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Sen. Bivins: Sex ed rumors erroneous

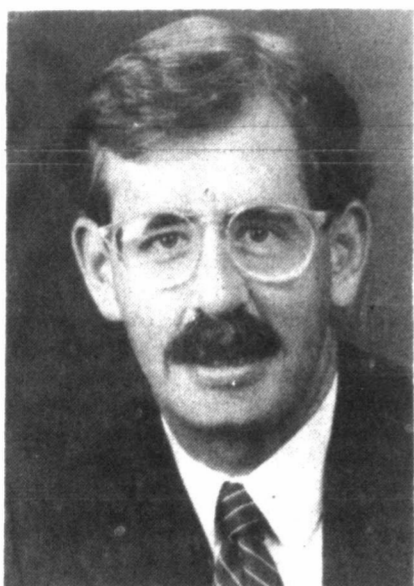
By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Despite rumors to the contrary, Johnny and Suzie will not be learning about homosexual lifestyles in grade school under a proposed sex education curriculum that has been introduced in the Texas Senate, a state senator said today.

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, noted that the only bill introduced before the Legislature that relates to sex education, Senate Bill 20, proposed by state Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, makes no reference to teaching grade school children about homosexual lifestyles.

Bivins said rumors that the bill by Moncrief was sponsored by Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenthood Advisory Council (APPAC) are false. APPAC had no direct involvement in the bill sponsored by Moncrief, nor has it issued any proposal of its own, Bivins said.

Bivins noted that guidelines on sex education for grades K-12 that have



Sen. Teel Bivins

been circulated in the Panhandle have been falsely attributed to APPAC. The actual author of those recommendations, Bivins said, was the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS), a

New York City-based organization. SIECUS recommendations have been circulating around the Panhandle.

Petitions have been circulating among church groups in the Panhandle, including groups in Pampa, protesting a sex education proposal that they believed to be pending before the Legislature. The Gray County chapter of the Christian Coalition has been among the local groups expressing such concerns.

Bivins, however, said he does not expect such legislation before the Legislature this year. "If you've seen the SIECUS recommendations, I don't even think the most liberal member of the Legislature would file a bill seeking to mandate such a curriculum," Bivins said.

Chisum agreed, saying, "I don't think anyone would carry that kind of legislation at this point."

A spokesman for Bivins noted that APPAC, a 28-member council that was formed in 1987 to advise the Texas Legislature, has not proposed any legislation before the

Legislature since 1990. APPAC is expected to issue a new series of recommendations next week, a spokesman for Bivins office said.

"The whole issue is one that has really gotten blown out of proportion," Bivins said Thursday. "We're getting about 100 letters a day, and unfortunately most of the letters are based on false information."

A spokesman for Bivins' office said it is receiving one phone call every five minutes about the controversy. "We encourage people to seek out the facts, because what they have in their hand is not necessarily the facts," the spokesman said.

Bivins added that he opposes the bill sponsored by Moncrief because it mandates a statewide sex education curriculum. "This type of curriculum especially is one that should be created, if at all, at the local level," Bivins said, adding that parents should be involved in development of such a curriculum, if any, for a school district.

Bivins also said a mandated sex

education curriculum that is not responsive to the particular needs of each age group in a school district "could be very, very damaging."

State Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, also said today that he opposes the bill sponsored by Moncrief, which he said is too broad and vaguely worded. "I'm not sure what

they mean when they talk about critical thinking skills development in sex education classes," Chisum said.

Chisum also said he does not know what Moncrief meant to say when he refers to "self-sufficiency skills."

Chisum said he has heard that Moncrief plans to submit new legislation that will replace his current bill.

Text of proposed bill

Senate Bill No. 20
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
relating to education for self-development and life skills in public schools.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.104 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.104. SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION.

(a) Each school district shall offer an objective program of education for self-development and life skills in kindergarten through grade 12. A district may use a program developed by the Central Education Agency or another program approved by the district's board of trustees.
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Clinton signs first bill granting family leave

By KAREN BALL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today signed a bill granting workers unpaid leave for family emergencies, putting into law the first major social legislation of the new Democratic era after just 16 days in office.

Cheers and applause erupted from hundreds of supporters as Clinton signed the bill — his first — at a sun-filled ceremony in the Rose Garden. Democratic leaders said the bill turned the page on more than a decade of division between Congress and the White House, opening the way for progress on stalled domestic legislation.

"It was America's families who have beaten the gridlock in Washington to pass family leave," Clinton said. He said the swift passage of the bill by Congress was a signal that "we have tried to give this government back to the American people."

"Today marks the end of gridlock and a new beginning," Vice President Al Gore said at the ceremony, which was televised live.

Clinton cited the family leave bill as the first step in a list of social legislation he wants passed. "There is a lot more we need to do," he said, listing welfare reform, tougher child support enforcement, expanding the earned income tax credit and expanding child immunization programs.

The bill was twice vetoed by former President Bush. It provides up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for

workers to cope with a family sickness, childbirth or adoption. Companies with fewer than 50 workers would be exempt. Workers would be guaranteed to get their same job back or an equivalent post.

Joining Clinton for the ceremony were members of Congress who'd worked on the measure for seven years and a Marietta, Ga., couple in which the husband lost his job when he took off from work to care for a daughter with cancer. They were George and Vicki Yandle, whose teenage, Dixie, remained hospitalized today.

After signing the bill, Clinton turned over the microphone to Democratic leaders and key backers of the bill. It turned into a half-hour ceremony.

Afterward, a key Republican supporter of the bill, Sen. Christopher Bond of Missouri, hailed the measure's passage but said it was a stretch to call it the end of gridlock.

"This one was a very easy one," Bond said. "It's going to get a lot tougher when we get into health care and budget matters."

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said that "The signing of this bill this morning by the president turns an important page in American history. The decade of deadlock has ended, the decade of progress now opens before us."

Mitchell credited Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., as "the real heroes" in getting the bill approved. Both senators took their turns at the microphones.

Clinton used several pens to sign the bill, as he sat at a small table on the Rose Garden lawn.

Speaking before Clinton, Mrs. Yandle recalled the difficulties her family faced. "In times of family crisis people should not have to worry about keeping their jobs," she said. "Other families will not have to face this terrible choice."

"Now millions of our people will no longer have to choose between their jobs and their families," the president said. He said it would strengthen families and businesses alike.

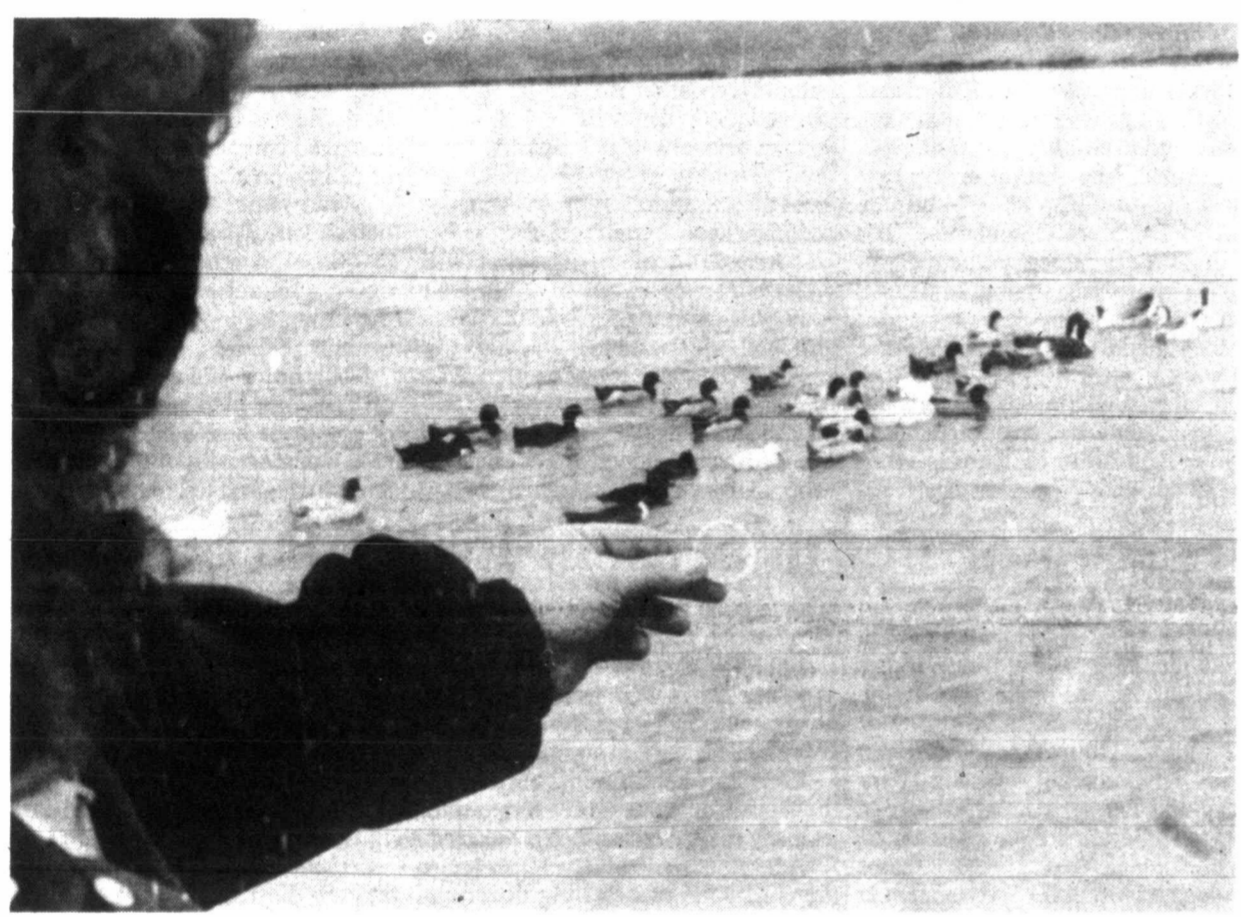
"I know that men and women are more productive when they are sure they won't lose their jobs because they are trying to be good parents," the president said.

The Senate, after finally pushing aside a GOP attempt to attach a gays-in-the-military amendment, overwhelmingly passed the bill Thursday evening, 71-27.

The House, which passed its own version earlier in the week, accepted minor Senate changes in the bill shortly before midnight and sent the measure on its way to Clinton. That vote was 247-152.

"What a difference an election makes ... Gridlock, I think, is really over," Kennedy said earlier today. "This is really government at its best," the Massachusetts Democrat said on "CBS This Morning."

Republicans who opposed the family leave bill on the ground it would hurt businesses complained that Democrats rammed the bill through without allowing for a free debate.



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Sandy Burns, director of animal control for the city of Pampa, holds the offending safety ring which threatened the life of one hapless duck at Recreation Park lake.

Don't duck the issue

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

A city of Pampa Recreation Park duck almost got his goose cooked due to litter left in the lake area, according to Sandy Burns, director of animal control.

Burns, a 13-year veteran of animal control, reported that one curious duck pecked at a plastic soft drink cap safety ring until the ring became wedged around the bird's beak, leaving it nearly unable to eat.

Her concern is that the 75 ducks and geese, which are city property, may be threatened by litter as the

weather warms and more residents use the peaceful lake area for fishing and relaxation.

"We have to take care of our environment. It takes away from the looks of things to litter," she said in a lakeside interview Thursday.

Burns noted that during December snows, the domestic fowl were joined by their wild Canadian brethren for several days.

The flock keeps well fed by residents who patronize the lake, plus Burns, who scatters corn when residents aren't able to visit the lake.

Other animal safety hazards may be the six-ring plastic forms

which hold together canned soft drinks, she said. Ducks, geese and fish may eat litter which may injure or kill them, she said.

One litter barrel was seen by the parking area adjacent to the lake which can be used for trash deposit.

On another note, Burns said, it had been reported that the ducks were shot at by someone late in 1992. She pointed out that the domestic fowl are city property and are not to be hunted by any means.

"It's peaceful out here and it can be enjoyed by all if we take a part in keeping it clean," she concluded.

Bullock blasts critics of finance plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Opponents of an education funding plan were criticized by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who accused them of looking after only their own local interests.

"This type of thinking was good 20 years ago. It will not solve the problems of school finance in Texas. We must have a larger perspective of all of our state," Bullock said Thursday.

Lawmakers are trying to meet a June 1 Texas Supreme Court deadline for a constitutional plan to equalize funding among property-rich and property-poor school districts.

On Tuesday, the House Public

Education Committee recommended a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow some local property tax money to be redistributed among school districts statewide. Republicans on the panel voted against the measure.

Waving a newspaper editorial that criticized the House committee's redistribution plan, Bullock said, "I'm not mad about it. I'm just disgusted."

"This is exactly the way members of the Legislature are voting on the bill. They look to see what did their particular school district get, he said.

Bullock said the bottom-line issue should be statewide funding equity.

It is unfair, he said, for children to suffer unequal funding just because of where they were born. He said some school districts have 900 times more property wealth to produce taxes than other districts.

He noted the Senate quickly passed a school finance proposal this session, as it did in the special session late last year.

"I sat here for weeks in the special session waiting for a handful of people in the Texas House to move, and they didn't. I suppose I'm going to have to sit here again and take up, like the boll weevil bill, while Rome is burning," Bullock said.

House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, said he didn't think Bullock's remarks were critical of the House. He agreed with Bullock that lawmakers are protective of their school districts.

"Everybody's looking out after their own school district right now, and compromising from that point," Laney said.



(AP Photo)

President Clinton signs the family leave bill as Vicki Yandle of Marietta, Ga., looks on this morning in the Rose Garden.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

JENKINS, Arlin L. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.
LOVINGGOOD, Jerry — 2 p.m., graveside, Fairview Cemetery.
THREET, Don — 10 a.m., Memorial Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Obituaries

ROY H. ARMSTRONG JR.
AMARILLO — Roy H. Armstrong Jr., 66, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1993. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Armstrong was born Oct. 19, 1926, in Portales, N.M. He grew up in Pampa and lived in Louisiana before moving to Amarillo many years ago. He married Nancy Jones on July 20, 1985, at Las Cruces, N.M. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II and the Korean War.
 Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of the home; two daughters, Gail Armstrong of Amarillo and Jerrie Hisel of Fort Worth; four stepsons, Allan Lasley of San Antonio and Wesley Lasley, Kevin Lasley and Rowland Lasley, all of Amarillo; a sister, Ruby Dorrel of Granite, Okla.; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
 The body will not be available for viewing.

JERRY LOVINGGOOD
JERRY LOVINGGOOD, 65, died Friday, Feb. 5, 1993. Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery with Frank Morrison, elder of the Central Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Lovinggood was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Eliasville. He was a longtime Pampa resident. He married Geraldine Spence on Nov. 3, 1948, in Pampa. He worked for Skelly, Getty and Texaco for 40 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member and former deacon of the Central Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. He was a former member of the Pampa Evening Lions Club.
 Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, of the home; a son, Richard Lynn Lovinggood of Midwest City, Okla.; a daughter, Sue Sterling of Omaha, Neb.; four sisters, Joanna Warren of Clyde, Jeraldine Rodgers of McLean, Carol Cummings of Pampa and Delores Sims of Perryton; a brother, Dewayne Lovinggood of Alvin; and five grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be made to the Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2782, Pampa, Texas 79066-2782.

DON THREET
CLAUDE — Don Threet, 83, a former McLean resident, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1993. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Memorial Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Fifth Avenue and Pierce Street in Amarillo, with the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery at Amarillo.
 Mr. Threet, born in Turkey, lived in Amarillo from 1941 until 1974, when he moved to McLean. He later moved to Claude. He married Emma Blackwell in 1972 at Raton, N.M. He owned and operated Don Threet Construction for more than 40 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lockney.
 Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Hazel Burns of Amarillo; a brother, Roy Threet of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ireta Ragan, in 1970, and a son, Carroll Threet, in 1957.
 The family requests memorials be made to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center or the Crown of Texas Hospice.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.
THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.
SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS
 The Southside Senior Citizens mobile meals menu for Saturday is chicken and rice casserole, steamed cabbage, beets, bread, applesauce.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
 Blas Martinez Arzola, Pampa; Ella M. Edwards, Pampa; Floyd Ramond Gatlin, Pampa; Birdia Gay, Pampa; Lyndall Sue Owens, Skellytown; Roger Eugene Payne, McLean; Jared Channing Woodruff, Pampa; Olen Glen Anderson (extended care), Pampa.
Dismissals
 Refugia S. Perez, Pampa; Roy McWhirt (extended care), Pampa.
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
 No admissions or dismissals were reported.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.18	
Milo	3.34	
Com	4.00	

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

Ky. Cent. Life	7 3/4	dn 1/4
Serco	4 3/8	up 1/4
Occidental	19 1/8	up 1/4

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

Magellan	66.20	
Puritan	15.46	

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

Amoco	53 5/8	up 3/8
Arco	117 1/4	dn 3/8
Cabot	40 3/4	up 3/4
Cabot O&G	18 1/2	up 1/4
Chevron	74 7/8	NC
Coca-Cola	41 3/8	dn 3/8
Enron	54 1/8	dn 1/2
Halliburton	31 3/8	up 5/8
HealthTrust Inc.	17 7/8	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	35 7/8	dn 1/2
KNE	31 3/4	dn 5/8
Kerr McGee	46 3/8	NC
Limited	29	dn 1/8
Mapco	52	up 3/8
Marub	7	up 1/8
McDonald's	51 1/2	dn 1/8
Mobil	64 3/4	dn 1/4
New Atmos	24 1/4	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	16 3/8	NC
Penney's	78 1/2	dn 1/4
Phillips	27 3/8	dn 1/4
SLB	60 3/4	up 1
SPS	32 3/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	44 3/4	dn 1/4
Texas	61 5/8	NC
Wal-Mart	66 5/8	NC
New York Gold	327.70	
Silver	3.64	
West Texas Crude	20.31	

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Feb. 4
 Scott B. Spence, 1517 Dogwood Apt. 12, reported criminal mischief to a 1983 Dodge, causing damage of \$20-200, in the 600 block of West Foster.
 Texas Department of Public Safety issued a wanted outside agency report in the 400 block of North Ballard.
 A juvenile reported assault with injury at the southeast corner of Garland and Duncan. The victim reportedly received a 1/2-inch cut to the left forearm, according to a police incident report.
 Borger Police Department issued a wanted outside agency report in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Arrest
TODAY, Feb. 5
 William Nelson Larkin, 21, 425 Graham, was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart on two warrants.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Feb. 4
 John Chaney reported a theft at 917 S. Barnes.
Arrest
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 3
 Charles Ronald Gatlin, 53, Route 1, Mobeetie, was arrested on a warrant charging bond forfeiture on a driving while intoxicated charge.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Feb. 4
 11:18 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a smoke scare at 1131 E. Harvester. The call turned out to be a broken hot water line, and the steam from the hot water was mistaken for smoke.
TODAY, Feb. 5
 4:44 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to an oil spill investigation and standby at McCullough and Hobart. Firefighters stood by at the small oil spill until a sandtruck arrived to sand it down.

Accidents

No accidents were reported by the Pampa Police Department in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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Bill

The program shall incorporate appropriate essential elements designated under Section 21.101(c) of this code for science, health, social studies, or any other appropriate subject. The program may consist of special classes in self-development and life skills or may be incorporated into other appropriate classes, or both.

(b) The program shall:

- (1) include instruction in pregnancy prevention, AIDS prevention, and substance abuse prevention;
- (2) provide sequential instruction at each grade level that is appropriate considering the age and development of students at that grade level;
- (3) assist each student to develop:
 - (A) critical thinking and problem-solving skills;
 - (B) self-esteem;
 - (C) responsible behavior;
 - (D) respect for others;
 - (E) communication skills;
 - (F) resistance to peer pressure;
 - (G) self-sufficiency; and
 - (H) stress management skills;
- (4) emphasize the importance of self-discipline, responsibility,

and ethics in making decisions relating to personal choices and behaviors; and

(5) provide information relating to:

- (A) the possible emotional, psychological and health consequences of adolescent sexual intercourse, including consequences related to pregnancy and to AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and the benefits of abstaining from or delaying sexual activity; and
- (B) laws relating to child support and paternity.

(c) A school district may establish a local advisory committee to advise the board of trustees in the selection, development and implementation of the district's program.

(d) The Central Education Agency shall coordinate teacher training for the programs of education for self-development and life skills. The training may be provided through regional education service centers and in-service training, using the available resources and assistance of the Central Education Agency, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of Human Services, public institutions of higher education and local services.

(e) The Central Education Agency shall collect and maintain data relating to the programs of education for self-development and life skills used in districts, including the content at each grade level, and to the teacher training provided.

(f) In this sections, "AIDS" means acquired immune deficiency syndrome as defined by the Centers for Disease Control of the United States Public Health Service.

SECTION 2. (a) Each school district shall implement a program of education for self-development and life skills under Section 21.104, Education Code, as added by this Act, in each required grade level according to a schedule adopted by the State Board of Education.

(b) The State Board of Education shall report the scheduled adopted and the status of self-development and life skills education in public schools, including the provision of teacher training, to the 74th Legislature not later than Feb. 1, 1995.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create and emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.



Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine, left, talks to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., looks on Thursday on Capitol Hill during a lunch between the first lady and Democratic congressional leaders. (AP Photo)

Democratic lawmakers laud Hillary's health reform efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton won raves from Democratic senators after her first trip to Capitol Hill in search of ideas for President Clinton's health reform plan.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, predicted after Thursday's meeting that Congress will enact a health package this year, and "a major part of the credit will be due to the effort and the leadership of Mrs. Clinton."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., called the unprecedented policy session with Mrs. Clinton "extraordinary."

"What impressed all of us is that Mrs. Clinton obviously had a very strong understanding of these complex issues," he said after the first lady spent nearly an hour with more than 25 Democratic senators. "It's the first time in 19 years where I really think something's going to happen on health care."

Mrs. Clinton, named by her husband last week to chair the President's Task Force on National Health Reform, also met separately with Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, who assured her "our people are fairly reasonable on this issue."

Mrs. Clinton sat between Mitchell and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in a room packed with senators, staff and White House aides.

Afterward, at a brief news conference with Mitchell outside the Senate chamber, she spoke of her husband's determination to find a solution to "the very real needs that Americans have" for a better health care system.

"Americans know they have a problem," she said.

"The president has said for more than a year that major health care reform legislation is essential to meet the economic demands as well as the human demands of this country," said Mrs. Clinton, a lawyer who spearheaded education reform in Arkansas a decade ago.

"Any kind of change that will meet those demands in a realistic way will require people to do things differently," she added.

She recited a litany of shortcomings with the current system, including people who are denied insurance because of pre-existing conditions or lose coverage when they are laid off or switch jobs.

Mitchell said the senators offered a lot of suggestions, but "no conclusions were reached."

Mrs. Clinton gave no hint of where her task force is headed. Asked if it would make detailed recommendations or merely set broad goals, she replied: "We're working very hard on it and we will be working until the deadline that the president imposed, and then we'll have to show you what is in it and then we can have that conversation."

Clinton has promised to control health costs and provide comprehensive health benefits for all Americans. He has also backed the idea of managed competition and some form of ceiling on health spending.

Meanwhile, Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., and other lawmakers introduced a reform plan that would force the insurance industry to sell a basic benefits package to all Americans.

Their bill would also impose limits on premium increases, tax a portion of employee health benefits and redirect 1 percentage point of the Social Security payroll tax to health care.

Prosecutor not to present Erdmann evidence

LUBBOCK (AP) — A special prosecutor has decided not to present grand jurors with evidence today against discredited pathologist Ralph Erdmann, a police detective said.

Detective Doug Davenport said Johnny Actkinson, district attorney for Bailey and Parmer counties, decided Erdmann's September plea bargain on seven felony charges covered all cases for which he was under investigation in Lubbock County.

Erdmann pleaded no contest to falsifying autopsies in three West Texas counties, including Lubbock County.

State District Judge Thomas L. Clinton, who oversees the grand jury, named Actkinson as special prosecutor for the new case. Actkinson did not comment.

Friday's grand jury presentation

was to be at the request of the police department, Clinton said.

Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney Travis Ware had asked Clinton to appoint a special prosecutor because Ware could have been a witness.

Erdmann performed hundreds of Lubbock County autopsies and testified at many trials Ware's office prosecuted.

Attorneys last February began accusing Erdmann of botching dozens of death investigations in the 40 West Texas counties where he did autopsies.

His plea bargain in September forced him to relinquish his medical license during 10 years' probation. He also agreed to pay about \$16,000 in restitution for autopsies he now acknowledges he never performed.

Numerous civil suits are pending

against him, including one filed Tuesday in federal court in Amarillo. The suit accuses Erdmann, Ware and other officials of retaliating against a Georgia attorney and two Lubbock police officers who spoke out against Erdmann's work.

Charges also had been filed against those three men, but in a rare federal intervention in state criminal courts, a U.S. district judge halted those prosecutions Thursday.

Federal Judge Mary Lou Robinson made the emergency ruling two days after the men filed a federal lawsuit alleging that their prosecutions were part of a wide-ranging criminal conspiracy by Ware and Randall County District Attorney Randy Sherrod to hide the pathologist's wrongdoing.

City briefs

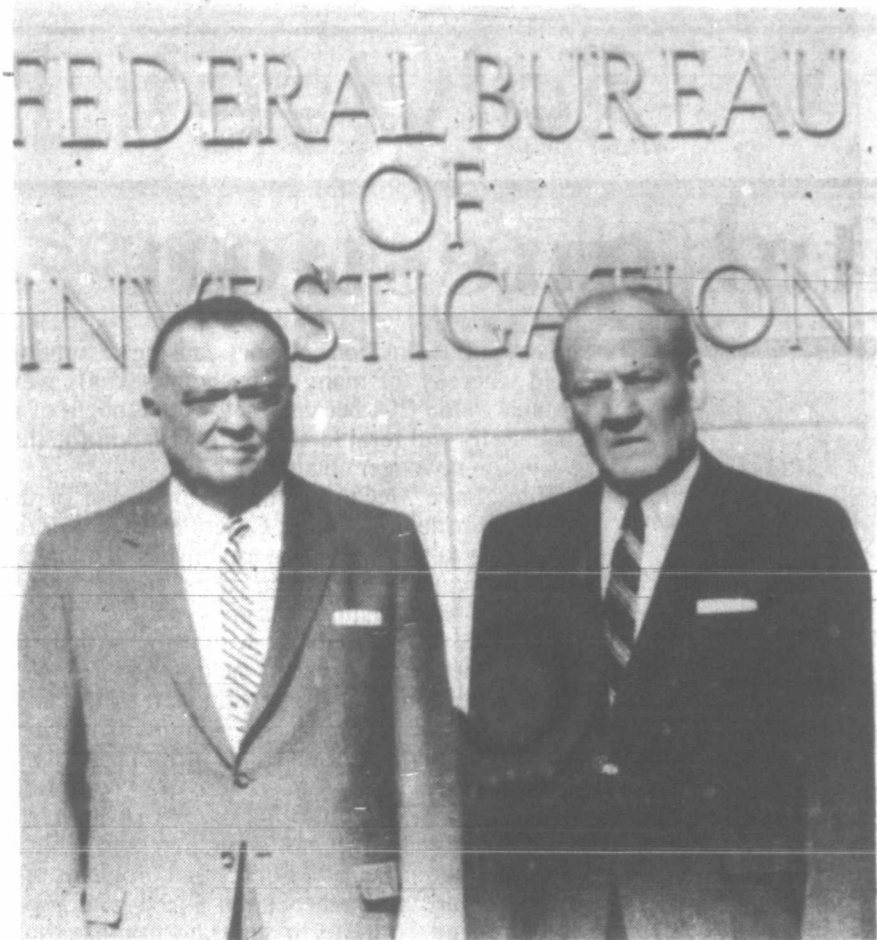
WATER WELL Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.
BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.
TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 1433 Dwight, 665-0310, 274-2142. Adv.
NEW YORK Life Insurance is moving to 109 W. Kingsmill. Adv.
TAX SERVICE, Billie Moore, 669-7643. Adv.
TRAVEL EXPRESS Let's go to the Races. Remington Park - Memorial Weekend. Call 665-0093. Adv.
IMAGES HUGE selection of 1/2 price Fall and Winter merchandise. All scarves, \$10. Downtown. 669-1091. Adv.
SUNTROL WINDOW Tinting 10% off. Remote Auto Alarms \$99 installed. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.
TAX SERVICE. Ruby Pruet, 2301 Christine. 665-2636, 665-0654. Adv.
BOBBIE'S SEWING Basket: Bobbie is back and ready to work! Alterations, all types. 669-1600. Adv.
JUST RECEIVED - Valentine Special - Over \$6000 worth of costume jewelry, selling at 50-70% Off Friday and Saturday, February 5, 6th. Ewe Niquely Ewe Concepts, Pampa Mall. Adv.
TAKE AN Additional 10% off Winter Merchandise already marked 50% off. The Clothes Line. Adv.
LOTTO AND Scratch Lottery available at Belco, 2101 N. Hobart. Adv.
JOANN'S CREATIONS Hearts! Hearts! Hearts for your Valentine! 1200 Mary Ellen, 669-2157. Adv.
KIDS, KIDS, Kids - Just for Kids, Country Western Dance Classes with Phil and Donna George, starts February 6, Gray County Annex. Grades 4-6, 6-7 p.m. Grades 7-9, 7:15-8:30 p.m. More information 665-7989. Adv.
SUPERBOWL SHIRTS and Hats! Just Arrived, \$10 to \$19. T-Shirts and More, 115 W. Kingsmill. Adv.
INTRODUCTION TO Lotus 1-2-3, 2.2. February 10, 1993 12 weeks, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuition \$50, instructor Steven Weatherly. Enroll now at Clarendon College - Pampa Center! Class size is limited. For more information 665-8801. Adv.
BASIC CPR, February 9 and 10, 6-10 p.m. Tuition \$10, instructor Gary James, Clarendon College - Pampa Center, Room 12. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, clear with a low in the low 20s and light winds. Sunny and warmer Saturday, with a high of 55 to 60 degrees and variable winds 5-10 mph. Thursday's high was 40 degrees; the overnight low was 29 degrees.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, clear. Lows in the lower to mid-20s. Saturday, sunny and warmer. Highs in the mid-50s to around 60. Saturday night, clear. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 30s. Extended forecast: Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 50s. Monday, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 30s. Highs in the mid-40s north and lower 50s south. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of rain, snow north. Lows upper teens to the mid-20s. Highs mostly in the 30s. South Plains, Concho Valley and

Edwards Plateau: Tonight, clear. Lows mostly in the 20s. Saturday, sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Saturday night, clear. Lows mostly in the 30s.
 South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, partly cloudy and cold. Lows in the 30s to near 40 south central. Saturday, mostly sunny and cool. Highs near 60. Extended forecast: Sunday, partly cloudy and mild. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to near 40 south central. Highs in the 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s to near 40 south central. Highs in the 60s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and colder with a chance of rain. Lows in the 30s to near 40 south central. Highs in the 50s.
 North Texas — Tonight, decreasing cloudiness west, cloudy central and east with a slight chance of rain east. Lows in the mid-30s west to the lower 40s southeast. Saturday, partly cloudy west and central,

decreasing cloudiness east. Highs 55 to 62. Saturday night, fair. Lows in the mid- to upper 30s. Extended forecast: Sunday, fair. Highs in the mid-50s to lower 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Tuesday, turning colder with a chance of rain. Lows in the mid- to upper 30s. Highs in the 40s.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, fair skies. Lows near 5 to near 20 mountains and north with mostly 20s elsewhere. Saturday, partly cloudy west. Partly to mostly sunny elsewhere. Highs 30s to middle 40s mountains and north with upper 40s to near 60 elsewhere.
 Oklahoma — Tonight, a slight chance of light rain or snow extreme southeast early, otherwise decreasing cloudiness with areas of fog. Lows in the low and mid-30s. Saturday, areas of morning fog, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs in 50s.



(AP Photo) Then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, left, poses with Clyde Tolson, Hoover's longtime aide.

Book: Hoover blackmailed with photographs of gay sex

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mafia blackmailed the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover with photos allegedly showing him engaged in homosexual acts, which effectively delayed a crackdown on organized crime by decades, a new book contends.

"The homosexual thing was Hoover's Achilles' heel," Seymour Pollock, an associate of mobster Meyer Lansky, is quoted as saying in the book by Anthony Summers, "Official and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover."

"Meyer found it and it was like he pulled strings with Hoover. He never bothered any of Meyer's people," Pollock said in 1990, according to excerpts from the book released Thursday by Vanity Fair.

The book, published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, and a "Frontline" documentary airing Tuesday on PBS detail extensive contacts between Hoover and top organized crime figures.

Some were friendly, stemming from the FBI director's penchant for betting on horse races — many allegedly fixed by mobsters to ensure that Hoover won — and his love of high living, some of it financed by the mob.

But there was a stick along with these carrots, and that was compromising photos of homosexual activity between Hoover and longtime aide Clyde Tolson that allegedly were obtained by Lansky and mobster Frank Costello.

Hoover, as FBI chief, made a habit of squirreling away information about the sexual lives of Washington's power elite, including John and Robert Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt and others, according to biographers.

Hoover, who headed the FBI from 1924 until his death in 1972, was rumored to be homosexual as long ago as the 1930s. The rumors arose in part from his sharing a bachelor house with Tolson, who died in 1975.

"This was always a rumor within the bureau," Hoover biographer Curt Gentry said in an interview Thursday.

Some agents who were in the "greet-Hoover" squads around the country — making sure hotel rooms were the right temperature and stocked with the right liquor when Hoover would visit — never found any evidence he was homosexual, said Gentry, who wrote the 1991 book "J. Edgar Hoover — The Man and the Secrets."

This is the fifth book written by Summers, a former British Broadcasting Corp. journalist who also wrote "Goddess" about actress Marilyn Monroe.

Summers says the Mafia may have gotten the purported photos of Hoover from the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA. OSS chief William Donovan and Hoover were feuding over control of foreign intelligence, and the two men investigated each other.

Gordon Novel, identified by Summers as an electronics expert with CIA links, said CIA counterintelligence chief James J. Angleton showed him several compromising photos of Hoover engaged in homosexual sex.

Former OSS officer John Weitz is quoted in the book as saying the host of a 1950s dinner party showed him such a picture and identified those depicted as Hoover and Tolson, but Weitz didn't recognize them. Weitz also would not name the host.

Susan Rosenstiel, the fourth wife of mobster and liquor distributor Lewis Solon Rosenstiel, said she saw Hoover dressed in women's clothing and involved in homosexual play with young men at two sex parties at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

"He was wearing a fluffy black dress, very fluffy, with flounces, and lace stockings and high heels and a black curly wig," Mrs. Rosenstiel said of the first party in 1958, attended also by attorney Roy Cohn. "He had makeup on, and false eyelashes."

The widow of psychiatrist Marshall Ruffin said in the book that her husband treated Hoover for years and "everybody then understood he was homosexual." Monteen Ruffin said her husband's notes, which he burned shortly before he died in 1984, "would've proved that."

Tales of Mafia blackmail of Hoover, like the homosexuality, have long been rumored.

Gentry said Mafia sources told him about it when he was preparing his own book, "but it was all hearsay, never documented. I never saw any photographs."

Damage award called prelude to truck recall

ATLANTA (AP) — A jury awarded the parents of a teen-age crash victim \$105.2 million in a verdict consumer advocates and others say increases the pressure for a recall of millions of older General Motors Corp. pickup trucks.

The state jury found the world's biggest automaker negligent Thursday in the fuel-tank design of a pickup. It ordered GM to pay \$101 million in punitive damages and \$4.2 million in compensatory damages to the parents of Shannon Moseley, a 17-year-old killed when his 1985 truck burst into flames in a crash in 1989.

"This award was so large, they'll have to recall the vehicle," said Clarence Ditlow, executive director

of the Center for Auto Safety, a Washington consumer advocacy group. "If GM fights this, it will be a greater disaster than the Exxon Valdez. It shows such callous disregard for human life."

Jurors said they felt GM had ignored evidence its pre-1988 trucks, with twin gas tanks mounted "sidesaddle" outside the truck frame, were unsafe.

"There were memos kept secret from the public, and GM employees who testified that they were unaware of safety tests on the product," juror Otis L. Rowan said. "They made no honest effort to notify the public of the danger."

He and fellow juror John Dale

said the jury hoped the verdict would persuade GM to order a recall, or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to force a recall, of the 4.7 million older trucks still in use.

"I hope GM will read our verdict and make things right, because we see no evidence to show where they had any regard for the public," Dale said.

GM said it would appeal and insisted the truck's design was not responsible for the teen-ager's death.

"Our continuing review indicates that there is no safety-related defect ... and we therefore do not believe that a safety recall is necessary or required," the automaker said in a statement.

A recall to repair the remaining trucks still on the road could cost GM \$500 million to \$1 billion, according to analyst estimates.

Moseley died after his truck was hit by a drunken driver. His parents, Thomas and Elaine Moseley of Snellville, claimed that the placement of the fuel tanks caused one to explode and burn him to death.

GM argued the teen-ager was dead of head injuries before the fire started.

"Our son was very important to us, but it was not an emotional issue," Mrs. Moseley said after the verdict. "General Motors is the No. 1 corporation in the world. ... They need to live up to those responsibilities."

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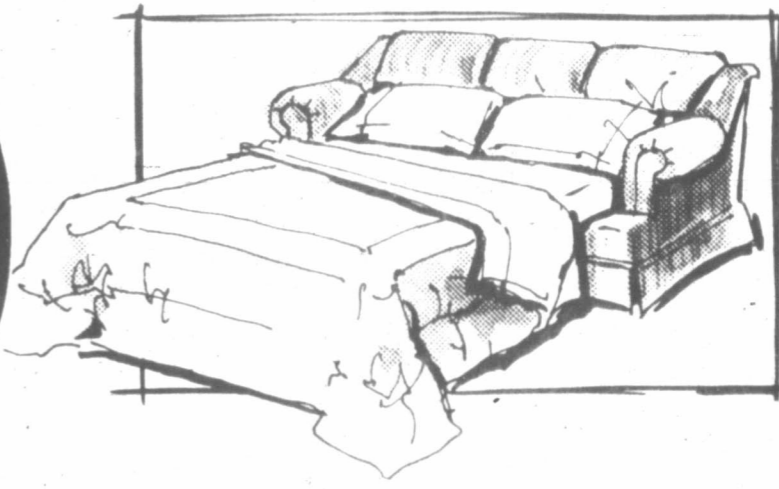
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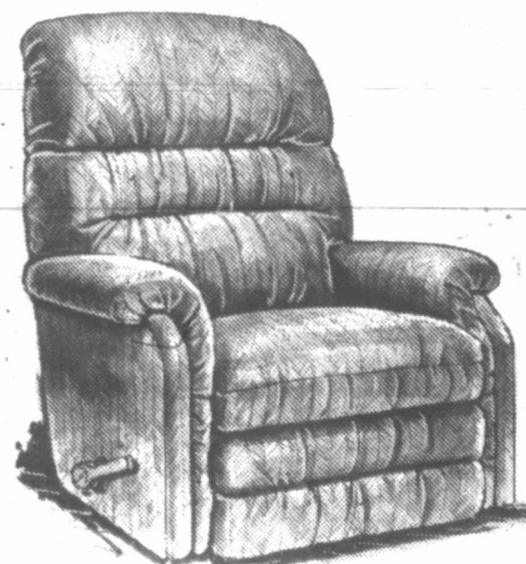


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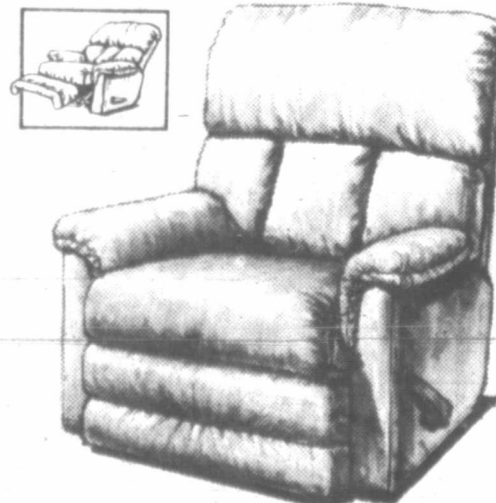
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Louise Fletcher
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Editorial Roundup

Chicago Sun-Times on gays in the military:

It's time for Bill Clinton to give it up and start acting like commander in chief.

The 10-day episode over whether to end this country's ban of homosexuals in the military was a disgrace, a colossal waste of time.

Clinton was on the right side of the issue. But he should've stopped acting like his pal Arsenio (Hall), worrying about how his executive orders would make the generals and senators he offended feel.

Americans voted for Clinton last November because they wanted change. That means a president who is decisive, focused and engaged in the problems of everyday people; a slow-growth economy; tattered health care system, and a runaway federal budget deficit.

Arsenio's a terrific role model for millions of Americans, but not for the president of the United States.

The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, on the economy:

President Clinton plans to unveil his widely anticipated economic proposals in a Feb. 17 address to Congress. The plan apparently will include \$15 billion to \$20 billion in spending and business tax credits to stimulate the economy. ...

Government figures for 1992's fourth quarter suggest ... Clinton's proposed stimulus package might be superfluous. The Commerce Department has reported that the nation's gross domestic product grew at a surprisingly strong 3.8 percent in the fourth quarter. ...

The nation's No. 1 priority remains the ... growing federal deficit. That must be the president's top priority as well. ...

It is difficult to imagine anything the government might do that would stimulate the economy more than enactment of a certifiable anti-deficit package.

In recent testimony before Congress, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan found himself being pressured by Democrats to arbitrarily lower interest rates to stimulate the economy. ... Greenspan's response ... was to suggest that deficit reduction is the best prescription for lower interest rates. ...

Deficit-reduction should help eliminate inflation fears and bring down long-term interest rates as well.

Furthermore, serious deficit reduction would help restore confidence in the federal government, a development that would produce benefits on many fronts.

Deficit-reduction remains the prize, and ... Clinton should focus on it.

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The instrumental question

Some months ago I gave it as my opinion that the case for suspending the ban against homosexuals in the military was justified — provided that the suspension was not interpreted as an official repeal of the national moral code.

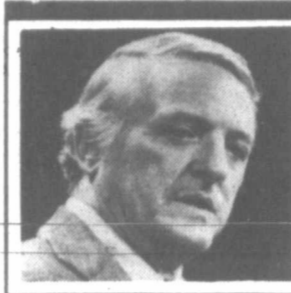
The column brought considerable mail — most interestingly, extensive communications from an officer in the Marines, one of whose duties is to monitor the application of the ban against gays. What he described was what actually — in his experience, which is extensive — the military has been engaged in pressing its ban.

He gave several examples, of which one is typical: Able Seaman John Jones is detected in an act of sodomy with a fellow sailor. They are both brought in to the investigative officer and pressed to reveal who else in the base engages in such activity. Under the threat of a dishonorable discharge, they divulge the names of 10 other men. These are in turn brought in.

Some of them confess to acts of homosexuality; some deny the allegations. Investigations are pursued, and ensuing sentences vary from time in military prison (for those who engaged in proscribed activity, lied about it, or lied to incriminate others unjustly), to dishonorable discharges, to general discharges, to honorable discharges, to exoneration.

The Clinton plan, as of this writing, is to use executive authority to do two things. The first is to discontinue asking a recruit whether he or she is homosexual. The second is to go ahead and prosecute Able Seaman John Jones and his partner for violating the anti-sodomy act on military premises — President Clinton does not have the authority to waive the law — but to go no further than merely to act against them. In other words, do not pry from them information about the activity of others or their partners.

The executive has the authority the lawyers call



William F. Buckley Jr.

"nolle prosequi" — "I shall not prosecute." It is the one means of making a dead letter out of a law. Then, six months or so having gone by during which period America and Congress will be reassured that the initial changes have not affected the military, the president would sign an executive order giving quasi-judicial status to the suspension of prosecutorial activity against gays — except, once again, those caught in flagrante committing acts of sodomy.

(Sodomy is technically unlawful even when engaged in by heterosexual married couples in their own home, or by strangers meeting in the letters columns of *Penthouse* magazine.)

Now the challenge before Clinton and before Congress is to draw the utilitarian line. If the public understands the president to be asking it in effect to accept homosexual practices as normal — as ethically neutral — the public is going to fight against what it considers to be an erosion of its profound commitment to heterosexuality. If the public is asked merely to accept the viability of a healthy and effective military within which gays are permitted the same rights as heterosexuals, then the opposition will be manageable.

It is certainly obvious that gays-in-the-closet can serve in the military, and have done so, in many

cases with distinction, without causing disruption. And whereas for many years homosexuals were banned in the CIA because they were thought of as especially vulnerable targets to blackmail, that exclusion no longer obtains.

Rep. Dave McCurdy, former chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, reveals that research establishes that "in the past 15 years of espionage cases, [not] a single issue of homosexuality" was involved.

The question of viability within the military of self-declared homosexuals is the question that, with reason, most engages the general staff of the military and other spokesmen, who simply deny that it could work out. Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana tells us that his position is based on "very practical aspects." "For example, [as the AP paraphrases him] the military does not allow men and women to share quarters because of potential problems of a sexual nature. [Senator Coats] asked whether it would be appropriate to separate homosexuals from heterosexuals if the ban was lifted."

What the gay lobby wishes, probably more than merely to effect access to the military by self-proclaimed gays, is to take a step forward in absolute normalization of the gay culture. They have their complements working for gay culture. They have their complements working for gay ministries, lawyers who work for "matrimonial rights" for gay couples, politicians who decide that a parade is illegal unless it gives equal access to gay exhibitors.

That is the lobby against which the majority of Americans are mobilized. Clinton will need to demonstrate that the objective he is seeking to serve is purely instrumental, and of course the question remains whether he is in a position to document his faith in the workability of such a military.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 1993. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

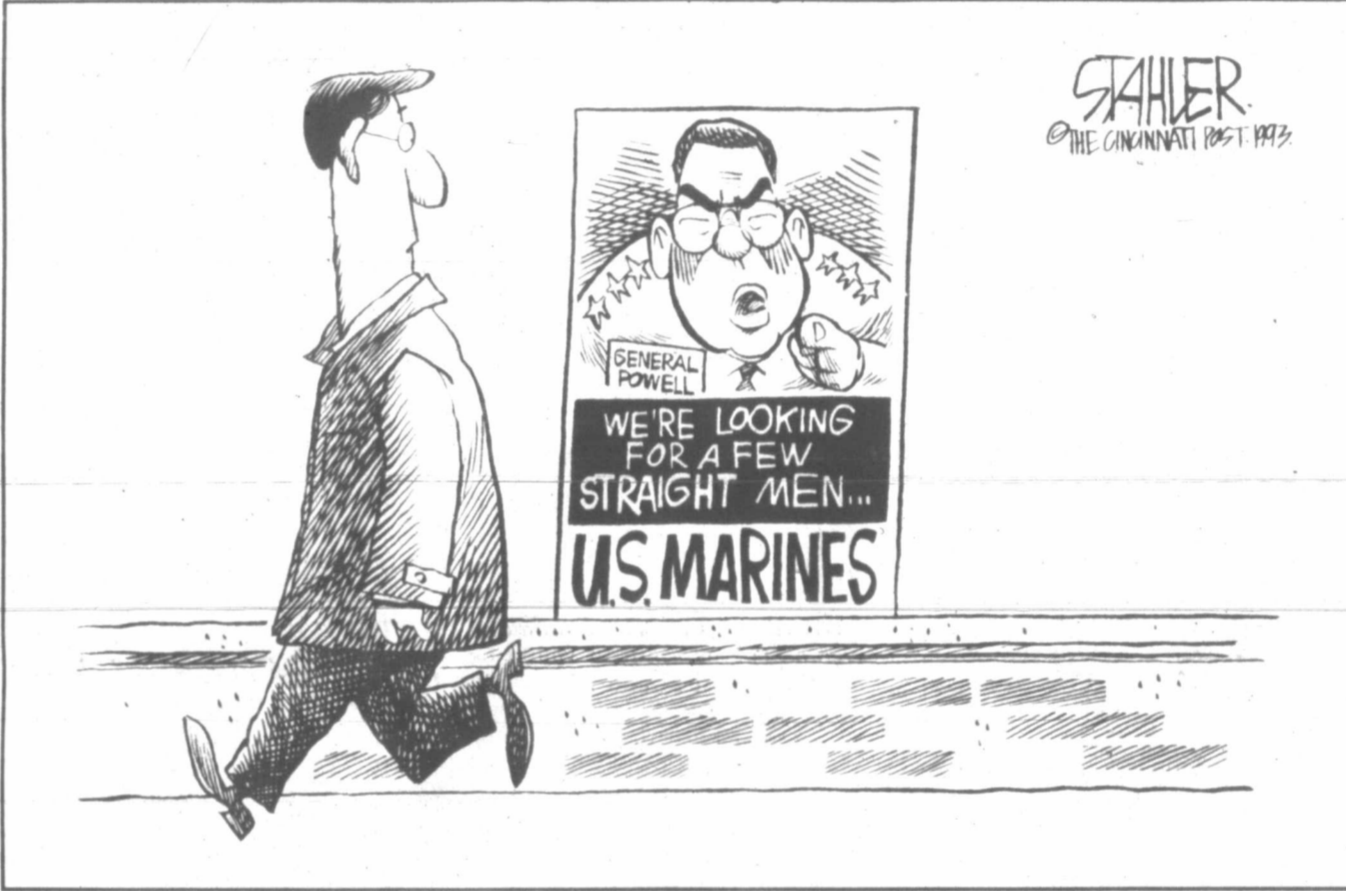
On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed adding up to six more justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, resulting in accusations that he was trying to pack the court with members who would uphold his New Deal legislation. (The Senate defeated the proposal the following July.)

On this date:

In 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

In 1887, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Otello," based on the tragedy by William Shakespeare, premiered at La Scala in Italy.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.



Gobbledygook

"Gobbledygook." The word was used frequently by the late Clare Booth Luce to describe the unique language of politician and bureaucrat.

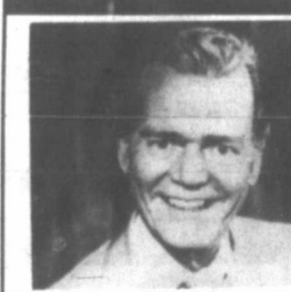
It's the reason that the latest GAO document is 6 inches thick while all it has to say is sayable in 16 words: "Our federal government is not certain how much it takes in or how much it spends."

"Gobbledygook." If you have been eavesdropping on congressional confirmation hearings for proposed Cabinet secretaries, you've been hearing a lot of it!

With Democrats solidly in control of both houses of Congress, this seconding of Clinton's choices would be routine except that most members of the committees involved must first preen and pedantize for the TV cameras, each seeking to make his own self-serving observation sound like a question.

The redundancy, the posturing, the conspicuous efforts to sound profound translate into so much "gobbledygook" that a political paradox has now explained itself.

Now anybody can see why such a substantial segment of grass-roots Americans rallied behind plain-talking Ross Perot.



Paul Harvey

Perot, in his efforts to reduce complex considerations to shirt-sleeve English, is accused of being "simplistic."

But when our federal government, for all its overlapping overburden of bureaucracy, can't compute income and outgo, maybe it's time for somebody who knows how to "shuck down to the cob."

Let me help you to understand why politicians learn to talk without saying anything.

Once upon a time a Secretary of Agriculture dared to say that our nation "cannot afford to subsidize inefficiency."

Secretary Ezra Benson was tarred and

feathered and sent packing.

Once upon a time a Secretary of Defense dared to say, "What's good for General Motors is good for the country," and he, Charlie Wilson, was promptly pilloried by the media and fired.

In Washington, for any "in" wanting to stay "in" it's safest to say nothing. The trick, of course, is to learn to say it with such eloquence that you sound profound. As when the late Sen. Everett Dirksen said, "In politics sometimes a politician must rise above principle."

Americans right now are watching some of our country's biggest industries purposely shrinking — because their own bloated bureaucracies had become constipated, lethargic, inefficient.

Federal government — because of civil service regulations that it imposed on itself — will find it more difficult to streamline.

Maybe nobody in the White House could really make a difference.

But Bill Clinton has four years in which to try, and you have a tough little Texas "David" who is not intimidated by the Beltway Goliath arming himself, just in case.

No room for error

WASHINGTON — Estranged from some of his prior promises, President Clinton is married to the one most likely to prove difficult and vital to his administration.

By putting his wife in charge of health care reform, Clinton gives Hillary Rodham Clinton a policymaking role no first lady has ever had. And it leaves no margin for error.

A president usually can change advisers if he doesn't like their handiwork; indeed, Clinton is said to have been dissatisfied with the way health care planning was going before he set up the new task force on reform and put Mrs. Clinton in charge.

Now the Clintons' course to a health care plan is set.

In a war room setting with about 100 days to deliver, a task force that includes six Cabinet members, top White House aides, and representatives of House and Senate leaders, is to work on a plan that would limit health care expenditures, guide competition to provide incentives for cost controls, extend coverage to all Americans, and find ways to pay for it all.

It is a pressurized job, and one that marks another of the generational turning points in the new government. Mrs. Clinton is a career woman, an attorney who has been listed among the nation's best, a person with the standing to have been considered for appointment to a Democratic administration on her own record.

She also has been a political target, and could be again as a major figure in shaping policy on a major issue.

Clinton has backed away from promises to halve the deficit in four years and cut middle-class taxes, among others.

But he's said repeatedly that the only way to control deficits is to control the soaring costs of health spending, including government health programs, Medicare and Medicaid.

Still, his appraisal now is not quite so optimistic as during the campaign, when the emphasis was on universal health care coverage, not on costs. The president said in setting up his task force that there will be more spending at the start "but there's no question that in ... five to eight years, you're looking at massive savings with universal coverage in both tax dollars and private sector dollars if we do it right."

And the first step in doing it right is up to Mrs. Clinton. "... She'll be sharing some of the heat I expect to generate," the president joked in announcing her new job.

"... She's better at organizing and leading people from a complex beginning to a certain end than anybody I've ever worked with in my life," he said.

It is an unpaid and unprecedented assignment. When Rosalynn Carter was to be made chairman of a presidential commission on mental health, legal

advisers to that administration said it couldn't be done, even though she was going to forgo the salary. So she served as honorary chairman, overseeing the commission anyhow, and testifying before a congressional committee in behalf of its mental health legislation.

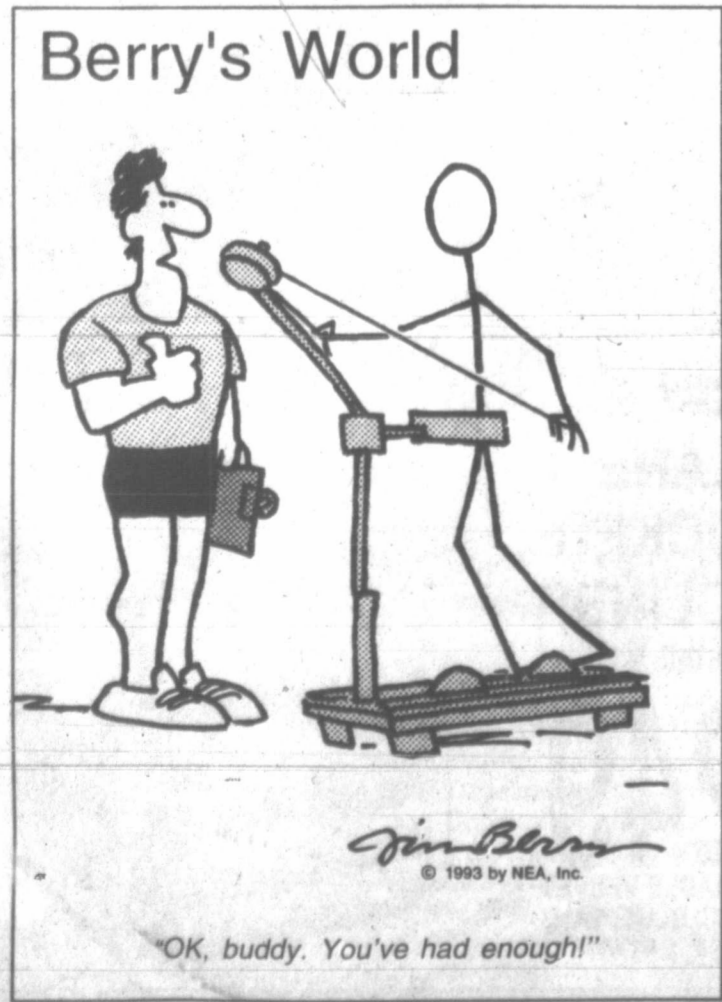
Richard Nixon tried to appoint his wife head of an advisory council on voluntary service, a position that carried a daily fee. That was withdrawn because of the law against hiring members of a president's family.

The Clinton task force is less formal but more crucial to her husband's administration than any assignment a first lady has undertaken before. Changes in health care will personally affect every American and will, as the president said, draw fierce lobbying and make some people angry.

Despite an undertone of misgivings about the politics and etiquette of dealing with a president's wife, the assignment was generally applauded, even by Republicans — who may have learned a lesson when campaign attacks on Mrs. Clinton backfired.

Polls and politicians can shift quickly. The Clintons saw it happen during the campaign. When she seemed to be coming on too strong for the taste of the voters, they set to work to soften her image and play down her role. Early in the campaign, Clinton had talked of a two-for-one deal if he was elected.

That wasn't emphasized later in the year. But the offer stood, and both Clintons are at work.

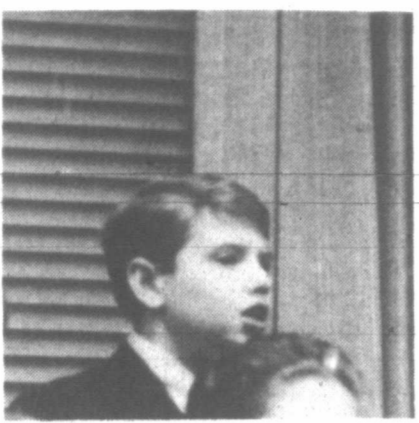


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Lifestyles

Scoggin, Amarillo Boy Choir to sing for Texas music educators' group

Than Scoggin, son of Terry and Jennifer Scoggin of Pampa, will be performing with the Amarillo Boy Choir at the Texas Music Educators Association convention in San Antonio on Feb. 12. The choir will perform in a concert with the Houston Boychoir Preparatory Chorus and the Children's Chorus of Victoria; the three choirs were selected by taped audition from across the state.



Thann Scoggin

The Amarillo Boy Choir will perform selections including "Gloria" (from the *Heiligmesse*) by Haydn, "Ching-a-Ring Chaw" by Copland, "Ave verum corpus" by Mozart, and "Bist du bei Mir" by Bach. They will join the other two choirs in performing "To Music."

Scoggin was a charter member of the four-year old Amarillo Boy Choir. The boy choir is made up of area boys in grades three through

associated with Amarillo College.

TMEA is an organization made up of Texas music educators.

Scoggin is a sixth grade honor student at Pampa Middle School and a member of the sixth grade boy's choir and the sixth grade honor choir, he was chosen to be a member of the Regional Sixth Grade Honor Choir. He is a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, actively participating in St. Matthew's Choristers and EYC. He is a piano student of Doris Goad and plays Optimist basketball. Scoggin is the grandson of Polly Benton and Jo Scoggin, both of Pampa.

The Amarillo Boy choir will present their "Pre-TMEA Concert" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Tascosa High School, Amarillo. The public is invited to attend.

Parents seek quality of life for Down syndrome kids

By JENNY STRASBURG
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO — Before all else, she is a child.

Though she is nearly 2 years old, she doesn't yet crawl across a room.

Though others her age are strutting into their parents' arms, she relies on a walker to support her steps.

John and Teresa Culbertson are adamant that the Down syndrome that affects their daughter is secondary to the person she is and the person she will become.

In her walker, Alydia Culbertson's body has a floppiness that allows her feet too much freedom; they often point sideways regardless of the path chosen by her huge blue eyes. For several years, she'll need extra attention to her speech development. Her tongue likely will be weak, because Down syndrome, with few exceptions, causes low muscle tone.

Her heart, intestinal tract and hearing will be watched closely, even though, so far, she has exhibited few of the complications associated with her disorder.

As for crawling, Alydia particularly dislikes being on her knees; her mother guesses the child's muscle deficiency makes crawling uncomfortable. Or maybe she just prefers to roll.

And Alydia has made rolling an art form. Using her hands, hips and toes, she rotates one side of her body over the other with uncompromised agility, landing with a "plop" on her rear when the trip is over.

Alydia rolls to a toy she wants, rolls to her two older sisters, rolls to her parents.

"There's no way to describe it," says Judy Perkins, Alydia's physical therapist at West Texas Rehabilitation Center, which Alydia has visited since she was 6 months old. "You just have to see it."

Like most parents of Down syndrome children, the Culbertsons knew little about the disorder until it touched their lives.

And like many parents in their situation, the Culbertsons cried on a day which they had reserved for joy.

"I didn't know what he was going to say," Culbertson says about the moment after birth when the doctor returned to the hospital room. "But I could tell by the look on his face that it wasn't good."

When the Culbertsons received the news, they were shocked, sad ... and worried.

"Nobody likes to think their child will have any kind of mental retardation," Culbertson says.

The Culbertsons now say their despair was largely a result of ignorance. For many years, Culbertson explains, Down children were institutionalized at a young age and not expected to develop into functional members of society. She says much information about the disorder published more than seven or eight years ago is factually incorrect and that parents should stick to recent publications.

The Culbertsons wanted to learn all they could about their daughter's disorder. During a shopping trip one day shortly after Alydia's birth, they spotted an infant with Down syndrome. Mr. Culbertson chased down the boy and his mother in the parking lot, showering her with questions.

That parent and others, the Culbertsons say, have been tremendously supportive. Nevertheless, too many debilitating images about Down syndrome remain widespread.

The reparation, she says, lies in Alydia's many strides in therapy at West Texas Rehabilitation Center, in her soft, blond hair and all-telling eyes and in her love for animals, her sisters, books ... and cardboard boxes.

The cause of Down syndrome is unknown, but the chances of its occurrence increase as the mother's age increases, according to widely accepted medical knowledge.

A common myth is that Down syndrome is caused by the mother during pregnancy. That misunderstanding, Culbertson says, can be a great burden to a mother. Culbertson blamed herself at first and found that some others blamed her as well.

"But there's nothing you can do to cause Down syndrome," she adds.

A blood sample and chromosomal analysis are used to confirm suspicions of the disorder. Most Down cases, about 95 percent, are classified as Nondisjunction Trisomy 21, referring to a random error that places an extra chromosome in each cell's chromosomal pair No. 21.

Another type of Down — Translocation — is believed to be inherited but accounts for only 2 or 3 percent of Down cases. The remaining type is Mosaicism, also accounting for about 2 percent. It results from an error in cell division.

In all cases, the chromosome material itself is normal; it's just produced in excess.

The Culbertsons say all the physical characteristics combined can be less of a shock than the fact that Down children are, to varying degrees, mentally retarded.

But Down children learn, and they do not "lose" what they learn, according to Down syndrome literature. Intelligence among Down children ranges from moderate retardation to what is considered the low end of "average" intelligence.

"She's going to achieve everything her sisters will," Culbertson says about Alydia. "It's just going to take a little longer."

Health may be measured by the numbers

By Richard F. Jones III, M.D.
President
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Sometimes understanding health seems to require a math degree. So many medical tests today provide information in numerical scales that it's no wonder people have difficulty grasping what results mean. Below are some commonly measured medical conditions and how to interpret these measurements. Blood pressure: This is the pressure of blood in the main arteries, the vessels that carry blood away from the heart. Blood pressure usually is measured with a sphygmomanometer, which is an inflatable rubber cuff attached to a pressure gauge. The reading is given in two parts, the systolic pressure, measured when the heart contracts, over diastolic pressure, attained when the

heart relaxes after a contraction. The measurement is expressed in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg), for example 122/77 mm Hg. In adults, readings below 130/80 are usually considered normal. Consistent readings above 140/90 indicate high blood pressure.

Heart rate: The rate at which the heart beats (your pulse) is an indicator of cardiovascular fitness. Most people have a heart rate between 60 and 100 beats per minute. As your fitness improves, your resting pulse should become slower. To take your pulse, press two fingers (not the thumb) of one hand against the other wrist just below the thumb. Count the number of beats for 10 seconds and multiply by 6. This will give you the number of beats per minute. Cholesterol: This is a white, waxy substance made in the body. Cholesterol plays a role in cell manufacture and growth. Cholesterol is also obtained in foods of animal

origin. Too much cholesterol in the diet increases your risk of heart disease. A blood test is used to determine cholesterol level. Total cholesterol is expressed as milligrams per deciliter of blood (mg/dl). Under 200 mg/dl is generally considered a desirable total cholesterol level.

Blood glucose: Glucose is the body's main source of energy. It is a monosaccharide (simple sugar) carbohydrate that is derived primarily from the digestion of other carbohydrates. Elevated blood glucose is a sign of diabetes. Measurements of blood sugar, obtained through a blood test, are expressed in milligrams of glucose per deciliter of blood mg/dl.

There are many other health elements that are measured in numbers. Before having any medical test, be sure to discuss with your doctor what type of result to expect and what an abnormal result may mean.

Doctor's skill can't rescue addicted wife

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, unknown to me, and at the urging of some "friends," my wife tried cocaine. Within months, in a nightmare words cannot describe, she was severely addicted, and thousands of dollars had been spent to support her addiction.

A once gentle and loving wife and mother lied, stole and even prostituted herself for cocaine. In a terrifying incident while under the influence of cocaine, she held me at bay with a loaded pistol, threatening to kill me and the children!

A year later, I was forced to divorce someone I had truly loved, in a failed effort to save my family from financial ruin. Eventually, I lost my home and a medical practice that had taken me years to build, as I helplessly watched a once wonderful person lose her struggle to overcome the addictive power of cocaine.

As a physician, I have seen a lot of human suffering, but nothing can compare to the living death of cocaine addiction.

Abby, please tell your readers that someone who has been there has said, "Don't even try it!" I am signing my real name, but if you use this letter, please sign me ...

FLORIDA PHYSICIAN

DEAR PHYSICIAN: You are to be commended for coming forward with your sad story in an effort to save others from the tragic fate your wife experienced.

DEAR ABBY: I have never seen



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

my problem addressed in your column, or anyone else's.

As you can see by my business card, which I've enclosed, I sew for the public. I am an excellent seamstress, and while I do not enjoy doing alterations, it's good, honest money, and I'll take it.

Abby, what can I do about otherwise nice people (and acquaintances) who bring me garments to work on that are just plain filthy? I have worked on some garments that are so filthy, I've stopped to wash my hands after handling them.

Please do not use my name or town. It would be interesting to know how many other seamstresses have this disgusting problem, and how they cope with it.

REPULSED

DEAR REPULSED: People who expect you to handle filthy garments should be called and told, "Your garment is in need of being dry-cleaned — would you mind if I had it cleaned before working on it?"

DEAR ABBY: When someone gives a book as a gift, it would be very thoughtful if he or she would refrain from inscribing it — unless the giver is certain that the receiver does not already have the book, has not already read the book, and really wants the book.

If a book is not inscribed, it can be exchanged for another, or given to someone who might enjoy it.

GEORGIA BOOK LOVER

DEAR BOOK LOVER: That's an excellent suggestion for people who give books. Of course, this doesn't apply to a book personally inscribed by the author.

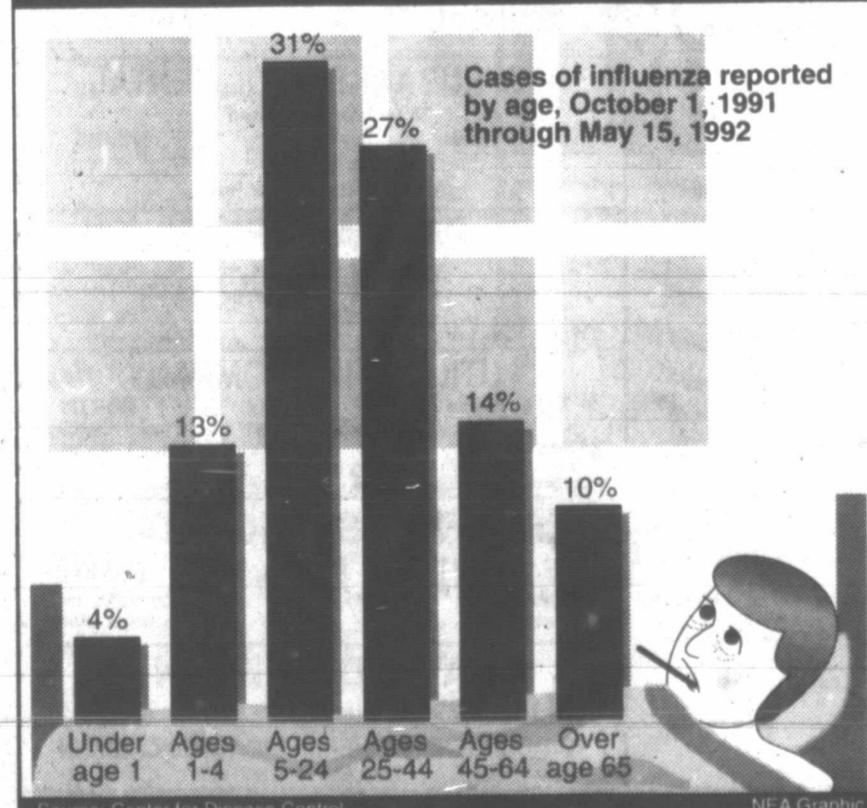
DEAR READERS: I'm still hooked on limericks. My readers have been sending me some "dillies." Here's one from Hueytown, Ala., compliments of Ann Ricci:

A decrepit old gas man named Peter
While fooling around a gas heater
Touched a leak in his light
And he rose out of sight
And as anyone who knows anything about poetry can tell you, he also ruined the meter.

DEAR ABBY: Before our baby was born, we knew it was a boy, so we decided to name him "Robert II" after my husband. Many people have now told us that the baby should be "Robert Junior" — that my son's son will be the "II." Abby, that doesn't sound right to me. What is the correct way?
SHARON H.

DEAR SHARON: The "many people" are correct. The use of "II" indicates that the bearer of that name is a cousin, grandson or nephew of the original holder of that name.

Flu blues



Between October 1991 and May 1992, the majority of cases of influenza reported affected people between the ages of 5 and 24.

Homemaker Clubs offer learning opportunities

Opportunities are available for adults of all ages to become involved in the Gray County Extension Homemakers program. Currently six Extension Homemaker Clubs are open to membership of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Extension homemaker clubs are formed by groups of about 10-15 adults who want to learn together. They meet in home or community meeting places. Each member is involved in attending meetings once a month and helping teach, taking part in discussions, planning recreation, and participating in community projects sponsored by clubs.

Extension Homemaker available in Gray County include:

Adults who participate in Extension Homemaker Clubs gain the following:

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Charles I, king of England, Scotland and Ireland, took the throne in 1625 upon the death of James I.

The first Mormon temple was dedicated in 1836 in Kirtland, Ohio.

The first long-distance telephone call was made in 1884, between Boston and New York.

Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in 1958 in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

M.I. Byrn of New York City patented a corkscrew in 1860.

lowing: (1) the latest information on what's new for your home and family; (2) skills in doing things you want or need to know; (3) the chance to meet with other homemakers for facts, fun, and fellowship; (4) a forum for voicing your opinion when needed; and (5) an opportunity to go places and do things such as attending meetings, conferences, and tours.

Extension Homemaker clubs available in Gray County include: Circle of Friendship - meetings every Wednesday at Baker Elementary School - 1:00 p.m. - contact Eunice Moreno - 669-4782(W) or 665-7664(H). Evening Stars - meets the 3rd

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For more information on how to join an existing Extension Homemaker club or how to organize a new one, call the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

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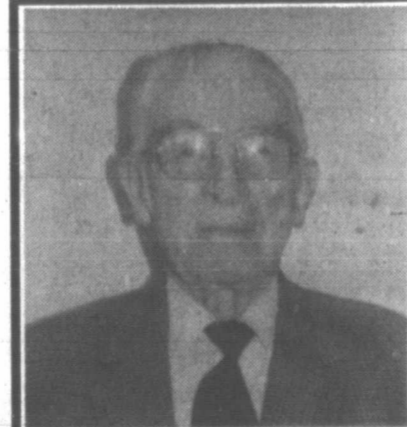
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ALTHOUGH SOLOMON'S FAME AS A WISE KING IS NOTED IN THE BIBLE, LITTLE HAS BEEN SAID OF HIS NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH—THE QUEEN OF SHEBA. THIS YOUNG WOMAN, RULER OF WHAT TODAY IS THE MOST SOUTHERN POINT OF SAUDI ARABIA, HAD TO BE AS EQUALLY SMART AS HER MORE FAMOUS NORTHERN COUNTERPART. THOUGH MISTRESS OF A RICH COUNTRY HERSELF (CALLED YEMEN TODAY, THE LAND WAS A CROSSROADS OF MANY IMPORTANT TRADE ROUTES TO THE EAST, THUS SHEBA DID PROFIT IMMENSELY) SHE COULDN'T HELP BUT BE IMPRESSED BY THE TALES OF SOLOMON'S TREMENDOUS WEALTH AND THE ABSOLUTE LUXURY OF HIS PALACE... SO SHE ADORNED HER STRANGE DARK BEAUTY WITH HER FINEST GARMENTS AND SET OFF TO VISIT SOLOMON IN THE NORTH.

NOW, IT SHOULD BE QUITE OBVIOUS THAT SHEBA'S VISIT WASN'T JUST TO VIEW SOLOMON'S MAGNIFICENCE—FOR THE TRIP ITSELF HAD TO TAKE THE BETTER PART OF THREE YEARS—AND SHE WENT WITH A GREAT TRAIN OF CAMELS LOADED WITH GIFTS, SPICES, PRECIOUS STONES, PEARLS, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TALENTS OF GOLD (ABOUT \$185,000). THIS YOUNG QUEEN WAS "LOADED FOR BEAR" AS THE SAYING GOES—AND SHE GOT IT!

ONCE AT SOLOMON'S COURT, THE QUEEN OF SHEBA "OOHED AND AHHEH" AT EVERYTHING SHE SAW AND HEARD! SOLOMON'S HEAD HAD TO BE SWIMMING FROM ALL THE VERBOSE FLATTERY WITH WHICH SHE DELUGED HIM, AND SOLOMON, CERTAINLY A LADIES MAN BY REPUTATION, SEEMS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED TO HER SUBTLE CAMPAIGN—AT LEAST THE RECENT LATE EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA, HAILE SELASSIE, THOUGHT SO—FOR HE TRACED HIS OWN LINEAGE BACK TO MENELIK, SUPPOSED OFFSPRING OF THE ROYAL COUPLE'S "CONFERENCE". HOWBEIT, WHEN SHEBA LEFT, SHE TOOK BACK TO HER OWN COUNTRY IMPORTANT TRADE AGREEMENTS, PROFITABLE TO HER FOR YEARS TO COME. FOR, IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE... "AND KING SOLOMON GAVE INTO THE QUEEN OF SHEBA ALL HER DESIRE, WHATSOEVER SHE ASKED..." SMART LITTLE LADY!

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Religion

Pope reminds clergy of political role limits

By DANIEL J. WAKIN
Associated Press Writer

COTONOU, Benin (AP) — Pope John Paul II cautioned churchmen about political activity as he began an African tour this week that will end in Sudan, where the Muslim government has been battling Christians for 10 years.

The trip is the pontiff's 10th to a continent where clerics in many parts are fighting for political reform and the Roman Catholic church has found its most fertile ground for converts. Still, the pope made it clear that for the Vatican, spreading the Gospel is the heart of the church's mission.

"It is right that church people, bishops and others free themselves from political tasks because the only political task of the church ... is evangelization," the pope told reporters aboard his special Alitalia flight from Rome to Benin.

But it is another thing, he said, in places like the Far East and Africa "where there are different peoples" who "look to church workers as people better prepared to help them."

The archbishop in Benin's capital, Isidore de Souza, was president of the national conference that played midwife to the transition to democracy.

When John Paul first visited Benin, in 1982, it was a strict Marxist-Leninist state. But popular protest compelled its dictator, Mathieu Kerekou, to call elections, which produced his defeat in March 1991.

The pope cautioned clerics that while helping citizens to form a political community, "don't forget your task is not political."

Later, meeting with bishops, the pope praised de Souza for his service during an "important moment"

for the nation. But he said it was time for him to return to his proper mission, the care of souls.

Elsewhere in Africa, church officials have taken an active role in political reform in Zaire, Togo, Congo and Gabon.

The pope himself has not hesitated to put himself in politically charged situations on some foreign trips, including this one.

After visiting Benin and Uganda, the pope plans a nine-hour visit on Feb. 10 to Sudan, where the Khartoum government has been fighting Christians and animists in the south for 10 years.

The government has cracked down on the Catholic church, kicking out missionaries, jailing priests and closing parishes.

Khartoum's military leader said the pope would be welcome in Sudan. The official Sudan News Agency quoted Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan el-Bashir as saying the visit would let the pope take a first-hand look at the situation "instead of relying on hostile reports circulated by the hostile media and other parties."

After landing in Benin, in West Africa, the pope strode down a red carpet and met President Nicéphore Soglo. He called Benin's democratic transition a stimulus for other African countries.

Pluralism in Benin led a wave of liberalization movements across Africa.

The pope went to a Chinese-built Friendship Stadium to celebrate Mass for 45,000 people and ordain priests, whom he exhorted to spread the faith.

Benin is the birthplace of voodoo and most of its 4.9 million people practice traditional religions. About a quarter of the population is Christian, mostly Roman Catholic.



(AP Photo) **A Beninese holds a parasol over Pope John Paul II Thursday as the Pope greets his congregation before delivering mass in Benin's northern town of Parakou.**

On the flight from Rome, John Paul told reporters that a medical checkup last month found him in good health, six months after surgery to remove what the Vatican described as a benign bowel tumor.

"If we are talking about my effectiveness, I find myself as effective as before," surgery, said John Paul, who appeared fit and relaxed. "Everything else is in the hands of God."

In Kampala, the Ugandan capital, more than 800 people were arrested and hundreds of guns confiscated in a security sweep before the pope's visit, an army spokesman said.

Maj. Roland Katunguka said many were army deserters, unemployed or loiterers.

The pope is scheduled to spend five days in Uganda, beginning today.

Christians-only inmate area in jail draws fire

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Christians-only county inmate tank, dubbed the "God pod," is drawing fire because fundamentalist prisoners held there have special privileges.

Published reports in Fort Worth and Dallas Thursday said the inmates have special access to Christian television stations, videos and Bible instruction from outside teachers.

The 48-cell unit at the Tarrant County Jail is called the "Christian rehabilitation pod."

Critics, who have complained about the program for seven months, say the special-privileges tank for Christian inmates violates First Amendment guarantees of separation of church and state. Civil libertarians say they will sue if negotiations fail to shut down the tank.

"My initial impression was that a segregated facility by religion was probably a problem," Don Jackson, an attorney and president of the Fort Worth chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, told *The Dallas Morning News*. He has filed three inmate complaints about the special tanks since July, he said.

Tarrant County Judge Tom Vandergriff told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that he has known about the special pod since last summer, but only recently asked the district attorney's office whether the practice is unconstitutional.

Tarrant County Chief Deputy Pat Howell said he has inspected the pod since taking over administration of the jail on Jan. 1 but

has not studied the program in any depth.

"It's a volunteer deal, if they would like additional counseling or religious education," Howell said.

The only special privilege he noted was a donated, secondhand organ for playing hymns, Howell said.

"They have to give up some privileges to get in there," Howell said. "It's all non-smoking, for instance."

ACLU officials and lawyers representing the Dallas-based American Jewish Congress have negotiated with Vandergriff in an effort to have the pod dismantled.

The Christian section apparently was started within the past year in the new Tarrant County Jail, which features inmate "pods" with dormitory-style cells clustered around two-story recreation areas.

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney Van Thompson, who represents civil rights matters on the county's behalf, said he has not been asked to render a formal opinion.

But he said he does not believe the Christian tank violates constitutional guidelines.

"Off the top of my head, I can't see any problem with it," Thompson said. "I can't see what useful purpose would be served by abolishing it. Why can't an inmate get a little spiritual uplifting once in a while?"

ACLU official Jackson said he received a complaint from a Jewish inmate who said the tank offers special privileges for Christian prisoners.

President Clinton's chosen Scripture affirms hopes, but also sober realism

By The Associated Press

The book is called the "charter of Christian freedom," and President Clinton apparently has a fondness for it. As he was sworn in, he had the Bible opened to that particular book. He also proceeded to quote from it.

It is the epistle, or letter, to the Galatians, handwritten by the fervent, roving 1st century apostle Paul. It was written to converts he had made in the province of Galatia, some of whom were divided over traditional rules and customs.

"For freedom Christ has set us free," Galatians 5:1 reads. "Stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

The epistle is comparatively short, only six brief, crisp chapters, totaling about 2,400 words, whipped off in Paul's swift, phrase-slipping style. It scolds those fussing over external forms and observances.

Attacking religious, ethnic and social divisions, Galatians 3:28 says: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

The letter also urges mutual, determined efforts for social good, as Clinton has done, even though the goals don't come easily or at once.

A United Church theologian, the Rev. Gabriel Fackre of Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts, says Clinton's citing of Galatians suggests "he is aware of the moral ambiguity" of all human achievements.

"This is to realize that no matter how good our intentions, all programs and policies have only mixed, partial effectiveness," Fackre said. "It means being self-critical, aware of our limitations."

An understanding of this difficulty was indicated in the passage Clinton quoted in his inaugural address. Declaring

renewal in America will not be easy but require sacrifice and perseverance, he cited Galatians 6:9, which says:

"And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

The wording is from the King James version of 1611 which Clinton used. The clarifying, now widely

used Revised Standard Version translates the concluding phrase more clearly, "if we do not lose heart."

Also qualifying the possibilities, these words follow: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men."

Bible scholar Mary Ann Tolbert of Vanderbilt University said Clinton's choosing of Galatians highlighted a

book that "is the clearest and most exciting statement in the New Testament on religious liberty, a hymn to freedom."

But it "doesn't mean that one doesn't need to work at that freedom," she said. She said the passage Clinton quoted means that even if completion of good objectives can't

be seen "at this moment," working for them brings eventual benefits.

Clinton needs that "Christian realism to go along with the visionary note he sounds" to avoid utopianism or "overly sanguine expectations" of what can be accomplished, Fackre said. "It's a solid sobriety, as well as the hope."

With Clinton's Baptist roots,

"Scripture just rolls off his tongue," Fackre observed.

In the Galatians letter, Paul says fallible people are saved by faith in God's merciful acceptance, not by ritual or works, yet good works are urged. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," says Galatians 6:2.



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Stew supper set for Sunday

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will have a stew supper on Sunday evening in the fellowship hall.

The supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meal will include stew, cornbread, drink and dessert.

The supper is an annual fund-raising event and the public is invited to attend.

St. Mark CME to host meal

The St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm St., plans to host a breakfast on Saturday.

Served from 8 to 11 a.m. will be pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage, toast, juice and coffee. Donations will be accepted.

The Rev. Merle L. Houska, pastor, said the public is invited.

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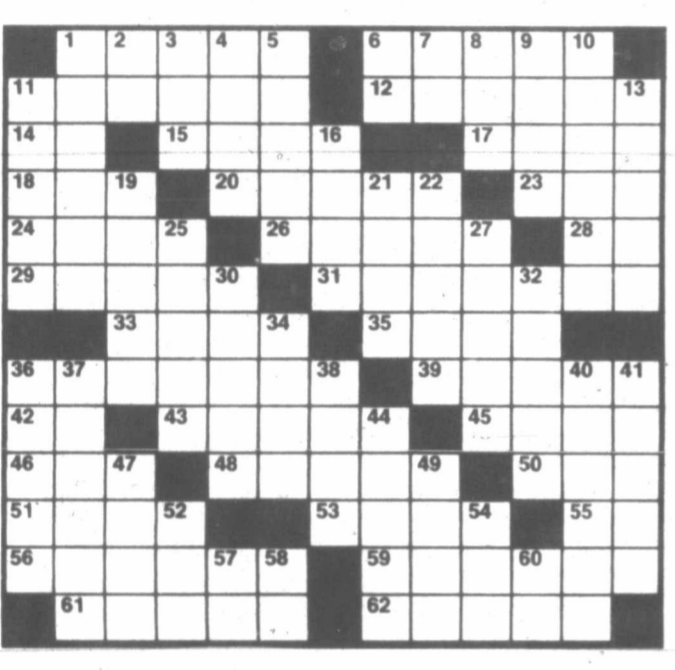
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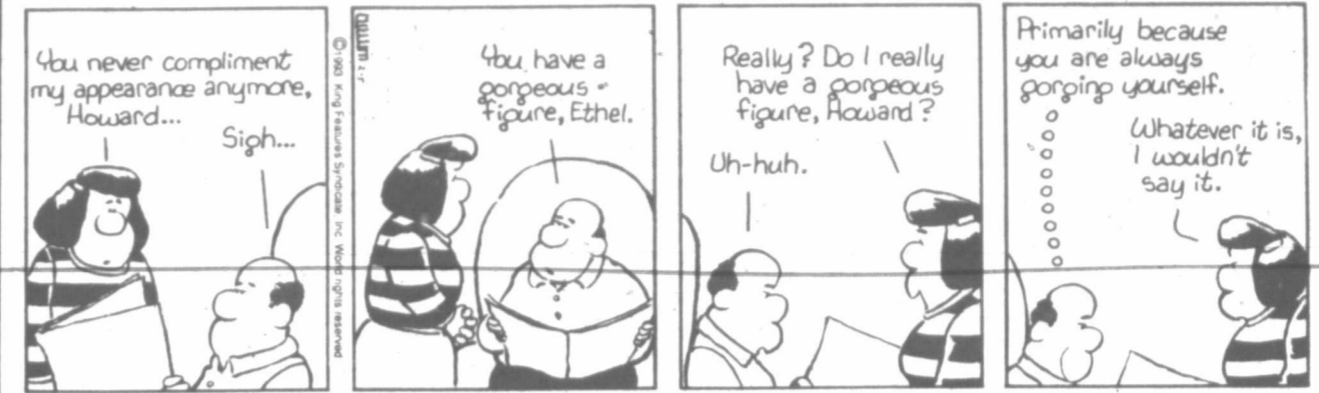
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Focus your efforts and energies today on situations that could collectively benefit you and your mate. When you are aiming at the same target, you're a dynamic combination. Aquarius, get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Think of things you would like to have at this time if the funds were available. This will motivate and inspire you to work with greater purpose.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A surprise could be in store for you today when someone tells you that a recent acquaintance really likes you, especially when you initially thought that you hadn't impressed him or her.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your compassionate concerns for someone you love are easily aroused today. You will be willing to share your time and make small sacrifices on his or her behalf.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Involvements with friends could be the major contributing factor for making today a happy day. Your spirits are elevated when you share good fellowship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone who likes you might be instrumental today in helping you acquire something you've wanted for a while. It might not be large, but it will be significant to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others will be looking to you for leadership today and they are likely to be very eager to participate in endeavors you propose. Try to include as many as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Romantic overtones could be very appealing to you today. Soft lights, sweet music and a secluded nook for you and your special someone will make this a perfect day.

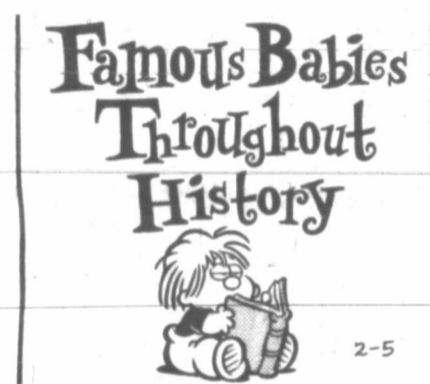
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Members of the opposite gender will find you even more attractive than usual today. You will be sincere in your efforts to make them feel important and special, and they'll sense it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The key to your success today lies in enjoying what you're doing, whether you are working on a small assignment or a significant objective. Take pleasure in every moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This could be a red-letter day for unattached Sagittarians. There's a good chance you might meet someone whom you will find extremely appealing and vice versa.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Once you get going today you should find that activities you've dreaded to attempt turn out to be a piece of cake. Anticipate success, not failure.

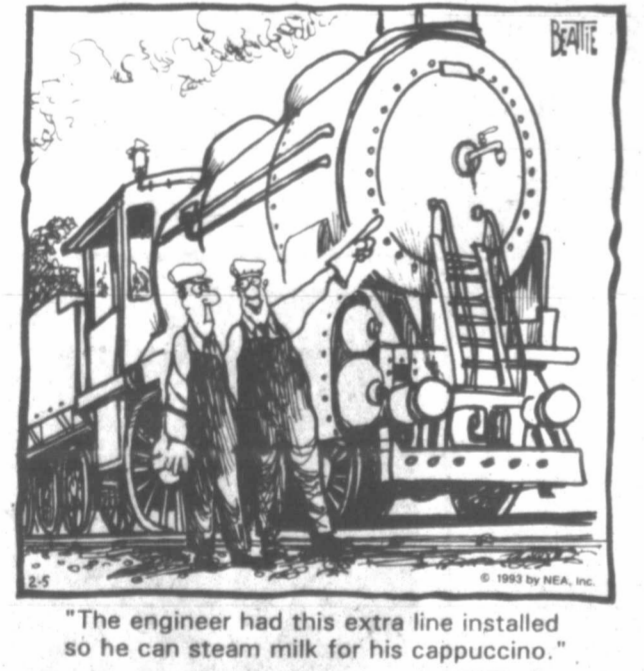
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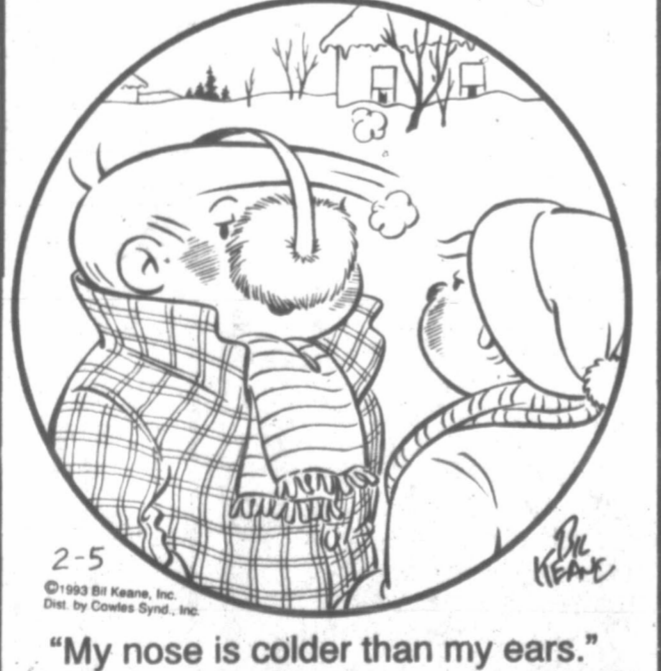
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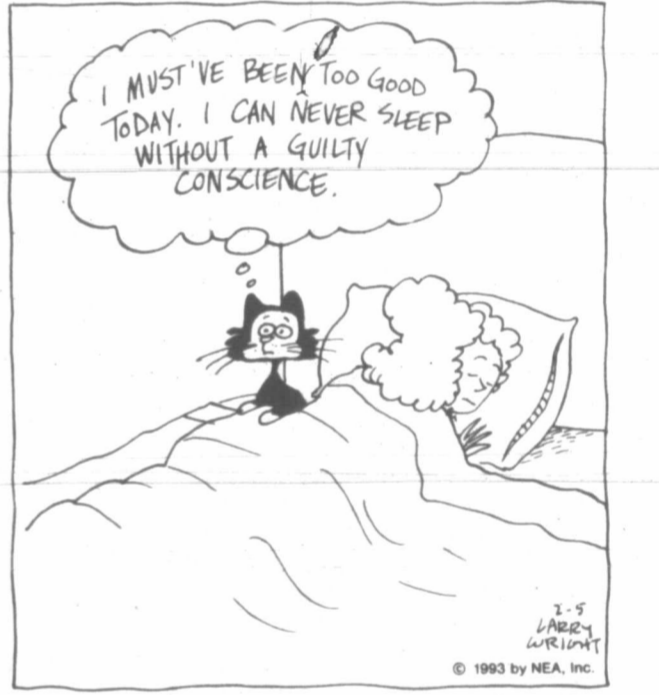
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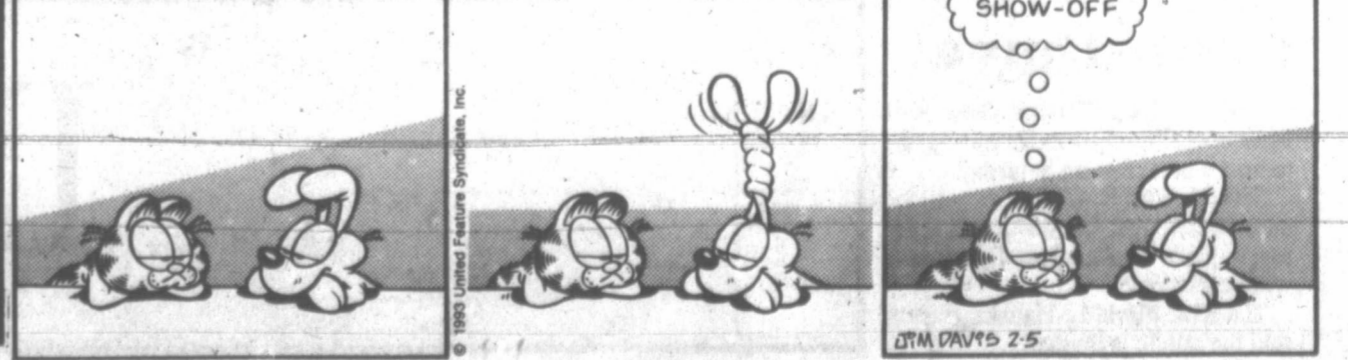
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Bird's swan song

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Bird mesmerized the audience with his words the way he always did with a basketball, a vivid reminder of the changes — good and bad — that time brings.

Once reluctant to speak to crowds because of his twisted syntax, the Indiana country boy paced the stage Thursday with the presence of a preacher. Once the world's best basketball artist, he no longer plays the sport he changed when he came to the Boston Celtics 13 1/2 years ago.

Five decades of Celtic greatness showed up to honor Bird on the night his number was retired. From Red Auerbach, the team president who arrived as coach in 1950, to Boston players of 1993, like Kevin McHale and Robert Parish, they flocked to pay tribute in a ceremony more merry than maudlin.

For 2 1/2 hours Thursday, they told tales, watched videos of Bird making game-winning shots and behind-the-back passes, and presented gifts to a man who had more than enough on the court.

Never a bit player, Bird had the spotlight to himself. The ceremony wasn't held at half-time or before a game. It was the entire show with a separate admission. Boston Garden, as always since Bird's rookie season in 1979, was sold out, with the proceeds going to charity.

There were plenty of high-lights on the parquet floor, with its center section raised for the stage.

Teammates from Bird's three NBA championship teams were introduced. So were many of the 15 other Celtics whose jerseys had been retired. There was a riveting conversation between Bird and Magic Johnson, also a victim of time who went from greatness to retirement before this season.

But Bird, who retired Aug. 18 because of back problems, wasn't going to be upstaged in his building, not in the final moments.

After he and Auerbach helped raise a banner bearing his number "33" to the rafters, he spoke, without notes or hesitation, to the fans who gathered to applaud him one last time.

"I never put on a uniform to play a game. I put on a uniform to win," said Bird, who wore his Celtics green-and-white warmup outfit for the ceremony. "I'm going to miss running the pick and roll with Robert Parish. I'm going to miss throwing the ball down low to Kevin McHale and watch him do his work."

"Most of all, believe it or not, I'm going to miss the fans of Boston. Your voice, your excitement brought everybody to that level we needed to get over the hump."

"I did my very best to please each and every one of you," he said. "Tonight, my basketball career is officially over and I had a blast."

Emcee Bob Costas of NBC kept the program moving smoothly and the calendar turning through the years, focusing on Bird's three title teams.

1981. Coach Bill Fitch and players Cedric Maxwell and "Tiny" Archibald were among those introduced. Reflecting back on the college careers of that group, Bird said, "it's the first time any of us won something" by taking the NBA crown. "This team is very special."

1984. Coach K.C. Jones and players Gerald Henderson and Quinn Buckner were part of that group in attendance. "Now I know why your back has been hurting," Buckner said. "You had to carry us for all of those years."

1986. Bill Walton was among those speaking for that team. "Larry was one of those players that didn't play basketball, he lived basketball," Walton said.

Stage set for showdown between Pampa, Caprock



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)
Pampa senior Matt Finney hauls down a rebound in Tuesday night's game with Dumas. Looking on is teammate Duane Nickelberry (50). Pampa hosts Amarillo-Caprock tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Winner takes sole possession of first in District 1-4A race

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

The stage is set for the big showdown at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse.

That's when the fifth-ranked Pampa Harvesters take on Amarillo-Caprock to determine sole possession of first place in the District 1-4A basketball standings.

"We want to just keep playing good basketball. We've already accomplished a lot of things and we want to continue to be successful. We've won an awful lot of games at home in a row and we've won some district championships in a row. Tonight, we've got a chance to take another step in that direction," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

The Harvesters under Hale are going after their fourth straight district championship.

Both Pampa and Caprock have 5-1 district marks, and the Harvesters will be out to avenge an earlier 59-56 loss to the Longhorns.

"The season doesn't ride on one game, but this is an important game to us. We're trying to prepare ourselves to play a consistent, under-control, hard-fought ballgame," Hale said. "We're very, very fortunate to have an opportunity like this and we want to make the most of it."

Caprock was unbeaten in district play until Tuesday night, losing a 71-49 decision to Randall. Overall, the Longhorns have a 17-10 record.

"Caprock has been a good shooting team, but they didn't shoot well against Randall and they got beat pretty soundly. They pretty much live and die with the 3-point shot. They expect to make five or six of those babies every game. That also helps their inside game. If we have to go outside and guard them, then they can go inside. When they don't shoot well, they don't seem to play well. That doesn't mean when Caprock isn't shooting well, they're not tough. They just don't seem to click when their shots aren't going in."

In the earlier meeting with Caprock, the Harvesters lost at the buzzer when Simon Maldonado hit a desperation shot from midcourt with the score tied at 56-56.

Since the Caprock loss, the Harvesters have won four in row, including a 73-62 win over Randall.

"What we want to do is take care of our business. We want to play one game at a time, play our best at home and be consistent on the road," added Hale. "We're all excited about playing this game. It's a great opportunity to be a part of something like this."

Dwight Nickelberry, 6-1 senior, continues to lead the Harvesters in scoring, averaging 24 points a game in district action. Lamont Nickelberry, 13.6 ppg, and Seivern Wallace, 10.5 ppg, give Dwight Nickelberry scoring support.

The Harvesters, 19-5 overall, are ranked No. 5 in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

"Our whole program is founded on fundamental basketball," Hale said. "Our practice today isn't a whole lot different than it was back in November or December. We went through the fundamentals, practiced on our transition game, press and fast break and worked on what Caprock will probably run against us."

The Pampa-Caprock girls' game tips off at 6 p.m. and will be the final home for the Lady Harvesters, who are 4-4 in district play and 10-12 for the season.

Alana Ryan, 5-9 senior, averages 17.6 points a game to lead the Lady Harvesters in scoring. Kasey Bowers, 5-7 senior, averages 11 points a game.

Caprock girls are also 4-4 in district, and for the season the Lady Longhorns are 8-18.

Pampa posted a 49-46 win over Caprock in an earlier meeting between the two teams.

Randall, ranked No. 2 in the state, is the district leader with an 8-0 mark. Borger holds down second place at 6-2.

Bills' general manager announces own dismissal

By BUCKY GLEASON
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — When Bill Polian became general manager, the Buffalo Bills had posted consecutive 2-14 seasons. After going to the Super Bowl three straight years, the Bills fired Polian.

Polian, who announced his own dismissal at a news conference Thursday, said he knew he would not return to the Bills after owner Ralph Wilson Jr. told him he planned to restructure team management.

"As a result, I will be leaving the Bills effective today," Polian said. "When I step off this podium, I'll be a private citizen."

Polian did not say if the Dallas Cowboys' 52-17 rout of the Bills in Sunday's Super Bowl played a role in Wilson's decision to fire him. He

refused to answer questions during the four-minute, 16-second press conference.

Polian, 50, took over the team in 1986 and within three years transformed it into the dominant franchise in the AFC.

Bills coach Marv Levy said he was saddened to hear the news of Polian's firing. Polian will have little trouble finding another job, Levy said.

"Bill will be missed by all," Levy said. "He is the consummate competitor. He is deeply loyal to all who have worked in this organization."

Polian rebuilt the Bills through the college draft, trades and free agent signings. The Bills have been to the playoffs for five straight seasons and have won more games than any other team over that period of time.

Polian came to the Bills in 1984 as director of pro personnel. During the team's consecutive 2-14 seasons, Polian signed defensive end Bruce Smith, the Bills' No. 1 draft pick in 1985, along with center Kent Hull, safety Mark Kelso and special teams ace Steve Tasker, all free agents.

"It's amazing how much bric-a-brac you can accumulate in nine years," Polian said. "I found that out as I cleaned my office. But in so doing I saw clearly the mementos which mean most to me — the team pictures and the championship rings."

After becoming general manager, Polian signed quarterback Jim Kelly and helped orchestrate a three-way trade with the Los Angeles Rams and Indianapolis Colts that brought linebacker Cornelius Bennett to the Bills. He also was credited for find-

ing unheralded collegians Andre Reed, Don Beebe and Phil Hansen.

From 1978-82, Polian worked as a scout for Levy, at that time the coach of the Kansas City Chiefs. He also worked for Levy with the Chicago Blitz in the USFL in 1984 and the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League in 1976.

Polian said Wilson told him restructuring would not affect Levy or the rest of the coaching staff. No successor to Polian has been named.

Officials in Wilson's office at Detroit said he was unavailable.

Polian had kind words for Wilson and thanked him for the opportunity to run the Bills. "He is a fine man for whom I have nothing but respect and affection," Polian said. "When you go from two consecutive 2-14s to three consecutive Super Bowls, there are a lot of thank yous."

Pampa Red defeats Dumas in 8th grade basketball tourney

Pampa Red defeated Dumas A, 61-25, Thursday in the opening round of the District 8th Grade Basketball Tournament being held in Pampa.

J.J. Mathis was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points. Damian Nickelberry and Ryan Davis had nine points each.

Pampa's Blue team lost to Valley View A, 45-41.

Darby Schale was the leading scorer for Pampa with 15 points, followed by Duane King with 10.

The tournament continues Saturday in the middle school gym with the Blue team playing Hereford at 9 a.m. and the Red team playing Canyon at 11:30 a.m.

The finals will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Youngest Petty ready to try for stock car stardom

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Nobody has quite figured Kyle Petty out.

The only third-generation driver in NASCAR's Winston Cup series has won only six races and has never really challenged for a championship in a career that began in 1979. A lot of people consider that disappointing, considering that Kyle is the son of stock car racing great Richard Petty and the grandson of one of the sport's early stars, Lee Petty.

Yet the youngest of the racing Petrys is only 32 years old — prime time for race drivers, who often compete into their late 40s and early 50s.

And 1993 could be the year he turns the corner into true stardom.

Among the reasons to believe that this might be Petty's year:

— His Pontiac Grand Prix had the fastest lap (190.476 mph) during two months of winter testing at Daytona International Speedway.

— He scored more points than anybody in the second half of the 1992 season, retaining at least an

outside shot at the Winston Cup title until the last race of the season.

— Petty says he has matured as a driver at the same time the Sabco Racing team has come together as a unit.

"Last year, we had a really good team at the end," Petty said as his team readied his No. 42 Pontiac for today's opening of practice for the Feb. 14 Daytona 500. "From May on, for the first time in my career, we had that situation where we could run every race in the top two or three no matter who was driving."

"And a lot of people don't realize that was the first full year we were able to really work together as a team. Robin (Pemberton, his crew chief) came to the team last year with the experience of running for a championship with Mark Martin; our engines got better and better; and it's funny how running good keeps everybody all pumped up and makes you want to run even better."

Petty and Michael Waltrip, neither with much previous luck at Daytona, wound up posting the fastest laps of the winter testing on Jan. 23, the final day.

Petty was consistently over 190 in a series of runs late on that final test day,

while Waltrip, struggling to get his first Winston Cup victory as well as some consistency in running near the front, gave himself and his team some hope with a lap of 190.235.

Petty, now the only active member of his famed family racing following the retirement of his father at the end of the 1992 season, said, "This is a really exceptional race car, aerodynamically. We have learned a lot about aerodynamics, which really helps here."

Asked if his fast lap makes him a favorite to win the pole in the first round of qualifying Saturday, Petty said, "We're not even thinking about the pole. We've been fastest in winter testing before and we've had trouble making the race. The track changes after the 24-hour race (last weekend)."

"What we've seen in testing is that everybody is close," he said. "We know we can be better, but all we wanted to be was in the ballpark. ... Of course, we wouldn't feel bad if we had 15 more horsepower."

The Chevrolet Lumina of Ken Schrader was third overall in the winter testing at 190.114, followed by the Thunderbird of Bobby Hamilton at 190.074.

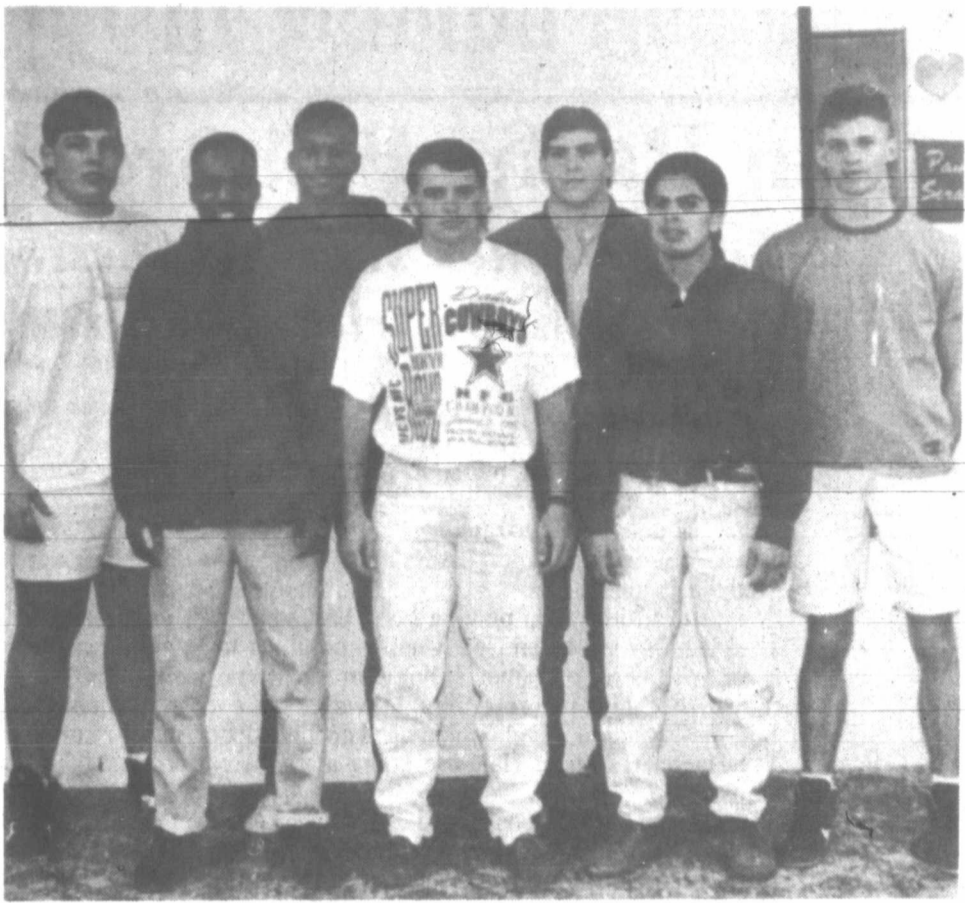
Bowling winners



(Staff photo by Dan Fromm)

Bowlers who placed in the Harvester Lanes Merchants Classic held recently are pictured above with tournament director Carrie Duroy. From the left are Rick Bryant, fifth place; Ricky Bryan, fourth place; Julie Greer, third place; Duroy and Monte Michael, second place. Not pictured is first-place winner Kevin Coe, who received \$432. There was \$1,557 in cash prizes awarded.

Week's top athletes



Pampa athletes chosen as Athletes of the Week by the Harvesters Booster Club are, from left, Chris Whitney, wrestling; Duane Nickelberry, basketball; Coy Laury, basketball; Will Winborne, boys soccer; Chris Fox, wrestling; Chad Chairez, wrestling and David Borsheim, wrestling.

Schott's suspension similar to Steinbrenner's limitations

NEW YORK (AP) — Marge Schott's suspension will be just about the same as George Steinbrenner's with two exceptions: She can watch games from her executive suite and she won't have to resign her title.

Schott will be treated as if she is on baseball's ineligible list beginning March 1, lawyers involved in the case said Thursday on the condition of anonymity.

The agreement signed by Steinbrenner in July 1990 is being used as the framework for restrictions against Schott, the lawyers said. The Cincinnati owner was suspended Wednesday for one year because of racial and ethnic slurs.

According to the lawyers, the 4 1/2 hours of negotiations Wednesday with Schott's lawyer, Robert Bennett, focused on how the language of the sanctions would affect Schott's position as managing general partner of the Reds under Ohio law. Schott owns 6 1/2 of the 15 partnership shares and has a strained relationship with her limited partners, some of whom have sued her in the past and want to remove her from control.

One lawyer said members of the executive council advocated penal-

ties ranging from only a reprimand to longer suspensions. He said discussions were similar to a jury deliberation, with the group eventually agreeing to one year with the chance for early reinstatement after eight months.

The decision was drafted by Robert Kheel of Willkie Farr & Gallagher, the National League's law firm, and edited by Thomas Ostertag, the general counsel of the commissioner's office. The final agreement with Schott is expected to be signed next week, lawyers on both sides say.

Schott "will be treated, for all purposes, as if she were on the ineligible list (although she will not actually be placed on the ineligible list)," one lawyer quoted the proposed agreement as saying. She won't be allowed involvement in day-to-day operations but will be allowed input in four major areas, as was Steinbrenner:

— Negotiations or disputes concerning television or radio contracts.

— Negotiations or disputes concerning concession agreements.

— Governmental negotiations or agreements, including lease agreements.

— Banking relationships, including financial arrangements.

Schott will be allowed to designate the person who will control the team in her absence, subject to approval by the executive council, and Bennett said it will be general manager Jim Bowden.

Lawyers involved said the council never intended to force Schott to resign as managing general partner because the term of the suspension was fixed. Steinbrenner, who was suspended indefinitely and will be reinstated March 1, had to step down but could control his successor because he and his family vote about 55 percent of the Yankees' partnership shares.

Schott will be allowed to watch games from the executive suite, although she won't be able to sit in the owners' box near the field. Steinbrenner was prohibited from all areas in ballparks that aren't accessible to the general public.

Several people familiar with Wednesday's drawn out negotiations described them as "nit-picking."

The executive council met from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in a hotel at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Florida State recruiting class ranked No. 1 by SuperPrep

Texas signs state's top quarterback

By RICK WARNER
AP Football Writer

Florida State fans should get a kick out of this year's freshman class.

The Seminoles' recruits, which include the top prep placekicker in the country, are rated No. 1 by SuperPrep magazine.

Although Notre Dame signed top-rated quarterback Ron Powlus of Berwick, Pa., SuperPrep gave Florida State a slight edge over the Irish because the Seminoles landed kicker Scott Bentley of Aurora, Colo.

Two of Florida State's three losses in the last two years were the result of missed field goals against Miami in the closing seconds.

Bentley, who chose Florida State over Notre Dame, appears to fit the bill. He booted 35 field goals in high school, including seven over 50 yards.

"He's the best (high school) kicker I've seen in a long time," said SuperPrep publisher Allen Wallace.

Florida State and Notre Dame got top players at every position Wednesday — the first day that players could sign national letters of intent.

In addition to Bentley, the Seminoles got SuperPrep All-Americans at quarterback (Thad Busby of Pace, Fla.); running back (Clarence Williams of Crescent City, Fla.); wide receiver (Andre Cooper of Neptune Beach, Fla., and Ernest Green of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.); and tight end (Rhodney Williams of Palatka, Fla.)

Florida State also signed a great group of offensive and defensive linemen, SuperPrep's No. 2 linebacker (Daryl Bush of Altamonte Springs, Fla.) and highly rated defensive back Byron Capers of Marietta, Ga.

Notre Dame's incoming freshman class is headed by Powlus, who passed for 35 touchdowns and ran for 21 more in leading Berwick High to the state championship last season.

"Notre Dame really needed a quarterback, and they got the best one out there," Wallace said.

Notre Dame signed more than a dozen SuperPrep All-Americans, including four of the top eight

linebackers: Melvin Dansby of Birmingham, Ala.; Darnell Smith of Homestead, Wis.; Lyron Cobbins of Kansas City, Mo., and Bert Berry of Humble, Texas.

The Irish also got two of SuperPrep's top three offensive linemen, a pair of blue-chip tailbacks (Randy Kinder of East Lansing, Mich., and Robert Farmer of Bolingbrook, Ill.), receiver Cikai Champion of Tyler, Texas, and multi-threat Emmett Mosley of Denver.

Football

Wallace said Michigan had the third best recruiting class, followed by Alabama, Tennessee, Stanford, Miami, Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Syracuse, Georgia Tech, Baylor and California.

Michigan's top recruits include quarterback Scot Loeffler of Barberton, Ohio; running back Jon Ritchie of Cumberland Valley, Pa.; wide receiver Seth Smith of Carbondale, Ill.; defensive lineman Trevor Pryce of Winter Park, Fla.; linebacker J.J. Brown of Chesterfield, S.C.; and defensive back Clarence Thompson of Detroit.

Although Alabama signed a lot of

good players, the national champions lost two of the state's top prospects to arch-rival Auburn — tight end Jessie McCovery of Theodore and offensive lineman Willie Anderson of Prichard.

"The national championship really didn't have much effect on their recruiting," Wallace said. "Most players made their decisions before the bowl games."

Bill Walsh bolstered his passing game at Stanford by signing two top quarterbacks (Scott Frost of Wood River, Neb., and Tim Carey of Los Alamitos, Calif.) and four prep All-America receivers.

"It's the best group of quarterbacks and receivers in the country," Wallace said.

Texas had a banner recruiting year, getting the state's No. 1 quarterback (James Brown of Beaumont) and an outstanding group of defensive backs led by Texas products Tre Thomas and Chris Carter, and Bryant Westbrook of Oceanside, Calif.

The Longhorns' chief rival, Texas A&M, was hurt by allegations of NCAA violations. But the Aggies did sign top-rated defensive back Donovan Greer of Alief, Texas, and they

return all but five starters from last season's 12-1 team.

Hogs ink 20

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)

— The University of Arkansas received the signatures of 19 high school football players and one from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on Thursday.

Wednesday was the first day that high school athletes could sign a national letter of intent, but Arkansas officials said they wouldn't release any names until the letters were in hand.

Twenty high school players made oral commitments to Arkansas, but one did not send in his letter immediately. That was defensive tackle Ken Anderson of Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. The 6-foot-4, 275-pound is ranked among the 10 top defensive linemen in the country by one recruiting service.

Champion breakfast

The Dallas Cowboys, Super Bowl XXVII champions, are now on commemorative Wheaties cereal boxes available in Texas and Oklahoma. The players, from left, are Jay Novacek, Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin, Emmitt Smith and Ken Norton, Jr. The New York Giants in 1991, Washington Redskins in 1988 and 1992 and Dallas this year are the three NFL teams Wheaties has featured on the limited edition packages.

Cowboys caught in middle of Dallas parade dispute

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — While most NFL teams are spending the off-season laboring over such tasks as rebuilding groggy offenses or restructuring the glass offices, the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys are caught in the middle of a dispute over — get this — when to have the ticker tape parade.

The city reiterated plans Thursday to hail the world champions with a parade at noon Tuesday despite protests from a contentious city council that the event shouldn't be held on a school or work day. "We would be happy to do it on a day when all kids could be there," Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said. "But we can't."

The Cowboys last had a parade in their honor on Jan. 16, 1978, one day after beating Denver 27-10 in the Super Bowl.

This year, owner Jerry Jones told city officials he wanted to delay the celebration of Dallas' 52-17 victory over Buffalo because six starters are in Hawaii for Sunday's Pro Bowl.

City council member Domingo Garcia sent Jones a letter, signed by five of his colleagues on the council, asking the owner to reconsider and hold the parade Saturday, Feb. 13.

The Cowboys and Mayor Steve Bartlett, however, said that was impossible because Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson would be at a scouting combine in Indianapolis and players have made prior commitments, including vacations.

"You're going to have a lot of broken hearts," Garcia said. "Ultimately, the thousands of students and the fans who will be working on Tuesday and can't make it downtown, they're the ones who pay those six- and seven-figure salaries. They were all part of the Cowboys' success."

Up to 500,000 are expected to attend the festivities, which will cost the city about \$40,000 in overtime for police officers, Garcia said. The parade and its cleanup is being privately financed.

Dallas school board president Rene Castilla said students won't be excused Tuesday to attend the parade.

Several cities, such as Washington, D.C., declare the day of the championship parade a bad weather day to be made up at the end of the school year.

Council member Paul Fielding said he, too, preferred a weekend celebration, "but it would be silly to have a parade when most of the Cowboys couldn't make it."

Fielding professed amazement about the tone of the dispute. He said council members who complained about the price tag need to recognize how much the Cowboys' season has meant to city coffers and area merchants.

"We'll go out and raise the money for the parade through private donations and we'll pay what we have to for police," he said. "This council will find fault with anything, including winning a Super Bowl."

"Whatever it costs, it costs. I mean, do you realize what this season has meant in terms of economic boost? We have to have a parade for the conquering heroes," Fielding said. "That's all there is to it."

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners Court of Gray County will receive bids on February 15, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. for a new 1993 3/4 ton pickup equipped as follows:

- 5.7 to 5.9 liter gasoline motor, 5 speed manual transmission, long wheel base, rubber floor mat interior, front stabilizer bar, power brakes, power steering, engine oil cooling, air conditioner and heater, vinyl bench seat, color paint - white, rear axle 3.73 ratio or comparable, locking differential-rear axle, gauges - volt-meter, oil and temperature, fuel tank - 30 gallons or more, AM-FM radio, 235-85R - 16 tires, GVW - 8,500 lbs. minimum, painted rear step bumper - heavy duty, mounted spare tire, two wheel drive.

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Carl Kennedy
Gray County Judge
February 5, 10, 1993

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Gray County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing to consider annexation of the territory of the Alanreed Independent School District located in Gray County. The hearing will be at 11:00 a.m. on February 15, 1993 in the County Courtroom, Gray County Courthouse, Pampa, Texas.

The Commissioners Court will be meeting in regular session.

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97 Furnished Houses



(AP Photo) Ron Goodman sits in front of his classic Sears home, the model known as 'The Gladstone,' in Carlinville, Ill., Thursday.

Sears catalog leaves legacy: An entire neighborhood

CARLINVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Millions of American households are filled with items ordered from the Sears catalog. This town boasts an entire neighborhood where the houses themselves came from the Big Book.

As far as anyone knows, the 152 houses on nine blocks that constitute the enclave known as Standard Addition are the world's largest cluster of homes ordered straight out of the Sears catalog.

So the announcement by Sears, Roebuck and Co. last month that the spring catalog would be its last stirred a particular wistfulness in Carlinville.

"Everybody feels sad this institution and part of America is going to be gone," said Linda McGill, who is acting director of the Economic Development Corp. in this town of 5,400 and lives in a Sears home.

Sears sold about 100,000 mail-order houses from 1908 to 1940, primarily in the Midwest and East. For a few thousand dollars, buyers got floor plans, pre-cut lumber, nails, paint, doors, light fixtures — everything they needed, all delivered to the nearest railroad station. Sears even provided the mortgage services.

"It provided us an outlet for everything we offered," said Greg Rossiter, a Sears spokesman. "If we could sell them a home, we could probably sell them everything that goes in it."

When Standard Oil Co. opened two coal mines near Carlinville 75 years ago, it suddenly needed homes for its workers. The company

ordered what it needed from the 1918 Sears catalog.

Standard Oil erected the houses in Carlinville, in central Illinois, then rented the houses to its workers.

"It's just a real neighborhood, still. It has that old feeling," said Danley Vlasich, who recently sold her Sears house after 13 years. "There are young couples with children, and then there are older couples."

The neighborhood has a mass-produced uniformity to it, right down to the standard-issue two trees in the front yards.

The boxy houses have changed over time — an extra room here, an enclosed porch there, some aluminum siding, a red, yellow or blue paint job — but most still have "character that will long retain popular favor," as the catalog put it.

Rooms are small, basements sometimes leak, and most second floors are unheated, owners say. But the houses, which go for \$20,000 to \$40,000 today, are sturdy and require few repairs.

"They're good starter homes. A lot of people buy them when they're starting a family," said Jean Goodman. She and her husband, Ron, moved into their three-bedroom house 12 years ago with an infant; they now have a 13-year-old and an 11-year-old.

"It would be nice if the house was a little bigger," she said.

Disdained by architects as vulgar jumbles of style, mail-order houses filled the need of thousands who could not afford an architect or builder, according to author Alan Gowans, who examined the suburban housing boom from 1890 to 1930 in his book "The Comfortable House."

Sears had competitors in the mail-order house business. The Aladdin Co. of Bay City, Mich., became one of the biggest suppliers of homes by mail, selling 3,600 in its best year, 1926. Montgomery Ward & Co. also sold mail-order houses. The Ladies Home Journal became the best-known supplier of housing plans by mail.

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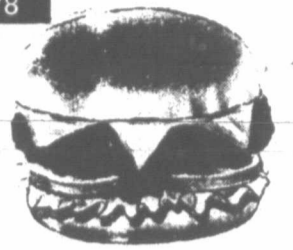
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