's senior Democrat, would lift the barriers between financial industries but preserve the split regulatory authority between the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve.

Rubin called LaFalce's bill "the best chance" for gaining bipartisan support and eventual enactment. With the exception of a provision that would allow the mixing of banking and industrial activities, Rubin told reporters that the administration fully supports the bill.

The Treasury, represented by Rubin, and the central bank, represented by Greenspan, have long been at odds over how to overhaul the existing Depression-era legislation.

The administration wants to let banks diversify through subsidiaries of the bank itself, not just through affiliated companies within the same parent holding company. That arrangement would increase the power of the Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, regulator of nationally chartered banks.

On the other side of the battle, bills letting banks into other kinds of financial activities through a holding company structure would expand the Fed's role in regulating financial services industries.

Microsoft exec gives testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior Microsoft Corp. executive testified that superior technology, not illegal business tactics, prompted America Online to abandon Netscape's Internet browser for the one made by Microsoft.

In written testimony released Wednesday, Microsoft Vice President Brad Chase challenged the claims of AOL executive David Colburn, who testified earlier in the computer software giant's antitrust trial.

Colburn had said Microsoft promised to put an AOL icon on the Windows desktop, the first screen a person sees after turning on a computer.

Senators still deliberating

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poised to acquit President Clinton, senators returned today to their secret deliberations at the impeachment trial with the lone remaining drama centering on whether even a simple majority will vote for his conviction and removal from office.

Majority Leader Trent Lott said 37 senators had yet to speak and his hopes for a vote today had dimmed. "I don't think that is going to be possible at this time," he told senators before the sergeant-at-arms closed the chamber doors for the debate. That would leave the vote on track for Friday.

The president's defenders were already looking ahead to life after impeachment. White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Clinton would campaign vigorously to return the Congress that impeached him to Democratic hands in 2000 but wouldn't specifically target the 13 GOP House managers who prosecuted him.

Lockhart said several of the prosecutors were in districts with little or no competition and "I don't think the House managers are the most likely people" that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and others will target.

Lott blasted any White House talk of defeating Republicans on the eve of the vote. "It is deeply troubling that the president views closure of this constitutional process as an opportunity for revenge," he said.

"The drama is going to be whether obstruction gets 50 votes or not," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

U.S. jets bomb targets in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. fighter jets fired on several Iraqi military installations today while patrolling the northern "no-fly" zone over Iraq, American officials said.

All the confrontations occurred in the vicinity of Mosul, according to the U.S. European Command. No U.S. personnel were injured and no planes were damaged, the Pentagon said.

The official Iraqi News Agency said its anti-aircraft gunners shot at and hit an allied plane, but a Pentagon spokesman said it wasn't true.

"Such reports by the Iraqis in the past have been very questionable and I have no reason to believe this is anything other than the same," said Col. Richard Bridges.

The strikes occurred shortly after noon, Iraqi time. The first came after an Air Force F-15E observed Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery fire and was targeted by an Iraqi radar system, U.S. officials said. In response, the plane dropped four precision-guided bombs on a surface-to-air-missile communications site.

Two F-15Es launched a missile and dropped four bombs on an Iraqi SAM system.

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ONGOINGS

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 this evening at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents.

SHS cheerleaders to perform

The SHS cheerleaders will perform their National's Routine tonight during the halftime of the Lady Dusters basketball game in the Scurry County Coliseum. The game begins at 7:30. The cheerleaders will compete in the ASC National Championships on Saturday.

Valentine service, banquet

First Church of the Nazarene will have a Valentine's Day service Sunday at 10:45 a.m., followed by a banquet. There will be door prizes, games and activities. The church is located on the Colorado City Highway and everyone is invited.

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 "Omens," followed by "Raising Children for Success."

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Disease support group will meet from 10 until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Guest speaker will be JoBeth Hardegree, Cogdell Hospital registered nurse.

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, Feb. 19 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. Feb. 22-24 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.

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.

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.

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 Feb. 23 and will meet from 5:30-9:15 p.m. each Tuesday. To apply, call 1-888-521-1112 or 940 397-4400.

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.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Pick 3

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

6-5-3

(six, five, three)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 20-22-25-27-30-49.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.