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Grand jury indicts restaurant manager

By BETH MILLER
News Editor

The four-year store manager of McDonald's in Pampa was indicted Monday by a 31st District Court grand jury in Gray County on charges that she stole more than \$20,000 from the store, said Assistant District Attorney Tracey Jennings Warner.

Tanya Parden, 36, formerly of the Barrington Apartments in Pampa, was indicted on the second-degree felony charge of theft of more than \$20,000, but less than \$100,000. Warner said the district attorney's office did not have a current address on Parden.

Parden resigned from her position with the fast-food chain about two weeks ago, according to a store employee. She had reportedly worked for the corporation for about 14 years, with the past four years at the Pampa store.

Bond in the case was set at \$10,000.

Texas Ranger Gary Henderson and Pampa Police Department Detective Terry Young investigated

the case, Warner said. She said the two law enforcement officers did an outstanding job on the case.

Young said he and Henderson had worked on the case investigation for about four months.

Parden is alleged to have stolen about \$21,000 from the store since January 1992, Young said.

Warner and Young declined to comment on how the theft allegedly occurred or what was done with the money.

Former sheriff's deputy Connie Brainard also assisted in the investigation, Young said, adding that the investigation is continuing, although there are currently no other suspects.

Spike Harrison of Amarillo, owner of the McDonald's franchise in Pampa, was unavailable for comment at press time today.

Other indictments returned by the



Parden

grand jury, are listed below, as provided by the district attorney's office:

- Michael Lynn Dubose, 33, 713 Doucette, was indicted on a Dec. 28 charge of attempted aggravated robbery of the Subway sandwich shop. Bond was set at \$20,000.

- Phillip Monroe Lang, 49, 108 S. Sumner, was indicted on a June 27 arson charge. Bond was set at \$10,000.

- Troy William McCall, 38, Pampa, was indicted on a Sept. 6 charge of driving while intoxicated. Bond was set at \$2,500.

- Loria Ann McGrew, 30, 413 Rose, was indicted on a Nov. 25, 1991, charge of tampering with governmental records (welfare fraud). Bond was set at \$2,500.

- Donald Ray Young, 40, address not listed, was indicted on an Aug. 4, 1990, charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Bond was set at \$10,000.

- Sammy J. Whatley, 48, 1101 S. Clark, was indicted on an Aug. 21 charge of driving while intoxicated. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Miami board h(airs) issue

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

MIAMI — The issue, as the principal of Miami High School noted, was decidedly "hairy."

Should Miami Independent School District allow its students to grow goatees?

The subject arose on Monday when Larry Neighbors, principal of grades 6-12 at Miami, reported to the board of trustees that a sophomore at his school recently began growing a goatee. The sophomore declined to shave his face after Neighbors suggested that he do so, the principal said, noting that "he just wanted to know why" he should.

Neighbors declined to give the name of the student.

The board chose not to adopt a formal policy, taking the matter under advisement after trustees expressed concern that establishing a policy on facial hair might trigger a lawsuit against the school district.

The Miami school district dress code does not currently prohibit goatees or beards, though it specifies that the student's grooming "shall not lead

school officials reasonably to believe that such ... grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb or detract from school activities."

Neighbors informed the board that during his tenure as principal all the other students who wore a beard or goatee agreed to shave it upon request. "The (current) goatee doesn't look that bad, I'll be honest with you," Neighbors observed. "But in the past they've always shaved them."

Neighbors explained after the board meeting that he customarily approaches students who have a stubble of beard on their face and tells them, "Hey, you're getting a little hairy there."

Miami school board member Butch Thompson expressed support for tolerance toward goatees, saying that "as long as they're clean and healthy-looking" and well-trimmed, "I don't see any problem with it."

Board President Charles Byrum noted that opposition to facial hair by girls at Miami High will also deter boys from growing mustaches or beards.

"I don't think it hurts to encourage (clean-shavenness),"

contributed board member Steve Hale.

Neighbors said he knows of only one other student at Miami High who has partially unshaven facial hair. That student, a senior, wears a mustache, the principal said.

Neighbors explained the school district's preference for clean-shaven students by saying, "We just want everyone around here looking sharp. I just think it's like everything else, when you look sharp you act sharp."

A mustachioed computer science teacher, Bill Hines, who attended the school board meeting on Monday, said he does not believe that Miami students who grow facial hair undermine their academic achievement as a result.

"We're talking about kids who are wearing ... very neat (beards and mustaches)," Hines noted. "It's not the hippie-type beards."

Hines added that if the school district adopts a policy prohibiting students from wearing beards or mustaches, that would raise a question for him as well — "do I have to cut mine off?"

Clinton cutting 350 White House jobs, some limos

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today unveiled a plan to cut White House payrolls and privileges, announcing cuts of 350 workers. "Our White House will be leaner but more effective," Clinton said.

The plan, which Clinton said would be followed by other cuts in other agencies, would restrict the use of chauffeur-driven limousines and turn an exclusive dining room into a cafeteria for all his employees.

Clinton said the moves are intended to show that the administration will share in the sacrifices all Americans will be asked to make as part of a deficit reduction and economic-stimulus plan he will unveil next week.

"Twelve years of denial and delay have left a legacy that will be hard to overcome," Clinton said.

Officials claimed the staff reductions — down to 1,044 employees — will save at least \$10 million in personnel costs. The reductions are to be achieved by not hiring employees for all openings, early retirements and sending borrowed employees back to their home agencies.

Officials cautioned that spending will have to be increased in other areas, such as for computers and telephones, to bring the White House up to date.

Clinton, announcing the changes in brief remarks in the White House briefing room, said: "We in government cannot ask the American people to change and not do the same."

He asserted it was "the first time any president has shrunk the size of the White House staff."

"I believe a smaller White House

staff will work better," Clinton said.

Clinton called the cuts "a process of revitalization that must consume our entire government ... For too long, the government has been on autopilot."

The administration said that the cuts announced today would result in a White House staff totalling 1,044, down from 1,394 in the Bush administration as of Election Day last November.

While cutting his staff, Clinton went through some contortions to achieve his promised 25 percent in personnel.

For example, he exempted 800 budget workers and trade negotiators from the 25 percent parameter. Instead, they'll be included in a less stringent plan to trim the entire government by 100,000 people. Depart-

ments and agencies will begin announcing on Wednesday how they'll meet that objective.

Further, the 350 spots being eliminated included 117 people who were on temporary assignment to the White House from other agencies. They'll merely go back to their old jobs.

And Clinton gave himself until Oct. 1 to meet his goal.

The White House reorganization announced today did not include two major White House offices — the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

White House Chief of Staff Thomas McLarty said those Cabinet-level White House agencies will also be required to make cuts, but through a separate process.

Clinton did not challenge

Congress to make similar cuts, although he promised to do so during the campaign.

McLarty said Clinton has discussed the issue with congressional leaders.

"I think this sends a strong message, not only to Cabinet agencies, but also to Congress," McLarty said.

"This is not a shell game ... it's a real reduction," McLarty said. He called the package of cuts "both real and symbolic."

The hardest hit staff will be the Office of National Drug Control Policy. It will be cut from 146 people in the Bush administration to 25 under Clinton. Clinton's advisers said the office had been packed with political appointees rather than experts in the fight against drugs.

To signal that he is not retreating

from the drug war, Clinton will announce that his yet-to-be-named drug czar will have Cabinet rank.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle's Space Council will be wrapped into a new office of science, technology and space policy.

In a largely symbolic gesture, Clinton directed that the use of chauffeur-driven limousines from home to work be limited to just three senior officials: the chief of staff, the national security adviser and the deputy national security adviser.

Under President Bush, the limousine privileges were given to those officials as well as to the chief of protocol, the director of the Office of Management and Budget and the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Carson County to get tornado disaster funds

The Carson County Commissioners Court was informed Monday that the county has been approved for a \$350,000 grant to clean up the "burn pit" created by debris resulting from the Fritch tornadoes.

Gus Garcia, of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, notified a county representative Monday about the award from the disaster relief fund. The county had applied for the grant on Jan. 11.

"We are extremely pleased and elated to have our request approved," County Judge Jay Roselius said. "We will now pursue the most cost-effective and practical way to dispose of the material and stay in compliance with environmental guidelines."

The Texas Water Commission contacted commissioners to discuss illegal dumping of used tires. TWC will be enforcing rules and regulations concerning dump areas within the county and the commission is asking residents to dispose of used tires appropriately.

Some methods of proper disposal are landfill disposal in accordance with specific guide-

lines; tire dealers have stipulations relating to tire disposal; and the Precinct 4 county barn in White Deer has a trailer in which to dispose of used tires.

The court accepted bids from the three county banking institutions for the county depository. County funds will be deposited with the First Bank and Trust of White Deer, State National Bank of Groom and First National Bank of Panhandle.

The salary of jailer/dispatcher, Steve Hardin, was approved by commissioners at \$12,000 annually.

The Carson County personnel policy was discussed with no changes recommended.

Commissioners reviewed the recent Carson County Jail inspection by the Texas Jail Commission. Areas noted for correction include a kitchen inspected by a health official, lighting in certain work areas, and a suicide prevention plan in place.

Preparation for the county stock show on Thursday and Friday were discussed.

The next meeting of the Carson County Commissioners Court is set for Feb. 22.

Troopers bust two on drug charges

SHAMROCK — Two people were in Wheeler County Jail this morning after they were arrested on Interstate 40 on Monday, charged with possessing illegal drugs.

About 2:30 p.m. Monday, Department of Public Safety troopers assisted by Gray County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a man and a woman near Shamrock on charges of possession of illicit drugs with an estimated street value of \$70,100, officials said.

The drugs included 700 grams of methamphetamine valued at \$70,000, and 31 grams of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$100, the DPS reported.

Judith Ann Blentlinger, 46, and Mark Joseph Cissna, 30, both of Quincy, Ill., were arrested on a felony charge of aggravated possession of a controlled substance.

The DPS also seized the 1988 Ford Taurus being driven and occupied by Blentlinger and Cissna,

with an estimated value of \$4,500, and \$850 in currency from them.

The couple was driving eastbound on Interstate 40 when their vehicle was stopped by the DPS for speeding. Troopers Kevin King, based at Shamrock, and Max Gunn, based at Darrouzett, arrested the couple after obtaining a warrant from Shamrock municipal Judge Sue Gallagher, the judge said.

Gallagher on Monday set the bond for each of the defendants at

\$10,000. Blentlinger and Cissna are being held at Wheeler County Jail in Wheeler in lieu of bond.

Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield, Gray County Deputy Paul Sublett and his drug-sniffing dog, Czar, were called to assist in the bust.

The drug seizure was the largest by the DPS so far this year in Gray, Wheeler, Roberts, and Lipscomb, and Hemphill counties, a spokesman for the DPS said.

— John McMillan

Lefors water well project progressing

By BETH MILLER
News Editor

LEFORS — Lines and pipe are anticipated to be placed within a week from a newly drilled water well to a holding tank in Lefors, said Mayor Wendell Akins.

Akins said the water well has been drilled and the tests show the water is good, although he added there was no guarantee how long the water will remain good.

"We're waiting for the contractor to move in and lay the lines," Akins reported at a Monday evening City Council meeting.

He said the well is pumping 300 gallons of water a minute. He said the well still needs a foundation and the pump has to be put in a hole in the ground.

"Everything is beginning to shape up," he said.

The new well is planned to be used solely to replace the other well water currently going to Lefors residents' taps. The other wells have a high salt content, making them unpleasant to some people's palate.

The last water well drilled by the city was in 1981 and Akins said it has lasted about 11 years before getting too salty. He said he hopes

the new well will last at least that long.

In unrelated business, the City Council unanimously approved adding a handicapped parking zone at City Hall, where no such zone now exists.

The council also discussed the trash collection system and after two residents brought complaints, the mayor said he would have the city employees check into the situations.

Akins also said the city is requesting residents to bag their trash, instead of putting it directly into the 55-gallon barrels.

The mayor also reported he is expecting to receive some information about a used trash compacting truck that the city might be interested in purchasing.

In other business, the City Council:

- discussed getting estimates on tables for the Lefors Civic Center.
- learned the "Driving for Education" program for Lefors schools will be March 1-6 at Culberson-Stowers in Pampa.
- asked the city attorney to check into whether the city needs an ordinance or whether state law would allow for ticketing or removal of vehicles in marked fire zones.
- unanimously approved an ordi-

nance making it mandatory to have a vault at the city cemetery.

- unanimously approved paying a \$50 fee for City Judge Linda Daniels to have her notary seal renewed.
- unanimously approved a resolu-

tion in support of a prison for Shamrock.

- unanimously approved the payment of bills and minutes of prior meetings.

All council members were present with the exception of Pat Seely.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Metro housing boom

Texas' metro areas showed a gain in single family housing permits, with the Killeen/Fort Hood/Temple/Belton area growing at 286 percent over the previous year.

Metro area	Average value*	Permits, percent change**
Killeen/Temple area	\$84,039	286
Auburn	126,582	100
Wichita Falls	131,970	100
Sherman/Denison	70,938	100
Tyler	203,167	100
Amarillo	112,847	100
Odessa	148,950	100
Austin	95,744	100
San Antonio	84,772	100
Bryan/College Station	87,174	100
Galveston/Texas City	118,555	100
Corpus Christi	89,108	100
Texarkana	75,623	100
Lubbock	94,398	100
Longview	89,426	100
El Paso	59,045	100
Victoria	101,486	100
Dallas/Irving	108,151	100
Texas	99,332	100
McAllen	60,358	100
Brownsville/Harlingen	55,135	100
U.S.	97,830	100
Waco	140,499	100
Fort Worth/Arlington	112,161	100
Beaumont/Port Arthur	86,006	100
Laredo	53,114	100
San Angelo	79,336	100
Houston	110,063	100
Midland	83,266	100

* Value of planned home
** Includes Killeen, Fort Hood, Temple and Belton
*** Percent change from prior 12 months as of November 1992

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FULTON, Beverly White — 10:30 a.m., North Amarillo Church of Christ, Amarillo; 2 p.m., graveside, Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

HARREL, Hilda Mae — 10:30 a.m., graveside, Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

HILL, Ellen J. — 2 p.m., Brown's Chapel of the Fountains, Borger.

Obituaries

REXIE MAY GREER
McLEAN — Rexie May Greer, 68, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1993. Services are pending with Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Greer was born Dec. 4, 1924, as Rexie May Duggins in Hedley. She married Gene Greer on April 1, 1968, in McLean. She was a housewife and member of the Church of Christ of McLean.

Survivors include her husband, Gene; two sons, Kenneth Word of Palmdale, Calif., and Kirby Leewood of Arlington; a sister, Rougene East of Henrietta; a brother, Dalton Duggins of Comstock; and four grandchildren.

HILDA MAE HARREL
SHAMROCK — Hilda Mae Harrel, 93, died Monday, Feb. 8, 1993. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. John Denton, pastor of the Eleventh Street Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Harrel, born in Indiana, moved to Shamrock in 1925. She married Sam Harrel in 1918 at Gage, Okla. He died in 1954. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Harrel of Deer Park and Robert James Harrel of Omaha, Neb.; two grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

ELLEN J. HILL
FRITCH — Ellen J. Hill, 73, died Monday, Feb. 8, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Brown's Chapel of the Fountains at Borger with the Rev. Steve Miller, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery by Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hill, born in Pampa, was a Borger area resident for 50 years. She married Hubert Hill in 1940 at Espanola, N.M. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Borger.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Louise Chester of Dallas and Ruth Ellen Hill of Amarillo; a brother, Paul Chapman of California; a sister, Norma Wilson of Fritch; and four grandchildren.

BEULAH MYLER SMITH
Beulah Myler Smith, 80, died Monday, Feb. 8, 1993, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born Oct. 15, 1912, in Seminole, Okla. She was a resident of Pampa since 1955. She married Alden E. Myler at Seminole, Okla., in 1946; he died on March 8, 1969. She married Howard Lee Smith on Aug. 20, 1986, at Skellytown. She was a Baptist and a member of the Order of Eastern Star #419 in Guymon, Okla.

Survivors include her husband, Howard, of the home; two sisters, Myrtle Schnorrenberg of Tulsa, Okla., and Rita Causey of McDonough, Ga.; two brothers, Vernon Beckett of Tulsa, Okla., and Johnny Beckett of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two stepdaughters, Brenda Sue Hembrey of Amarillo and Gaylen Gay West of Borger; two stepsons, Terry Smith of McLean and Ernest Smith of Amarillo; and several stepgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2782, Pampa, Texas, 79066-2782.

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

SUNDAY, Feb. 7
Brenda Cumpston, 1101 Ripley, reported disorderly conduct at the intersection of Frost and Browning streets.

Steve Porter, 2300 Christine, reported a burglary in the 2300 block of Christine.

MONDAY, Feb. 8
Knight Lights, 618 W. Foster, reported a burglary.

Donna Kane, 506 N. Nelson, reported a theft.

Robert Knowles Cadillac, 101 N. Hobart, reported criminal mischief.

TODAY, Feb. 9
Rita Delores Price, 1025 Neel Road, reported criminal mischief, causing damage of over \$200/under \$750.

Arrest
MONDAY, Feb. 8
Cecil Ward Dowdy, 27, 1113 Varnon, was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon on a charge of criminal mischief.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
Lola Mae Alvey, Pampa; Joe Patton Farrar, Pampa; Lucy May Rhoads, Borger; Roy Lee Williams, Canadian; Lillian Estelle Whitten (extended care), Pampa.

Dismissals
Nora Benavidez, Pampa; Vernon Ray Devoll Sr., Pampa; Bonnie Faye Dunn, Pampa; Velma Moore, Pampa; Roger Eugene Payne, McLean; Isaac Earl Stewart, Sweetwater, Okla.; Avis May Walls, Pampa; Kaytlyn A. Wright, Pampa; Jesse Reeves Biggers (extended care), Pampa.

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
Helen Anderson, Shamrock; Wanda King, Wheeler; Bonnie Sanders, Shamrock.

Dismissal
Lucille Pavlovsky, Shamrock.

Fires

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

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Feb. 8
7:57 a.m. — A 1986 GMC driven by Ricky Loyd Brown, 46, 1538 N. Sumner, collided with a 1989 Mercury driven by Deborah Mays Anguiano, 36, 600 Sloan, at the intersection of East Kentucky and North Duncan. Brown was cited for failure to yield right of way when turning left. No injuries were reported.

12:15 p.m. — A 1984 Ford driven by Dorothy Mae Mason, 70, Wheeler, collided with a 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Ruby Johnson Schulz, 61, 736 Robertson, in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway. Mason was cited for unsafe lane change. No injuries were reported.

5:41 p.m. — A 1986 Ford driven by William Durwood Burress, 74, Canadian, collided with a 1966 Ford driven by Ernest Mark Vanderburg, 46, Spearman, at the intersection of North Hobart and West Foster. Burress was cited by failure to yield right of way when turning left. No injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

SUNDAY, Feb. 7
KOA Camp Ground, Interstate 40, reported found property.

MONDAY, Feb. 8
Gray County Sheriff's Office reported an incident of driving while intoxicated in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported a drug dog search at Shamrock. (See related story).

Arrests
MONDAY, Feb. 8
Orville Ray Anderson, 28, 413 Hazel, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Michael Shannon Hubbard, 21, Friona, was arrested on warrants charging bond forfeiture and theft of \$20-200 out of Randall County.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.07
Milo	3.33
Com.	3.99

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

Ky. Cent. Life	8	up 1/8
Serco	4.14	NC
Occidental	18 3/4	dn 3/8

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

Magellan	65.81
Puritan	15.49

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

Amoco	54 7/8	up 1/4
Arco	117 7/8	dn 1
Cabot	41 1/4	NC

Emergency numbers

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

Miami principal gets 'A-plus'

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

MIAMI — Miami principal Larry Neighbors rated an A-plus on Monday.

The Miami school board on Monday approved a one-year extension of the contract for Neighbors, who is principal of sixth through 12th grade, Miami Superintendent Allan Dinsmore praised his performance.

"He's done a very outstanding job, worked real well with faculty and students and has gained the respect of the people of the community," Dinsmore noted.

After meeting in a closed session for about 30 minutes, the board approved an extension of the contract of Neighbors through the 1993-94 school year. Neighbors, 44, began as principal of grades 6-12 in August 1990.

"I'm happy, because I enjoy working with this school and the school board and Mr. Dinsmore," Neighbors said.

Neighbors holds a bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and a master's of education degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Neighbors said he expects to obtain a mid-management degree in mid-May from Sul Ross University at Alpine. He has been working toward the degree by attending that university during the summer, he said.

The degree, which he said the state allowed him five years to obtain after he began as principal, certifies him to be a principal, he said.

Also on Monday, the Miami

school board authorized Dinsmore to ask the four churches in Miami whether they would be receptive to alternating responsibility from one year to the next on holding the baccalaureate services for graduating seniors. The four churches of Miami are the United Methodist Church, the Church of Christ, the First Christian Church and the Baptist Church of Miami.

Miami School Board President Charles Byrum said he has spoken with George Lindberg, minister of the Church of Christ, who said he would agree to participate in such an arrangement.

Since the school was established in 1949, baccalaureate services have traditionally been held at Miami school, with the services featuring a reading from a Bible, Dinsmore said. But he said a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling prohibits prayer at any public school function. Moving the baccalaureate service to the churches of Miami, where attendance would be voluntary, would comply with federal law, he said.

Dinsmore said that during his tenure as superintendent "we've always had 100 percent turnout" of graduating seniors at the school-sponsored baccalaureates. "Not all of them wanted to do it, though." Some graduating seniors participated in the baccalaureate services "to be part of the group," he explained.

Also on Monday:
• Dinsmore informed the board that the class of '93 has raised enough money to finance its planned seven-day Caribbean cruise from May 22-29. The majority of the approximately \$26,000 raised by

the seniors has come from their concession stands at athletic events, he said.

Dinsmore said a state educational finance bill sponsored by state Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, "would be the most beneficial to Miami Independent School District, in that no money would leave the school district and the school trustees could set the tax rate that was needed to operate the schools."

Under Leedom's plan, the state would pay the difference to school districts that did not raise a state-established minimum in revenues through a statewide minimum rate of local property taxation. Property-wealthy school districts, such as Miami, would be allowed to keep the revenues they raised in excess of the minimum guaranteed by the state.

Dinsmore encouraged school board members to contact legislators and express support for Leedom's plan, Senate Bill 58.

The school board set May 1 for the Miami board of trustees election. The positions held by board president Byrum and Tom Henderson are up for election.

Byrum, who has served on the school board since 1978, said Monday that he has not decided whether he plans to run for re-election. Byrum, 46, a farmer and rancher in Miami area, is serving his second year as president of the school board for two years.

Henderson, a farmer, has been a board member for about 10 years.

Filing for the school board election is scheduled to run from Feb. 15 through March 17.

Virginia at impasse over gun control

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The state House voted to slap a limit of one handgun purchase per person per month, a measure aimed at ridding Virginia of its reputation as an arms marketplace for criminals in the Northeast.

The Democrat-controlled House on Monday rejected a compromise worked out between Democratic Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and Republican leaders and approved Wilder's original bill 59-41. The Senate still must vote on the compromise.

Wilder's original plan would limit handgun purchases to one a month, no exceptions.

The compromise would allow residents to buy more than one gun if they got a certificate from State Police by undergoing an elaborate background check.

House Democrats said they were upset that Wilder abandoned his original proposal.

Wilder said that he was pleased anyway with Monday's action.

"It shows what can be accomplished when the people make their voices heard," he said. "They said they want an end to the proliferation of handguns and violent crimes. It's

apparent their elected representatives are listening."

Virginia has no limit on handgun purchases for residents, and state and federal authorities have said the state has become a weapons marketplace.

Forty percent of the traceable handguns found at crime scenes in New York City in 1991 were sold in Virginia, according to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Lefors board to consider gymnasium roof repairs

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees is set to meet in regular session tonight to discuss the annual audit and the repair of the gym roof.

Other items on the agenda include accepting the resignation of a school board member, discuss changes in

the school calendar and a closed session to discuss the superintendent's contract.

Routine items of approval of prior minutes and payment of salaries and bills is also listed on the agenda.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Police investigate burglary

An investigation continues into the Sunday night or early Monday burglary of Knight Lights, 618 W. Foster.

Thieves, who entered the building through a loose board on the east side of the building, took a large quantity of alcoholic beverages including whiskey, bourbon, vodka,

Crown Royal and Jack Daniels, according to information from Pampa police Lt. Steve Chance.

Opened were a cigarette vending machine, cash register and safe. Of two cash registers on the premises, only one was pried open, police said.

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.

TRAVEL EXPRESS Let's go to the Races. Remington Park - Memorial Weekend. Call 665-0093. Adv.

REMEMBER YOUR Sweetheart with a gift from Rolanda's Silk Flowers & Gifts, 119 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

TAX SERVICE, Billie Moore, 669-7643. Adv.

LOST ON Sirroco, large 12 week old puppy. Light brown with black muzzle and black streaks on back. Green collar. 665-7723. Adv.

HAIR BENDERS II Welcomes Michell Doan Nail Tech formerly of Shear Elegance. Call 665-7117 or come by 110 E. Francis. Adv.

BRENDA LAMB is proud to announce the opening of Hair Benders II and a new location 110 E. Francis or for appointment call 665-7117. Adv.

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European travelers to visit Lake McClellan

Lake McClellan in south Gray County will be the centerpiece of a host of activities when approximately 600 "Caar Travel Group" members from Europe cross the Texas Panhandle this fall and camp Sept. 30 at the lake and in Groom, according to Delbert Trew, spokesman for the Texas Old Route 66 Association.

The association will host travelers from Holland, Germany, France and Poland, who will be visiting the United States in American and European vehicles, some of which have never been seen before in the Panhandle.

Lake McClellan activities, which will be coordinated by the association and by the Lake McClellan Improvement Inc., will include a chuck wagon and old west display, mountain men camp, gun fight, and

bluegrass, old west and Dixieland music, according to Trew.

The travelers will arrive in the Panhandle from Anadarko, Okla., where they will have viewed native Indian dances. The Texas Old Route Association will host the delegation of special guests as they make their way across the Panhandle, camping at Lake McClellan or staying in Groom motels, then proceeding the next day to Amarillo, Glen Rio, and Tucumcari, N.M.

Trew said the association will operate a reststop for the travelers at the Devil's Rope Museum and the Texas Route 66 Museum in McLean.

The "Caar Travel Group" has made tours around the world and their trip to the United States will be their fifth such journey. Traveling with their own vehicle repair crews,

they will be in the United States for 28 days, arriving first in Washington, D.C.

The trip is being billed "The Route 66 Tour." The visitors will connect with Old Route 66 at Chicago, where the historic highway began, and follow the Mother Road westward across the heartland of America. The adventure will conclude where Route 66 ended, at Pacific Ocean's Santa Monica Pier in Los Angeles.

In another matter, the Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. board will meet in special session at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gray County Courthouse to discuss operation of a booth promoting the lake at the Outdoor World 1993, scheduled from Friday to Sunday at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers, the low of 35, southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy, breezy but colder with a slight chance of light rain, winds switching to the north 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution is advised on area lakes. The high on Monday was 65 degrees; the overnight low was 46 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Panhandle, Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the lower to mid-30s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and colder. A slight chance of light rain. Highs from around 40 to the mid-40s. Wednesday night, decreasing cloudiness with lows around 20. Extended forecast: Thursday, partly cloudy with highs in the 30s. Friday through Saturday, dry. Lows in the teens north to the lower 20s south. Highs in the 30s except lower 40s south Saturday. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with widely

scattered to scattered showers. A few thunderstorms possible during the evening off the Caprock. Lows around 40. Wednesday, partly cloudy and turning colder. Highs in the 50s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mainly in the morning, decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s to near 70. Wednesday night, fair and cooler. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to 40s South Central.

North Texas — Tonight, showers and thunderstorms increasing west and spreading into central and east sections after midnight. A few storms possibly severe south and southeast. Lows 49 to 57. Wednesday, showers and thunderstorms ending west and central. A few storms possibly severe southeast. Highs 63 to 69. Wednesday night,

scattered showers east, otherwise partly cloudy and turning colder. Lows 35 to 47. Extended forecast: Thursday, decreasing cloudiness and cool. Highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Friday and Saturday, fair and cool. Increasing cloudiness west Saturday. Lows mid 20s to lower 30s. Highs in the 50s.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma — Tonight, rain likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Wednesday, showers and thunderstorms likely. Rain diminishing during the afternoon. Highs from the upper 50s to lower 60s.

New Mexico — Tonight, decreasing cloudiness south. A chance of rain or snow showers north. Lows zero to mid-20s mountains, mostly 30s lower elevations. Wednesday and Wednesday night, partly cloudy southwest. Scattered rain and snow showers north with a slight chance of showers southeast. Turning colder east. Highs 40s mountains with 50s and 60s lower elevations. Lows zero to mid-20s mountains with 30s and 40s elsewhere.

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A member of the Los Angeles police SWAT team prepares to enter the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center Monday. (AP Photo)

Three doctors critically wounded in L.A. shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man carrying three guns and demanding pain medication burst into an emergency room and critically wounded three doctors in an attack that heightened fears about safety in big city hospitals.

The gunman, who told police he has AIDS and had been treated at the hospital, held two women hostage for several hours Monday before freeing them unharmed and surrendering.

"It apparently has to do with what he perceives to be poor medical treatment," Lt. John Dunkin said.

The Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center is in a neighborhood with some of the city's worst gang violence. Yet most doors are wide open and there aren't enough guards, some staff members said.

"We cut the clothing off them and we find guns on them," said Dr. Marc Eckstein, chief resident in emergency medicine. "And their buddies in the waiting room have on gang attire."

Damacio Ibarra Torres, 40, was booked for investigation of attempted murder and kidnapping. Police recovered two handguns, a sawed-off rifle and a knife.

He told a SWAT officer that he has AIDS, said police spokeswoman Officer Sharyn Michelson. Hospital officials said the gunman was a former patient, but they refused to discuss his medical history, citing confidentiality rules.

Dr. Richard May, 47, was reported in extremely critical condition with a gunshot wound to the head. Dr. Glen Roger, 41, and Paul Kaszubowski, 44, were in serious condition.

The doctors were shot at a desk near the entrance where they examined patients to expedite treatment in the crowded trauma center. The sole guard in the area was in another part of the emergency center, officials said.

May had just taken Dora Castaneda's blood pressure when the shooting started, said the patient's husband, Arturo Castaneda.

"He was coming, you know, he had the look of the devil in him. I thought we were next," Castaneda said.

Patient Hope Flynn said she heard the gunman demand pain medication seconds before the shots rang out. "He was yelling, 'I want something for pain! Can't you understand me? Can't you see I need help?'" she said.

The hospital is one of the nation's largest, with more than 2,000 beds. Its exterior is the model for "General Hospital" in the ABC soap opera. Its emergency room is one of the nation's busiest, treating 600 to 650 patients a day for everything from stomach aches to gunshots, said spokesman Harvey Kern.

Kern and others said hospital safety has been improved in recent years

with more guards and the use of card keys to enter some areas. The Police Department's Dunkin said security at the hospital is good.

The Los Angeles Times reported today that the hospital had been unable to fill its allotted security force. County records show that 84 guards are authorized for the hospital but only 71 had been hired as of December because of difficulty recruiting.

Guns, drugs and limited access to health care breed violence in the nation's overcrowded emergency rooms, said Anita Shaffer of the Greater Los Angeles County chapter of the state Emergency Nurses Association.

"Emergency rooms have been the receivers of ... all of society's ills," she said.

"It's not an uncommon scenario to have rival gangs in the same room," said Dr. Paul Wallace, executive director of the Joint Council of Interns and Residents in Los Angeles County. Wallace, a resident at Martin Luther King Jr.-Drew Medical Center, said the association has lobbied for three years for better hospital security.

The nurses association is pushing legislation to improve security. Its proposal would force hospitals to develop security plans and provide incentives to install metal detectors, surveillance cameras and other equipment.

NBC: Spark from headlight is what caused pickup fire

By ALAN L. ADLER
AP Auto Writer

NBC News acknowledged using incendiary devices in a test crash designed to show that some General Motors Corp. pickup trucks are prone to catch fire. But it said a spark from a broken headlight actually caused the blaze.

The network on Monday was sued by GM over a "Dateline NBC" report on the alleged dangers created by the "sidesaddle" gas tanks on GM pickups made in the 1970s and '80s.

"The 11 million households that viewed the program were never told that NBC used incendiary devices to try and ensure that a fire would erupt, seemingly due to the collision," GM Executive Vice President Harry Pearce said.

The defamation lawsuit, filed in a state court in Indianapolis, was the first ever by GM. The world's No. 1 automaker also threatened an advertising boycott of NBC and other action to counter the public relations battering it has been taking.

Last week, an Atlanta jury found GM negligent in the design of the gas tanks. The jury awarded \$105.2 million to the parents of a teen-ager killed when his truck crashed and exploded in 1989. GM is appealing the verdict.

NBC acknowledged on its "Nightly News" Monday that it rigged two crashes for a Nov. 17 segment of "Dateline NBC" with model rocket engines taped to the bottom of the trucks and that it didn't disclose the fact to viewers.

NBC News President Michael G. Gartner said that while a particular crash might not produce sparks needed to ignite a fire, NBC wanted to illustrate the danger a gas-tank rupture poses if a heat source is present, and so it attached the devices.

But he said a broken headlight — not the rocket engines ignited by remote control, as GM alleged — wound up starting the fire in one crash. The other crash did not result in a fire.

"We remain convinced that taken in its entirety and in its detail, the segment that was broadcast on 'Dateline NBC' was fair and accurate," Gartner said in a statement.

GM said it was suspicious of the NBC report but had no evidence until receiving an anonymous tip from a journalist who had heard of the rigged tests from a firefighter at the scene.

The episode raised questions

about the propriety of a news organization simulating events without disclosure.

"I don't like re-enactments and stagings to begin with," said Joan Konner, dean of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. "It's very confusing."

But she added about the NBC crash: "It sounds like it's going to be up to a jury to determine how a fire started. ... This could be a question not of ethics but of relevance if the fire started the way NBC says it did."

GM is seeking a retraction and unspecified damages.

"The networks and CNN and everybody have run footage of this thing over and over and over again," said Joseph Phillippi, an auto industry analyst for Lehman Brothers Inc. "The damage to (GM's) reputation in some respects is incalculable."

Safety groups claim at least 300 people have died in fiery, side-impact crashes involving GM pickups. Critics contend the automaker knowingly endangered lives by putting twin gas tanks outside of the truck frame. GM later changed the design to put a single tank inside the frame.

Dozens of lawsuits have been filed against GM, and many have been settled out of court.

Gartner accused GM of trying to divert attention from the verdict in Atlanta and a federal investigation of the 1973-87 trucks.

GM's Pearce denied that. He said GM filed a declaration of intent to sue NBC before the verdict.

GM also alleged the NBC program was part of a campaign to "poison" public opinion against the automaker and give other lawsuits a greater chance of winning. The NBC report was not part of the evidence at the Atlanta trial.

As part of its counterattack, GM conducted a presentation for reporters and securities analysts.

Using enlarged photographs and videotape, Pearce pinpointed small plumes of smoke beneath one of the trucks just before impact. The smoke preceded a burst of fire from the igniting rockets, Pearce said.

The fire lasted about 15 seconds and burned mostly grass near the truck, not the truck itself. GM recovered the truck from a junkyard and displayed it in the lobby of its Detroit headquarters.

Pearce waved a plastic bag containing remains of the rocket engine casings GM found taped to the trucks.

GM also sued the Institute for Safety Analysis in Indianapolis which conducted the tests.

Testimony to begin in capital murder case

AMARILLO (AP) — Jurors have packed their bags for up to 10 days' sequestered service in the capital murder trial of George Lott.

Prosecutors were expected to begin summoning witnesses today who will testify that Lott killed two lawyers and wounded three other men at the Tarrant County Courthouse.

Jury selection ended Monday with the naming of a six-man, six-woman panel. The selection process began Jan. 11 in Potter County, where State District Judge Sharen Wilson moved the trial on a change of venue.

Lott, 45, was a non-practicing attorney at the time of the July 1 shooting in Fort Worth. The Arlington man is representing himself in the case.

If convicted, Lott faces life in prison or the death penalty.

Monday's proceeding was marked by little drama.

Ms. Wilson simply read off the

names and pool numbers of the 48 potential jurors who filled the courtroom's pew-like seats, giving the prosecution and Lott the opportunity to accept or reject them.

Dressed in prison clothing — which he has chosen instead of a suit — Lott looked nonchalantly toward the people who will decide his guilt or innocence and, if he is found guilty, his sentence.

Ms. Wilson instructed the jury to limit contact with non-jurors to simple greetings.

Ms. Wilson also told Lott not to move behind the prosecutors during the trial.

The only apparent sign of discon-

tent Monday came when the judge asked attorneys if they had any objections to the jurors.

"It could be worse," Lott said, "so I'll keep my opinions to myself."

Two lawyers were shot to death in Fort Worth's courthouse when a man suddenly began firing inside a crowded courtroom. Two judges and a third attorney were wounded.


The gunman slipped away in the ensuing chaos.

Hours later, Lott showed up at a Dallas TV studio and said he was the gunman. WFAA-TV taped Lott admitting he committed the shooting because he was angry over his nasty divorce and child custody battle, fought in the Tarrant County Courthouse.

Lott has pleaded innocent.

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Committee approves needed prison funds

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee has approved \$250 million in emergency spending to build and operate new prisons.

Half the money would come from bonds, and half from the state's rainy day fund.

The proposed spending, which already has passed the Senate, was approved Monday by the House Appropriations Committee. It next will be considered by the full House.

The bill would cover building and operating prisons to house 10,000 more inmates, and pay counties \$72 million for the cost of holding state prisoners.

There are about 53,000 inmates in Texas prisons, and 18,000 in county jails awaiting transfer to the state system.

The measure also would provide \$38.8 million to fund community corrections programs, such as boot camps, in Harris County.

An additional \$18.6 million would be set aside to pay federal court fines for overcrowding in Harris County Jail. An amendment by the Appropriations panel would provide that if that money isn't spent, it would go into the state general revenue fund.

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Opinion

This 'trial balloon' should be deflated

The Clinton administration is said to be considering a scheme whereby the federal government would become the exclusive buyer of all childhood vaccines, then distribute them "free" to doctors and clinics. The hope? With the cost of vaccine no longer a factor, more children will be immunized against childhood illnesses. Government spokesmen claim that only 40 to 60 percent of preschool children get the recommended shots, with the figure as low as 10 percent in some inner-city neighborhoods.

While trial-balloon-floaters emphasized the idea that furnishing "free" vaccine would be a great boon, they noted in the fine print that it really wouldn't be free.

They estimate that the plan would cost taxpayers \$300 to \$500 million a year, in addition to the \$175 million the federal government already spends on childhood vaccines. And amidst crocodile tears over the size of the federal deficit, they have no idea where to get the money.

If you assume that everything that needs to be known about vaccination is now known, and that health levels are improved by having the federal government take responsibility for peoples' health decisions away from them, you'll love this idea. If you're skeptical on either score, hold your applause.

Advocates claim that by buying in bulk, the federal government can get lower per-unit prices for vaccines than even the biggest clinics. If the federal government becomes the exclusive buyer, it might grind the price down even farther.

Then again, it might not. The scheme being floated treats vaccines like a public utility. Public utilities, freed of the need to compete, almost always end up with higher prices and poorer service than in a more competitive marketplace. If government becomes the sole buyer of certain vaccines, the price will become political, influenced by constant lobbying. And the incentive to do research into possibly better vaccines will virtually disappear — or end up being subsidized, at about ten times any reasonable cost, by the taxpayers.

Having the government provide "free" vaccine will also reduce the sense of responsibility and control people feel about the health of their own bodies and those of their children. And, if anything, a declining sense of responsibility probably has more to do with declining vaccination rates than the sheer cost involved.

As Charles Murray points out in his book, *In Search of Good Government*, people tend to act responsibly when they have real control over important decisions affecting their lives.

The 19th-century French parliamentarian and philosopher Frederic Bastiat used to describe the state as that great fiction whereby everybody seeks to live at the expense of everybody else. It also embodies the fiction that if you relieve people of personal responsibility or their own lives and welfare, the upshot will be a more thoroughly responsible society (on a macro level, presumably) in which everybody's welfare is guaranteed.

Somebody should take a BB-gun to this trial balloon.

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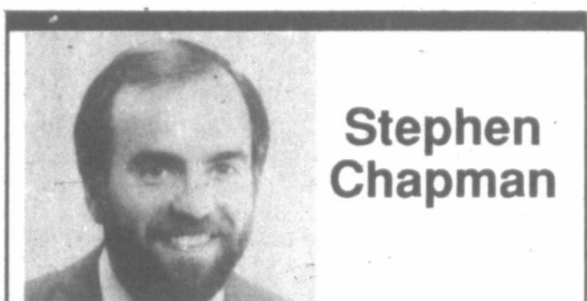
Adam Smith, who had a greater admiration for capitalism than for capitalists, wrote in 1776 that "people of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment or diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices." He wouldn't be surprised to discover that the main actors in the American automobile and steel industries have joined together with a motive besides the welfare of their customers and country.

These industries dislike foreign competition and have gotten used to being shielded from it by the federal government. Gratitude, however, is not their distinguishing trait: They habitually view any help they get as insufficient. After 12 years of presidents who fervently espoused free trade (even though they didn't always practice it), auto and steel makers are buoyed by the arrival of an administration with only the most perfunctory commitment to open markets.

Protectionists claim to support fair trade rather than free trade, and in this case, the companies say they are just trying to force conniving foreigners to follow the rules. They insist that foreign corporations are charging lower prices here than at home, an illegal practice known as dumping.

Steel producers have already gotten their way with the Commerce Department, which has slapped tariffs averaging 27 percent on steel shipments from 19 different countries. Detroit reportedly is preparing anti-dumping petitions against all foreign car makers. It too would like to get punitive duties that would reduce foreign sales and, not by accident, boost domestic as well as import prices.

But what's the crime? Dumping is defined as selling at a lower price abroad than at home or selling below cost. Contrary to myth, there is nothing



Stephen Chapman

suspicious about either practice.

It's hardly unusual for companies to get less for the goods they sell abroad than for those they sell on their own turf. They often face more competition the farther out they venture, so margins shrink. An enterprise that originates in New York may have to cut its prices to penetrate the market in Phoenix. But no bureaucrat would try to punish such rational business tactics.

Selling below cost is also something domestic companies do in their home markets every day, whenever they misjudge supply and demand. Clothing retailers that slash prices on end-of-season apparel, auto dealers that offer bargains to unload slow-moving models, appliance stores that liquidate their inventory when they go out of business — all demonstrate that sometimes, profit-making firms choose to accept small losses because the alternative is big ones. When domestic firms do it, there's no outcry.

So why the gripes when outsiders do it? The theory of the anti-trade forces is that foreign corporations, scheming behind the protectionist walls, overcharge their domestic customers, earning whopping profits that are then used to subsidize below-cost

sales abroad. The ostensible purpose is to drive their competition out of business, so they can proceed to gouge foreigners to their hearts' content.

The unstated premise is that these foreign capitalists are not only evil but dumb. If a company is assured obscene profits at home, why cast its eyes abroad? Why would it want to squander its wealth on low-margin or money-losing sales to foreigners? Why not pile up riches in splendid isolation?

Perhaps over time it can eliminate all its foreign counterparts — though there is a conspicuous scarcity of examples in the real world. But then what? If the firm raises prices to gain excess profits, it will find new rivals springing up to try to get their share. In an increasingly global economy, there are too many actual and potential competitors for any company to dream of a temporary stranglehold on its market, much less a lasting one.

The theory, in any event, has nothing to do with federal policy. Our anti-trust laws forbid low prices only if they are aimed at destroying competitors, as University of Southern California law professor Michael Knoll pointed out in a recent paper for the Cato Institute. Under the dumping law, however, domestic producers don't have to show that their foreign rivals had any predatory motive. Just selling cheap will convict you.

The obvious reason for the anti-dumping effort is that our auto and steel makers want to stop their competitors from charging low prices by whatever means, so they can spare themselves the bother of having to compete for customers. Their enemy isn't foreigners who can't make money on low prices, but those who can. For American consumers watching this drama, it shouldn't be hard to identify the real villain.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 1993. There are 325 days left in the year.

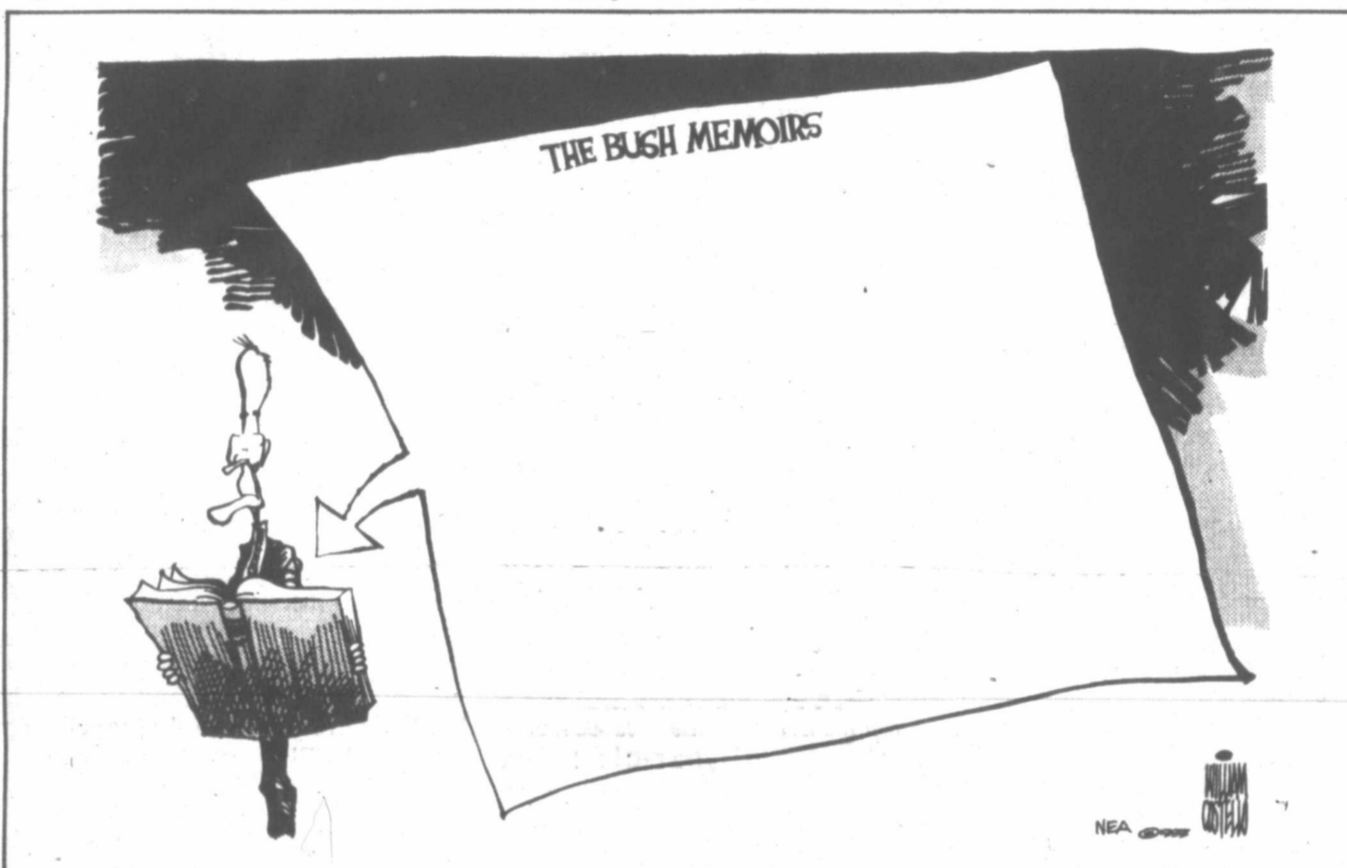
Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 9, 1893, what's been described as the world's first striptease took place at the Moulin Rouge, during a party thrown by Parisian students. An artist's model named "Mona" gradually disrobed as part of an impromptu beauty competition with another woman; her subsequent arrest and 100-franc fine sparked a riot in the French capital.

On this date:

In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1861, the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America elected Jefferson Davis president and Alexander H. Stephens vice president.



When time 'Rages Like a River ...'

Thirty years ago this summer, four of us went to Daytona Beach, Fla. — the promised land — to look for girls at the pier.

We were all 16. We had just finished our junior year in high school.

My mother, experiencing a momentary loss of her sanity, let me have her 1968 blue and white Pontiac, which the four of us took turns driving 117 miles an hour toward Daytona.

Like I said, we were there to look for girls, and the best place to find girls, we were told, was at the pier where they had a rock and roll band, '60s variety, and the girls allegedly wore very short and very tight shorts.

When you are 8 and your parents take you to Daytona Beach, you go to play in the water, build sandcastles and play jungle golf.

When you are 16 you have put away such childish things. It's girls and, lest we forget, beer, too.

The beer, incidentally, was easier to get than the girls.

We got beer the first day in Daytona. It took me three days to find a girl.

The band was playing, "Do you love me now that I can dance?" Her name was Kippy. She was wearing very tight shorts.

We danced fast dances.

Then the band, thank God, played a Johnny



Lewis Grizzard

Mathis slow-song and I held Kippy in my arms and, on the walk back to her motel (she was staying with her parents), I kissed her square on the mouth.

Then I went to the beach and I walked on the water.

We had a great time, the four of us. I saw Kippy every night. We never went beyond kissing, but in those timid times, that was all I had expected anyway.

That was the most fun I ever had.

I was free. I was young. I was experiencing experiences I hardly knew existed.

It couldn't have been 30 years ago, could it?

This remembrance was prompted by what was a jarring thought that came to me recently. I am the same age as the president of the United States.

Bill and I are 46.

We graduated high school the same year. We

graduated college the same year. He's an original Baby Boomer, born in 1946 like me.

Bill Clinton could have gone to Daytona in 1963 and heard the same songs and fell in temporary love with an angel too.

And, now, he's the most powerful man on earth.

That's frightening for these reasons:

1. I don't really think I'm mature enough, even at 46, and responsible enough to run the United States.

2. Is Bill Clinton?

3. If somebody my age is in the White House, it obviously means I'm getting old.

4. If I'm getting old, it probably means it's time to grow up, and I don't want to.

I didn't have any concrete plans but I always thought I would get some guys and go back to Daytona one of these days.

I guess it's way too late for that now. We would drop the speed limit and the pier is probably gone by now, anyway.

I'm a real full-fledged adult, too old for beach trips with the boys. Today's rock and roll is loud and full of rage, and Kippy (we promised to write, but you know about summer love) could be a grandmother.

A song writer wrote this:

"Time moves like molasses when you are children, but it rages like a river when you're grown."

Ain't that the truth, Mr. President?

What Zoe Baird didn't understand

Scurrying to get ready for work the other morning, I skidded by the radio, then stopped short. Did I hear that right? I backed up and listened closer.

"Despite the disclosures about Ms. Baird's hiring of illegal aliens and failing to pay Social Security or unemployment taxes on them, Clinton insiders say they expect the attorney general-designee to sail through her confirmation hearings."

Beg pardon? Did he say "sail through"? Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill went through the Spanish Inquisition over the intimation of crimes that were never proven. "Judge Thomas, is your favorite movie 'Long Dong Silver' or 'Roots,' as you allege?" Did they honestly think Zoe Baird would get a free ride after breaking Immigration and Naturalization, Social Security and Internal Revenue Service laws? I didn't think so. When Baird asked President Clinton to withdraw her nomination, it was what I expected.

On the day Baird's confirmation hearings started, I flipped on C-Span and found the "Clinton insiders" had miscalculated. Senator after senator asked Baird what she had known, did she understand the laws she had broken and would her breaking of laws impair her ability to enforce those same laws as the highest law enforcement officer in the land?

Baird's calm demeanor and perfectly spoken, polysyllabic sentences sounded so reassuring I almost wanted to find the logic in them, but I couldn't: Yes, it's against U.S. law to knowingly hire an illegal alien. Yes, she knew they were aliens. No, she had not sent in the F.I.C.A. contri-



Sarah Overstreet

butions required if one pays an employee more than \$50 in a calendar quarter, and no, she did not pay the federal unemployment tax required if one pays an employee wages of \$1,000 or more in that quarter, but yes, she had paid the couple \$2,000 a month plus room and board.

Yes, she had just paid \$8,000 in back Social Security taxes and a \$2,900 fine for violating INS laws. Yes, she had consulted an attorney about the legality of hiring the couple, and no, neither last attorney nor she, who would be First Lawyer, could figure out the law. No, she doesn't thin any of this will impair her ability to enforce the laws she just broke...

When C-Span opened its phone lines after the hearings, it became even more apparent Zoe Baird wasn't going to "sail through." Then the senators quizzing Baird began to get hundreds of calls from angry constituents. A lot of the folks Baird would serve, professed Clinton Democrats included, couldn't follow her logic either: The laws were on

the books. The woman who would be attorney general for America couldn't find them.

It's not that I don't understand the murky waters that surround the hiring of household help.

An elderly woman I called for house-cleaning help wanted to be paid in cash because "if you write me a check my husband will find out and take my money." Another woman wanted cash because Social Security regulations required that she only make a certain amount of money that year, "but I really can't live on that and I need the work." What kind of heel makes trouble for a poor widow?

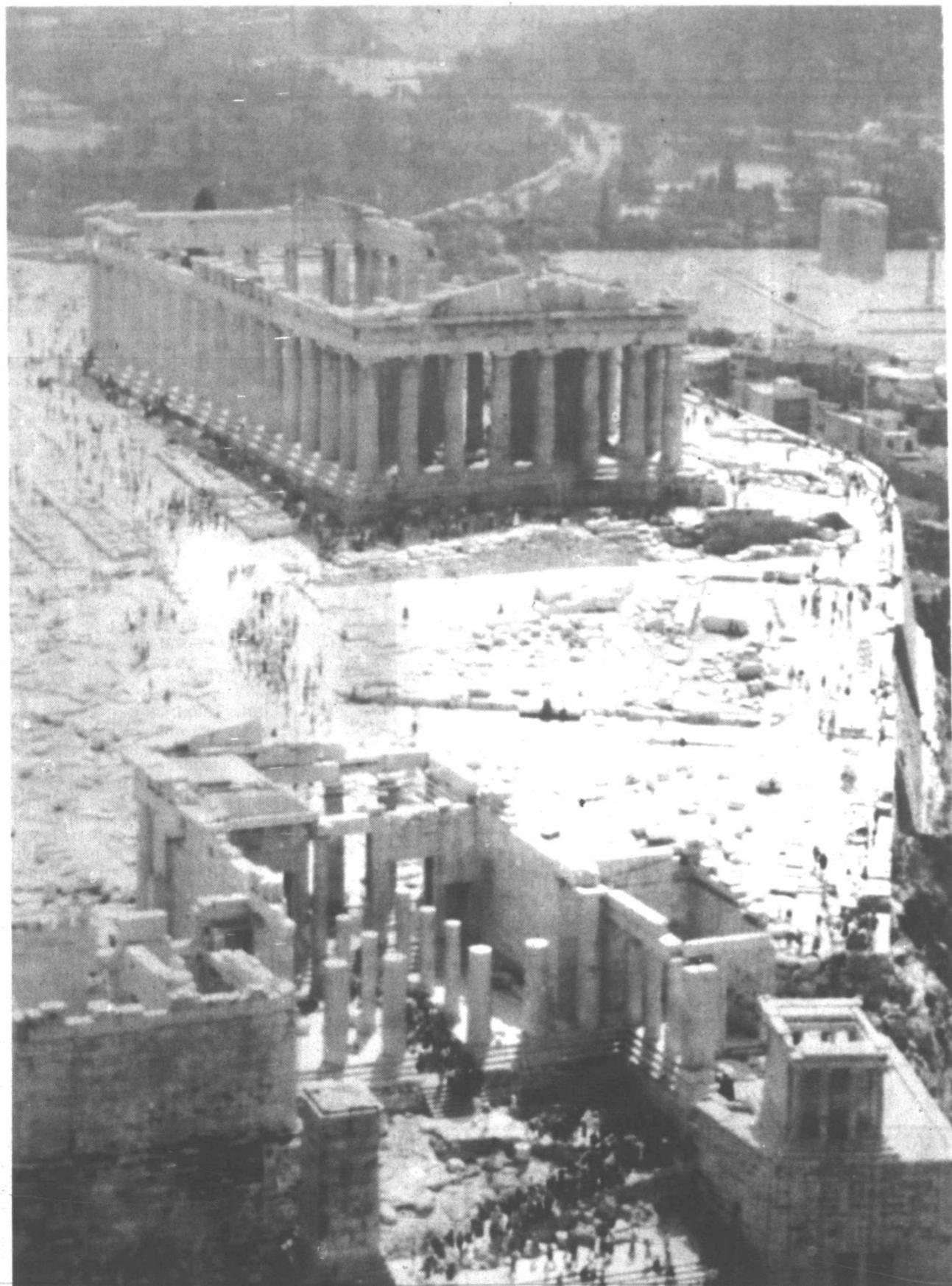
A middle-aged house cleaner didn't want me to pay taxes on her because she was on Social Security disability payments and didn't want to declare the income. However, I knew she was ill and she said she'd just paid for a doctor's visit and a couple of rounds of antibiotics that set her back \$150, and she wasn't eligible for Medicare unless she paid into a plan she couldn't afford. My choice? Be soft on the law or hard on her.

Zoe, if what you were trying to do was help out a poor immigrant couple, you must be a kind woman. But the laws requiring reporting of income are for the protection of workers who have been historically exploited, workers who work for less than legal workers because they have no choice. They are workers who have no benefits because no one has paid into the benefit programs. What on earth could you have been thinking?

This is one of the finest legal minds in the land?

Lifestyles

Athens' ancient Acropolis object of restoration efforts



(Photo by National Geographic Society / James P. Blair)

On a hill overlooking Athens, Greece, stands the Acropolis, 2,500-year-old ruins that are one of the world's historic sites. The best known building is the Parthenon (background). Restoration work is under way on the Acropolis.

By DAVID MAZIE
National Geographic

ATHENS, Greece — High above the city's busy streets, a cream-colored crane removes a pollution-scarred block of marble from the western frieze of the Parthenon and carefully carries it to a safer haven.

The rescue operation is the latest effort in a multimillion-dollar project that eventually will preserve one of the most familiar and cherished sites in the world — the Acropolis of Athens.

But along the way, the restoration work is jarring the serenity and scenery of the historic hill and rekindling a long-simmering international debate over what to do about ancient ruins.

The ruins here date back to the fifth century B.C., when Pericles convinced fellow Athenians to commemorate Greece's victory in the Persian Wars by erecting a group of buildings on the Acropolis, a limestone mesa that rises more than 200 feet above the plain of Athens.

The largest, best-known of the structures built between 447 and 405 B.C. is the Parthenon, the majestic Doric-style temple dedicated to the goddess Athena Parthenos.

"It's a miracle we still have the Parthenon," says Manolis Korres, chief architect for the restoration. "So much has happened to it over the centuries at the hands of man, the elements and time."

Various conquerors of Greece turned the Parthenon into a Roman Catholic church, a mosque and an ammunition dump.

The estimated cost of restoring the Parthenon alone is about \$15 million, divided between the Greek government and the European Community.

Fire, earthquakes, wars and vandalism have taken a heavy toll on the Acropolis. The most infamous "vandal" was the seventh Earl of Elgin, the British ambassador to Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey). In 1801 he carried part of the Parthenon's frieze and scores of statues and other items off to England, where they are displayed today as the Elgin marbles in London's British Museum.

After Greece regained its inde-

pendence in 1829, restorers went to work on the Acropolis. During the 19th century, houses, medieval towers and all other traces of Roman, Byzantine, Frankish and Turkish occupation were cleared away. In the early decades of the 20th century, the major monuments were rebuilt and shored up.

But new problems developed. For one thing, some of the restoration work turned out to be shoddy.

Worse, Athens' soaring population — the city is home to 4 million of 10 million Greeks — brought factories, traffic and central heating. This, in turn, produced air pollution that has eaten away at the precious monuments. Statues and sculptures are especially vulnerable.

Among the victims were the caryatids, maiden-shaped marble pillars that once supported the south portico of the Erechtheion. They had to be removed several years ago and were replaced with cement copies. Five of the six pollution-scarred originals now reside in the small museum atop the Acropolis.

In 1975 a group of Greek archaeologists, architects and other scholars and specialists formed the Committee for the Preservation of the Acropolis Monuments to plan a new restoration that would save the remaining treasures. The committee efforts to formulate a strategy have been made difficult because of conflicting theories about historic preservation.

On one side are those who view the Acropolis and other ancient sites as glorious ruins that should not be disturbed. They are upset by restorations like that of the Erechtheion, with its two-tone walls of old and new marble and fake caryatids.

At the other extreme are those who favor rebuilding virtually everything. This, they contend, will make the site and structures far more understandable and instructive.

Archaeologist Petros Calligas, a moving force on the restoration committee and director of the Acropolis Museum, is not keen on either prospect. He calls the first "ruinmania" and says of the second, "You might as well start from scratch and build a whole new Parthenon, like they did in Nashville."

The preservation committee has chosen a middle path. "Our guiding principle is that we will do the job in a faithful, honest way, without using large amounts of new material — 10 to 15 percent at most," Manolis Korres tells National Geographic. "If we need a small piece of new marble to fill in a gap, that's okay, but if we must construct half a wall, no."

As part of his effort to be faithful, Korres is committed to using every old piece of marble in its original spot. He and his crew of more than 35 stonemasons, architects, engineers and chemists spent five years studying the Parthenon, building scale models and poring over old drawings and photographs.

Using the latest technology, they are painstakingly trying to identify thousands of individual pieces of marble to help them fit together this giant, three-dimensional jigsaw puzzle.

Because of the restoration work and past damage, the 5 million tourists who visit the Acropolis each year no longer can roam freely through the Parthenon or other buildings. Nor will they probably ever do so again.

But Korres is doing his best to minimize the disruption. Scaffolding is painted creamy white to blend with the columns it entwines, and the crane that sits inside the Parthenon folds up compactly so that it is not an eyesore.

For the next few weeks, that crane will be busy taking down the last remaining sections of the frieze that once encircled the Parthenon and depicted gods, musicians, virgins, horsemen and animals. Like the caryatids, these sculptures will be taken to the museum for safekeeping and later will be shifted to a new, much larger museum to be built at the base of the Acropolis.

Replicas are likely to go up in place of the damaged sculptures. Someday, if Athens can conquer its pollution problem — and the city is making progress — the originals may be returned to the Parthenon.

No one is certain how long the restoration project will take. At least 10 more years, probably longer, is the estimate.

That's a relatively short wait to reclaim a treasure that has been around for more than 24 centuries.

Clothesline thief should be pressed into irons

DEAR ABBY: Put me at the top of the list of those who never thought they'd be writing a Dear Abby letter, but your response to the person whose clothes were constantly being stolen off the clothesline in her back yard was so far off base, I had to write.

The criminal element in this country is gaining control because we are afraid to confront the criminal, or the law enforcement agency when it fails to respond promptly. One's home should be the primary source of sanctuary outside of one's church. When we can no longer protect our property, our very lives are next!

The criminal who operates without fear of reprisal runs unabated across the threshold of our right to pursue happiness. Why should any law-abiding citizen have to hide from a petty thief?

Call the police! Record the dates and names of authorities to whom you have spoken; repeat those names to supervisors, friends, relatives, neighbors, civic leaders — and to the media! Let's take a stand for accountability, and not let our lives be dictated by fear or intimidation.

Since this is not likely to see print, a personal word for you, Abby: Stick to the advice to the lovelorn, and stop being a public forum for crybabies.
DON RICHTER, LEESBURG, GA.

DEAR DON: I don't know how the police would handle it in Leesburg, Ga., but in most larger cities, the police are so busy trying to catch drug pushers, murderers, car-jackers, bank robbers and fire-bombers, if a call came in from someone complaining because someone stole the clothes off her clothesline, the thieves would die of old age before they were apprehended.

DEAR ABBY: A few suggestions for "Hurt," whose neighbor didn't invite her to Thanksgiving dinner, but invited her for leftovers the next day. As the popular TV commercial says, "Get back into life!"

I am also a widow; my neighbors still have their husbands. I have no children, and my siblings live clear across the country. Friends and neighbors are kind and caring, but hey, they have their own lives.

If you're lonely, so are a lot of other people. Start thinking about them instead of yourself — how about your having a dinner and inviting them over? If you can't afford to feed a gang, make it potluck.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

If that idea doesn't appeal to you, or your apartment is too small, how about volunteering to help serve holiday dinners for the needy or homeless? There are all sorts of organizations for widowed people. Sure beats sitting around moping and whining.

After you lose your mate, your life will change, and it will never be the same again — so make a new one, and make it as good as you possibly can. Please sign me ...

ALONE BUT NOT LONELY IN DENVER

DEAR ALONE: My hat's off to you, my dear. With your positive, cheerful attitude, it's easy to see why you will never be lonely. God bless you. (And he has.)

DEAR ABBY: Man's best friend is not necessarily his neighbor's best friend. A deaf neighbor, perhaps, but not a hearing one.

We sold three houses to get away from barking dogs — the last houses were fully paid for, free and clear.

We now live in a mobile home park where pets are not allowed — the only way we could find peace and quietude.

PEACE AT LAST IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR PEACE: Congratulations. I would say you were dog-goned resourceful.

Here's an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person. To order "How to Be Popular," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Newsmakers

Rodney Nickel recently graduated from Naval basic training and fireman apprenticeship training at Camp Nimitz in San Diego, Calif. Upon completion of the firefighting school, he has been assigned to duty aboard the assault ship USS Belleau Wood, which is homeported at Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.

Nickel is a 1990 graduate of Lefors High School and is the son of Kenneth and Mary Kay Nickel of Lefors.

Jarrod Slatten recently graduated from Naval basic training and fireman apprenticeship training at Camp Nimitz in San Diego, Calif. He has been assigned to duty aboard the transport ship USS Ponce in Norfolk, Va. Slatten is a 1990 graduate of Lefors High School and is the son of Robert and Louie Slatten, Lefors.

Heath Keelin graduated from Naval basic training and seaman apprenticeship training at Camp Nimitz in San Diego, Calif. He has been assigned to duty aboard the supply ship USS San Jose in Guam. Keelin is a 1989 graduate of Lefors High School and is the son of Beth Young of Lefors.

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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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- Former New York mayor
- Winter hand warmer
- Wood sorrel
- Army supplies (sl.)
- Cupid
- Lubricate
- American Indian
- Oar
- avis
- 1945 conference site
- Rolling grasslands
- You and —
- Less risky
- Fish eggs
- Theater sign (abbr.)
- Between WY and MN
- Tell
- Teutonic deity

DOWN

- South of Neb.
- Medical suffix
- 905, Roman
- More ancient
- New Zealand
- native
- Sound of hesitation
- Dandy
- Become worn
- Lots
- Skirt
- Name for
- Athena
- Jolted
- Beaver's creation
- Spray can
- Attention-getting sound
- Radiation measures
- Mil. branch
- Old French coin
- Puzzle
- Nerve network
- City in Russia
- Spanish hero
- EI—
- Cornering
- Periods of time
- A letter
- Writing fluid
- Presents
- Now — me-down to sleep
- Instance
- Ornamental pattern
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- Inlet
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- Brand name (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Where is Andrew? He and Joey went to a feminists' rally.

What? Andrew and Joey went to a feminists' rally? I'm afraid so...

I just hope they're not going to stir up trouble...

It has come to our attention that someone has raised all the seats in the ladies' restroom... You're pressing our luck, Joey.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

JUST LOOK AT THE OUTFIT THAT MODEL IS WEARING.

ADD ALL THAT HAIR! WHO COULD WEAR HAIR LIKE THAT.

ADD HER MAKEUP, REALLY!

MEN!

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

GIMME A DOUBLE, JOHN...

MAY I REMIND YOU OF THIS UNPAID BILL?

I PROMISED TO CUT THE DEFICIT IN HALF IN FOUR YEARS, DIDN'T I?

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED WHEN YOU ARE GONE, WILEY?

AS THE INVENTOR OF THE BLOODY MARY, THE MARTINI...

AND THE DRIBBLE GLASS.

WILEY'S BAR

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Things might not go too well for you early in the day due to repeating old, unproductive procedures. Be resourceful and don't duplicate past mistakes. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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) Someone you like might do something today that hurts your feelings. Instead of dwelling on it, be the one who forgives, even though it isn't your fault.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your initial inclination today might be to avoid making difficult decisions. However, when you meet these matters head-on, you'll find you're quite adept at working out proper solutions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Co-workers might be a trifle difficult to get along with today, but if you keep in mind your collective objectives, the rough spots can be minimized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A loved one may not live up to your expectations today. Instead of making an issue over what occurs, focus on the areas where you are both in accord.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your objectives are not clearly defined today, you are not likely to live up to your productive potential. Be systematic, and keep your target in mind at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions in general are rather favorable for you today, but you must be prepared to make concessions when dealing with others if you want them to cooperate with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Strive to be discerning and prudent today in the ways you spend your funds. Work on eliminating the non-essentials, and buy only what you really need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In your involvements with outsiders today, you'll instinctively know how to behave in order to win their approval. When dealing with family members, however, you might not show the same wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Early in the day, your progress might be restricted, and what you have planned might not work out. Later you will be more effective, because you'll know how to handle these variables.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might allow your hopes to be overshadowed by pessimism in areas pertaining to your material security. Don't give in, because remember, you can withstand adversity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If at first you don't succeed, use this as an inspiration instead of a detriment. You can be remarkably successful with your second efforts if you just try.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

AT OUR HOUSE WE HAVE "CALL WAITING TO SEE IF THE OTHER ONE WILL ANSWER IT"

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Oh, no. You use the back yard."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

HE'S SUCH AN ODD CAT...

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

AHH, GOOD OLD MOO!

WITH ITS CREATURE-INFESTED SWAMPS...

...AND NEARLY IMPENETRABLE JUNGLES!

WHY DO I MISS THIS MISERABLE PLACE WHEN I'M AWAY FROM IT?

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

YOU KNOW THE CAMP I WENT TO LAST SUMMER?

THEY ALMOST SOLD THE PLACE, BUT THE DEAL FELL THROUGH.

THE BLYER HEARD THAT I WAS COMING BACK NEXT SUMMER.

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"We've made this even more scary. We show scenes from 'The Exorcist' during the ride!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Grandma says the only 'rap' she knows is 'rap on a window' or 'wrap a gift.'"

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M THROWING PEOPLE OFF MY TRAIL WITH DECEPTIVE FOOTPRINTS.

SEE, EVERYONE WILL THINK THESE TRACKS WERE MADE BY A ONE-LEGGED KID GOING THAT WAY, AND THEY'LL BE COMPLETELY WRONG!

WHO EXACTLY IS ON YOUR TRAIL?

LOOK, IT DOESN'T HURT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

HATTIE, WHAT IS THE STATE CAPITAL OF ALASKA?

I DON'T KNOW... WHAT?

JUNEAU

I JUST TOLD YA I DIDN'T!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

NEWS AND MAGAZINES

"CLINTON AMIN. NEWS"

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? FIRST, GEORGE BUSH, AND NOW BILL CLINTON WITH HIS SAXOPHONE... WE'VE GONE FROM "READ MY LIPS" TO "LIP MY REEDS!"

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

STANDING IN THE RAIN WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS SHOWS A DESIRE FOR AN EDUCATION THAT LEADS TO COLLEGE AND A JOB WITH A BIG SAN FRANCISCO LAW FIRM...

HERE, HIT HIM WITH A LUNCH BOX!

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

CHIRP

READY OR NOT, HERE I COME!

POW!

BOP!

CHIRP

HE WAS READY

Sports

Whitney signs with Tech



(Staff Photo) Pampa football player Chris Whitney is flanked by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitney, as he signs a scholarship agreement to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Also pictured are, back row, from left, Pampa High School principal Daniel Coward, PHS head coach-athletic director Dennis Cavalier and offensive line coach Ernie Manning. Whitney, a three-year starter for the Harvesters, was listed as one of the top high school linemen in the state by numerous magazines and newspapers. He was a three-time, all-District 1-4A selection and was named to the Amarillo Globe-News Super Team.

Where's Aikman?

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — One minute Troy Aikman's in Honolulu playing in the Pro Bowl, completing pass after pass. The next minute, he's gone.

A week earlier, he stuck around long enough in Pasadena, Calif., to throw four touchdown passes in leading Dallas to a 52-17 Super Bowl rout of Buffalo and earn MVP honors. But Sunday was different.

Early in the fourth quarter of the AFC's 23-20 overtime win over the NFC, Aikman mysteriously left Aloha Stadium for Honolulu International Airport. He didn't even tell NFC coach George Seifert.

On Monday, the Cowboys' quarterback, still dazed by all the attention heaped on him, called a Fort Worth, Texas, radio station to talk about his early departure.

"I was on Cloud Nine until I left the game. I didn't realize it was going to cause the fuss that it had," Aikman told radio station KSCS, where he did a weekly call-in show during the season. "The problem was I had an 8 o'clock flight that I had to catch."

"I didn't think I'd have to leave the game early to make it, until I realized at halftime it had taken over two hours to play the first half."

His abrupt departure caused rampant speculation. Where was he? Why did he leave? Was he angry with somebody? What was he thinking?

Everybody wanted to know, including the NFL, which promised to investigate.

Radio stations were deluged with callers Monday morning.

Aikman said he told NFC teammate Steve Young and some other players he was leaving, but the coaches never got the message. Neither did the NFL.

"I talked to Steve Young, and said, 'Steve, there's not going to be a problem with me leaving early, is there?' And he said, 'Oh, no, Joe Montana left before the game one year,'" Aikman said. "All the way back I'm hearing about me not being there for the end of the game, and now I'm getting fined or what have you."

NFL spokesman Joe Browne said "we're reviewing Troy's early, unannounced exit from the game, and I'm sure someone from our office will be contacting him for an explanation."

But beyond that I would be speculating as to what action might be taken.

"I'm not aware of a precedent of a player leaving early in the fourth quarter of a Pro Bowl game."

Cowboys spokesman Dave Pelletier said Aikman called from Dallas on Monday to tell the team he had to leave on an early flight because he had a Monday morning meeting with his charity organization, the Troy Aikman Charity Foundation.

Aikman played in the second quarter and the first series of the third, completing 10 of 15 passes for 120 yards, including a 9-yard scoring pass to Dallas teammate Michael Irvin.

Seifert said he didn't believe Aikman would have played any more if he had remained.

Kansas State's top 25 ranking may not last long after loss to Missouri

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Look quick, or you might miss it. Kansas State is in the Top 25 for the first time in five years.

Probably not for long after the No. 23 Wildcats shot 31.6 percent and lost 67-51 to Missouri Monday night in a Big Eight game. The setback, ending a four-game winning streak, came just hours after this week's poll was released.

"We saw the ranking on ESPN at the hotel and we didn't come prepared for this game," Kansas State's Vincent Jackson said. "We were all excited and we didn't come back and focus on what we had to do."

No matter how shortlived, making the rankings marks the Wildcats' quick rise to prominence. They were preseason picks for seventh in the Big Eight Conference after a 16-14 season in which coach Dana Altman was probably worried as much about

his job status as he was on the Top 25.

"I don't know if all the talk was true or not, but we were struggling," Altman said. "I thought this was one of those things that was going to take a little more time. Hopefully, it'll spark some interest with some of the people we're recruiting."

Kansas State was ranked 14th in the final poll of the 1987-88 season, when it lost in the Midwest Regional final to eventual NCAA champion Kansas.

The wait to be ranked also is over for New Orleans (17-2), back in the poll for the first time since it was No. 16 in the final poll of the 1986-87 season.

New Orleans leads the Sun Belt Conference with an 11-0 record.

The Privateers' two losses were by a combined five points to Notre Dame and Arizona.

Indiana was No. 1 for the second straight week and Kentucky held on to second place. Very little else was the same from last week's poll to the one released Monday.

College basketball poll

The Hoosiers (20-2) received 51 first-place votes and 1,611 points from the nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters to easily outdistance Kentucky (17-1), which had 14 No. 1 votes and 1,573 points.

The only other teams to hold their spots from last week's voting were No. 6 North Carolina, No. 11 Vanderbilt and No. 24 Virginia. Four teams — Oklahoma, Georgia Tech, Georgetown and Michigan State — were knocked out of the rankings, replaced by Boston College, Massachusetts, Kansas State and New Orleans.

Indiana won at Iowa in its only game last week, while Kentucky avenged its only loss of the season with a win over Vanderbilt among its two last weeks.

Duke (18-3) jumped from fifth to third with victories over North Carolina and Notre Dame, and on Monday defeated Clemson 93-84. Michigan (18-3) and Arizona (15-

2) both jumped three places to fourth and fifth this week, the highest ranking of the season for the latter.

North Carolina (18-3) was sixth and was followed by Kansas, Cincinnati, Wake Forest and Florida State.

Kansas (18-3) and Cincinnati (17-2) were ranked 3-4 last week, but the Jayhawks lost at Nebraska and the Bearcats went down at Memphis State.

Wake Forest (15-3), which jumped into the rankings for the first time this season last week at No. 13, cracked the Top Ten with wins over North Carolina State and Temple, the latter a 106-69 road win that was the most points ever scored against the Owls.

Florida State (17-6) won two non-conference games last week and joined Duke, North Carolina and Wake Forest as Atlantic Coast Conference teams in the Top Ten. Monday night, the

Seminole defeated No. 24 Virginia 99-84.

Vanderbilt (17-4) led the Second Ten and was followed by UNLV, Iowa, Arkansas, Marquette, Utah, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Seton Hall and Tulane.

Boston College was 21st, in front of Massachusetts, Kansas State, Virginia and New Orleans.

Boston College (13-5) was ranked No. 22 for one week last month. The Eagles are back in on a four-game winning streak, all in the Big East Conference. Massachusetts (15-4) had been ranked for a total of five weeks this season.

The Minutemen have won nine in a row since the return from a broken hand of Harper Williams, last season's Atlantic-10 player of the year.

Three of the four teams that dropped out this week were Top Ten teams at some point this season.

Georgia Tech (12-6), which lost to Clemson at home this

week, is 3-5 since its victory over then-No. 1 Duke moved the Yellow Jackets into eighth. Oklahoma (14-7) was 16th last week, then lost to Kansas State and Oklahoma State.

The Sooners were ninth, but are 4-6 since then. Georgetown (12-7) has won five of its last 12 games after being ranked 10th, and the Hoyas have lost four straight and five of six, including a 76-61 defeat at the hands of Syracuse Monday night.

Three of Georgetown's victories have come over non-Division I teams.

The 12 conferences represented by ranked teams marks a high for the season. The ACC leads with five — four in the Top Ten and Virginia.

The Big Ten has four (Indiana, Michigan, Iowa and Purdue) and the Southeastern (Kentucky, Vanderbilt and Arkansas) and Big East (Pittsburgh, Seton Hall and Boston College) have three each.

Scoreboard

Basketball

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	30	15	.667	—
New Jersey	27	20	.574	4
Boston	24	21	.533	6
Orlando	21	21	.500	7 1/2
Philadelphia	17	27	.386	12 1/2
Miami	14	29	.326	15
Washington	14	31	.311	16

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	32	15	.681	—
Cleveland	29	18	.617	3
Charlotte	23	20	.535	7
Atlanta	22	23	.489	9
Indiana	22	24	.478	9 1/2
Detroit	19	25	.432	11 1/2
Milwaukee	18	27	.400	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Antonio	29	14	.674	—
Utah	29	16	.644	1
Houston	26	20	.565	4 1/2
Denver	17	27	.386	12 1/2
Minnesota	10	32	.238	18 1/2
Dallas	4	40	.091	25 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Phoenix	34	9	.791	—
Seattle	30	15	.667	5
Portland	28	15	.651	6
LA Clippers	24	21	.533	11
LA Lakers	24	22	.522	11 1/2
Golden State	20	27	.426	16
Sacramento	16	29	.356	19

Saturday's Games

Seattle 120, Washington 92
Cleveland 120, Atlanta 109
San Antonio 104, Minnesota 95
Denver 111, Dallas 93
LA Clippers 119, Sacramento 110

Sunday's Games

Boston 87, Golden State 82
Phoenix 121, Orlando 105
New Jersey 105, Milwaukee 102
Chicago 101, Portland 91
Seattle 103, Detroit 101
New York 104, Miami 82

Monday's Games

New York 120, Philadelphia 115, OT
Washington 106, Houston 100
Utah 108, Orlando 96
LA Lakers 108, Dallas 100, OT

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee vs. Boston at Hartford, 7:30 p.m.

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with Greg Olson, catcher, on a one-year contract.

CHICAGO CUBS—Signed Craig Worthington, third baseman, to a minor-league contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with Kris Carpenter, pitcher, and Steve Decker, catcher, on one-year contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with Craig Biggio, second baseman; Ken Caminiti, third baseman; and Steve Finley, outfielder, on three-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with Ramon Martinez, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with Larry Walker, outfielder, on a one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named George Hendrick minor league hitting and outfield instructor.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with John Burkett, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed Eric Anderson, forward, on the injured list. Activated Bo Kimble, guard, from the injured list.

ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed Dennis Scott, forward, on the injured list. Continental Basketball Association.

GRAND RAPIDS HOOPS—Signed Charles Thomas, guard. Placed Elmer Bennett, guard, and Reggie Jordan, forward, on injured reserve.

OMAHA RACERS—Signed Paul Weakley, forward. Placed Mark Petersen, forward, on injured reserve.

ROCKFORD LIGHTNING

Placed Ed Horton, forward, on injured reserve.

ROCHESTER RENEGADES—Acquired Jerry Stroman, guard, from the Sioux Falls Skyforce for the rights to Rodney Monroe, guard, and a second-round draft pick in 1993.

YAKIMA SUN KINGS—Signed Mike Vreeswyk, guard.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Ozzie Newsome assistant offensive coach; and assistant pro personnel director and Woody Widenhofer linebackers coach. Promoted pro personnel director Mike Lombardi, to director of player personnel. Designated tight ends coach Elmer Adams as special assignments coach.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Jim Eddy assistant coach.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed Robert Wilson, fullback; Jesse Anderson, tight end; Troy Kyles, wide receiver; Terry Crews, linebacker; Tracey Sanders, cornerback; and Malcolm Showell, defensive end.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Named George Selick running backs coach; Dick Rehbein wide receivers coach; James Daniel tight ends coach; and Don Blackmon linebackers coach.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Announced the resignation of Paul Royak, manager of operations.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Named Stephen Solomon senior vice president.

HARTFORD WHALERS—Signed Zari Zalapski, defenseman, to a two-year contract retroactive to the start of the 1992-93 season.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned Jeff Chydrun, defenseman, to Phoenix of the International Hockey League. Recalled Tim Watters and Rene Chapdelaine, defenseman, from Phoenix of the International League.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled Jesse Belanger, center, from Fredericton of the American Hockey League.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled Alex Kovalev, right wing, and Peter Andersson, defenseman, from Binghamton of the American Hockey League.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Traded Stéphane Beauregard, goalie, to the Winnipeg Jets for a 1993 third-round draft pick and future considerations.

Colonial Hockey League

FLINT BULLDOGS—Placed Ken Spangler and John Heasty, defenseman, on the injured list.

SOCCER

Continental Indoor Soccer League

CISL—Named Bill Manning director of marketing.

COLLEGE

BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE—Named Carl Burek assistant softball coach.

Bowling

HI PLAINS TRAVEL LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
One Star One	36	20
Harvester Lanes	29	19
First National Bank	33	23
Lone Star Two	321/2	231/2
Northside Phillips 66	31	25
Cedar Lanes	301/2	291/2
Derr Air Tool	301/2	251/2
White House Lumber	26	22
Dalhart Bowl	27	29
Western Bowl	23	25
Amarillo Bowl	221/2	331/2
A.B.C. Pro Shop	20	32
Chris's Pro Shop	18	34
Don's Pro Shop	17	39

High scratch series: Doris Vallego, 654; High handicap game: Janie Aleman, 237; High handicap game: Doris Vallego, 690; High handicap game: Debra Burks, 261.

MEN'S PETROLEUM LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
U.S. Navy	14	6
Reed's Welding	13	7
Easy's Club	11	9
First Engineering	9	11
Wink's	8	12
Parhandle Industrial	5	15

Week's High Scores

High scratch series: Jesse Cannon, 598; High scratch game: Raymond Ward Jr., 217; High handicap series: John Carroll, 647; High handicap game: Matt Schiffman, 236.

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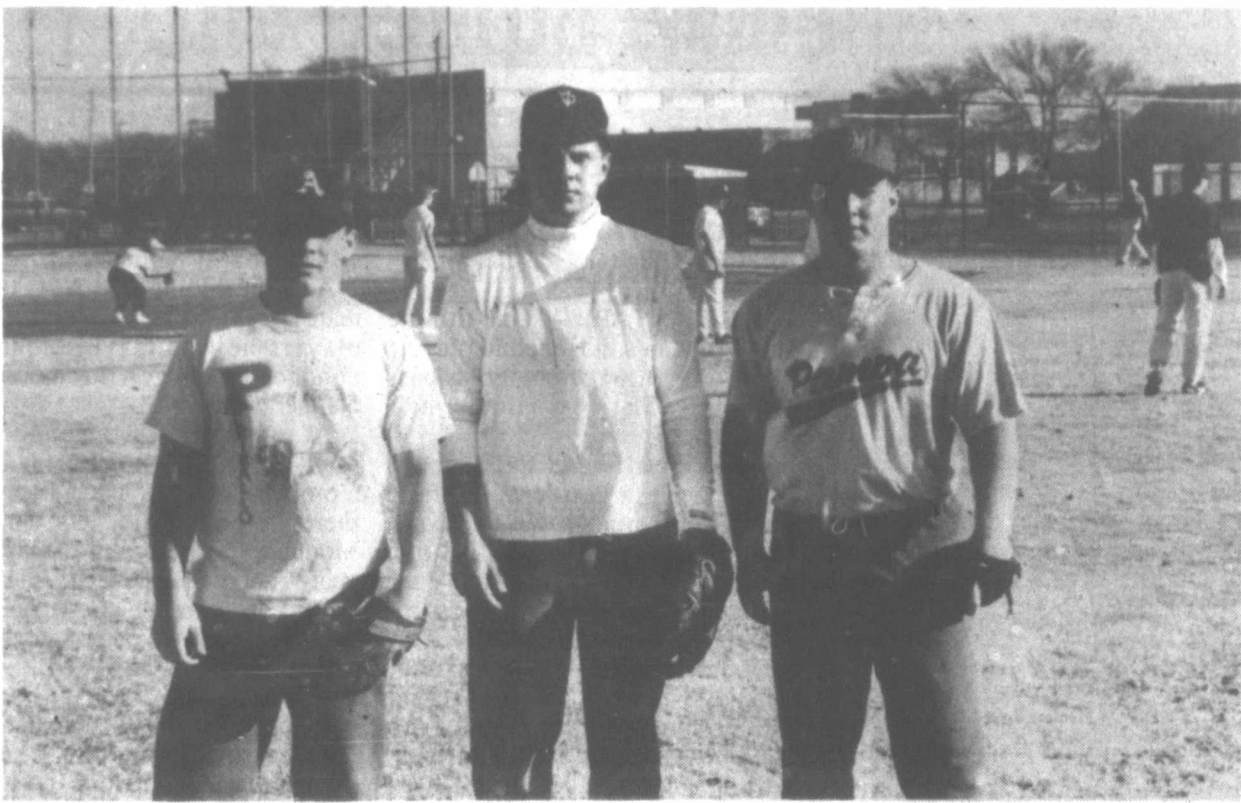
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Baseball seniors



(Staff Photo)

Seniors on the Pampa High baseball team this season are, from left, Brad Smillie, catcher; Chris Poole, first baseman-pitcher and Kurt West, infielder. The Harvesters started practice Feb. 1 with the opening game of the season set for Feb. 23 against Sanford-Fritch on the home field.

Meyers joins seven others in Basketball Hall of Fame

By TRUDY TYNAN
Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A pregnant Ann Meyers was drying laundry, preparing her children for school — and talking about winning entry into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Meyers joined high-flying Julius Erving, master passer Bill Walton and five other players named Monday as the latest additions to the Springfield-based Hall of Fame. The other inductees May 10 will be NBA stars Walt Bellamy, Dan Issel, Dick McGuire, Calvin Murphy and Soviet Olympic standout Ulyana Semyonova.

But perhaps no one was more delighted with the sudden spotlight than Meyers, the UCLA and Olympic star who had been busy with housework and her two children Monday. She and her husband, Baseball Hall of Famer Don Drysdale, are expecting another child in March.

"I'm still a little shell shocked," she said after learning of her selection. "I have to give a lot of the credit to my family and their support. I idolized my brother David and always tagged along with him."

Meyers held 12 of 13 school records when she graduated. She had led

UCLA to the 1978 AIAW championship.

She also played on the U.S. Olympic team that won a silver medal in 1976 — the gold was won by the Semyonova-led Soviet team — and was the first MVP of the Women's Professional League.

The selection of Meyers and Semyonova doubled the number of women in the Hall of Fame. The first two, Delta State great Lusie Harris and AAU star Nera White, were inducted last year.

Erving, the electric Dr. J, seemingly defied the laws of gravity with dramatic dunks that stamped him as a star, first in college at the University of Massachusetts and then in the old American Basketball Association. He was equipped with a dazzling assortment of moves that he brought to the NBA with the Philadelphia 76ers.

"It's very special," Erving said of his selection, recalling how he had not been expected to be a star until he grew 3 1/2 inches in college.

"That helped me out a lot. It prohibited me from ever taking anything for granted," Erving said.

After playing two years at UMass, Erving began a 16-year pro career with the Virginia Squires of the ABA

in 1971. He was the league's MVP in 1974 and 1976 when he led the New York Nets to the ABA championship.

In 1976, Erving, one of three players in pro basketball history to score more than 30,000 career points, joined the 76ers. An 11-time NBA All-Star, he was named MVP in 1981 and led the 76ers to the 1983 NBA championship.

Walton, an All-American at UCLA and twice college basketball's Player of the Year, led the Bruins to two national championships and set a Final Four record when he hit 21 of 22 shots against Memphis State in 1973. He later helped Portland and Boston to NBA championships.

"I am very surprised," Walton said. "I loved every level of basketball from grade school on. It has been my life and I have had a fabulous time."

Walton first attracted national attention at UCLA, where his Bruins teams compiled an 86-4 record.

Nagging injuries slowed his 10-year pro career with the Trail Blazers, Clippers and Celtics. But in 1977, he helped the Blazers win the NBA title and was named MVP in 1978. In 1986, he received the NBA's Sixth Man Award for coming off the bench to help the Celtics win

Runnin' Rebels avenge earlier loss to Long Beach State

LAS VEGAS (AP) — J.R. Rider scored 31 points and Dexter Boney added 23 Monday night as 12th-ranked UNLV avenged one of its two losses by beating Long Beach State 95-83.

Evrac Gray had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Runnin' Rebels (15-

2 overall, 8-2 in the Big West), who trailed by one point at halftime before taking the lead for good early in the second half.

The win was the 59th straight for the Rebels at the Thomas & Mack Center — the longest current home-

court winning streak in the country among NCAA Division I schools.

The loss was the fifth in the last seven games for the 49ers, who beat UNLV 101-94 in Long Beach on Jan. 7 to end a 29-game winning streak for the Rebels.

Lakers struggle past Mavs in NBA overtime contest

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Byron Scott had 26 points and A.C. Green scored six consecutive points during a decisive run in overtime as the Los Angeles Lakers struggled to beat Dallas 108-100 Monday night.

The Mavericks came close to winning their first road game of the season, but are now 0-20 away from home.

James Worthy got 12 of his 20 points during a third-quarter rally and Sam Perkins added a career-high 17 rebounds for the Lakers. Green finished with 16 points, including six straight during a 12-2 run in the final 3:11 of overtime.

The Mavericks have not won away from Reunion Arena since their final road game of last season in Denver. They have dropped 46 of their last 50 road games dating back to Dec. 14, 1991, at Cleveland.

Derek Harper scored 23 points for the Mavericks, who lost their sixth consecutive game at the Forum and 20th in their last 24 meetings with the Lakers.

After Harper and Laker rookie Duane Cooper traded 3-point baskets at the start of the extra session, Walter Bond's jumper gave Dallas its last lead, 98-96. Green then beat the 24-second clock with a 3-point shot before sinking three of four free throws.

Harper hit a jumper from the top of the key with 15.4 seconds left in regulation, putting Dallas ahead 93-91. Perkins was fouled at the other end by Sean Rooks with 10.8 seconds remaining and tied the score with two free throws.

Harper missed an off-balance run-

ning jumper before Worthy took an inbounds pass from Green and missed an 18-foot baseline jumper as time expired in regulation.

The Lakers, who lost to Dallas 102-95 on Dec. 16, turned a 10-point halftime deficit into a 75-68 lead with a 26-7 run in the third quarter. Worthy led the rally with

10 points and Sedale Threatt's first 3-point basket in 27 games capped it with 59 seconds left in the quarter.

Worthy's two free throws gave the Lakers a 70-68 edge with 2:22 left in the third period, their first lead since the four-minute mark of the opening period.

Bullets turn back Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Washington Bullets got a boost from an unexpected source Monday night.

Larry Stewart, a reserve forward averaging seven points per game, hit seven of eight shots from the field and scored 21 points as the Bullets beat the Houston Rockets 106-100.

"My points came in the flow of the game," said Stewart, a second-year pro from Coppin State.

The Bullets double-teamed Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon, who was held to 17 points.

"Basically, we tried to take away the thing they do best," Washington center Pervis Ellison said. "We doubled up on Olajuwon like everyone else in the league tries to do."

The Bullets survived a fourth quarter run by the Rockets and a 30-point performance by Kenny Smith to win on the road for only the fourth time this season.

"It's been tough for us to win anywhere," Bullets coach Wes Unseld said. "It looks like we caught them at a good time."

The Rockets' last three losses have been to teams with losing records.

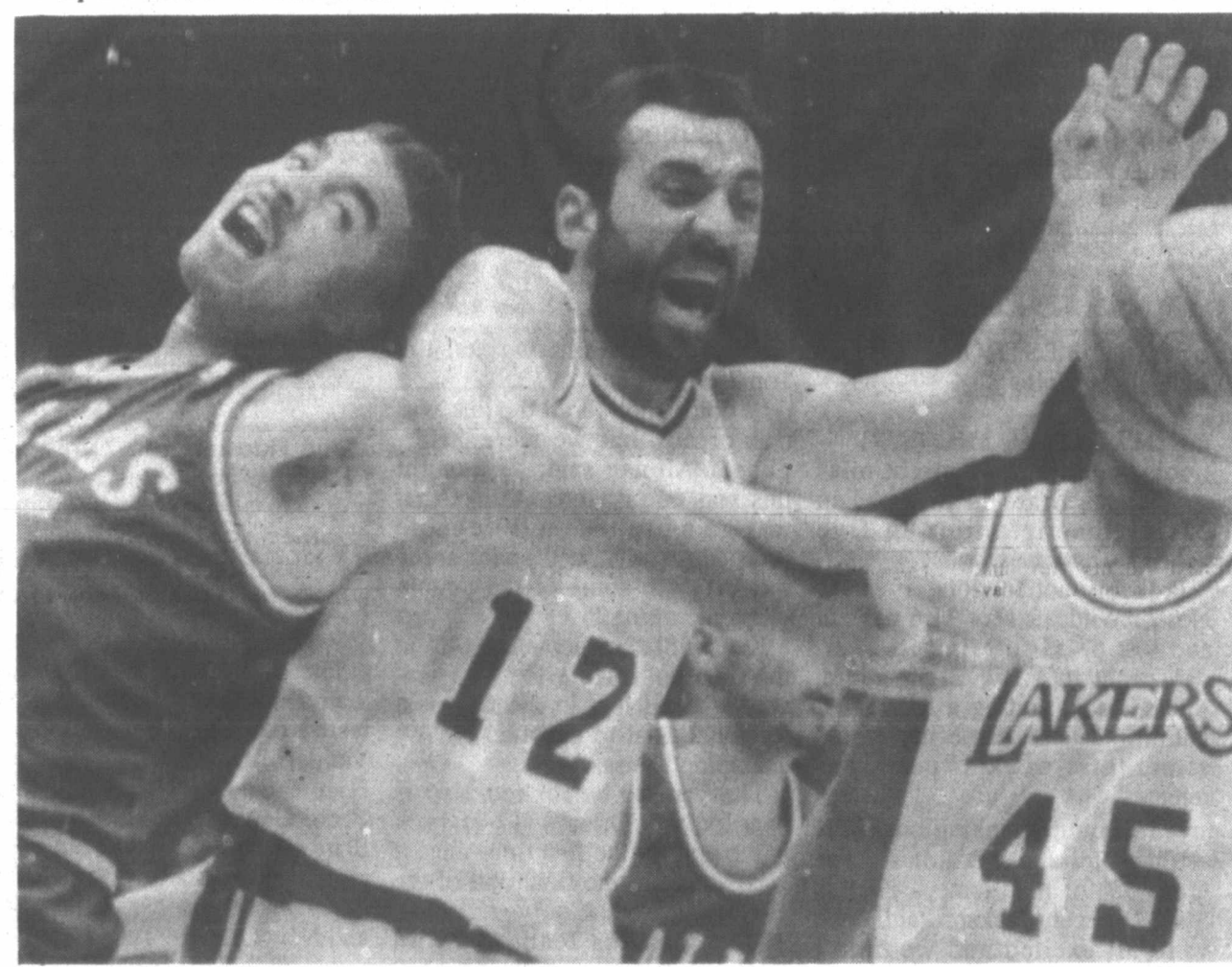
Houston, which had won five of its last six games against the Bullets, rallied from an 11-point fourth quarter deficit to pull within four points on two occasions in the closing minutes. But the Rockets never could get the lead.

"This doesn't look like the team that won eight in a row," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Something is missing. There should be no puzzles. We're past the halfway point in the season. We should know how we have to win."

Otis Thorpe had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets. Harvey Grant scored 20 points for the Bullets, while Ellison had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

The Rockets led 62-58 in the third quarter, but the Bullets rallied with a 12-2 run and took a 76-71 lead into the fourth quarter.

Washington increased its lead to 84-73 with 9:15 left before the Rockets made their final challenge. Olajuwon's basket with 2:04 left made it 98-94 and it was 104-100 with 13 seconds left before Ellison sealed the win with two free throws.



(AP Photo)

Donald Hodge (left) of the Mavericks gets tangled up with Vlade Divac of the Lakers in going for a rebound in first-quarter action Monday night. The Mavericks lost in overtime.

Utah speeds past Orlando

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah coach Jerry Sloan thought Orlando might be tired, so he ordered his team to fastbreak whenever possible Monday night.

The strategy paid off as the Jazz used a 13-1 run early in the fourth quarter to beat the Magic 108-96.

"We were able to get out and run. We knew they played (Sunday at Phoenix) so we had to take some of their energy away," Sloan said.

Karl Malone had 23 points and 14 rebounds, and helped guard Orlando rookie sensation Shaquille O'Neal. Malone and 7-foot-4 Mark Eaton took turns guarding O'Neal, who had 22 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks one day after breaking a backboard support with a dynamic dunk against the Suns.

"I thought for the most part we did a pretty good job on Shaquille," said Eaton, who had six points and three blocks. "He got loose a couple times and got a couple dunks, but we played good team defense against him."

Orlando committed 19 turnovers, seven more than Utah.

"It is more the mental fatigue that comes with this kind of situation and then it is more mind over matter," coach Matt Goukas said. "We were sloppy with the ball."

Jeff Malone scored 22 points and Tyrone Corbin, who made 10 of 12 shots, added 21 for the Jazz. John Stockton finished with 18 points and 15 assists for Utah, which avenged a 101-98 loss to Orlando on Dec. 22.

Scott Skiles scored 18 of his 25 points in the first half for the Magic. Trailing by 11 points early in the fourth quarter, the Magic closed to 88-83 on Litterial Green's jumper and Nick Anderson's two foul shots and basket.

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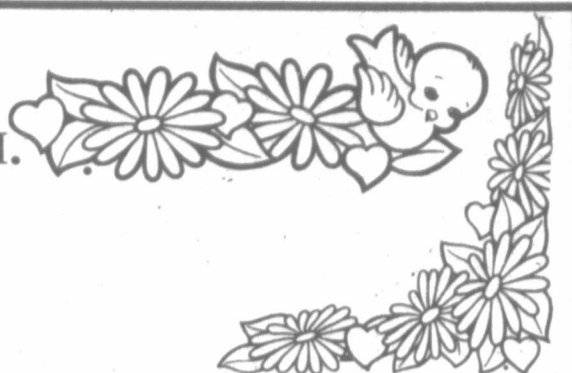
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U.S. Navy airman apprentice Terry Helvey, center, of Westland, Mich., is escorted by his defense attorney Lt. Jacques Smith, left, and Air force Maj. Bernard Doyle to the opening session of his court-martial.

Court-martial begins for sailor accused of killing gay shipmate

By YURI KAGEYAMA
Associated Press Writer

YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP) — A U.S. Navy apprentice airman was arraigned today on charges of killing a homosexual sailor, the opening move of a court-martial that has become a cause celebre for gay rights activists.

The accused, Terry M. Helvey, 21, of Westland, Mich., did not enter a plea, which was not required. The court-martial's next session is set for April 27.

The October slaying of Seaman Allen Schindler, 22, of San Diego, outraged gay activists, who contend it was a hate crime encouraged by the military's opposition to homosexuals.

Schindler was beaten to death at a public restroom near Sasebo, southwestern Japan, home port for his ship, the USS Belleau Wood, a month after he told the Navy he was gay.

Today's hour-long arraignment was held in a cramped, blue-carpeted courtroom at the Yokosuka naval base, about 30 miles south of Tokyo.

Cmdr. David P. Holcombe, the presiding judge, read Helvey his rights; Marine Capt. Stephen Marchioro, the prosecutor, then listed the charges — murder, assault against two shore patrolmen the night of Schindler's death, giving

false testimony and obstructing justice.

Helvey, who wore his black sailor's uniform, appeared tense and replied calmly to the judge's questions.

If convicted, he faces the maximum penalty of death.

At the start of the arraignment, one of Helvey's two attorneys, U.S. Air Force individual military counsel Maj. Bernard Doyle, raised several objections, arguing that Holcombe's impartiality might have been impaired by presiding in the trial of a key witness in the case.

That sailor, Airman Charles E. Vins, 20, pleaded guilty to lesser charges of concealing a crime and resisting arrest at a November court-martial, after agreeing to testify against Helvey. He was given a bad-conduct discharge and was sentenced to a year in military jail.

Doyle asked Holcombe if he had any close friends or relatives who were gay.

"No, at least not that I know of," Holcombe replied.

Asked if he had a strong opinion about gays in the military, Holcombe said, "The answer is no." He said he did have an opinion but did not offer it.

Holcombe denied the objections. Despite widespread interest in the case, media access was restricted to

a pool of eight news organizations. The Navy gave the small size of the courtroom as the reason for the limited access.

The Navy allowed Michael Petrelis, a member of the Washington D.C.-based gay-activist group Queer Nation, to attend the court-martial.

Petrelis said he was angered by Schindler's murder: the victim's skull was crushed, his genitals lacerated and all but two of his ribs were broken.

"This is the way they treat gays in the military," Petrelis said. "We do not trust the military handling the case. We fear there won't be a fair trial."

Petrelis accused the Navy of trying to cover up a hate crime, a charge the Navy has repeatedly denied.

The Navy has denied any knowledge that Schindler was harassed by shipmates. Schindler had not reported any incidents of harassment to his commanding officer, the ship's chaplain or his attorney as late as two days before his death, the Navy said in a statement.

In a 70-page journal that Schindler kept, presented as evidence at an earlier hearing, he wrote: "More people are finding out about me. It scares me a little. You never know who would want to injure me or cease my existence."

Military proposes cuts

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military leaders say they are willing to retire an aging aircraft carrier and other weaponry, reduce their ranks and postpone some purchases in order to meet President Clinton's goal of slashing defense spending by another \$10.8 billion next year.

Their recommendations were part of a package of suggested budget cuts delivered to Defense Secretary Les Aspin on Monday, said Pentagon officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Aspin told the military services and other top Pentagon agencies to come up with their suggestions for belt-tightening in preparation for a new Clinton spending plan.

The cuts are to come from a \$267.8 billion military budget that former President Bush and his defense secretary, Dick Cheney, envisioned for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

During the election campaign, Clinton proposed defense cuts of \$60 billion beyond the \$50 billion Bush had proposed over the same five-year period. Bush and Cheney maintained that their cuts were as close to the bone as possible without endangering the nation's security.

Sharper decreases in spending

are expected in the years ahead, including more base closures. That is something Congress may have a hard time swallowing, one official said — "The real screams will be coming from the (Capitol) Hill."

The Navy's new recommendations include halting the overhaul of the aircraft carrier Forrester, which is at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, and decommissioning the vessel.

The carrier is being transformed into a training ship. Its retirement would be a major blow to the Philadelphia area because the repair work is keeping the yard open, despite the fact it was targeted for closure by an independent federal panel.

The Forrester's overhaul was expected to provide work through this November, allowing the facility to keep operating pending the arrival of the carrier John F. Kennedy for an overhaul in September.

The Navy also proposed retiring about a dozen other ships in the coming year, pulling more of its aging carrier-based A-6 bombers out of service and delaying engine purchases for future aircraft.

"You go for the manpower-intensive ships, like cruisers, and wipe out an entire class early," said a second official. "It saves repair costs, it saves on people."

The Strategic Defense Initiative — better known as Star Wars — will cut back on its "Brilliant Pebbles" space-based defense and focus more on ground-based anti-missile defenses.

The Air Force is proposing to stop buying F-16 fighters, while the Army is planning to hasten preparations for retiring two active divisions, and cutting personnel with early retirements and reduced recruitment.

As the largest service with 601,000 men and women in uniform, the Army is expected to slash its ranks to as low as 520,000 by the end of the decade.

"We will get smaller, but we will be able to do it without involuntary separations," said a third official. "These aren't huge cuts, but they aren't painless, either," the official said. "Some tough decisions have to be made here."

Overall, the services have proposed speeding up personnel cuts contained in their long-term plans and retiring older weapon systems early in order to save on their repair and maintenance costs.

The plans call for postponing the purchases of some items and slashing funds for long-term research, development and acquisition projects, said the officials.

Dutch to decriminalize mercy killing

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Parliament approved a law today permitting mercy killing under strict guidelines, making this the first industrialized nation to officially sanction voluntary euthanasia for the incurably ill.

Legislators passed the Cabinet proposal by a vote of 91-45.

Euthanasia has long been tolerated in the Netherlands and laws against it have come to be seen as a restraint rather than a prohibition. The law approved today, after years of debate, gave the practice a degree of legal sanction.

The compromise measure formally keeps euthanasia illegal, punishable by up to 12 years in prison. But it legalizes existing medical guidelines that have allowed for some euthanasia.

Doctors who follow the guidelines, although they still would be violating the law, will be guaranteed immunity from prosecution.

Courts almost always refrain from prosecuting doctors who adhere to the so-called "Carefulness Requirements," guidelines published by the Royal Dutch Medical Association.

The guidelines stipulate that a

request for euthanasia be made personally by the patient, not by family or friends. The patient must be suffering unbearable and incurable pain, request death repeatedly and be in a clear state of mind.

A second medical opinion must be obtained.

Doctors must keep detailed accounts of every stage in their decision-making process: Why they decide to go through with euthanasia and how they carry it out. Then they must submit a report to the district coroner's office.

If a doctor's report shows the guidelines were followed without evidence of malpractice, the public prosecutor takes no action.

In recent years, several doctors have appeared in court on manslaughter charges in connection with euthanasia assistance. However, the last to be convicted was in 1974.

The removal of life-support sys-

tems in cases considered futile is an accepted practice in the Netherlands, as in a number of U.S. states, and is not part of the current debate.

While religious groups remain opposed to any decriminalization of euthanasia, doctors say there has been virtually no abuse of the guidelines.

The Netherlands has become a model for the discussion of mercy-killing in other nations.

In 1989, the current center-left government of Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers vowed to tackle the issue and commissioned a study, which estimated there were 2,300 cases of voluntary euthanasia and another 400 cases of physician-assisted suicide in 1990.

Group: Gas tax hike would affect Texans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texans would feel the pinch at the gas pump more than most if the Clinton administration raises the federal gasoline tax, says a public interest group opposed to any hike.

A 50-cent a gallon increase would cost the average family of four in Texas an additional \$928 a year, Citizens for Tax Justice said in a report issued today.

That's compared to \$762 a year for the average American family, said the non-profit coalition of labor, public interest and citizens groups.

Hardest hit would be Wyoming motorists, with an annual increase of \$1,141. Least affected would be motorists in the District of Columbia, paying \$403 more a year on average.

The administration is considering a variety of proposals to raise more money, including a gas tax increase. A 50-cent hike, pushed during the campaign by presidential candidates Paul Tsongas and Ross Perot, has been greeted warily on Capitol Hill.

Last year, Congress rejected a proposed 5-cent per gallon increase. Each penny hike would raise \$1 bil-

lion a year. Motorists in Texas now pay 34.1 cents a gallon in gasoline taxes: 20 cents in state taxes and 14.1 cents in federal taxes.

Proponents argue that an increase in the gas tax would curb consumption, thereby reducing oil imports and air pollution. They also note that Americans pay about two-thirds less for gasoline than drivers in Germany and Japan.

Opponents counter that gasoline taxes hurt the poor more than the middle-class. The taxes also disproportionately affect consumers in Southern and Western states who often drive longer distances than their urban counterparts, they note.

The poorest fifth of all families would spend 3.7 percent of their income in added gasoline taxes versus 0.2 percent for the richest 1 percent of Americans, the coalition contends.

"Middle- and low-income families shouldn't have to pay higher taxes to deal with a deficit problem that they didn't create in the first place," said Robert S. McIntyre, director of Citizens for Tax Justice. "The president is right that we

need to increase taxes to cut the deficit," he said. "But the proper way to raise taxes is to restore fairness to the federal tax system, by taking back the huge tax cuts granted to corporations and the richest people over the past decade and a half."

The coalition called on President Clinton to reject any proposals increasing the gas tax or other energy taxes. Also opposing any fuel tax increases are the American Trucking Associations, the American Automobile Association and the National Consumers League.

During the primaries Clinton attacked the 50-cent gas tax hike plan floated by Tsongas, saying it would "soak the poor and the middle class to pay for tax breaks for the rich."

Clinton now is saying that any increase in the gas tax would have to be coupled with an offsetting tax break for lower- and middle-income wage earners.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, in a recent television interview, ruled out raising the gas tax alone but said that a broad-based energy tax was being considered.

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