

# \$25,000 Dallas painting vandalized at museum

United Press International

DALLAS — A painting by Andrew Dasburg was vandalized, Dallas Museum of Art officials said Wednesday. It was the second painting in a month that has been damaged at the museum.

Officials said the damage to the portrait, Judson Smith, by Dasburg was discovered Wednesday morning. The figure's eyes had been penetrated by someone, presumably using a pen, museum officials said in a release.

The painting, valued at \$25,000, was removed for restoration, a process curators believe will not be difficult but is expected to cost \$1,000.

The Dasburg portrait, which dates from 1923, has been part of the Museum's Fine Arts collection since 1957.

Museum Director Harry S. Parker

said the damage probably was inflicted by a museum visitor.

"The puncture of the eyes of a portrait is a classic format for this type of vandalism," he said. "We are unable to rule out the possibility that the damage was inflicted by a person or persons associated with the Bonnard incident."

Earlier this month, officials discovered a 12-inch gash in a French painting, Le Jardin (The Garden) by Pierre Bonnard. That painting was on loan from the Musee de Petit Palais as part of a traveling exhibit of Bonnard's work.

Museum officials and Dallas police investigating the damage to the Bonnard piece were unable to determine whether the gash was accidental or deliberate, even after questioning 21 museum workers with a polygraph machine.

Parker said an unnamed museum employee had been fired Friday, even though investigators did not have evidence to pursue criminal prosecution.

The 1936 Bonnard work was sent back to Paris for repair last week.

Museum officials said they tightened security because of the Oct. 2 slashing. They put additional guards around the Bonnard exhibit and started inspecting purses and bookbags at doors. Vendors who entered the Museum after hours are being monitored more carefully.

Museum spokesman Bob Rozelle said television monitors and sound alarms would be installed soon, as well as protective coverings over most of the paintings housed in the Museum.

# Official 'hampering' efforts for voter registration drives

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WASHINGTON — Democratic officials from New York, Texas and Ohio charged Wednesday that a top White House official tried to curtail voter registration drives by raising allegations of impropriety.

Gov. Mark White and two other state officials told a House panel they were "shocked" when they received letters from Donald Devine, chief of the Office of Personnel Management, an independent executive branch agency, suggesting the registration drives might be tainted by partisan political activities.

White, a Democrat, and spokesmen for Democratic Governors Mario Cuomo of New York and

Richard Celeste of Ohio said while Devine's letter made no specific allegations, it threatened to cut off federal funds for programs such as food stamps and aid to the blind.

In his testimony, Devine said he simply asked for information about the registration drives to make sure they were in compliance with federal laws preventing use of state employees for partisan political purposes.

"I didn't threaten anybody," Devine told a House subcommittee on manpower and housing.

But White and Ohio Secretary of State Sherrod Brown disagreed.

"Mr. Devine's letter purported to be a simple 'request for information,' but it implied that Ohio's voter registration program in state agencies ... violated federal laws," Brown said.

"The letter contained a veiled threat that Ohio might lose federal funds if the registration program was found to violate (the federal laws)."

In addition to Devine's letter, White said he was informed by the Labor Department that federal regulations don't allow voter registration drives in state employment offices except during nonworking hours.

White and Brown emphasized that citizens were not asked — or in the case of Ohio were not able — to express political preference in registering.

# Gas price posting to attract more supplies

United Press International

HOUSTON — Tenneco Corp. announced Wednesday it has formed a new unit to begin an industry first of buying natural gas through 30-day contracts at a monthly posted price in Texas and Louisiana.

Tenneco Exchange began its operations by posting a \$2.76 per million BTU price at its Tennessee Gas Pipeline at Vinton, La., and a \$2.71 per million BTU price at the Tenneco-controlled facilities in

Tivoli.

Tennasco President Jerry R. McLeod said that the monthly posting of prices is designed to attract additional supplies to the gas spot market, which has averaged almost 300 million cubic feet a day for his firm over recent months.

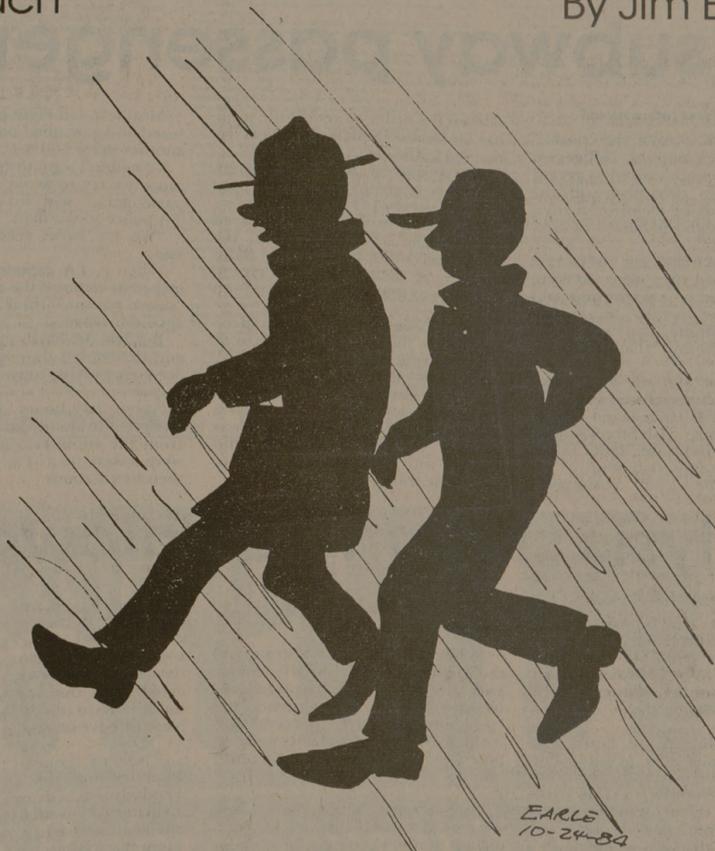
"We believe this new program will make markets available for shut-in or curtailed production and will provide more gas for expanding existing markets and developing new ones," he said.

The supplies purchased by Tenneco Exchange will move to the existing spot market, primarily outside of Texas, McLeod said, and as additional supplies become available, the market is expected to expand rapidly, especially along the Gulf Coast.

McLeod said the program will operate on a monthly cycle, beginning on the 15th of each month with Tenneco Exchange's announcement of the price it will pay and a forecast of the volumes needed.

Slouch

By Jim Earle



"I've been having these lapses of memory on exams that I've been taking lately. Could that mean that I'm presidential timber?"

# Manager files discrimination suit

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A marketing manager for Gas Co. of New Mexico has filed a \$1.2 million suit against GasCo's parent company in Dallas alleging the company tried to get rid of him because he held "too high" a position for a black man.

Arthur M. Humphrey, who has worked for GasCo since 1977, claims Southern Union Co. deprived him of his civil rights.

In the suit filed Tuesday, Humphrey asks the court to promote him

to general marketing manager, a position he claims he was never allowed to apply for.

His suit claims the general marketing manager position was created in 1983 with the purpose of demoting him. He said the job had the same duties he performed, but required a master's degree in business administration, which he did not have.

According to the complaint, Humphrey is the only black manager at GasCo. He claims the company has systematically excluded

blacks from management positions.

The suit also names as defendants O.L. Slaughter, GasCo's senior vice president of operations, and Susan Paneboeuf, who has been general marketing manager since June 1983.

Humphrey claims the former vice president of operations, Bill Barnhouse, promoted him twice on the basis of his performance. He charges that when Paneboeuf was named general marketing manager, his job description was rewritten to create a more burdensome workload to allow easier criticism of his performance.

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