

Thirteen accused coup plotters charged with treason

By ALAN COOPERMAN
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MOSCOW (AP) — One week after the collapse of the coup that briefly toppled President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, thirteen men accused of plotting the takeover were charged today with high treason, the Russian prosecutor's office said. They could face the death penalty if convicted.

Those charged included the seven surviving members of the coup committee. An eighth member, Interior Minister Boris Pugo, was found dead after the coup, either slain or a suicide.

In another move to punish the coup backers, Gorbachev today asked the Supreme Soviet legislature to dissolve his Cabinet of Ministers, many of whose members were implicated in the plot against him last week.

"I cannot have any confidence in this Cabinet," said Gorbachev, who had angrily vowed after the three-day coup that its ringleaders would be brought to justice.

The Cabinet of Ministers, which has approximately 70 members, is the country's top administrative body. It includes the officials responsible for various industries, the environment, culture, health, science, technology, agriculture and education. The members are nominated by the president and approved by the Supreme Soviet.

The Russian prosecutor, Valentin Stepankov, also told the Tass news agency he would question Anatoly Lukyanov, the ousted speaker of the national legislature, in connection with the coup plot.

Lukyanov, an old law-school classmate of Gorbachev, went before lawmakers today to proclaim his innocence, saying: "I was not a conspirator."

The Soviet legislature, meanwhile, heeding Gorbachev's bid to stem the collapse of central authority, voted today to send a delegation to the Ukraine to discourage the breadbasket republic's secessionist drive.

The delegation also will discuss potential border disputes with the Russian republic, which has thrown a scare into some of its neighbors by saying it reserves the right to review its frontiers with them.

Gorbachev threatened Tuesday to resign if the Soviet Union cannot be preserved in some form and indicated he would settle for a loose alliance of sovereign states.

Seven of the 15 Soviet republics have declared outright independence, the latest being Moldavia, which did so on Tuesday. They also

include the Ukraine, the second most populous and wealthiest republic after Boris N. Yeltsin's vast Russian Federation.

Yeltsin, who has vastly expanded his authority since last week's failed coup, has recognized the independence of the three Baltic republics but is generally backing Gorbachev's efforts to maintain a union of willing republics.

Russia shares a long frontier with the Ukraine, whose legislature declared independence over the weekend. The move is subject to a Dec. 1 republic-wide referendum.

The Russian republic — which covers two-thirds of the Soviet land mass — has long provided cheap oil and other raw materials for resource-poor but industrialized republics whose production has been geared to Soviet needs.

All the republics have said they want to continue economic ties since their industries are tightly linked and would suffer from a break in trade.

The independence drives in the republics went into high gear in the wake of the failed coup, which ended last Wednesday.

Those charged with treason in connection with the takeover were the seven surviving members of the self-proclaimed State Committee for the State of Emergency: Vice President Gennady Yanayev; Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov; KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov; Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov; Oleg Baklanov, deputy chief of State Defense Committee; Alexander Tizyakov, president of Association of Soviet State Enterprises, and Industrial, Construction, Transport and Communications Facilities; and Vasily Starodubtsev, chairman of Soviet Farmers' Union.

Also charged were Politburo member Oleg Shenin, Valery I. Boldin, the president's chief of staff; Deputy Defense Minister Gen. Valentin I. Varennikov; Lt. Gen. Yuri S. Plekhanov, head of the KGB bodyguard service; Plekhanov's deputy, Vyacheslav Generalov; and Vladimir Grushko, deputy chief of the KGB.

All the accused plotters have since been stripped of their posts.

Lukyanov, the ousted speaker of the national Supreme Soviet legislature, denied charges that he inspired and helped the eight-man committee that tried to seize power last week. It was his first speech in the legislature since he resigned under pressure on Monday.

Lukyanov said that during the coup, he tried in vain to contact Gorbachev, who was under house

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— Mikhail Gorbachev

arrest at his dacha in the Crimea. He also said he warned the military against using force, told coup leaders their committee was "unconstitutional" and tried to call a special session of the legislature.

Although the coup failed to topple Gorbachev, it derailed the Union Treaty, the Soviet leader's bid to save the union. The treaty had won the support of nine republics and was to have been signed Aug. 20, the day after the coup was launched.

Two of the nine republics have since withdrawn their promise to sign — Byelorussia and the Ukraine. Over the weekend, they joined Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Moldavia and Georgia in announcing their independence.

Their exit would leave a tiny strip of Russia — Kaliningrad — as the Soviet Union's only common border with eastern Europe.

On Tuesday, the European Community formally recognized the

independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. U.S. officials indicate they could by week's end join the growing list of foreign governments granting diplomatic recognition to the three Baltic states.

Gorbachev said after Tuesday's legislative session that in the days to come that he will continue to search for a way out of the current turmoil, with a strategy for coping with the new political reality.

Gorbachev suggested he would

formulate a plan in time for next week's scheduled session of the Congress of Peoples' Deputies, the country's supreme legislative authority. The Congress has broad powers to change the constitution and elects the country's leaders.

The Soviet president, who in the wake of the failed coup has called for elections for national offices including his own, said he thought chances are good to transform the Soviet Union because "a blow has been struck on conservative structures which held back the transition."

Amid growing pressure to let the Baltics go, Gorbachev said the republics have the constitutional right to secede.

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Lifestyles

'Homework Without Tears' planned for Sept. 4

A workshop for parents who are interested in helping their children succeed in school will be held on Sept. 4, at 7:30-9:45 p.m., at Pampa Middle School. Homework Without Tears is the newest program offered by Lee Canter and Associates. Canter is well-known by educators throughout the United States for his practical and effective assertive discipline program. Using many of the skills and techniques of assertive discipline, Homework Without Tears will present parents with the opportunity to learn step-by-step guidelines that solve homework problems and guarantee to

improve their child's success in school. The workshop will be conducted by Diana Day, senior national trainer for Lee Canter and Associates. Day has been associated with Lee Canter since 1979. Since then, she has worked with hundreds of school districts across the country establishing herself as a professional problem-solver on issues concerning children's behavior in the classroom and in the home. She has trained over 200,000 teachers and parents. Day is a nationally recognized author in her specialty, learning disabilities and success skills of students.

The Plum Creek Brigade takes us back in time



The Plum Creek Brigade will be at Chautauqua demonstrating fire starting with flint and steel. The group was founded due a common interest in history and use of blackpowder firearms, and the history of American fur trade era. About 66 people, plus children are members of the Plum Creek Brigade.

Getting ready for Chautauqua



These youngsters are getting ready for the art activities planned especially for children by the Pampa Fine Arts Association during the Chautauqua celebration in Central Park on Labor Day. They are back left, Katherine Zemanek and Ryan Zemanek. Front, left, are Lake Arrington and Elizabeth Arrington.



GIRL SCOUTING: A World of Friendship



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Divorced couple are still in love and ready to live

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Abby is on a two-week vacation. Following is a selection of some of her favorite past letters.)

We never had a dog that got drunk and broke up the furniture. So if your dog can vouch for you, you're welcome, too.

DOG LOVER

DEAR ABBY: John and I were married in 1970. It was the second time around for both of us. Because of interfering relatives, including eight children and in-laws on both sides, who did everything they could to break up our marriage, we were divorced three years later. The problem is, we still love each other.

DEAR DOG LOVER: I've been felled by a version of that notice, but in case some readers haven't, I'll run it. Thanks for a well-deserved tribute to man's best friend.

Despite all the unpleasantness, we forgave each other and continued what has always been a wonderfully loving relationship. We are in our mid-50s and feel ridiculous sneaking around to be together.

DEAR ABBY: My husband went on a 10-day business trip recently, and he wrote me three letters. He addressed the first one to "Mary Smith," the second to "Mrs. Mary Smith" and the third to "Ms. Mary Smith."

John says, "Let's say to heck with everything, sell our houses, move 1,000 miles away from all the relatives and enjoy the years we have left!"

I have a friend who studies psychology, and she told me that my husband's addressing me as he did — carefully avoiding using "Mrs. John Smith" — was his way of "de-wifing" me.

Neither of us has to work, and our financial situation is good. Should I put myself first for once in my life and remarry John? Or keep up a house for my remaining unmarried daughter?

TORN

I should add that when my husband returned from the trip, he was as affectionate and loving as ever, and he certainly didn't "de-wife" me then.

DEAR TORN: Your John is a man after my own heart. Remarry him and move away from both your families. Don't worry about your unmarried daughter. She's probably due to leave the nest soon anyway. Enjoy your lives. It's always later than you think.

What do you think of my friend's theory?

PERPLEXED

DEAR ABBY: When I travel, I like to take my dog with me, which presents a problem because not all hotels allow dogs.

DEAR PERPLEXED: Not much. And if I were you, I would "de-friend" her.

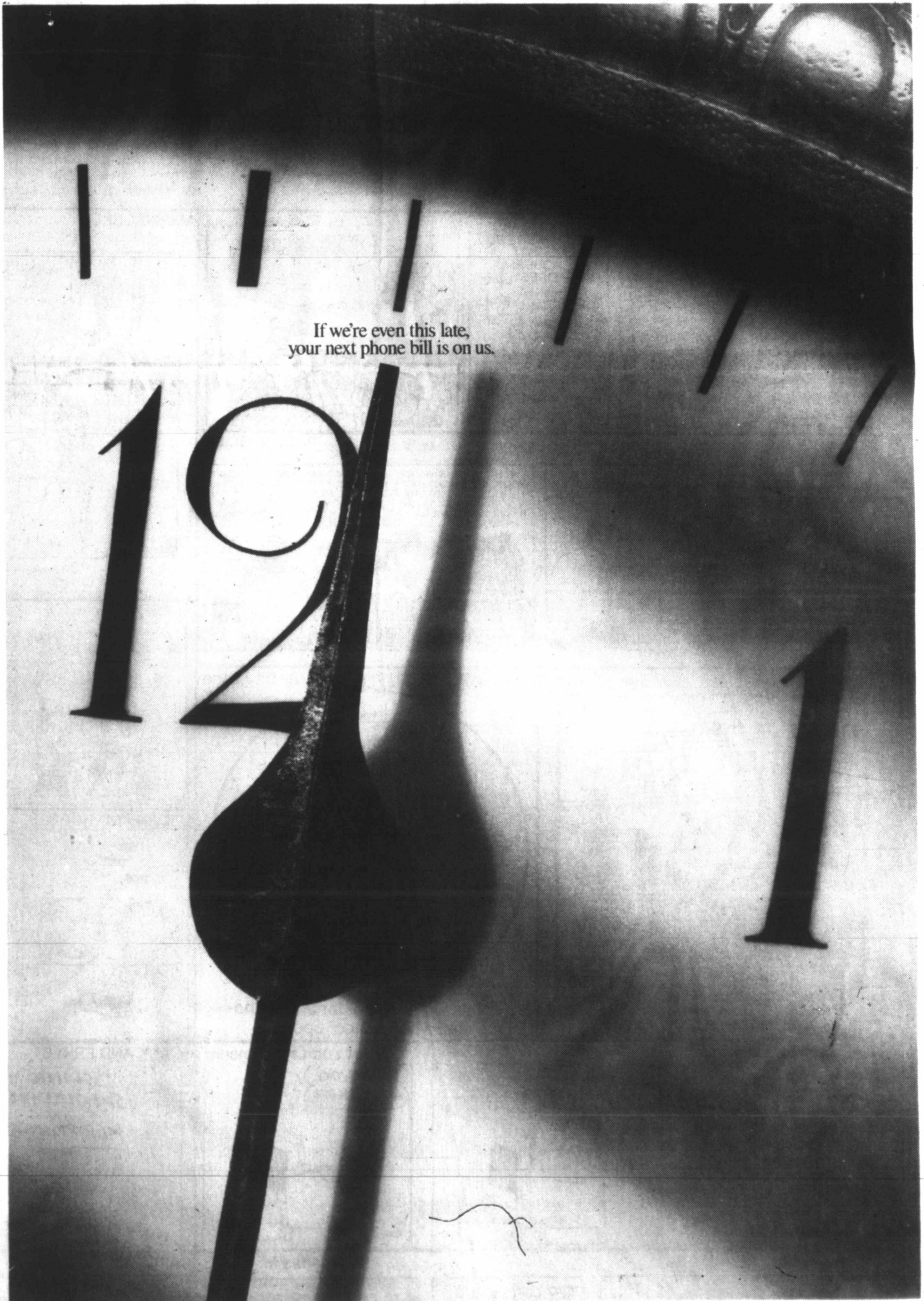
Recently stopped at a hotel where I was made welcome with my pet, and I saw this framed "notice" hanging in the lobby. It tickled me, and if it tickles you, maybe you'll run it in your column.

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CHARLES KINGSLEY

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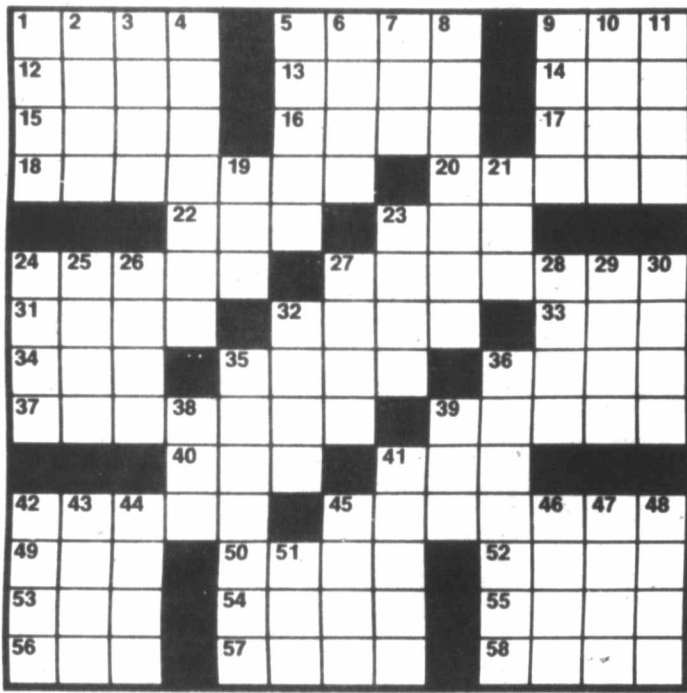
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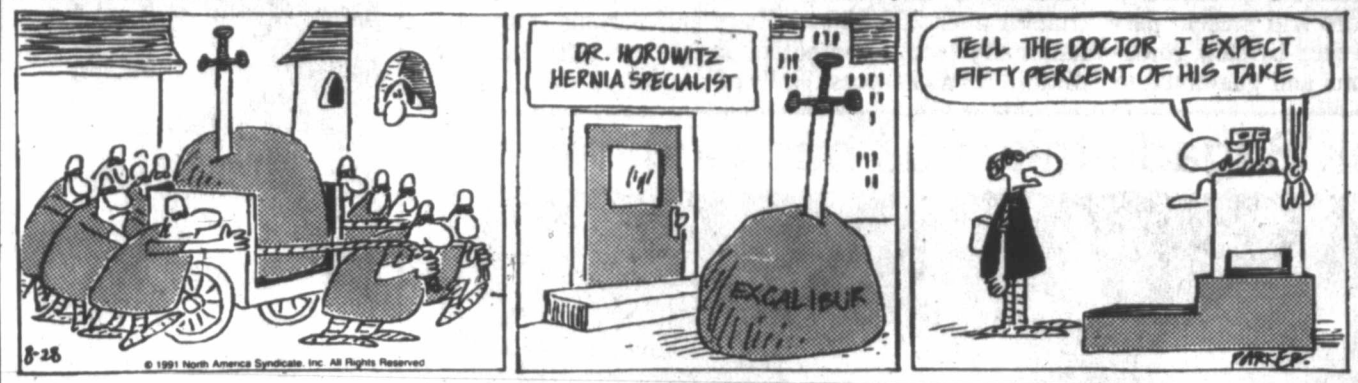


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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you neglect your responsibilities and duties until the last minute today, you could create problems for yourself. Unfortunately, your agenda has its limitations. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you're going to take any gambles on anyone today, take them on yourself — and your abilities. Don't give yourself too little credit and others too much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your mate won't be totally without blame today but could be falsely accused of something you caused. Try not to use loved ones as scapegoats for your mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to attend to your most important matters early on today. Toward sundown, your thoughts might not be as crisp as they were in the morning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You must be very careful today when it comes down to the final stages of consummating a business deal. If you're going to blow it, it will happen then.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually, you're a rather cooperative person. But today you might be so focused on doing things your way that you'll be oblivious to the concerns of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Since we are not perfect ourselves, it is pure folly to expect perfection in others. If you want to be perfect as you are, accept others as they are.

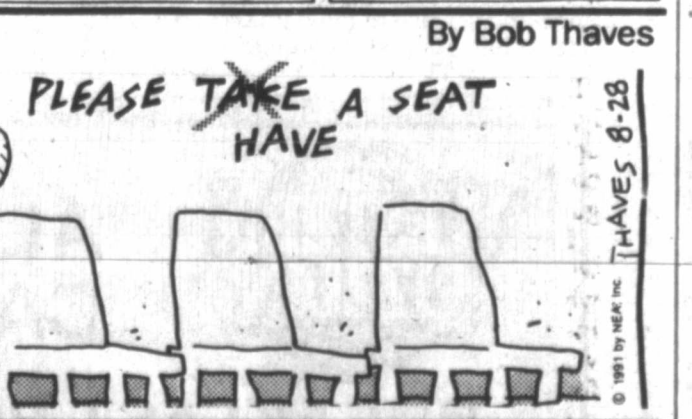
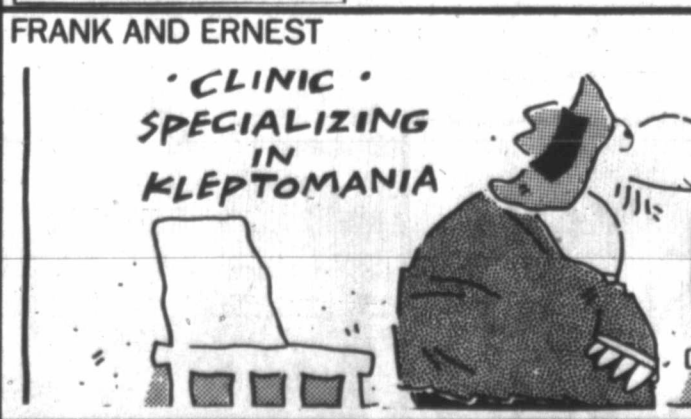
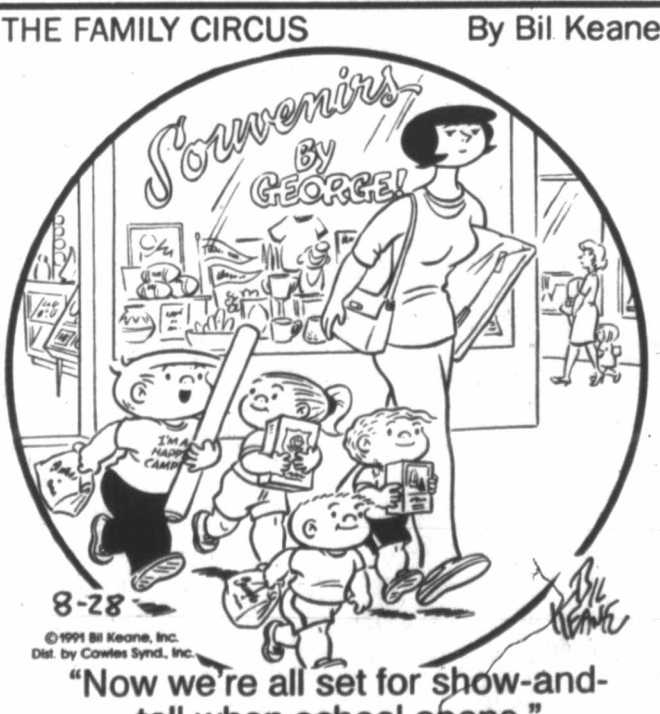
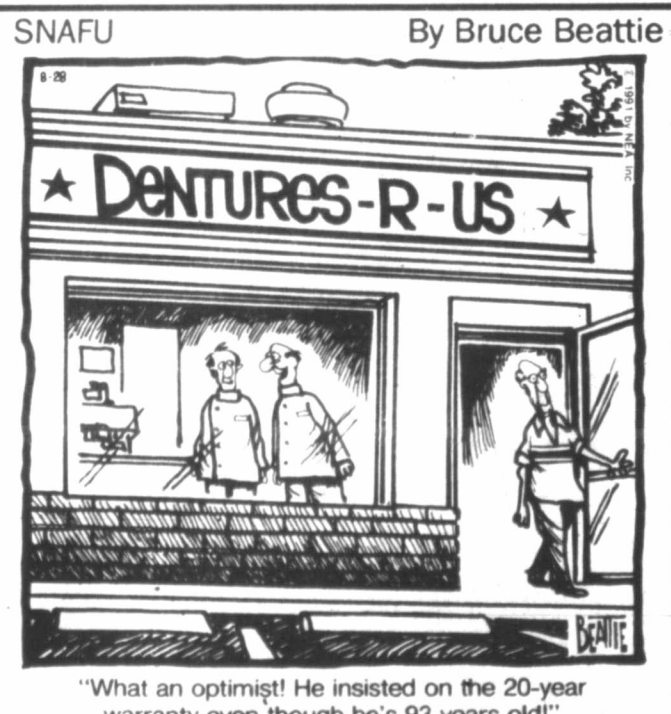
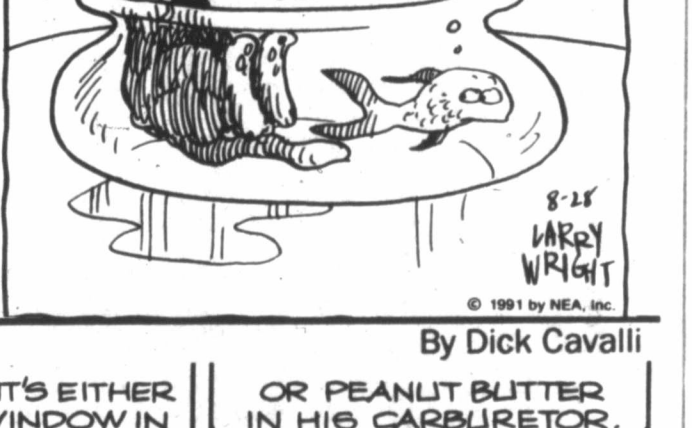
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions in general are reasonably favorable for you today, with the exception of your financial involvements. Make an effort not to spend more than you should.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's important that today you return the favor to individuals who have gone out of their way to help you. Without acknowledgment, they may not be eager to help a second time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Guard against the inclination to negatively prejudge situations today. If you anticipate defeat or trouble, you may behave in such a way that brings them into being.

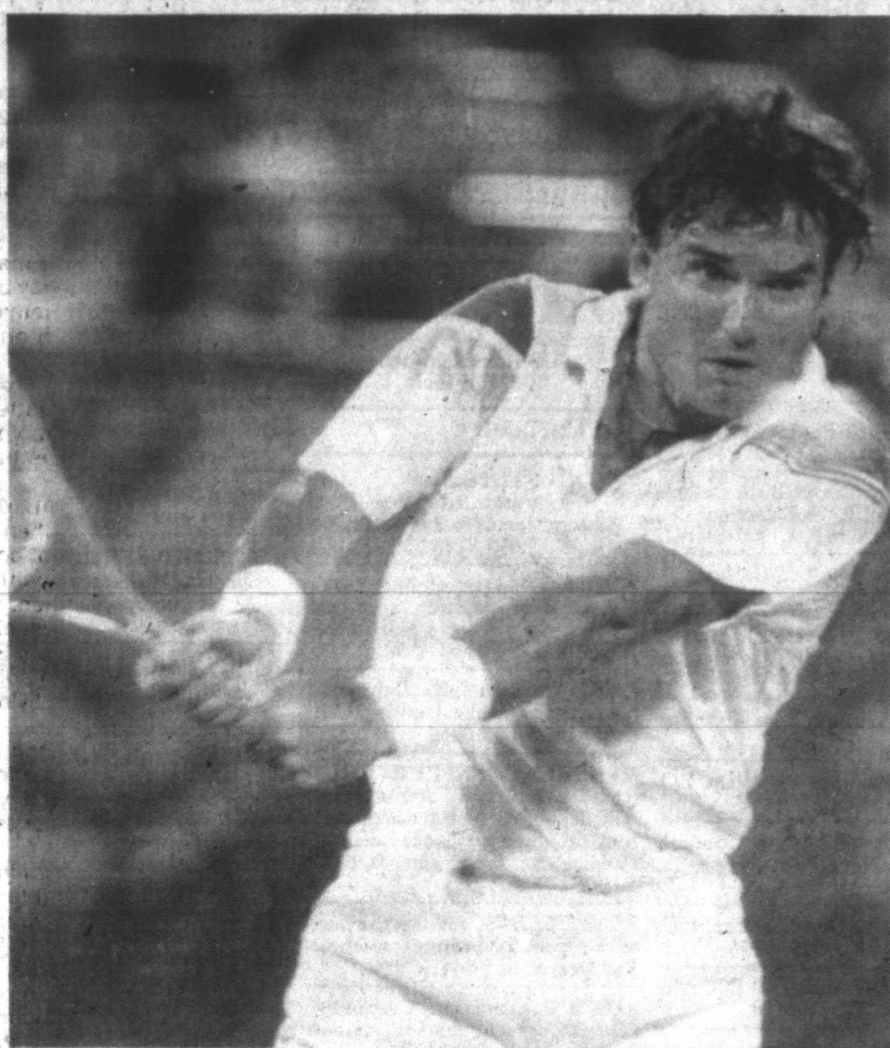
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't use your participation in a social investment as a forum for discussing business today. Reserve that for another time and place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though concerned friends may offer you constructive suggestions today, it is highly probable you'll ignore what they have to say and do something you know is wrong.



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Sports



(AP Laserphoto)

Jimmy Connors returns a double-handed back hand to fellow American Patrick McEnroe Tuesday night.

Connors, Lendl win from two sets down

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennis' new breed came roaring into the U.S. Open equipped with booming serves and fresh legs, ready to challenge the heavyweights of their sport.

Ivan Lendl and Stefan Edberg turned them away. Not easily, perhaps, but away nevertheless.

Under a punishing summer sun that baked the concrete courts, the fifth-seeded Lendl survived a grueling 3 1/2-hour, five-set test of will on Tuesday to defeat Richard Krajicek 3-6, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-0.

Edberg, seeded No. 2, exorcised some Open ghosts with a 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 victory over Bryan Shelton.

The old guard was good to the last shot. Jimmy Connors, a five-time Open champ who turns 39 on Monday, was at his crowd-pleasing best Tuesday night, rallying from two sets down to beat Patrick McEnroe — brother of long-time nemesis John McEnroe — 4-6, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4. The match lasted 4 hours, 20 minutes and ended at 1:35

a.m. EDT this morning.

Top-seeded Boris Becker began his tournament with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, 6-4 victory over Martin Jaitte.

Other winners included third-seeded Wimbledon champion Michael Stich, who defeated Jacco Eltingh 7-6 (7-5), 6-1, 6-0 and No. 4 Jim Courier, the French Open champ, who was a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 winner over Nicklas Kulti.

Among the women, No. 4 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario defeated Katia Piccolini 6-0, 6-1, No. 5 Mary Joe Fernandez eliminated Larisa Savchenko 6-3, 6-3 and No. 6 Martina Navratilova was a 6-2, 6-2 winner over Patricia Tarabini.

Lendl, who dominated this tournament in the last decade, reaching the finals eight straight years and winning three consecutive titles, went six months between victories this summer. He is 31 now, a shaky age for an athlete, a time when at any moment, he could reach into his reservoir and come up empty.

Lendl's reward for his heroic comeback was a second-round match today against Patrick Kuhnen.

McLean Tigers are district favorites

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Writer

McLEAN — Bolstered by the return of most of its 1990 starters, the defending District 1-A champion McLean High School Tigers are expected to capture back-to-back titles.

"When these senior boys take the field, they feel like they're supposed to win," said McLean head football coach Jerry Miller in a recent interview. "They give 120 percent."

"They don't mind working," said Miller, who is in his fourth year at the helm in McLean. "Everything they do is for the team."



Editor's note: This is one in a series of profiles on Pampa News-area high school football teams.

The Tigers' 1990 record was 5-0 in district play.

Miller, in his 26th year of coaching, is a former draft pick of the Denver Broncos. He owns a 180-75-5 career record.

Asked about the team's chances of repeating, Miller said, "I've got a lot of people back (and) Miami has a lot back. Miami definitely will be tough. "It (the McLean-Miami game) will be a head-knocker," he added.

Miller said the Miami Warriors overall will be bigger than McLean.

"We're pretty quick," said Miller, explaining "experience and team quickness would have to be to our advantage" against opponents this year.

"I don't have any real breakaway speed ... just quickness," said Miller, who expects his team to pass the

ball more this year.

"In the past, it's been 80-20 (percent in favor of the run)," said the wily veteran. "I'd like to go 60-40 run this year."

"We're going to spread things ... let Christian (Looney) throw a little bit," he said.

"I've always been a run-oriented person," said Miller, who admits he's been told he doesn't know how to coach a passing team.

Miller's coaching philosophy is tried and true.

"Block, tackle and execute your plays and you'll be all right," he said. "Staying basic is the main thing."

The Tigers coach said previous success has come from playing "good old power football."

Asked about the Tigers' non-district schedule, Miller said, "It's going to be real tough. We'll get checked out right away."

The Tigers will operate from the straight T-formation offense.

McLean will be led by junior Christian Looney, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound starting quarterback who "throws the ball well," according to Miller.

Other offensive team standouts include senior ends Jason Thomas at 6-foot 4, 170 pounds and Tanner Hess at 5-foot 8, 131 pounds; sophomore center Tom Pennington at 5-foot 11, 166 pounds; and senior running backs Destry Magee at 5-10, 140 pounds and Daniel Harris at 5-foot 10, 155 pounds.

All-state kicker senior Tuffy Sanders, at 6-feet, 166 pounds, adds scoring punch, according to Miller.

Senior Caesar Looney, a 5-foot-11, 198-pound defensive end, "came in in better shape this year than he did last year," said Miller. "He's a lot quicker; he's the fastest boy I have."

Miller will coach against — instead of with — his son Ronny Miller, the new head football coach at Lefors High School.

The senior Miller, when asked about going head-to-head against his former assistant coach, said, "I suspect we'll meet in the middle at the end of the game."

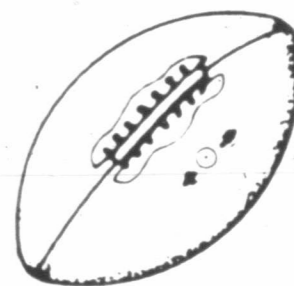


(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Tigers quarterback Christian Looney hurls a pass while his brother, Caesar Looney, makes the rush. Head coach Jerry Miller observes at a recent practice.

McLean Tigers 1991 Football Schedule

- Sept. 6 — Lazbuddie, home.
- Sept. 13 — Follett, away.
- Sept. 20 — Silverton, away.
- Sept. 27 — Harrold, home.
- Oct. 4 — Valley, home.
- Oct. 11 — Lefors, away.
- Oct. 18 — Groom, home.
- Oct. 25 — Miami, away.
- Nov. 1 — Follett, home.
- Nov. 8 — Higgins, away.



49ers' Montana expected to miss at least four games

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Joe Montana, unable to shake tendon problems in his throwing arm, was placed on injured reserve Tuesday and will miss at least the 49ers' first four games.

Steve Young, who has chafed for more playing time while Montana's understudy the past four years, will start Monday night's game against the Giants. He is the first quarterback other than Montana to open the

season for San Francisco in 10 years.

Steve DeBerg was the opening game starter in 1980, with Montana taking over for good in 1981, when the 49ers won the first of their four Super Bowl titles.

Montana, named the league's most valuable player for a second straight time in 1990, missed the last three exhibition games because of tendonitis in his right elbow. He last

played Aug. 3 in an exhibition against the Bears at Berlin.

Despite three weeks of rest, cortisone injections and even acupuncture treatments, the elbow problem persisted, coach George Seifert said.

It was decided the best course was to put Montana on injured reserve rather than risk the possibility of aggravating the problem by bringing him back too soon.

The 49ers recently admitted there was some slight tearing of the tendon but Seifert reiterated Tuesday that no surgery is planned.

An operation would sideline Montana for the season and could threaten his career. At 35, he is the oldest player on the roster. He is in the second year of a four-year, \$13.6 million contract.

Neither Montana nor Young were available Tuesday.

Heroic umpire on the mend

DALLAS (AP) — American League umpire Steve Palermo, shot in the back last month while chasing four robbery suspects, says he has no regrets, no rage — and that he's no hero.

Palermo and Terence Mann, a former Southern Methodist defensive tackle, were shot July 7 when they and restaurant owner Corky Campisi rushed to help two waitresses who were being robbed outside Campisi's restaurant.

"We never stopped to think if they had a switchblade ... if they had a gun," Palermo said Tuesday at an emotional news conference at the Dallas Rehabilitation Institute, his first remarks since the shooting. "We never stopped to think about that."

"I don't consider any of us heroes," Palermo said. "If you ask Terence, if you ask Corky, I mean, these two crazy nuts, they were running down the street with me. It's like, who can beat who to get to the guys first?"

"Our folks are heroes," he added. "Look at how we reacted. Obviously, we must have had some kind of upbringing that allowed us to ... go bolting through the door after those guys."

Palermo, 41, was able only to wiggle two toes on his right foot when he entered the rehabilitation institute July 15, but now he is walking slowly with braces and forearm crutches.

Dr. John Milani, medical director of the institute's Spinal Cord Unit, said the prognosis for Palermo's continued recovery is good but that it's impossible to tell to what extent Palermo will improve or whether he'll be able to return to work.

But Palermo didn't mince words. "I will walk again," he said. "And I will umpire again. You can make book on it."

Milani said Palermo, shot in the tip of the spinal cord, has paraparesis, a condition in which the spinal cord is injured to a point that causes difficulty in the use of the lower extremities.

Palermo worked as the third base umpire at a July 6 game in Arlington between the Angels and Rangers, and was eating dinner at Campisi's when a bartender noticed four people trying to rob two waitresses outside.

Palermo, an AL umpire since 1977, ran outside along with Mann

and Campisi.

"I'd do the same thing all over again," Palermo said, "because I don't know any other way to live my life."

They chased the would-be robbers and caught one. The other three fled, then returned and one of them shot Palermo and Mann, police said.



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Steve Palermo slides into a wheelchair Tuesday as his therapist Gwen Tao watches.

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U.S. Marshal's Service pilots Hal Corn, left, and Charles Cuzalina are shown with one of the service's Boeing 727 passenger jets used to transport federal prisoners. The air service is jokingly called "Con-Air" and transports about 4,000 federal prisoners a month, officials say.

These are not the friendly skies

By BILL JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — They jokingly call it Con-Air. It carries the famous and the anonymous, but it's one airline few passengers really want to fly.

Accommodations are standard, if you overlook the handcuffs and leg irons. The meals are catered — box lunches right from the federal prison system.

"And even though we've got frequent fliers, they don't get the credits," said Hal Corn, a pilot for the U.S. Marshals Service National Prisoner Transportation System.

For seven years, planes belonging to the NPTS have crisscrossed the United States, ferrying federal prisoners to court, to prisons or medical facilities. They also fly overseas to bring back defendants who have been extradited.

On occasion, "we've even picked up a drug lord," Corn said.

The Marshals Service calls it the only government-operated, scheduled passenger airline in the nation. It serves 36 cities from a \$7.5 million center dedicated Tuesday at Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport.

The fleet of 15 planes ranges from two Boeing 727s to a small single-engine Cessna. In between are sleek twin-jet Sabreliners of the type that recently carried TV evangelist Jim Bakker to and from a court hearing in Charlotte, N.C.

K. Michael Moore, Marshals Service director, said the airline averages 125,000 "prisoner movements" a year.

Prisoner flights are pretty hush-hush, Corn said. Deputy marshals ride in the cabin. He refused to say whether the pilots are armed.

"We do have occasional situations," Corn said. "Mostly it's just some guy who is acting up a bit because he doesn't want to go. And sometimes we get first-time fliers who have those first-time jitters."

Moore said the air service was started in 1984 to move prisoners more cheaply and with greater security than possible with commercial airlines, some of which refuse to let prisoners fly while handcuffed.

"This way, we have the situation much more under control," he said.

Corn estimated it costs an average of \$1,500 for marshals to use commercial airlines to move a prisoner. The NPTS 727s fly with 75 to 80 prisoners, reducing the cost to about \$200 a prisoner, he said.

All flights originate in Oklahoma City, fanning out to drop prisoners off and pick up others.

The federal Bureau of Prisons is working on plans for a transfer prison at the airport that will enable marshals' planes to go right into the facility, behind closed gates, to discharge or pick up prisoners.

All but one of the planes in the NPTS fleet were seized from people who used them in illegal acts, Moon said.

Quake warning system now feasible

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two massive plates of faulted rock strain against each other and then suddenly one slips. The motion sends a wave of energy to sensors in an automatic earthquake warning network.

Within seconds, automatic alarms sound in schools, office buildings, power stations, airports and pipeline control rooms.

School children and office workers dive for cover. Airplanes about to land are diverted. Power generators trip off and valves close on pipelines.

And, seconds later, the sheer waves of a powerful earthquake arrive, ripping apart buildings, highways, bridges.

But lives are saved because of the advance notice.

Such an automatic earthquake early warning network is possible now, said a report released Tuesday by the National Research Council.

Seismic sensors strategically placed and then connected by satellite or microwave to a coordinated

network could be used to trigger alarms that would give warning before the destructive ground shaking of an earthquake begins.

Though the warning would be only "tens of seconds," the report said, it could be enough to automatically stop trains, shut down pipelines and power stations, divert aircraft and alert people to duck for cover.

"Actions ... such as seeking cover under a strong desk or table or moving away from hazardous equipment can be taken with an alert time of only a few seconds," the study said. "Schoolchildren, office workers or factory workers who have been drilled ... will respond quickly."

Such a seismic network, the report said, also could measure the intensity while an earthquake is under way and give post-quake information to guide rescue workers to the most seriously affected areas.

Because of the very short warning, earthquake alerts would be most beneficial when connected to robot systems that respond instantly and automatically.

"Many automated operations, such as the retraction of heads in a computer disk file or the shut off of electrical power or a fuel supply line can be completed in a matter of a few seconds," the study said.

Automated systems could lower the danger of fire by shutting down power generators or natural gas supply lines. They could open doors to keep emergency equipment from

being trapped, shut down computers to prevent vital information from being lost and start the controlled shutdown of factory processes.

Although automatic systems are swifter than warning systems that require human action, the report said they could trigger false alarms that might cause power blackouts, damage equipment from emergency shutdowns, and other problems.

Nonetheless, the committee said the warning system should not depend on a human response.

"Human intervention ... will reduce the effectiveness of and may actually vitiate the entire system," the experts said.

The system would be based on the two distinct and separate forms of seismic waves created by an earthquake: The primary, or P wave, moves more rapidly than the secondary, or S wave.

The S wave is the most destructive. Thus, if an alert is sounded at arrival of the P wave, it can provide a brief warning before the arrival of the S wave.

California already has a number of private and governmental seismic measuring networks, but the data for most of the systems are not instantly coordinated.

"We need to upgrade and increase the power of existing instrument networks," said I. Selwyn Sacks, a Carnegie Institution scientist and the chairman of the council committee. "These improvements are feasible right away."

Judge in rape case refuses to step down

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The judge in the William Kennedy Smith rape case refused to step down despite claims by prosecutors that she is biased, has conflicts of interest and is giving their side dirty looks.

With a one-sentence order, Circuit Judge Mary Lupo on Tuesday rebuffed the attempt to have her replaced.

The prosecution could go next to an appeals court.

Prosecutors had charged that Ms. Lupo had shown bias in her rulings and her facial expressions and had conflicts in the case because her family is friends with the family of another prosecutor in the case.

Smith's attorneys had argued that the request had no legal basis and was an attempt at "judge-shopping."

Smith, 30, goes on trial Jan. 13 on charges he raped a 30-year-old Jupiter, Fla., woman on March 30 at the Kennedy family's Palm Beach estate.

Cruise ship's trip put on ice, but passengers party on

BARROW, Alaska (AP) — An ocean freeze-up has put their expensive arctic cruise on ice, but passengers aboard the luxury ship are still managing to enjoy themselves, taking inflatable rafts to shore to see Eskimo culture.

The 360-foot Frontier Spirit has been stalled in the Beaufort Sea, a quarter-mile off the nation's northernmost city, since Friday.

The ship has been waiting for ice floes to move off and allow it to continue its journey through the Northwest Passage to the Atlantic Ocean.

In the meantime, some of the 160 passengers and 70 crew members have taken rafts to Barrow, where they have met residents and sampled Inupiat Eskimo culture. On Tuesday they saw a performance by Eskimo dancers.

Although passengers paid as much as \$26,000 for the coast-to-coast arctic crossing and won't receive a refund if their ship has to abandon its journey, some were philosophical.

"There's a lot of romance about the Northwest Passage, and I think the people who came on the expedition knew there might be difficulties with ice that's what they signed on for," said Jennifer Merin of New York.

"We will probably do it, but

there's no guarantee," said Mario Spola of Cresskill, N.J. "You have to be philosophical ... or else. There's nothing you can do about it."

"Nobody knows whether we will be able to make it through success-

fully up the ice knows," Heinz Aye, the ship's captain, said Tuesday.

The ship left port Aug. 18 from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and was scheduled to dock in St. John's, Newfoundland, on Sept. 16.

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