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Allies poised to strike as Soviet peace plan weighed

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR
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DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The allied mine-hunt in the Persian Gulf took on new urgency today with word that a mine blast a day earlier had disabled a billion-dollar warship, the biggest material U.S. loss of the war so far.

Meanwhile, Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, met today in Tehran with Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani. Afterward, Aziz said Iraq was "serious" about seeking peace, Iran's official news agency reported.

Aziz was on his way back to Baghdad from Moscow, where Mikhail S. Gorbachev offered a new peace plan on Monday that is said to include a guarantee that Saddam Hussein can stay in power if he pulls his armies out of Kuwait now.

The diplomatic efforts brought no pause in the allied air assault. Baghdad came under repeated bombardment during the night, the heaviest onslaught in several days, AP correspondent John Rice reported from the Iraqi capital.

Black clouds of smoke drifted over the city, and streaks of red-and-white anti-aircraft fire illuminated the night sky, he said.

An Iraqi military communique broadcast over Baghdad radio today said allied air raids hit 65 civilian targets and 179 military targets over the previous 24 hours. It said the "barbaric raids" had not demoralized the Iraqi public.

Baghdad's state-run newspapers carried no reports today on the Soviet peace plan.

However, Soviet Middle East envoy Yevgeny Primakov, who was present at the Aziz-Gorbachev meeting, called on the allies to hold off on any ground offensive until the plan has gotten a full airing.

"If we start a ... land operation, without replying to the Gorbachev plan, and without knowing what the reaction has been of Iraq to this, then we would be assuming a great responsibility in history," he said from Moscow on ABC's *Nightline*.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, arriving in Luxembourg today for a European Community meeting on the Soviet plan, told reporters "I don't think there is any case" for a lull in the war while the proposal is considered.

That echoed the position of the White House, which said Monday "the war goes on" while the Soviet plan is studied.

In the war zone, allied forces worked on land, sea and air to strip Iraqi forces of the will and the means to fight, setting the stage for a swift and fierce assault.

On the desert front in northern Saudi Arabia, U.S. troops repositioned themselves, seeking to keep the Iraqis guessing. Along the border, allied reconnaissance teams stole across 12-foot protective berms into the no-man's-land between opposing lines.

In the air campaign, France said its Jaguar fighter-bombers hit Iraqi artillery positions today in Iraq and Kuwait. Knocking out Iraqi artillery now will be a key factor in keeping down allied casualties in any land assault.

"We'll be under artillery, big time," said Pfc. Charles Helmik, 19, of Portage, Ind., deployed in a front-line Marine unit. "We know there are going to be casualties. We just hope it isn't too bad."

In the treacherous waters of the northern Persian Gulf, state-of-the-art allied mine sweepers intensified efforts to find and explode mines.

The missile cruiser USS Princeton, one of two U.S. warships to sustain mine damage on Monday, was sent to a gulf port for damage assessment though U.S. military officials said it was already clear the ship was badly damaged.

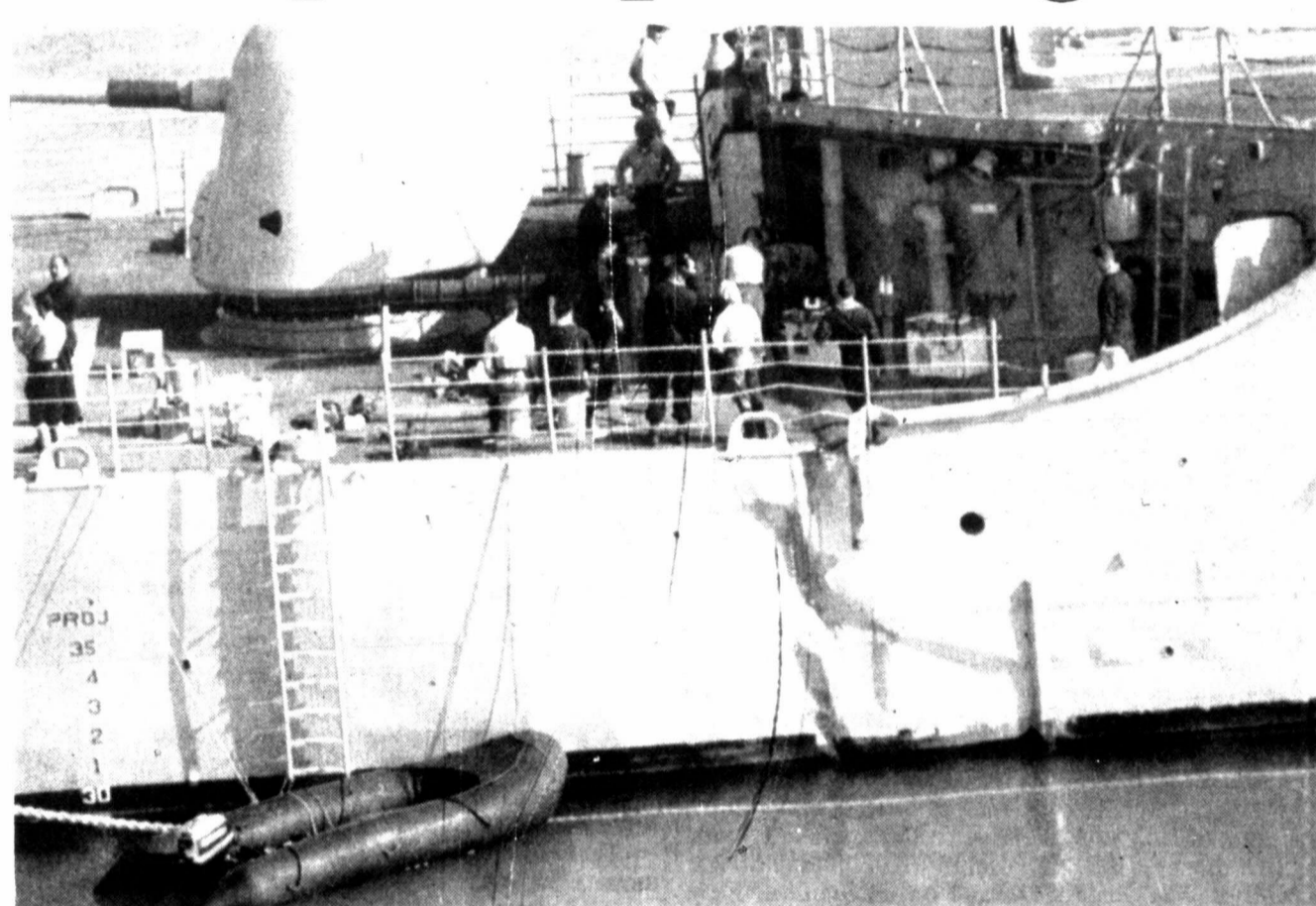
The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the 9,600-ton ship suffered cracks in its superstructure and other damage in the blast, which lifted it partly out of the water. Three crewmen were hurt.

The other U.S. vessel damaged Monday was the USS Tripoli, a helicopter assault carrier serving as flagship for the newly mounted mine-clearing operation. It remained on station today after patching a hole in its own hull, the U.S. military officials said.

The Tripoli apparently hit a contact mine, moored to the bottom by a cable or dumped in the water to drift with the currents. It explodes when a ship bumps into one of its detonator horns.

But the Princeton appeared to have set off an "influence mine," which rests on the bottom and can be triggered by the noise, water pressure or the magnetic "signature" of a ship approaching or passing overhead, they said.

The Iraqis were known to possess influence mines —



(AP Laserphoto)

Sailors stand on the deck above the crinkled hull of the Regis class cruiser USS Princeton on Monday as the ship sits dead in the water after striking a mine in the Northern Persian Gulf. Four sailors were injured in the explosion.

which are harder to find and destroy — but had not used them previously.

"We weren't really expecting it," one military official said today, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's a definite threat," another said.

The explosions renewed concerns that Iraq has thickly seeded the coastal waters with mines, which could imperil any plans for an amphibious landing.

Military sources said allied small mine-sweeping vessels, built mainly of wood or plastic to avoid setting off magnetic mines, were zeroing in on clearing of

areas that might be important in such an assault.

Iraq's formidable ground forces have laid low while taking a pounding from the air. But the country's military newspaper said today that if a land battle comes, Iraq will prevail.

"The genuine will of the people is more powerful than all the advanced technology and modern weapons of America," the newspaper, *Al-Qadisiya*, said in a front-page editorial.

Iraq's losses, however, are mounting. A senior Iraqi

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Charge!



(AP Laserphoto)

Pvt. Christopher Owen, an infantryman with Britain's 4th Armored Brigade, puts in some bayonet charge training in the Persian Gulf. Allied troops are preparing for a ground assault against the Iraqi troops in Kuwait and Iraq.

Lefors school district calls town meeting tonight

By BETH MILLER
 Staff Writer

LEFORS — A town meeting has been called for tonight in the high school auditorium in an attempt to get the residents rallying around an effort to save the small school district.

The community meeting is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lefors ISD Superintendent Ed Gilliland has also called a brief school board meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. today, to discuss the current proposed legislation on school funding.

The state Supreme Court has ruled that the current method of funding is unconstitutional and has ordered the Legislature to have a new plan formulated for presentation to the Supreme

Court by April 1.

Most of the plans thus far introduced would call for the consolidation and/or elimination of many small school districts across the state, including Lefors ISD, some school administrators have claimed.

A school finance funding proposal approved Monday by a state Senate committee would establish 20 districts statewide for the distribution of state funding. The plan calls for funds from richer school districts to be distributed to poorer school districts in an effort to attain equitable funding.

During the brief school board meeting, Gilliland said he plans to fill the group in on what the current situation is on the school funding issue. Gilliland made a trip late last week to Austin to meet with offi-

cials and discuss the issues involved in the current legislation.

Gilliland said that during the community meeting, he plans to give a brief introduction about what the school's situation is and explain what effects the proposed legislation will have on the school and the town.

"I'm going to ask them to write letters to their senators and representatives, and to the governor, lieutenant governor and House Education Committee," Gilliland said. "I'm going to beg them to do it (write letters)."

A question and answer session will follow Gilliland's presentation and he said he would also have addresses available for those who want them.

"If a Lefors resident doesn't think it is important (to attend the

meeting), he needs to know how much of an impact this school has on the community. If we lose this school, this community will die in more ways than one," the superintendent said.

Gilliland said some proposed legislation, known as the "working group plan," looks like it could be the best for Lefors ISD's situation and could keep the school in business. However, he added, "It won't be nice and it won't be pretty, but we can survive."

The superintendent said that the ultimate decision will be made by the Supreme Court on April 1 when the Court decides what it will accept.

"They could place in their own plan a spending cap that would kill 400 to 500 school districts in the state of Texas," he said.

Bush says Soviet proposal to end war 'falls well short'

By RITA BEAMISH
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today that a Soviet proposal to end the war in the Persian Gulf "falls well short of what would be required."

Bush did not disclose details of the plan, but said he had reviewed the proposal and had conveyed his reaction to Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev "and I've been frank with him."

"As far as I'm concerned, there are no negotiations, no concessions," Bush said at a picture-taking session at the beginning of a meeting with congressional leaders.

"I do appreciate President Gorbachev's providing me a copy of his proposal," Bush said. "We provided comments last night to the Soviet Union."

"The goals have been set out, there will be no concessions, not

going to give," Bush said.

Bush noted that Gorbachev asked him to keep the details of the Moscow offer confidential "and I'm going to do that."

"I will respect that request in the interests of thoroughly exploring the initiative," Bush said. "But, very candidly ... while expressing appreciation for his sending it to us, it falls well short of what would be required."

"I would leave it right there for now," he added.

Asked if that meant a ground war would be forthcoming, Bush reiterated, "It means I'm going to leave it right there for now."

At the Pentagon, a senior military official speaking on condition of anonymity said the desert campaign was proceeding "as though those talks were non-existent."

"The focus of the decision-making has shifted to the political and diplomatic field," the official said.

"The machinery is in place. If the president wants us to go tonight, we'll go tonight."

Bush received a letter from Gorbachev on Monday giving an account of the Soviet discussions with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in Moscow and details of a peace plan Gorbachev gave Aziz earlier in the day. Aziz headed back to Baghdad with the Soviet proposal.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the Soviets asked U.S. officials to refrain from public comment on the proposal, which came as allied troops awaited Bush's order to launch a ground war against Iraq.

In Moscow, a government spokesman said the plan was a way to end the war with a political settlement.

The newspaper *Bild* in Hamburg, Germany, said it had learned the plan specifies Iraqi withdrawal, no

punishment for Saddam Hussein, maintenance of Iraq's borders and later negotiations about Palestinian rights. The BBC early quoted a Moscow spokesman as saying the plan calls for keeping Iraq intact and the newspaper *Le Monde* in Paris said Iraq had been given 36 hours to accept.

The president returned Monday from a holiday weekend at his Maine vacation home and met for more than two hours with his top war advisers to discuss the Soviet offer.

"Certainly the Soviets have spent a lot of time and effort in their meetings and their discussions, but we just don't want to characterize the nature of it," he said.

"This is between the Soviets and Iraq. ... We'll have to wait and see, and we'll respond later" to Gorbachev's letter, he added. "We've got to look at it. We've got to analyze it further."

Supreme Court to decide if employers can bar workers from military service

By RICHARD CARELLI
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether employers ever may bar their workers from serving in the military or military reserves.

The justices said they will review a ruling in an Alabama case that said an employee's request for a military leave may be denied if it is "unreasonable."

Although the court's action comes at a time when more than 200,000 reservists have been called to active duty because of the Persian Gulf War, they will not be affected

directly by the decision, expected sometime in 1992.

Separate sections of a federal law deal with reserve duty for training and a call for reservists to active duty in time of crisis.

The Alabama case dates back to 1987. William King that year was denied a three-year leave of absence from his hospital job in Birmingham to take a fulltime position with the Alabama National Guard.

The National Guard is part of the nation's reserve military force.

A federal trial judge and the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against King. The appeals court said a fed-

eral law, the Veterans' Re-employment Rights Act, does not require employers to honor a leave request if it is not reasonable.

"No case has been called to our attention in which a leave of absence of as long as three years has been held protected under (the law)," the appeals court said. "We therefore agree ... that a three-year leave of absence is per se unreasonable."

In a seemingly conflicting ruling, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals based in Richmond, Va., interpreted the same law to mean employers never may interfere with a worker's joining, or serving in, the military reserves.

Bush administration lawyers asked the justices to resolve the conflict, and argued that the 11th Circuit court was wrong.

"In view of Congress' increasing reliance on the reserve forces as an integral part of the nation's military preparedness, the question is one of great importance," Justice Department lawyers said.

"By engrafting onto the statute a 'reasonableness' requirement, the court of appeals ... undermined its purpose," the government argued in the Alabama case.

In other action, the Supreme Court today left intact the federal government's program of random

drug testing for airline workers.

The court, without comment, rejected arguments that the tests violate individual privacy rights.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the tests last July, relying largely on two high court rulings that gave the government broad drug-testing authority.

The justices in 1989 upheld drug tests for U.S. Customs Service employees applying for sensitive jobs and for railway workers involved in accidents. In neither case did the high court directly address the constitutionality of random testing.

The airline industry drug tests,

adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration in 1988, must be taken by pilots, navigators, flight attendants, instructors, flight-testing workers, aircraft dispatchers, maintenance workers, security employees and air traffic controllers.

The FAA requires annual random urine tests, without notice, for at least half the workers in each category.

The agency said that although drug use is not widespread in the industry there has been evidence of some drug use.

The 9th Circuit court said the need for safety outweighs the intrusion into employees' privacy.

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Services tomorrow

CAIN, Vena M. (Riley) - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

MARIE CLIMER O'MARA

Marie Climer O'Mara, 79, died today, Feb. 19, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
Mrs. O'Mara was born Dec. 18, 1911, in Oklahoma. She moved to Pampa in 1936 from Paducah. She married E.J. O'Mara in 1967 in Panhandle. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.
Survivors include her husband, E.J. O'Mara of the home; two sons, C.F. Climer and Roy Lee Climer, both of Amarillo; one daughter, Lila Simmons of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Bobbie Pullman of Odessa; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

OSCAR LEE (JUNIOR) WILKINSON

SHAMROCK - Oscar Lee (Junior) Wilkinson, 65, died Monday, Feb. 18, 1991. Services are pending with Richerson Funeral Home.

ODESSA LOVELLE ADAMSON

DEL CITY, Okla. - Odessa Lovelle Adamson, 64, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Friday, Feb. 15, 1991. Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at the Bill Eisenhour Southeast Chapel with the Rev. Bob Barr of Community Christian Church, and the Rev. Louella Arduerumly of Borger, Texas, officiating. Burial was to be in Sunny Lane Cemetery.

Mrs. Adamson was born March 26, 1926, in Roaring Springs, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Pampa and the Borger area. She was a member of the New Horizon United Methodist Church in Woodward. She was a member of the Rebecca Lodge. She married Gerald (Jerry) Adamson on April 29, 1958, in Pampa.
Survivors include her husband, Jerry, of the home; two sons, Sam Shackelford of Pampa and Jimmy Borger of Lafayette, La.; five brothers, Millard Smith of Lexington, Okla.; Dan Smith and Philmore Smith, both of Weatherford, Okla.; Hershel Smith of New Jersey and Charles Smith of Arizona; three sisters, Norma Hale of Weatherford, Okla.; Zella Burns of Midland, Texas, and Linda Smith of New Jersey; and two grandchildren, Sammy and Ladawnetta Shackelford, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Ladislao Chavez, Pampa
Virginia May Cooper, McLean
Opal Crabb, Pampa
Cecilia Ann Henley, Pampa
Lisa Lasher, Pampa
Robin Ann Nelson, Pampa
Jerry Dee Quarles, Pampa
Winnie Roland, Pampa

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. William Henley of Pampa, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lasher of Pampa, a girl.

Dismissals
Elda Hefner and baby girl, Pampa
Jodie Jones and baby boy, Pampa
Leone Jones, Pampa
Kinard McCabe, Skel-lytown
Gary Potter, Pampa
Irma Saldierna, Pampa
Justin Welch, Pampa
Polly Ann West, Pampa
Bessie White, Pampa
Nellie Keeton (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admission
Mildred Rook, Shamrock

Dismissals
Ruby Tibbets, Shamrock
Ethylene Baxter, Shamrock

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a theft at the business.
A juvenile reported criminal mischief in the 1100 block of Varmon Drive.
Culligan, 314 N. Starkweather, reported theft of services at the business.
Theresa Hampton, 615 N. West, reported theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories at the residence.
Paul Pletcher, 522 N. Frost, reported theft at 1232 S. Banks.
Hastings, 1500 N. Hobart, reported found property at the business.
Lee Newsom, 2522 Evergreen, reported criminal mischief at the residence.
Police reported a violation of state liquor laws at 535 W. Brown.
Tonya Smith, Canyon, reported found property at 1025 W. Wilks.
Lilly Jenkins, 1112 S. Nelson, reported criminal mischief at the residence.
Fran Morrison, Box 1477, reported a burglary at 325 N. Purviance.

Arrests

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Miles Colbert Jr., 41, 427 Oklahoma, was arrested at 1025 W. Wilks on a charge of theft.
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Eric Lee Roy Smith, 23, Miami, was arrested on U.S. 60 and charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.
Leah Gilbert Maple, 24, Amarillo, was arrested on U.S. 60 and charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.
Ramon Mauricio, 24, Miami, was arrested on U.S. 60 and charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrest

MONDAY, Feb. 18

James Ray Jennings, no age listed, 105 S. Nelson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	665-8481
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	665-3881

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat.....	2.36	dn	1/4
Milo.....	3.84	dn	3/8
Com.....	4.23	dn	7/8

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life.....	9 1/8	dn	1/4
Serico.....	4 7/8	NC	
Occidental.....	18 5/8	dn	1/4

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan.....	62.58	dn	1/2
Puritan.....	13.33	dn	1/8

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco.....	51 1/4	dn	1/8
Arco.....	124 5/8	dn	1 1/8

Cabot.....	32 1/2	dn	1/4
Cabot O&G.....	14 1/2	dn	1/4
Chevron.....	72 7/8	dn	3/8
Coca-Cola.....	51 5/8	dn	7/8
Enron.....	56 3/8	dn	1/2
Halliburton.....	47 7/8	dn	1/2
Ingersoll Rand.....	47	dn	1/2
KNE.....	23 1/8	dn	1/4
Kerr-McGee.....	45	dn	1/8
Limited.....	24	dn	1/4
Mapco.....	41 1/4	dn	1/8
Maxx.....	8 1/2	NC	
McDonald's.....	31 1/2	NC	
Mesa Ltd.....	2.58	NC	
Mobil.....	59	dn	1/2
New Atmos.....	16 1/2	dn	1/8
Penney's.....	52 3/4	up	7/8
Phillips.....	27 1/4	dn	1/2
SLB.....	59 3/4	dn	1/8
SPS.....	28 5/8	NC	
Tenneco.....	49 7/8	dn	3/4
Texasco.....	60 5/8	up	1/8
Wal-Mart.....	36 1/2	dn	5/8
New York Gold.....	361.00		
Silver.....	3.72		
West Texas Crude.....	19.88		

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Feb. 18

Unknown time - A 1982 Ford driven by an unknown person collided with a legally parked 1990 Chevrolet owned by Clyde Carruth, 1400 Bond, in the 500 block of West Francis. No citations were issued.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Cracked door hinges on Discovery shuttle could delay launch scheduled next month

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Cracked door hinges on Discovery could delay the shuttle's military mission next month by up to a month if the orbiter has to be returned to the hangar for repairs, NASA said today.

NASA's two other shuttles may have similar cracks, said Karl Kristofferson, a spokesman for the space agency.

"We're looking at the other orbiters to see if they have the same problem. There is a possibility that the problem exists on the other orbiters," Kristofferson said.

Discovery's cracks were discovered at the launch pad Monday. The cracks were found on three of the four metal hinges on two flapper doors that close after the external tank drops off shortly after liftoff.

The plumbing for liquid hydrogen feeds through one door, while

the other door contains the pipes for liquid oxygen.

Discovery's hinges may have been cracked for some time, and officials are debating whether it is safe to fly the shuttle with the cracks, Kristofferson said. It is crucial that both doors be closed during the shuttle's return to Earth to keep out the intense heat of re-entry.

"Maybe it's flown this way for a long time. We don't know," Kristofferson said.

The hinges cannot be welded because of they are made of aluminum alloy, Kristofferson said. Engineers are considering putting metal over the cracked hinges to strengthen them, but it's not known whether that job could be done while the shuttle is in an upright position at the launch pad.

If Discovery must be rolled back to the hangar for repairs, liftoff could be delayed for a month.

NASA has been working toward a launch around March 9.

As engineers assess the problems, NASA is proceeding with plans for the year's first shuttle flight. Discovery's seven astronauts today began a two-day countdown demonstration test at Kennedy Space Center.

Mission managers still plan to meet next week to set an official launch date.

Last year's shuttle schedule was disrupted by fuel leaks. Three of the nine flights that were planned for 1990 were delayed until this year. In all, NASA hopes to launch seven shuttle missions this year.

"I'm sure there are a lot of people that are getting that 'Here we go again' feeling," Kristofferson said. "The team has been through this so many times. Hopefully, it will be a problem that can be solved fairly quickly."

Medicare insurance signup continues through April 1

Between now and April 1, eligible people can sign up for Medicare medical insurance.

The open enrollment period is set aside each year to allow people to change their minds if they never signed up for medical insurance or had it before and dropped it.

Medical insurance helps pay doctor bills, outpatient hospital services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical items and services not covered by the hospital insurance part of Medicare.

For people who enroll now, medical insurance protection starts July 1. The basic premium rate this year is \$29.90 a month. It is increased by 10 percent for each

year a person could have had Medicare but was not enrolled.

Questions about Medicare can be answered by calling the Medicare TOLL-FREE telephone number 1-800-442-2620 for persons living in Texas and 1-800-522-9079 for Oklahoma residents.

To sign up for medical insurance or get other Social Security information, people should contact their local Social Security office.

The local Social Security office in Pampa is located at 125 S. Gillespie. Office hours are 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except on national holidays. Telephone is 1-800-234-5772.

High winds toss mobile home 100 yards, knock out power lines in northeast Texas

By The Associated Press

Much of the state braced for colder, windier weather today, hours after high winds hurled a mobile home 300 feet in northeast Texas and downed power lines and damaged buildings in South Texas.

Three people were injured in the storms, one of them critically.

"We're just getting ourselves back together today," said Fran Randall, emergency management coordinator for Wilson County. "Everyone is just sort of taking damage assessments at this point and restoring."

Ms. Randall said a storm, bringing hail and gusty "twisterlike" winds, blew through the Floresville area shortly after midnight.

Wind and hail damaged buildings and knocked down power lines.

One man was hospitalized for injuries he suffered from flying metal debris, she said.

It was not known whether a tornado touched down. "We didn't experience the big roar," Ms. Randall said.

The Floresville Independent School District cancelled classes today because of the downed power lines. Utility crews from San Antonio were called in to help restore electricity, which was out in many parts of the county.

In northeast Texas, Willie Tarkington, 52, was critically injured when straight winds blew the mobile home she was in the length of a football field.

She was transported to Shumpert Hospital in Shreveport, 20 miles east, suffering from internal injuries, said Capt. Phil Walker of the Harrison County Sheriff's Department.

She remained in critical condition early today in the intensive care unit, hospital officials said.

Gladys Sullivan Boone, 74, was taken to Marshall Memorial Hospital for observation and released.

Also Monday, a tornado touched down in Elysian Fields, a small community near the Louisiana border Monday afternoon, but caused no apparent damage to property, Walker said.

The storm system was expected to bring snow to West Texas and rains to the central and northern sections of the state today.

A flash flood watch remained in effect through this morning for areas east of a line from Fairfield to Clarksville in northeastern Texas. A strong thunderstorm dumped 3.54 inches of rain over Longview Monday afternoon.

Tornado watches and severe thunderstorms warnings were issued overnight for Navarro and Henderson counties.

Bond lowered for man on marijuana charge

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

An Illinois man arrested on charges of possessing marijuana was released from Gray County Jail on Monday afternoon after posting bond.

Bond for William A. Data Jr., 30, of Dwight, Ill., had originally been set at \$250,000 on Saturday afternoon by Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

However, that bond was reduced on Monday to \$25,000 by 223rd District Court Judge Lee Waters.

Assistant District Attorney John Mann said an agreed order was entered into the district court which called for the lowering of the bond.

"The state did not oppose the \$25,000 bond. The state had the position that \$250,000 was oppressive," Mann said.

Defense attorney James "Rowdy" Bowers represented Data in filing an application for a writ of habeas corpus, which led to the agreed order lowering the bond.

Today, Bowers said, "For 90 pounds of marijuana that (\$250,000) was an outrageous bond. The purpose of a bond is to ensure appearance, not to punish someone."

Mann said Data has been charged with aggravated possession of marijuana, estimated to be 90 pounds. Aggravated possession of marijuana is more than 50 pounds, but less than 200 pounds of marijuana.

The range of punishment upon conviction of an aggravated possession of marijuana charge is not less than five years, nor more than 99 years and up to a \$50,000 fine.

Data was arrested about five miles west of Almarred in a rental car about 2:20 p.m. Saturday after Department of Public Safety Trooper Ron Shank reportedly observed Data not wearing a seatbelt and speeding in the rental vehicle.

The vehicle was reportedly rented from Chicago's O'Hare Airport and had reportedly had 4,000 miles put on it in about 48 hours.

The marijuana was found in three suitcases in the trunk of the vehicle after Data gave a consent to search, DPS officials said.

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Allies

official was quoted by an Iranian newspaper today as saying more than 20,000 Iraqis were killed and 60,000 wounded in the war's first four weeks.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Saadoun Hammadi, reported those figures to Iranian officials in talks last week, the *Jomhuri Islami* newspaper said. It did not provide a breakdown of civilian and military deaths.

Iran, along with the Soviets, has been in the forefront of efforts to persuade Iraq to quit Kuwait. Aziz traveled to and from Moscow via Tehran because the allies said his safety could not be guaranteed if he flew in the war zone. He traveled

overland from Baghdad to the Iranian capital, and was returning today the same way.

Vitaly Ignatenko, Gorbachev's spokesman, refused to divulge details about the Kremlin plan, but said it was "fully in line with the Soviet position that there should be an unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait."

The German newspaper *Bild* said the Soviet plan calls for an unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait, coupled with a guarantee that no "punitive actions" would be taken against the Iraqi government. The report, citing unnamed sources in Moscow, also said that under the plan, the Israeli-Palestinian question would be negotiated - presumably later.

Gorbachev's deputy spokesman,

Sergei Grigoriev, said in British television interviews that the *Bild* report was "more or less" accurate. He said provisions include "some kind of a guarantee of non-interference" in Iraqi affairs provided Iraq relinquishes Kuwait.

President Bush and his top war advisers met for more than two hours on the proposal on Monday, but White House spokesman Fitzwater would not disclose the administration's view of it: "It doesn't require any response from us ... This is between the Soviets and Iraq."

The respected French newspaper *Le Monde*, quoting French sources, said Iraq was being told it must accept the Soviet peace plan within 36 hours or ground combat would begin.

Woman tells of ride with man claiming to be prostitute killer

DALLAS (AP) - Police are investigating a report that a Dallas woman was taken on a terror-filled ride at gunpoint by a man who claimed to be the killer of two prostitutes whose bodies were mutilated with surgical skill.

The 28-year-old woman, identified by police as a prostitute, told police that a man forced her into his car after flashing a badge and handcuffing her Sunday night. She said she was abducted from a motel

parking lot near downtown Dallas.

The man told the woman he had killed three prostitutes, police told the *Dallas Times Herald* in today's editions. The car, she said, the man pointed the gun at her face and yelled, "Those three ... in Oak Cliff ... You're No. 4."

She escaped by kicking the man and shifting his car into park, causing it to stop at a Stemmons Freeway exit, she told police. She said she fled on foot.

The woman suffered minor cuts on her chin when she jumped from the car, police said.

Police said they were checking whether the incident was related to the killings of Susan Peterzen, 27, and Mary Lou Pratt, 33, whose bodies were dumped along Beckleyview Avenue.

But they said they didn't know of a third prostitute death or of any prostitutes who are missing.

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Tonight, clear and cold with a low in the lower 20s and variable winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, sunny and warmer with a high in the lower 60s and westerly winds 5-15 mph. Monday's high was 52; the overnight low was 28.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Light rain mixed with snow and a few showers lingering in the Concho Valley tonight. Decreasing cloudiness across much of the area tonight. Sunny Wednesday. Warmer Wednesday. Snow accumulations generally less than one inch. Lows tonight in the 20s except mid 30s Big Bend valleys. Highs Wednesday in the 60s except lower 50s mountains.

North Texas - Fair and cold central and west tonight. Partly cloudy with a chance of evening thunderstorms southeast. Lows 28 to 35. Partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday. Highs 57 to 63.

South Texas - Mostly cloudy and cooler tonight with a chance of rain. Skies clearing from the west Wednesday with a chance of rain

over Southeast Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley ending. Lows tonight 30s north to 40s south. Highs Wednesday upper 50s to the 60s west and south to the 50s east.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday through Saturday
West Texas - Mostly fair each day areawide. Panhandle and South Plains: Highs in mid 50s to low 60s. Lows in low 30s. Permian Basin, Concho and Pecos Valleys: Highs low to mid 60s. Lows in mid to upper 30s. Far West: Highs in low to mid 60s. Lows in mid 30s to near 40. Big Bend: Highs in low 60s lowlands to low 50s mountains Thursday warming to near 70 lowlands to near 60 mountains Saturday. Lows from low to mid 30s mountains to low to mid 40s along the Rio Grande.

North Texas - Fair and dry. Cool nights with lows in upper 30s and low 40s. Mild days with highs in low to mid 60s.

South Texas - Partly cloudy most sections. Hill Country and South Central: Highs in mid 60s Thursday, upper 60s to near 70 Friday and Saturday. Lows in the 30s Hill Country, 40s South Central. Coastal Bend: Highs in upper 60s

Thursday, low 70s Friday and Saturday. Lows in the 40s inland, 50s coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains, Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Slight chance of rain Thursday. Highs in river valley and plains in upper 60s to near 70. Lows in the 40s inland to the 50s coast. Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday. Highs in low to mid 70s. Lows in the 50s inland, near 60 coast. Highs southeast and upper coast in mid 60s. Lows in upper 30s inland, low and mid 40s coast. Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday. Highs in upper 60s to near 70. Lows in the 40s inland, 50s coast.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - A chance of light rain southeast tonight, possibly mixing with light snow before ending. Fair elsewhere. Fair and warmer most areas on Wednesday. Lows tonight from near 20 Panhandle to 30s southeast. Highs Wednesday mid 50s to around 60.

New Mexico - Clear and cold tonight. Sunny and warmer Wednesday. Lows tonight zero to 15 mountains with teens and 20s elsewhere. Highs Wednesday 40s and 50s mountains with 50s to near 70 elsewhere.

Committee passes lottery measure, but opponents say House won't pass it

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed constitutional amendment to create a state lottery found the winning number in a House committee.

But lottery opponents say the big game remains: a vote in the full House, where 100 of the 150 members must approve.

After hearing testimony from Gov. Ann Richards, who said a lottery could bring the state \$731 million in the 1992-93 budget years, the House State Affairs Committee voted 9-3 Monday to advance the measure.

David Hudson, a lobbyist for the Baptist Christian Life Commission, said opponents weren't concerned by the vote.

Lottery backers still lack the two-thirds House majority they need for approval of the constitutional amendment, he said.

"Nine-to-three here doesn't really show what the

vote in the House is," Hudson said, estimating that 60 to 65 House members oppose a lottery, more than enough to kill it.

Richards told the House panel that a lottery, if approved quickly, would raise funds for the state. "Next January, this state is going to need money and need it badly," she said. Lawmakers face a projected \$4.6 billion deficit for 1992-93.

However, she warned, lawmakers must move fast or the lottery will do no good in helping the state cope with its financial woes. "My interest is getting this on the May ballot, and I have no interest beyond that," Richards said.

Because starting a Texas lottery would require a constitutional amendment, voters must ratify any plan that the Legislature passes.

Richards wants lawmakers to place the question on the May 4 ballot to get the game running as quickly as possible if voters OK it.

State Comptroller John Sharp has offered the \$731 million revenue estimate — provided a lottery starts

operating in January 1992.

But lottery backers are in a time squeeze.

Secretary of State John Hannah has said March 1 is the last date the proposal could be passed and still meet requirements for placing lottery on the May 4 election ballot.

Speaker Gib Lewis said the House may wait until early next week to vote, adding that lottery sponsors have indicated to him they still may not have lined up enough support.

Although lottery backers say they are confident of finding enough votes in the Senate to pass a lottery plan, opposition is greater in the House.

"I don't think right now you have a definite count on votes. From what we have found out ... you might have 95 on one side and 40 on the other side, and you have about 10 or 15 that's in limbo," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

A Texas Poll published over the weekend showed wide public support for a lottery.

The survey, conducted by the Texas A&M University

Public Policy Resources Laboratory for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc., found 76 percent favoring a lottery, 19 percent opposed and the rest undecided. That poll, with a margin of error of three percentage points, showed an increase from 68 percent approval two years ago.

"These poll results are significant. The numbers have increased," said Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, sponsor of the lottery proposal.

Lottery opponents argued that it would prey on the poor, put the state in the gambling business and encourage Texans to spend their money on lottery tickets rather than other goods and services.

"The odds are astronomical. They won't win," said Willie Bennett, director of the Bethlehem Community Center in Fort Worth.

Bennett said that poor people would be victimized and spend a larger portion of their income on the lottery than would others.

"They're ripe pickings for the lottery," he said. "Their limited funds would be thrown away."

Signs of the times



Jerry Madden, an inmate at the Oconnee County Detention Center in Walhalla, S.C., straightens one of the signs on the courthouse lawn. An inmate crew placed 180 of the signs on the lawn, each honoring a serviceman from the area serving in Operation Desert Storm.

Senate committee approves school finance reform bill

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill shifting hundreds of millions of dollars in local property tax revenue from rich to poor school districts faces Senate consideration after winning committee approval.

The fund redistribution would be phased in over four years, under an amendment that Senate Education Committee Chairman Carl Parker said was needed to make his school finance reform bill palatable.

The bill was approved by the committee Monday on a 9-2 vote.

"In fairness to the wealthy districts, we didn't give them any reason to believe for many years that (revenue) wouldn't continue forever," Parker, D-Port Arthur, said Monday.

"They've hired teachers, they've paid great salaries, they have great programs. And the tragedy of it is, we're going to disrupt some really great programs," he said.

The bill would redistribute an estimated \$480 million in local tax money when fully implemented, according to a Texas Education Agency analysis. About one-quarter of the money would be shifted each year under the phase-in plan.

Under Parker's bill, local property tax money would be redistributed among districts within 20 regions. If a related constitutional amendment is approved, the money could be shifted among school districts statewide.

The bill might be taken up today or Wednesday by the full Senate, Parker said. The proposed constitutional amendment allowing local school property taxes to be redistributed statewide was on today's Senate schedule.

A constitutional amendment requires approval by two-thirds of lawmakers before being placed before voters.

The state faces an April 1 Texas Supreme Court deadline to make equitable funding available to poor school districts or face an order to cut off state public education funds.

Gov. Ann Richards on Monday declared school finance legislation an emergency matter, speeding up the legislative process.

The \$14 billion-a-year school finance system declared unconstitutional by the court relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Under Parker's reform bill, every school district would be required to tax at the same minimum rate, and they could tax more to pay for facilities or to raise extra money for programs.

When the measure is fully implemented, no school district could earn more than another at a given local property tax rate.

Sens. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, and Cyndi Taylor Krier, R-San Antonio, voted against the bill in committee.

Bivins said he preferred another plan, which has support from a wide range of school districts, that would continue to allow some districts to raise more money than others.

Ms. Krier said she wanted more time to examine the impact of various plans on school districts in her area.

House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said he hopes the House will consider school finance reform legislation next week. Parker said he expects a conference committee will be required to work out differences between House and Senate versions of the bill.

Whites filling college courses on black studies

DALLAS (AP) — Black studies courses in Texas and nationwide are attracting more whites than ever as students prepare themselves for the multi-ethnic workforce of the 1990s, professors say.

"We're not talking about a maddening throng, but there is an increasing number of white students who are saying, 'I need to broaden my perspective,'" said Jacqueline Wade, associate executive director of the National Council for Black Studies.

Some professors say interest in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and the changing ethnicity of the workplace are the main reasons white students choose to study black history.

"My hope is that it's going to

lead to a greater amount of tolerance, racial, ethnic and otherwise," said Edward Cox, who teaches black history at Rice University in Houston. "I think it's a healthy sign."

In Cox's class last semester, only two of his 24 students were black.

At Dallas' Southern Methodist University, which next fall will require all students to take a course on race or gender, students say they're enrolling because it's something they were never offered in high school.

"I was really interested because I don't know anything about their past and I'd really like to," said Stacy Komlosy, a SMU freshman from Maine. "You never had black history (in high school)."

For Brian McCulloch, a SMU music major from Albuquerque, N.M., it's a matter of being prepared for his future workplace — the public school classroom.

"(The course) really does cause you to think," McCulloch said.

According to predictions by the U.S. Department of Labor, blacks, Hispanics and other minorities will comprise 29 percent of the net additions to the labor force between 1985 and the year 2000.

"I'd like to think students coming out of the late 1980s and early 1990s are beginning to recognize that to prepare themselves for jobs in the business world or academic world or wherever, they had to have an understanding of the difference experiences of all Americans," said

Nancy Grant, an associate professor of history at Washington University in St. Louis.

At Washington, black history courses are now 60 percent white.

At the University of North Texas in Denton, just north of Dallas, more than 50 students signed up for an African-American history class, even though the professor expected only 35.

At Indiana University, which boasts the largest African-American studies department in the nation, the number of courses has increased from 20 each semester five years ago to 40 each term now.

Then, few if any white student signed up for the courses. Now, two of every five students are white, Indiana school officials say.

Austin primary target for San Antonio gangs, police say

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A daylong rampage of crime by San Antonio's "Baby Thieves" is the latest example of violent crimes committed by San Antonio youths who like to come to Austin, a police robbery investigator says.

Sgt. Scott Cary, an Austin police robbery investigator said Monday that the road trips by the San Antonio youths have ended in robberies, burglaries, auto thefts and assaults.

"We always get these gangs out of San Antonio up here. They like to come to Austin because it's a college town," Cary said.

The most recent episode of commuting criminals occurred Feb. 7, when at least five San Antonio youths, part of a group dubbed the "Baby Thieves," went on a daylong rampage through Austin.

By the time they returned to San Antonio in a stolen car, the bandits had committed nine burglaries, five aggravated assaults and seven auto thefts.

Three more alleged members of the group

were arrested over the weekend at a San Antonio motel. They were charged with aggravated robbery.

Mark Lopez, 20, was released on \$20,000 bond. Samuel De La Rosa, 21, was released on \$15,000 bond. Police also arrested Daniel Vasquez, 18.

Two others, Alex Torres, 21, and Joseph Cavazos, 18, were arrested earlier and remained in jail.

The youth gang may have as many as 17 members, Cary said.

"We are looking for several additional suspects, and we hope to obtain more (warrants) soon," he said.

In citing other criminal cases involving youths from San Antonio, Cary said four youths from San Antonio robbed a Zale's jewelry store in 1987 and beat an 86-year-old man.

In 1989, four San Antonio men robbed three

Austin grocery stores, using an Uzi submachine gun in one of the robberies, Cary said.

Last year, six members of the "Cooler Gang" from San Antonio struck three area restaurants, locking victims in walk-in coolers and pistol-whipping some.

Cary has noted other similarities, saying most were minorities in their late teens or early 20s with prior criminal records and usually resorted to violence.

"The common denominator I see is that they're always violent," Cary said. "They're not afraid to put a gun in somebody's mouth or pistol-whip somebody."

They also seem to enjoy terrorizing their victims, he said.

During their daylong spree, the "Baby Thieves" struck a Radio Shack, taping up the clerk and taking turns holding a gun to his head as they loaded merchandise into a stolen car.

Alibates land purchase endorsed by conservancy district

FRITCH — The Archaeological Conservancy District, based in Santa Fe, N.M., recently endorsed the purchase of 292 acres of property that is within the legislative boundary established in 1965 for Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.

Recent information on this issue was somewhat misleading, according to a National Park Service news release.

The National Park Service has owned the property at Alibates and the 292 acres has no connection

with the recent "National" status for Lake Meredith. Over the past few years the NPS has been negotiating with Joe Batson to obtain the remaining acreage within the legislative boundary.

The 292 acres was recently purchased by Jim Shirley and the "Palo Duro Ranch." Negotiations are taking place with Shirley because this acreage is crucial to the overall operation and site of any visitors center at the Monument. There is no connection with the Willard Ranch and this

transaction, an NPS spokesman said. Park Superintendent Pat McCrary indicated he recently met with the Archaeological Conservancy District in Santa Fe and it expressed a desire to assist the Park Service in obtaining this property.

McCrary stated that the Park Service works closely with the Conservancy Districts nationwide in efforts of preservation and conservation.

"We are friends, working together for mutual goals," McCrary stated.

Two Catholic priests arrested on public lewdness charge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two men who identified themselves as Roman Catholic priests have been arrested on misdemeanor charges of public lewdness, police said.

Police reports said the men were arrested by a San Antonio park ranger who followed them to a concession

booth at Amoson River Theater Monday. Night Magistrate Tino Guerra identified the men as Hector Miguel Medina, 33, of Fort Worth, and Edward J. Winkler, also 33, of El Campo. The magistrate set bond at \$800 each.

An official at St. Phillip's Church in El Campo told the San

Antonio Express-News that Winkler is a priest there. A spokesman with the Diocese of Fort Worth said Medina is a priest at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Wichita Falls.

The officer said he turned a flashlight on the men, who stood up with their trousers unfastened.

Some lobbyists under fire in ethics reform proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — An ethics reform proposal that would require lobbyists to disclose their fees has some of the special interest hired guns "squealing like a pig caught under a gate," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said.

Bullock and Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee, said Monday that requiring lobbyists to report their fees and who they represent will shed some light on the legislative process.

Since Glasgow's bill was circulated, Bullock, presiding officer of the Senate, said he has heard of discontent among some lobbyists.

"I have sure heard about it. About how they're squealing like a pig caught under a gate," he said.

Bullock said he was not criticizing trade group lobbyists but freelance lobbyists hired to push through a single piece of legislation.

Glasgow postponed consideration of his proposal by a subcommittee

because he said he wanted to take out several provisions that would limit campaign spending and place those in another piece of legislation.

Glasgow's ethics bill would also prohibit lobbyist-paid vacations for legislators, although it would allow lobbyists to pay travel and lodging for members on fact-finding excursions, or who are participating in a seminar that is linked to their governmental functions.

In addition, the bill would ban cities, counties and other governmental bodies from hiring lobbyists with public money, and require lobbyists who represent clients with competing interests to reveal that to their clients.

Recent news reports have focused on governmental bodies paying lobbyists with public money. For example, the *Houston Chronicle* reported that taxpayers for various entities in Harris County paid more than \$430,000 for lobbyists based in Austin.

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Opinion

Politicians insist on tax-gouging

When will they ever learn? A survey of 50 cities by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that 36 of them raised taxes in the past decade, and some say this accelerated the flight of the middle class to the suburbs.

So we have another example of politicians letting lust for higher taxes blind them to human behavior. This kind of myopia sometimes actually lowers the revenue pool for which the spenders drool. In fact, several mayors said the flight to the suburbs resulted in a smaller urban tax base.

Will the tax-and-spend crowd ever get wise? Don't count on it. They've remained impervious to earlier examples of the self-defeating folly of tax gouging; don't expect them to start seeing straight now.

The hoppers in Congress and various legislatures this year are brimful with tax-increase proposals that ignore common sense and cling instead to "static analysis" budgeting; that is, their sponsors don't acknowledge how changes in tax policy can change the behavior of taxpayers — and, therefore, can slash anticipated revenues. Static analysis, for example, is when you don't anticipate that crushing urban taxes will drive the people who are supposed to pay them to the suburbs.

In Texas, the cries are sounding again for increased taxes to support the programs of the state and to fund school finance reform. The tax proposals include such items as more taxes on businesses and corporations, a statewide property tax and even the imposition of a state income tax, a view that ignores the wishes of the people as expressed in numerous polls in past years. Instead of moving strongly toward more efficiency in state government and the elimination of unneeded state programs with all their bureaucratic personnel and regulations, our politicians return to the cry, "More taxes!"

What a perfect incentive for businesses and many private individuals to reconsider whether they should stay in Texas at all. And for those perhaps considering a move into Texas, the possibility of more taxes may cause them to pause and consider looking around for another state, one perhaps not as expensive on the tax route. Remember how Massachusetts was able to undermine its tax base and economy by raising various rates to a level that forced thousands to cry "uncle" — and leave the state? Will Texas follow that brilliant example?

At the federal level, we hear growing cries for a "war tax." Funny, the S&L bailout has been many times costlier than the Persian Gulf enterprise, but the politicians didn't seek a surtax to cover that catastrophe. Do they think that because the war policy is popular right now it might serve as a better excuse to pile new levies on average Americans? In any case, the static analysis in their arguments is all too clear. Especially when the nation is mired in recession, wouldn't an income-tax increase merely suck more wind out of the economy, further shrinking the tax base?

Unfortunately, it seems useless to point out these realities to the spending addicts. Like drinkers on a binge, they won't let logic sink in.

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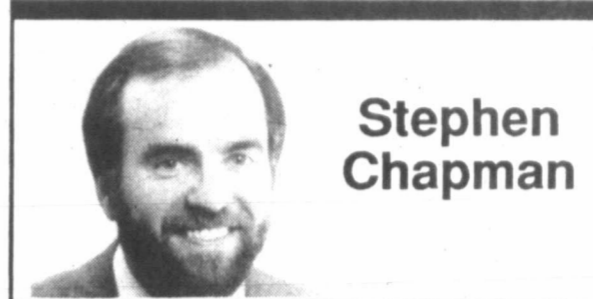
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"Collateral damage!"

Military and equality for women



Stephen Chapman

In 1988, Ronald Reagan signed an executive order changing the code of conduct for U.S. soldiers taken prisoner in war. The old version began, "I am an American fighting man." The new one, helpfully designed for use by women as well as men, says, "I am an American."

Small consolation for Army Spec. 4 Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, missing in action and presumed captured by Iraqi forces. Her misfortune is a blunt reminder that female soldiers may be legally excluded from combat jobs, but they can't be entirely protected from combat risks. It has also become an argument for admitting women to all military assignments.

Women now make up one of every nine people in the U.S. military services. Of the American troops participating in Operation Desert Storm, six percent are females. They have been exposed to heat, isolation and Scud missile attacks the same as their male colleagues, and when a full-scale ground war begins, some may be dodging bullets — as in the Panama invasion.

The argument from feminists and other critics of the status quo is that women have shown they perform well in all sorts of military roles once reserved for males. They are shut out of the remaining ones not because they can't do the job but because men won't give them the chance.

This, we are told, is the kind of discrimination that is illegal in civilian life. Since female officers can't command combat units, they are largely blocked from the highest ranks. Enlisted women are likewise deprived of opportunities open to men. "By pretending they were protecting women from harm, all they were really protecting them from was promotions," says Rep. Patricia Schroeder, the Colorado Democrat.

In some respects, she's right. Women are permitted to pilot transport helicopters, but not helicopter gunships. They may fly the tankers that refuel fighters and bombers, but not the fighters and bombers.

There is no apparent reason some women can't handle combat aircraft, which leaves only one likely explanation for the exclusion: paternalism. Keeping them out of F-16s and B-52 means keeping them mostly out of harm's way.

If we can tolerate women police officers and firefighters being killed, though, we should be able to accept women pilots being shot down. Women pilots captured by the enemy may face especially unpleasant treatment, but that's a risk they can judge for themselves.

When it comes to foot soldiers, the case is harder to make. The strongest 20 percent of women are only about as powerful as the weakest 20 percent of men, a huge disadvantage when it comes to lugging cumbersome gear, loading heavy guns, digging trenches or grappling with enemy soldiers hand-to-hand. On the front line, a weak soldier is a useless soldier — and often a dead one.

Unless physical standards are lowered, not many women would qualify. When Canada scrapped its combat exclusion, it was able to recruit just 79 women for infantry training. One completed the course. The experiment that produced this single infantry woman cost several million dollars, a high price for purely symbolic achievement.

Even if we assume that some women could make the grade, we haven't answered the question whether women soldiers should be treated just like men. The usual proposal is to let women volunteer for combat jobs. But this would change discrimination against women to discrimination against men.

Male soldiers, notes Northwestern University sociologist Charles Moskos, can sign up for any assignment they want, but if they're needed in combat units, to combat units they will go, with or without their consent. The real issue isn't whether qualified women should be allowed to serve in combat units, but whether, in time of need, qualified women should be required to serve in them.

If women can opt out, they'll be resented by men for their privileged status. But if both sexes are allowed to reject combat assignments, it will be impossible to find enough volunteers for the life-shortening task of storming enemy guns.

How do women in uniform feel about being made liable for combat? Moskos interviewed scores of them in Panama after the invasion. Three out of four female officers opposed the idea — along with all of the enlisted women. If women were treated the same as men, they would quickly stop joining the military.

Opening up some opportunities for female soldiers is a good idea. Complete equality may be an achievement most of them can do without.



"Hey, look at all the neat stuff I can make him do ..."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 1991. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 19, 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution. (However, Congress did not get around to formally ratifying Ohio statehood until 1953.)

On this date: In 1473, the astronomer Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama. (He was subsequently tried for treason and acquitted.)

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin.

In 1878, Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph.

In 1881, Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order making possible the wartime internment of Japanese-Americans.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines landed on the Japanese-held island of Iwo Jima in the Western Pacific.

Aren't some ads just stupid?

I've been watching a lot of television in an effort to keep up with the war. I've probably watched more television the first week of the war than I had watched all the previous years.

To be honest about it, however, I haven't learned a lot about the war by watching television.

Military censorship, of course, has a lot to do with that. And this war, so far, has been mostly air attacks at night, and if the Iraqis can't see the planes, how can I expect to see them 8,000 miles away on my television?

What I have learned, however, is if I have to watch a *Sports Illustrated* commercial giving away the Muhammad Ali videotape much longer, I'll be punch drunk and loop-legged myself.

If you've watched television at all the last week, you've seen that *SI* commercial.

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These people are all incredibly excited about it. "Free! How can this be free?" one guy gushes.



Lewis Grizzard

And he's trying to win at the tables? "It's not free, you ninny," I say to my television. "You've got to pay for your subscription, the videotape didn't cost *Sports Illustrated* very much in the first place, and Time-Life stands to make a lot of money here."

Where does *Sports Illustrated* find these people? Remember the sneaker phone commercial?

It preceded the Ali spot. You subscribe to *Sports Illustrated* and you get a telephone shaped like a sneaker. FREE!

"It's a phone?" some dingbat asks. "This is great! Fantastic!"

Aren't these people a little too old to get that fired up over a telephone shaped like a shoe?

I saw a phone shaped like a beer can once. I didn't get fired up about it, however. In fact, I

thought it was stupid. Don't get me wrong, I like *Sports Illustrated*. I even worked for *Sports Illustrated* once.

The photography is wonderful. The writing and editing are superb. But just because I like to read about Joe Montana or digest a thoughtful piece about what's wrong with college football, it doesn't mean I'm some sort of juvenile who'd want a telephone shaped like what Michael Jordan wears on his feet to work.

Advertising can turn a consumer off. I don't buy anything that is supposed to be "new and improved."

Why didn't they get it right the first time? I'd never buy a car from a car dealer who does his own commercials, go to a lawyer who has to go on television to get clients, and isn't one laxative about like all the others?

Now I click the button on my remote the moment the Ali ad appears on my screen, which is about 18 times a night. I've just about worn out my clicker trigger finger trying to escape it.

"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." Not a Patriot knocking out a Scud. Ali decking Sonny Liston again. Enough is enough.

I may drop my subscription to *Sports Illustrated* and use the money to buy an airline. Talk about a bargain.

Many of us back troops, not war

By SARAH OVERSTREET

A radio station in the Midwest city where I live held a "Support Our Troops" rally recently. The local barbershop chorus and the university jazz band presented patriotic music; war veterans and a U.S. congressman gave speeches; and people waved American flags and tape-recorded messages to send to the troops.

In promoting the rally, radio station personnel emphasized that the rally didn't necessarily signify support of the war or the president's policy, but represented our appreciation for the men and women serving in the Persian Gulf. In the crowd were those who had protested the Vietnam War 20 years ago, as well as those who thoroughly detested anti-war protesters then and now.

Some of the members of the crowd didn't believe in this war any more than they believed in the Vietnam War. They came in support of

fellow citizens who had put themselves in danger either because they believe in this cause, or because it is their job and they agreed to do it.

One of the most poignant moments in the rally was when John McEuen, a member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band who was in town to perform that evening, heard the rally on his car radio, drove over and asked if he could play his banjo for the crowd and for the troops who would receive a recording of the rally.

Picking out a patriotic medley on the banjo, McEuen told the crowd he had opposed the Vietnam War 20 years ago. And like so many of those protesters, he said, he had included the soldiers among the objects of his anger. "I was wrong," he told the crowd now.

Similar demonstrations of support have sprung up all over the nation, almost as if by spontaneous combustion. At least that's how the physics of it seems, a great fire suddenly ablaze after decades of smoldering in

our collective consciousness.

It's not as though we have talked with each other much about the way the Vietnam vets were treated when they came home, although we've read about it and seen some of it portrayed in movies: returning veterans either ignored in shame or actively abused, ill treated in inadequate VA hospitals, denied jobs.

It is more as if the realization grew from the inside out, the horror and shame of the way we allowed our Vietnam vets to be treated written on our hearts but largely unspoken by our lips. Now, when another generation of Americans are risking their lives in a war, our support for them wells up immediately and without reserve no matter how we feel about this war.

How does the consciousness of a people change and mature so much in just 20 short years? I remember the argument for blaming the soldiers of Vietnam: If people would just refuse to fight, there would be no war. How sim-

plistic that rationale seems now, especially when talking about young people, some of them barely out of high school.

We all make the best decisions we can based on the amount of knowledge and life experience we have. We choose ideals we believe in, and if we have the courage of our convictions, we act on them. No matter how we feel philosophically about war, it is especially cruel to blame young people for choosing to fight them.

This time, 20 years after Vietnam, we are finally able to stand together in appreciation and gratitude for those who have the courage to act on their ideals, even when we personally may have chosen different ideals to be guided by. How important that is when the ideals we choose put us in danger of harm and death, and the only benefit we earn is the satisfaction of doing our duty and believing that what we love will survive even if we do not.

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Fire suicide



(AP Laserphoto)

A police officer and a police photographer work alongside the sheet-covered body of a 20-year-old man who died after dousing himself with a flammable liquid and setting himself on fire on the Amherst common in Amherst, Mass., Monday. The man, whose name the police did not release, was carrying a peace sign and refused the help of onlookers who tried to smother the flames with their coats.

Police say IRA blaming officers for bomb death is 'beggars belief'

By MICHAEL WEST
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — The outlawed Irish Republican Army says police are to blame for the death of a man killed in a bomb blast at a rail station because authorities had been warned and did not close the depot.

Scotland Yard dismissed the claim, saying: "For the terrorists to blame the police for their own outrages is particularly galling and almost beggars belief. Those responsible for the death and injuries were those who planted the bombs."

Police ordered searches early Monday after a caller claiming to represent the IRA said bombs had been planted at all major rail stations.

About 45 minutes later a bomb placed in a trash can exploded at Victoria station near Buckingham Palace, killing a man in his 30s and injuring 40 people.

The IRA claimed responsibility for the rush-hour explosion and one less than three hours earlier at Paddington station. Only a dozen workers were at Paddington and nobody was hurt.

"All future warnings should be

acted upon," the IRA said in a statement. "The cynical decision of senior security personnel not to evacuate railway stations named in secondary warnings, even three hours after the warning device had exploded at Paddington in the early hours of this morning was directly responsible for the casualties at Victoria."

The explosion at 7:46 a.m. sent screaming commuters running from the terminal, some trailing blood across the concourse.

Jeremy Rose, who was buying a ticket at the time, said he saw a man "with half his face missing. It was like he had gone through a car windshield at 100 mph."

British Rail closed all mainline stations in London after the bombings, suspending service that carries 500,000 people into the capital every day.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, told a news conference: "The vagueness of the caller's information, the manner in which it was passed, coupled with the time lapse involved, was quite deliberate. The perpetrators knew very well there would be insufficient time for the emergency services to

locate and deal with the device." British Rail Chairman Robert Reid said it is not unusual for police to keep rail stations open after a bomb warning.

"Let's face it, as soon as you have an incident, your telephone lines are choked with hoax calls," Reid said in an interview on British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Ian McGregor, assistant chief constable of British Transport Police, said rail authorities in London get an average of six bomb threats a day.

He said that by the time the bomb exploded at Victoria station there had already been 19 telephoned warnings of explosions.

Several hours after the Victoria blast, Heathrow airport — Britain's busiest — was evacuated briefly after police received a vague bomb threat, an airport spokeswoman said. Police searched and found nothing.

Monday's blasts were the first attacks on British rail stations claimed by the IRA in 15 years.

The overwhelmingly Roman Catholic IRA is fighting to drive the British from Northern Ireland and unite the Protestant-dominated province with the Irish Republic.

AFL-CIO asks lawmakers to ban hiring permanent replacements for strikers

By KAREN BALL
AP Labor Writer

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — AFL-CIO leaders threatened to yank their union's support from politicians who don't support federal legislation banning the hiring of permanent replacement workers during labor strikes.

"A politician who does not support us on this is doing so at their own risk," said Morton Bahr, president of the Communications Workers of America, a part of the AFL-CIO.

"We regard it as a matter of great urgency, and of course it will weigh heavily on our view of the extent to which members of Congress running for re-election will be supported," said AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland.

The AFL-CIO's 33-member Executive Council opened its winter meeting Monday by urging Congress to enact legislation that would bar companies from hiring permanent replacement workers during a strike.

The labor leaders contend that in recent years companies have fired their union work force by replacing them with non-union employees during strikes.

They point to Eastern Airlines,

Greyhound Bus Lines and, most recently, the strikebound Daily News of New York, and say the practice effectively takes away workers' rights to strike under federal law.

Kirkland told reporters after the meeting that union leaders are not trying to encourage strikes, but said hiring replacement workers "nullifies the inherent obligation of an employer ... to bargain in good faith."

"Believe me, unions are always reluctant to strike," he said. "A strike is not a trip to Disneyland. It is a last resort."

In other action Monday, the AFL-CIO's governing board urged Congress and the White House to fight the recession as much as the Persian Gulf War. The union leaders called for a jobs program to put Americans back to work by rebuilding the nation's highways, roads and bridges.

"It's obvious the Bush administration has turned a blind eye to the recession and is completely enveloped in the Persian Gulf War," said Gerald McAtee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"We support our troops just as much as anyone else, but we want

them to have jobs to come home to," McAtee said.

Kirkland said high unemployment rates would persist for months or years even if the economy does rebound quickly. He urged Congress to ignore President Bush's threat to veto a jobs program.

"Veto threats are more or less routine attempts to discourage Congress from acting on a measure. I do not think Congress should be intimidated by it," he said.

In private meetings with the labor group, House Speaker Thomas Foley, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt pledged to work on jobs legislation, probably through a highway bill.

Meanwhile, union leaders struck a tentative compromise on health care reform. They backed the ultimate goal of universal coverage for all Americans through phased-in reform. That system would keep intact most employer-provided plans but also provide indigent Americans with coverage.

Both Mitchell and Foley doubted a full-scale national health plan would pass Congress this year and agreed less dramatic, less costly reform had a better chance of passing.

Report: Drexel takes big step towards settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — The case of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. is moving quickly toward settlement and possibly the firm's emergence from bankruptcy protection, a newspaper reported.

In an unusual holiday session at U.S. District Court on Monday, the main parties reached agreement on how to divide what is left of Drexel, The New York Times said today.

The deal involved the investment banking firm's creditors and the main litigants, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Resolution Trust Corporation.

Under the agreement, the creditors would cut their claims against the firm to around \$2 billion. One of the presiding jurists, Federal District Judge Milton Pollack, estimated their total claims may have amounted to \$20 billion.

Last week, the Internal Revenue Service filed a claim for more than \$5 billion against Drexel. The agreement does not cover that claim, but the judge said lawyers would have to work out to bring the IRS figure down, too.

Pollack said the bankruptcy case, which had been expected to drag on for years, could be settled in a cou-

ple of months.

Drexel is estimated to have about \$2.8 billion in assets, some to be spent on continuing operating costs. But Pollack said some money should be left so the firm has a chance to reorganize and emerge from bankruptcy under Chapter 11.

The firm was at the heart of the "junk bond" market that fed the wave of corporate takeovers during the 1980s. But before filing last year for protection from its creditors, Drexel had admitted to six felonies and had paid the government \$650 million in fines and penalties.

Soviet prime minister proposes price reforms

By ANN IMSE
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin has proposed cutting subsidies for producers of many basic goods and raising retail prices for foods such as bread, milk and sugar.

Overall, retail prices would rise 60 percent, Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov told the Supreme Soviet legislature on Monday.

But he said the cost of other items such as fuel and vodka would remain stable, and he promised that wages would rise to cover most price increases.

The proposals are part of the country's moves toward a market-oriented economy. Soviet prices long have been set by the government, often without regard for production costs.

The Soviet Union's budget deficit reached \$93 billion last year, and Pavlov said the government can no longer subsidize retail prices. Some have remained unchanged for 30 years.

The 1991 budget calls for subsidies of about \$366 billion. "We can't afford to pay that for even one month," Pavlov said.

The proposals, which need parliamentary approval, have apparently been endorsed by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who appointed Pavlov.

Pavlov said they have not been made final because the republics of Russia, Byelorussia and the Ukraine are still seeking authority to set their own salary compensation levels. The prime minister said that was unfair.

Under the proposed reforms, producers and retail sellers would be allowed to negotiate "contractual prices" for items including natural fabrics, adult leather shoes, carpets, refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, radios, smoked sausage and imported cigarettes. Pavlov did not say if there would be a ceiling on the prices.

He said the plan calls for cutting subsidies for producers of milk, fish and medicine, and eliminating subsidies for most other foods. Higher

prices on luxury foods should cover the cost of remaining food subsidies, he said.

Pavlov said prices would be raised but remain fixed by the state for meat, bread, milk, eggs, sugar, tea, flour, salt, linen and children's goods. He did not say how much the prices would rise.

Prices would remain unchanged on medicine, coffee, synthetic fabrics, toys, boots, lingerie, gasoline, kerosene, natural gas, coal, electricity, firewood and vodka — the Soviets' favorite drink.

Pavlov said increasing the price of vodka would only drive many people to make moonshine. "Also,

it would be a big blow to the family budget," he said.

It might also be costly to the state budget. The treasury lost \$64 billion in revenues several years ago when it tried to reduce alcoholism by raising vodka prices and cutting alcohol production.

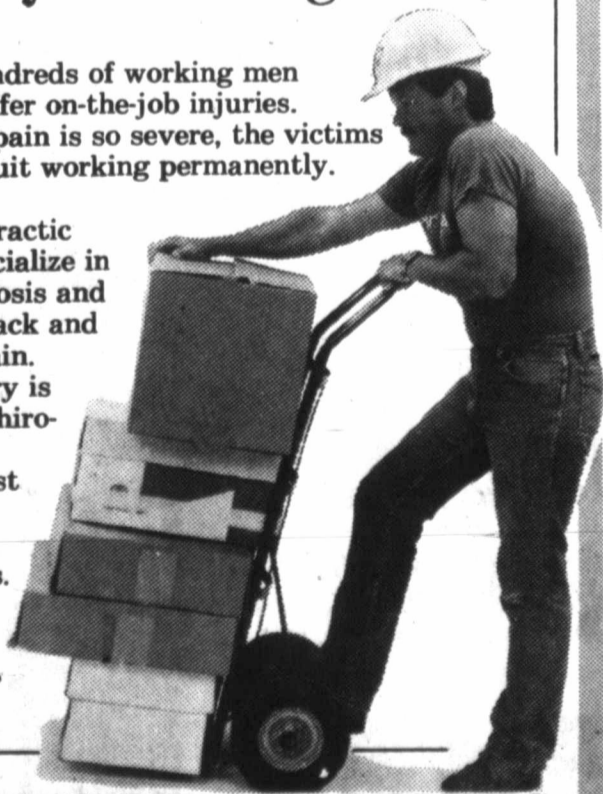
Pavlov suggested salary increases should be introduced before price rises, saying many people do not believe government promises.

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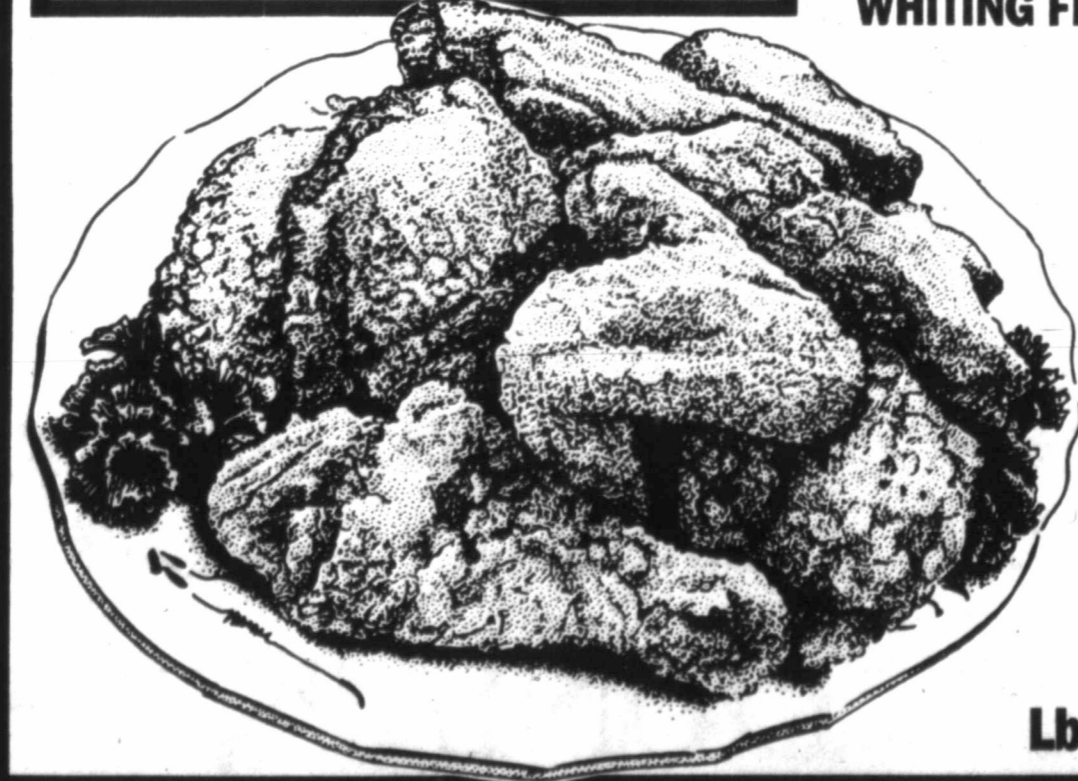
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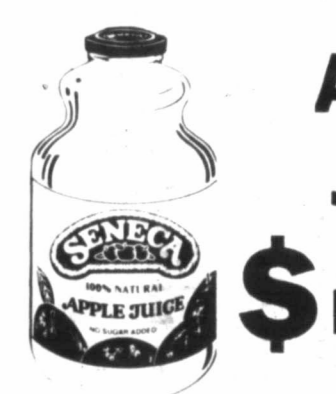
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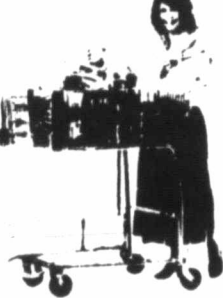
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Canadians beg U.S. recruiters to let them join the Gulf war

By DAVID FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Hundreds of young Canadians eager to join the war against Iraq are contacting U.S. recruiters in northern border cities from Bellingham to Buffalo.

"They see the Rambo movies, it gets their blood hopping," said Sgt. Ric Logg, a Marine recruiter in Bellingham, 21 miles from the Canadian border.

But the vast majority of Canada's would-be warriors leave U.S. recruiting offices disappointed. Immigration laws bar most non-residents from serving in the U.S. military.

"Maybe one out of every 20 that I get calls from is qualified," Logg said.

Recruiters here for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines said the Canadians began pouring in Jan. 17, the day after U.S. planes started bombing Iraq.

"Since we're right on the border, we've always had two or three Canadians a week stop in or call," said Sgt. 1st Class David Schwein, an Army recruiter. "Following the start of the war, we had at least 20 a day. We were swamped by Canadians. Now it's gone down to four or five a day."

Recruiters in Detroit and Buffalo, N.Y., also report a surge of calls, though precise numbers are hard to come by. The Army Recruiting Command in Chicago counts only enlistees, not those turned away, but officials there said interest is high all along the U.S.-Canada border.

War protests, counterprotests remain intense, but peaceful

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — "You hate America, I hate you," the husky male voice on the telephone said. "You peaceniks are scum. You deserve whatever bad happens to you, just like the punks at Kent State deserved to be shot."

The anonymous message clicked in at 8:58 a.m. Feb. 5 on the voice mail machine at the Los Angeles Alliance for Survival, a peace group active in organizing nonviolent resistance to the Persian Gulf War.

Five days later, a group of war protesters in Nevada City, Calif., also ran into disagreement, but it was more civil.

As the protesters hoisted anti-war banners in a park near a freeway entrance, a caravan of automobiles, dump trucks and logging trucks drove by with banners supporting the war effort.

"They gave us a thumbs down, and we honked and waved at them," said Nevada City Councilman Dave Tobiasen, who organized the caravan. "No animosity toward those people."

The hate mail on the Los Angeles recording machine and the low-key confrontation in Nevada City represent two faces of the uneasy relationship between supporters and opponents of the war against Iraq.

Feeling runs high on both sides, but has not yet been acted out with the intensity of the Vietnam era, which reached its peak when four students at Kent State University were shot to death by National Guardsmen on May 4, 1970.

"I am impressed with the civility of people on all sides. Perhaps it is one of the blessings of the Vietnam War experience," said the Rev. David Bunje, pastor of the Nevada City United Methodist Church and a veteran of the anti-war movement.

"I think most of the demonstrations, unlike the demonstrations in Vietnam, have been peaceful," said Lloyd Brown, head of Young America's Foundation in Arlington, Va., which helps organize campus demonstrations in support of the war.

All has not been sweetness and light, however. At Pierce College in Woodland Hills, Calif., shortly after the war broke out, anti-war students scuffled with pro-war student athletes and arrests were made.

At a march in Washington on Jan. 26, there was some shoving between the groups but march monitors usually separated them by forming human chains.

"At a couple of peace demonstrations, there have been hecklers from the other side and some of our people have responded verbally to that, and so it ends up being a shouting match," said Carla Wallace, a peace movement organizer in Louisville, Ky. "We are counseling our folks not to respond to hecklers. The message gets lost when people start arguing and pushing each other."

In Texas, recruiters say Mexicans willing to risk combat in exchange for U.S. citizenship and steady jobs have also been showing up at Army offices along the border since the war broke out.

"They're giving my recruiters reports that they have read it in some Mexican newspapers that the U.S. Army is accepting anybody," said Aaron Williams, spokesman for the San Antonio Army Recruiting Battalion.

At the Army recruiting office in Brownsville, Staff Sgt. Gilberto Velasquez said the first few weeks "we were getting five to 10 people a day." He said the number had since dwindled as word spread that the Army did not offer citizenship or legal residency.

For Canadians, the motive seems to be more an eagerness to see action.

"Eight out of 10 come looking for the Airborne Rangers, the gung-ho stuff," Schwein said.

Some say they tried to join

Canada's small military but were discouraged by the long waiting list. Others complain that even if the Canadian service accepts them, it offers limited opportunities for combat.

Canada has deployed only 1,850 troops, three Navy ships and 18 fighter jets to the Persian Gulf, compared with a U.S. force of more than 500,000 troops and hundreds of warplanes.

The larger U.S. Army means more opportunities for advancement, said Jason Girouard, who drove this week to Bellingham from his home near Vancouver, British Columbia, to call on Army recruiters.

If Girouard, 19, were a U.S. citizen, recruiters would snatch him up. He's muscular, clean-cut and serious about a military career. At age 11 he joined Canada's Army Cadets; at 18 he joined the Royal Canadian Militia, Canada's reserves. Now he's setting his sights on the U.S. military's elite Special Forces.

The sweet smell of success

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study funded by the perfume industry says people concentrate better on the job when given occasional whiffs of peppermint-scented air.

Studies show that bursts of peppermint fragrance "somehow allow you to pay attention better, particularly at the end of a task," said Raja Parasuraman, a psychologist at Catholic University of America in Washington.

A separate study found that office workers set higher goals for themselves and were more likely to compromise in negotiations when commercial air fresheners were put in the room with them.

"Pretty much all the measures we collected seemed to show a positive effect of air fresheners," said the study's author, Robert A. Baron of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

The studies, presented Monday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, were supported by money from perfume makers and sellers.

The researchers said the legitimacy of the findings was supported by the fact that several independent studies had reached similar conclusions.

The scientists emphasized that this research was in its infancy. They said many more studies would be required to understand precisely how and when this olfactory effect occurs.

William Dember, a psychologist at the University of Cincinnati, was the first to report the correlation between peppermint sniffing and scoring well on the attention test, a computerized measure of a subject's ability to maintain vigilance and react to changes on the computer screen.

Similar findings were then made by Parasuraman, who also

noted a change in brain electrical activity, suggesting an alteration or enhancement of brain function.

Baron's studies of air fresheners were yet another piece of research that seemed in general agreement with the other findings, the researchers said.

The researchers said they believed the improvements in performance would occur only in response to pleasant smells, although they have not yet tested the effect of unpleasant smells.

"We started out using pleasant fragrances because we didn't want to alienate our subjects, and the word would get around and the research would be over," Dember said.

"There's so much more to do," he said. "We're not ready to recommend that people pass peppermint under their noses."

Dember found that the same improvements resulted when he substituted a lily-of-the-valley fragrance for the peppermint.

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Lifestyles



Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston

It is thrilling to be able to write about a bird which has never before been reported in the Pampa area! An Inca Dove was first seen on Sunday, Feb. 3 by some experienced birders who live on Grape Street. One has also been seen since that day; maybe these beautiful little doves will become residents here.

Our initial sighting of an Inca Dove was in May of 1982, at San Antonio; then a few years later we began seeing them in central Texas. They aren't as commonly seen as are Mourning Doves; but they are no longer listed as rare. For several years they have been seen in Palo Duro Canyon; then when they were sighted in Amarillo, it was a good indication that they were moving closer to us. And now they have been seen here! Fantastic!

The first time you see an Inca Dove, you may think it is just a small Mourning Dove, because it looks very much like a miniature Mourning Dove. It is about 6 1/2 inches in length (just a little larger than a house sparrow). The basic shape of the little bird is essentially the same as a Mourning Dove, except that the Mourning Dove's neck is longer. The tail of the Inca is more blunt, although the configuration of the white margin to the long gray tail feathers makes the tail appear to be pointed like that of a Mourning Dove. When you see an Inca on the ground, and are able to get a close look with your binoculars, look for the scaly back, which is diagnostic. The coloring of the Inca is gray, while a Mourning Dove is light brownish, but when an Inca is in flight, you will notice rufous wings.

In identifying birds, it is impor-

tant to consider what you would expect to see. So, would you expect an Inca Dove to have rather long legs like a Mockingbird? Would you expect it to sit uprightly, like a hawk or an owl? No, the silhouette of a dove is wedge-shaped, and you don't see its legs at all. Would you expect to see it at a hanging feeder? No, it would be found on the ground, or on a platform-type feeder. Then what would you expect it to eat? You wouldn't expect it to fly after insects, as members of the Flycatcher family do. It eats small grain seeds: so its habitat is suburban gardens, city parks, ranches, and fields.

Perhaps because this little Dove is too small to be considered a game bird, it shows little fear of man, and may become quite tame. This may be the reason it is often found in populated areas. Watch for it around your house. It may build a trail nest of small twigs placed low in a tree or bush. Listen for its soft call, a double "cooah, cooah."

Congratulations, Mary and Tom, for being the first to report this exciting find!

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Several people have reported seeing Bald Eagles near the beef packing plant just east of Amarillo on Highway 60. You might see them on the ground, or flying. Golden Eagles have been seen in the same area.

Most of the hawks seen around here this time of year are Ferruginous, Rough-legged, or Northern Harriers. The Ferruginous in the light phase is white underneath, with rusty markings on its wings



Inca Dove

and legs. The Rough-legged appears to have a black 'apron', and has a broad black border on its white tail. The Northern Harrier (formerly called the Marsh Hawk) often flies low along fence rows. It white rump is its most distinguishing feature.

We've been having to shoo away a pesky Yellow Flicker that keeps drilling on a metal vent on the back of our house. This loud fellow isn't a welcome guest when he acts like that!

Flocks of Cedar Waxwings have been coming in.

Some people have seen Redwing Blackbirds in town. Out in the country, you may see huge clouds of Redwings flying around grain fields.

A few Pine Siskins and Gold Finches are being reported at this time; but we haven't seen any at ours yet. The Gold Finches won't begin turning bright yellow for six or eight weeks.

Regional Hoop Shoot winners



Left, Seth Stribling and Kyle Gamblin display trophies won in Amarillo at the Elks Lodge district Hoop Shoot contest. Stribling won third in the 12-13 year old division. Gamblin won first place in the 8-9 year old division. Gamblin as a first place winner will go to Dallas on March 1 for the state Hoop Shoot contest. From there winners may advance to a regional contest in Oklahoma City.

helping hands volunteer opportunities

- ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM**
Pampa Adult Literacy Group teaches people to read. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 669-7142 or 665-4387.
- CORONADO NURSING CENTER**
There are a few volunteer needs left. We need an art teacher and a volunteer to supervise three mornings of prayer time, exercises, and current events. One volunteer needed for arts and crafts. Call Odessa East, 665-5746.
- TRALEE CRISIS CENTER**
Tralee Crisis Center is a non-profit organization which exists to provide safe shelter, crisis counseling, advocacy transportation and a 24-hour hotline for victims of family violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes. Volunteers are an intricate part of our service delivery and are needed in all areas of service. Volunteer training is held quarterly. Parenting classes are conducted quarterly. For more information call 669-1131.
- PAMPA NURSING CENTER**
Pampa Nursing Center needs volunteers for the morning exercise program starting at 10 a.m., Monday through Friday. Simple stretching and strengthening exercises are required geared for residents who are in wheel chairs. For more information contact Ina Gale Rowell at 669-2551.
- TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
The Texas Department of Human Services uses volunteers for a variety of services: paperwork for HUD recipients; taxiing disabled and elderly to doctor appointments, preparing food baskets, and serving as coordinators between clients and caseworkers. Occasionally special talents are needed to repair roofs, paint or handle small plumbing problems. For more information call 665-1863.
- BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS**
The Big Brothers/Big Sisters program is in need of adults age 19 and up to serve as big brothers or sisters to children in the program. Volunteers need to commit between three to four hours per week for one year to the program. For more information contact Peggy David, director, 665-1211.
- PAMPA SHELTERED WORKSHOP**
Pampa Sheltered Workshop offers employment and recreation to retarded citizens over the age of 21. For more information contact Ruth Durkee, director, 669-6322.
- LIFE AND LOVE ALTERNATIVES**
Life and Love Alternatives is a group that provides help for women facing crisis pregnancies. Assistance is needed for donations of clothing, especially baby and maternity clothing; frozen and canned foods; and baby furniture. For more information, contact Lendy Woodridge at 669-9999.
- AMERICAN RED CROSS**
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for safety programs, youth programs, morning office work and fund development. The loan closet has wheel chairs, crutches, hospital beds, potty chairs other items to loan for community use. For more information contact Lynda Duncan, director, 669-7121.
- CORONADO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**
CCH's Auxiliary program needs persons of all ages to work in various areas of the hospital. If interested, call Nancy Paronto, 665-3721, ext. 132, for more information.
- MEALS ON WHEELS**
Meals on Wheels, located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, supplies hot meals to the elderly and home bound. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the kitchen and drivers are needed from 11 a.m. to noon to deliver meals. For more information contact Ann Loter, 669-1007.
- SALVATION ARMY**
Pampa's Salvation Army needs volunteers at the Thrift store and at the church. Help is needed to sort clothing and goods at the Thrift store, call 669-9024 for available schedule. Volunteers are needed once a month to help serve meals, coffee and tea during the Golden Ager's luncheon. A free lunch is provided to volunteers. Call the Army office at 665-7233 for more information.

Be my Valentine



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Pampa Middle School students from left, Brandy Mobley, D. J. Franks, Jerren Miller, Matt Rhine, Ricky Rivera, Neil Hanks, Ryan Davis, Yesenia Hernandez, Ann Carmichael, and Patty Montoya get 230 Valentines ready to mail to local soldiers and sailors in the Middle East. Art students of Ms. Durham wove red and white paper Valentines, and the English classes of Ms. Diller, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Attockney supplied letters to mail with the cards. Pampa Middle School students, staff, and teachers donated money for the postage.

Teen's pregnancy turns prince into frog

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter was 16 1/2, she met what we thought at the time was a nice young man, 18. He was her first real boyfriend. He came over a lot, we met his parents. They told us what a fine Christian family they were.

We thought it was odd that all of a sudden he decided to transfer to college out of state. We found out the weekend after he left that our daughter was pregnant! I went to his folks and told them. That next weekend, they had their son come home from college and they all came over.

They said that they would like to help out financially, but couldn't because they had two kids in college. They bought their son a sports car and a motorcycle. My daughter asked him to pay \$8 for half her vitamins. He refused. She got a few letters from him, then a phone call saying he had a new girlfriend, and she should just find someone else (when she is seven months pregnant?).

My daughter was planning on going through adoption; her boyfriend's parents said they sure didn't believe in abortion. Well, the adoption didn't go through. She kept the baby. Since she lives at home, she doesn't qualify for support other than medical care for the baby. We have expenses for formulas, diapers, etc. She wants to finish her senior year in high school. Meanwhile, the boyfriend is driving his sports car and motorcycle. He called and asked why she didn't let him know she kept the child, but refuses to help out financially.

I only hope this letter will help



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

some teen-ager realize she is too young to listen to the boy she thinks is the greatest. My daughter thought he could do no wrong, but found out differently — the hard way.

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DEAR GRANDMA: This young man is legally responsible for the child he fathered at age 18. The legal system is on your side — and you should find out to what extent. Please don't wait. See a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I am not writing for a solution, but hope that sharing our family's experience might benefit others.

After our daughter had been married for a couple of years, we decided to give her and her husband her "inheritance" early so they could buy a house. They had gone together for a number of years, and we felt

confident that this marriage would go the distance. We were wrong.

They are now being divorced, and he is getting the house! In our ignorance, we gave them a large sum of money to buy the house. The papers were drawn up in both their names. Big mistake! Details would make this letter much too long, but our daughter is getting the short end of the stick and is losing much of the money we intended her to have.

Abby, please advise anyone considering giving a sizable check to a married daughter or son to make it out in the name of your child only. Naturally, any appreciation on the house or interest earned on money becomes joint property, but the initial gift would have been our daughter's if we had made out the papers and checks in her name only.

OLDER AND WISER

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Composting is the process of turning organic materials you normally throw away—things like leaves and grass clippings—into a rich soil nutrient called humus.

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- 5 King
- 8 Opening
- 12 Unclose (poet.)
- 14 Cookout
- 15 Indigo dye
- 16 Gravel ridge
- 17 — bitly
- 18 Seaport in Italy
- 20 Arguments
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- 28 Suffer remorse
- 31 Athletic center
- 32 Suits
- 33 Before Nov.
- 34 Flower necklace

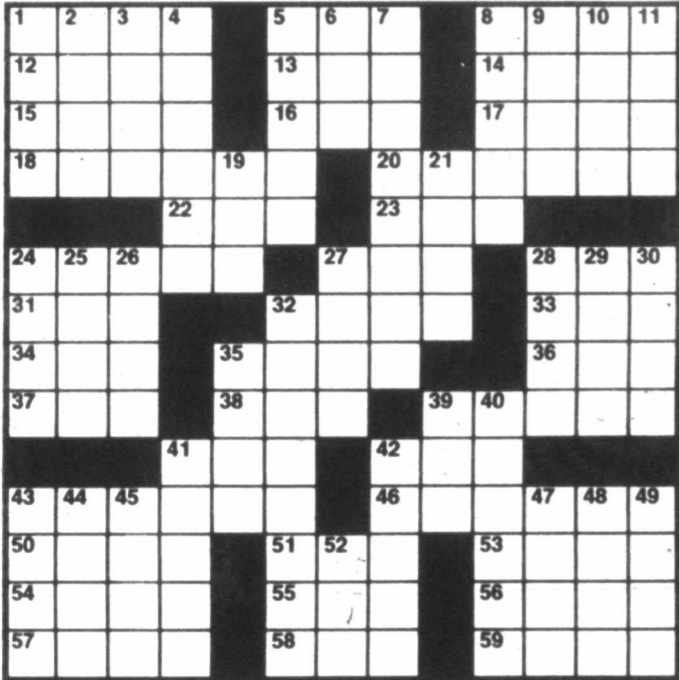
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- 36 Middle East org.
- 37 Superlative suffix
- 38 Teeny
- 39 Vast expanse
- 41 Fied
- 42 Spawn
- 43 Satisfied (debt)
- 46 Assurance
- 50 — check
- 51 I think, therefore
- 53 Kite stabilizer
- 54 — vidi vici
- 55 Weaken
- 56 Leave — Beaver
- 57 Mexican money
- 58 Owns
- 59 Grind with the teeth

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ABATED	UPPITY
MUS	ALL
ARMS	YIP FETE
NAME	VINERY
USS	NUN
DAN	ETC
VAGUER	SERB
BENE	AIT DAIS
REY	KOA DST
AREUSE	BENITO
CENSOR	SMEARS
EDENS	SOLOS

- 2 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
- 3 Shear
- 4 Salutations
- 5 Perch
- 6 — and downs
- 7 Come upon
- 8 — light
- 9 Baseball events
- 10 Short for Nathan
- 11 Men
- 19 Rather than (poet.)
- 21 Witches
- 24 Amorous look
- 25 Side issues
- 26 Exude
- 27 Celebration
- 28 Heavy string
- 29 W. Coast coll.
- 30 — jacket
- 32 Diabolical
- 35 Bridge on the River
- 39 Alley —
- 40 Irish, e.g.
- 41 Proportion
- 42 Inclines
- 43 Please reply
- 44 Fencing sword
- 45 Singer Lily
- 47 Word of honor
- 48 Small amount
- 49 Puff
- 52 Drivers' org.



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GEECH



By Jerry Bittle

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might have to deal with someone who has a surly disposition today. Don't let this individual push you around, but, by the same token, don't present an opening for an argument. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Time can be spent constructively today by analyzing your financial or commercial objectives for the coming week. Determine your priorities and stick to them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Guard against inclinations to overemphasize your self-interests today. In order to work well with others, you must be both philosophical and cooperative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let your compassionate instincts govern your behavior today so that you won't be unduly frustrated if you have to suffer inconveniences imposed upon you by companions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Tact and diplomacy can achieve things for you today that flexing your muscles or raising your voice cannot. Nice guys won't finish last.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you operate within the high standards you establish for yourself today, success is likely. But, if you use the same devious tactics practiced by some, it could be another story.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let your ego get in the way today, causing you to pretend that you are knowledgeable about something you're not. Associates will think more of you if you honestly say, "I don't know."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A need for instant gratification might induce you to buy something now which your prudent sense says you can't afford until later. It might be wise to wait.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Others may find you a bit too domineering and assertive today, though not by design. To be on the safe side, be extremely conscious of how you deal with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your earning potential is quite good at present, but you might not be fully prepared to work for what you hope to get. Unfortunately, it won't be handed to you on a platter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Participating in a large group activity could make you feel a trifle uncomfortable today, especially if it involves a substantial number of people you don't know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If your objective is not well-defined today, there's a possibility that you might go to a lot of trouble to achieve something only to discover that after you got it, it wasn't worth the effort.

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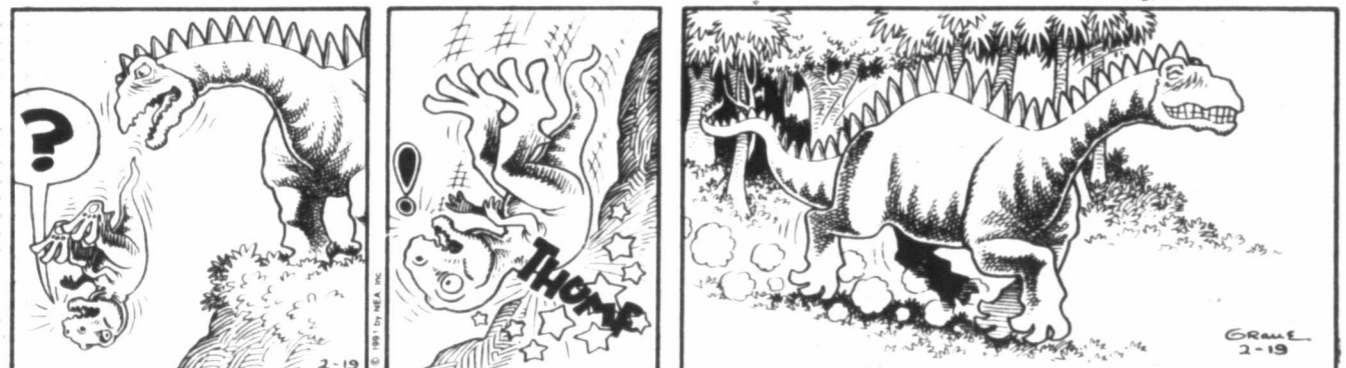
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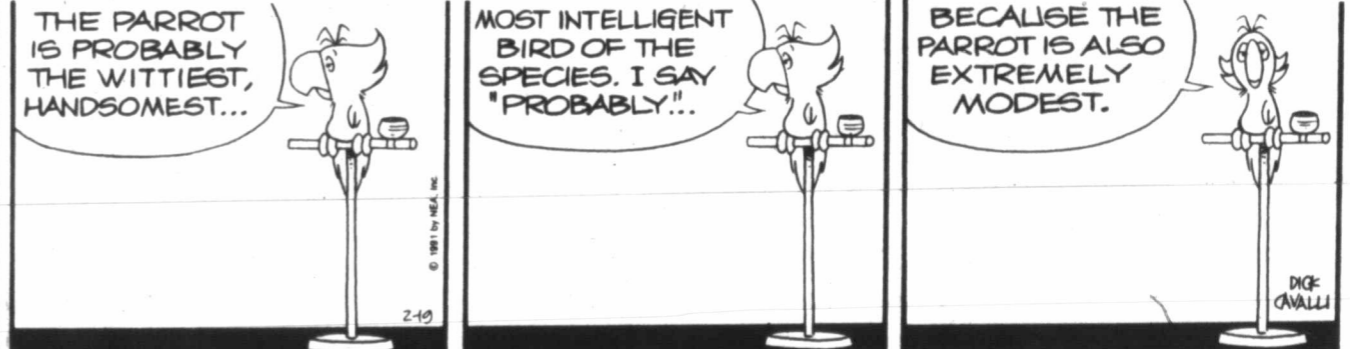
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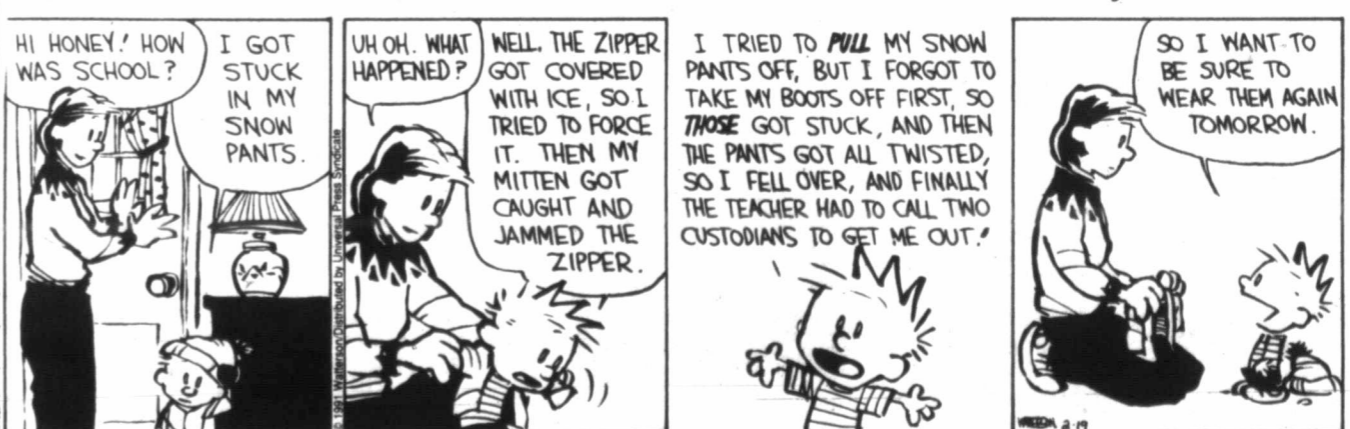
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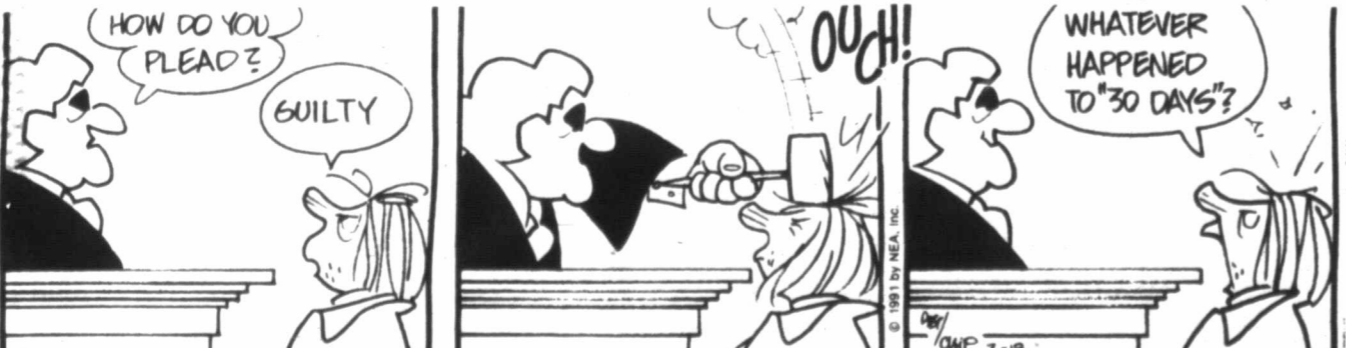
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Sports

Pirates return to top 25

College poll

By The Associated Press

With UNLV winning, there was no room at the top for Ohio State. But Seton Hall found some room at the bottom of the The Associated Press college basketball poll.

The Pirates, who have bounced in and out of the polls all season, made it back in Monday as No. 24 after key Big East victories over Georgetown and Pittsburgh.

Seton Hall squeezed in ahead of Georgetown, which plunged seven places from No. 18 to No. 25 after two straight conference losses. Along with Seton Hall, the Hoyas lost to Connecticut.

The Pirates replaced Texas, which split two games last week to slip out of the rankings.

Meanwhile, second-ranked Ohio State was unable to make any headway despite a dramatic, double-overtime victory over fourth-ranked Indiana.

That's because defending national champion UNLV remained unbeaten with two more victories last week, running the Rebels' record to 22-0 and keeping them the unanimous choice for No. 1 with a clean sweep of the 63 first-place votes.

The Runnin' Rebels, who extended their nation's longest winning streak to 33, pulled down 1,575 points in the nationwide balloting of sports writers and broadcasters. UNLV won its 34th straight game

Monday night.

The Buckeyes (22-1) remained No. 2 with 1,501 points, and the Hoosiers (22-3) are still No. 4 with 1,347. Squeezed between those two is Arkansas (25-2), which recovered from its loss to UNLV to beat Texas Tech by 18 points and Texas Christian by 33 last week.

After the top four, the poll changed dramatically from last week. Only No. 22 Pittsburgh stayed put.

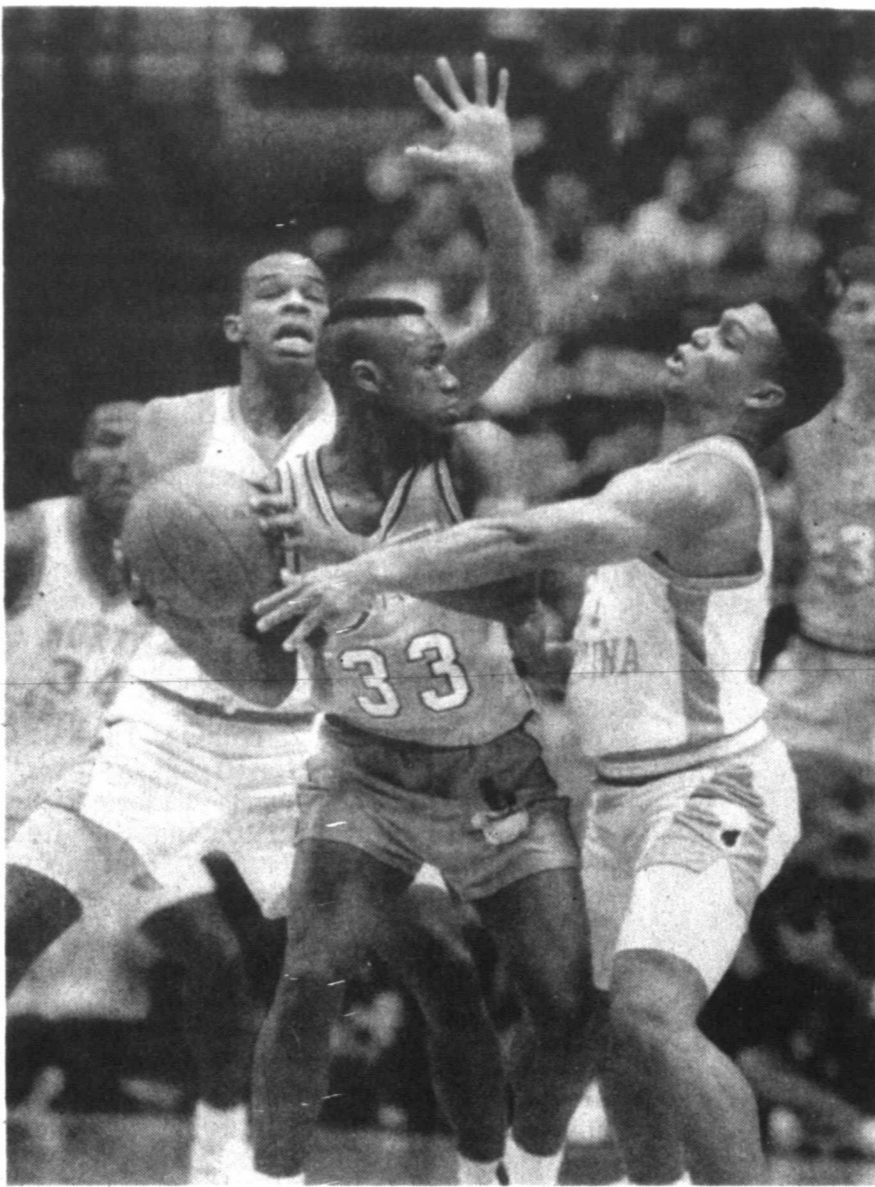
Georgetown made the biggest drop while Big East colleague St. John's fell five places to No. 18. Oklahoma State made the biggest jump, moving five places to No. 16.

Syracuse (22-3), which went over 100 points in victories over Providence and Boston College last week, improved from No. 7 to No. 5. North Carolina (19-4) also moved up two places to No. 6 after beating Wake Forest and Maryland. But a loss to Wake Forest cost Duke (22-5) two places, down from No. 5 to No. 7.

Kansas (19-4) jumped three spots from No. 11 to No. 8 after beating Missouri and Kansas State, while Arizona (20-5) dropped from No. 6 to No. 9 after losing to unranked Georgia Tech.

Utah (24-2) climbed four places to No. 10 following wins last week against Wyoming and Brigham Young.

The Second Ten: Southern Mississippi, Kentucky, East Tennessee State, Nebraska, New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, UCLA, St. John's, LSU and Virginia.



(AP Laserphoto)

North Carolina's Hubert Davis and King Rice has The Citadel's Lamar Wright trapped during first-period action Monday night.

Tar Heels continue 20-game win streak

College basketball

By TOM FOREMAN Jr.
AP Sports Writer

If basketball was a course and not an extra-curricular activity at North Carolina, a passing grade would be 20 — as in 20 victories in a season.

In the 30 years of coach Dean Smith's tenure, Tar Heel seniors have made the grade 24 times, including 21 straight since 1971. The program also can brag about a record-tying 35 seasons of 20 or more victories after a 118-50 beating of The Citadel Monday night.

King Rice says making Dean's list was a top priority when he came to Chapel Hill four years ago.

"You sort of knew that when you were coming to North Carolina, that you had a great opportunity to win a lot of basketball games," Rice said. "Coach Smith always has his teams prepared, and that's what happened this year. This team was just well prepared, and we've just got to give coach Smith a lot of credit."

Rice, Pete Chilcutt and Rick Fox all have enjoyed four 20-win seasons. The streak was in peril last year when North Carolina got in under the wire with a 21-13 record. It was a little easier this year, and the critics are silent.

"Last year, everyone thought after we had 10 quick losses, we might

not get 20," Fox said. "Not only is it a significant number around here, but it is a barrier. You realize that if you win 20 games in a college season, you're a pretty good team."

Five other pretty good teams, all members of the Top 25, won Monday night, although No. 17 Nebraska needed a record-tying 40 points by 7-foot-2 center Rich King to subdue Northern Illinois 82-73.

No. 1 UNLV (23-0) ran its winning streak to 34 games by beating Long Beach State 122-75.

In other games, it was No. 7 Syracuse 88, Florida State 79; No. 10 East Tennessee 102, Western Carolina 78; and No. 11 Southern Mississippi 88, Texas-Pan American 77.

The Tar Heels had their fifth straight victory in hand after four minutes.

North Carolina scored the game's first 14 points while the Bulldogs were struggling with four turnovers, a blocked shot, one failed 3-pointer and a charging call. The Citadel's first basket came at the 15:09 mark on Scott Van Schaardenburg's 10-footer.

A run of 21-2 over a five-minute stretch extended North Carolina's lead to 51-17.

Reserves Hubert Davis and Clifford Rozier scored 15 points each to lead North Carolina.

Lamar Wright scored 14 and Terry Campbell 12 for The Citadel.

Subs spark Mavs past Golden State

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Golden State Warriors have surprised a lot of people by being six games above the .500 mark more than half way through the NBA season.

But coach Don Nelson was unimpressed.

"Don't start comparing us to good teams," Nelson said. "We've got a long way to go."

The Warriors proved that Monday night in a 107-101 home loss to Dallas, a team 9 games under .500. The Warriors held a 29-15 lead at the end of the first quarter, but lost it all, as Alex English led a fine effort by Dallas reserves with 24 points.

The result proved once again that Golden State still has trouble handling big opponents. The Warriors were further hampered Monday by the absence of center Alton Lister, who was suffering from the flu.

"It's back to reality," Nelson said. "When people start thinking we're better than we are, we lose a game we probably should win. Let this be a lesson to all of us. We shouldn't think about (playoff) position. This team hasn't even made the playoffs yet."

Dallas, Nelson believes, can be a playoff team, although it probably

won't happen this season. The Mavericks, hobbled serious early season knee injuries to center Roy Tarpley and point guard Fat Lever, have won seven of their last 10 games but are still just 20-29 for the season.

"Put a healthy Tarpley — and then add Fat Lever — and this team could contend with anybody," Nelson said.

Harper, who scored 13 of his 24 points in the last quarter, was a leader Monday. He hit two straight three-point baskets and then a long two-pointer to give Dallas a 99-95 lead with 2:13 left. English then made two straight baskets for a 103-97 lead at 0:42.

"Harper got hot at the right time," Maverick coach Richie Adubato said. "And Alex English (a 36-year-old, 14-year NBA veteran) looked like the English of old."

"I sort of felt that it was time to take charge," Harper said. "I had some good opportunities and could go to the basket. The key was that we moved the ball well and got open shots."

Chris Mullin, who scored a game-high 33 points, said, "We play terribly after we get off to good starts. We get lackadaisical. I don't know what it is."

Mitch Richmond and Tim Hardaway scored 24 and 22, respectively.

Olajuwon works out

HOUSTON (AP) — Akeem Olajuwon completed his first full workout with the Houston Rockets in more than six weeks following eye surgery and is so eager to return to the team that he is moving up his own timetable by about a week.

Olajuwon worked out Monday for the first time since he was injured Jan. 3 when Chicago's Bill Cartwright elbowed him in the right eye. He underwent surgery to repair the eye and has missed 21 games. The Rockets are 12-9 without him, but have won nine of their last 11.

Olajuwon said Monday after the workout he is hoping to rejoin the lineup in Los Angeles, where the Rockets will play a Feb. 28 game against the Clippers and a March 3 game against the Lakers.

"I felt good getting out on the floor and doing all of the things that everybody else does in practice," Olajuwon said. "Being able to do that is getting me excited, and now I want to come back and play as soon as possible."

First playoff team



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

The 1990-91 Pampa Lady Harvesters' basketball team became the first girls' team in school history to ever advance to the post-season playoffs. Team members are assistant coach Dinah Costner (kneeling) and (l-r) Bridgett Mathis, Aprille Epperson, Nikki Ryan, Christie Jones, Kristen Becker, Amber Seaton, Lisa Jeffery, head coach Albert Nichols, Sheila Reed, Christa West and assistant coach Deb Harner.

Sports Scene

Softball

An organizational meeting for the Pampa spring softball leagues is being planned for the first week in March.

Softball representative Mike Killgo said more teams and sponsors are needed this year.

Killgo said area teams will be able to participate in the Open League and a Mixed League will be organized for the spring season.

For more information, contact the Pampa Park and Recreation office.

A slowpitch softball Umpires Association meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 14 in the Gray County Courthouse courtroom.

Basketball

The Pampa Harvesters meet the Levelland Lobos at 7:30 p.m. tonight in a Class 4A bi-district game.

The game will be played in the West Texas State Fieldhouse in Canyon and tickets at \$1 for students and \$3 for adults are on sale at the high school athletic office.

The Harvesters, ranked seventh in Class 4A, have a 30-3 record while Levelland is 12-18. Both teams met earlier in the season with the Harvesters taking a 69-49 decision.

The winner plays District 3-4A champion Sweetwater in the Area playoff round.

Parking for the game is available on the north side of the WT campus, approximately a block and a half from the fieldhouse. Harvesters fans can reach the parking lot by making a left turn at the first light coming into Canyon from the north.

The Harvesters are in the playoffs for the third year in a row,

going 10-0 in district this season.

The Lobos were runnerup behind Lamesa in their district this season.

Soccer

Pampa Soccer Association will hold signups for its spring season Friday and Saturday at the Pampa Mall in front of T-Shirts & More.

Signup times are from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

New players must produce a birth certificate.

Age groups are Under 6 (born in 1986 & 1985), Under 8 (born in 1984 and 1983), Under 10 (born in 1982 and 1981), Under 12 (born in 1980 and 1979) and Under 14 (born in 1978 & 1977).

Signup fee is \$20 per player, which also includes a uniform.

Baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's best two-sport player is now a \$2 million man.

Bo Jackson avoided a hearing scheduled for today when he agreed Monday with Kansas City on a one-year contract worth \$2,375,000.

Jackson, who just finished the fourth season of a five-year, \$7.4 million contract with the Los Angeles Raiders, had lost in arbitration last year and was paid \$1 million instead of the \$1,900,001 he had wanted.

"He's improved every year, and we believe he will continue to get better," Kansas City general manager Herk Robinson said. "I think he's going to have a heck of a year."

The 28-year-old outfielder was limited to 111 games because of injuries last season and hit .272 with 28 home runs and 78 RBIs. He was hurt again in the NFL play-

offs, injuring his right hip in the Raiders' 20-10 second-round victory over Cincinnati on Jan. 13.

Jackson was named to the Pro Bowl team but was unable to play in the Feb. 3 game because of the injury.

"The injury, in non-technical terms, is a soft-tissue injury," Robinson said. "It is not considered serious. There was no bone or ligament damage."

Jackson's settlement was 64 percent of the difference between the \$2.7 million he sought and the \$1.8 million Kansas City offered.

Meanwhile, the Royals avoided another arbitration hearing by signing outfielder Danny Tartabull to a one-year contract late Monday night. Tartabull, who made \$1.65 million last year, was asking for \$2.6 million in arbitration. The Royals were offering \$1.75 million.

Because of injuries, Tartabull played in only 88 games last season. He hit 15 home runs and had 60 RBIs.

Three other players settled Monday and two had hearings, leaving 10 remaining in arbitration.

Milwaukee second baseman Jim Gantner had the first hearing in Brewers' history. He asked arbitrator Daniel Collins for \$2 million, while the team offered \$1 million.

Outfielder Cory Snyder went before first-time arbitrator Nicholas Zumas asking for \$1.02 million. The Chicago White Sox offered \$800,000.

In other settlements, Cleveland right-hander Eric King agreed to \$1.45 million, a \$995,000 raise; Chicago outfielder Dan Pasqua agreed to \$800,000, a \$425,000 raise, and Atlanta outfielder Oddibe McDowell agreed to \$925,000, a \$235,000 raise.

Foyt just a spectator at Daytona 500 race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A.J. Foyt was perched on a substantial pair of crutches, peering off into the distance, apparently listening to the steady growl of stock cars zooming around Daytona International Speedway's oval.

The Houston racer smiled somewhat absently as he shook hands and absorbed warm greetings from a swarm of people, including drivers, mechanics, media types and fans.

"I had to be here," Foyt said. "It's where I belong this week."

He was in Daytona Beach to watch last Sunday's Daytona 500, a race he had participated in for 25 consecutive years.

The 56-year-old Foyt admits he is lucky to be anywhere after being seriously injured in an Indy-car crash last September in Elkhart, Lake, Wis.

He broke and punctured both legs — including several compound fractures — crushed both feet, fractured several ribs and sustained a compression fracture of his lower vertebrae in the crash that easily could have killed him.

The brakes on his 1990 Lola apparently failed as Foyt attempted to slow for a curve intended to be negotiated at about 90 mph. Instead he drove through the turn at about 180 mph, sped across an open area, sailed off a 6-foot-high berm and, after a short terrifying flight, crashed nose-first into a dirt bank.

The front of the car was sheered away.

"I'm glad I got both legs and feet," Foyt said. Foyt, always known for his toughness, never lost consciousness, a fact that gave him little comfort.

"Dr. (Terry) Trammell saw how bad it was right away and got on the radio and said, 'Bring all the morphine you got.' It took a long time,

about 40 minutes, to get me out of there and the pain was just terrible. It got so bad after a while that I

asked of the guys to pick up a damn hammer and hit me in the head with it," Foyt said.

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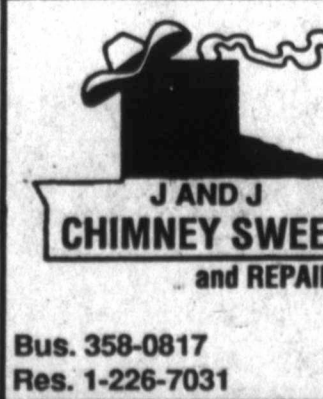
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Maryland pro-choice lawmakers applaud as Gov. William Donald Schaefer prepares to sign a bill in Annapolis, Md., Monday, that would give the state one of the most liberal abortion laws in the nation. Seated with the governor is Senate President Thomas Miller, D-Prince George's, left, and House Speaker R. Clayton Mitchell Jr., D-Kent, right. Opponents are expected to petition the bill to referendum at the 1992 election.

Maryland pro-choice abortion bill signed into law Monday

By JOHN ROLL
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ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Maryland's governor signed a law preserving a woman's right to an abortion even if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns its Roe vs. Wade decision. Anti-abortion activists promised to put the issue before voters.

Gov. William Donald Schaefer signed the bill Monday after the House approved it 84-52. The Senate passed it 29-18 on Feb. 11.

The bill was the focus of a year-long legislative fight over pro-choice legislators' efforts to write into state law key elements of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, which legalized abortion nationwide for the first time. The bill was launched amid indications the high court might reverse the Roe ruling.

Anti-abortion activists promised to try to overturn the bill through a referendum on the November 1992 ballot. They need to collect 32,300 signatures.

"There's no problem getting those signatures. We've had 80,000 signatures in front of the governor without a bill to raise the people up," said Steve Shaneman, director of the anti-abortion Family Protection Lobby.

Abortion-rights activists said they expect a major fight and plan to raise \$1 million, the amount anti-abortion proponents said the battle would cost.

But in the meantime, they celebrated Monday's victory.

"By securing a woman's right to choose, the Maryland Legislature is taking a necessary and vital step toward safeguarding the health and

lives of Maryland woman," said Kate Michelman, director of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Anti-abortion activists blasted the law's passage.

"I just think it is one of the saddest days in the history of the state," said former state Sen. Francis X. Kelly. His leadership role in the anti-abortion movement last year is believed to have helped contribute to his election defeat.

Both houses of the heavily Democratic Legislature have tended to be pro-choice in recent years.

Under the new law, adult women are granted unrestricted access to abortions up to the time a fetus can survive outside the womb. The law didn't define that time. After that, abortions may be performed only to protect a woman's health or when the fetus is deformed.

The law also includes what both sides agree is a weak parental notification clause. It requires that at least one parent be notified when a girl younger than 18 seeks an abortion. Doctors would be allowed to ignore the requirement if they deemed it to be in the best interests of the girl.

Roe vs. Wade gives a woman the unrestricted right to an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy. It lets states place certain restrictions during the second three months to protect a woman's health and during the final three months to protect fetal life.

Fears arose that the law would be overturned after the high court's Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services decision in 1989. The court stopped short of reversing Roe vs. Wade but said states could place

restrictions on a right to abortion, such as limiting the use of public money or medical personnel in performing abortions.

Military braces for Saddam's last option — chemical warfare

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military planners are bracing for what they believe will be Saddam Hussein's last-ditch option in the event allied forces open a ground offensive: chemical warfare.

"It will be his final dirty trick," one Pentagon strategist said. "We firmly believe he'll use it against the allies, sooner or later."

As the likelihood of ground combat grows stronger, allied warplanes have been putting a high priority on hunting and destroying Saddam's chemical storage bunkers, another military officer said.

Those bunkers have been "very, very hard to find," the officer said. "We're just not sure where he put it all."

Military officials here, speaking on condition they not be named, say they anticipate Saddam's forces will try to spread fear and chaos among allied ground forces with an airborne or artillery-fired chemical barrage.

Mustard or nerve gas could be lobbed over front-line ground troops with high-powered artillery, or even dropped on soldiers by an aircraft pilot bent on a suicide mission.

"That would be in keeping

with what he has done in the past," one Army officer said.

"We expect him to try to use his air force (to deliver chemicals) if we begin the ground operation, and we'll be looking for it," the officer said.

U.S. ground troops will wear full chemical protective gear if they cross into Kuwaiti territory from Saudi Arabia, the officials said.

"They'll have everything on — mask, hood, suit, boots and gloves," one officer said.

Airborne troops, if dropped in behind Iraqi lines, are expected to "suit up," but carry their masks and other gear, as would Marine amphibious forces participating in an attack from the sea, the officer said.

Even though Iraq hasn't used its Scud missiles to deliver chemical weapons against Israel or allied troops in Saudi Arabia, the allies haven't totally discounted Saddam's ability to use such a delivery system.

"We know he's able to deliver chemical weapons with his artillery and with aircraft, and that's where we expect him to make a stab with it," one officer said.

One Pentagon chemical expert, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, contended that the use of chemical weaponry doesn't "automatically ... assume mass

casualties."

"Once you release chemical weapons, you are at the mercy of the elements," the expert said. "You need massive amounts of munitions to do anything, and it's not an easy thing to do."

During World War I and in the Iran-Iraq war there were incidents when chemical agents came back on the attacking forces that used them, the expert noted.

"You can expect chemical use to be isolated," he said. "The volume of chemical munitions needed is so great they can't cover an entire battlefield."

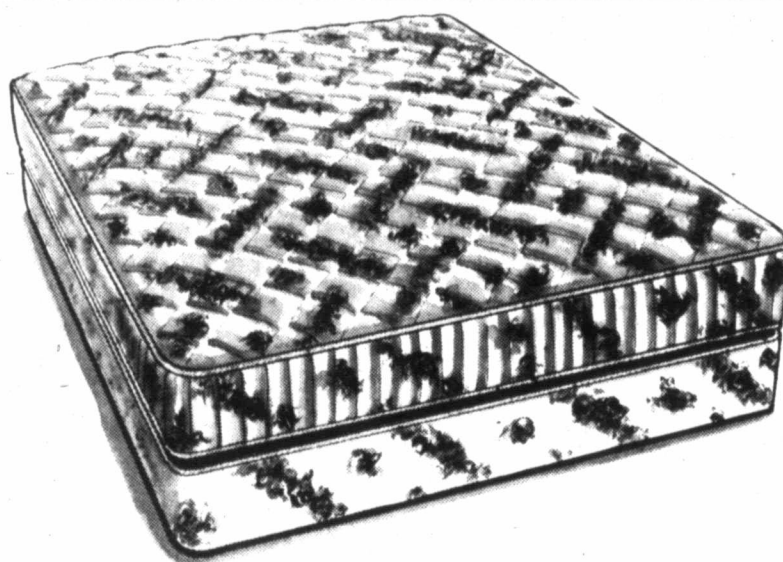
For example, the expert said, the explosion of an artillery shell dissipates a large percentage of its gas. It would take about 17,000 artillery rounds to stop one 800-man infantry battalion.

That would require several hundred artillery guns, lobbing shells for nearly an hour.

Even though the chemical protection gear is bulky and difficult to wear, it provides confidence when every soldier has practiced using the gear, carries an antidote kit and is trained in decontamination methods, the officer argued.

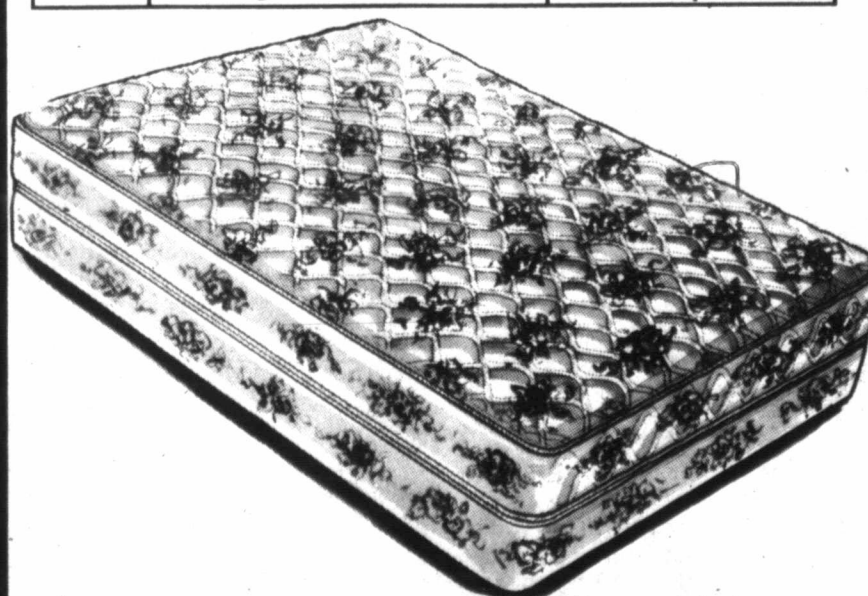
"Chemical warfare has never been effectively used against well-equipped, well-trained troops," the expert said. "The concern is more on the emotional and psychological side."

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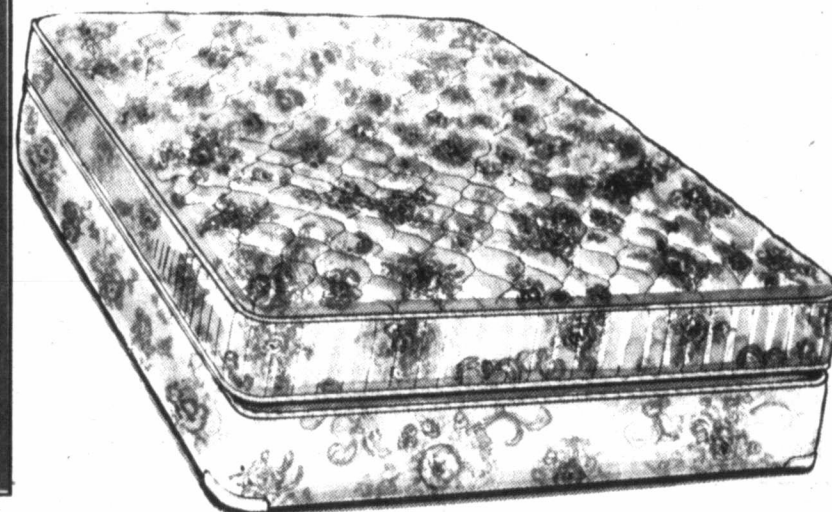
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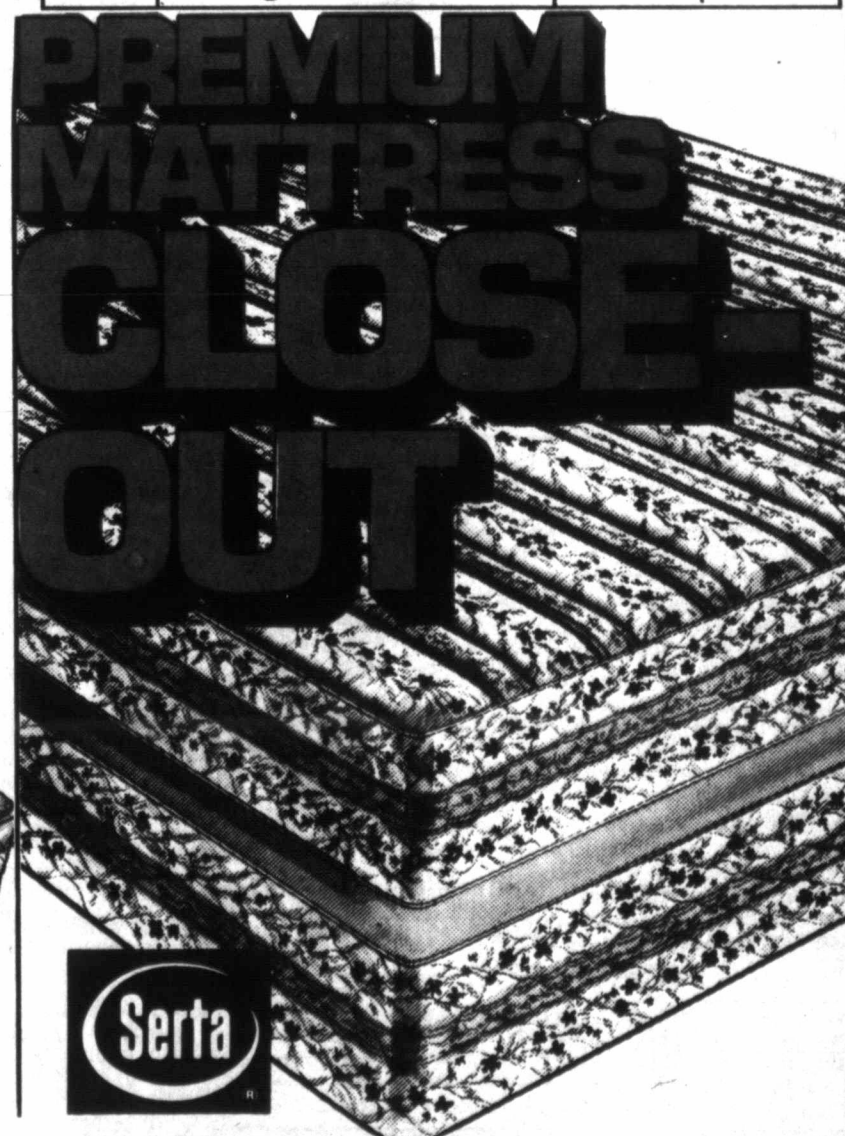
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Researcher says first gene therapy patient improving

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — History's first patient to be treated by gene-replacement therapy appears to be improving from a severe immune disorder, a National Institutes of Health researcher reports.

Dr. R. Michael Blaese, co-researcher in the experimental gene therapy, said a 4-year-old girl being treated for an immune deficiency is showing signs that a replacement gene first injected last September is doing its job.

"We're starting to see improved immune function," Blaese said Monday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Blaese said he and his co-researcher, Dr. W. French Anderson of NIH, are now treating a second child for the same genetic deficiency.

Both children were born without a gene that produces an enzyme called adenosine deaminase, or ADA, which is essential for a healthy immune system. Most children born with ADA deficiency die of infection by the age of two.

The NIH researchers developed a technique in which the missing ADA gene is inserted into the patient's blood cells and the blood is then returned to the patient.

Once they are in the patient's bloodstream, the genetically altered cells begin secreting the missing ADA.

Blaese said the first child has now received three infusions of the treated cells, and her ADA levels are now about 20 percent of normal.

He said there is a "striking increase" in isohemagglutinin, a component of the blood that is a measure of the immune system.

"This child is showing an enhanced gene response following this therapy," said Blaese.

In another type of gene therapy, two adults are being treated for advanced malignant melanoma, a usually fatal type of skin cancer that causes tumors throughout the body.

Dr. Steven A. Rosenberg, also a co-researcher in the NIH gene therapy program, said the two adult patients have received four infusions of blood cells that carry an inserted gene designed to attack their cancer tumors.

The patients, identified only as a 29-year-old woman and a 42-year-old man, are at home waiting to see if the therapy will reduce their tumors, he said.

Rosenberg's study involves genetically altering a type of blood cell called tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte, or TIL. These cells, a part of the immune system, naturally attack cancer and will migrate to tumor sites.

To enhance their cancer-fighting ability, a gene was added to the TIL cells. This gene causes the cells to make a substance called tumor necrosis factor, or TNF, a powerful type of cancer fighter.

It's hoped the TIL cells will go to the tumor sites and then start making TNF. In effect, said Rosenberg, this method should deliver a powerful dose of the TNF only to sites where there is cancer.

Similar experiments in laboratory rodents showed tumors being wiped out within a short time.