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Silent memorial



Zoology graduate student Julie Burton and her son Ben look at the "Clothesline Project" Wednesday on the banister near Hayden Library. The display exhibits messages concerning domestic violence.

Erik Guzowski/State Press

ASU car thefts accelerate in last 2 months

BY DEANNA DARR
 STATE PRESS

Vehicle thefts at ASU have greatly accelerated the first two months of this year, leading ASU police to step up patrols in campus parking lots.

Eleven vehicles were stolen from ASU in January and February. If this trend continues, the amount of thefts could eclipse the 1996 total of 46, said Radawna Michelle, crime prevention coordinator for the ASU police.

Michelle said most of the thefts have occurred during the day and 25 percent of the vehicles stolen have been taken from Lot 59.

ASU police have increased efforts to attempt to curb vehicle thefts, she said.

ASU police Lt. Bennett Rowe said there has been a rising problem with gangs, professional car thieves and juvenile offenders at ASU.

"What better place to shop?" Rowe quipped "We have a little of everything."

Vehicles targeted have included Toyota trucks, Honda cars, Chevrolet trucks and Camaros.

Police have arrested several groups of people attempting to steal vehicles over the past several weeks, Rowe said.

Four or five of those arrested were armed with sawed-

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City codes could cause rise in rent, ASU official says

BY JENNIFER NETHERBY
 STATE PRESS

The city's new rental code ordinance may hit students in the pocketbook, an ASU Student Legal Services official said Wednesday.

"My guess is that the ultimate impact would be that it's going to cost students," said David Swain, an attorney with Student Legal Services.

The City Council passed the ordinance by a 6-to-1 vote Feb. 27. The codes are a new set of minimum standards for rental properties aimed at cleaning up "slum" properties.

Swain said that since the passage, one student has already come to legal services because a landlord is raising rent but not doing any maintenance improvements.

Student Legal Services handles about 2,500 to 3,200 cases a year. About 20 percent of those involve tenant-landlord issues, Swain said.

The new ordinance addresses some of the general main-

tenance problems that students seek help on, he said.

Swain said that state law already addresses many code requirements.

"The Tempe code may or may not do much," he said.

Swain said he does think tenant problems will be addressed if the tenant complains to the city.

"A lot of this code is going to be triggered by complaints, not anything else," he said.

Ken Volk of the Arizona Tenants Association has said the codes are not strong enough because tenants have to talk to the landlord before filing a complaint with the city.

Officials from the Arizona Multihousing Association and the Arizona Association of Realtors have maintained the new codes will raise rental prices because properties must be retrofitted.

These groups and several others have joined in an effort to force a referendum that would put the ordinance to a vote in the next city election.

City Clerk Helen Fowler said 715 petition signatures are needed by March 27 to get the referendum on the ballot for the city election in March of 1998.

Wayne Kaplan of the Arizona Multihousing Association said the group isn't opposed to health and safety regulations, but the city ordinance goes beyond that to address cosmetic issues.

"We think that the way the ordinance is written, it will be a real negative — not only to good renters," he said.

The coalition is also looking to the Legislature to put together a study commission with both tenant and landlord advocates to look into the issue of a uniform code for the state — targeting both rental and "slum" property owners, Kaplan said.

"Owner-occupied property can be a slum," he said. "We would like to see recognition of that fact."

Kaplan said the ordinance is too broad and doesn't focus on substandard property.

"This is not a black and white issue," he said. "There's a lot of gray in it. We're caught in the middle of a gray issue."

Cop shop to open in July, Campus Inn to be razed

BY DAVID CERULL
 SPECIAL TO THE STATE PRESS

After serving a number of years as a hotel, apartment building and most recently an ASU police station, most of the old Campus Inn will be torn down in late July when campus police move into a new facility.

Building the new \$1.86 million station, which will be just north of the old site, has been a project of ASU Police Chief Lanny Standridge since 1989.

The Campus Inn, a series of buildings located on Apache Boulevard east of McAllister Avenue, was built in 1950 and renovated in 1978. The building served as apartments and a hotel until the University purchased it in 1984.

Jennus Burton, associate vice president of Administrative Services, who oversees

the ASU police, said the University has been looking to replace the old buildings since the mid-1980s. However, a lack of funding resources kept the project grounded, Burton said.

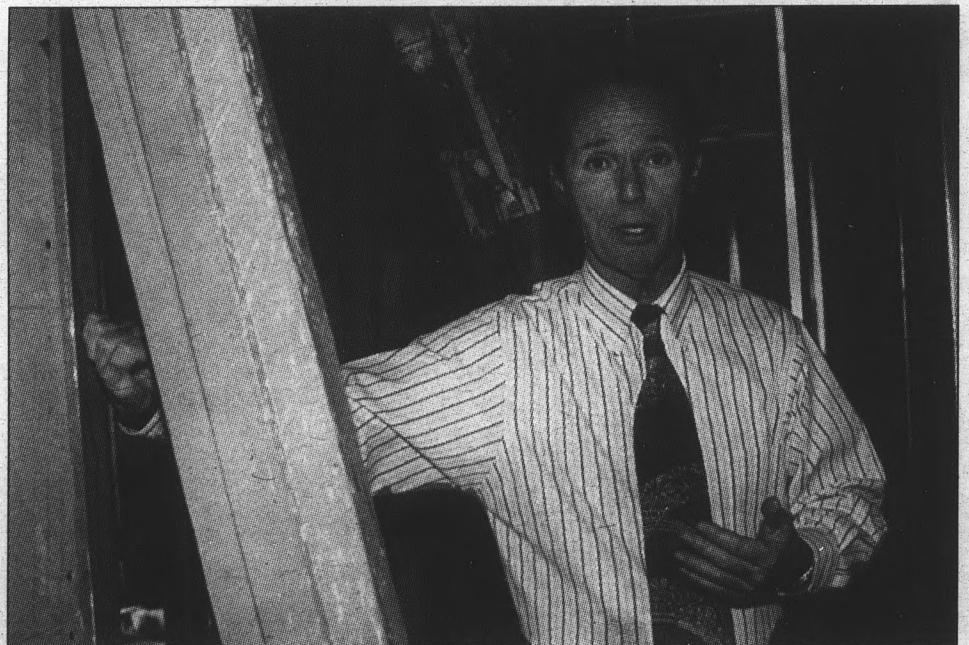
Burton said project approval on the new building didn't occur until March 1996, after a lengthy wait.

It was no longer economical to keep the old buildings operational and the time had come to replace them, Standridge said.

Some of the new or improved features in the facility include a larger evidence storage and processing area, an increased number of holding cells for suspects, a larger locker room and an armory.

"The old building is a police building with office functions, and the new building

TURN TO POLICE, PAGE 2.



ASU Police Chief Lanny Standridge leans against a wall Wednesday in what will soon be the retaining rooms for the new police station being erected in Lot 40. The building is slated to open in July.

Lori Cain/State Press

TODAY

Campus clubs and organizations may submit written entries to the State Press in the basement of the Matthews Center. Requests will not be taken over the phone or via fax.

Deadline for requests is noon the day before publication and entries will not be accepted more than three working days before publication. Only one entry per organization per day is permitted.

Entries must contain the full name of the club or organization, a description of the event, date, time and the full address of the location. All requests are subject to editing for content, space and clarity. Incomplete or illegible entries will be discarded.

The Today Section is a daily calendar of events printed as a service to the ASU community. Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and are printed as space permits.

- **ASU Pow Wow Committee** — Organizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Multicultural Lounge.
- **Career Services** — Resume writing workshop at 1:40 p.m. in the MU room 222.
- **Campus Crusade for Christ** — "Thursday Night Live" bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the Physical Science H-Wing room 150.

- **Baptist Student Union** — "Thursday noonday" bible study at noon at 1322 S. Mill Ave.

- **MUAB Marketing Committee** — Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the MU conference room 2A, third floor.

- **Christian Students Fellowship** — Bible study "The Center of the Universe" at 12:40 p.m. in the MU Gold room 203.

- **ASU Young Democrats** — General meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the MU Coconino room 224.

- **Barren Mind improv** — Free improvisational comedy show to the first 500 people at 12:15 p.m. in the MU Programming Lounge.

- **Transcendental Solutions** — Festival of India featuring vegetarian feast, cultural exhibits and music starts at 10 a.m. in the Hayden Lawn.

- **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club** — Class will be taught in Portuguese at noon in the small gym A in the SRC.

- **Amnesty International** — Peruvian prisoner of conscience: General Rodolfo Robles will speak on human rights and government impunity in Peru at 7 p.m. in the MU room 212.

- **Kappa Delta Chi** — "Spring Break Survival Kit" distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cady Mall.

Police

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is constructed for police functions," Standridge said. "The linear layout of the old facility is inefficient."

Morale and department image were also primary concerns in the construction of the new building, Standridge said.

"The general perception of the public is important," he said. "Our image is important and it's important to have a facility that meets our needs and is reasonably attractive. That will certainly boost morale (in the department)."

Officer Raymond Estrada, an ASU offi-

cer for four years, agreed.

"People would comment and joke that it wasn't a real police department because of the facility," he said. "With the new facility we won't have that problem."

"Whenever it rained, water would flood the locker rooms. In the winter we couldn't get warm water, and in the summer we couldn't get cold water. If we needed to make a copy of something, we had to leave one building and go to another to do it. It's a real hassle."

Thefts

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off shotguns and carrying police scanners.

ASU's close proximity to Mexico is a possible reason the University is being targeted, Rowe said. Many stolen vehicles are taken across the border where they are stripped down and sold for quick profit or refitted to carry drugs over the border.

He also said easy highway access adds to the attraction for thieves.

ASU police are advising students to use as many anti-theft devices as possible, including Club-type devices, car alarms and covers. Rowe said that while these

items can be removed, thieves are more likely to target a car that won't take so much effort to steal.

Rowe advised students to lock their vehicles and to avoid parking in the same place every day so their vehicles are not as easy for thieves to locate.

He said students should not confront anyone they see attempting to break into a vehicle and instead go to one of the yellow emergency phone boxes and call police.

"Don't put yourself at risk for your property," Rowe said.

Clarification:

The bond election results in Wednesday's story were incorrect. The unofficial numbers as of Wednesday were as follows:

- Question 1 (Law Enforcement): Yes 3,113
No 1,173
- Question 2 (Fire Services): Yes 3,144
No 1,145
- Question 3 (Water and Sewer Improvements): Yes 3,059
No 1,199
- Question 4 (Street Improvements): Yes 2,966
No 1,285
- Question 5 (Recreational Facilities): Yes 2,765
No 1,465

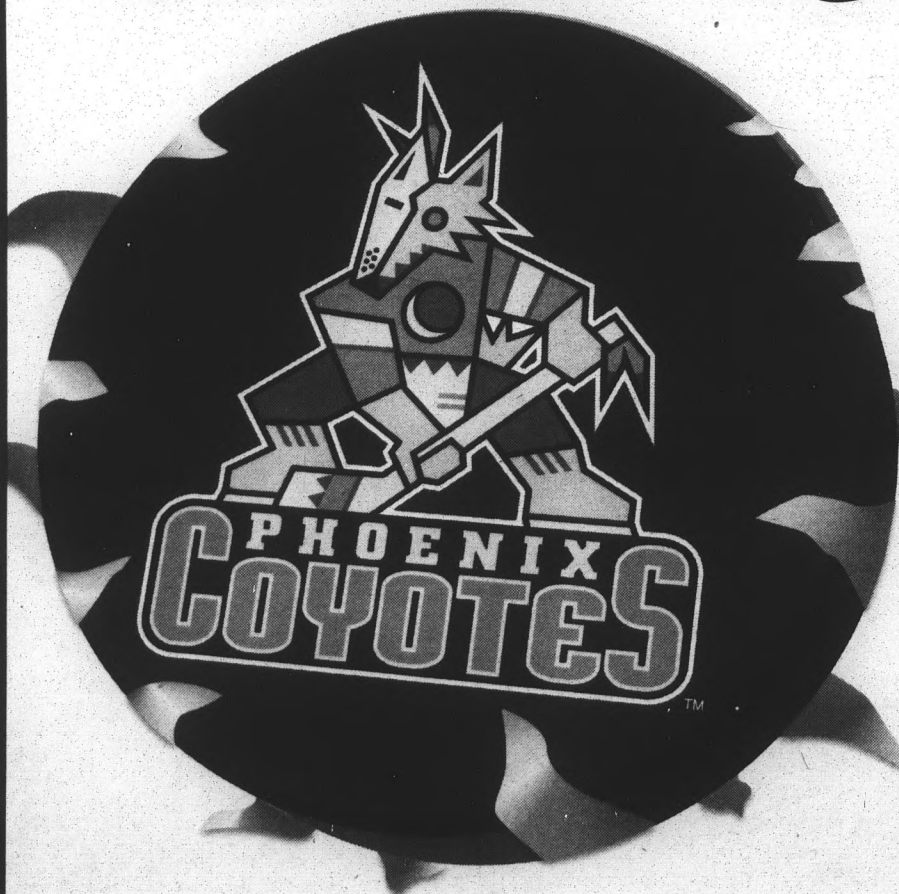
There was a 4.6 percent turnout, with a total of 4,309 voters.

The bond results were taken from the city of Tempe's Web page, which failed to state that votes for all questions were lumped into one category.

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Florida begins releasing violent criminals

BY LISA HOLEWA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Mitchell Sexton fatally stabbed his father with a double-edged knife and used an electrical cord to hang the body from the handle of an exercise bike.

Norman James Eastman beat a 2-year-old to death for vomiting in his Corvette, punching the child so hard that the youngster's bowels ruptured.

Johnny L. Yearby led a gang of teens who cornered a homeless man in a courtyard and beat him to death with a baseball bat as he yelled, "Why are you doing this to me?" They picked over his body, even removing his shoes to look for money.

The men were among 300 rapists, robbers and other felons freed this week from prisons across the state in one of the biggest mass releases of violent lawbreakers in Florida history. Two hundred more will probably be released on Monday, and an

additional 2,200 will go free in the coming months and years.

The convicts left prison on Tuesday because of a U.S. Supreme Court decision last month that restored "gain time" — time off that the state automatically granted to prisoners to relieve overcrowding, then took away.

"A hell of a lot of innocent people are going to be robbed, raped and murdered," Lee County Sheriff John McDougall said Wednesday. "How many people are going to have to die in order to pay for this blunder?"

Four killers from his county in southwestern Florida were among the prisoners released, including Sexton, who was sentenced in 1988 to 22 years for murder.

Corrections Department officials hurried Wednesday to notify local police about the freed convicts, while six members of the agency's victim-assistance office phoned and wrote victims who had asked to be told

if their attackers ever went free. State law allows victims to ask that they be notified if a criminal is about to get out.

The inmates were given \$100 and were either turned over to relatives or given a bus ticket to the Florida destination of their choice.

One of those released was David Bombay, who robbed gas station owner William True of Largo, Fla., in 1986.

"He shouldn't get out early, but as long as he stays out of trouble good for him," True said. "I believe in second chances. If they get a second chance, and they blow it, well, shame on them and back they go."

House Speaker Dan Webster, a Republican, said he will introduce legislation that would force any of the released prisoners convicted of another crime to serve all the "gain time" they were awarded in addition to whatever they get for the new offense.

"These guys are hardened criminals

and are going to revert to their old ways," he warned.

The state introduced "gain time" in 1983. In some cases an inmate could earn up to two months of credit for every month served. About 4,000 inmates who earned gain time had been released by 1992.

State Attorney General Bob Butterworth revoked automatic gain time in 1992 to prevent violent inmates from leaving prison early. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, ruled the state must keep its word.

McDougall, the sheriff, said he is ordering his deputies to keep an extra-close watch on released prisoners who settle there. He predicted most will commit new crimes.

"Here we are telling all these people, 'Come to Florida. Enjoy our sunshine. Enjoy our beaches,'" he said. "Oh, and by the way, we're sending all these hardened criminals out onto the streets to strike again. But have a good time."

South African Zulu march ends in gunfire

BY PAT REBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Thousands of Zulus marched angrily through downtown Johannesburg on Wednesday in a show of strength that ended in gunfire, reminding the new South Africa of its simmering political rivalries.

The protest marked the unpunished deaths of eight people in a similar demonstration in 1994, shortly before the country's first all-race election that ended apartheid.

Police reported at least two deaths and nine injuries — eight from gunshots — during the day, which began with violence in black townships as Zulu nationalists traveled to Johannesburg for a rally at the central library.

Zulu leaders dressed in tribal skins led individual regiments armed with everything from traditional wooden clubs to rusty mop handles.

Speakers at the rally called for justice for the killings three years ago, when security guards at African National Congress headquarters opened fire on approaching Zulu marchers.

ANC officials, including Nelson Mandela, have said the marchers intended to attack the building and blamed police for failing to keep them away.

"We shall commemorate this day for generations to come until the people who did it are punished," shouted



Joao Silva/Associated Press

An injured protester lies on the ground Wednesday in downtown Johannesburg. Gunfire and violence erupted Wednesday as thousands of Zulus marched through downtown Johannesburg to protest the unpunished killings of eight people during a similar demonstration three years ago.

Prince Vanana Zulu of Kwa-Miya in Kwazulu-Natal province.

Political fighting between the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party and Mandela's ANC in the province has killed more than 10,000 people since 1984.

While the prince spoke, prosecutors in Johannesburg announced they would open a judicial inquest into the April 7, 1994, killings, which the Zulu call a massacre.

When the rally ended, shooting began in the downtown streets, causing marchers, police and bystanders to

dive for cover. The sound of pistols and automatic weapons echoed off the tall buildings for several minutes. Police said eight people were arrested.

The ANC and police denounced the violence.

"The organizers bear the primary responsibility for the death of the two people," the ANC said in a statement.

Portions of the downtown area, South Africa's commercial capital, looked like a war zone as police used razor wire to cordon off some areas, including the ANC headquarters.

Protesters burn U.S. flag; Zaire says it's being ignored



David Guttenfelder/Associated Press

Zairians burn a United States flag in front of the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa, Zaire Wednesday. Protesters chanting "Americans, get out," burned a U.S. flag as about 200 people demonstrated at the U.S. Embassy, calling for the expulsion of U.S. Ambassador Daniel Simpson and his staff.

BY KAMANGA MUTOND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINSHASA, Zaire — Protesters chanting "Americans, get out," burned a U.S. flag Wednesday, and the prime minister angrily accused the international community of ignoring the rebellion in eastern Zaire.

About 200 people demonstrated at the U.S. Embassy, calling for the expulsion of U.S. Ambassador Daniel Simpson and his staff. Zairian soldiers broke up the demonstration when the flag was burned.

The U.S. State Department on Tuesday authorized U.S. Embassy employees to leave Zaire. Washington also has issued a travel advisory for the 550 Americans in the country, including 320 in this capital city.

It was not clear what prompted the demonstration, but Prime Minister Leon Kengo wa Dondo also criticized the United States and most other countries for not helping to quell the region's difficulties.

"The international community — the U.N., the United States, Great Britain — gives the impression that they're not interested in the tragedy that is playing out in Zaire," he told reporters at his office.

"Could it be because Africans are involved?" he asked. "Why can't they use the same means as they did in Bosnia and the former Yugoslavia to save human lives in the Great Lakes region" of eastern Zaire.

Zairian rebels have captured much of eastern Zaire since taking up arms in September. Their main demand is the resignation of President Mobutu Sese Seko, whose 31 years of authoritarian rule has brought devastating poverty and left the country in shambles.

France essentially has been alone in pressing for aggressive outside intervention. French President Jacques Chirac has said countries must face up to their responsibilities to pressure rebel leader Laurent Kabila and Mobutu to accept a cease-fire.

"We appreciate the contribution of France alongside all those who want peace in Africa and in the Great Lakes region," Kengo said.

Washington, however, has made clear it does not support an international force for Zaire. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Tuesday that the United States is not prepared to sign on to a multinational force now.

STATE PRESS Editorial

Code to clean up more than rental properties

An ordinance aimed at cleaning up "slum" rental properties in Tempe passed two weeks ago, but the main difference we can expect from this will be a rent hike.

This increase in rent will be mainly because the code is retroactive and covers more than the minimum required health standards. The code is slated to be effective on March 29.

Rental codes are of course necessary to maintain the safety of certain residential properties. Problems such as leaking ceilings, poor plumbing, exposed wiring or having lead paint in the home seem to be issues a landlord would readily correct as a decent person.

Since that isn't always the case, they should have good business sense to make their properties attractive to prospective renters. And since we can't rely on that either, some of these maintenance problems that the new code deals with are already covered by state law.

The ordinance goes so far to cover the aesthetics of property. We don't see the real benefit in this. We suspect laziness or procrastination would overcome those who are responsible for proper upkeep and maintenance if codes outlining minimum standards didn't exist.

You've seen neighborhoods where the driveways and street in front of a house or apartments are slick with oil spots. The grass, now dead and yellow, is in fear of being overtaken by weeds. Shrubs and trees that have been starved to death pose fire hazards in the backyard. Ripping screens fall away from cracked window panes.

Both renters and landlords alike are guilty for allowing the property to fall to pieces. However, having the stereotypical car perched up on wooden blocks as a "picturesque" view, doesn't necessarily characterize a residence as being slum property.

We don't see why the city needs another regulation to police residents with, and the residents don't want another code to live by. Other than additional nuisances, there are a few points that we see were overlooked in the code.

For starters, it is retroactive and quite broad. It would be more logical for the code to be aimed specifically at the properties in violation of the code. Only about 5- to 10- percent of rental housing in Tempe is considered to be in substandard condition.

The code doesn't address owner-occupied housing. We realize that slovenly disregard is not limited to people who do not "own" their property outright.

Codes that cover substandard housing are already in place but are not enforced. What leads the proponents of this new and improved code to believe landlords will pay attention to yet another set of restrictions?

If a renter wishes to live in a clean area with respectful neighbors, then he or she will seek out that environment. If a landlord wants to attract mature renters who will maintain the property, the landlord will make it attractive to that type of renter.

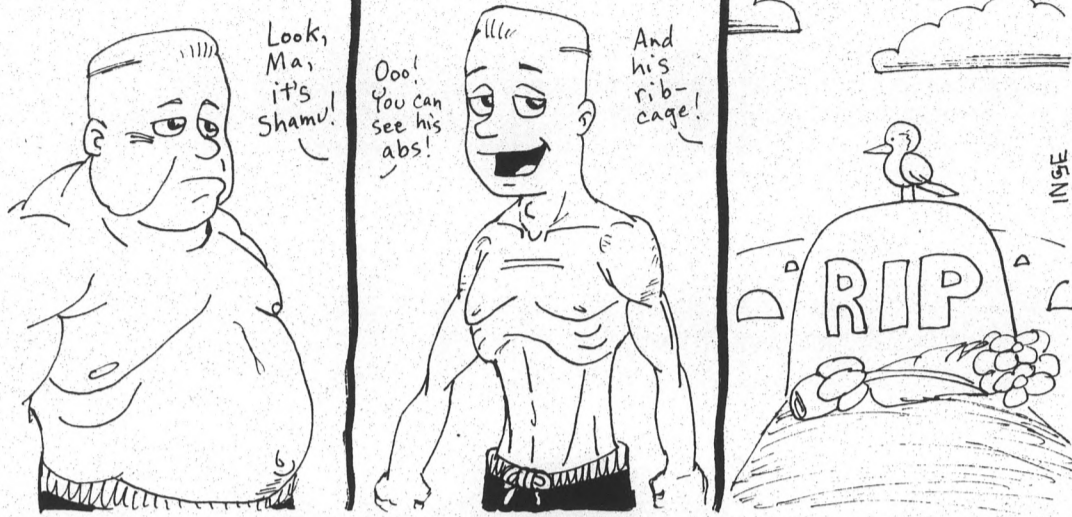
If a bunch of rowdy college students want a pad to spend their weekends partying with neighbors and the landlord doesn't care about beer-stained carpets, it will be evident.

It seems that free market will take care of the problem.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE I WEIGHED OVER 400 POUNDS. YUP. I TRIED EVERY DIET UNDER THE SUN—NONE OF WHICH WORKED.

THEN I GOT ON THE UCP PILL—YOU KNOW THE ONE THAT MESSES WITH YOUR FAT CELLS. WELL, THE FAT CAME FLYING OFF.

OF COURSE, I HEARD OF SIDE EFFECTS, BUT I BECAME THE TALK OF TOWN, AND ALL SHOWED UP FOR MY FUNERAL!



Rescuing friends in times of need gives life to relationships

Have you ever had a friendship that was just so special from the moment you met? Everything seems to click and you can't wait to tell this friend about the joys and sorrows in your everyday life. And then after many years, you stop inviting your friend to social events, you drop the friend from your mailing list and stop calling because you've grown apart.

Maybe one of you has gone away, traveled and expanded your horizons, while the other has remained in the same rut, or you've both moved on, but only one of you has grown intellectually. Whatever the scenario, you have grown apart. Often the friendship just dies a natural death, and the two of you have the good sense not to try to revive a lost cause.

I had one friendship that refused to die a merciful death. I would "forget" to respond to my friend's messages on the answering machine because it was so uncomfortable having nothing to say to someone who was once such an integral part of my life. Curt messages on my machine followed, about how I hadn't responded to her last three messages. Finally I realized that it was more painful dragging out the friendship which had outlived its usefulness and found the courage to tell my friend it just wasn't working any more.

That experience years ago has made me value friendships that do work even more. A girlfriend from New York, who I'll call Tania, is such a friend.

We met 24 years ago when we were literally both young, starving graduate students in Washington, D.C., because there had been a serious delay in the disbursement of our scholarship funds. Tania floored me then, when, after knowing each other only a few weeks, she invited me, at no cost, to stay with her because she knew I was staying

in an apartment hotel and could use the rent money for other things. Besides, her parents gift to her for getting into graduate school was paying her rent for a year, so it was no hardship for her to take me in.

Still, I was touched and determined to leave as soon as my scholarship funds came in. You know how you can be friends with someone yet be unable to live together? I have another friend who I've known for years and really care about. The one time we took a trip together, she had driven me so crazy before the first night was out that I called my parents at home while my friend was in the shower and asked them to call me later to tell me there was a family crisis, so I could gracefully leave!

Things were never that way with Tania. We just hit it off so well that I felt comfortable staying with her until I set myself up. And we have remained in touch over all these years, though we actually have only seen each other face-to-face every few years. But whenever we do get together, it's like we've never been apart.

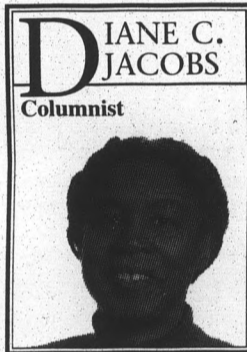
Lately, we've been e-mailing each other regularly. It's a lot cheaper than the two-hour telephone conversations we used to have because we never run out of things to say.

In her last e-mail, Tania wrote that her teenage daughters were giving her so much trouble that she was thinking of running away from home and wondering what the world would be like without her!

I immediately e-mailed her a list of the many ways she had changed my life, how the world would be different without her and how she wasn't even to go there. I e-mailed rather than called, as was my first impulse, so that she could have the statement to refer to from time to time.

I also asked her to call me collect at anytime if she was feeling particularly down. Tania e-mailed me to assure me that she'd gotten over her anger with her daughters and to thank me for being there. Tania has always been there for me when I have had my tribulations. This, to me, is the essence of friendship.

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It doesn't take a gene-ius to figure out cloning's value

Are human clones coming, and if so, is it something we should worry about?

The group of academic deep thinkers known as ethicists seem to be worried. Most are against human cloning for moral or religious reasons.

President Clinton has issued an executive order barring federal agencies from messing around with clones and urging private scientists to desist.

But there are those who think that the cloning of humans would be a fine thing. One of the leading proponents is Dr. I.M. Kookie, the noted expert on lots of stuff.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Kookie predicted that cloning will become a common practice by the next century.

"Have you noticed that everybody keeps repeating that rule of science: 'What can be done will be done'?"

Yes, it is in every story written on the subject.

"Well, there's a more important rule than that. And it goes like this: If there is a buck to be made, somebody is going to make it."

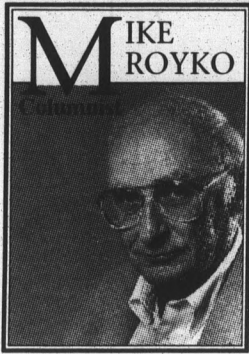
Ah, you're referring to buying stock in research companies that will develop better livestock and other agricultural products.

"That too. But I'm talking about the market for laboratory-produced clones of humans."

But that will surely be illegal in this country.

"So? What are we, a separate planet? Listen, there are all kinds of half-pint countries with leaders who wouldn't mind helping their local economies. All you have to do is find a friendly El Supremo, slip him a bag of cash and you are in business."

"Then you bring in the scientists and set up the labs and all the technical stuff. That part is easy. Remember, we got high school kids today who could build nuclear bombs if they had



MIKE ROYKO

the right parts."

Then?

"Then in a few years, when the product is ready, your international sales force takes over."

Yes, but what is the product?

"Just think about it. You got some guy making lots of money, maybe trading pork bellies or running the bottle cap company his father left him. But he's lonesome. Maybe he's homely or shy or both. So our salesman visits and drops a catalog on his desk."

What kind of catalog?

"You ever see the *Victoria's Secret* catalog? Or the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue?"

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Even Willy Loman could close that deal.

"Sure. And the nice thing about a finance plan is that if a guy misses payments, we can foreclose and repossess."

On a significant other?

"It'll be in the small type. Then we can move it again as a low-mileage special airbrush model."

But won't some women protest that this an offense to feminism?

"Maybe. But not after they see what a deal there is for them."

You mean...

"Sure. They'll see a catalog and the salesman will ask: 'So, would you prefer the brawny construction worker with pearly teeth and a tan or maybe this slinky tango dancer with slicked back hair? Or our James Bond model?'"

So the idea will be to cover all potential markets.

"Exactly. Enterprising companies will clone gay male models, hair stylists, lesbian kick boxers — the entire gamut of human companionship."

Amazing.

And for those who want a family without the usual bother — stretch marks, swollen ankles, that sort of thing — there will be cute little crib-ready clone-ets. Throw in a picket fence, a perfect replica of a best of breed from a major dog show and maybe a cloned gardener, cook and chauffeur. There will be a complete package deal for those who can afford it."

Sounds great.

"And wait until you see what this will do to athletics. No more scouting high school games. A college or pro coach will be able to order a nimble 7-foot power forward or a blood-thirsty and cat-like 300 pound middle linebacker. They might even be able to work the genetics so they hate money."

But what will happen to the ordinary, flawed, old-fashioned human being who arrived in the traditional way?

"Well, what happened to the flat-headed swamp crawdad? And the three-toed squiggle toad?"

You mean, extinct?

"I'm afraid it is bound to happen. It is the nature of Americans to want the new and improved model of everything. There is no such thing as brand loyalty anymore. Out with the old, in with the new. Especially when you can order it for overnight delivery."

I doubt very much that any American president would permit something like that to

"Ah, but what about a perfectly packaged cloned president?"

Could that actually happen?

"You mean again?"

Mike Royko is a syndicated columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Brain free flows after midterm intensity

Since it is one day before spring break and I have spent the last week studying for hellish midterms, I really can't formulate just one coherent idea to write this column about. So here are just a few items to munch on before we all take off to a land without essays, exams or textbooks.

Loveline: I am now an official Loveline addict. This is an MTV call-in show that deals with sex questions answered by host Dr. Drew. The only problem is that it is on in the middle of the night and I have classes that start at the crack of dawn. But when the questions are as disgusting, explicit and even stupid as they are, no one can go to bed before 1:30 a.m. Besides, my female friends and I have this unexplainable crush on Dr. Drew.

Start watching, and I promise, within a week, you will be jolting yourself awake just to hear that theme song. There is just something entertaining about hearing people's personal problems. It's just like slowing down at the scene of an accident.

Lethal vehicles. ASU has come up with yet another method of scaring me to death. First, my tuition gets raised every year. Then, there are never used books available for my classes and none of my old ones get bought back. Now, every time I walk on campus, my life is in danger.

They come in the forms of golf carts, tractors, riding lawnmowers, full size Ford trucks — and they are all out to annoy us. Just think about it. How many times have you been walking on campus and heard this whirring sound behind you? You turn and this tiny golf cart with a "Stapler Delivery" label on the side is forcing its way through a crowd of 2,500 people on their way to class. Forget the harassing bikers or even rollerbladers. Facilities Management alone drives down Tyler Mall so many times a day it should be re-named Tyler Parkway.

I understand the need for some of these annoying little munchkin vehicles. Disability Resources, for example, has every reason to run me over. But by the end of the day, when the twentieth golf cart creeps behind me bringing more



MICHELLE CARSON
Columnist

Evian to the University Club, I start to wonder where my tuition dollars are going. Hayden Library has hardly any lighting in the dark hallways of the third and fourth floors, but everyone and their mother has their own golf cart.

The rap epidemic. I don't listen to rap music. I never have. But lately, I have to feel sorry for people who like this music and the artists who record it. After all, rap musicians seem to be a dying breed.

I realize that the rap industry may be affiliated with gang culture, but this outbreak of drive-bys and murder trials is getting ridiculous. The funny thing is, no one outside of the MTV news department seems to care. If country musicians were killing each other off, the whole country would be in hysterics.

It's not because country is kinder, gentler music. Believe me, those white boys in tight jeans sing lyrics that are just as insulting and demeaning as any rap artist. Rap has just been labeled as this worthless form of entertainment by our society. Even though the industry makes millions and has brought the nature of ghetto culture into the mainstream, no one seems to care that the people responsible are dropping like flies.

Like I said, I don't like rap. But I have to take notice when almost every famous rap artist is either on trial or dead. I do find the music insulting, demeaning, even stupid at times. But is that any reason to ignore the fact that these people were talented artists and songwriters?

Let's get real, folks. If we live in a country where people own velvet paintings of Elvis, a disgusting drug addict, is a front page story on Notorious B.I.G. too much to ask?

Carnage. I think I mentioned before that TV is irrelevant, for the most part. Now, the Fox Network has added a whole new element in the appeal to the lowest common denominator. Shows like *When Animals Attack*, *High Speed Chases* and *America's Dumbest Criminals* grab more ratings than the first generation of carnage like *COPS* ever dreamed of.

There is just something about watching a tank go barreling through Los Angeles that entertains people. Television is becoming more of a cesspool for the Al Bundys of the world everyday. We put the dumbest, most insane criminals on television so we can sit in our very own dysfunctional home and think, "Well, my day wasn't that bad after all. I didn't hijack a bus and ram some police cars with it. I must be okay."

Michelle Carson is a sophomore studying journalism.

Home schooling not limited to 'upper class'

I discovered to my surprise upon reading the editorial on March 10, "Home school not option for low-income families," that I have been promoted to the "upper class" based on my experience of home-schooling my son.

I would also like to add that this new class status for the majority of home-schooling families I am acquainted with will come as a bit of a shock to them, too.

For the past three-and-one-half years, I have been a member of Central Home Educators, a home-schooling support group based in Mesa (now renamed Christian Home Educators). I am also a staff member here at the University, which is not renown for very high wages. I would venture to say, however, that my wages are comparatively higher than those of most of the other home-school families in the group.

For these home-schoolers, dedication to their families is of primary importance. And, for many, if not most, the decision to home-school is not due to fears of violence and drugs, but rather a commitment to seeing their values — sorely lacking in the public school system — passed on to their children.

There is an overriding concern in the home-school community with the character development of their children, "training up a child in the way he should go so that when he is old he will not depart from it." Academics is actually of secondary importance for many.

And yet with the limited resources, aka "money" available to them (yes, in most families the mother stays home to teach. This is generally considered to be the "loss" of an income source), the study just released still shows that home-schooled children are doing better on standardized tests than public school children.

Each public school spends probably an average of at least a couple of thousand dollars each year to "educate" each student. One of the frequent refrains heard at home-schooling conventions is: "if only I had that much money to spend on curricula for my son/daughter!"

Sorry, just one more flaw in your "theory" of the common denominator for success being money; the public schools are spending far more money per pupil than when I was a student. Yet the test scores have been dropping, not rising. In fact, it is estimated that every 10 years, the academic level drops one year. Compare the test questions on a test in the 1800's to enter high school with those on a college entrance exam of today.

Linda Arneson
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Quotables ...

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— Mae West

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POLICE REPORT

ASU police reported the following incidents Wednesday:

- A male student reported that he lost his passport in Murdock Hall.
- A male student was contacted at Physical Education East, where he was stung by a scorpion. He was transported to the Student Health Center.
- A female student was contacted at Grady Gammage Auditorium, where she sustained an injury. She was transported to a local hospital.
- A male student was contacted at the Student Recreation Complex, where he sustained an injury. He refused further medical care and was picked up by a friend.
- A male juvenile not affiliated with the University was arrested, cited and released at 620 Alpha Drive on charges

of failing to exhibit a driver's license.

- A female student reported that someone removed four tires from her vehicle while it was parked in Structure 4.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Wednesday:

- A 21-year-old male was arrested on charges of possession/sale of marijuana. Police said the suspect was contacted at 2745 N. Saratoga Drive, after officers learned marijuana was allegedly being sold from that address. A search warrant was obtained and two pounds of marijuana were found in the suspect's backpack. He was transported to Tempe City Jail.
- A 22-year-old female was arrested on charges of providing false information to a police officer, excessive speed and

driving on a suspended driver's license. Police said the suspect was paced from 400 to 1300 W. Baseline Road driving 70 mph in a 45 mph zone. Upon contact, police said the suspect gave a false name to hide the fact she was driving on a suspended license. She was booked into Tempe City Jail.

• A 19-year-old male was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after an officer saw him driving north on Mill Avenue holding a pipe in his hand. Police said a records check revealed he also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest on charges of shoplifting. A small amount of marijuana and a film canister were seized as evidence. The suspect was booked into Tempe City Jail.

Police reports compiled by State Press reporter Melody McDonald.

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Parents interested in drug-test kits for kids

(AP) — Parents in Maricopa County with children living at home are interested in home drug-testing kits expected to hit the market soon, according to a new poll.

The Food and Drug Administration in January approved the over-the-counter kits designed to help parents determine whether their children are using drugs. The kits, expected to hit stores this spring, detect PCP, amphetamines, cocaine, heroin, codeine, morphine and marijuana in urine.

According to a telephone poll of 605 adult heads of household in the county during February by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona, parents with children in the 10-to-17 age bracket are most interested in using the kits. Forty-nine percent expressed interest and one of every four said they would "definitely buy" the kits.

Former Peruvian political prisoner to address issues of human rights

By SARA BUSH
STATE PRESS

A former prisoner of conscience in Peru will speak about Peruvian human rights issues at the ASU Memorial Union tonight.

Local Amnesty International group #489 will host former Gen. Rodolfo Robles in conjunction with the ASU chapter. Amnesty International is a worldwide organization working toward human rights through non-violent actions.

Robles, a former Peruvian general, was exiled in 1993 for speaking out against the activities of the government. According to Amnesty International, Robles was physically and politically mistreated.

"It is very unusual to have a person from the most

privileged class of society decide to change ideas and become an advocate for the victims of the activities of their own class," said Margaret Grannis, a member of Amnesty International group. "He is a unique and special person and he has a lot of inside information."

Grannis said Peru has been at the center of attention lately for many suspected political injustices, including the ongoing hostage situation at the Japanese embassy.

Robles' appearance at ASU is part of a series of speeches he will make in various U.S. locations.

"I really appreciate the courage a person like this has to have to want to speak out and change things," Grannis said. "I especially admire someone who would give up all that power and prestige."

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Florida begins releasing violent criminals

By LISA HOLEWA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Mitchell Sexton fatally stabbed his father with a double-edged knife and used an electrical cord to hang the body from the handle of an exercise bike.

Norman James Eastman beat a 2-year-old to death for vomiting in his Corvette, punching the child so hard that the youngster's bowels ruptured.

Johnny L. Yearby led a gang of teens who cornered a homeless man in a courtyard and beat him to death with a baseball bat as he yelled, "Why are you doing this to me?" They picked over his body, even removing his shoes to look for money.

The men were among 300 rapists, robbers and other felons freed this week from prisons across the state in one of biggest mass releases of violent lawbreakers in Florida history. Two hundred more will probably be released on Monday and an additional 2,200 will go free in the coming months and years.

The convicts left prison on Tuesday because of a U.S. Supreme Court decision last month that restored "gain time" — time off that the state automatically granted to prisoners to relieve overcrowding, then took away.

"A hell of a lot of innocent people are going to be robbed, raped and murdered," Lee County Sheriff John McDougall said Wednesday. "How many people are going to have to die in order to pay for this blunder?"

Four killers from his county in southwestern Florida were among the prisoners released, including Sexton, who was sentenced in 1988 to 22 years for murder.

Corrections Department officials hurried Wednesday to notify local police about the freed convicts, while six members of the agency's victim-assistance office phoned and wrote victims who had asked to be told if their attackers ever went free. State law allows victims to ask that they be notified if a criminal is about to get out.

The inmates were given \$100 and were either turned over to relatives or given a bus ticket to the Florida destination of their choice.

One of those released was David Bombay, who robbed gas station owner William True of Largo, Fla., in 1986.

"He shouldn't get out early, but as long as he stays out of trouble good for him," True said. "I believe in second chances. If they get a second chance, and they blow it, well, shame on them and back they go."

House Speaker Dan Webster, a Republican, said he will introduce legislation that would force any of the released prisoners convicted of another crime to serve all the "gain time" they were awarded in addition to whatever they get for the new offense.

"These guys are hardened criminals and are going to revert to their old ways," he warned.

The state introduced "gain time" in 1983. In some cases an inmate could earn up to two months of credit for every month served. About 4,000 inmates who earned gain time had been released by 1992.


State Attorney General Bob Butterworth revoked automatic gain time in 1992 to prevent violent inmates from leaving prison early. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, ruled the state must keep its word.

McDougall, the sheriff, said he is ordering his deputies to keep an extra-close watch on released prisoners who settle there. He predicted most will commit new crimes.

"Here we are telling all these people, 'Come to Florida. Enjoy our sunshine. Enjoy our beaches,'" he said. "Oh, and by the way, we're sending all these hardened criminals out onto the streets to strike again. But have a good time."

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Albright will press for signing of U.N. equal rights treaty

By **SONYA ROSS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The United States will incorporate the concerns of women "into the mainstream of American foreign policy," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Wednesday.

Speaking at a State Department celebration of International Women's Day, Albright said she will press for the United States to join a 17-year-old United Nations treaty barring abuses against women. She plans to issue this call during an upcoming trip to North Carolina.

"I will state explicitly that it is long past time for Americans to become party to the Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women," Albright said.

Albright is traveling to Charlotte, N.C., on March 25 to speak at the Jesse Helms Institute at Wingate University. The invitation was extended by Helms, R-N.C., the conservative chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Albright said she will state her views on the women's treaty regardless of Helms' stand on the issue, "because I said that I would tell it like it is."

"I have a very good relationship with the chairman of the Foreign Relations

Committee," she said. "We agree where we can and we disagree agreeably."

President Clinton has urged the Senate to ratify the treaty, which was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in December 1979 and signed by President Carter in July 1980.

It was not submitted for Senate approval until November 1980 — after Carter had lost to Ronald Reagan. Neither President Reagan nor his successor, President Bush, sought ratification.

Among other things, the treaty requires that women have equal rights to work, pay, benefits and safe working conditions. It prohibits discrimination against women in political activities and requires a minimum age for marriage.

Albright said the Clinton administration's overseas aid programs would emphasize projects that expand women's ability to obtain reproductive health care, protect themselves from violence and participate in their nations' economic and political systems.

She also said the United States would report human rights violations "whether they are sins of omission" by governments that fail to prosecute domestic abuse "or sins of commission by dictators such as those in Burma or extremists in Afghanistan."

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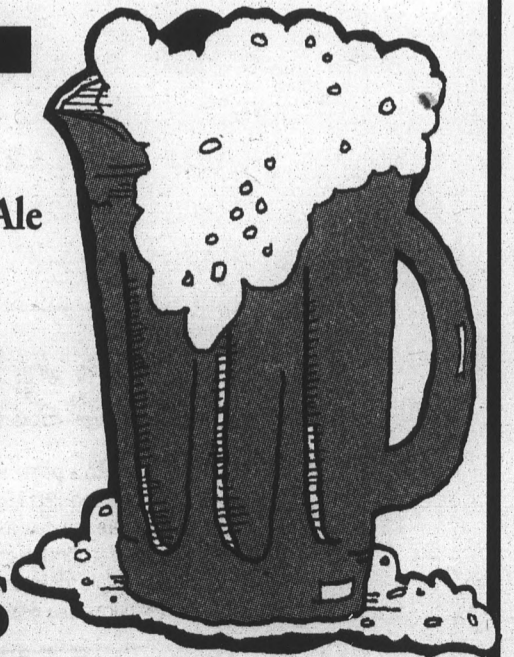
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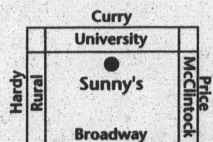
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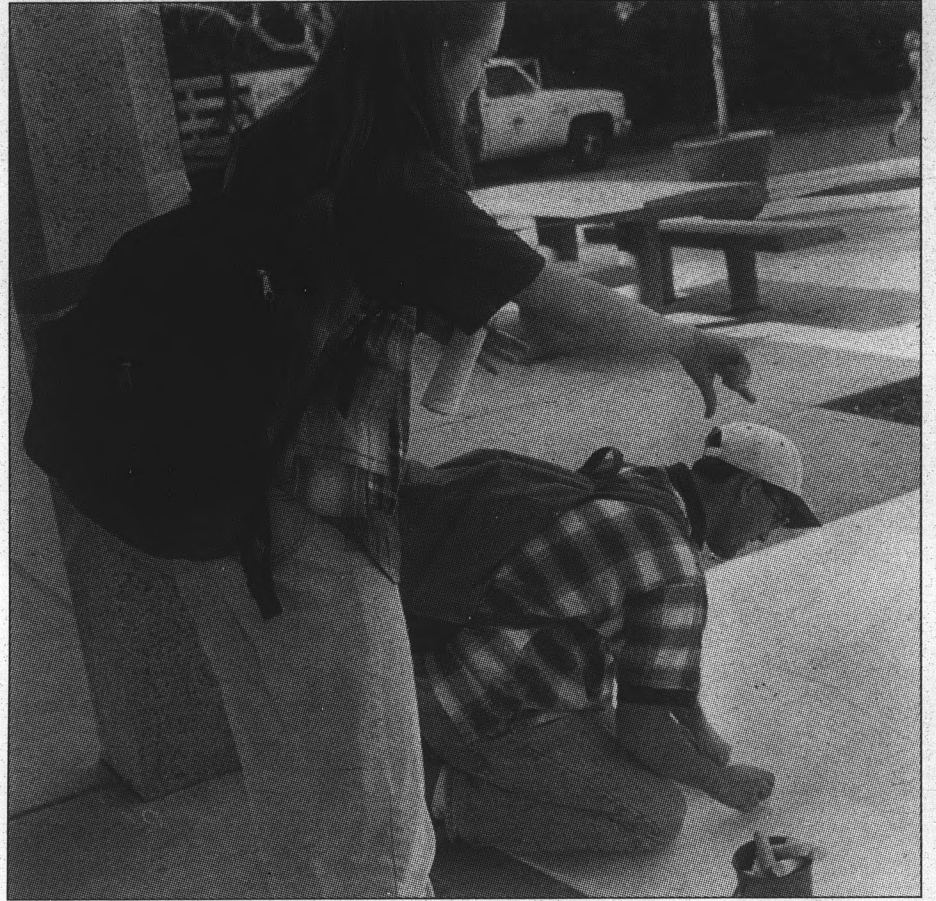


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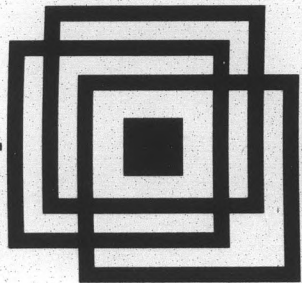
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Above, junior education major Amy Mitchell (left) coaches Chris Pavlovic, also a junior education major, in drawing the right amenities for his rendition of a house. Both students were participating in STUFF (the Student Fun Fair), an event held Wednesday and today by the Student Council for the College of Education.
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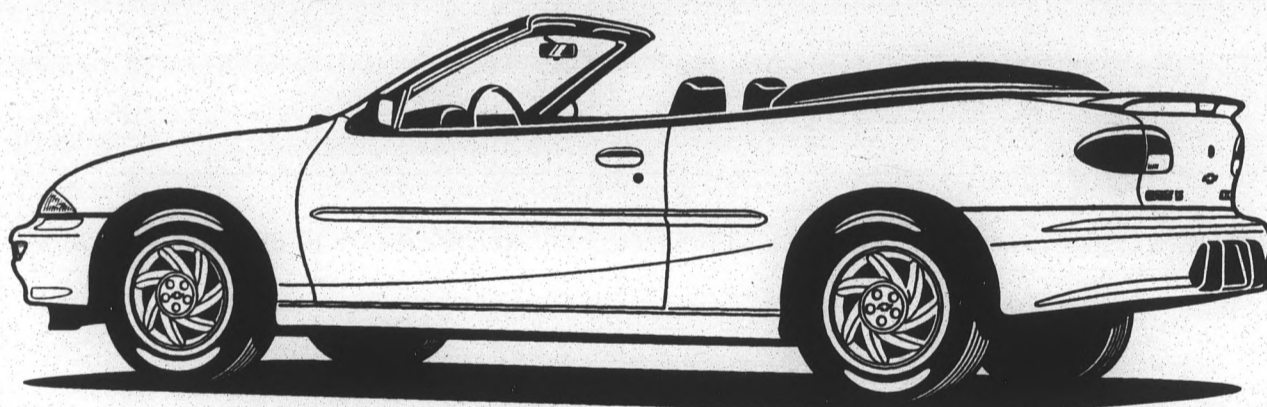
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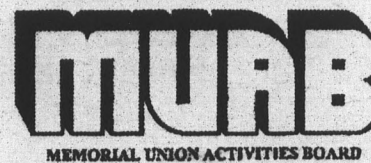


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Scottish scientist says cloning people 'inhumane' — senator disagrees

BY PAUL RECER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Scottish scientist who cloned an adult sheep told Congress Wednesday "it would be quite inhumane" to try the technology on people. A senator told him and a rapt hearing audience that human cloning is sure to come "and I don't fear it at all."

It is wrong and "demeaning to human nature" for government to try to stop or limit human cloning experiments, said Sen. Tom Harkin, an Iowa Democrat.

"Human cloning will take place and it will take place within my lifetime," he said. "I think it is right and proper. ... It holds untold benefits for humankind in the future."

Ian Wilmut of the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland, said that since the world learned he and colleagues had cloned an adult sheep named Dolly, there has been an explosion of speculation about cloning of humans.

But Wilmut said human cloning is not practical, possible or ethical. "Similar experiments with humans would be totally unacceptable," he said.

"I don't see any reason why we would want to copy a person," said the scientist. "I personally have still not heard of a potential use of this technique to produce a new person that I would find ethical or acceptable."

It took 277 attempts to produce Dolly, said Wilmut, and some of the failures resulted in defective lambs that died quickly after birth.

"It would be quite inhumane to contemplate using these techniques at this stage," he said.

Though he agreed with Harkin that "it is not possible nor even desirable to attempt to regulate the way that sci-

ence progresses," Wilmut said legislators should address "the question of the individuals who will be involved, the children who would be involved."

Harkin, in a short speech that dropped the entire Senate hearing room into attentive silence, said governments should not try to slow the march of science, even for a technology as ethically troubling as human cloning.

He said it was wrong for President Clinton to issue an order to stop all federally funded human embryo research and for Sen. Christopher S. Bond, R-Mo., to propose legislation to make the research ban permanent.

He compared these government efforts to the 17th century punishment of the astronomer Galileo, who advanced Copernicus' theory that the Earth orbits the sun, instead of the other way around.

"I think to attempt to limit human knowledge is demeaning to human nature," said Harkin. "What nonsense. What utter, utter nonsense to think that somehow we are going to hold up our hands and say stop."

Several senators and two witnesses applauded Clinton's order to ban human cloning research for 90 days while the whole issue is considered by the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

"There are aspects to life that should be off limits to science," said Bond. "We must draw a clear line. Humans are not God and they should not be allowed to play God. It is morally repugnant."

Dr. Harold Varmus, director of the National Institutes of Health, said science is not technically ready to even attempt human cloning research, even if it were permitted. He said there are technical answers about the process that can only be answered with animal research.

Women run risk of harmful ectopic pregnancies after sterilization surgery

BY MALCOLM RITTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — It's no secret that women who have sterilization surgery can still get pregnant. Now a study says their risk of a life-threatening abnormal pregnancy is higher and more persistent than previously thought.

The risk is still low: For every 1,000 sterilization operations on the fallopian tubes, only about seven hazardous "ectopic" pregnancies occurred in the following decade, the study found.

Doctors didn't have a firm estimate of the risk before, but they thought it was lower, said researcher Dr. Herbert Peterson of the Centers for Disease Control at Prevention in Atlanta. He and others reported on the study of nearly 11,000 women in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

More than 500,000 American women a year undergo tubal sterilization surgery. The goal is to permanently block the fallopian tube so that sperm can't reach an egg. But sometimes the tube isn't completely blocked by the surgery, or an opening appears afterward, and sperm can get through.

In an ectopic pregnancy, the fertilized egg implants itself somewhere outside the uterus, usually in one of the fallopian tubes. If the problem isn't treated, the tube can rupture and cause life-threatening bleeding.

The study found that the risk persisted over the 10-year period after surgery, with some ectopic pregnancies even in the 10th year.

The findings mean that even years after the operation, women and their doctors should remain aware that unexplained bleeding and pain in the lower abdomen, particularly on one side, can signal ectopic pregnancy, Peterson said.

"We know that early diagnosis and prompt treatment are important," Peterson said. "So there should not be any delay because of a history of sterilization."

The risk in non-Hispanic black women was found to be about four times that of non-Hispanic white women. It's not clear why.

Researchers also found that in women who were younger than 30 when they had the operation, the highest risk came from a widely used surgical technique called bipolar coagulation. In this approach, the surgeon seals each tube by passing an electrical current between the jaws of a forceps.

The finding doesn't necessarily mean women should avoid that technique, because the risk of an ectopic pregnancy is only one of several factors they should consider, Peterson said.

Dr. Togas Tulandi of McGill University in Montreal agreed that the overall ectopic pregnancy risk found in the study was higher than suspected but still small.

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Rosa Parks honored as 'first lady of civil rights'

BY HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
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WASHINGTON — Rosa Parks, who took the most famous bus ride in U.S. history, was honored by the American Public Transit Association on Wednesday with its first lifetime achievement award.

"It is because she chose to sit where she sat that I can stand where I stand," said Gordon J. Linton, the head of the Federal Transit Administration. He called Mrs. Parks the "first lady of civil rights."

Mrs. Parks was honored for her refusal on Dec. 1, 1955, to surrender her seat on a segregated Montgomery, Ala., city bus to a white passenger as the law required. Her arrest sparked a yearlong boycott of Montgomery buses by blacks that propelled the Rev. Martin Luther King into prominence.

"Her quiet, courageous act changed America, its view of black people, and redi-

rected the course of history," the transit association said.

"She truly is a national heroine," said Sen. John Chaffee, R-R.I. He called Mrs. Parks, now 84, the spark that triggered the civil rights movement.

"Mrs. Parks sat that our nation could stand taller," said Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater. "If it had not been for people like Mrs. Parks, many of us would not be here today."

And the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and chairman of the board of Atlanta's rapid transit authority, said her act "sent the clear message that public transit was people transit."

"Because of your courage, Rosa Parks ... there is dignity for everyone here," Lowery said. "Thanks to you, we can move with dignity. You are the Queen Mother of the movement."

Hair Wrappin'



Lori Cain/State Press
Linda Marrese (right), a junior psychology major, sits for a hair wrapping Wednesday outside the Memorial Union. Hair wrapping involves weaving and wrapping several long threads in and around a few strands of hair. Chelsea, who requested her last name not be used, travels all over the country wrapping hair and capitalizing on her creativity to fund her travels.

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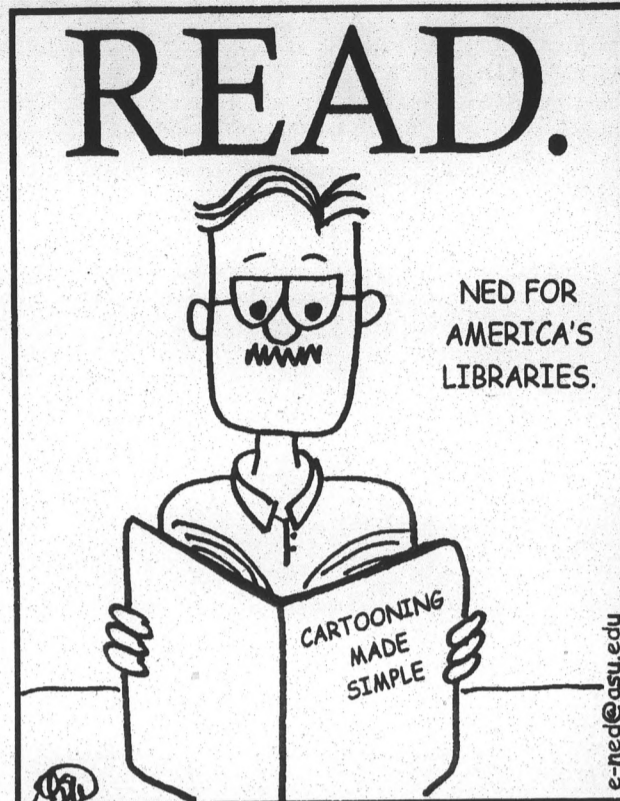
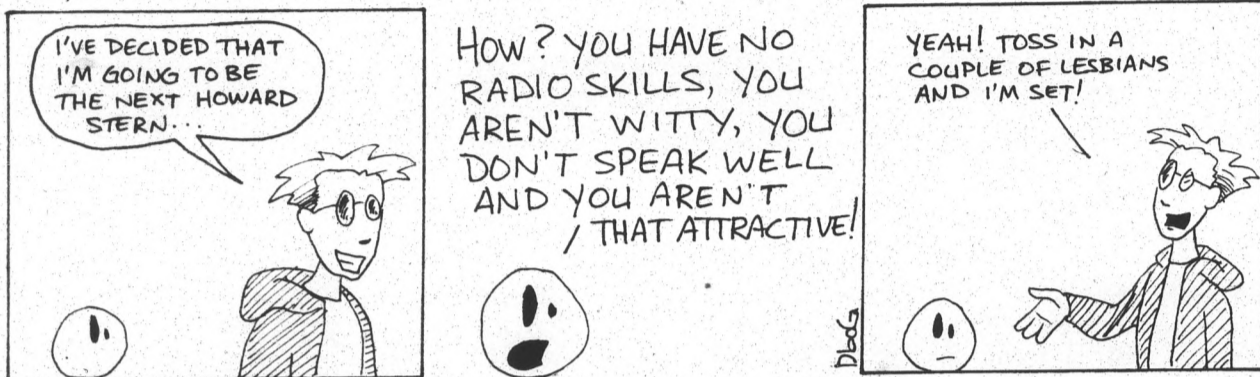
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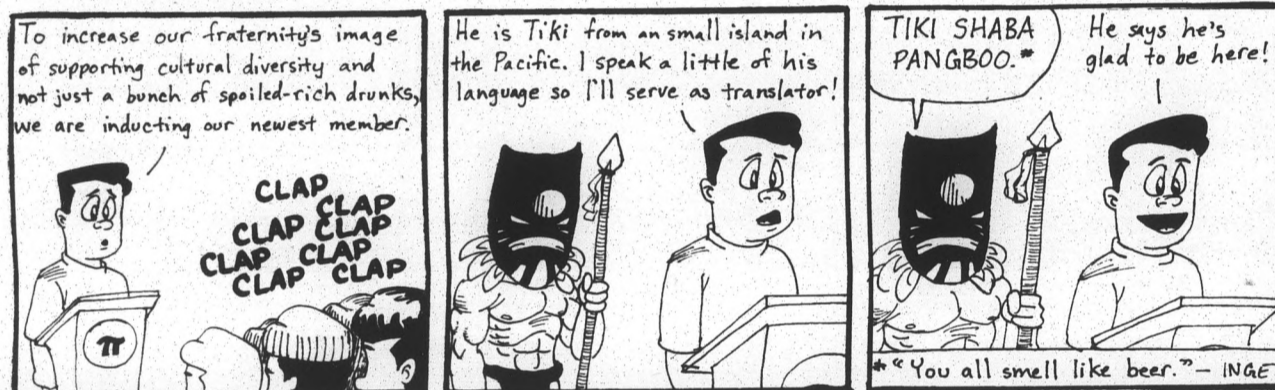
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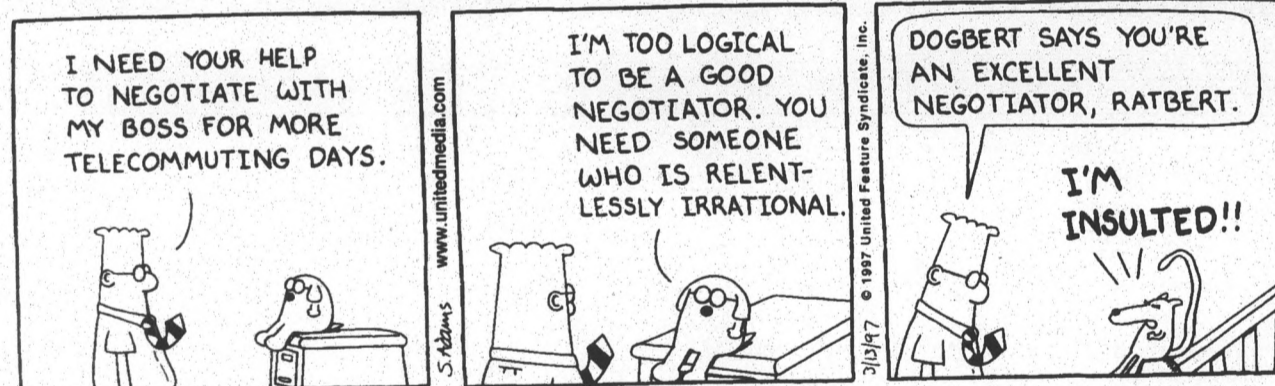


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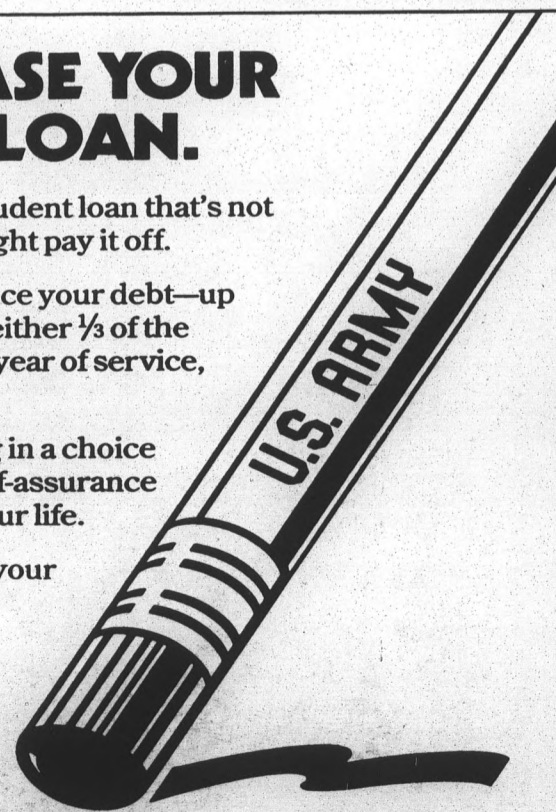
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Despite adversities, Faqir wrestles way back to top

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
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In high school, ASU wrestler and Pac-10 champion Danny Faqir had no problems with his on-the-mat obstacles.

In college, the off-the-mat variety have caused him all sorts of troubles.

Faqir dominated his opponents while attending Apache Junction High School, taking three Arizona state championships and pinning 50 opponents while recording a perfect 60-0 record during his junior and senior seasons.

But once he took the mat for the Sun Devils, things didn't go as smoothly.

"It was definitely a difficult transition," Faqir said. "I was an All-American and did a lot of successful things in high school. I got to college and had a lot of things that were potential drawbacks. I had a lot of injuries. I was out for a couple of years on and off due to injuries."

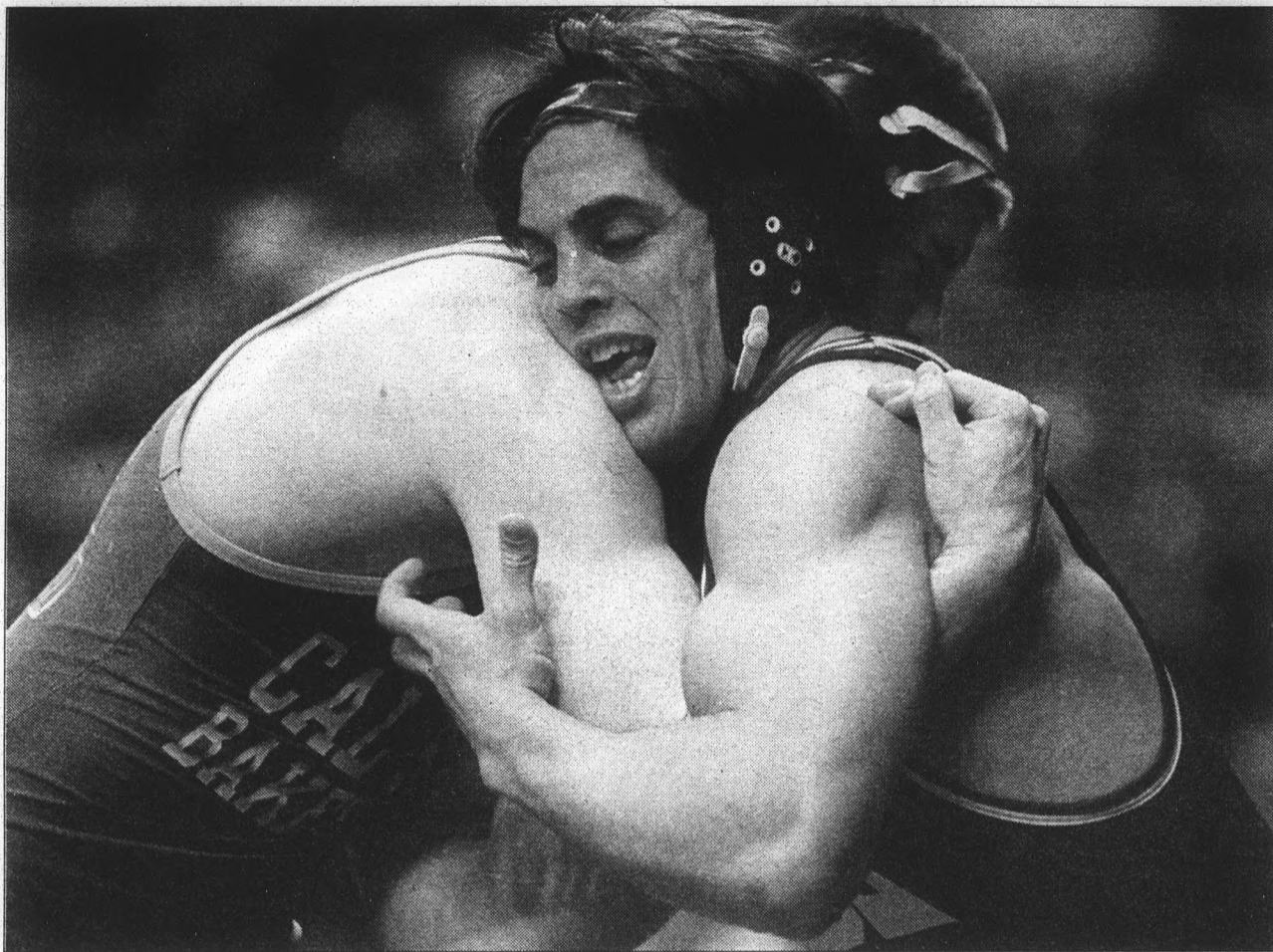
"He's had to demonstrate persistence toward his collegiate aspirations," head coach Lee Roy Smith said. "As a result of those injuries and factors that have kept him from being able to consistently train and compete throughout his career. And this year he's been able to put together his most consistent (season)."

A torn anterior cruciate ligament and a herniated disc in his back are among the injuries that kept Faqir on the sidelines. He struggled through those first three injury-plagued years of eligibility, compiling a 15-27 record while bouncing between heavyweight and his present 190-pound weight class.

Even after he overcame the injuries, he was forced to watch his teammates from the outside during the first half of this season while ineligible due to a snafu with classes. A change of major resulted in too few credit hours that prevented him from competing due to NCAA regulations.

"I was really agitated by (my ineligibility) because there were a lot of misconceptions," he said. "I had nothing to do with grades whatsoever, it was some academic advising that I had and I worked the whole summer with them and it was assumed that everything was taken care of. Out of nowhere they told me I was deficient (by about) 10 hours."

It was during that time that Faqir began to reach the pinnacle he had achieved in high school. He surprised the wrestling world by taking the Sunkist Open, an annual tour-



Senior Danny Faqir tangles with Cal St.-Bakerfield's Jeremy Bridges during the 1997 Pac-10 Championships. Faqir overcame injuries and other obstacles to become the 190-pound conference champion.

Pat Shannahan/State Press

nament held in Tempe featuring Olympic wrestlers from around the world.

When he returned to the team, Faqir won more matches than the previous two years combined. He topped it off by becoming the last of four ASU wrestlers to win a 1997 Pac-10 Champion — earning his first ever trip to the NCAA championships.

"I thought that winning the Sunkist Open made it look like he could be a national champion," said Kevin Jackson, an Olympic gold medalist and Faqir's workout partner. "Because it's an international tournament. He beat some really good guys in the tournament. I think he's got an excellent chance to be an All-American."

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No regrets for O'Connell about retirement after 31 years

BY ED ODEVEN
STATE PRESS

Ward O'Connell's "wonderful, lucky career" will come to an end after the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in March.

He served as ASU's diving coach for 22 years. All told, he has been a college coach for 31 years. Now it's time for O'Connell to pursue other interests. He announced his retirement Tuesday and said he has no regrets about his decision.



O'CONNELL

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"I really had a wonderful and lucky career at Arizona State," said O'Connell, during a phone interview Wednesday.

"I've been thinking about this (retiring) for many years. The idea to retire is totally mine and the athletic

director (Kevin White) and associate athletic director (Herman Frazier) have just been marvelous about this."

O'Connell has truly become a Sun Devil. He has developed quite an attachment to the University, especially to the athletic department.

Although he won't be coaching next season, O'Connell said he isn't ready to alienate himself from diving just yet.

"I want to help in any way I can, if they should ask," he said.



HILL

titlists and one Western Collegiate Athletic Association champ.

He has fond memories of a job that included coaching 27 U.S. diving champions, 10 Pac-10 champions, three Western Athletic Conference

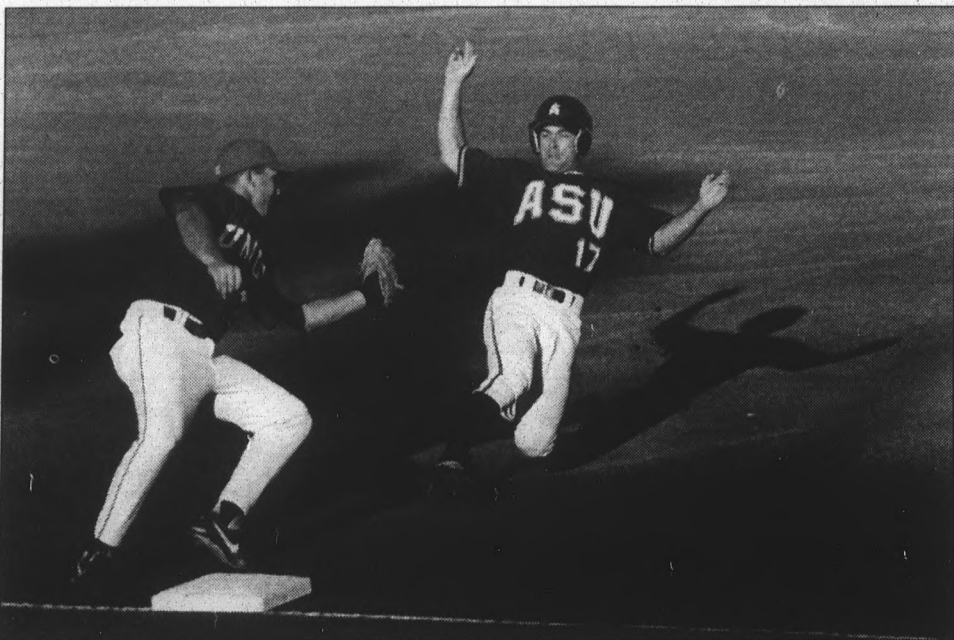
"When you've been doing something for over 40 years of your life, and this is our home and this is the last pit stop," he said. "We (me and my wife) have been all over the world together with this diving game, and so I think what I'm trying to say is I'm in love with the athletic department."

Those in the athletic department are fond of him as well.

"Ward is a really good guy," ASU assistant men's swimming

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Cermak wins in first career start, leads ASU to 7-2 victory



Pat Shannahan/State Press

ASU's Rudy Arguelles slides into third base as UNLV's Ryan Hankins tries to make the tag. ASU used a 7-2 complete-game win to sweep the two-game homestand against the Hustlin' Rebels on Wednesday.

BY PERCY EDNALINO JR.
STATE PRESS

ASU senior Jeff Cermak may just be the Sunday starter head coach Pat Murphy has been looking for.

Cermak, who has spent most of the season at right field and has seen time as a middle-inning reliever, tossed a 7-2 complete-game win over UNLV Wednesday night. It was Cermak's first start as a pitcher this season.

Cermak said the last time he started as a pitcher was when he played for Mesa Community College.

"I didn't last too long," he said. "We were searching for pitchers and I was just called upon one game to start. I lasted maybe two or three innings. I just didn't have the stamina."

He had plenty of stamina against UNLV. The Sun Devils have been searching for a solid third-day starter to flesh out their rotation. With his win on Wednesday, Cermak has now put himself in contention for the starting spot against Pac-10 Southern Division opponent California on Sunday.

Murphy said that an appearance by Cermak on Sunday is dependent on how Cermak's arm feels. Yet Murphy added that Cermak has a long way to go before he can become the regular No. 3 starter behind sophomores Ryan Mills and Phill Lowery.

"This doesn't mean that Jeff is ready for the Yankees or anything," Murphy said. "But it does mean that he can at least work up to this."

ASU improved its record to 17-10, while the Hustlin' Rebels dropped to 13-10. The win over the Rebels was also ASU's third in a row.

Cermak's performance was just the second time this season that an ASU pitcher has thrown a complete game win. Mills earned a complete-game win on Feb. 14 with a 9-0 shutout of Southern Illinois.

Cermak (2-1), a right hander, gave up only two runs on 10 hits and struck out six for the win. UNLV's Jason Warren (1-2) was credited with the loss, giving up five runs on three hits and walking two.

"I don't really care what role I play on

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Faqir

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"I think he's capable of going and putting together three days of competition at Iowa," agreed Smith, "and coming away as an All-American."

The manner in which Faqir won the title match shows something about his adjustment to college wrestling. Faqir defeated No. 9 Rusty Cook of Boise State 3-2 in overtime, Faqir's second consecutive match to go into an extra frame.

"Part of the transition (was adjusting to the close matches.)" Faqir said. "I used to go out there and dominate, pin everyone, and go out and just abuse people and just destroy people. Whereas in college, things are closer and the level of competition is just much greater. Everyone is one, more or less, a similar plane."

Faqir's trip to national prominence began when he was still in grade school. A self-described "fat little kid", Faqir began wrestling before high school. His high school coach, Glenn McMinn, Sr., was ASU's first ever All-American and used to take his team to workout with ASU at least three times a week.

Even before then, Faqir knew where he would wrestle collegiately.

"I always knew in my heart that I was going to come here and wrestle for ASU," he said.

Despite the three state championships, the new Pac-10 title, and his current status as a potential All-American, Faqir hints that his overcoming adversity in tough situations is what he considers his greatest achievement.

"(Several of) the doctors and some of the coaching staff were actually considering putting me on medical hardship, where I would never wrestle again," he said. "I trained really hard this past summer, and I had surgeries and went through rehab. I came back and was an All-American in freestyle and I won a national title last summer, I was a national champion. This (the Pac-10 title) is a real nice continuance to what I've done so far."

Faqir added that although this is his final college tournament, he hopes to continue his wrestling career by entering freestyle tournaments after graduation.

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coach Sean Farrell said. "He actually has some roots from where I came, back in Connecticut. A lot of people know who he is. I think he's just a very good man. I think he's done a very good job and he's really tried to be a person and not necessarily just be ruthless. I'm a better person for knowing him."

ASU women's swimming coach Tim Hill agreed.

"From a personal standpoint, he's brought the idea that you have to have balance in your life," Hill said. "He's always helped me kept a good perspective on sport and life in general. I would call him a good friend. Ward was always somebody you could sit down and talk to just about anything. He's got a great sense of humor. Besides the diving aspect of things, I think the thing he'll most be remembered for is telling his stories. He

knows everybody in the department. He knows more history about ASU and he brings a lot of honesty and integrity to the team."

O'Connell's retirement came at the perfect time — when his wife was also retiring.

Ward's wife, Joel, is a teacher at Phoenix's Shadow Mountain High School and is a coach of the Sun Devil Diving Club.

The couple, who have spent over 35 years in the sport, have often been referred to as "the diving duo."

Now they plan to spend some time away from the Valley of the Sun.

"We are going to have some fun," he said. We will be here during the school year. We will be looking to get out of the heat together. We will be doing some traveling (to Montana and Idaho) and doing some things. I'm terribly excited about it."

Looking back on his career O'Connell said he likes to reminisce about the accomplishments of his divers, not about himself.

He said next year the 14th diver that went through the Sun Devil program since O'Connell came to ASU in 1975 will become a medical doctor.

"That says something," O'Connell said. "If I'm ever sick for any reason I'll know who to turn to."

Hill said people will remember O'Connell's honesty.

"When I talk to some people about judging, he never tried to inflate his divers' scores. He was always real honest with them," Hill said. "He's taking a lot of woman in terms of their diving and helped them get better and allowed them to grow as individuals. Over the years, he's had national finalists and Olympians Tracy Cox and Janae Lautenschlager."

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Sporting greats invade the Valley for memorabilia show

BY MATT PAULSON
STATE PRESS

Muhammad Ali, Joe Namath and a variety of other sports celebrities will be in the Valley this weekend to sign autographs at the fifth annual Tri-Star Collectors Show, which is being held at the Arizona State Fairgrounds Coliseum Building.

The show runs Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Several autographs will be free, but others will cost as much as \$150.

Ali, the former three-time heavyweight champion of the world, will be making his first-ever public appearance in Arizona. He will be signing on Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Namath, the MVP of Super Bowl III, will autograph on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other sports stars appearing include baseball sluggers Jose Cruz Jr., Steve Garvey, Alex Rodriguez, and ex-ASU player Antone Williamson; former Dallas Cowboys Drew Pearson, Mel Renfro and Duane Thomas; boxers Jake Lamotta, Ken Norton Sr. and Women's World Boxing Association lightweight champion Christy Martin; Olympic gold medalist Dan O'Brien; Phoenix Suns' forward/center Mark Bryant; Arizona Cardinals' running back Leland McElroy and several female baseball Hall of Famers.

Tri-Star is the largest producer of collectors' shows in the United States, but only travels to 10

cities in the nation.

Mandy Fuerst, public relations manager for the company which is based in Houston, said Phoenix was selected as one of the few for several reasons.

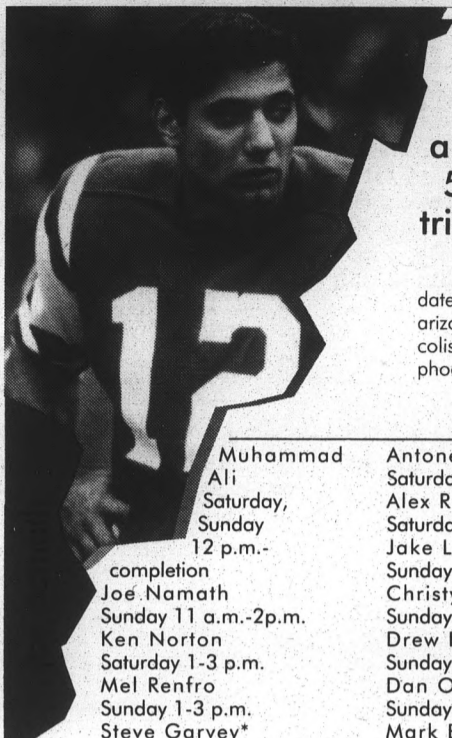
"We chose Phoenix because this time of year is great for sports here," Fuerst said. "It (the sports show) is an alternative to spring training for sports fans, especially for all those who are here on vacation. Also, we decided to come to Phoenix because our vice-president, Bobby Mintz, went to ASU."

Fuerst went on to say that the show offers a comfortable atmosphere for collectors who should be able to find anything they are looking for. Additionally, the show offers several celebrities and items that aren't found at other shows.

"There will be everything from vintage items to the hottest (new) memorabilia," Fuerst said. "We provide a family atmosphere. We give a lot of free autographs and offer a good variety of athletes from baseball to football to boxing. There will be over 150 of the nation's top dealers there so there will be something for everyone."

Tickets, limited to 350 a day, are \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. A three-day pass can be purchased in advance for \$10. Tickets are available at Phoenix Card Supply, the Box Seat Collectibles, Inside the Park, Cards Etc. and the Main Event.

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Wheelchair can't keep bodybuilder from goals

BY LUIANE MULLER
SPECIAL TO THE STATE PRESS

Ten years ago, at the age of 16, Gabe Gerbic started weightlifting for high school football. When a car accident and a spinal injury sidelined him, he began lifting weights as part of his rehabilitation.

Every weekday afternoon, Gerbic, a post-graduate student in secondary education, can be seen lifting working out in the Student Recreation Complex. He is preparing for a national bodybuilding competition that will be held in Florida on Saturday.

What makes him different from the scores of other men who lift weights and train for bodybuilding competitions? He is in a wheelchair.

A friend who is also in a wheelchair had been competing and Gerbic went to watch. After watching the competition, he decided that it was something he would like to "try for himself."

With the help of friends, books and classwork, Gerbic set out to become a bodybuilding champion. He works out on his own without the help of a trainer. His workout schedule includes five days of weight training and seven days of aerobic activity, spending a hour-and-a-half to two hours in the gym each day.

In addition to this rigorous workout schedule, Gerbic has to follow a strict diet that is high in protein with moderate carbohydrates and little fat.

"I am determined to do as much as I can from the chair," he said.

He sees the competition as a way to fulfill his desire to "always be as strong as he can and to develop a positive self-image." Preparing for the competition helps Gerbic stay fit and healthy.

John Figy, coordinator of adaptive recreation at Well Start in the SRC, has known Gerbic for five years.

"Gabe's determination is an inspiration to everyone in the gym," he said. "Gabe is a hard worker, he's willing to help others, and he is a good role model academically since he is pursuing a graduate degree. I just can't say enough about him."

This is Gerbic's second national competition. He competed in the 1996 NPC Wheelchair Nationals and placed second in the light heavyweight division.

He hopes to do as well in the 1997 competition.

"I'd like to win, but I am realistic," Gerbic said. "I just hope to place as high as I can."

Figy thinks Gerbic has a good chance to win the competition.

Gerbic feels the NPC Wheelchair Nationals is the premier event for wheelchair bodybuilders.

It is the "foremost wheelchair bodybuilding event," he said.

There is no qualifier for the competition. The main criteria for acceptance is being in a wheelchair. The actual contest consists of individual posing and a pose done with the other competitors.

When the whole thing is finished, Gerbic can sit back and know that it is "over and done with." The shows give him a "feeling of accomplishment." Beyond that, however, Gerbic said "it is nice to be able to eat normally again."

Between now and Saturday, Gerbic said the most important thing he can do is "remain consistent with his diet and exercise routine. All he can do is "hope for the best."

Gerbic's main challenge is the physical limitations that face him. "There are some things that I just can't do, but I try to do as much as possible with what I am given." The main thing, he said, is to set realistic goals. Realistic goals that include entering, training for and winning national bodybuilding championships. Goals that Figy said Gerbic continues to set and accomplish.



Gabe Gerbic, a post-graduate student in secondary education, works out at the Student Recreation Center as he prepares to compete in a national bodybuilding competition in Florida this weekend. He trains seven days a week, lifting five, to prepare for the competition.

Baseball

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the team, I'm just here to help the team win," Cermak said. "Whether it's closing, coming out of the pen, short relief, setting up for (Ryan) Bradley, or starting, whatever helps, as long as my arm stays good I'm willing to do whatever."

Warren took the mound in the fifth, replacing starter A.C. Smith. Smith gave up one run on two hits and struck out six in four innings of work.

Unlike Tuesday's game, in which UNLV used a four-run sixth inning to take the contest into extra innings, there would be no big inning for the Hustlin' Rebels.

That distinction would go to the Sun Devils, who scored five runs in the fifth.

ASU's Dan McKinley stroked a three-run double to left center field, allowing

Richy Leon, Mikel Moreno and Rudy Arguelles to score. McKinley then ran in when Beinbrink hit a home run to left center field.

Juniors McKinley and Moreno, extended their hitting streaks to eight games. McKinley finished the night going 2-for-3 with three RBI and one run scored, while Moreno went 1-for-4 with one RBI and one run scored.

Beinbrink, who bats fourth in ASU's lineup, said he enjoyed seeing Cermak pitch rather than play on the outfield.

"I love it when a player who's played a position just recently just jumps on the hill," Beinbrink said. "It's like they don't know any different. Cermak doesn't know any different. He's kind of naive to that. He's a

bright kid."

Murphy agreed and added that hitting has been good as of late.

"I'm pleased with the clutch hitting of Beinbrink, Danny McKinley and Moreno," Murphy said. "They did a great job."

UNLV's first run came in the fourth, when sophomore Kevin Eberwein doubled to left, then scored off an RBI single to the short stop hit by Henry Jones.

Then, trailing 7-1 in the ninth, the Rebels scored again when Andy McCulloch hit a double to right. Junior Toby Hall then ran McCulloch in with an RBI single to center field.

McCulloch finished the night going 3-for-4 with one run scored. Jones and Hall both went 1-for-4 with one RBI each.

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NFL shoots down reinstatement of instant replay

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Instant replay in the NFL died again Wednesday, the victim of a proposal that was so narrow it was nipped into defeat.

After a last-minute effort to resurrect it, 10 teams voted against bringing back replay for the first time since the 1991 season. Only seven votes were needed to defeat the proposal.

The most apparent reason for rejection centered on the loss of a timeout by the team requesting a replay, whether the challenge was right or not.

"It's dead for now," said Dan Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who voted for it. "Maybe we should put a moratorium on it for a couple of years."

But general manager Charley Casserly of Washington disagreed, citing a straw vote of the

coaches in which only three were opposed — Bill Parcells of the New York Jets, Marv Levy of Buffalo and Tony Dungy of Tampa Bay.

"We'll be back next year," said Casserly, whose own proposal and one from the league office were combined in the compromise on which the owners voted. "I'm disappointed but replay will not go away when there's 27 of 30 coaches who want it, when fans want it, when the players want it. The issue won't go away."

The latest plan was similar to the system in effect from 1986-1991, to the extent that it would apply to possession, out of bounds and scoring plays, but not penalties.

Instead of having a replay official off the field decide it, the referee would make the decision after viewing a monitor on the field. And instead of unlimited replays determined by that official, coaches would make challenges — two a game.

That was the sticking point with many teams, even with some coaches who supported the rule. They worried that if they had to use timeouts, they might be stuck without one for a challenge at the end that might determine the outcome of a game — or even if a team makes the playoffs.

"We have the best game in the world," said Al Davis, owner of the Oakland Raiders, who said he would support some replay plans but not this one.

"We have three timeouts in the first half, we have three timeouts in the second half and we've had it for eternity. I don't want to have instant replay compromising it."

This proposal was in trouble from the start. It only got to the floor because the competition committee was willing to present it despite a 4-3 vote in the committee against it. The three in favor were the three coaches on

the committee — Mike Holmgren of Green Bay, Bill Cowher of Pittsburgh and Dennis Green of Minnesota.

But it was apparent from the start that the timeout provision would cause problems.

And it was all but killed on Tuesday, when Parcells, who isn't here, said in a conference call he wouldn't accept it in its current form, bringing to eight the teams on record against it.

Holmgren called Parcells on Tuesday evening in an attempt to get him to change his mind, but the Jets were one of the 10 teams voting no.

In Wednesday morning's session, the teams took a non-binding vote, with 20 teams for it, nine against and one "maybe." — Dallas owner Jerry Jones, who had voted against it in committee. The committee met again to try to find some compromise, but couldn't, and when the owners went back into session, it was quickly killed.

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