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Dole considers Gingrich loan an investment in GOP's future

By John King Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was a surprise twist to the speaker's dilemma: Bob Dole, never close to Newt Gingrich, reached out with a generous offer of a loan.

Documents released Thursday said Dole lent Gingrich the full \$300,000 to satisfy his ethics penalty — to be repaid at 10 percent annual interest over eight years.

In a statement, Dole said, "I consider this not only an opportunity to support a friend but a long-term investment in the future of our party."

According to two Republican sources, Dole approached his 1996 campaign manager, Scott Reed, two to three weeks ago and offered to lend Gingrich the money. Reed is a close ally of Joseph Gaylord, Gingrich's top political lieutenant, and had been consulted periodically by Gingrich during the ethics case and resulting political firestorm.

Both Gaylord and Reed had told Gingrich he was likely to face an internal GOP revolt and lose his grip on the speakership if he did not pay the penalty with personal funds. Gaylord's view was that paying in any other way would be a "career-ending" decision.

"Dole came to Scott and asked him to approach Newt about this," a GOP strategist familiar with the discussions said.



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Now-retired Senate majority leader Bob Dole of Kansas and House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia participate in a bicameral GOP leadership meeting on Capitol Hill Wednesday.

"This was a last-minute, completely unexpected overture" by Dole, spokesperson Christina Martin said. Dole, she added, sought "to assist a friend and assist the party. These are personal funds. It was his offer. The speaker did not reach out to him."

She said Dole and Gingrich spoke on the phone Tuesday morning and met Tuesday evening.

Dole and Gingrich have had many differences over the years; Dole has privately told associates his campaign for president likely was doomed by House Republicans' insistence on shutting down the

government during the 1995 budget battle with President Clinton.

But Dole also appreciated Gingrich's subsequent loyalty and staunch defense of him during the campaign. A source close to Dole said the former senator was tired of seeing the GOP hurt by the debate over how Gingrich should pay the penalty.

Initially, Gingrich was reluctant because it still involved personal funds and his wife was opposed. But over the past week he came to agreement with those telling him he had no political choice but to pay with his own money.

Minivan owners: Seat belts come apart

By Catherine Strong Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is investigating complaints of seat belts pulling loose as passengers ride buckled up in older versions of Chrysler's popular minivans.

The government's highway safety agency has received 171 complaints about belts becoming unhooked from a floor anchor in the middle row of the popular minivans. Chrysler dominates the minivan market, and the problem could exist in up to 1.1 million minivans made from 1991 through March 1993.

All complaints involve belts for the right-side seat in the minivans' second row, the only seat using a hook to anchor the belt, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration records reviewed by the AP showed.

Most of the minivan owners reported the belt came undone while in use, an agency memo said.

In one accident, Lynn Beaty, of Clinton, S.C., hit the brakes on her 1992 Dodge Caravan to avoid hitting two deer, and the child seat holding her 18-month-old daughter

was sent flying. It landed upside down with the child still in the seat, wedged between the minivan's two front bucket seats.

"I was terrified," Beaty said in an interview. Her toddler escaped injury, but she was furious when she found the seat belt detached from its floor anchor.

The April 10 agency memo reports "compelling" evidence of seat-belt failure. Agency investigators suspect the belt failure could be more widespread, based on spot checks of other vehicles, the memo says.

They are studying the belt's design and will ask Chrysler for any additional complaints it has received. Customers traditionally call the company.

Identical belts were used in the 1991-93 Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager and Chrysler Town and Country minivans.

Chrysler Corp. spokesperson Jason Vines, speaking from Auburn Hills, Mich., said the company was working with the federal agency to "see what has to be done."

Five children suffered bruised lips or a bruised or cut face when

seat belts came undone and they slid forward and hit the back of the front seat during braking, records indicate.

The belt for the minivan's right-side seat in the middle row was anchored with a hook so it could be clipped on to one of two anchor locations depending on whether bucket, two-passenger or three-passenger bench seats were installed.

In April 1993, Chrysler strengthened the hook's design by adding a second rivet to the spring clip that closes off the hook's opening and using a stronger metal for the clip, agency records show.

The company did not notify its dealers and their customers of the change through a technical service bulletin, however, so some dealers still use the old hooks as replacements for worried owners, the memo said.

Chrysler confirmed no service bulletin was made for the change but said they did notify dealers about a stronger spring added to the clip that same year, Vines said.

The government's auto safety hotline number is (800) 424-9393. Chrysler Corp.'s customer number is (800) 992-1997.

Air Force sets timetable for ending search

By Robert Weller Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The Air Force said Thursday it will suspend its search for a missing warplane in five days if the rugged Colorado Rockies continue to turn up no sign of the A-10 Thunderbolt.

Lt. Gen. Frank Campbell made the announcement before returning to his duties as commanding officer of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz.

That's the base from which Capt. Craig Button took off on a routine

training flight April 2, before veering north and heading for Colorado with four bombs aboard.

Campbell said if the search is suspended, satellite surveillance will continue and an "eyeball search" will resume as soon as the snow melts, which could be sometime this summer.

A spy plane once again was called in Thursday and witnesses were reinterviewed, but the snow-covered mountains near Vail have yet to reveal any trace of the missing jet.

No ground searches were scheduled, though helicopters and air-

planes continued to search the area.

Campbell said spy satellites had detected an "infrared event" in the search area April 2, but he wouldn't elaborate on what the event might have been.

Ground and air searches had ruled out 14 possible crash sites by Thursday morning, but information from an SR-71 spy plane had given searchers two other locations to check, Campbell said.

Officials have said 140 potential landing spots in the Southwest were being checked a second time for the missing plane.

Wider probe sought for FBI crime lab

By Michael Sniffen Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Criminal defense lawyers demanded a congressional investigation of misconduct in the FBI crime lab as President Clinton moved Thursday to protect Frederic Whitehurst and other bureau whistle-blowers.

"We've had judges fooled, juries fooled and may have citizens in jail who shouldn't be in jail," said William Moffitt, vice president of the

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "That is the people's business, and Congress should look into it."

The defense lawyers' demand was the second call this week for a wider investigation than the 18-month probe conducted by Justice Department Inspector General Michael Bromwich.

Bromwich found flawed scientific work and inaccurate testimony tilted to incriminate defendants in major and minor cases but no evidence of

perjury or fabrication of evidence. He studied three of the lab's 23 units.

"The Justice Department's own lab report discloses that there was a cover-up," Moffitt said.

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Viewpoints

# Got those don't-drink-the-water, fad diet blues

I am planning to go to Mexico this summer and have heard I shouldn't drink the water or I might get sick (diarrhea). Someone else said to take lots of Imodium AD. Is there anything I can do to prevent diarrhea?  
 - Avoiding traveling trots

Dear Avoiding:  
 Your friends are right - sometimes travelers get diarrhea from drinking the water in a foreign country, though not always. If the climate or sanitary conditions are different from those to which you are accustomed, there always is the possibility of being exposed to some type of foreign bacteria. People from countries outside the United States who visit us may also experience traveler's diarrhea. There are a few things you can do to avoid coming into contact with organisms that will cause you to run to the bathroom:  
 • Don't drink the water - no matter where it comes from - unless it has been sterilized. Even bottled water can be unsafe if it is not bottled in a factory. The Center for Disease Control suggests you drink carbonated water to be certain no one has refilled the bottle with unsafe water. Watch out for a common mistake - using ice

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cubes in drinks such as colas, juices, etc. When the ice melts in your drink, you can be exposed to the same bacteria you are trying to avoid in the water. Fruit juices at restaurants, etc. also should be avoided, as they are sometimes watered down.

• When choosing food to eat, always choose items that are thoroughly cooked and still hot. Never eat anything raw - even salads that contain lettuce or raw vegetables. If you eat fruits and vegetables that can be peeled or have a rind, you should be OK as long as you wash them well first. As always, avoid unpasteurized milk and other dairy products. Ask people about restaurants and seek out those that have a safe reputation.

In the event that your efforts fail and you wind up with the traveler's trots, drink a lot of liquids (safe ones) to replace your lost fluids. The goal is to avoid becoming dehydrated. You can try soup broths, soda or juices that are not watered down. When you feel like you can eat, start out with some foods like bananas,

rice, applesauce or dry toast (what we moms and pediatricians refer to as the BRAT diet). These are all non-fat foods that will be less likely to irritate your intestinal system.

The Student Health Service has a travel clinic that advises students about any necessary shots or health concerns. They use a Center for Disease Control computer program that generates all kinds of interesting information about the country to which you are traveling. Another helpful service the travel clinic provides is a prescription for Floxin, an antibiotic that cures traveler's diarrhea in the event you need it.

I would strongly advise you to set up an appointment in the Student Health Travel Clinic prior to your trip. You can sched-

ule an appointment at 335-8394. Have a great time!

Cathy Barnett, M.S., C.H.E.S.

My roommates and I read about a new diet called the Zone Diet. What is it exactly and does it really work? We are thinking of doing a group diet at our house and want to pick one that will get results.

- Weighing the options

Dear Options:

The diet to which you are referring is described in Barry Sears' book, titled "The Zone," and has been the subject of some heated debates. Most nutrition and health experts would agree you and your roommates are better off out of the zone than in. Recently, Nutrition Action Healthletter - published by the same people who exposed the evils of movie popcorn - blasted Sears' zone diet, stating it is not supported by solid scientific evidence and is just another fad.

The Zone Diet holds that if you eat all meals and snacks in a balance of 40 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent protein and 30 percent fat, you will maintain your insulin levels so as to be in the zone where the mind and body are at their ultimate best. Sears' claim is eating too many carbohydrates increases insulin levels, which in turn causes fat accumulation.

Some of the bad carbohydrates Sears requires people to eliminate from their diet include carrots, bananas, breads, cereals and rice. Dietitians and other health experts have responded to his claim by saying the question is not whether carbohydrates raise insulin levels, but rather whether staying in the zone really helps a person lose weight. Most experts say no.

The bottom line is, like many fad diets, this one (virtually) eliminates one food group and restricts calories. If you eat fewer calories, you lose weight - particularly if you also are exercising.

Millions of people have purchased "The Zone" in hopes of losing weight - some have lost weight, but it remains to be seen if they will maintain their weight loss.

Unfortunately, there is no easy or fast way to lose weight. As anyone who has watched Oprah or tried to lose weight knows, the most difficult part of weight loss is keeping it off.

If you and your roommates want to go on a diet, consider learning more about how to eat in a way that's healthful but fits into your lifestyle. Most experts encourage 55 percent calories from carbohydrates, 15 percent from protein and 25-30 percent from fat.

Student Health Service has a dietitian as well as a fitness specialist available for consultation.

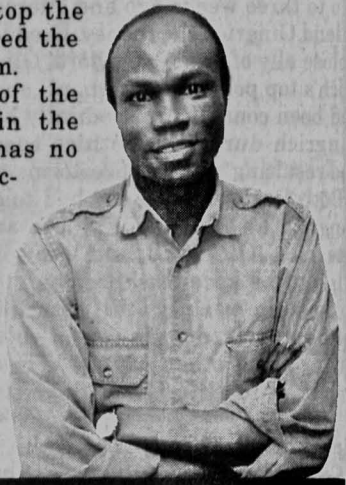
Perhaps you and your roommates could get help designing a fitness plan or some menus that are healthy, but taste good, too. Good luck.

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# Israel paralyzed by indictment possibility

By Dan Perry  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Defiant in the face of an influence-peddling scandal, Benjamin Netanyahu vowed Thursday to hang tough through calls for his resignation. "We're not going anywhere," he told supporters.

The government, and efforts to revive the peace process, have virtually stopped while Israelis wait to find out whether prosecutors will follow police advice and charge the prime minister with fraud and breach of trust.

The police recommendation that Netanyahu and three key allies be charged in the scandal has fueled speculation about — and calls for — an early end to his stormy 10-month reign. Prosecutors' decision was expected by Sunday.

At his Likud Party's headquarters in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu suggested his government was under a politically motivated attack for its policies to keep Jewish settlements in the West Bank and all of Jerusalem under Israeli rule. He told his cheering supporters "the truth will be victorious."

"We are not going anywhere," Netanyahu said. "We are staying in the place where the people and history put us, and we will continue to lead this people."

The scandal stems from Netanyahu's decision in January to appoint Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On as attorney general. Bar-On resigned after a day in office amid a storm of criticism that he

was unqualified.

Days later, Israel TV alleged the appointment was part of a conspiracy by senior officials who expected Bar-On to end the corruption trial of Aryeh Deri, head of the Shas religious party. Deri was to ensure in return that the Shas' two Cabinet ministers gave Netanyahu the majority needed to approve the Israeli troop pullback from most of the West Bank town of Hebron.

Netanyahu denied the allegations and called for the inquiry. After a 12-week investigation, police handed in their 995-page report Tuesday.

In addition to recommending Netanyahu be indicted, they advised that Deri be charged with blackmail and Netanyahu's aide, Avigdor Lieberman, and Justice Minister Tsachi Hanegbi be charged with breach of trust. Lieberman allegedly relayed Deri's threats to Netanyahu and Hanegbi is accused of misleading the Cabinet about Bar-On's qualifications.

The crisis has overshadowed the latest mission by U.S. mediator Dennis Ross, who has met with Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to try to revive the disintegrating peace process.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said little progress was expected until prosecutors make a decision.

Arafat — whose relationship with Netanyahu often has been antagonistic — reportedly was receiving half-hour updates on the crisis.

The development nipped budding



Nati Harnik/Associated Press

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu waves to cheering supporters at a Likud party meeting in Tel Aviv Thursday.

efforts to establish a Likud-Labor coalition that would be freer than Netanyahu's current right-wing coalition government to make concessions to the Palestinians.

Opposition Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, who had been the leading proponent of such a union, on Thursday called the police accusations a "political earthquake." Labor's Knesset caucus, meeting in Tel Aviv, said Netanyahu had "lost his moral basis to rule" and should resign immediately.

Even Moshe Katsav, the transport minister and Netanyahu's deputy premier, said if an indictment is brought, "then certainly the government will not be able to continue functioning."

Netanyahu, 47, would not be obliged to resign even if convicted. But several allies have hinted they may bolt the ruling coalition and deprive Netanyahu of his parliamentary majority.

# Nuns linked to aiding Rwandan genocide

By Paul Ames  
Associated Press

MAREDRET, Belgium — The nuns' soft voices are about the only sound that breaks the silence at the Benedictine abbey of Maredret, a haven of religious solitude deep in the Ardennes forest of southern Belgium.

Among those who sing daily beneath the abbey's neo-gothic arches are Sisters Gertrude Mukangango and Julienne Kizito, two Hutu nuns from Rwanda.

The Roman Catholic church describes the nuns as innocent refugees who fled the genocidal fury that swept their homeland in the spring of 1994 to find peace behind the high walls of Maredret.

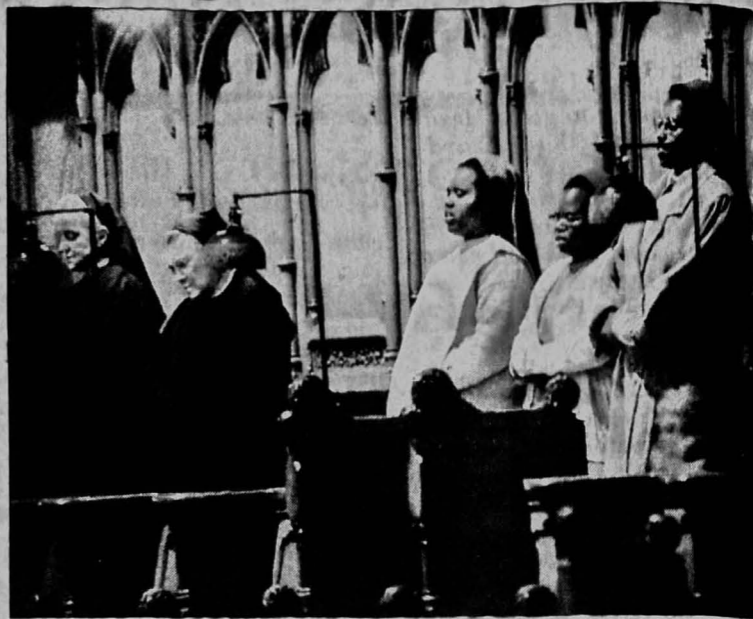
But human-rights investigators claim the two played an infinitely more sinister role — willingly and enthusiastically helping a mob that slaughtered thousands of Rwandan Tutsis seeking sanctuary in the nuns' convent at Sovu in southern Rwanda.

"We have more information on the terrible things that they have done," said Rakyia Omaar, co-author of a report on the killings for African Rights, a London-based human-rights group.

In accounts to African Rights investigators, witness after witness speaks of Sister Gertrude ordering frightened Tutsis out of the Benedictines' compound on April 25, 1994. Outside, a horde of Hutu soldiers and militia members waited.

"She asked these soldiers to make us come out of the monastery. She told them that she did not want the blood of Tutsis in the monastery," survivor Domatile Mukabanza said.

"Small children begged her to



Jacques Collet/Associated Press

Human rights investigators claim Sister Gertrude Mukangango, right, and Sister Julienne Kizito, second from right, helped a mob that slaughtered thousands of Rwandan Tutsis.

hide them, but she shoved them off outside."

Survivors claim Sister Julienne went even farther — supplying the mob with gasoline to burn Tutsis alive.

"The refugees ... locked themselves inside the buildings. They poured the gasoline on the house and set it alight. Sister Kizito was still there and she gave several jerrycans of gasoline," Veneranda Mukankusi said.

Afterward, Sister Julienne allegedly joined the killers in looting some of the corpses.

French troops evacuated the nuns when a Tutsi-led rebel force took over Rwanda and put an end to the massacres. Since then, the church has sheltered the nuns at

convents around Belgium.

"Those accusations were well-founded," said the Rev. Celine Cullen, abbot of the Benedictine Congregation of the Annunciation.

In a telephone interview from the order's offices in Glenstal Abbey, Ireland, the abbot acknowledged that Sister Gertrude had handed the Tutsis over to the Hutu militia.

But she had done so only after threats to her nuns, and after assurances the Tutsis would not be harmed, he said.

The two Hutu nuns are on a list of 14 suspects who Gasana Ndabire, a Rwandan human-rights investigator, believes are currently seeking refuge in Belgium, the former colonial power in Rwanda.

# American active in c...

By Calvin Woodward  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are deeply involved in their communities despite being wary of each other and distrustful of government, says a study released Thursday that challenges the idea that civic life is in decline.

A national poll by the Pew Research Center, combined with a study of the Philadelphia area, found high rates of socializing and community interest along with significant levels of volunteering.

Almost two-thirds of Americans said they had done volunteer work in the last month, and one-third had been to a public affairs meeting in the last year. Blacks were more likely to distrust other people but also more likely to volunteer.

"It stands in contrast to signs of people turning inward," said Andrew Kohut, Pew research director. "There's a whole broad range of social networks that seem to be alive and well."

Overall, Philadelphians were less inclined to volunteer than Americans at large — 49 percent had done so in the last month, compared with 61 percent of people nationally.

Even so, 60 percent of those surveyed in Philadelphia said they would get neighbors to work together on a problem — and 60 percent already had done so. The typical Philadelphian engaged in some type of social activity — often at the church or the gym — 14 times in the last month.

"People still join," said Don Ebo, president of the Commonwealth Foundation, which works for civic renewal. "They just hedge their bets a bit more."

If Americans are still joined by their suspicions of others, too. Only family, fellow church members, local fire departments and bosses enjoyed strong trust from a majority of Americans and Philadelphians in the Pew report.

The typical American is not inclined to trust most people and holds particularly dim views of federal and state government, the survey and others indicate.

Still, majorities nationally and locally felt people try to be help-

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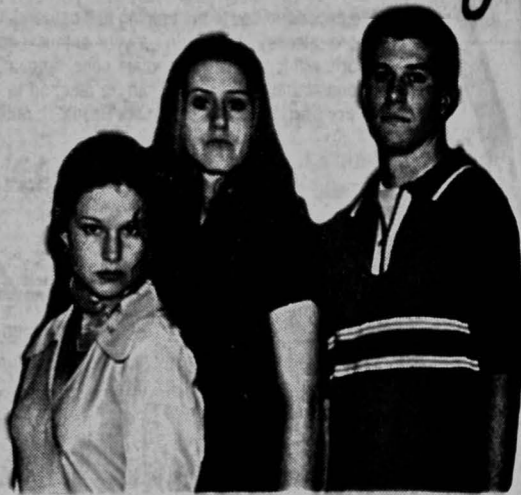
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"People still join," said Don Eberly, president of the Commonwealth Foundation, which works for civic renewal. "They just hedge their bets a bit more."

If Americans are still joiners, they are suspicious of others, too.

Only family, fellow church members, local fire departments and bosses enjoyed strong trust from a majority of Americans and Philadelphians in the Pew report.

The typical American is not inclined to trust most people and holds particularly dim views of federal and state government, that survey and others indicate.

Still, majorities nationally and locally felt people try to be helpful

most of the time.

Other research, including the highly publicized "Bowling Alone" essay by Harvard Professor Robert Putnam in 1995, pointed to increasing social isolation.

Philadelphia is the base for the Pew Charitable Trusts, and its choice for the yearlong study was not connected with President Clinton's three-day conference on community service planned there later this month.

The study found 34 percent of Americans and 30 percent in the metropolitan area went to a public affairs meeting in the last year.

Previous surveys, including some cited by Putnam, had put the figure on civic-meeting attendance as low as 13 percent.

The discrepancy in findings is explained in part by the value placed by researchers on various forms of social interaction.

In tracing declining memberships in unions, fraternal organizations, bowling leagues and more, Putnam acknowledged growth in other places where people meet. But he argued those forums, such as self-help or hobby groups, don't promote bonds like traditional civic organizations do.

The Pew research suggests important relationships are often formed at groups discounted by those with more pessimistic conclusions.

For example, 82 percent of Philadelphians who go to reading or study groups and 64 percent of those in sports groups feel close enough to others in that activity to request help with a personal problem.

"The means and nature of social connections may be changing, but people are still linked meaningfully to one another," the study said.

It found no relationship between people's distrust of each other and their willingness to get involved in the community — both were high.

In measuring civic engagement, Eberly said, too much emphasis can be placed on the decline of large and old organizations like fraternal clubs. It may be simply that their time has passed.

He also said thriving softball leagues and self-help groups may not prove civic life is healthy.

# Smoking coughed up as factor in custody wars

By Jim Fitzgerald  
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — If you can imagine yourself in a battle for custody of your children, divorce lawyer Alan Scheinkman has some advice: Don't smoke.

Judges in divorce cases are increasingly considering smoking as a factor in deciding where to put the kids — especially when the children have asthma or allergies.

"If you were a prudent parent on the receiving end of a custody petition, and you really cared about the kids and retaining custody, you'd say, 'I'm quitting,'" Scheinkman said.

"The parent who's willing to smoke in the same room with an asthmatic child shows more self-centeredness and less selfless regard for their child than one who won't."

Ann Oldfather, a divorce lawyer in Louisville, Ky.

The issue has spilled over into the nation's family courts as the public becomes increasingly aware of the dangers of cigarettes and secondhand smoke. It will be the topic of a panel discussion today at Pace University Law School.

The nearly universal "best interests of the child" standard used in custody cases means parties can raise, and judges can consider, almost any issue. And if a judge is so inclined, he can see smoking as a negative in two ways: dirtying the child's air and showing poor character.

"The parent who's willing to smoke in the same room with an asthmatic child shows more self-centeredness and less selfless regard for their child than one who won't," said Ann Oldfather, a divorce lawyer in Louisville, Ky.

Obviously, smoking is not always going to make a difference.

"If you had a parent who is beating the other parent and the child,

you wouldn't say, 'Well, because the victim is a smoker, we're going to award custody to the abusing parent,'" Scheinkman said. But in cases where the parents are equal in nearly all other respects, smoking could prove to be the decisive factor.

In 1990, a Tennessee court awarded custody of an asthmatic boy to his father because his mother smoked in front of the child, even in an automobile. Similar rulings have come in Connecticut, Delaware, Minnesota and New Jersey, all since 1993.

Some judges, perhaps realizing it can be hard to quit smoking, have decided not to switch custody but to impose smoking restrictions on the parent. In Nassau County, N.Y., a judge ruled a woman could smoke in only one room of the house, and only if the children weren't present.

In Knox County, Tenn., the Circuit Court has adopted a rule for all custody cases, and not just those in which the child has a health problem: "If children are exposed to smoke, it will be strong evidence that the exposing parent does not take good care of them."

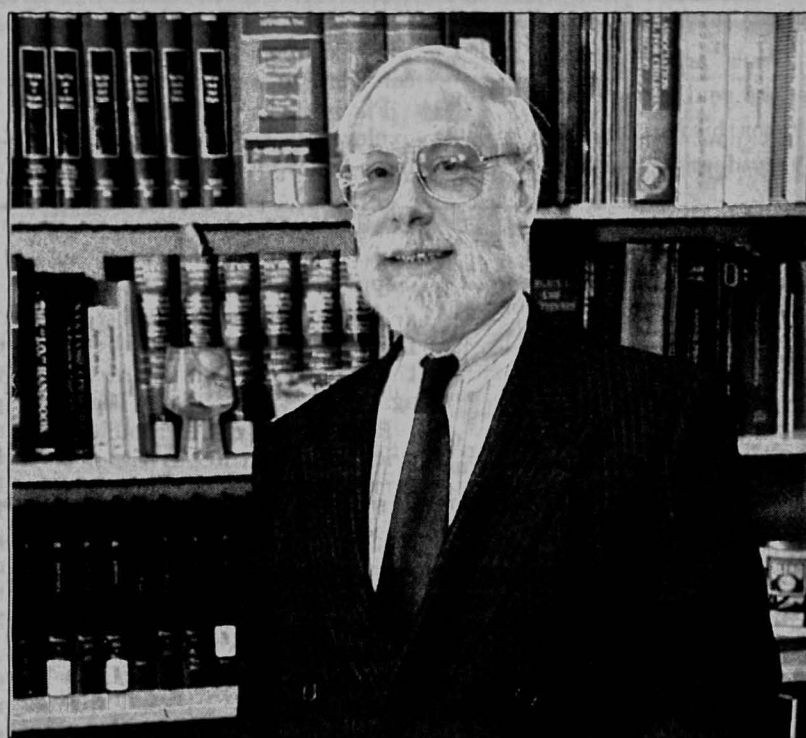
That rule led last year to a criminal contempt conviction — and a loss of all visitation rights — for a father who smoked during his time with his daughter.

Merrill Sobie, a Pace Law professor, a specialist in children's law and a pipe smoker, believes without evidence a child is harmed, "I don't think smoking should be relevant at all."

"Should we deny custody if the parent feeds the child junk food? A parent that lets Johnny play touch football?" he asks. "I'm also very leery of the state intervening in parental discretion."

Similarly, Walker Merriman of the Tobacco Institute, an industry group, said unless it can be shown that the child could suffer harm, "it's very troublesome for courts to undertake fine-grain scrutiny and engage in social engineering."

So far, there is no clear national standard on how to deal with smoking around children, said Scheinkman, a three-pack-a-day man until he quit seven years ago: "It's very much a child of the '90s and very much undeveloped."



Ed Bailey/Associated Press

Professor and attorney Merrill Sobie poses in his office at Pace University in White Plains, N.Y., Wednesday. Judges in divorce cases are increasingly considering smoking as a factor in deciding where to put the kids, especially when the children have asthma or allergies.

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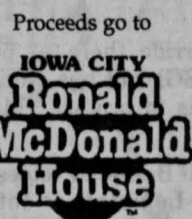
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Sister Gertrude Mukangango, second from right, helped a group of Rwandan Tutsis.

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In a telephone interview from the order's offices in Glenstal Abbey, Ireland, the abbot acknowledged that Sister Gertrude had handed over the Hutu militia threats to her nuns, and assurances the Tutsis would not be harmed, he said.

The two Hutu nuns are on a list of 14 suspects who Gasana Ndindiyimana, a Rwandan human-rights investigator, believes are currently seeking refuge in Belgium, the former colonial power in Rwanda.

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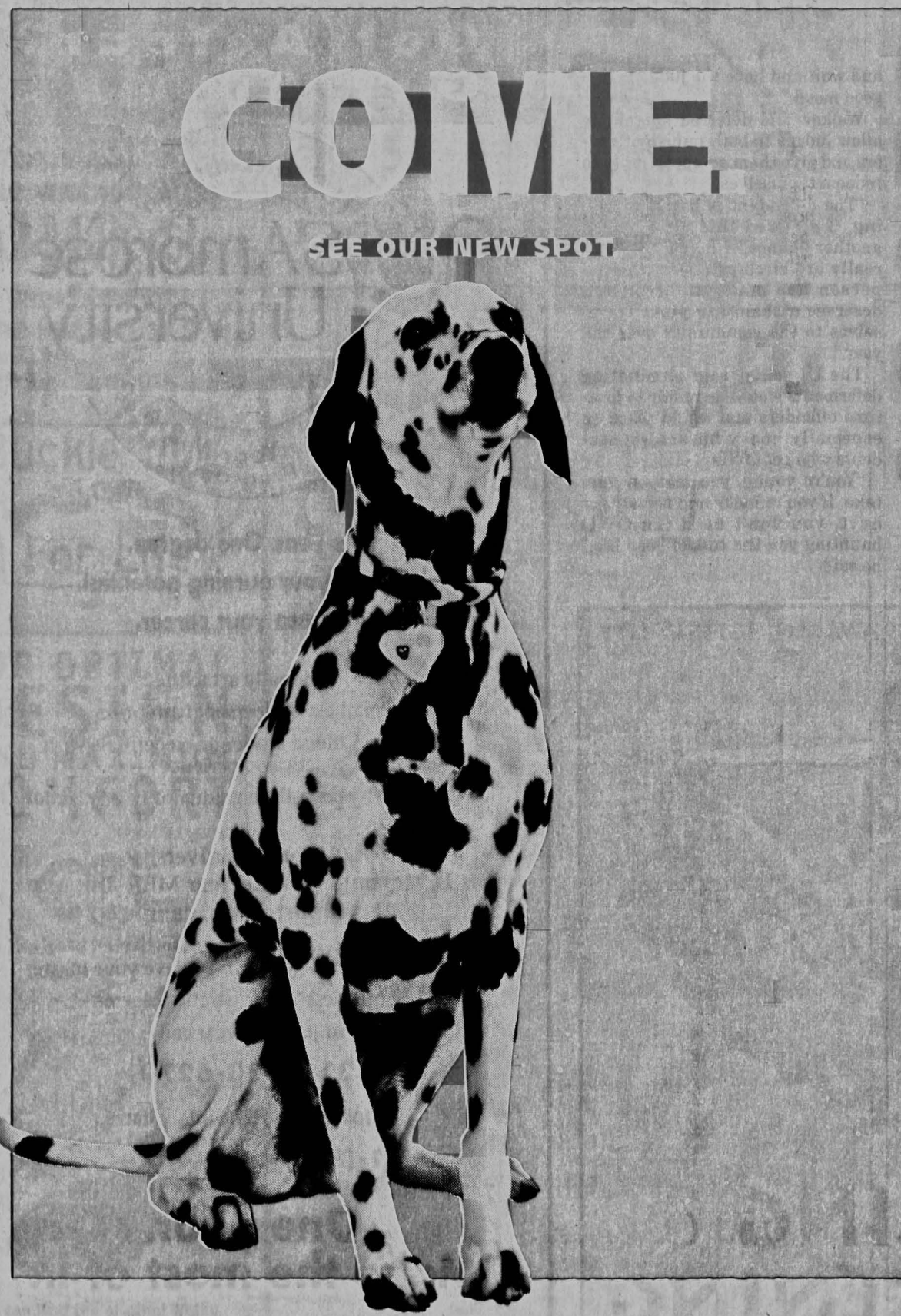
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## CALENDAR & LEGAL MATTERS

### POLICE

**Derik W. Stauffacher**, 22, 1018 N. Dodge St., was charged with public intoxication at the Holiday Inn, 210 S. Dubuque St., on April 17 at 1:59 a.m.

**Mark D. Pendergast**, 21, 4494 Taft Ave., Apt. B25, was charged with public intoxication and trespassing at the Holiday Inn, 210 S. Dubuque St., on April 17 at 1:59 a.m.

**Brian J. Atkins**, 24, 1602 Muscatine Ave., was charged with operating while intoxicated in the 1600 block of Muscatine Avenue on April 17 at 2:33 a.m.

**Cari A. Jorgensen**, 21, 504 S. Van Buren St., Apt. 4, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Benton and Dubuque streets on April 17 at 2:08 a.m.

**Blue Young**, 39, 27758 County Road, Apt. G26, was charged with fifth-degree theft at Wal-Mart, 1001 Highway 1 West, on April 16 at 4:50 p.m.

— Compiled by Jennifer Cassell

### COURTS

#### District

**Public intoxication** — Derik W. Stauffacher, 1018 N. Dodge St., fined \$90; Mark D. Pendergast, 4494 Taft Ave., fined \$90.

**Trespassing** — Mark D. Pendergast, 4494 Taft Ave., fined \$90.

The above fines do not include surcharges or court costs.

#### Magistrate

**OWI** — Brian J. Atkins, 1602 Muscatine Ave., preliminary hearing set for May 1 at 2 p.m.; Cari A. Jorgensen, 504 S. Van Buren St., Apt. 4, preliminary hearing set for May 1 at 2 p.m.; Cody C. Mashburn, 321 Frankline Lane, Apt. 3, preliminary hearing set for May 1 at 2 p.m.; David B. Rodgers, Coralville, preliminary hearing set for May 1 at 2 p.m.

**Possession of a schedule 1 controlled substance** — Eric J. Kenyon, 315 S. Dodge St., preliminary hearing set for May 1 at 2 p.m.

— Compiled by Brendan Brown

### TODAY'S EVENTS

UI College of Business Administration, Center for International and Comparative Studies and Project on Rhetoric of Inquiry will sponsor an ethics seminar titled "Selecting Lawyers: Beyond Black and White in Admissions" by Camille de Palma in Room 337 of the Union at 12:15 p.m.

J.H. Lee Gallery will sponsor a grand opening celebration and reception at 726 E. Iowa Ave. from 5-7 p.m.

UI Department of Geology will sponsor a departmental seminar titled "Continental Records of Climatic Records of Climatic and Environmental Change Over the Past 100 Years: Insight from High-Resolution Lacustrine Archives" in Room 125 of

Trowbridge Hall at 4 p.m. and a lecture titled "The Biogeochemical Record of Ecosystem Dynamics Associated with Climatic and Oceanographic Fluctuations from Younger Dryas Cold Period to Present in the Anaerobic Cariaco Basin, Offshore Venezuela" in Room 227 of Trowbridge Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Union and Iowa Center for AIDS Resources & Education will sponsor a spring fashion dance in the Main Ballroom of the Union from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

UI Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication, UI Department of Sociology, Bridging Project on International Studies and Office of International Education and Services will sponsor "Sport, Media and National Identity: An International Roundtable and Public Forum" in Room 335 of the Union from 3-5 p.m.

UI Graduate College is sponsoring its fifth annual research forum, visual and per-

forming arts symposium in MacBride Auditorium at 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY'S EVENTS

Women's Intercollegiate Sports Council will sponsor "The Spring Closet Cleanout" at the UI spring football game at Kinnick Stadium, which begins at 1 p.m.

Office of International Education and Services will sponsor "Fishing 101" at the Coralville Reservoir at 10:30 a.m.

Rape Victim Advocacy Program will sponsor "Body Image and Healing" in the

Ohio State Room of the Union from 1-4 p.m.

UI Graduate College is sponsoring its fifth annual research forum with keynote speaker Dr. Kesho Scott in Tipple Auditorium of Pappajohn Business Administration Building at 1 p.m.

### SUNDAY'S EVENTS

United Campus Ministry will sponsor "Eat at Church" at First Christian Church, 217 Iowa Ave., at 5 p.m.

UI Animal Coalition and C.A.R.E. will sponsor a vigil and march in the Pedestrian Mall from 7-8 p.m. and 8-9 p.m.

United Methodist Campus Ministry will sponsor a Sunday supper at the Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St., at 5:30 p.m.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Union will meet in the Ohio State Room of the Union from 5-7 p.m.

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