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TDCJ team visits Pampa prison site



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Bill Berry, left, director of the Institutional division for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; confers with Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation during a stop in Pampa Wednesday. In the background is James Riley of the TDCJ health services division.

Yeltsin reports on his foreign trip

By BRIAN FRIEDMAN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin said today that "urgent measures" are needed to bolster his fledgling free-market economic reforms, including more protection for the poor.

In a speech to the Russian legislature, Yeltsin also reported on his recent foreign trips, saying the United States is "deeply interested" in backing his economic program and U.S. businesses are ready for large-scale cooperation with Russia.

"Now the need for a series of urgent measures to galvanize our economic policy has become clear," Yeltsin told lawmakers. The new steps are needed because "life is constantly changing, and so they are natural and even inevitable."

He said new proposals to reform agriculture and provide more protection for the poor were being drawn up. Last week, newspapers reported that the government was planning to pay pensioners and low-income Russians an additional 200 rubles every three months. In addition, they said Yeltsin would raise pensions for those over 80 and to all World War II veterans.

Low-income Russians have been

hit hardest by the reforms introduced Jan. 2, which raised prices an average of 200 percent to 300 percent. Moscow Deputy Mayor Yuri Luzhkov said last week that 95 percent of the capital's residents now live below the poverty line.

Yeltsin told the lawmakers that Russian government officials were meeting today to assess the first six weeks of his reform program, and he would address the nation Wednesday about the meeting's outcome.

The failure of his reforms would bring a new wave of "instability ... conflicts and an arms race," he warned, and the West has come to appreciate this.

"It is particularly important that the West's widespread opposition to long-term cooperation and one-off actions to support the reforms has begun to be overcome," he said. "Our position - that reform in Russia is not only a domestic matter of our own but also a weighty component in the construction of a new world order - was widely recognized."

Yeltsin said he established "close personal contacts" with President Bush.

"Russia and the United States no longer regard each other as potential adversaries," he said. "This completely changes the whole image of

the contemporary world."

Answering questions later from lawmakers, Yeltsin also said he met for two hours Wednesday with his estranged vice president, Alexander Rutskoi, and had put him in charge of agricultural reform.

Rutskoi would be "kept busy" by this work, Yeltsin said, drawing laughter from the delegates.

Rutskoi has emerged as Yeltsin's chief critic, and as a result has been increasingly isolated from the Russian leader and stripped of most of his official duties.

The decorated Afghan war hero has repeatedly spoken out against Yeltsin's market reforms, particularly the lifting of price controls.

He turned up the volume last weekend by calling for a state of emergency to prevent "anarchy," and was quoted today in *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* (*The Independent Newspaper*) as saying Yeltsin's reforms had created a "state of lawlessness, a dictatorship of new businessmen and sometimes the dictatorship of the street."

Yeltsin told the lawmakers that Russia's commitment to democracy and a free market economy and the "abandonment of totalitarian illusions" made the new spirit of cooperation possible with the West.

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Staff members from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice saw a "Tale of Two Cities" Wednesday as they traveled from an inspection of Hutchinson County's proposed prison site to view Pampa's offering.

Borger and Pampa are among dozens of cities around the state vying for corrections units.

Teams of TDCJ officials are currently transverse Texas seeing if the locations, utilities, incentives and support facilities look as good in person as they do on paper.

In Hutchinson County, five TDCJ staffers were greeted with ardent protests by 30 opponents of a prison being located there. An *Amarillo Daily News* report indicated the protestors were carrying signs and marching along Hwy. 152 near the proposed prison site as economic development officials were making their pitch.

Meanwhile, in Pampa, TDCJ staff saw just the opposite, as almost 40 supporters of the prison effort turned out along the tour trail to shake hands and remind them of the city's support.

"What kind of opposition do you have?" asked Bill Spitzer of the TDCJ utility division. He expressed surprise to learn no opposition has surfaced to the current prison drive and that opposition to the city's first prison effort in 1989 was extremely minimal.

During 1990's successful get-a-prison project Pampa also had less opposition than many other cities, officials have said.

City Manager Glen Hackler reminded TDCJ staffers and Institutional Division Director Bill Berry that polls of the community have showed overwhelming support for location of corrections units here.

Hackler said local leaders were careful to find out the community's feelings prior to even seeking a prison, which largely accounts for the lack of protest here.

The Rufe Jordan Unit, currently under construction east of the city, will provide at least 315 permanent jobs for the city with an annual salary of \$7 million.

The average salary is \$21,000 and state officials estimate there will be at least \$24.5 million a year in economic impact for Pampa from the Jordan Unit.

If Pampa successfully lobbies for a second unit, that figure would at least nearly double as TDCJ employees in the area could swell to over 500.

During a two-hour visit to Pampa, the group inspected a large building Hoechst Celanese has offered to be re-located at the prison site. The facility formerly served as Celanese's administration center during a plant rebuild.

Also toured was the actual prison site near the Jordan Unit and Coronado Hospital, which has been treating TDCJ patients from Amarillo.

Hackler said it is impossible to determine which cities are favorites of the TDCJ staff since "they are purposefully not giving any indication of what their recommendation will be."

However, Pampa, Gray County and Industrial Foundation officials were pleased there appeared no prison construction or utility need the city could not meet.

Hackler said he was unaware Wednesday of the protestors in Hutchinson County, but pleased that it worked out Pampa had about the same amount of supporters that Borger had opponents.

"Bear in mind that one of their prison team members is in construction - Mr. Bruce Swope - and he is aware of what goes into erecting the type of building (that Celanese is offering for the prison site)," said attorney Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation. "He understands how it can be relocated without terrible problem. I think both he and the head of the team, Bill Berry, reacted favorably to its possibilities."

Waters said he is "optimistic about the possibilities of this community for consideration."

In spite of that optimism, Waters and Hackler joined officials from the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce in saying they still need thousands of local citizens to write letters to TDCJ board members expressing their support for another prison unit in Pampa.

Names and addresses of board members, along with form letters that residents can sign if they do not wish to write their own letter, are available at the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard.

A prison finalist list is scheduled to be released March 13 during a TDCJ board meeting. The cities receiving prisons will then be announced April 10 during a meeting in Austin.

Democrats writing own tax bill

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House today accused congressional Democrats of trying to "make political hay" rather than jobs with their tax bill that would give relief to the middle class, hit the rich and provide some incentive for investment.

Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee began negotiating among themselves after rejecting key parts of Bush's tax plan Wednesday, including his proposal to slash the capital gains tax.

The Democrats disavowed any election-year bidding war.

"This is going to be a Democratic consensus package," Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill. and the Ways and Means chairman, told

reporters. "Don't be surprised" if it includes a surtax on millionaires and higher tax rates on those with incomes above \$100,000, he said.

Such tax increases would finance a credit for wage earners or some other tax cut that would benefit mainly the middle class.

"That's kind of the centerpiece of what we will be doing," Rostenkowski added.

He said Democrats are intent on holding down the size of their plan, on avoiding a repeat of the 1981 tax-cut bidding war that many economists blame for the record federal budget deficit.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said today it came as no surprise that "they immediately started talking about tax increases again."

"We're very upset about it," Fitzwater said of Wednesday's party-line Ways and Means vote against the Bush plan. "The Democrats clearly want to make political hay rather than make jobs."

"It looks like a clear attempt to use the same old parliamentary majority party tactics to embarrass Republicans and push their own political agenda," he charged.

Republican leaders, stinging from the defeat, asked that the House be allowed to consider the plan next week under unusual procedures that would require a two-thirds vote to pass.

That, Rostenkowski said, would be equivalent to kicking a 90-yard field goal.

"The American people should not have to wait for action just because you do not yet have your package," House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois and Rep. Bill Archer of Texas said in a letter to Rostenkowski.

The bill on which Archer is seeking that vote was rejected 23-13 by the committee. It included only seven of the three dozen tax proposals Bush outlined in his budget message - seven that the president considers necessary for quick economic stimulus.

"It's just the Democrats," Bush said of the vote, while he toured a plant in Hookstead, N.H.

Rejection of the slimmed-down Bush plan was not enough for Democrats. They demanded that Bush's full proposal, including some tax increases to help finance it, be put to a vote. By a 22-14 vote, the committee sent the bill to the House floor without a recommendation.

Those actions, accompanied by bitter rhetoric from members of both parties, set up this choice for members of the House later this month:

- The still-developing Democratic plan, which Rostenkowski and other Democrats indicated is likely to include a credit for home buyers and some type of reduction in capital gains taxes. But any such cut probably would bear little resemblance to the broad capital-gains reduction Bush is seeking.

- The stripped-down Bush plan the committee rejected. It includes an even more generous capital-gains tax cut than Bush originally proposed, special tax relief for real estate professionals, a temporary incentive for business equipment purchases, a credit of up to \$5,000 for some home buyers and penalty-free withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts to help buy a home. It would be financed mainly through accounting changes that Democrats say are gimmicks.

- The full Bush proposal. It includes all the items in the stripped-down plan plus a \$500-per-child increase in the personal exemption, a deduction for interest on student loans, expanded IRAs and penalty-free IRA withdrawals for medical and educational expenses.

This proposal also includes several scattered tax increases and some unpopular spending cuts to finance tax relief. It is partially because of those provisions that Republicans are trying to split off the seven economic-stimulus measures and get a separate vote on them.

Groundbreaking held for highway entrance beautification project

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Clean Pampa Inc. officially broke ground Wednesday for its first highway beautification project on U.S. 60 at Pampa's west entrance.

"This is the season for Clean Pampa to get programs that have been in the planning stage on the road to completion," said Betty Henderson, president of Clean Pampa Inc.

The recycling center, sponsored by Clean Pampa and the city of Pampa, opened in December and had been in the planning stages by the board of Clean Pampa for many years.

"We love it when a plan comes together," Henderson said of the highway beautification project. "It has taken about two years for this plan to come together."

Henderson said Clean Pampa's stated objectives are to promote the environment and recycling, but also include beautification.

"This entry park will be a beginning for highway beautification to improve the first impressions our visitors get, and a park to please all residents," Henderson said.

She said that a project, such as the highway entry park, takes support of many people and groups.

She recognized the following for

financial donations: M.K. Brown Foundation, Inez B. and H.E. McCauley Foundation, Pampa Industrial Foundation, Hoechst Celanese, IRI International, Duncan family business, Fatheree Insurance, Wagner Well Service, Dyer's Bar-B-Que, Downtown Business Association, David Fatheree, Warren and Omega Chisum, Kiwanis Club and Las Pampas Garden Club.

Businesses offering support for the project, Henderson said, are Panhandle Industrial with Paul Turner and David Caldwell designing and making the letters to be used for the "PAMPA" sign; Bartlett Lumber, Pampa Concrete, Lewis Construction and Watson's Feed and Seed.

"We always depend on support from the city," Henderson said, recognizing City Manager Glen Hackler, the city commissioners, Reed Kirkpatrick of the Parks Department, the Street Department for providing curbing, the Water Department for providing a water connection and Richard Morris, the city engineer.

Overall supervision of the project will be provided by Jack White, and J.C. Morris has done dirt work at the site.

"Our groundbreaking today is only symbolic, for there will be real dirt moving before this is complete," Henderson said.



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

From left, Kirk Duncan, Reed Kirkpatrick and Gary Sutherland symbolically break the ground Wednesday at the site for the new highway beautification entry park on U.S. 60. Duncan and Kirkpatrick serve on the board of Clean Pampa Inc. and Kirkpatrick is also director of city of Pampa Parks Department. Sutherland is a Pampa city commissioner.

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(Staff photo by Bonnar Green)

Showing their plaques won in regional contest in Lubbock are Pampa Business Professionals of America members (front row, from left) Kerrie Wilson, Susie Morgan, Sunday Derryberry and Michelle Alloy and (back row from left) Lisa Winborne, Michelle Watson, Amanda Miller, Brandi Ellis, Jeanne Miller and Natasha Williams. Not pictured is Laura Carter.

Pampa's Business Professionals of America win honors at regional; four going to state

The Pampa Chapter of Business Professionals of America recently sent 11 students to regional contest in Lubbock, returning with 19 plaques and advancing four students to state contest.

Since the Pampa High School Chapter only has 13 members, coordinator Sherrell Wheeler noted, the local chapter did quite well, with several other students also being named alternates for the state contest.

The state BPA contest will be held in Fort Worth March 5-7.

Winners at the Lubbock contest, held Feb. 7-8, include:

Amanda Miller, first place, document formatting (advancing to state); second, economic awareness, and fifth, business knowledge skills.

Brandi Ellis, first, financial specialist (advancing to state); first, business law; and third, personal finance.

Sunday Derryberry, second, entrepreneurship (advancing to state).

Kerrie Wilson, second, information processing assistant (advancing to state).

Laura Carter, third, medical applications (alternate to state).

Lisa Winborne, third, Extemporaneous II (alternate to state).

Michelle Watson, fifth, Prepare Verbal Communications I.

Michelle Alloy, first, business knowledge skills; fourth, proofreading/editing; fifth, economic awareness; and sixth, personal finance.

Susie Morgan, sixth, banking applications.

Entrepreneur team of Sunday Derryberry, Kerrie Wilson, Amanda Miller and Natasha Williams, third (alternate to state).

Financial analyst team of Lisa Winborne, Brandi Ellis and Jeanne Miller, fifth.

Chapter display, fourth.

In addition, eight Pampa students also received their Diplomat Torch Awards, which are given on the regional level for Business Professionals of America members who have shown outstanding qualities in seven areas: leadership; service; cooperation; love, faith and hope; patriotism; knowledge; and friendship.

Receiving this honor were Amanda Miller, Sunday Derryberry, Brandi Ellis, Kerrie Wilson, Jeanne Miller, Natasha Williams, Michelle Watson and Lisa Winborne.

Dallas JFK files fuel conspiracy debate

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — New scrutiny of Dallas police files on the Kennedy assassination has given conspiracy buffs more ammunition, but detractors say they're blowing smoke.

Clearly the documents raise more questions than they answer.

Since the documents were unsealed Jan. 27, researchers and reporters have stormed the City Archives, looking at the new material as well as information that had been available — but unnoticed — since 1989.

The city's action came in the wake of renewed interest in the assassination caused by Oliver Stone's movie *JFK*, which suggests the president was the victim of a government plot.

Conspiracy theorists Ray and Mary La Fontaine found information among those documents they say raise questions about the Dallas police investigation into the murder. They reported on the findings in a story published this week by *The Houston Post*.

The La Fontaines discovered a photograph that they claim suggests official tampering with evidence involving Lee Harvey Oswald, who the Warren Commission said acted alone in killing Kennedy.

In addition, they found documents about three "tramps" pulled off boxcars after the assassination. No documents on the three had ever surfaced, and they had never been identified. Researchers have pointed

to that absence as evidence of a conspiracy.

Researcher Gary Mack of Fort Worth, who challenges the Warren Commission's basic conclusion, said the discoveries could have far-reaching implications — or could mean nothing.

The photo could mean officers simply were attempting to find out if the photograph could have been faked, he suggested.

"This is representative of why we still have so many questions," Mack said.

"While this may mean a whole lot, it may mean nothing. It really shows the ineptitude of the investigation."

Ms. La Fontaine found several versions of the photograph depicting assassin Lee Harvey Oswald standing in his back yard with a rifle on his hip. The Warren Commission said the rifle was the one used to kill Kennedy.

Some conspiracy buffs — as did Oswald before he was killed by Jack Ruby — insist the picture is a fake.

One of the newly discovered prints has Oswald's figure cut out as it would be in a darkroom procedure called matting. The technique can be used to impose an image on a photograph.

"All we're saying is there is a photograph with evident matting," Ray La Fontaine said. "One thing we don't want to do is overstate what it is. We found records that no one knew existed and the photo certainly is suggestive."

The other information the La Fontaines tout is the arrest reports on the long unidentified tramps.

The three were detained for four days on vagrancy charges, according to the newly discovered documents. It had always been said the three were released hours after being questioned.

A widely circulated photograph shows officers arresting the "tramps" near the assassination site at Dealey Plaza, and skeptics have long wondered why vagrants on railroad cars would have fresh haircuts and recently shined shoes.

Ms. La Fontaine found three arrest reports written at 4 p.m. on Nov. 22, 1963, less than four hours after the assassination.

The reports say Harold Doyle, 32, Gus W. Abrams, 53, and John Forrester Gedney, 38, were "taken off a train box car in the rail yards right after President Kennedy was shot."

Five dead in California flooding

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern California homeowners sandbagged their property against more flooding today as a new storm system moved into the state. Days of rain have left at least five people dead, swamped some 150 houses and carried off motor homes and cars.

The storms, among the worst in a century, pounded Southern California for a fifth day today. On Wednesday, mudslides suffocated a couple in their bed and helicopters plucked motorists from atop cars on a flooded highway.

"It washed one of my cars down," said Mike Sowell, resident of a recreational vehicle park that was deluged by the Ventura River. "I don't know where it went — it rolled over and went out to sea, I guess."

Three people were reported missing, including a 15-year-old swept away while trying to retrieve his bicycle from the roiling Los Angeles River.

The storms have dumped up to 10 inches of rain since Sunday. Heavy rain pelted the state again today as a new Pacific storm struck the Central California coast around midnight and moved southward, said Constantine Pashos, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Los Angeles.

Up to an inch of rain fell on Santa Barbara County before 4 a.m. and 35 mph wind gusts knocked out power in parts of Los Angeles, where it began raining about 4 a.m.

The storms have brought little relief from a drought now in its sixth year, officials said. Southern California gets most of its water from reservoirs hundreds of miles away, and they have missed the brunt of the storms.

Man receives life for killing deputy

HOUSTON (AP) — A man convicted of capital murder in the shooting death of an off-duty Harris County sheriff's deputy has been sentenced to life in prison.

Keith Burl Turner was sentenced Wednesday night by a judge after jurors were unable to reach a punishment verdict after some nine hours of deliberations.

Turner had faced life or the death penalty for the Sept. 14 slaying of sheriff's deputy Jeffrey Scott Sanford, who was killed as he tried to stop a robbery.

Jurors in State District Judge Doug Shaver's court had convicted Turner of capital murder last Friday after nearly three hours of deliberations.

Turner's defense attorneys had argued that their 21-year-old client was trying to hit Sanford with a pistol that accidentally fired.

Sanford, 32, a jail procurement officer, was passing a service station when he saw the robbery taking place. He entered the store with his pistol in his right hand and his sheriff's identification in the other.

Turner's co-defendant, Roderick Bernard Douglas, 24, allegedly grabbed Sanford's pistol arm while Turner stood behind the counter.

Douglas, 24, who is also charged with capital murder, will be tried later.

Gov. Pete Wilson declared an emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The order allows state employees and equipment to take part in relief efforts and frees state money for repairs to public property.

Terry McGough stacked sandbags to protect his home in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills above Pasadena, but wasn't sure if it would do any good.

"You know, this water can move a car, it can move a boulder down the street. It'll move sandbags, no problem," he said.

In Malibu, Tonya Wexler frantically worked to save her house from the waters of Las Flores Canyon Creek as they rushed past about 20 yards away.

"This house has been here for 50 years, so I'm pretty sure it will be OK," she said. "If we sandbag it, hopefully it will be OK. Any more heavy storms — I don't know."

On Wednesday, swirling waters uprooted motor homes at the RV park northwest of Los Angeles and swept at least one out to sea. Another was smashed up against a railroad bridge. About 100 people fled and at least one drowned.

A county Fire Department helicopter flew just above the water, edging up to half-submerged RVs so a crew member could lean out to knock on doors and windows and check for people trapped inside.

Nearby, helicopters plucked motorists from atop cars mired in roiling waters over U.S. Highway 101. About 25 homeless people were routed from thickets in the usually dry riverbed.

Elsewhere in Ventura County, a mudslide engulfed the bedroom of a house early Wednesday, smothering a man and a pregnant woman. The 30-year-old man and 27-year-old woman were buried under 5 feet of mud, authorities said.

At least two people died earlier in traffic accidents blamed on the weather. Two skiers were feared buried after heavy snow that was part of the storm caused an avalanche at the Mount Baldy ski area 40 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Also missing was a crew member of a Marine Corps helicopter that went down in the Pacific off Ventura County on Wednesday. Eight other crew members were rescued. It was not immediately clear if the accident was storm-related.

The storms closed freeways and vital canyon roads. Flooding along railroad tracks forced cancellation of Amtrak service between Los Angeles and Oakland, about 300 miles north. Telephone service was cut to nearly 16,000 businesses and homes.

An overloaded waste treatment plant spilled raw sewage into the sea Tuesday, closing 70 miles of beaches. They remained closed Wednesday.

In Los Angeles County, flooding from an overflowing catch basin damaged about 100 houses and 25 businesses in Quartz Hill, and many homes in Malibu and Hacienda Heights also were damaged, authorities said.

Sixteen homes were flooded in the Orange County coastal community of Huntington Beach, and 47 homes were reported damaged in Riverside County.

When "you see it from the air, you see the extensiveness. It looked like the 100-year flood," said state Sen. Dave Roberts, who surveyed the damage in Los Angeles' suburban San Fernando Valley by air.

Forecasters said the storms have been stronger and wetter because of El Nino, a warming of Pacific waters.

In 1983, high tides, monsoon-like rains and a freak tornado killed at least 17 people, drove more than 9,000 people from their homes and severed 10 piers that had stood for nearly a century.

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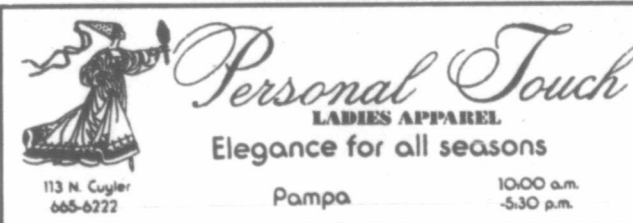
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To my Valentine

Editor's note: Following are Valentine letters written by English As A Second Language (ESL) students at Baker Elementary School as a class assignment by their teachers, Mrs. Sluder and Mrs. Cardenas.

Dear Negy and Oscar and Ivan,

Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for being so nice. I love yall so much! I miss yall so much and I wish I could see yall and I would like for both of yall to come to my house because I miss yall so much. I like yall because you guys never be mean to me.

Ivan have a happy Valentine's day. I miss you a whole bunch. Ivan never fight with your cousin Oscar and be nice to every body. Ivan you are my best cousin because you never fight with me and you never get mad. Ivan I love you a whole, whole, whole bunch! I love every body! Happy Valentine's Day for my aunts and uncles.

Love,
Nahum Nunez Santillana

Dear Mom,

Mom I hope on valentines you are good and fine. Mom on my birthday I want a penny or a dollar or what ever you want. Mom I sorry all I do to you. I am going to try the best I can. I know that I made you mad.

Jorge Chavarria

Dear Arelia and Franky,

Happy Valentine's Day and Thank you for being so kind to me. I love you all and miss you and Franky a lot. You are so nice to me.

Love you, Arelia and Franky
Your cousin,
Maria Moreno

Dear Mrs. Foote

I love you Mrs. Foote you help us to learn Math and spelling. You take us to the playground. Happy Valentine's Day Mrs. Foote. I am being good Mrs. Foote.

Love,
Antonio Estrada

Dear Mom and Dad,

I am being good in the school all day long. I am glad you have being good with me. I am glad of my sister. I love you.

Luis Salazar

Dear Mom and Dad,

I love you Mom and Dad because you bought me pizza and you bought fruta and thank you for washing my clothes and when you bought clothes

and because you let me go to Wendys house. Happy Valentine's. I love you.

Love,
Niccia Chavarria

Dear Daddy and Mom! I love you so much. Happy Valentine's day. Thanks daddy for fixing my bike. Thanks mom for taking care of me. I want to help you to clean the house. I want to help to wash the car. I like to be in the school. Be mine valentine.

Love,
Claudia Register

Dear Mom,

I want to thank for buying me a bed and a dresser. I appreciate you giving me money and giving me a whole lot of things and because you have been really nice to me.

Your daughter,
Bernice

Dear Mom,

I'm writing you a letter for Valentine Day with a lot of love. I want you to have a happy Valentine Day and thank you for all the food and washing my clothes and thank you for giving me money and understanding me and thank you for all that you have given me. I'm going to try to be a better daughter. I love you Mom.

Love,
Leticia Medina

Dear Mom

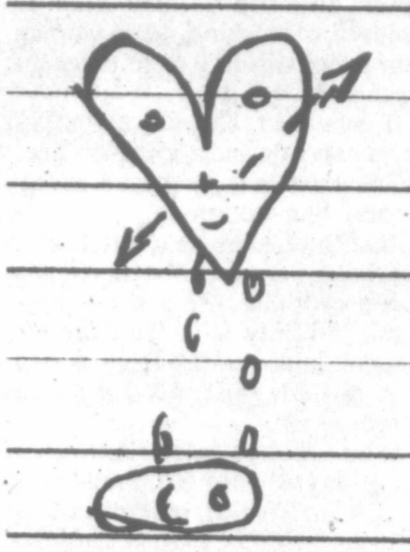
I want to thank you for being so nice to me and for teaching me how to clean my room and for buying me clothes but that's not all. I can not say this cause there are more than 1,000 words for describing you. I love you cause you're you.

From your daughter that loves you,
Wendy Tellez

Dear Mom,

I'm writing this letter with a lot of love and I hope you are happy this Valentine's day and thank you for giving me a home. Thank you for understanding me and helping me with all my needs. I also want to thank you for everything that you have given me. I'm going to try to be a better son for you. Sometimes I make you mad and I'm sorry, I do want to be better. I love you mom.

Love,
Rodolfo Ramirez



Dear Mom,

I hope you will have a good Valentine's Day. Thank you for all your love that you have given me. I love you a lot. Thank you for the money that you give me. Thank you for giving me life. I really hope you have a perfect Valentine's Day. I appreciate all the things you have done for me. Happy Valentine's Day Mommy.

Love, Your Daughter,
Dora Luz Chavarria

Dear ESL students,

We want to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and to ask you to keep up the good work in English! We are very proud of all that you have learned so far! Thanks for being such good and eager students. You are truly our Valentines!

Mrs. Sluder & Mrs. Cardenas
P.S. We enjoy all of you!



Group says too few schools serving children breakfast

WASHINGTON (AP)—Millions of children are starting the day hungry because their school cafeterias don't open until lunch time, even though there's enough money to help schools nationwide start a breakfast program, according to a report released today.

"Hunger in the morning leaves children cranky and lethargic. It causes sickness and absenteeism. And most significantly, hunger deprives children of important opportunities to be creative and learn," says the report by the Food Research and Action Center.

But less than half of all schools that participate in the National School Lunch program offer breakfast, the center said. In fiscal 1991, West Virginia ranked first with 98.7 percent of schools offering breakfast and lunch, while Utah ranked last with 14.1 percent.

According to the report by the advocacy group, 89,055 schools nationwide were participating in the National School Lunch Program in 1991, but just 43,495 — or 48.8 percent — offered breakfast.

The Agriculture Department, which administers the program, said 24.9 million children were eating school lunches in November, while 4.9 million children were getting breakfast.

Nearly all of the breakfast eaters — 87.4 percent — were from low-income families and received a free or reduced-price meal. Just over half of the lunches were served to children from low-income families.

USDA and the Food Research and Action Center both note that the number of schools offering breakfast has been increasing, including an 8 percent jump from 1990 to 1991.

But the advocacy group said thousands of schools are not serving breakfast, despite grants totaling \$5 million a year to help them start such programs. The federal government also provides 93 cents for each free breakfast a school serves, 63 cents for each reduced-price meal and 18 1/2 cents for each full-price meal.

"Many school administrators perceive insurmountable barriers, some fear disruption, and others just have not made it a priority," FRAC said. "But school breakfast is vitally important. And all of the problems associated with school breakfast par-

ticipation — real and perceived — can be solved."

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"There were serious philosophical concerns at the local level — local parents and boards of education who felt that this was shifting the responsibility from the parent, where they felt it belongs, to a government entity, hence, social welfare," Winawer said.

But he said that shifting attitudes in the last few years have helped boost participation in the program.

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Baby's likeness to infertility doctor encourages woman's suspicions

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Shortly after her daughter was born, Mary Green noticed the child looked a lot like her fertility doctor — a man now being tried on charges he fraudulently inseminated patients with his own sperm.

Mrs. Green, testifying under a pseudonym to shield her child from the trial's disclosures, was one in a parade of witnesses Wednesday who said they never authorized Dr. Cecil Jacobson to use his own sperm in artificial insemination.

She said she and her husband were looking at a picture taken when the infant was three days old and "We both said 'Whoa! Who does she look like?' We both had the same feeling that she looked a lot like Dr. Jacobson."

Mrs. Green said Jacobson promised to find a sperm donor who would "closely match the

characteristics of my husband." She said she never would have used Jacobson's insemination service if she knew he was the donor.

She said she initially dismissed her suspicions until she was contacted by prosecutors.

Mary Johnson, also using a pseudonym and apparently wearing a blond wig, said that before she was inseminated Jacobson "stated that he had a perfect match for my husband."

"Does it really matter to you who the donor was?" asked Jacobson's attorney, James Tate.

"Yes, it does," said Mrs. Johnson, adding later, "He (Jacobson) does not resemble my husband one iota."

She said she was relying on government-conducted DNA tests to indicate that Jacobson's sperm apparently was used. Tate has said he will challenge the use of that evidence in the trial.

Jacobson faces 52 counts of fraud and perjury and is accused of inseminating as many as 75 women with his own sperm while lying about the source. He also is accused of tricking other women into believing they were pregnant when they weren't.

If convicted, he faces up to 285 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

The trial was recessed today because of a snowstorm.

Tate has acknowledged that Jacobson occasionally mixed his sperm with that of a patient's husband, but only with the couple's consent. In any event, Tate has said it is not illegal for a doctor to donate sperm.

John Ruby, also using a pseudonym, said his then-wife sought artificial insemination from Jacobson in 1976 because he was sterile. Ruby, who is 6 feet 9 inches tall, said Jacobson told him he had found a sperm donor who was 6 feet 6 inches tall and

matched Ruby's physical characteristics.

Jacobson also promised that the donor would not know who received his sperm, Ruby testified.

The couple had a child, and Ruby said he never was given any impression that Jacobson was the donor.

"There's no way I'd have him be the father," Ruby said.

Mary James, using a pseudonym and wearing a curly blond wig, said she and her husband went to Jacobson hoping he could boost the potency of her husband's sperm. They were not seeking any other donor, she said.

"It was important that if we were going to have children, they were going to be biologically our children," she said.

Prosecutor Randy Bellows asked, "Did you authorize Dr. Jacobson to insert his own sperm into you?"

"No," she said. Mrs. James said

she contacted prosecutors after Jacobson was indicted in November, adding that she and her husband had a "horrible fear" that he might have inseminated her with his sperm.

Some witnesses testified that Jacobson asked them to send him

birth announcements or photographs after their babies were born.

Jacobson has agreed to stop practicing medicine, and several women have testified they received financial settlements after filing civil lawsuits against him.

Psychiatrist: Dahmer planned to dispose of body parts in acid

By MICHELLE WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jeffrey Dahmer planned to erase all evidence of his grisly murders by dissolving the body parts in a vat of acid, but he tripped up and got caught, a psychiatrist testified.

Dahmer's plan was foiled when he passed out drunk and a man he had picked up at a shopping mall fled his apartment with handcuffs dangling from one wrist, Dr. Park Dietz testified Wednesday. The man notified police.

"That pretty much spelled the end of things," Dietz quoted Dahmer as saying.

Dahmer, who has admitted killing 17 boys and men since 1978, has pleaded guilty but insane to murdering 15 of them. If the jury finds he was sane at the time of the slayings, he will go to prison; if insane, to a mental hospital.

The defense contends an uncontrollable sexual attraction to corpses drove the 31-year-old former chocolate factory worker to kill.

But District Attorney E. Michael McCann argued that Dahmer's plan to dispose of the bodies and move out of his apartment shows that he knew his actions were wrong.

"This man could have walked away from his apartment building without a trace of physical evidence. He had the capacity to do that," McCann said. "We may have never known what happened to those 17 people."

Dietz testified in 1982 that John Hinckley was sane when he shot President Reagan. The jury acquitted Hinckley by reason of insanity.

On Wednesday, Dietz testified for the prosecution that Dahmer suffered a variety of sexual disorders but was not uncontrollably driven to kill to satisfy his desires.

Dahmer said he planned to get rid of all the body parts in his apartment and go live at a Salvation Army shelter because he had been fired for excessive absenteeism about two weeks before his July 22 arrest and could no longer pay his rent, the psychiatrist testified.

Dahmer bought a 57-gallon industrial drum and planned to fill it with acid and water to destroy the body parts, Dietz said. Once the

bones and flesh turned to mush, he planned to flush it down the toilet, the witness said.

The serial killer debated whether to keep the 11 skulls because otherwise "it would have been a total waste," the psychiatrist said.

"This was a decision he had to face — whether to destroy some of his favorite items, these keepsakes, or take a very big risk of being detected for all these serious crimes," Dietz said.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company recently filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) for approval to redefine the location of the demarcation point, or demarc. The demarc is where Southwestern Bell Telephone wiring connects with customer-maintained wiring.

This request will not increase customers' service rates. This request simply changes the point within the wiring where Southwestern Bell's maintenance responsibility ends and the customer's maintenance responsibility begins. As before, customers will be able to connect their own wiring directly to Southwestern Bell's network at points up to the new demarc.

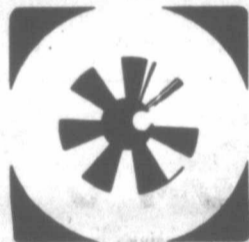
Southwestern Bell is seeking approval of this new demarc location to bring its tariff into compliance with a Federal Communications Commission Order in CC Docket 88-57.

More information will be included in customers' bills beginning February 1, 1992. Persons who wish to comment on the application should notify the PUC by March 20, 1992. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, TX 78757, or you may call the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



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"New Mexico Wilderness" is a pastel done by Jereme Ragsdale. The pictured garnered a blue ribbon and Hallmark award in the Northwest Texas Regional Exhibition of the 1992 Scholastic Art Awards.

Ragsdale takes honors in regional art exhibition

Jereme Ragsdale, a Pampa High School senior, has taken honors in the Northwest Texas Regional Exhibition of 1992 Scholastic Art Awards sponsored by the Amarillo Fine Arts Association and Amarillo Independent School District.

Ragsdale was awarded eight Certificates of Merit, four Gold Keys, two Blue Ribbon finalist awards, two Hallmark Honor Prize

regional nominations, and was named one of eight portfolio winners.

His entries included "New Mexico Wilderness" a pastel in the pointillism technique, and a pen and ink drawing of a butterfly on a thistle, named "Butterfly". The work is on display through Feb. 14, at Western Plaza, Amarillo.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ragsdale.

Math students prepare for contest

Math students of Angie Noel, at Pampa Middle School, are preparing to enter the regional Mathcounts contest on Feb. 15, at Amarillo College. The competition is sponsored by the Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Top teams from the contest

A jelly sandwich that doesn't leak?

By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine

Start spreading the "grape" news! You won't have to stomach soggy jelly sandwiches much longer. Thanks to a new invention, those purple-stained snacks are getting a new "wrap."

Scientists have come up with a see-through wrap that goes inside a jelly sandwich — between the bread

will advance to the Mathcounts state competition in Austin, March 28.

The competition offers winning seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to do pencil and paper math problems for a scholarship to the University of Texas at Austin.

and the jelly. The thin, tasteless wrap keeps the jelly from soaking into the bread. What's more, the wrap can be eaten along with the sandwich!

But leak-free jelly sandwiches aren't in the bag yet. "The edible wrap is still in the experimental stage," says one of the scientists.

If scientists do wrap up the leaky food problem, just think of what this could mean for pizza crust!



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Deadbeat father wants baby's name to be his

DEAR ABBY: Nearly two years ago, I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Her father, "Wally," dumped me when I told him I intended to keep the baby. (We were not married.)

Wally has been in two alcoholic treatment programs and claims he is now in AA, but he never goes to any meetings. He has an explosive temper and has been in jail several times for drunk driving. Now his license is suspended.

He has never seen his baby, nor paid one dime of child support. It irritates him because I gave the baby my last name instead of his.

Occasionally he gives me a phone call. He lets me know that he's very angry that the baby doesn't have his last name, and he asks me to bring the baby to his place. I do not invite him to come to my place because I live with my parents, and they don't want him on their property because of the way he treated me. At Wally's request, I send him the most recent baby pictures.

He owes me \$600 from using my credit card. I will not even try to collect it. I have told him that for all the "support" I have had from him, I could have gone to a sperm bank. He claims that I am mistreating him, but I do not want him in my life. Do I owe him anything?

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DEAR USED AND DUMPED: You owe him nothing. He drives drunk, endangering his life and the lives of others. He abused your credit card, exhibited violent behavior, and manipulated you. Listen to your parents. They have your best interests at heart.

DEAR ABBY: Concerning your recent columns about taking tickets (in my case, money) that have been in people's mouths, I want to thank you for letting me know that I am not alone in thinking this an absolutely disgusting procedure.

I have worked with the public for 10 years in positions where I handle a lot of money — as a grocery clerk and a postal clerk.

Just 30 minutes ago, I was called to my boss's office and told that a customer had complained about me! She had handed me a dollar bill which had been in her mouth — it was shiny with saliva — so I took a piece of tissue and picked it up as subtly as I could.

Can you imagine her reaction if I had put her change in my mouth and then handed it to her?

Abby, I've saved all your columns

on this subject, and I must say, it saved my sanity to know that others feel as I do about handling money that has been "Lord knows where."

NAMELESS AT THE REGISTER

DEAR NAMELESS: Here's another one for your collection:

DEAR ABBY: I work in a very fine jewelry store and we do a lot of ring cleaning. It drives me crazy when people who can't get their rings off, lick their fingers, covering them with saliva, then hand the rings to me.

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DEAR READERS: If you are raising children, please consider this: All children live for today. The future seems unreal to them.

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Scout executive named

Golden Spread Boy Scout Council executive Bob McGinnis has announced that Jack R. Crider will begin duties as Senior District Executive of the Santa Fe District on Monday, February 10.


Crider who is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University has 23 years of professional scouting service, having served in executive positions in Lubbock, Abilene, Houston, Fort Worth and Monroe, La. Jack and his wife Cecily have two grown children and a son, Matt, who is in middle school.

McGinnis said, "We're delighted to have a professional scouter

of Jack Crider's experience to provide direct scouting support services to the scouting communities of the Santa Fe district."

Crider will live in Pampa and replaces Keith Cook who has accepted a position on the staff of the Houston area Scout Council.

Recently the Golden Spread Council executive board expanded the area of Santa Fe district to include all of Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, and Collingsworth counties, as well as the community of Memphis in Hall County and Higgins in Lipscomb County.



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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though they might be presently screened from view, constructive changes are stirring where your career is concerned. You might begin to see an outcrop today. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year ahead. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might not be too lucky materially today, but who cares? You'll make up for this deficit in what really counts: love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're at your best today when calling the shots in social involvements. If possible, plan an activity at your place where friends can enjoy your warmth and hospitality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Lady Luck tends to favor you today in endeavors that have an element of chance. If you feel there is something of a speculative nature that looks promising, a calculated risk might be in order.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're operating on familiar turf today, you could be more fortunate than usual in generating substantial gains. The same might not be true in untried areas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The kindness and warmth you express today will not only make your day happier but could bring sunshine into the lives of those with whom you're involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others, apt to be very considerate of your personal needs today, might offer you assistance without needing to be asked. Remember to show proper gratitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One of your major assets today is your natural ability to ingratiate yourself with individuals who are important to you in both your present and future plans. Just be yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions in general look very promising for you today. This could be due to the fact that Lady Luck will be at your disposal just when you need her the most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Significant hopes have an excellent chance of being fulfilled at this time, provided you are not too structured. Chance must be free to exert its influence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Joint ventures look quite promising for you today. Focus your energy on the partnership that offers you the greatest possibilities for reward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your best asset today is your ability to bring divergent interests together for a unified, advantageous purpose. Everyone participating could share in the benefits.

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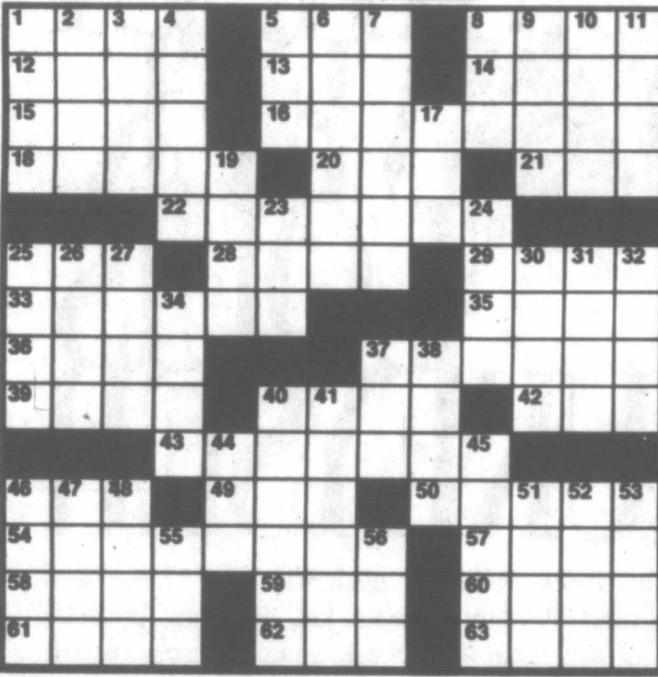
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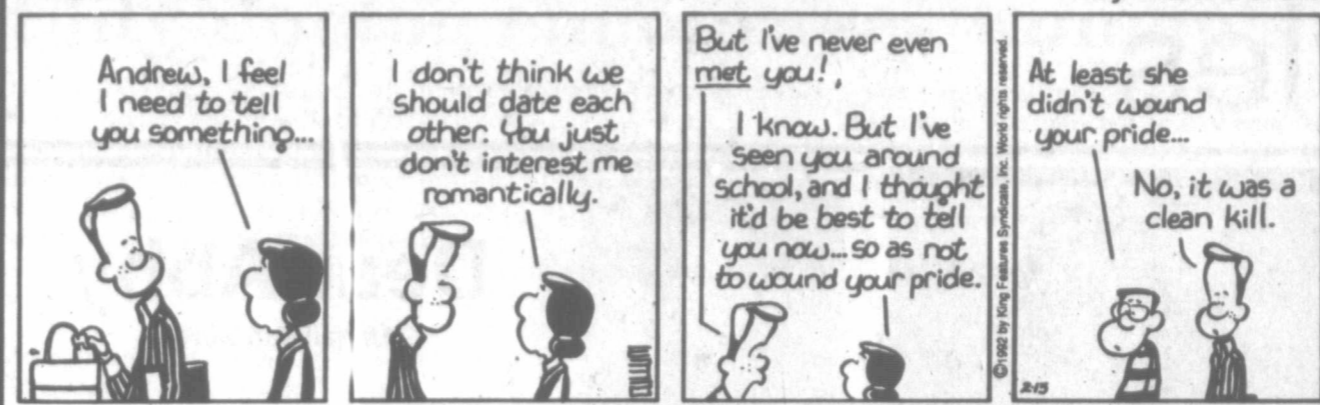
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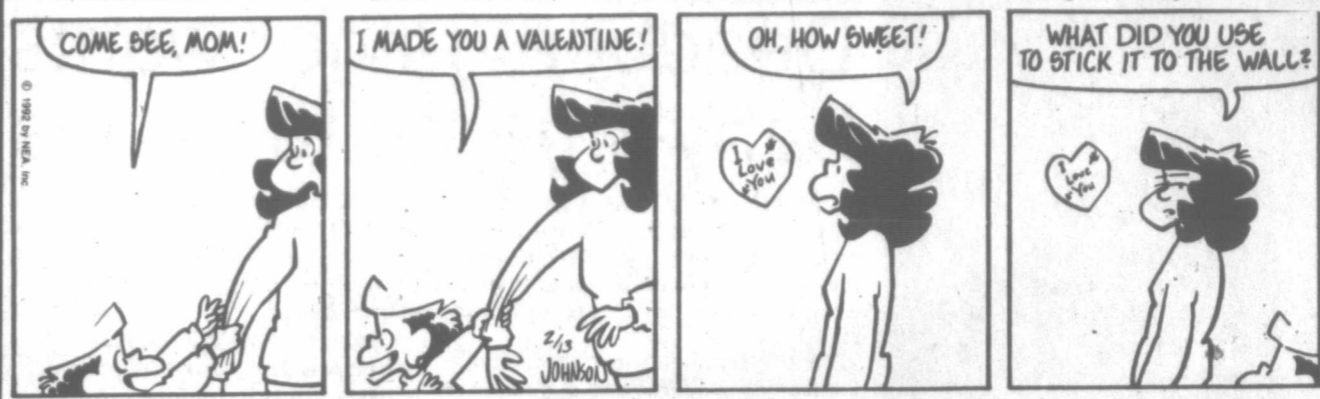
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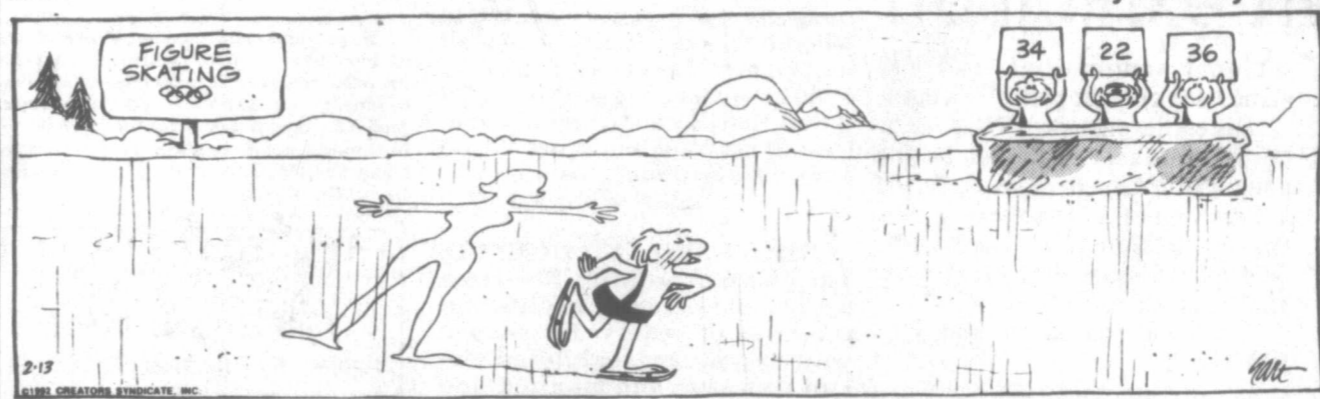
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might not be too lucky materially today, but who cares? You'll make up for this deficit in what really counts: love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're at your best today when calling the shots in social involvements. If possible, plan an activity at your place where friends can enjoy your warmth and hospitality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Lady Luck tends to favor you today in endeavors that have an element of chance. If you feel there is something of a speculative nature that looks promising, a calculated risk might be in order.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're operating on familiar turf today, you could be more fortunate than usual in generating substantial gains. The same might not be true in untried areas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The kindness and warmth you express today will not only make your day happier but could bring sunshine into the lives of those with whom you're involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others, apt to be very considerate of your personal needs today, might offer you assistance without needing to be asked. Remember to show proper gratitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One of your major assets today is your natural ability to ingratiate yourself with individuals who are important to you in both your present and future plans. Just be yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions in general look very promising for you today. This could be due to the fact that Lady Luck will be at your disposal just when you need her the most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Significant hopes have an excellent chance of being fulfilled at this time, provided you are not too structured. Chance must be free to exert its influence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Joint ventures look quite promising for you today. Focus your energy on the partnership that offers you the greatest possibilities for reward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your best asset today is your ability to bring divergent interests together for a unified, advantageous purpose. Everyone participating could share in the benefits.

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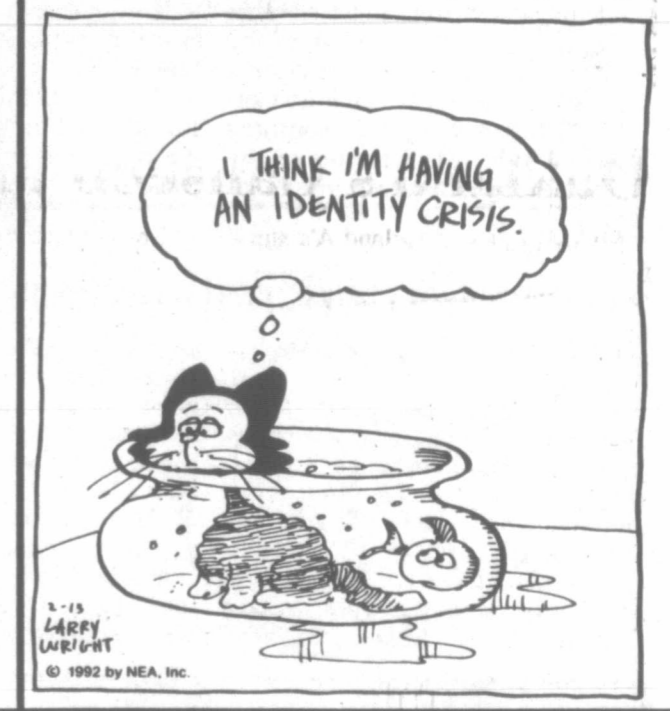
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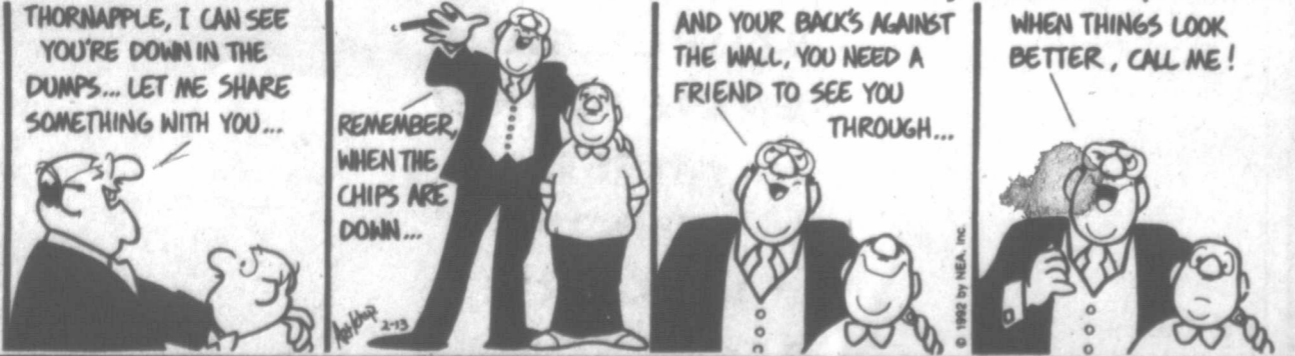
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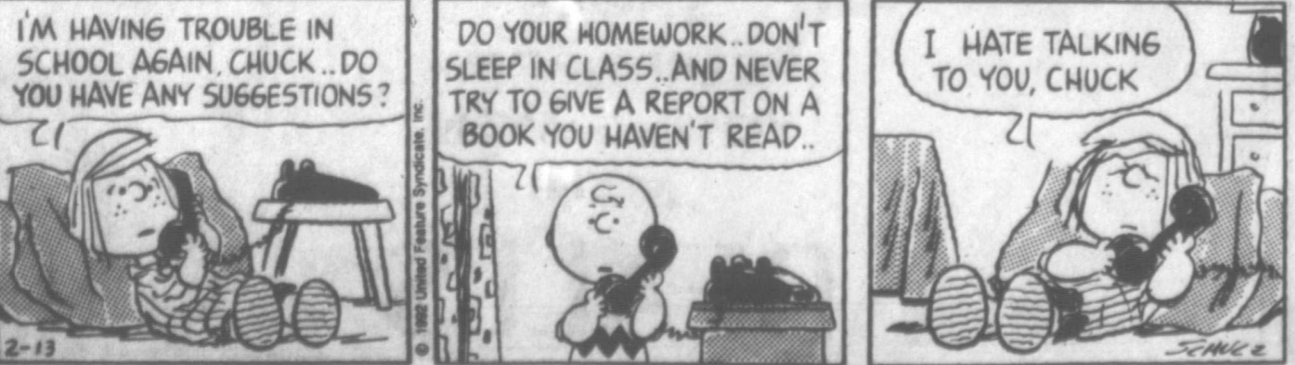
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Clinton defends Vietnam conduct, draws fire from rival candidates

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

BEDFORD, N.H. (AP) — Democrat Bill Clinton is trying to put a Vietnam draft controversy behind him but is drawing new fire from rivals sensing an opportunity to move up in the final days of the New Hampshire primary.

Less than a week before next Tuesday's leadoff primary, Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin launched new campaign ads and Harkin, fresh from his homestate victory, left New Hampshire to stump in Maine.

Former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, leading in the Granite State polls, held fund-raisers in Boston but otherwise took the day off.

Clinton was on national television Wednesday night for the second time in a month, trying to quash another controversy jeopardizing a candidacy that topped the polls just weeks ago.

The Arkansas governor appeared on ABC's "Nightline" after releasing a 1969 letter in which he

thanked the head of the University of Arkansas ROTC unit for "saving him from the draft," and explained his decision to back out of an agreement to join the reserve officers' training program.

Clinton released the letter Wednesday after he received a copy of it from ABC News, who said it was obtained from another University of Arkansas ROTC recruiter.

The letter appears to conform with Clinton's earlier accounts of what happened with his draft status and deferment — but not with what he has said in the past, raising new questions about his motives.

Clinton has said he gave up his deferment after anguishing over the issue and deciding it wasn't right. In his letter, he says he was troubled about not going, but also gave up his deferment "to maintain my political viability within the system."

Many party leaders believe his comments about the draft for the Vietnam War being "illegitimate" will damage his candidacy, particularly in the South, presumably his base.

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— Gov. Bill Clinton (D.-Ark.)
Democratic presidential candidate

Harkin and Kerrey, who both served during the Vietnam War, moved quickly to capitalize, but focused on Clinton's latest statements, not on his position on the draft, reflecting the ambivalence Americans feel about that tumultuous period.

Kerrey, a disabled Vietnam veteran and Medal of Honor winner, said, "I do think I have an obligation to say I'm proud of my military service. ... I think it's for me rather to say, 'Governor Clinton, can I trust your record...'"

The Clinton draft controversy, "just again raises another question as to his veracity of character," said Harkin, who has embellished his own military record by saying he was a pilot in Vietnam, when he

and the unsubstantiated tabloid allegations about an extramarital affair — which Clinton denies — have thrown the Democratic presidential race into disarray just five days before the New Hampshire primary.

"All I've been asked about by the press is a woman I didn't sleep with and a draft I didn't dodge," Clinton complained on "Nightline."

Complicating the turmoil is an aggressive write-in campaign by supporters of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who was at Harvard University Wednesday night delivering a speech in which he criticized both President Bush and the Democratic candidates.

Cuomo refused to discourage the write-in effort, although he predicted the nominee would come from the current field.

"Why shouldn't they do it if they feel like doing it?" Cuomo said of the write-in campaign. "If they are saying nice things about me, I'm going to encourage it."

Supporters of Sens. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas and Jay Rocke-

efeller of West Virginia and House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri have made exploratory calls about possible candidacies if Clinton stumbles in New Hampshire.

In his letter, Clinton referred to Vietnam as "a war I opposed and despised with a depth of feeling I had reserved solely for racism in America before Vietnam."

"No government really rooted in limited, parliamentary democracy should have the power to make its citizens fight and kill and die in a war they may oppose," Clinton wrote.

He was publishing the entire letter in today's editions of the Manchester Union Leader and said he was confident New Hampshire voters who read it all would understand his anguish — and come to the conclusion he had done nothing wrong.

"I know real people will read the whole letter and I hope they can remember what it was like 23 years ago to be my age and to go through what we all did," said Clinton.

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