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Prison inmate use discussed at public hearing



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Andy Collins, left, and Larry Kyle of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice discuss ways to optimize inmate labor during a public hearing Wednesday in Pampa.

6,400 prison bid support letters mailed

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa area citizens have written over 6,400 letters to Texas Department of Criminal Justice board members in support of placing another prison in the immediate area, according to local officials.

Nanette Moore, executive vice president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, said most of the letters were written by individual citizens who came into the chamber office after hearing about the campaign through the local media.

"I've just been overwhelmed with the number of individuals who have come in, picked up forms or written their own letters and contacted friends, family and neighbors to do the same," Moore stated. "We have had the larger businesses circulating the form letters to their employees, but it has really been the individuals coming in that made this go."

Moore termed the effort "enthusiastic and wonderful." Letters will be bundled and mailed today courtesy of local United States Postal Service employees at no cost to the city or chamber, Moore and attorney Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation have said.

"That's another indication of the strong community support," Moore stated.

Waters has said, "We really can't say enough for those postal employees getting involved in this

effort. They deserve a lot of credit."

Local officials noted the state is attempting by April 10 to locate three 2,250-bed maximum security prisons and six 1,000-bed medium security prisons around the state.

In addition, they want to build 12,000 beds for rehabilitation and treatment of felony substance abuse inmates.

City Manager Glen Hackler stated, "They want to build either 500- or 1,000-bed substance abuse felony punishment facilities, so there could be anywhere from 12 to 24 of those."

TDCJ staff and board members are scheduled to have a "short list" of prison finalists by March 13. However, Hackler said the current time-line does not call for release of those cities' names to the media until Monday, March 16.

Cities winning prison units should be announced Friday, April 10, the TDCJ has said.

When Pampa's Rufe Jordan Unit opens in the fall of this year it will generate an annual payroll of \$7 million and create 315 jobs, state officials have said.

Even though 500-bed substance abuse facilities would create fewer jobs than the 1,000-bed units, because those prisons would include a large number of health professionals, it is estimated they would create roughly the same payroll as the 1,000-bed Jordan Unit while creating about 180 new jobs.

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa city officials managed to both play host to and capture the imagination of state representatives and Texas Department of Criminal Justice administrators during a public hearing Wednesday at the Community Building.

The hearing, chaired by State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa, centered around maximizing TDCJ inmate labor.

Pampa City Manager Glen Hackler used his testimony before the board to suggest a partnership between local governments and the state in which inmates are used to separate solid waste to meet the state's guidelines for 40 percent reduction of the waste stream through recycling by 1995.

Larry Kyle, TDCJ assistant director for industry, said, "We have looked at the problems of old tires and we are looking at a process that would extract the carbon black and metal and generate energy. It's very expensive, but we think it may be viable for us to get into."

"Of course, if you extract those materials you need to have a market for them. That's a nationwide problem. We think we can deal with major manufacturers and show them we can provide these materials for their manufacturing. I think this idea makes sense."

Hackler stated, "An advantage to this program is that we are talking about a relatively low technical skill job in sorting for recycling. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is expanding its partnership with communities ... and this is a potential way to build on this."

Andy Collins, director of the TDCJ institutional division, told Hackler, "Mr. Kyle and I have visited on several occasions about actually constructing a facility to do separation for the purpose of recycling."

Hackler suggested local governments might provide the capital for such a project in return for the jobs that would be created by prison guards and administrative positions. Inmates would then do separation, a job many in the solid waste field say is difficult to fill with "free world" labor because of the monotony involved.

Collins and Kyle reported that most inmates have IQ's considerably below the average for the general population, along with education that generally top out at the sixth grade level.

They also said it is difficult to use prisoners for positions that require extensive training since there is a 99 percent turnover in the inmate population every 120 days.

"We want to deal with a growing population of short-term inmates and what to do with them,"

Collins said, noting that TDCJ studies show inmates who are busy are less likely to cause problems in the system.

Kyle said he does not anticipate any city/state partnerships using inmates for sorting recyclables for at least five years.

Rep. Chisum said of Hackler's idea, "Recycling is something everybody is ready to do, but it is not cost effective unless you have extremely inexpensive labor. It could be a hand-in-glove type operation that we need to investigate. It is something we uncovered here today and just because of that I consider it a successful meeting."

State Rep. Allen Place, one of those on the panel hearing testimony, pointed out that by the next legislative session it appears likely many non-violent third degree offenses in Texas will be reduced to Class A misdemeanors to relieve prison over-crowding.

"We're going to put 95,000 of the worst offenders in the state corrections units and you are going to have to deal with the rest of them on the local level," Place said. "I'm not going to lie; it's going to look like we are dumping on you."

Kyle used that prognostication to suggest cities and counties may want to form recycling partnerships such as Hackler described, but use county inmate labor instead of state prisoners.

Former bank president McCullough pleads guilty to funds embezzlement

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO - Former Pampa resident Steve K. McCullough, 42, pleaded guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court to information which states he did "willfully embezzle, purloin and misapply" approximately \$8,750 from National Bank of Commerce.

McCullough served as president of the National Bank of Commerce from 1985 until he was terminated by the board of directors on Oct. 24, 1991, said Ben Shackelford, president of NBC.

According to documents filed Wednesday in federal court regarding McCullough's case, he faces a maximum 30-year jail sentence and a \$1 million fine, plus a term of supervised release of up to five years plus restitution as deemed appropriate for the misapplication of bank funds plea.

McCullough is charged with embezzling and misapplying the funds in June 1991, during which time he was the president of the bank.

On June 18-19, McCullough approved loan documentation obligating NBC to loan unknown per-



Steve McCullough

sons named "Lynn Miller" the sum of \$2,850, and "J.L. Shaver" the sum of \$5,800. He then had cashier's checks made payable to the two unknown people and to an unknown person named "Mae Campbell" for the sum of the loans.

All three cashier's checks were issued under the guise that such checks represented NBC's payment of those loan proceeds arriving from

the loans by McCullough, according to court documents.

McCullough then took the cashier's checks and "intentionally forged the endorsements" of the three people, according to the documents. He presented the cashier's checks with the forged endorsements to NBC for payment and "under the guise that he would transfer the monies and funds received for such cashier's checks" to the three unknown people.

The court documents state that McCullough never transferred the monies and funds he received for the cashier's checks and instead used the money for his own personal benefit.

Shackelford said today that the bogus loans were discovered during a routine outside audit of bank records. At that time, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was called in to conduct an investigation.

"We'd like to make our customers aware this was a small amount and it had very little affect on the capital of the bank. We're sorry what has happened has happened," Shackelford said.

A sentencing date for McCullough, who is now residing in Arizona, has not been set.

Congressmen spar over defense budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional Republicans and Democrats are at odds over a report that says deeper cuts in military spending than President Bush has proposed could mean the loss of an additional 300,000 jobs.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole and three other GOP senators - John Warner of Virginia, Pete Domenici of New Mexico and Ted Stevens of Alaska - released the Congressional Budget Office study Wednesday.

"The anti-defense forces on Capitol Hill can talk all they want about scrapping weapons systems, but when you're really talking about cutting jobs and crippling communities," Dole said. He requested the report in June 1990.

The study examines the effects of defense cuts on three regions of the country: southeastern Maine, St. Louis and Monterey, Calif. Representing those areas are Senate

Majority Leader George Mitchell, House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta.

"The report is an obvious political effort against three Democratic leaders in Congress," Mitchell said in an interview Wednesday. He described the report as an "unfortunate effort and a waste of taxpayers' money."

According to Mitchell, the report cost \$181,000 and arrived at the most obvious conclusions.

Republicans contend that the Congressional Budget Office - not the GOP leadership - selected the three sites for the study. In response, Mitchell said, "If you believe that, I'll give you a good deal on the Brooklyn Bridge."

In the study, the CBO noted that the Bush administration's 1991 plan called for reducing defense spending by \$350 billion from 1993 to 1997. Based on those cuts, about 329,000 jobs would be lost in the overall economy by 1995.

Bush, in his State of the Union

address, proposed an additional cut of about \$50 billion over the next five years. Several Democrats and Republicans in Congress have called for deeper military reductions.

Defense cuts larger than the administration has proposed would result in 645,000 jobs lost by 1995, the CBO said.

Among the proposed reduction plans in Congress, Mitchell and Senate Budget Committee Chairman James Sasser, D-Tenn., have called for a \$100 billion cut over five years.

Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona is proposing a \$119 billion cut while Sen. William Roth, R-Del., is asking for a \$260 billion reduction.

Closing Bath Iron Works in Maine, a shipbuilder that manufactures the Navy's guided-missile cruisers and destroyers, would put 11,000 people out of work and raise the state's unemployment by 1.7 percent, the report said.

Reducing military work at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis would mean the loss of about 13,400 jobs and many companies depending on defense contracting would close, the CBO said.

Monterey is home to Fort Ord, a military base already slated for closing.

The release of the report came as Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, held a daylong hearing on whether deeper cuts could be made.

Weather radar donation



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

A \$1,500 donation from Hoechst Celanese Chemical Co. of Pampa has brought the Downtown Kiwanis Club one-tenth closer to their goal of \$15,000 for computer hardware and software to allow the Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management program access to the National Weather Service radar screens. Pictured at the presentation of the donation are, from left, Royce Jordan, vice president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club; Jerry Moore, manager of the Pampa Hoechst Celanese chemical plant; and Ken Hall, emergency management coordinator.

PUC approves tentative utility tax reduction plan

AUSTIN (AP) - Public Utility Commission member Marta Greytak says a move to lower the tax on utility gross receipts will help consumers, while PUC Chairman Robert Gee says utility companies would benefit.

The PUC voted Wednesday to lower the tax on utility gross receipts by about \$40 million for 1992-93, despite questions about whether such action is legal.

Mrs. Greytak and Commissioner Paul Meek voted to reduce the tax,

while Gee dissented. Greytak pushed to cut the utility assessment to the amount needed to fund the commission and the Office of Public Utility Counsel, which represents residential ratepayers.

Gee said the reduction would be a windfall to utilities, and that it is "highly questionable" whether the PUC even has the authority to make the tax cut. Public Counsel Luis Wilmot has voiced the same concerns.

State Comptroller John Sharp's office is asking Texas Attorney

General Dan Morales whether the PUC can legally take such action without legislative approval.

Rules to implement the changes were approved two weeks ago and would take effect 180 days after being filed with the secretary of state's office.

Gee said that if the rules are legal, he believes another vote would be required after they take effect to actually lower the assessment. Tipton Ross of Greytak's office disagreed.

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A FREEDOM
NEWSPAPER

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DUNHAM, Donald R. 'Dick' — 2 p.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery.
LAKE, Opal Burks — 2 p.m., Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel, Amarillo.
YEAGER, Melvin E. — 11 a.m., graveside, Canadian Cemetery, Canadian.

Obituaries

DONALD R. DUNHAM
 Donald R. "Dick" Dunham, 61, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1992. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors with the Rev. Delbert Priest, associate pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating.

Mr. Dunham was born on May 27, 1930, in Copeland, Kan., and moved to Pampa in 1950 from Payette, Idaho. He married Judy Green on Nov. 26, 1955, in California. He was a painting contractor until retiring in 1987.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Randy Dunham and James Dunham, both of Pampa; a sister, Shirley Kosesan of Salem, Ore.; and three grandsons and a granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be made to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

OPAL BURKS LAKE

AMARILLO — Opal Burks Lake, 74, relative of area residents, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel with Dr. Gil Lain of Paramount Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Lake was born in Rayland and had lived in Amarillo for 30 years. She was a member of First Christian Church in Pampa.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Lake of Amarillo and Dale "Bob" Lake of Lefors; two sisters, Virgie Cummings and Alene Jones, both of Amarillo; three brothers, Raymond Burks of Wheeler, Bryan Burks of Alvin and Wayne Burks of Charleston, S.C.; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 5700 Brinkman Drive and 6205 Oxbow Trail and requests memorials be made to the American Lung Association.

IRENE POPE

AMARILLO — Irene Pope, 93, mother of a Pampa woman, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in 10th Street Church of Christ at Friona with J. Henderson of Plainview officiating. Burial will be in Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Pope was born on Sept. 21, 1898, in Floyd County and moved to Friona in 1944 and to Amarillo in 1980. She married L.D. Pope on Dec. 23, 1923, at Floyd County; he preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1973. She taught school from 1923 to 1925 in the Irick School District near Lockney. She also taught for two years at Sand Hill School District. From 1947 until 1959, she worked in the school cafeteria at Friona. She was a member of the Fairlane Church of Christ in Amarillo and the American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 142.

Survivors include four sons, Fred D. Pope of Idaho Falls, Idaho, S.W. Pope of Amarillo, James L. Pope of Friona and Gene Pope of Springfield, Colo.; a daughter, Glenna Mae Baimum of Pampa; two sisters, Alice Smith of Amarillo and Alma Holmes of Fredricksburg; a brother, Milton Smith of Mountainair, N.M.; 19 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

MARY ALICE SKAGGS

Mary Alice Skaggs, 66, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1992. Services are to be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church with Dr. John T. Tate, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Skaggs was born Aug. 11, 1925 in Eureka, Kan. She married James D. Skaggs on Feb. 16, 1946, at Ft. Stockton. He died Dec. 21, 1984. She had been a longtime resident of Pampa, living here for more than 40 years. She moved to Pampa from Ft. Stockton. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Roof of Binger, Okla., and Alice Wright of Canton; one son, William D. Skaggs of Pampa; one brother, Don Board of Broken Bow, Okla.; one sister, Anna Lee Beard of Pine, Colo.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church Family Life Center. The family will receive friends at 2612 Comanche.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.82
Milo	4.20
Corn	4.63

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

Ky. Cent. Life	8 1/4	up 1/4
Serfco	2	up 1/8
Occidental	19 1/4	up 1/8

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

Magellan	68.75
Puritan	14.52

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

Amoco	45 7/8	dn 3/8
Aero	102 3/8	dn 3/8
Cabot	39 1/4	NC

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Betty Lou Christensen, Borger
 Mary Lou Gillenwater, Pampa
 Vicki Denise Hambright, Pampa
 Rhonda Michelle Ishmael, Canadian
 Kolbye Dale Johnson, Pampa
 Melba Lesha, Pampa
 Owen Mangus, Pampa

Dismissals
 Kimberly Morris and baby girl, Pampa
 Wilburn Ray Morris, Pampa
 Billy Ray Vansickle, Pampa
 Betty West, Groom
 Ada Marie Whitley (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Esther Martinez, Wellington
 Carmen Antuna, Wellington

Dismissals
 Cora Gibbons, Shamrock

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hambright of Pampa, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. rock

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19

Richard Sunnett, 405 N. Faulkner, reported a theft over \$250 at the residence.

Police reported domestic violence in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Jerry Nicholas, 1322 N. Russell, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at the residence.

Ben's Auto, 1918 W. Alcock, reported theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories at the business.

Juanita Wood, 1200 N. Wells #12, reported a forgery at 114 N. Cuyler.

Linda Winkleblack, 712 N. Wells, reported a burglary at 1041 Huff Rd.

Pete Rivera, 116 N. Naida, reported an assault at the residence.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19

Lory Ann Clerly, 29, Shamrock, was arrested at the police department on traffic warrants. She was released on payment of fines.

Ira Don Hicks, 21, 109 N. Wynne, was arrested at the residence on two warrants.

Robert Lee Meeks, 24, 930 S. Banks, was arrested at 543 W. Brown on a charge of public intoxication.

William Ray Finley, 27, 712 Bradley, was arrested at 543 W. Brown on a charge of public intoxication.

Arrest TODAY, Feb. 20

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ACT I's evening of mysteries provides entertaining suspense

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
 Lifestyles Editor

In an evening "well calculated to keep you in ... suspense," Area Community Theatre presented four one-act plays which delve into the dark side of the human condition.

Bettany Morgan gave a riveting performance as Edna Bloodworth in *Nothing Immediate* by Shirley Lauro.

The hate-filled character of Edna Bloodworth became so alive because the emotion generated was so palpable. The result was a performance this reviewer could "feel."

The disenfranchised, suspicion-filled Bloodworth unloaded all her hate and fear on the character of Sandra Warsaw-Stein, portrayed by Darlene Hodges.

Warsaw-Stein is everything Bloodworth is not — educated, sophisticated, liberal and intellectual. By contrast, Bloodworth is narrow minded, bigoted and encapsulated in a world of fear on the Iowa prairie.

Review

Morgan and Hodges were set up in perfect contrast for this piece. Their clothing and makeup were completely opposite — Morgan wore a shapeless dress, a droopy sweater, and her hair was in terrible disarray (I suspect Edna Bloodworth has neither seen the inside of a beauty parlor nor looked at *Cosmo*. She probably needs dental work, too). Hodges, with her mink coat, dress-for-success suit and coiffed hair, could not have been more sophisticated. Sandra Warsaw-Stein was carefully well-mannered with Edna Bloodworth, as opposed to Bloodworth's petty meanness. Hodges moved from the distraught state of mind one would expect from her character — a woman who is trying to get to her dying father — to terror, as Bloodworth raves on, and finally threatens her.

The power in this piece was in the performance of the actresses and their accurate costuming. They are to be commended.

Another superior performance was given by Sophie Goode as the trembling, naive Velma Sparrow in *Bird-bath* by Leonard Melfi. Goode was well chosen for the piece. She is big-eyed and pretty, capturing the youth and innocence of the looney Velma. Frankie Basta, the alcoholic would-be poet, portrayed by Robert Douglas,

was a great supporting character for Velma. Basta's cynical outlook and barely concealed anger, contrasted with Velma's ditsy naivete to make the pair workable. Douglas portrayed anger to enliven Basta's character. Velma's repressed rage toward her emotionally abusive mother (who, by the way, was a regular reader of *The National Enquirer*) generates the final plot twist. Douglas' gravelly voice and lined face made this reviewer believe the character Basta had indeed lived a hard life.

Other high spots of the evening included beautifully colored costumes in *The Book of Murder* by Ron Cowen. The female characters — Elva Westmark as Jane; Teresa Page as Catherine; Carolyn Smith as Anne and Brandy Ketchum as Mary Aythecliff — were costumed in jewel colors and gold jewelry that said one thing — "I am prosperous" — and their prosperity is the key to the plot. Bill Hildebrandt, as Det. Charlie Marlette, is dressed in brown, in contrast to the four peacocks who each have a motive for murder. Rick Crosswhite, a normally thin guy, was transformed into the corpulent Henry Aythecliff. No cruelty is too cruel for Aythecliff, and Crosswhite captures that meanness. In this piece, lighting is particularly effective. It is used to move backward in time and to change the scene of the action.

Finishing out the evening of entertainment is *The Tape Recorder* by Pat Flower. The plot construction is simple: a part-time typist and stenographer, Debra Sandefur as Ms. Collins, works for an unseen author, portrayed by Ronnie Holmes. She takes notes from his reel-to-reel tape recorder, but as the voice of The Writer drones on, tension builds to a climax. Sandefur takes Ms. Collins from a silly, shallow female living an ordinary life, to an individual plunged into terror through the almost supernatural knowledge of The Writer.

Patti Lowrance and Sharon McQueen served as lighting and sound technicians for the four productions. This reviewer felt that the lighting and sound effects gave extra texture to the evening's work.

Kayla Pursley has done a terrific job as director. First-time actors and actresses give credible performances, and the four selections consistently reflected the suspense theme of the evening.

The four one-act plays are not meant for children. The topics are not happy and occasionally the subject matter is adult in nature.

The evening's production, though long, was enjoyable to this lover of murder and mayhem. The "Dead of Winter" opens Friday and continues through Saturday and Feb. 28 and 29 at ACT I Theatre, Pampa Mall.

Aaron Cohen reportedly named to be interim head of NASA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aaron Cohen, director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston, has been selected as the interim head of NASA while a search continues for a successor to Richard Truly, who was forced last week to resign, an administration source said today.

The appointment was made by Truly and was to be announced later today.

Truly will leave the administrator's job on April 1.

Cohen has been a NASA employee for 30 years and has headed the Johnson center since 1986, following the Challenger disaster. His new title will be acting deputy administrator.

The deputy's office has been vacant since J.R. Thompson resigned last year.

While Cohen is in Washington, former astronaut Paul J. Weitz will be in charge of the Johnson Center, home of Mission Control and NASA's astronaut training center, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutsen 665-4237. Adv.

FASTER REFUNDS with Free Electronic Filing when I prepare your 1991 Tax Return. Competitive rates. M. David Webster, 109 W. Kingsmill, 669-2233. Adv.

"IT'S A Happening" Arts & Crafts Show, Amarillo Civic Center this Saturday 10-6, Sunday 12-5! Free admission. Adv.

1/2 OFF 1/2 Sale continues on winter apparel, belts and jewelry. Big group of early Spring apparel 1/2 Off. Bobee J's Boutique, 2143 N. Hobart. Adv.

ROLANDA'S JUST received Special People dolls! Adv.

GOLF SALE at David's Golf Shop. New arrivals Taylor made System 2 metal woods and Harvester caps. Adv.

SALE ITEMS, February 19 thru March 15. Miller 16 oz. 6 pack cans \$2.95, 12 pack \$5.80, case \$11. Keystone Light 16 oz. 6 pack \$2.95, 12 pack \$5.80, case \$11. Coor's 12 oz. 6 pack cans \$3.85, 12 pack \$7.65, case \$15.25. Pump Jack Liquor, 2401 1/2 Alcock (behind Derrick). Adv.

LIL' OL' Paintin' Corner's Classes will be starting in oils, acrylics, and fabric dyes. Please come and register for classes (day or night). 407 E. Craven, 665-5101. Adv.

THATCHING, SCALPING, Fertilize, Evergreens and Cedars shaped. Senior discount. Bobby 669-6357, Howard 665-0688. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of Onion plants including 1015Y Texas Super Sweet. Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

LOST INJUN will be at City Limits, Friday and Saturday. Adv.

AIR DUCT Cleaning. Dale Sprinkle, 665-4229. Adv.

SPRING SOCCER Registration: Pampa Mall - T-Shirts & More. Friday, February 21, 5 p.m. thru 7 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m. thru 6 p.m. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, fair with a low in the upper 30s and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 60s and westerly winds 10-15 mph. Wednesday's high was 63 degrees; the overnight low was 42 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Fair tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. Lows tonight 30s mountains and Panhandle, 40s elsewhere. Highs Friday near 60 mountains and Panhandle to mid 70s Big Bend lowlands.

North Texas — Partly cloudy tonight with lows in mid 40s to low 50s. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the south Friday, otherwise mostly cloudy with highs in upper 60s to low 70s.

South Texas — Considerable high cloudiness through tonight with a slight chance of rain south. Mostly cloudy Friday with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, mainly east. Highs from mid 60s to mid 70s. Lows tonight mostly 50s.

Extended Forecast Saturday through Monday West Texas — Panhandle: Partly cloudy Saturday. Mostly cloudy Sunday with a chance of rain. Cloudy and colder Monday with a chance of rain and snow mixed. Highs in mid 50s cooling to upper 30s Monday. Lows in mid 30s cooling to mid 20s Monday. South Plains: Partly cloudy Saturday. Mostly cloudy Sunday with a chance of rain. Cloudy and colder Monday with a chance of rain or rain mixed with snow. Highs in upper 50s cooling to low 40s Monday. Lows in mid 30s cooling to upper 20s Monday. Permian Basin: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Mostly cloudy and colder with

a slight chance of rain Monday. Highs in low 60s cooling to mid 40s Monday. Lows in upper 30s cooling to low 30s Monday. Concho Valley-Edwards Plateau: Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a slight chance of showers Saturday. Cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain Monday. Highs in mid 60s Saturday and Sunday cooling to mid 50s Monday. Lows in mid 40s cooling to upper 30s Monday. Far West: Partly cloudy each day. Cooler with a slight chance of rain Monday. Highs in low 60s cooling to low 50s Monday. Lows around 40 cooling to mid 30s Monday. Big Bend: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Mostly cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of rain Monday. Highs in low 60s cooling to low 50s Monday. Lows around 40 cooling to mid 30s Monday. Big Bend: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Mostly cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of rain Monday. Highs from upper 50s mountains to mid 70s lowlands cooling Sunday to low 50s mountains and mid 60s lowlands. Lows mostly in the 30s mountains and low to mid 40s lowlands.

Highs in the 60s Saturday and Sunday, and near 60 Monday. Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday, decreasing Sunday. Cloudy and turning cooler with a chance of rain Monday. Lows in the 50s Saturday and Sunday, and near 50 inland to 50s coast Monday. Highs in the 70s Saturday and Sunday, and 60s Monday. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday, decreasing Sunday. Cloudy and turning cooler with a chance of rain Monday. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday. Cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain Monday. Lows near 50 inland to 50s coast Saturday and Sunday, and 40s inland to near 50 coast Monday. Highs in the 60s to near 70 Saturday and Sunday, and near 60 Monday.

Border States Oklahoma — Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Widely scattered thunderstorms central and east Friday. Lows tonight mid 30s Panhandle to upper 40s east. Highs Friday near 60 north to low 70s southwest.

New Mexico — Tonight, mostly cloudy northwest and partly cloudy southeast. Few showers and mountains snow showers western mountains and north. Lows 20s mountains with mostly 30s elsewhere. Friday, few showers or mountains snow showers ending early northwest and by afternoon across the remainder of the north. Partly cloudy much of the east and south. Not as warm with highs in the 40s to mid 50s mountains and north with 60s lower elevations south.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a chance of showers Saturday, decreasing Sunday. Cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain Monday. Lows in the 40s to near 50 Saturday, 40s Sunday and upper 30s Hill Country to 40s South Central Monday.

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America's trade deficit narrows to \$66.2 billion in 1991

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit improved dramatically in 1991, narrowing to \$66.2 billion as an all-time high in U.S. export sales helped to push the deficit below the \$100 billion mark for the first time in eight years, the government said today.

The sharp improvement came despite the fact that the year ended on a sour note with the December deficit jumping 42.3 percent to \$5.94 billion. The December deterioration reflected the fact that exports fell by 2.2 percent while imports were up 2.3 percent.

In other economic news today, the Labor Department reported that weekly claims for jobless benefits rose by 18,000 as 452,000 Americans made first-time visits to unemployment offices in the first week in February.

Analysts said the increase, which followed two weeks of declines, showed that despite modest signs of an economic rebound, America's labor market remains under severe pressure because of widespread layoffs.

Economists said the December trade performance

could be an ominous sign for the future since it showed American exports falling for a second straight month.

Many economists are predicting that 1991 will be the high-water mark for trade improvements for some time to come. They believe that stronger demand in the United States will start pulling in more imports while weakness in some of America's major overseas markets will cut into U.S. export sales.

Some analysts believe that within two years the deficit will again be approaching the \$100 billion mark.

Such a scenario would be bad news for the Bush administration, which is counting on continued strong export growth to provide much of the momentum to get the stagnant American economy moving again.

President Bush has also used the record levels of U.S. exports to counter attacks from his political opponents that he is not doing enough to combat unfair trade practices of America's international competitors such as Japan.

Bush's January trip to Japan has been labeled an embarrassment by his political opponents, who claim that the trade concessions he obtained will do little to

narrow the huge trade gap between the two nations or win back lost American jobs.

The \$66.2 billion trade deficit for all of 1991 compared to a 1990 deficit of \$101.72 billion. It marked the lowest imbalance since the deficit totaled \$52.4 billion in 1983.

The next year, the deficit shot up to \$106.7 billion, hitting an all-time high of \$152.1 billion in 1987.

Much of last year's improvement reflected the effects of the U.S. recession, which dampened demand for foreign goods. Imports last year declined by 1.5 percent to \$488.06 billion. Car imports fell by \$2 billion while oil imports dropped by \$10.3 billion.

American exports climbed to a record \$421.85 billion last year, up 7.2 percent from the previous year. Big gainers on the export side were aircraft sales, up \$4.2 billion; computers and semiconductors, up \$2.3 billion and autos, up \$2.9 billion.

The gains in exports primarily reflected increased sales in Western Europe, where America for the second year in a row enjoyed a trade surplus. Last year's surplus was \$16.13 billion, a fourfold increase from 1990.

By contrast, the deficit with Japan actually widened

in 1992, climbing to \$43.44 billion. That represented 65 percent of America's total trade imbalance and it was a 5.7 percent increase from 1990.

The second largest deficit was recorded with China, an imbalance of \$12.69 billion, up a sharp 21.6 percent from the previous year.

The deficits with both Japan and China have become targets for Bush's political opponents, who contend that the two nations have erected unfair trade barriers that are blocking the sale of American goods.

However, many private economists contend that trade barriers reflect only a small portion of the deficit and the bigger problem is that Americans have a seemingly insatiable appetite for foreign goods.

"We still have a tremendous propensity to draw in imports," said Robert Dederick, chief economist of the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

David Wyss, an economist at DRI-McGraw Hill, said he believed the trade deficit would begin rising over the next several years, hitting \$86.2 billion in 1993 and \$98.4 billion in 1994 as America's export sales slow, reflecting weaker economies overseas, and a domestic recovery boosts demand for imports.

Winging it



(AP Laserphoto)

University of Texas student Jonathan Abbey appears to have sprouted wings as he studies between classes Wednesday atop a monument on the UT campus in Austin. Fellow students Kerri Vollmer, left, and Jason Perkins also also on the monument to take advantage of a warm winter day and do some studying.

City manager's attempts to clean house in South Texas city stirs up controversy

By EDUARDO MONTES
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SAN BENITO (AP) — The governmental housecleaning that has already shaken up this South Texas city will continue if acting City Manager Carla Schuller has her way.

She's already made that clear. From dismissing city employees to taking on the police department to firing the police chief, this self-described "little old lady librarian" hasn't shied away from controversy since taking office Dec. 3.

"As long as I'm charged with the management of this city I will open windows of opportunity for a community that has been held down and held back for decades," Ms. Schuller said Wednesday.

The latest round in San Benito's ongoing political brawl began Monday when Schuller was arrested on misdemeanor charges of misconduct and oppression filed by Citizens' Participation Committee President Ben Cortez.

The next day, she dismissed Police Chief John Swan and appointed an interim replacement. Some saw the move as a clear case of retaliation.

Insurance board votes to require bilingual notices

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance has decided to require the Texas' largest insurers to provide bilingual notices to policyholders announcing the creation of two toll-free assistance hot lines.

The Board unanimously approved the measure Wednesday after months of piecing together several proposed customer-aid plans.

Starting May 1, all new policies and renewal notices must include explanations of toll-free phone lines to the insurer and the state's Department of Insurance.

The information, to be distributed to consumers via one-page billing inserts, must be printed in English and Spanish.

Last week, several state officials and civil rights advocates asked for

"I don't think there's any question of that," said Swan's attorney, James Selman.

Schuller denied that. "He was released according to the terms of his contract," she said. "His contract allows for several types of actions, that was one of them."

She in turn charged that her arrest was politically motivated, part of the harassment she said she's had to endure during attempts to clean up San Benito, a city of some 26,500 people about 15 miles north of Brownsville.

"It's a part of an escalating series of intimidation," she said. "I am stationed in the City Hall from hell."

Swan's dismissal wasn't the first time Schuller has butted heads with the police department. Last month, she caused an uproar when she alleged that officers were abusing drugs and involved in sexual misconduct.

The officers offered to take drug tests, but the matter was eventually dropped.

In fact, since the public library director was sworn in as city manager, she's taken aim at more than one city department. And during a Feb. 11 meeting, she called Cortez an ex-

convict, prompting him to file the charges.

Cortez had already asked the city commission to fire Schuller. He said she has been unprofessional in her dealings, particularly with the police department.

"She's growing weeds so she can pull them," he said.

Through all of this, Mayor Gilbert Galvan and at least some of the city commissioners have continued to express confidence in Schuller. Others, however, aren't quite so certain.

"You know I always thought that an interim person is just to hold the line until we get a city manager," City Commissioner Hector Casas said, "but, man, she's taking over like she's it."

Schuller acknowledged that she is determined to do her best while she holds the office.

"I'm doing exactly what I said the first morning I took office, I'm trying to return San Benito to the United States of America," she said. "It's been functioning like some Third World country where despots and dictators are in control, where people are held in line by intimidation of all sorts," Schuller said. "I guess I'm a freedom fighter."

the Spanish translation.

"I'm not in agreement with the Spanish requirement because I don't really think it does anything," said board member Richard Reynolds.

The problem with the bilingual rule, the insurance industry argued, is that it could be misleading because Spanish-speaking operators would not always be available. The department also only has a few bilingual speakers.

But D.J. Powers, a staff attorney with the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, presented data from elections that showed more than 1 million ballots written in Spanish were used. He said that proves there is interest for bilingual instructions.

"We've made it easy and cheap to get the information they need.

People have a real hard time reading their policies and understanding what they mean. The way people get information is by calling the company," Powers said.

However, some insurance industry officials said they feared the cost to install and staff additional phone lines could force rate increases for their customers.

"Some of the larger insurance companies in Texas have estimated that this service will cost in excess of \$100,000 per year for each company," said Jerry Johns, an industry spokesman.

The board's action affects companies that write more than \$2 million-worth of policies per year. That includes about two-thirds of the state's approximately 2,200 insurers, Insurance Board spokesman Dana Palmer said.

Operators answering questions about policies and with information of how to file complaints will be available to consumers during normal business hours, Palmer said.

The board's action is a consolidation of several previous plans. Last year, state lawmakers mandated that certain companies establish toll-free hot lines and notify their policyholders of the assistance phone numbers.

The Legislature also required the Insurance Department to create and display another help line.

Big Thicket and Palo Alto park proposals considered by Senate

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Park Service is fighting a proposal that would protect private landowners near the Big Thicket National Preserve from being forced to give up their land.

Three bills are pending in Congress that would increase the size of the 86,000-acre East Texas preserve, which is known as "America's ark" for its variety of flora and fauna.

Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, has said he included the "scenic easement" provision in his bill because the park service has sometimes used it to acquire land from unwilling sellers.

But a park service official testified Wednesday before a Senate parks subcommittee that the agency would oppose expansion of the Big Thicket unless the scenic easement provision is removed and a few other changes made.

"While on its face this may appear laudable, in practice it may well create an untenable situation for all concerned," associate director Denis P. Galvin testified.

The scenic easement provision could create legal tangles that would take years to resolve, he told subcommittee members, who are con-

sidering several requests for park expansions.

The park service also opposes a plan to include the 4,497 acres of the Big Sandy Corridor in the proposed Big Thicket expansion.

Galvin said the Big Sandy Corridor unit "would add nothing that is not already well represented in the preserve."

But Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, who has long sought to increase the Big Thicket, said the Big Sandy Corridor would add to the scenic beauty of the preserve, while helping connect three major preserve units.

The subcommittee is considering differing bills drafted by Bentsen and Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. Although both senators' bills include the Big Sandy Corridor, Bentsen wants a 15,106-acre expansion while Gramm is calling for a 10,000-acre addition.

Wilson has had a version similar to Bentsen's pending in the House for the last four years. Each year, it stalled in the Senate.

The Bentsen and Wilson bills provide for an unusual land swap between the government and timber companies, with 10,700 acres coming from three timber companies in exchange for property of equal value in the Davy Crockett and Sabine national forests.

The remaining land would be acquired from individual property owners, with the cost estimated at \$5.4 million under Bentsen's bill and \$1.6 million under Gramm's, Galvin said. The cost would be \$4.8 million under the park service's proposal.

Galvin also testified about a plan to establish the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site near Brownsville.

The park service supports the designation, Galvin said.

Legislation, sponsored in the House by Rep. Solomon Ortiz, would add the 3,400-acre site of the Battle of Palo Alto — the first major encounter in the Mexican War that began in 1846 — to the National Park System.

It would cost \$6 million to purchase the necessary land to create the historic site.

Galvin said the nearby Resaca de la Palma and Fort Brown, also national historic landmarks, have been too heavily impacted by urban development to be considered. Ygnacio D. Garza, chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, testified Wednesday that he wants those sites later added to the designation.

"They illustrate all of the major themes connected with the Mexican-American War," he said.

Supreme Court rejects bid to delay Senate primary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has denied a second bid to delay the March 10th state Senate elections in Texas.

The high court voted 7-2 Wednesday afternoon, without comment, to reject Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle's request to postpone primary balloting in the 31 Senate districts.

That decision followed an 8-1 vote Saturday night in which the court turned aside a request by Gov. Ann Richards and Attorney General Dan Morales to halt the state Senate primary.

"We did better than the state did. We got two votes and they only got one," Slagle said.

Justice John Paul Stevens dissented in both cases, while Justice Harry A. Blackmun joined him Wednesday.

Slagle said the party filed a separate challenge because "we emphasized some points that the state didn't that we thought were meritorious of consideration."

In addition to other legal filings with the Supreme Court, the state and Democratic Party have separate challenges pending in the Texas Supreme Court, an Austin federal court and a Washington, D.C. federal court.

"We're not quitting anything," Slagle said.

Democrats and state officials contend that the Senate election map, drawn by a federal court panel in Austin, was tainted by allegedly partisan conduct by one of the judges, U.S. District Judge James Nowlin.

Morales charged that Nowlin — a Republican appointee — had Republican state Rep. George Pierce of San Antonio secretly make adjustments to the map. Pierce has said Nowlin asked him to "fix" several precincts in the senatorial district that the lawmaker now hopes to represent.

Nowlin, who is under investigation by an appellate court panel, repeatedly has declined to comment on the charge, while Pierce has denied any wrongdoing.

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Opinion

ADA in dire need of an adjustment

People with physical disabilities have made significant strides in recent years in bringing their case to the public: that they deserve respect (which should be obvious) and that accommodations made to enable them to work and live fully often make good sense because not making those accommodations robs employers and society at large of whatever talents disabled people have to offer.

But such voluntary humanitarian and economic decisions are a far cry from the compulsory and costly actions imposed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, whose major provisions went into effect recently. Indeed, ADA will raise costs for almost every business, putting at risk thousands of jobs, including those held by disabled people. If your company is on the margin and now faces yet more regulations, it could well go under.

Moreover, Congress wrote ADA in very vague terms. Courts, lawyers and federal bureaucrats will be playing with the act until the end of the century, casting a note of uncertainty into the decisions of almost every business: Will it cost me more? How much? What new regulations will be imposed?

Consider some of the ramifications already being discussed: As *The New York Times* described it: "Restaurants may have to provide Braille or large-type menus for the blind or visually impaired people, or require waiters to read the menus aloud." (Are they refusing to do so now?)

"Public accommodations," such as businesses, restaurants, schools, etc., will have to provide wider doors and ramps. Such expenses, without regard to the specific conditions and real needs of individual businesses, are the types of arbitrary mandates that raise prices for consumers and make it that much more difficult for businesses to start up and expand.

Finally, as columnist Lewellyn H. Rockwell argues, "This law makes it much more expensive to hire the disabled. ... In a process similar to what has taken place with blacks through affirmative action, companies will have to have some disabled employees. So there will be increased demand for the most experienced and best educated, while more marginal disabled people will be forced out of the division of labor altogether."

ADA short-circuits the private efforts that most of us have made to understand and accommodate the needs of the disabled. It imposes costs on the economy without regard to the specific circumstances of individual businesses. And, in the end, it may well limit the opportunities of the very disabled people who most need a chance to enter the workforce.

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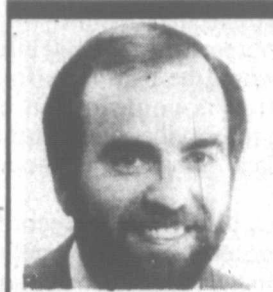
If you tuned in to the Super Bowl to see whether Buffalo or Washington would win, I can tell you one fact about yourself: You're not in the advertising business. Advertising people know that watching the Super Bowl for the football is like buying *Playboy* for the articles. Football you can get anytime. Only during the Super Bowl can you catch a glimpse of the truly titanic battles — advertising ones, I mean, the biggest and fiercest of which is Coke vs. Pepsi.

Americans entering an election year expect a flood of slick commercials that trumpet phony issues, create charming but empty images and manage clever put-downs of the opponent. Already we're knee-deep in them, but don't blame the guys running for president. The guilt lies with the two big soft drink makers, who are striving mightily to convince us there's a reason to prefer one sweetened, carbonated, brown beverage over the other.

Now, most of us, if blindfolded, probably couldn't tell the difference between Coke and Pepsi, and most of those who can probably don't care. If truth be known, most of us couldn't tell either of them from Royal Crown or Canfield's or Acme Industrial Strength Generic Cola.

But when there are \$46 billion worth of annual sales at stake, you can't expect soft drink makers to say, "We're all about the same, so heck, drink whatever you can find when you get thirsty." Coke and Pepsi want you to reach the conclusion that there is only one cola in the whole wide world for you, and each will spare no expense to enlighten you as to which one it is.

The result is an endless advertising war, fought with an inexhaustible stockpile of dollars, jingles and celebrities. The latest fighting broke out in January, when Coke unveiled five new Olympic spots



Stephen Chapman

and an ad called "Hellos" that was filmed on three continents, involved hundreds of actors and features, as *Newsweek* reports, "everyone from schoolgirls in France to Buddhist monks in Thailand saying 'hello' with a Coke." Apparently a can of Coke is a boon to the millions who don't know how to greet people with a wave, a smile or a handshake.

Pepsi said hello to Coke in a less friendly manner, bombarding Super Bowl viewers with a mystifying series of commercials concerning a truck that crashes through a Pepsi billboard and another ad launching a new slogan that captures the pure distilled essence of Pepsiness: "Gotta Have It." But if you gotta have it, why do you gotta have someone tell you so?

Expect Coke, which skipped the Super Bowl, to strike back during the Winter Olympics. And don't be so naive as to think this is just a contest of catch phrases. Something profound is going on. Coke is reminding you what a wholesome and goodhearted product it is and suggesting that you should have a cola as fine and decent as yourself.

Pepsi has always styled itself as the young and hip alternative to fusty old Coca-Cola. But it is now celebrating the reassuring news that anyone

can join the Pepsi generation. One commercial features a teenage boy in sunglasses saying, "At first, I was upset that all these old folks started drinking it, and then I said, 'Hey, they're people too.'"

As the oldest in one Pepsi ad used to say, this is radical. But radical measures are required when a brand that caters to the young and hip discovers that by the year 2000 there will be 8 million fewer Americans between the ages of 18 and 34. Get some gray heads in those ads, quick.

Not that it matters. The cola commercial war has become the moral equivalent of Verdun, with vast resources repeatedly squandered for trivial gains. The truth is, most people probably can't remember if it's Michael Jackson who endorses Coke and Paula Abdul who pushes Pepsi or the other way around.

And a lot of people who are charmed by Pepsi's ads or bored by Coke's wouldn't dream of letting such reaction interfere with their drinking habits. While Pepsi was rocking with Ray Charles, Coke was merely increasing its lead in the U.S. market. It has 41 percent of sales, compared to 31 percent for Pepsi.

So much for the importance of commercials. With the United States and the former republics of the Soviet Union proceeding to dismantle most of their nuclear arsenals, maybe some out-of-work negotiators could spare some time to find a way to halt another pointless arms race that impoverishes two superpowers for no real purpose, letting Coke and Pepsi find a better use for their money than throwing dollar bills at ad agencies and rock stars.

Then Americans could turn their mental energies to matters of true consequence, like trying to figure out if Paul Tsongas and Michael Dukakis are really two different people.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 1992. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on Feb. 20, 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

On this date:

In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1809, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1895, American abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington.

In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary in a dispute with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.



A tax break they richly need

When it comes to economics, I'm a trickle-down sort of guy. It just makes sense, is why.

Trickle-down is this: You give people of wealth their tax breaks and incentives to spend their money and they will do so, and people with less wealth will get some of it as the economy is stimulated.

The only problem with the trickle-down economic theory is it just doesn't sound right to a lot of people.

How does this feel to you? "Don't tax the rich. They're the ones with the money, and if they spend some of it, those in lower income brackets will get their share."

Whoa. "Don't tax the rich? What are you, crazy or something? We ought to tax the so-and-so's until they're blind."

No member of Congress is going to stand up and say, "I've got a great idea. Let's make it so people who are loaded will want to spend their money and maybe we can get out of this recession."

The reason none of them even says that is because they all share the same goal — getting re-elected.

Start talking about breaks and incentives for the rich and they'll say, "Sen. Rockhead is trying to



Lewis Grizzard

take care of all his rich cronies," and you'll be back to your private law practice next term.

It's sort of strange that people of wealth are looked upon as thieves and scoundrels in this country.

Sure, some of them are thieves and scoundrels. But isn't getting ahead what capitalism is all about? Shouldn't we cherish the individual who goes out there and slays 'em?

What about rags to riches and Horatio Alger and America, the land of opportunity?

Allow me to give you a perfect example of the trickle-down theory. Have you heard that President Bush wants to do away with the tax on yachts?

You didn't know there was a yacht tax? There is. At the moment, if you buy any sort of boat that costs more than \$100,000, you have to pay a 10

percent tax on it.

Here's what the president said about the yacht tax: "It was slapped on there because people felt this is a way to get the rich guys. What they forget is there's a lot of not-so-rich guys who build these boats."

The yacht luxury tax made people with the money to buy such things skittish about doing so.

So the boat industry went to hell. And that put artisans and craftsmen out of work.

There's also a luxury tax on automobiles in certain price ranges, jewelry, furs and private aircraft.

No word yet from the president on those taxes, but let us keep in mind there are also not-so-rich people producing these items, and they would like to keep their jobs or get back the ones they lost.

Trying to repeal a yacht tax is risky political business, and the president wants to get re-elected, too.

That would make it impressive if he has the guts to speak out against it.

And, just in case you are wondering, this is nothing personal. I have no plans whatsoever to trickle down to the boat store and buy a yacht. I can't afford one.

There's the matter of the condo at the beach I've been struck with ever since Congress did away with those neat little write-offs.

A mystery candidate for Democrats?

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Every poll indicates that while President Bush, for all his failings and problems, could still beat any of the Democratic presidential aspirants by a comfortable margin, most voters will support the "Democratic candidate" over Mr. Bush if the candidate's identity is unspecified.

That fascinating datum suggests a solution to the Democrats' problem. At their convention, let the delegates vest their right to pick the Democratic candidates for president and vice president in a small and discreet group of "wise men" — people like former national chairmen Bob Strauss, John White and Charlie Manatt, for example. Then let this group keep its choices secret, even from those chosen. The names could be placed in a sealed envelope and the envelope given at once to the president of the Senate, to be held by him unopened until the election was over.

The campaign could then be waged by "surrogates" for the Mystery Nominee — perhaps the five candidates who

had sought the nomination. That way the party would benefit by the common-sense policies of Paul Tsongas, the recognized military valor of Bob Kerrey, the hot partisan rhetoric of Tom Harkin, the myriad position papers of Bill Clinton, and the — er — charm of Jerry Brown, without having to cope with disagreeable questions about Kerrey's business deals, Clinton's extramarital affairs, etc.

Admittedly, the presidential debates would pose a problem. But President Bush would be the only candidate on hand, which means that he would be the exclusive target of the media panel's toughest questions. Moreover, he would find it almost impossible to land effective blows on his Democratic rival, not knowing who he (or, don't forget, she!) might be.

At first voters might be offended by the Democrats' secrecy. But they would have the party's platform as a guide to the Mystery Nominee's policies, and as time went on constant repetition of the slogan "He's bound to be better than Bush!" would take its inexorable toll. The phenomenon

that psychologists call "projection" — that invincible conviction that the views of someone unknown to us must be similar to our own — would ultimately overwhelm all doubts.

Moreover, those "in the know" — the wise men who made the original choice — would of course be available to vouch for the patriotism, intelligence and character of the unnamed individuals they had chosen. Who could doubt the combination of shrewdness and probity that men like Bob Strauss would bring to the solemn task of selecting a potential president and vice president of the United States?

Mr. Bush, with his spotty record and various shortcomings, real and alleged — teamed, moreover, with Dan Quayle, still no doubt the media's favorite punching bag — would inevitably look inadequate in comparison to the unknown but blissfully imagined Democratic candidates.

On Election day the voters would, as usual, actually be voting for members of the Electoral College — in the case of the Democratic electors, people pledged to vote for the Mystery

Nominees. Any state laws requiring the candidates' identification by name on the ballot could be modified in time by the legislatures; most of them are Democratic-controlled.

Assuming the unidentified Democratic ticket won the election, the Democratic electors, meeting (as the Electoral College always does) early in December, would simply cast their ballots for "the Mystery Nominees." The results of the vote would then be certified to the president of the Senate, as prescribed in the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution.

On the appointed day, when the president of the Senate counted the votes of the Electoral College and declared the Mystery Nominees elected, he would thereupon open the sealed envelope given to him several months earlier by the Democratic wise men.

And the Democrats' Mystery Nominee for president would, then and there, step forward and take the oath of office: "I, Mario Cuomo, do solemnly swear..."

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Demos change tax bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democratic leaders are tinkering with their tax-cut bill in an effort to round up votes, while Republican say the package is a deliberate effort to provoke a veto fight with President Bush.

Top Democrats planned to run their proposed changes — curtailing one tax break for business but adding two others — past the rank and file today. The goal was to cement enough support to assure passage by the full House in about a week.

Republicans accused Democrats of producing an anti-recession plan they know Bush would never accept, solely for political gain. "One must wonder whether the Democrats want the economy to improve in this election year, because they've made no attempt to cooperate," charged Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas.

Sensing Bush's political weakness after his poor showing in Tuesday's New Hampshire presidential primary, Democrats were resolved to rush a tax package to the White House before the March 20 deadline Bush has set. The Senate Finance Committee plans to begin writing its own bill on Feb. 27.

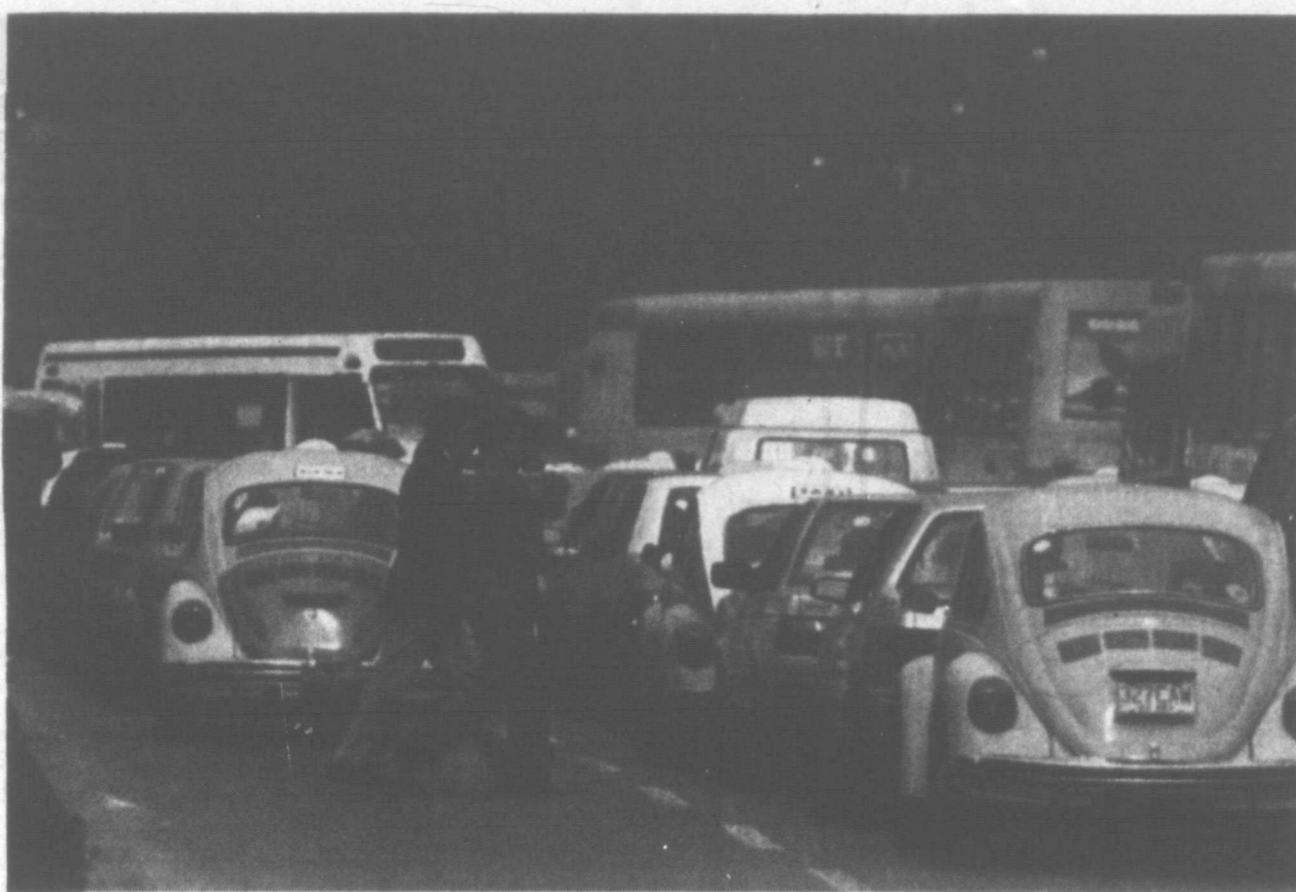
The package Democrats in the House Ways and Means Committee had approved only last Friday was centered on tax credits of up to \$400 for most Americans, paid for by higher taxes on the wealthiest taxpayers.

At a closed-door meeting of House Democrats on Wednesday, that part of the plan got high marks. But liberals complained that the tax credits were temporary, while cuts for businesses were permanent.

To placate them, the new Democratic plan would cut the top corporate income tax rate from 34 percent down to 33 percent for just 1992 and 1993. The original measure would have made the reduction permanent.

Then, to retain conservative support, the altered bill would also include two new provisions: a Bush-endorsed plan to let businesses increase the deductions they take for equipment purchases this year, and increased writeoffs over the next two years for small businesses.

Bush's economic stimulus package is built around a near-halving of the 28 percent top rate on the capital gains tax, levied on profits from sales of land and other property



(AP Laserphoto)

Pedestrians cross traffic-congested Reforma Street in Mexico City, one of the world's most contaminated cities, Wednesday. That same day, the Mexican government ordered many cars off the streets and cut factory production after pollution soared to near-record levels for the third time this month. Meanwhile, engineers began studying a politician's plan to have gargantuan fans blast poisons from the thin air over the city.

Smog alert prompts fan plan

By JOHN RICE
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Officials who extended a smog alert into today were hoping factory slowdowns, limits on driving and other emergency measures would help clear the capital of a gray haze thick enough to make healthy people sick.

Pollution soared Wednesday to near-record levels over one of the world's most polluted cities, generating new debate over a bold idea: perch 100 huge fans on the mountains around the capital to blow the stuff away.

City officials have approved the proposal for study. But Armando Baez, of the Science Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, said it would only turn the city into a pollution exporter, the news agency Notimex reported.

City officials first called the smog alert Tuesday after stagnant air over the Valley of Mexico allowed pollution to build to dangerous levels.

Emergency measures were imposed Wednesday, and the alert was extended until this afternoon, when winds were expected to bring relief to city of 16 million.

The city's air pollution control commission ordered about 5,000 factories to cut production by 30 percent Wednesday, asphalt plants were closed and half the government's cars were banned from the streets.

The alert even forced the Mexican Grand Prix Committee to put off paving a troublesome curve on the raceway that will be used in next month's competition.

On Tuesday afternoon, ozone levels hit 310 points on an open-ended government scale — just over 0.35 parts per million. That is about triple the U.S. standard and four times what California permits.

Commission spokesman Francisco Ramirez said the ozone levels hit 277 on Wednesday. That's about 0.32 parts per million and a few points shy of the level at

which Los Angeles urges people to avoid all outdoor activity.

Tougher measures, including limits on driving by the public, are imposed when the levels top 350 points.

Tuesday was the third time this month that ozone levels topped 300 points. The wave of contamination follows one of the clearest Januaries in memory.

At levels between 200 and 300 points, pollution can harm people with heart or breathing problems. Above 300 points, scientists say, pollution levels can make even healthy people sick.

Ozone is a form of oxygen that is poisonous at heavy concentrations, although at high altitudes it helps screen harmful ultraviolet solar rays. While naturally occurring, ozone can also be produced by cars and factories.

Inversion layers, formed when warm air forms a cap above cool, stable air, trap the pollution. They are common in Mexico City in the winter.

On Wednesday, researchers at the national university's Engineering Institute met to begin studies of a plan to blast smog out of the city with giant fans.

Mayor Manuel Camacho Solis endorsed the studies on Tuesday, although the idea was proposed by a political rival, Heberto Castillo, who heads the Mexico City branch of the opposition Revolutionary Democratic Party.

Castillo, an engineer, proposed building 100 fans, each covering 2.5 acres, to blast through the inversion layer that traps pollution in Valley of Mexico, which is more than a mile above sea level and ringed by volcanic peaks.

Some ecological groups claim the plan ignores the causes of pollution and would be unfeasible.

"I think the problem isn't to disperse the pollution. The problem is not to produce it," said Aridjis, who worried what such fans might do to airplanes, birds, clouds and the atmosphere.

Israeli force storms villages, begins search for guerrillas

By RODEINA KENAAN
Associated Press Writer

TYRE, Lebanon (AP) — A tanked Israeli force smashed through U.N. barricades, stormed into two south Lebanon villages and began a house-to-house search for Shiite Muslim guerrillas today.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and three wounded, security sources said. Two U.N. peacekeepers, four Shiite guerrillas and three civilians were hurt, they said.

Israel said the attacking force, backed by Cobra helicopter gunships, was seeking out "Katyusha launchers and terrorist nests" after three days of Katyusha rocket attacks on Israel by Shiite guerrillas. Israeli gunners fired hundreds of howitzer rounds into valleys around Kafra and Tibnin, apparently to block guerrilla escape routes.

Hostilities between Israeli forces and fighters of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah organization have been on the rise since Israeli helicopters assassinated Hezbollah leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi in south Lebanon on Sunday.

Musawi's successor, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, in a fatwa, or religious edict, declared a "general mobiliza-

tion and maximum alert of all the mujahedeen," or Islamic holy warriors.

"I address you on behalf of his (Musawi's) blood and urge you to fight the enemies of God," Nasrallah said. The decree was repeatedly broadcast by Hezbollah's Beirut-based al-Nur radio station.

Hezbollah, or Party of God, was moving fighters in civilian cars to the battlefield, but heavy Israeli artillery fire was stopping the reinforcements from reaching Kafra or Yater.

The Israeli casualties occurred when a guerrilla-planted explosive charge went off in a house they entered in Kafra. The ceiling collapsed on the five soldiers, the security sources said.

Four Shiite guerrillas were wounded by Israeli gunfire during the search in Kafra and neighboring Yater, the security sources said.

U.N. spokesman Timur Goksel said two Fijian peacekeepers were wounded by gunfire as they were getting out of their vehicle to deploy in the area. He said it was not yet known who shot them.

"We don't at the moment know how or why they were shot, or what the circumstances were," Goksel said. Both peacekeepers were in

serious condition, one shot in the stomach and the other in the chest, he said.

The U.N. soldiers had parked armored cars at the villages' entrances but Israeli bulldozers plowed them aside, Israel radio said. Goksel said Nepalese, Finnish and Irish peacekeepers had been sent to try to halt the Israelis.

The armor that rolled out of Israel's self-proclaimed border security zone included at least 21 tanks, three armored personnel carriers and a jeep, security sources said.

Thousands of residents fled Kafra, Yater and other nearby villages on Wednesday under barrage from the security zone.

Only about 100 elderly residents remained in the two villages today. An estimated 8,000 area residents have fled for coastal cities in the past three days. The port city of Tyre is about 11 miles to the northwest.

Yater is about four miles north of Israel and lies on the edge of the so-called security zone. Kafra is about a mile farther north.

In a statement, Israel's army said the armored force would "remain in the area for a limited amount of time" and return to base.

Israel radio's reporter in the north, Chaim Hecht, said: "This is not another invasion of Lebanon." Israel invaded Lebanon in 1978 and 1982, setting up the security zone as it pulled out in 1985.

The armored push came hours after the U.N. Security Council appealed to all parties to halt the new cycle of violence and "exercise maximum restraint" to safeguard the Mideast peace process.

During the night, Israeli and allied forces fired hundreds of artillery rounds into Shiite villages, the Israeli army said. It said a number of Katyushas fell in Israel again today, with no injuries or damage reported.

Musawi's killing prompted the U.S. State Department to advise American travelers to the Middle East, Europe and Africa that they could be targets of terrorists and kidnappers.

Hezbollah's underground factions, including Islamic Jihad, or Holy War, staged suicide truck bombing attacks against U.S., French and Israeli targets that left hundreds killed in the 1980s.

Islamic Jihad also held American journalist Terry Anderson and other Western hostages, the last of whom were freed last year.

U.S. officials weigh options on Haitians with AIDS virus

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least 230 Haitian refugees who may be eligible for political asylum in the United States have tested positive for the AIDS virus, leaving U.S. officials puzzled about how to deal with them.

The refugees are among more than 4,100 at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who will not be repatriated back to Haiti because they have convinced U.S. immigration officials they may be subject to persecution if they are returned.

Many of the refugees in this category have been flown to the United States but those who tested positive for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS, during medical tests at Guantanamo were left behind.

U.S. officials, speaking only on condition they not be identified, said the administration was trying to decide whether to allow the infected Haitians to pursue their asylum claims in the United States or at Guantanamo.

"There's been a tremendous debate," one official said.

Normally, aliens who test positive

for the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, are not permitted to emigrate to the United States. But officials said the administration has the option of granting waivers.

AIDS cases in Port-au-Prince have reached epidemic proportions, with estimates running at 7 percent to 8 percent of the adult population. The disease is believed to be the major killer of adults in urban areas, spread mostly by heterosexual contact.

The officials said the 230 or so HIV-positive cases were found among the first 3,440 Haitians who were tested at Guantanamo, a rate roughly equivalent to the incidence in Port-au-Prince.

All told, U.S. Coast Guard cutters have picked up more than 15,000 Haitian boat people since the fall. Most are not eligible for asylum because they are regarded as economic refugees.

The AIDS issue is but one of a number of difficult questions the administration has faced in its policy toward Haiti since the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in a coup last September.

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GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS
(CONDADO DE GRAY, TEXAS)
MARCH 10, 1992
(10 de marzo de 1992)**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
(BOLETA OFICIAL)**

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**Preference for Presidential Nominee
(Preferencia para un candidato nombrado para presidente)**

Patrick J. E. Echanan

George A. Zimmermann

Tennie Rogers

George Bush

David Duke

Uncommitted (No Comprometido)

**United States Representative, District 13
(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 13)**

Ray Powell

Ernie Houdashell

Beau Boulter

Bob Price

**Railroad Commissioner
(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)**

Barry Williamson

Carole Keeton Rylander

**Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)**

Craig Enoch

Charles Ben Howell

**Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)**

Eugene Cook

**Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)**

John D. Montgomery

George Barbary

**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)**

Joseph A. (Joe) Davary

Jim Volfers

**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)**

Sue Lagarde

**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 3)**

Ed Gray

Lawrence (Larry) Meyers

**Member, State Board of Education, District 16
(Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Instrucción Pública, Distrito Núm. 16)**

Monte Hasle

**State Senator, District 31
(Senador Estatal, Distrito Núm. 31)**

Teal Bhvins

**Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7)**

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**Sheriff
(Sherife)**

Roy E. Denman

Fred Brown

Jimmy L. Free

John L. Triplehorn

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(Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 1)**

Joe H. Wheelley

**Constable, Precinct No. 1
(Condestable, Precincto Núm. 1)**

Larry Joe Fulton

James H. Lewis

J. Larry Daniels

**Constable, Precinct No. 2
(Condestable, Precincto Núm. 2)**

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**County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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**Constable, Precinct No. 3
(Condestable, Precincto Núm. 3)**

Floyd Baxter, Jr.

**Constable, Precinct No. 4
(Condestable, Precincto Núm. 4)**

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George Burrow

Curtis Dalton

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(Presidente del Condado)**

Susan K. Triplehorn

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(Voto Escrito)

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Campaigns shifting focus to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Voting has begun in Super Tuesday's biggest state, with Texas backers insisting that President Bush and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton will claim the biggest delegate prizes March 10.

As a group of supporters cast early absentee ballots Wednesday, Clinton organizers said their man got a boost from his second-place finish in New Hampshire.

"Things look terrific. That was quite a comeback for a guy who was supposed to have been 22 points down," said Craig Sutherland, spokesman for Clinton's Texas campaign.

President Bush's forces, meanwhile, predicted that TV commentator Pat Buchanan's 40 percent New Hampshire showing wouldn't hurt Bush in his adopted home state.

Texas GOP Chairman Fred Meyer argued that Bush's 58 percent was plenty.

"We've been watching the Olympics and seen a lot of close ones. This wasn't. The president won the gold medal in New Hampshire," Meyer said.

But a Buchanan spokesman said the president fell short in the nation's first primary.

"There were a lot of people that were waiting to make sure Buchanan's candidacy was a viable candidacy, that he had any kind of chance. Our phones have rung off the hook today," said Austin businessman Terry Young.

"It's going to be much tougher for Mr. Buchanan in Texas than it's going to be anywhere else. But there are a lot of people here dissatisfied with the president," Young said.

Texas, where no-excuses absentee balloting opened Wednesday and runs through March 6, is the largest state participating in the "Super Tuesday" primaries. It will send 121 delegates to the Republican National Convention in Houston and at least 214 to the Democratic

convention in New York City.

Although Clinton got 26 percent of the New Hampshire Democratic vote to 35 percent for former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, his campaigners said the Arkansas governor rebounded from a storm of publicity over an extramarital affair he denied and questions about his Vietnam War draft status.

Clinton has been the most visible presidential hopeful in Texas, an effort rewarded with the most endorsements so far.

Backing Clinton are state Democratic Chairman Bob Stagle, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, the Texas State Teachers Association, Mexican-American Democrats and some 50 state legislators.

"We're in great shape," Sutherland said, calling Texas critical to Clinton's national strategy due to "the number of delegates and the stigma that Texas has as being George Bush's adopted home state."

Tsongas has had little presence in Texas to date. But this week, Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger agreed to chair a "Texans for Tsongas" effort. Krueger becomes the first major officeholder to endorse Tsongas, and the campaign said it plans to open a Texas headquarters soon.

Kerrey, third-place finisher among New Hampshire Democrats, earlier picked up Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's endorsement. Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin is expected to do well among organized labor.

Houston lawyer Shelton Smith, a Kerrey adviser, said he believes Texans will find the Nebraska senator appealing.

"I feel good about Texas, I really do," said Smith, who was in New Hampshire in recent days. "Bob's got a lot of support in Texas. And I just don't believe Tsongas has any support outside the Northeast."

George Christian, former press

Navy toughens sexual harassment rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy is promising swifter and tougher punishment for sailors and Marines found to have violated the service's rules against sexual harassment.

Adm. Frank B. Kelso II, the chief of naval operations, announced in an all-hands message released Wednesday that, as of March 1, first-time violators of certain anti-harassment rules will automatically be kicked out of the service.

The Navy has been rocked by a series of highly publicized incidents of sexual harassment and abuse.

Last November an admiral was fired from a prestigious job after he failed to act promptly on a complaint by a female aide that she was sexually harassed at a Las Vegas convention of naval aviators. In 1989, a female midshipman at the Naval Academy was chained to a urinal and photographed by male midshipmen.

Jean Appleby Jackson, chairwoman of a Pentagon advisory group on women's issues, said, "I'm encouraged they're taking a new approach. It sounds real encouraging."

"It's the kind of problem that's hard to get at unless you take firm approaches to it," Ms. Jackson, head of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, said in an interview.

Kelso equated the problem of sexual harassment with the Navy's past internal battles against racial discrimination and drug abuse, saying that harassment "demeans victims and tarnishes our reputation as fair, hard working professionals."

He wrote that the problem persists despite longstanding efforts to end it.

The new Navy policy states that members of the Navy and Marine Corps will be dismissed outright "on the first substantiated incident" involving the following circumstances:

- Threats or attempts to influence another's career or job to obtain sexual favors.
- Offering rewards in exchange for sexual favors.
- Physical contact of a sexual nature which, if charged as a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice,

could result in a punitive discharge.

Marines are affected by the decision because the Corps is part of the Navy Department.

The specific circumstances that would call for automatic dismissal on a first offense were spelled out in a Feb. 5 memorandum from Navy Secretary H. Lawrence Garrett III to Kelso and Gen. Carl Mundy Jr., the commandant of the Marine Corps.

"An incident is substantiated if there has been a court-martial conviction or the commanding officer determines that sexual harassment has occurred," Garrett wrote.

A service member would retain the legal right to contest his or her dismissal.

Lt. Mary Hanson, a Navy spokeswoman, said that until now commanders had the option of dismissing the most serious violators of anti-harassment rules, but dismissal was not required.

In his all-points message, Kelso said that repeat violators of "less aggravated acts of sexual harassment" may also be subject to dismissal.

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Lifestyles

Kids and money management: How to convey the concepts

By KIPLINGER'S PERSONAL FINANCE MAGAZINE

Here are questions parents often ask about how to let their children know the value of money, and the answers provided in the latest issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine:

Q. My 10-year-old son wants me to spend \$100-plus on a pair of Pump sneakers. How can I convince him that the only thing inflated about those shoes is their price?

A. Put your foot down. If you think the shoes are an outrageous purchase, stand your ground. "Parents find it hard to say 'no' to their children, but I tell them it's OK, their children will still love them," says Katharine Lustman-Findling, an educational consultant and lecturer at the Yale Child Study Center. "Choose the battles that are important to you, but fight them to the end."

If you're inclined to compromise, tell your son how much your budget allows for sneakers, and let him make up the difference. With his own cash on the barrelhead, he may think twice about buying those shoes — if not right away, then perhaps six months down the road, when he has outgrown the shoes and he's \$50 or more poorer. You can only hope.

Q. My 7-year-old daughter wants an allowance, but I think she's too young. And I'm not sure I like the idea of an allowance anyway. Should I give her one?

A. Swallow hard and hand it over. Hands-on experience is the best way for kids to learn the value of a buck, and managing an allowance is the best way to get experience. When Zillions, the consumer magazine for kids, surveyed children around the country, it found that kids who don't get allowances have access to about as much money as kids who do. But the kids with allowances are happier with the amount they receive and feel better off because they have more control over it.

By the age of 6 or 7, children are ready to start handling money of their own. Decide with your daughter what expenses her allowance will have to cover (a 7-year-old may not

be ready to budget lunch money for an entire week, for example), and set the amount accordingly.

How much do other kids get? The average weekly allowance for 6- to 8-year-olds is \$2.79, according to a survey by Youth Monitor, a syndicated service of Nickelodeon and Yankelovich Clancy Shulman. That rises to \$4.08 for 9- to 11-year-olds, \$8.16 for 12- and 13-year-olds, \$10.60 for 14- and 15-year-olds, and \$15.70 for 16- and 17-year-olds.

Let your daughter squander her money if she wants, but don't cover her losses. She may surprise you. "Kids can be incredible cheapskates with their own money," says Irma Zandl of Xtreme, a research firm that studies the youth market.

Q. I don't mind giving my kids an allowance, but I think they should have to earn it by doing chores around the house. What do you think?

A. Child development experts generally recommend that you not tie your children's allowance to chores. "Instead of developing a sense of family responsibility, you'll develop a bunch of little mercenaries," says Dr. Martin Ford, a developmental psychologist at Stanford University.

But many parents apparently aren't fazed by such concerns. According to a survey by Oppenheimer Management Corp., most kids who get allowances have to do chores in return.

One compromise is to give your children a small base allowance that's not linked to chores, then let them earn extra money for jobs — raking leaves, washing the car, cleaning the garage. To give your kids an incentive for doing chores, whether tied to an allowance or not, let them have a say in choosing the jobs they'll be responsible for.

Q. My kids seem to spend all their money on candy, movies and tapes. Is there some way to get them to save for important things like college?

A. In your dreams. Unless kids are teen-agers, college is a vague concept in the faraway future. To encourage saving among younger children, set more immediate goals

— a set of paints, a Ninja Turtle figure — that they can reach in a few weeks.

Jean Ross Peterson, author of "It Doesn't Grow on Trees", suggests attaching a picture of the prized item to your child's bulletin board, along with a calendar and a plastic bag to hold accumulated savings. When the weeks are crossed off and the bag is full, let your child relish his or her reward.

Older children can move on to bigger, more expensive things — a video game or a skateboard. One tactic that works wonders for children of all ages, especially teens, is an incentive system. Offer to match all or part of your child's savings.

And take heart. Overall, kids save about 30 percent of their income, according to James McNeal, a marketing professor at Texas A&M University who has studied children's finances. Zandl's research shows that by the time kids reach age 18 or 19, they have grown rather sober about money. Asked what they would do with \$1 million, boys talk about investing it and girls say they'd buy a house.

Q. My teen-agers think I'm cheap because I won't spring for rock-concert tickets. How can I make them understand how expensive it is to run a household?

A. The next time you pay a month's worth of bills, let them write the checks and see how much is left in the account. Teens are old enough to learn the nitty-gritty of household finances, and they can be surprisingly willing to pitch in when times are tight. A recent survey by the American Board of Family Practice shows that, to help their families through a financial crunch, a healthy majority of teens are willing to get jobs, buy fewer clothes and give up some allowance.



Left, Bessie Franklin, chairman of the ABWA "Woman of the Year" banquet, Brunetta Stewart, award winner, and LaNella Hensley, president of ABWA. Stewart received "Woman of the Year" pin from Hensley.

Stewart named "Woman of the Year"

The Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association named Brunetta Stewart "Woman of the Year" following a banquet on Monday. Also honored was Jack Malone as "Associate of the Year".

The "Woman of the Year" is chosen on the basis of community service, accomplishment in education and involvement in chapter func-

tions. The selection is by secret ballot.

Stewart retired from the Social Security office with 23 years experience and continues to work there as a volunteer. She prepares travel schedules and news releases for the office. Stewart organizes Halliburton's annual reunion meetings and serves as president of National Retired Federal Employees local

chapter and has been nominated for the HCFA Beneficiary Services certificate of merit.

Malone has 36 years in appliance repair business and with 20 years as owner of Malone's Appliance Service. He attends training schools which qualify him to perform warranty work on major appliances. He and his wife, Glenda, are the parents of four.

Accounts of discovery of New World go on tour

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The John Carter Brown Library has lent out its collection of first-hand accounts of the discovery of the New World, including a 1493 illustrated letter by Columbus and a 1522 woodcut of a legendary Aztec capital.

These accounts by Columbus and

the legions of explorers and settlers who followed him to the shores of North, Central and South America during the next 300 years make up a panorama of the region's inhabitants, landscapes, flora and fauna.

About 200 items are going on show in the traveling exhibition,

"Encountering the New World, 1493-1800: Rare Prints, Maps and Illustrated Books from the John Carter Brown Library." The 140-year-old Providence library says it is only the third time that such a large body of works has been permitted to travel on loan.

Parents fear for daughter who can't leave abuser

DEAR ABBY: Our attractive, divorced, middle-aged daughter — I'll call her Nora — was involved with an older, not-so-attractive man for about five years. During their relationship, Leo (not his real name) beat her, burned her with cigarettes, held a loaded gun to her head, and put her in other life-threatening situations. He insulted her family and friends.

Nora's therapist urged her to end the relationship, saying the man is a sociopath and a sadist. Nora finally came to her senses, left this monster and started seeing other men. Much to our relief, she found a fine, caring man, and they seemed very much in love.

A few months later, Leo called Nora, saying he had "found God," and that God had told him that they should be together again. She told Leo that she was in a committed relationship and didn't want to see him, but he persisted, telling her that God told him not to give up — so she foolishly agreed to see him. Now she's back under his spell again and has rejected the fine man with whom she was in love.

Leo is a psychotherapist and knows all the tricks. He has complete control over her. Nora told us that he seduces his own clients and has affairs with them in his office. She says she never really loved him, but he has some kind of power over her.

We simply cannot understand this — it's all so illogical, and we actually fear for our daughter's life. Where do we go from here?

NORA'S CONCERNED PARENTS

DEAR CONCERNED PARENTS: You say Leo is a psychotherapist? Nora should report him to the governing body of his professional society. And if she doesn't — you should. This man should not be practicing psychotherapy. He needs psychotherapy. He is clearly disturbed, and Nora should be psychiatrically examined. ***



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Keeping My Mouth Shut," the individual who needed dental care but could not afford to go to the dentist, was right on the mark! May I add to your advice?

While dental school clinics are an excellent source of dental care, any patient who feels that he cannot go to the family dentist because of financial problems should speak frankly about it to his dentist. As a dentist, I have always tried to work out a solution with my patients regarding financial problems, whether it involved reducing my fee or allowing the patient to pay what he can afford over a period of time.

As you stated in your reply, a person cannot afford not to see his dentist; poor dental health can affect one's general health.

JEFFREY M. GOLD,
DDS, NEW YORK

DEAR READERS: In January, I ran a short verse by an author named Betty E. Wiener as a "Confidential to Women Over 60 Who Are Seeking Romance." I have been advised that the verse was published as part of a collection titled "Oneness Is the Pits," copyrighted in 1991. ***

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Blood is cell soup to mosquitos

By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine

A mosquito might call your blood cells soup. That's because your blood is made up of cells that move around in a watery liquid called plasma.

About half your blood is plasma. This liquid, which is 90 percent water, contains thousands of different materials. These include antibodies to fight diseases; hormones, which

are chemicals that control growth and other body functions; and nutrients from foods.

Also floating around in plasma are red and white blood cells and platelets. Red blood cells carry oxygen to body tissues and remove waste products, like carbon dioxide. White blood cells are the body's warriors — they fight germs and other invaders.

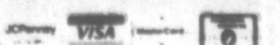
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Sports

Harvesters plan 'fun game'

Tickets for the Pampa-Lubbock Monterey playoff warm-up game set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Randall High School will be available at the door and the cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

"Randall High is a good location to play basketball. We're looking forward to having a fun game," said Harvester head coach Robert Hale.

The Harvesters, ranked No. 1 in Class 4A with a 28-2 record, finished the regular season Friday night with a 105-64 rout of Dumas.

Playoff-bound Monterey, a District 3-5A member, has a 26-5 record and finished its regular season Tuesday night with a win over Lubbock High.

"We've played four of those District 3-5A teams this season and we're looking forward to playing Monterey," Hale

said. "Monterey has a class outfit and a class coach (Vic Self)."

The main purpose of the warm-up game is to prepare the two teams for the playoffs, but the final score will go into the record book.

"I've been informed by the UIL (University Interscholastic League) that it's a real game. It's a warm-up game, not a practice game, and it will count as a win or a loss," Hale said.

The Harvesters will meet Lubbock Estacado at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the bi-district round of the playoffs at West Texas University Fieldhouse in Canyon.

Tickets for the bi-district game are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and can be purchased today through Tuesday at the Pampa High School athletic office.

The Harvesters have been designated as the home team for the bi-district game.

It's show time for area teams

Girls to invade McNeely

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Briscoe head coach Jerry Brown is hoping his Lady Broncos are again equal to the task for a third time against the McLean Tigerettes.

The two teams tip off at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the first game of a Class 1A girls' bi-district double-header in Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse.

Briscoe defeated McLean in two previous meetings during the regular season.

"McLean was without one of its best players, Mindy Magee, in the second game and that made a difference," Brown said. "They've got two girls that shoot the three (pointer) pretty well and we've got to keep them covered up."

However, McLean's inside game is what really has Brown concerned.

"We've got to stop their big girl (6-1 Brandy Melton) inside and keep her off the offensive boards. She's hurt us on the boards pretty bad and we need to keep her from getting the ball inside. The real key is to keep them from getting those second shots."

Briscoe posted a 14-10 regular-season record and won the District 11-A title this season.

McLean, 10-15 overall, was runner-up to Groom in the District 12-1A race.

Briscoe has a balanced scoring attack, led by 5-7 freshman Lindsey Fillingim (15 points a game) and 5-4 junior Mary Swigart (12 points a game).

"We've got a group of girls who really play well together," Brown added.

In the second game, 18th-ranked Groom (27-1) takes on Allison (14-8), starting at 8 p.m.

Groom won the District 12-1A title this season while Allison finished second to Briscoe in the District 11-1A race.

The Tigerettes have both size and scoring punch in 6-1 junior Karen Babcock and 5-10 senior Kristy Case up front. In the backcourt, 5-6 senior Lisa Sweatt is also capable of pouring in points.

Deidre Dukes, a 5-7 junior and Sara Powledge, a 5-7 sophomore, are Allison's leading scorers.

Miami (12-13) meets Hartley (18-8) in another bi-district girls' tilt, but the date and site hasn't been decided yet.

Miami was runnerup in District 10-1A this season while Hartley won the District 9-1A title.

There's a good chance a pair of Class 1A boys' bi-district games will be played in Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse.

Kelton (13-15) is scheduled to play McLean (23-5) and Briscoe (21-6) tangles with Groom (18-9) next week.

"We're working on trying to get those games in Pampa," said Kelton coach Brad Slatton. "It's more central for everybody involved. Those games will probably be played either next Friday or Saturday."

Kelton came from behind to down Allison, 56-42, Tuesday night to represent District 11-1A as the No. 2 seed in the playoffs.

"We had to struggle for awhile," Slatton said. "We were down, 19-9, at one time, but we made a 13-2 run on them to get us back into the game."

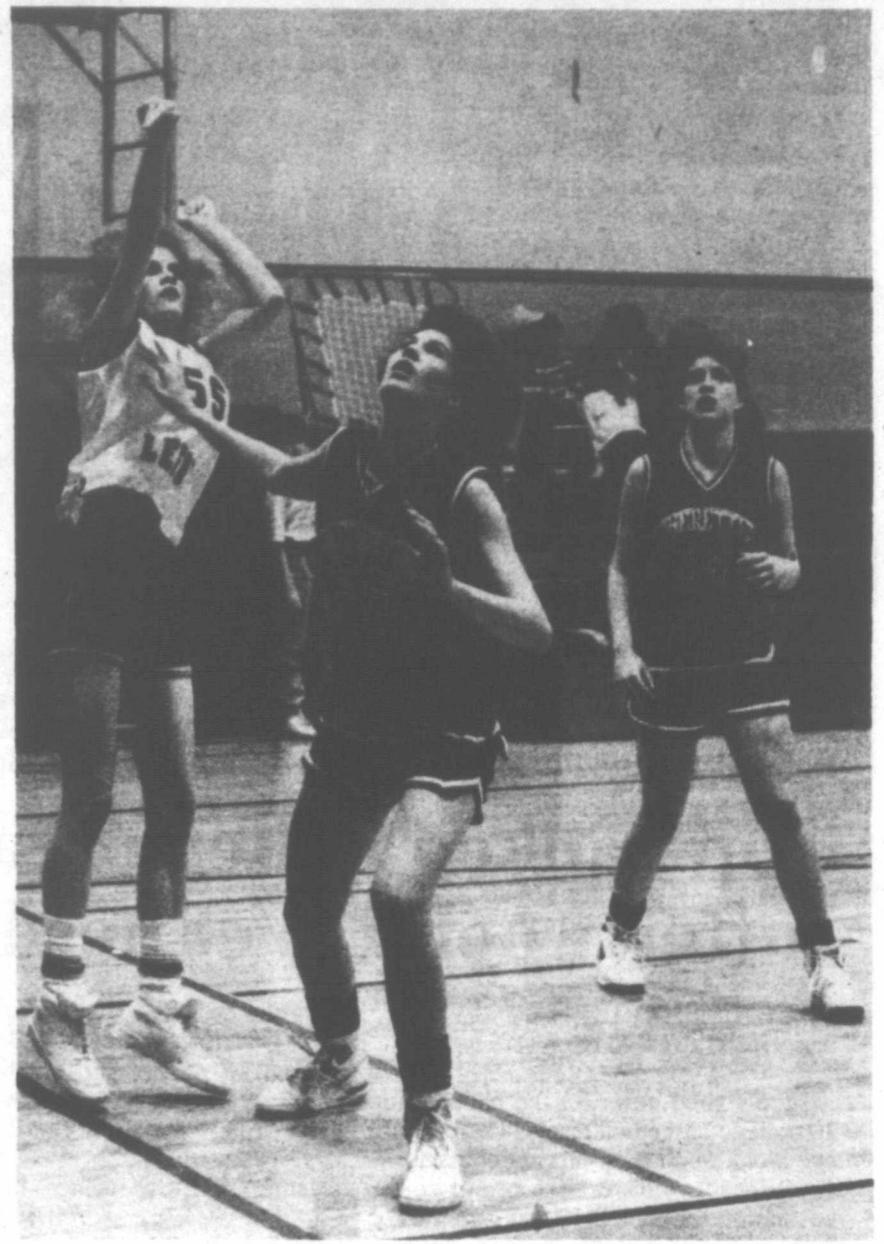
The Lions went into a fullcourt press in an effort to speed up the tempo of the game and the strategy worked to perfection.

"Allison was playing too slow for us and we pressed to make it a faster game. That got us going," Slatton said. "We feel real fortunate about getting into the playoffs while so many other teams are sitting at home."

McLean outlasted Groom, 47-44, Tuesday night in a playoff game to claim District 12-1A's No. 1 seed. Briscoe is the District 11-1A champion.

The No. 2 seed in the boys' District 2-2A race will be decided at 7 tonight in the Wheeler High School gym when Canadian (18-8) goes against Wellington (8-8).

"We beat them once and they



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzy) Groom's Karen Babcock (55) defends against a shot by Lefors' Susie Davis (55) in a game earlier this season. Also pictured is Groom's Misty Homen (14).

beat us once, so tonight's game is going to be kinda iffy. Whoever controls the boards will probably win the game," said Canadian coach Robert Lee.

The Wildcats have a well-rounded offense led by 6-3 senior Joel Robbins (17.9 points a game) and 6-1 junior Nick Hiemstra (12.4 points a game).

"Robbins is an inside-type power forward who is very active around the basket. Hiemstra is a good outside shooter. He's hitting around 46

percent from 3-point range," Lee said.

Lee can also count on 6-4 senior Ty Godwin (10 points a game) and 6-3 senior Brandon Thrasher (8.8) for points inside.

Wesley McKnight, a 6-0 senior, and Clifton Burns, a 5-5 sophomore are Wellington's big guns.

"McKnight can jump with anybody and Burns can shoot the three's," Lee said. "They've also got a couple of players around 6-4 or 6-5."

Minister denies pressuring Tyson accuser before trial

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The head of the nation's largest black church group says he called Mike Tyson's accuser before the rape trial and asked "why she was going through with this," but didn't pressure her to drop the charges.

Indianapolis TV station WTHR reported Wednesday that the FBI is investigating whether a leader of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc. tried to coerce Desiree Washington into changing her story. It also said Tyson's ties to the church were being probed. The station did not name its sources.

"I talked to her on the phone. I asked her why she was going through with this," the Rev. T.J. Jemison, president of the group, said Wednesday from Mt. Zion First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La.

"We talked to her about the trial and we were hoping she would not use the trial to hurt this fellow," he said. "She said to me all she wanted was justice. She said she wasn't interested in anything other than

going to court and that was the end of the conversation."

Jemison said he never offered money or pressured her to change her story, but that the woman's father made a passing reference to financial assistance for the family.

"I said we don't normally have that kind of money, but we could always help if you need help," Jemison said.

He said federal agents had not contacted him.

U.S. Attorney Deborah J. Daniels said federal officials in Indianapolis were not investigating, but she declined to say if authorities elsewhere were.

The Washington family didn't return phone calls to their home Wednesday.

Miss Washington's lawyer, Edward Gerstein of Providence, R.I., declined to comment, as did Tyson's lawyers in Washington and Indianapolis.

Tyson, 25, was convicted Feb. 10 of raping Miss Washington last July in Indianapolis. She was there representing Rhode Island in the Miss Black America pageant.

Lakers lose more than Magic; Warriors triumph over Celtics

By TOM COYNE
AP Sports Writer

Suddenly, the magic in Los Angeles appears to have moved across town.

It's been four seasons since the Lakers won an NBA title and two since they've won a Pacific Division title. And after being routed 125-94 Wednesday night by the Los Angeles Clippers, they could lose the city championship for the first time.

The Clippers have won five straight under new coach Larry Brown, they're tied with Seattle for fifth place in the Pacific, two games behind the Lakers, and Wednesday's win was the Clippers' most lopsided triumph over the Lakers.

But the Clippers, who have split

four games this season with the Lakers, aren't gloating.

"To me, it was just another game against a great basketball team," said Ken Norman, who had 22 points and 13 rebounds. "We're trying to get to the level that the Lakers have attained, and this win isn't a big deal to me. We've got to just try and play like that against everyone."

NBA Roundup

Also Wednesday, it was Utah 118, Dallas 96; San Antonio 113, Minnesota 103; Golden State 117, Boston 112; New Jersey 106, Detroit 102; Chicago 112, Orlando 99; Washington 103, Atlanta 102 in overtime; Indiana 129, Sacramento 115; and Charlotte 106, Denver 104.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Lakers, their longest losing streak since 1978-79 — the season before Magic Johnson arrived. And it marked only the seventh win by the Clippers over the Lakers in 43 tries since moving to Los Angeles in October 1984.

The teams meet one last time in the final regular-season game.

Loy Vaught added 14 points and 15 rebounds and the Clippers enjoyed season-highs in rebounds (57) and field goal percentage (54.3 percent).

The Clippers led 63-42 at halftime and put the game out of reach with a 38-23 third-quarter scoring spree.

The Lakers, missing center Sam Perkins for the second game in a row with chronic patella tendinitis,

were led by Sedale Threatt with 16 points.

"That's not the Laker team right now, with the problems they've had with injuries," Brown said. "It was obvious they were shorthanded, not having Sam and Vlade (Divac). But it's still a big win for us, and it's important that we try to get better."

But Laker coach Mike Dunleavy said his team couldn't blame the loss on injuries.

"Words don't do justice for the way we played. We were shorthanded, but not 40 points worth," Dunleavy said.

Jazz 118, Mavericks 96

Karl Malone scored Utah's first 11 points and 23 points overall before sitting out the fourth quarter of their fifth straight victory. Jeff

Malone added 17 points and John Stockton had 13 points and 11 assists as the Jazz improved their league-best home record to 25-2.

Terry Davis had 14 points for the Mavericks, who got no closer than 97-78 in the fourth quarter in losing their 12th straight road game.

Spurs 113, Timberwolves 103

David Robinson scored 45 of his season-high 39 points in the fourth quarter as San Antonio stopped Minnesota's road winning streak at two.

Minnesota, 4-21 on the road, was led by Tony Campbell and Doug West with 21 points each.

Leading by two points at the start of the fourth quarter, San Antonio used a 14-5 surge to take a 95-84 lead with 7:22 to play.

Warriors 117, Celtics 112

Tim Hardaway scored a career-high 43 points as Golden State equaled its longest winning streak with its fifth straight. Hardaway hit 14 of 25 shots and 13 of 15 free throws.

Reggie Lewis scored 30 points and Kevin Gamble 20 for the Celtics, who concluded a six-game road trip with only one victory.

Bulls 112, Magic 99

Michael Jordan scored 22 of his 27 points in the first half and Chicago rallied from 10 points down in the second quarter to raise their league-best road record to 20-7. Jordan also had 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Chicago trailed 30-20 after Orlando shot 76 percent in the first quarter.

America's Parisien fades to fourth in women's slalom

Austria's 'Perfect Petra' captures Olympic gold

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — Petra Kronberger picked herself up from a fall the day before and removed all doubt she is the world's best woman skier, blazing to a second Olympic gold medal today with a spectacular final run.

An American woman, for a change, faltered with a sure medal within her grasp. First-run leader Julie Parisien turned tentative and lost a chance for America's first skiing gold in eight years, finishing fourth.

Kronberger opened the Winter Games by winning the combined gold, then narrowly missed medals by finishing fifth in the downhill and fourth in the super giant slalom. She fell on the first run of Wednesday's super-giant slalom, and was on the verge of going home with only one medal — a big disappointment for the woman who has dominated international skiing for the last three years.

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whopping .72 behind Kronberger's winning time of 1:32.68, .30 behind silver medalist Coberger and an agonizing .05 too slow for Ochoa and the bronze.

It was one mistake too many to give America a third Alpine skiing medal, which would have been a record-tying total for the women alone in one Olympics, and its first skiing gold medal since Debbie Armstrong, Bill Johnson and Phil Mahre in 1984.

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the fact that women are carrying the U.S. team in Albertville. And with two American women now poised to claim gold and silver Friday night in figure skating, it figures to continue that way.

Go figure. Women have won five of the seven U.S. medals in Albertville, and all three golds — Bonnie Blair's two in speedskating and Donna Weinbrecht's in women's freestyle moguls skiing. Skiers Hilary Lindh and Diann Roffe contributed silvers.

Two of America's terrific trio in figure skating, Kristi Yamaguchi and Nancy Kerrigan, have good chances to join them after graceful and error-free performances in Wednesday night's original program put them 1-2 in the standings.

"I knew the U.S. had a strong team coming in," said Yamaguchi, who along with Tonya Harding and Kerrigan swept the world championship medals last year in Munich.

But oh, those men. American men have captured only one gold medal in the last two Winter Olympics, Brian Boitano's in men's figure skating in 1988.

Despite outnumbering the women 2-1 on this year's 181-strong team, the men have captured only a silver by Paul Wylie in figure skating and a bronze by Nelson Carmichael in moguls. And they have only one more reasonable chance this year — if goalie Ray LeBlanc can uphold his "Le Blank" reputation against the Unified Team's hockey squad and one more team after that.

Male favorites, such as Dan

Jansen, Christopher Bowman and Todd Eldredge have bombed. Most of the highest-profile women — Blair, Yamaguchi and Kerrigan — have performed like champions as expected.

Coincidence? Perhaps. But it raises questions about the depth of U.S. amateur talent in winter sports.

The U.S. Olympic Committee prefers to point to American men's highest-ever placings in luge and bobsled in Albertville, and notes that its revamped, multimillion-dollar training program didn't envision direct results until 1994 or 1998.

"The most important thing is that in most every area the level of competitiveness is increasing, the momentum is building," USOC executive director Harvey Schiller said this week. "We look to 1994 and beyond."

Harding was a rare exception among the top women when she disappointed in the original program, missing a triple axel and plummeting from a co-favorite's role all the way to sixth place.

She had company when Japan's tiny Midori Ito fell after substituting a triple lutz for the more difficult triple axel.

"I am sorry," the 4-foot-9 Ito, Japan's most celebrated athlete, told Japanese reporters after placing fourth and before making a quick exit a la Harding.

"I did not think I would fail the triple lutz. I chose it for safety. I was under the pressure of having not done the triple axel well in practice," Ito said.



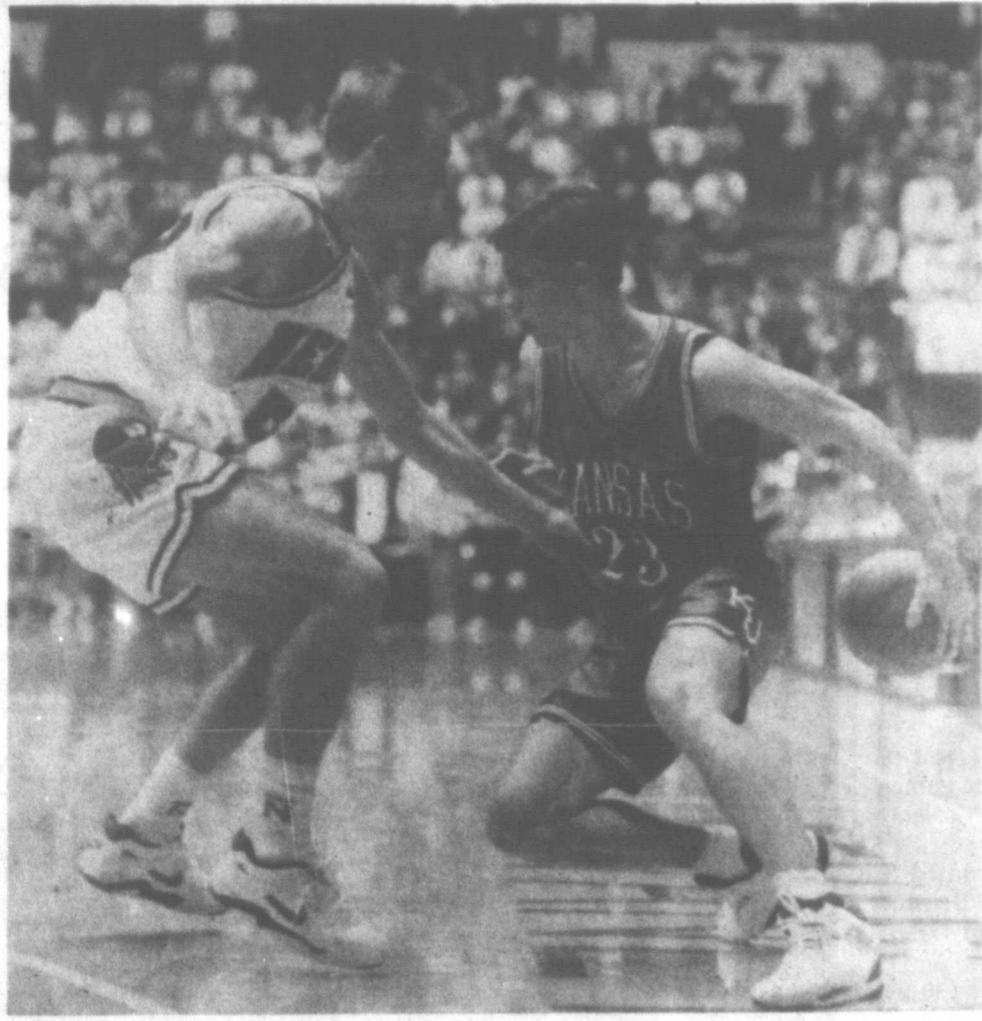
(AP Laserphoto) Julie Parisien of Auburn, Maine, pictured after her first run, wears a face mask because she lost four teeth and required 12 stitches after a collision with a skier.

There was no such stumble from Yamaguchi, who drew seven 5.9 scores for presentation of a program she said was designed to be "flowing and nice to watch." It was.

The cheerful skater from Fremont, Calif., hugged her coach when she

saw the high scores. She couldn't help but note later that two skaters known more for grace than jumping skills, she and Kerrigan, got the best marks.

"We both did triple-lutz combinations and I wouldn't say that was just artistry out there," Yamaguchi said.



(AP Laserphoto)

Kansas' Rex Walters, right, dribbles behind his back as Nebraska's Eric Piatkowski guards during action Wednesday.

Top-ranked college teams suffer woeful Wednesdays

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
Associated Press Writer

Here's good news for the nation's top 10 college basketball teams: There's only one more Wednesday left in February. Wednesdays have been brutal so far this month for the top 10 teams in the AP basketball poll, and this week was no different. No. 3 Kansas, No. 4 North Carolina, No. 8 Oklahoma State and No. 9 Missouri all lost.

Just one Wednesday ago, Oklahoma State, then No. 2, and Indiana, then No. 4, were upset.

Two Wednesdays ago, No. 1 Duke, then No. 2 Oklahoma State and then No. 5 Arkansas were defeated.

"It's exciting to get three straight Wednesday upsets over three ranked teams," said Colorado coach Joe Harrington after his team upset Missouri 77-60. The Buffaloes' other upsets were wins over Oklahoma State on Feb. 5 and Oklahoma on Feb. 12.

College Roundup

In games involving top 25 teams, Nebraska upset No. 3 Kansas 81-79; Virginia surprised No. 4 North Carolina 86-73; No. 7 Indiana defeated No. 11 Michigan State 103-73; Oklahoma upset No. 8 Oklahoma State 70-67; Colorado defeated No. 9 Missouri 77-60; No. 13 Kentucky downed Mississippi State 89-84; No. 14 Alabama beat Vanderbilt 85-64; No. 24 St. John's defeated No. 17 Syracuse 63-62; No. 20 Michigan topped Minnesota 95-70; No. 25 Georgetown edged Connecticut 60-58; and Kansas State upset No. 23 Iowa State 64-55.

The four Big Eight teams ranked in the top 25 all lost on Wednesday. The most exciting game was between Kansas and Nebraska, where Jamar Johnson hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer in overtime to give the Cornhuskers an 81-79 upset win, prompting many in the sellout crowd of 14,538 to run onto the court in celebration.

"I think it was one of the best basketball games I've ever been associated with," said Nebraska coach Danny Nee.

After Kansas' Rex Walters knocked the ball out of bounds under the Nebraska basket, the Cornhuskers needed two chances to get the ball inbound to Johnson, who fired the game-winner from the corner as time ran out.

"When I let it go, I felt it was in," Johnson said.

Longhorns lead SWC

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Christian knew the Texas Longhorns would want to play a fast-paced game, but the 40-minute dash the Horned Frogs were conned into was ridiculous.

"They ripped and ran. It's hard to keep up with them. I was tired coming out for the second half," said TCU's Reggie Smith following Texas' 99-77 victory Wednesday night that gave the Longhorns sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference.

Texas A&M upset Baylor, 63-61, in the only other SWC game Wednesday night.

The Longhorns' fifth consecutive win improves them to 8-2 in SWC play and 17-9 overall.

The Horned Frogs slip to second in the SWC at 7-3 and 18-7. It was their sixth consecutive loss to Texas at the Erwin Center, which was sold out Wednesday for the first time this season.

Not only did Texas run, the Longhorns hit a season-high 61.2 percent of their field goal attempts. In the second half, the Longhorns made 71 percent of their attempts.

Texas' inside-outside combination of Dexter Cambridge and B.J. Tyler was lethal for TCU.

Cambridge, coming off a season-high 30 points Sunday against Georgia, scored 27 Wednesday including 14 in the second half. He also added a career-high five assists.

Tyler set a team season-high mark with

Virginia 86, No. 4 North Carolina 73 in Charlottesville, Va., Bryant Stith scored 30 points and freshmen Cory Alexander had a season-high 24 as Virginia outmuscled North Carolina.

Virginia (12-10 overall, 5-6 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) limited North Carolina's leading scorer, Hubert Davis, to nine points — less than half his average — and outrebounded the Tar Heels 38-32.

North Carolina (18-4, 8-3) was held to 45 percent shooting. The Tar Heels' frustration against the Cavaliers' Virginia's physical, man-to-man defense came to a head with 14:17 remaining when center Eric Montross was called for a foul, slammed the ball to the floor and was called for a technical. Coach Dean Smith also drew a technical and Stith hit the four free throws to stretch the Cavaliers' advantage to 47-33.

No. 7 Indiana 103, No. 11 Michigan State 73

Damon Bailey made up for his poorest performance of the year by scoring 24 points as Indiana regained first place in the Big Ten by defeating visiting Michigan State.

The Hoosiers (19-4, 10-2 Big Ten) avenged an earlier 76-60 loss to Michigan State (17-5, 7-5) by hitting 20-of-29 field goals and 13-of-15 free throws in the first half to put the game away early.

Bailey was held scoreless in the earlier loss, but had 15 points in the first half Wednesday as Indiana went over the 100-point mark for the second time this season.

Oklahoma 70, No. 8 Oklahoma State 67

Oklahoma State had its 28-game home winning streak snapped as Brent Price scored 12 of Oklahoma's final 15 points.

Price made a jumper with 42 seconds left to give Oklahoma (16-6, 4-5 Big Eight) a 68-65 lead, then sank two free throws with 18 seconds left to make it 70-67.

Oklahoma State (21-4, 5-4) got off three 3-pointers in the final 18 seconds — one by Corey Williams, two by Binky Triplett — but all three missed.

Colorado 77, No. 9 Missouri 60

Donnie Boyce scored 13 of his 21 points in the second half to lead Colorado to its third consecutive home-court upset of a ranked team.

The Tigers (18-4, 6-3) went cold in the second half, shooting only 34 percent from the field while the Buffaloes (12-10, 3-6) hit 63 percent.

six 3-pointers as he added 20 points and eight assists.

"They were inside and outside. The shots they took tonight were good shots," said TCU coach Moe Iba.

Cambridge is still just getting back in shape from a 16-game NCAA suspension. His addition makes the Longhorns a good bet to earn an unprecedented fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament bid.

"We held our own without Dexter, but since he's been back we've won five of six," Texas coach Tom Penders said.

"The team has gotten better — we now have an inside game. We can go to Dexter." Smith, a 6-11, 250-pound senior, led the Horned Frogs with 26 points and 16 rebounds.

Texas' Michael Richardson also had a stellar performance, scoring a career-high 20 points including 14 in the first half that helped stake the Longhorns to a 47-42 halftime lead.

Texas put the game away early in the second-half with a 15-2 run that put the Longhorns ahead 80-60.

Shedrick Anderson scored 18 points and David Edwards picked up a loose ball and ran off the final eight seconds as Texas A&M stunned Baylor 63-61.

The Aggies, who won back-to-back games for the first time since December 1990, improved to 5-16 overall and 1-9 in the Southwest Conference.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gladys Hunt, Deceased, were issued on the 17th day of February, 1992, in Docket No. 7499 in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to Ray L. Davis. The residence of Ray L. Davis is 1701 Chestnut, Pampa, Texas 79065.

His post office address is:
c/o Tracey Jennings Warner
Warner & Finney
P.O. Box 645
Pampa, Texas 79066-0645

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 17th day of February, 1992.

Estate of Gladys Hunt
By Tracey Jennings Warner
State bar No. 20875700
Attorney for the Estate
A-44 Feb. 20, 1992

GRAIN WAREHOUSE INELIGIBILITY
Any grains put into storage in the Golden Spread Coop Inc., will not be eligible for price support loans during the period this facility is removed from the list of warehouses approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Gray County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office, said today.

Removal action was taken by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Commodity Office at Kansas City, Missouri, because of the warehouseman's failure to meet financial requirements for continued approval by the Uniform Grain Storage Agreement which controls the storage of Government owned grain.

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PAMPA Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2806, Pampa.

QUIVIRA Girl Scout Council, City Hall, Room 301, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

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ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 300, Memphis, Tenn. 38148-0552.

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THE Opportunity Plan Inc., Box 1035, Canyon, Tx. 79015-1035.

TRALEE Crisis Center For Women Inc., P.O. Box 2880, Pampa.

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10 Lost and Found

LOST: Female, Bassett Hound in vicinity of Coronado Hospital. Red with white markings, 3 inch scar on back. Answers to "Gussy". Reward offered for return. Call 669-1103 or 665-8842 after 5:30 p.m.

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FOR Sale: Approximate 1500 square foot metal building. Best offer. For information call 665-2604 after 5:30 p.m.

KIRBY Vacuum Center has moved to 121 Cuyler (next door to Addington's Western Wear). New, used and rebuilt vacuums. Parts, supplies, repairs for all model Kirbys. 669-2990.

SEASONED Firewood. Call for types and prices. 665-8843 between 9 and 5, 665-3109 after 5.

69a Garage Sales

ELSHIE'S Flea Market Sale: New stock added. Come browse. 2-sea Samsonite, set silverplate and chert, towels, linens, Hot Rod and Popular Mechanics magazines, final 1/2 price winter clothing, miscellaneous. 10 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. 1246 Barnes.

GARAGE sale: Vanity set, 2 microwave stands, swing set, 14 inch tires wheels, Nintendo with games, Honda 50. 1024 Sirroco. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. til 7.

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TRASH & Treasure Flea Market Sale. Wooden kegs, jewelry, comic books, some items 1/2 off. 407 W. Foster. 669-6601.

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Fossil may be oldest specimen of immediate human predecessors

NEW YORK (AP) — Analysis of a scrap of skull bone suggests that humans' immediate ancestors arrived on the scene 2.4 million years ago — about 500,000 years earlier than other fossils suggest.

Scientists had long thought that stone tools dated around 2.4 million to 2.6 million years old were made by a member of the evolutionary group Homo, but they didn't have

evidence. The oldest fossils firmly attributed to Homo were about 1.9 million years old.

"Now Homo is available to have made the first known stone tools," said study co-author Andrew Hill. The tools were found in Ethiopia.

Hill, a Yale University anthropologist, reports the analysis in today's issue of the journal Nature with Steven Ward of the Northeastern

Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown, and Alan Deino and colleagues at the Geochronology Center of the Institute of Human Origins in Berkeley, Calif.

They studied a fossil unearthed about 25 years ago in Kenya, a three-inch bone fragment that included the hole for the right ear and the part that met the lower jaw. When the find was reported, researchers said they

did not know whether it came from Homo or from related creatures called australopithecines.

The Homo evolutionary group includes the extinct Homo habilis and Homo erectus as well as people, called Homo sapiens.

The new analysis used comparisons to skulls from Homo and australopithecines that had been discovered since the fossil was unearthed,

Hill said in a telephone interview.

Researchers cited two features characteristic of Homo. One indicated that part of the creature's brain was directly over the jaw joint, whereas in australopithecines the brain did not extend out that far. The other characteristic was the sharp angle of a ridge of bone called the petrous crest on the inside of the skull.

The fossil had too little informa-

tion to be assigned to a particular member of Homo, Hill said.

The age of 2.4 million years was determined from analyzing rocks from the site where the fossil was found.

Bernard Wood of the University of Liverpool, who wrote a Nature editorial on the study, said in a telephone interview that he believed the fossil was Homo but that the conclusion must be considered tentative.

Dow Corning pledges help for breast implant patients

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — If the Food and Drug Administration allows continued use of breast implants, it will require that all future recipients be registered and provided with full information on them, an FDA official said today.

An FDA advisory panel is to vote late today on whether the agency should continue a voluntary moratorium on the use of the breast implants. The panel was given a list of options ranging from an outright ban to allowing continued use of the devices with restrictions.

"What we're asking you to do, then, is to calibrate in your own minds a balance between benefit and risk and use that calibration to advise us about whether doctors and patients should continue to have access to these devices and under what circumstances," James Benson, director of the FDA's center for devices and radiological health, said in remarks prepared for delivery to the panel today.

If the agency allows continued use of the implants, it has decided to require that all future patients be registered and provided with "full information" before their operations, Benson said.

Silicone gel breast implants have been put in about a million American women over the last 30 years, but on Jan. 6 FDA Commissioner David Kessler asked plastic surgeons to stop using them because of renewed safety concerns.

Kessler said the agency would decide on the future of the implants within 60 days.

Dow Corning Corp., a leading manufacturer of silicone gel breast implants, on Wednesday pledged financial help for women who want to have their implants removed but can't afford to pay.

The announcement came in the midst of the advisory panel's three-day hearing on the safety of the implants. The company said it is considering paying up to \$1,000 for any woman who wants her implant removed but can't pay for the procedure.

"We decided we ought to do this," said Dow Corning spokeswoman Baric Carmichael. "Now we have to work out whether \$1,000 is the right cost."

A series of plastic surgeons Wednesday defended the use of the silicone gel implant, saying adverse health effects were found in just 1 percent or less of the women who

received them.

Some doctors said the moratorium and the reports of autoimmune diseases and other problems have "terrified" patients and doctors and left them uncertain of what to do.

"We are distressed about the fear generated in patients with implants and in the surgeons who use them," said Dr. Donna Stahl, a Cincinnati breast surgeon and a representative of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Howard A. Tobin of Abilene, Texas, a trustee of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, said some doctors have responded to the uncertainties about silicone gel implants by refusing to treat their own implant patients, particularly those who received the devices years ago.

"I'm not endorsing this attitude. I apologize for it," he said. "Physicians live in fear of lawsuits."

Dr. Norman M. Cole of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons said Tobin's report is "one of the most embarrassing things ever said about medical care."

Cole pledged that his organization would make sure "that there is not one woman who doesn't have an opportunity for contact with a board certified plastic surgeon."

Women who couldn't pay for their medical care would be referred to programs that could take care of their needs, including implant removal, he said, though he did not cite any specific programs. Cole's group's did not promise any direct financial assistance to implant patients.

Dow Corning said the details of its offer of financial assistance were still being worked out and that final arrangements on a plan could take up to two weeks to be completed.

Dr. Charles Balch of M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston said 105,000 American women annually have mastectomies and breast implants are "a vitally important part of their rehabilitation."

He said studies of 247 patients in Houston, 1,100 in New York and 1,700 at the Mayo Clinic have no more cases of autoimmune disease than would be expected for that number of women.

This was in contrast to testimony by a series of doctors on Tuesday who told horror stories of patients developing a variety of symptoms, ranging from extreme fatigue to Lou Gehrig's disease, as the result of leaking silicone gel implants.

Deaths linked with overuse of inhaled asthma medicine

BOSTON (AP) — A study released today found that asthma patients who overuse common inhaled medicines greatly increase their risk of death, but doctors caution against giving up the drugs entirely.

The drugs, called beta agonists, are intended for acute asthma attacks. But some people use them many times a day, far exceeding recommended dosages.

Overall, asthmatics nearly triple their chance of death with each canister of the spray they use each month, the study found. The risk varies depending on the type of beta agonist inhaled; it was five times higher for one double-strength variety.

However, researchers said occasional use is probably safe, and only heavy, long-term reliance is a substantial health risk.

"The paper has a very straightforward message. If a patient is using more than one canister of beta agonist a month, they are using too much, and their asthma is probably out of control and needs to be evaluated," said Dr. A. Sonia Buist of the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

She co-authored the report published today in the New England Journal of Medicine.

"Beta agonists are extraordinarily effective for dilating (opening up) the airways. We don't want to give people the idea they should throw away their beta agonist because they are not safe," she said.

About 10 million Americans have asthma, and 5,000 die annually of the disease.

The report was based on a review of insurance records from Saskatchewan, Canada. The records of 129 people who had fatal or near-

ly fatal asthma attacks were compared with those of 655 asthmatics who had never had life-threatening attacks.

The study was financed by Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, a German drug company, which reported the findings to drug regulatory agencies last summer.

Researchers found that the risk of death increased fivefold with the use of each canister of fenoterol, a double-strength variety of beta agonist made by Boehringer-Ingelheim. The drug is available in Canada and many other countries but not in the United States.

The risk of death about doubled with the use of each canister per month of a variety called albuterol. That drug is widely used in the United States and sold under such brand names as Proventil and Ventolin.

While the drugs were clearly associated with increased risk, the doctors could not say for sure that they were to blame. Boehringer-Ingelheim noted that people who use beta agonists heavily are also likely to have especially severe asthma.

Researchers suspect that beta agonists might irritate the air passages in the lungs over time so that they overreact to irritants that trigger asthma attacks.

Although beta agonists have long been the primary treatment, opinion is changing. Some doctors now recommend that inhaled steroids become the front-line medicine to control asthma and beta agonists be reserved as a backup for relieving acute attacks.

In an accompanying editorial in the journal, Dr. Benjamin Burrows and Dr. Michael D. Lebowitz of the University of Arizona recommended against prescribing the medicines for regular, daily use.

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