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## Good Evening!

### AREA

**AMARILLO** — A Panhandle safety seminar is scheduled for April 12 at the Amarillo Civic Center to help people enhance their knowledge of safety practices.

Sponsored by the American Society of Safety Engineers, Texas Safety Association, in cooperation with Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and Workers' Health and Safety Division, the one-day seminar will feature motivational speaker Vern Holder, past president of the Oklahoma Speakers Association.

According to organizers, attendees should gain a better understanding of safety and health processes, regulatory updates, agricultural safety and risk management.

**PAMPA** — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering lifeguarding classes next month for those 16 years or older.

The first class will be held beginning April 21 at 5:30 p.m., and the second class will begin at 8 a.m. on April 22. Both classes, which consists of a 30-hour course, will be held at the Pampa Youth and Community Center.

Current CPR and first aid cards are required for those planning to take the lifeguarding classes.

Class size is limited, so those wanting to take the course need to pre-register by calling the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

**WHEELER** — A Wheeler boutique is having a style show to benefit an organ donation center.

Ravonda Hardcastle of Appearances in Wheeler is holding a benefit style show at 7 p.m. April 10 at the United Methodist Church to raise money for LifeGift, an organ donation center for West Texas.

Half of the admission price of \$10 will go to LifeGift, according to Hardcastle. A buffet of sweets will also be served.

"We are having a dessert bar instead of dinner," Hardcastle said.

**DALHART** — This Panhandle city's newest business will sponsor a job fair here on April 8.

Premium Standard Farms will sponsor a job fair featuring businesses in Dalhart, according to Jennifer Hammett of the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce.

The job fair will be held at the coliseum, she said. For more information, call 806-249-5646.

### WORLD

**GUATEMALA CITY (AP)** — A jet fuel explosion near a military depot set off a raging fire that killed three people and injured 23 others, a military spokesman said today.

The blast took place Sunday at the base adjoining the city's Aurora International Airport, which was closed during the fire.

The fire started in the Engineer's Corps building and spread rapidly through shops containing lubricants and other flammable materials until it came to a gasoline storage tank, which exploded.

A spokesman said the dead included a fireman and two civilian employees of the military. Eleven soldiers and 12 firemen were injured.

## North Texas storms cause \$15 million damage

By The Associated Press

Strong thunderstorms that roared across North Texas during the weekend caused an estimated \$15 million in damage and brought back unpleasant memories to residents of Wylie, DeSoto and Lancaster.

Severe thunderstorm warnings and tornado watches were issued Saturday night and early Sunday for the areas struck by earlier tornadoes.

There were no reports of injuries, but Jerry Johns, president of the Texas Insurance Information Service, estimated the damage, mostly to roofs, at between \$10 million to \$15 million.

"There will be an overwhelming number of claims, both large and small," Johns said.

There were no tornadoes sighted in the Dallas area, but Wylie Mayor Larry Swartz said residents of that area still cringe when storms build up.

"Once you've had a storm like that, you

find your residents, especially in certain areas, much more leery, frightened, thinking it's going to happen again," Swartz said.

In 1993, a tornado killed one person, injured more than 50 and caused about \$20 million damage at Wylie.

At DeSoto, Mayor David Doyle said, "When the clouds begin to gather out here, I think everyone's very aware of where their loved ones are."

Several funnel clouds were spawned in weekend storms that brought large hail, high winds and some damage across Texas.

A tornado struck DeSoto and Lancaster last April, killing three and destroying hundreds of homes and businesses.

One twister briefly touched down Saturday night near Darrrouzett. The tornado, sighted 1 1/2 miles southeast of the Panhandle community, was preceded by dime-size hail, but no damage or injuries were reported by Lipscomb

County law officers.

A roof was torn from a storage building in Ballinger earlier in the evening, with the Texas Department of Public Safety saying the damage possibly resulted from a tornado. Golfball-size hail fell earlier in the area.

A funnel cloud spotted on radar north-east of Eldorado early Sunday did not touch down.

Pea-size hail fell along with the storms, said Andy Spinks, dispatcher for the Schleicher County sheriff's office.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo identified another possible tornado 15 miles southwest of Eden.

"We sent out crews to look for damage, but none has come in," Lynn Sessom, a Concho County sheriff's dispatcher, said Sunday.

Several funnel clouds were also spotted Saturday near Caddo Mills in Hunt County as a dry line from a Pacific cold front moved through the area.

Officials said an estimated 10,000 households in Dallas and Tarrant counties lost power in the storms Saturday.

A hailstorm in eastern Dallas County damaged roofs and broke car and house windows along Lake Ray Hubbard near Rockwall and Mesquite. Other large hail caused damage in Heath.

The storms caused wind damage to two homes, with a barn roof blown off and a shed destroyed at Cash in Hunt County. A fire station wall there was blown in and bay doors ripped off by winds.

Seven homes were damaged in Dallas County and a roof was torn from a trailer in Grape Creek.

Heavy rains flooded White Oak Creek in Rockwall County, with U.S. 380 closed by high water near McKinney.

The weather service said winds estimated at 60 mph also caused damage in the suburb of Grand Prairie, west of Dallas. Power lines and tree limbs were also downed near Brownwood.

## Hillary and Chelsea in Asia



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, kneeling, and daughter Chelsea, right, visit with residents of Burki in Pakistan on Monday. The two are on a two-day visit to Pakistan, part of their five-nation tour of south Asia.

## Clinton promotes plan to cut or sell federal agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today promoted a multibillion dollar proposal to consolidate, cut or sell operations at five federal agencies, promising "a government that does only what it needs to do but everything it must do."

In a veiled slap at deeper Republican budget cuts, Clinton said, "You can reinvent government — cut costs to taxpayers — without a mean spirit or a meat ax."

Changes at the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Small Business Administration, Interior Department and National Aeronautics and Space Administration are the latest installment of Clinton's "reinventing government" drive.

Most of the changes have been publicized or were in the works previously, but the White House hopes to promote Clinton's reforms by packaging the separate agency plans in lumps.

The president said the effort shows government can be trimmed without sacrificing summer jobs, anti-drug programs or his national service initiative — all targets of the GOP budget ax.

Clinton accepted a multibillion check in the name of American taxpayers to highlight FCC auctions of licenses for the next generation of mobile phones. The FCC, which previously gave away certain licenses, has generated more than \$7 billion at high-

ly publicized auctions. "Taxpayers don't want to give any of their property away for free," Clinton said at FCC offices.

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, who heads the "reinventing government" project, in December announced \$24 billion worth of savings from several agencies, saying the money would help pay for the president's \$60 billion middle-class tax cut initiative. Clinton gave Gore 90 days to propose more changes.

Gore, who promises to make government work better for less, says the "reinventing government" project already has cut 98,000 jobs from the federal payroll.

Republicans argue that Clinton's budget-cutting doesn't go far enough.

The proposed cuts include:

— Closing outdated offices at the Interior Department, including the unit that serves territories such as Guam. Eliminating the territorial office also deletes an assistant secretary's position, the official said.

— Turning over some FEMA functions to states so they can more quickly declare disaster areas.

— Consolidating the SBA's popular 7-A loan program, removing government as a middleman between banks and applicants.

— Changing contract operations at NASA.

## Mandela fires his estranged wife

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — President Nelson Mandela fired his estranged wife, Winnie, from his government today for conduct unbecoming a public official.

The dismissal rids Mandela's Cabinet of a rebellious and divisive figure who publicly criticized his conservative economic policies. It does not affect Mrs. Mandela's standing in the African National Congress nor her position as a member of Parliament.

Firing his wife as deputy minister of arts, culture, science and technology is Mandela's most

dramatic act since coming to office almost a year ago.

Mrs. Mandela had denounced the government's approach to social reform, made an unauthorized trip abroad, split the ranks of the ANC's Women's League and, most seriously, been accused by police of bribe-taking and influence-peddling.

Mandela, 76, ended weeks of speculation about Mrs. Mandela's fate today by announcing that he was stripping his 60-year-old wife of her job.

"This decision has been taken both in the interests of good government and to ensure the high-

est standards of discipline among leading officers in the government of national unity," Mandela said.

"I hope this decision will help the former deputy minister to review her position and seek to improve on her own conduct in positions of responsibility," he said.

Immediately after the news conference, an eight-line letter from Mandela was delivered to Mrs. Mandela's office informing her of the decision. Her spokesman, Alan Reynolds, said he told her of the letter in a telephone call.

## Store sells two of three winning Lotto tickets

AUSTIN (AP) — A married couple whose six lucky numbers came to them in a Chinese fortune cookie say they are holding two of the three winning tickets in Saturday night's \$4 million Lotto Texas drawing.

It's the first time in the 28-month history of the drawing that one outlet has sold two winning tickets for the same drawing, lottery spokesman Steve Levine said.

United Drive In, the store in

Mission that sold the tickets, has regularly ranked among the top-selling Texas Lottery retailers in the state, Levine said.

"We can't believe it," ticket holder Barbara Turnbull, a 57-year-old retired real estate broker, told *The (McAllen) Monitor* on Sunday. "I mean it's one chance in 16 million. But I play on the theory that somebody has to win."

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 10,

24, 27, 29, 40 and 46.

Scotty Turnbull used the fortune cookie numbers to buy his ticket. Later, his wife — who didn't know their ticket had already been purchased — used the same series of numbers in another group of tickets.

Each ticket is worth approximately \$1,333,333.

The third winning ticket was sold at One Stop Shoppe, a convenience store in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite.

## Shamrock constable proves to be a good fortune teller

SHAMROCK — Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan was quite the fortune teller Saturday when he predicted a busy Saturday night in law enforcement for Wheeler County.

A collision on a muddy country road between a pair of Indiana men and a Wheeler County deputy ended a pursuit which began in Oklahoma at an Interstate 40 rest stop where an armed robbery was reported.

After the dust settled, Jernigan opined as how one thing leads to another and the fun was about to begin for Wheeler County.

And sure enough it did. About 10:30 p.m., a white Cadillac carrying three Arizona

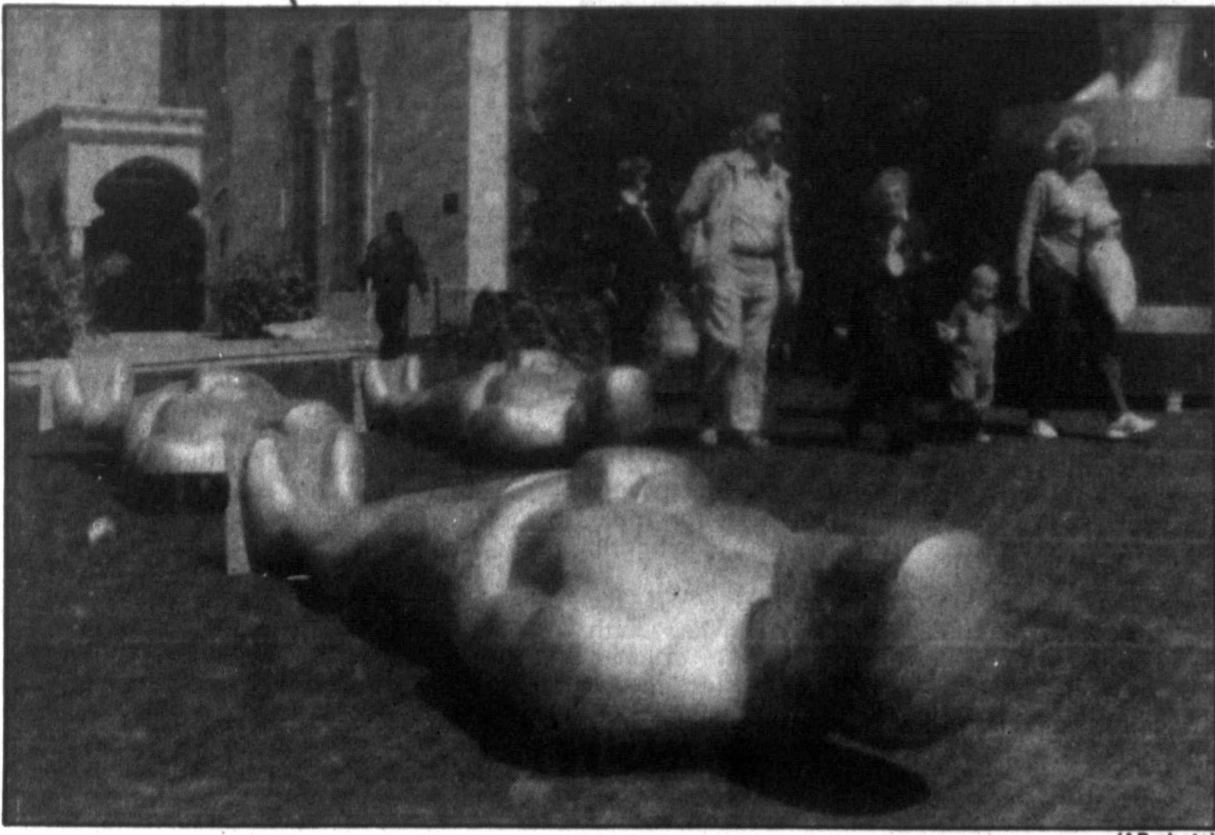
residents was stopped near Shamrock after a woman in the car was reported to have flashed a nine-millimeter semi-automatic at a family as they left the interstate at Erick, Okla., to go home, said Wheeler County Deputy Rick Walden.

He said occupants of the Cadillac and a blue Sunbird got into a misunderstood game of cat-and-mouse on the interstate which led the Arizonans to believe the Oklahomans were following them when they pulled off the highway behind them.

As a result, an Arizona woman is to face an assault with a deadly weapons charge in Beckham County, Okla.



## Reclining Oscars



(AP photo)

Passersby walk along the red carpet outside the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Sunday, past the Oscar statues that will adorn its entranceway today for the 67th annual Academy Awards presentations. The show will be broadcast beginning at 8 p.m. today over Channel 7 KVII-TV in Amarillo.

## Motor voter law adds hundreds, even thousands to list of registered voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The voter registration clerk in Chilton County, Ala., is suddenly very popular.

Only three people registered to vote in the county in January 1993. This January, 163 people signed up.

Similar stories are popping up in counties across the country as Americans are taking advantage of a simplified registration law and signing up to vote at a record pace.

At least 637,429 people in 27 states registered at motor vehicle departments, public assistance agencies, libraries and military recruiting offices between Jan. 1 and the end of February, according to an Associated Press survey of state election officials and a separate study conducted by a coalition of groups that track voters.

The actual number will be much higher. Some states had figures for only one month, some had numbers from only one or two counties and some had not yet compiled figures.

But two trends are clear: A significant percentage of the new voters are snubbing the major parties in favor of third

parties or independent status.

•Republicans are making strong gains in the South, contrary to the GOP theory that the Democratic Party would be the beneficiary of the federal "motor voter" law.

Not since the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which guaranteed blacks the right to vote, have so many new voters signed up.

"The figures go a long way toward showing that convenience counts," said Becky Cain, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Officials in Georgia expect to add 1 million voters by the presidential election in November 1996. The number might hit 2 million in Florida.

"We're registering them by the carload down here," said Andy Bowen, a voting official in Georgia.

In all of 1994, which featured a high-profile governor's race, 85,000 people registered to vote for the first time in Georgia or signed up in a new district after moving. Between Jan. 1, 1995 — when the law took effect — and March 13, 128,322 registrations or address changes

were filed. Most of the change came in Republican strongholds.

In New Mexico, where a normal month used to include 200 or 300 registrations, nearly 11,000 new voters signed up through February.

Richard Cloward, executive director of Human Serve, a New York-based voter registration organization, estimates as many as 20 million of the 70 million voting-age Americans who are not registered will be signed up by November 1996. The number will be even bigger if California, Pennsylvania and several other states end court fights and join the program.

Whether the newly registered masses vote is another matter, although the two major parties are planning to try to reach them.

It is much too early in the process to paint a definitive picture of the electorate under the motor voter program, since party breakdowns are available in only a few states. But preliminary figures gathered by the AP show the discontent many voters expressed in exit polls last November continues.

## Perryton firm progresses on strawboard project

PERRYTON — The new Stramit USA plant here should be making strawboard out of wheat straw by Easter, according to company officials.

Workers were busy last week assembling the machine they ordered last year from England for the manufacture of 4 foot by 8 foot by 2 1/4 inch boards from wheat straw. The sheets of strawboard can be used in non-load bearing walls in place of studs and sheet rock.

"That makes it ideal for commercial construction," said Pam Lewis, spokesman for Stramit USA. "For residential construction, it will require

more planning." She said it saves on labor and material in the construction industry.

Lewis said the machine, which will form the boards from wheat straw through heat and pressure, arrived earlier this month in five parts. Company officials said it would take about 30 days to assemble the machine and get into production.

"We're shooting for Easter," Lewis said.

She said the company began gathering wheat straw after the 1994 harvest since they knew they would be in production before the 1995 wheat harvest.

"We have plenty of straw and the harvest is just around the corner," she said.

The straw is formed into sheets of building material through a process that subjects it to temperatures of 250 degrees Centigrade and 20 tons of pressure.

Stramit USA is owned by local investors and is the first plant of its kind in the U.S. It was developed through Stramit International, which operates plants in 15 different countries around the world.

A Canadian home construction company has already indicated that it would locate in Perryton to take advantage of the building material made from straw.

## Another financial crisis is reportedly brewing

DALLAS (AP) — Many of the same properties that figured in scams that triggered a multibillion-dollar savings and loan collapse in the '80s are surfacing in new financial scandals, *The Dallas Morning News* has reported in a copyright story.

The newspaper reported Sunday that sales of greatly overvalued real estate are again draining funds from thrifts, banks and insurance companies in Texas and several other states.

State and federal investigators have determined that among the properties are some whose sale and resale at inflated prices led to the S&L collapse of a decade ago.

"The financial institutions involved already have lost money," Barry Davis, an investigator with the Texas Department of Insurance, told the newspaper.

"Those mortgage properties are time bombs," he said. "Many aren't worth 20 cents of the original dollar lent on them. Some aren't worth a nickel on the dollar."

So far, investigators have identified many properties with inflated values as legitimate homes and apartments.

However, they said other properties listed as worth millions of dollars are vacant lots, abandoned shacks and burned-out buildings. Also, investiga-

tors say some don't exist at all.

Losses are already estimated so far in this decade at \$20 billion. That figure is likely much higher, officials said.

Investigators said that the latest problems are different because a government corporation has been a primary source for the inflated properties.

Created by Congress in 1989 to manage and dispose of the assets formerly held by hundreds of failed thrifts, the Resolution Trust Corp. is scheduled to cease operations on Dec. 31.

Brokers in many instances have purchased houses from the RTC at 50 to 60 percent of the loan amounts found on the books of insolvent thrifts, according to investigators and court records.

Many of the houses are overvalued even at those prices.

Brokers in some prearranged deals immediately sell hundreds of houses to financial institutions for 95 percent to 100 percent of the inflated loan figures, said investigators.

Knowingly inflating the value of an asset placed on the books of a federally insured bank or thrift is illegal. Also, despite recently adopted laws permitting federal prosecution of people who use inflated assets to loot insurance companies, court records show that the practice is occurring.

## FDA pushing anti-obesity drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is considering guidelines that would speed the approval process for new anti-obesity drugs, *The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

Under an original proposal developed last fall, the newspaper reported, two years of human testing would be required before approval of such drugs.

More recently, a panel of scientists proposed requiring only one year of human testing on anti-obesity drugs. The revised proposal also would ease the original proposal's requirement for evidence that the drugs lower the risk of heart disease and other problems associated with obesity. The FDA appears likely to adopt

the newer, less stringent requirements, the newspaper said.

The FDA last approved diet drugs in the 1970s. Some diet drugs can be addictive, and patients frequently regain lost pounds within a year or two of suspending the drug.

The new drugs, based on increased understanding of metabolic abnormalities, are expected to work better and have fewer side effects than older drugs, some of which were chemically similar to amphetamines.

Obesity affects 78 million people in the United States and adds about \$100 billion to health-care costs, according to Judith Stern, a professor of nutrition and internal medicine at the University of California at Davis.

## Mobile home fire kills five people

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. (AP) — Fire possibly caused by a wood-burning stove swept through a rural home Sunday, killing five people, two of them young children, authorities said.

The fire broke out at about 7:30 a.m. and engulfed the mobile home on an isolated plot about 10 miles south of Sierra Vista in southeastern Arizona.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately determined, but investigators suspected a wood-burning stove.

Cochise County Sheriff's office spokeswoman Carol Capas identified two of the victims as brother and sister Dirk Peters, 18, and Lisa Peters, 20.

Also killed were Dirk Peters' 20-year-old girlfriend and her two children, ages 1 and 3, Capas said. Their names were not released.

Dirk and Lisa Peters were


asleep when the fire broke out but the other woman and her two children were out of bed and were found near a bedroom door, investigators said.

The Peters' parents, Glen, 68, and Dora, 46, were treated for minor cuts and smoke inhalation.



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Opinion

**Government act attacks privacy**

The Clinton administration boasts of its dedication to "freedom." But not only higher taxes and spending show that to be false. In one of the worst pieces of legislation ever to be imposed on the American people, last year President Clinton rammed through the so called Digital Telephony Act.

For the first time in American history, government mandated that electronic equipment used by phone companies be open to government wiretaps. Government long has regulated such equipment for environmental and other reasons. And almost from the inception of telephones, government has used wiretaps to spy on criminals, foreign agents - and all too often ordinary citizens.

The Digital Telephony Act was different because it built spying capabilities right into private property. It's as if government required every home to include a special window through which government peepers could spy at will.

Excuse the legalese, but it's important for every citizen to read the exact language in HR 4922: specifically, that "a telecommunications carrier shall ensure that its equipment, facilities, or services ... are capable of ... expeditiously isolating and enabling the government, pursuant to a court order or other lawful authorization, to intercept ... all wire and electronic communications carried by the carrier."

The key phrases are "capable of," meaning the spying doors have to be built in. And "lawful authorization." The act was pushed by Attorney General Janet Reno, whose "lawful authorization" of the assault on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco two years ago led to 80 people being incinerated, including 25 children.

And not only government could use these mandatory spy doors. Criminals could find ways into them. And unscrupulous bureaucrats could sell access to them.

The Clinton administration insisted that the installed spy doors are necessary to prevent industrial piracy and sabotage, as well as to track down terrorists. But terrorists can find ways around the government spying; they always have. And in a recent issue of *Microtimes*, the magazine's stalwart defender of telephonic liberty, Jim Warren, explores the problem business of spying.

He explains that government actions themselves are hampering businesses from developing sound, private sector security systems and standards. As things now stand, the government bans virtually all development and standardization of encryption codes and devices. He writes, "Straightforward, economical security for U.S. citizens, businesses and financial transactions if not standardized, nor convenient to use exclusively because U.S. spies and U.S. officials blindly oppose its national standardization and prohibit its export - all because it will complicate their ability to conduct covert surveillance and wiretaps."

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**Quota system is without merit**



William Rusher

Opponents of the current national drive to eliminate race and gender quotas and preferences in employment, college admission, etc., have just about despaired of saving them, even by calling them "affirmative action" - a woolly expression that is more appealing, and elastic enough to cover not only quotas but such innocuous practices as "outreach."

In California, for example, an initiative is heading for the 1996 ballot that would outlaw, under the state constitution, discrimination for or against any person or group by reason of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in any matter involving public employment or public contracting. According to a poll conducted recently for the *Los Angeles Times*, 73 percent of California voters will support it.

In sheer desperation, some backers of quotas and preferences have proposed amending all "affirmative action" measures to eliminate the current race and gender criteria and substitute "economic disadvantage" instead. This, it is argued, would have "practically the same effect" as current affirmative action procedures (since the great majority of the economically disadvantaged thus favored would allegedly consist of blacks and other minorities, or women), yet invidious quotas and preferences based on race or gender would be avoided.

But that artful dodge won't succeed either. Let's consider how it would work. Let's assume that John Jones, who has a job

paying \$7 an hour, applies for a higher paying job, on the police force. On the tests for applicants, he does somewhat better than Sam Smith, who has been living on welfare.

Who gets the job? Does it go to Smith, on the grounds that he "needs" it more (though henceforth he will be earning more than Jones), or to Jones, who after all demonstrated objectively his superior fitness for it? And what if, a month after Smith gets the job, Jones is laid off of the one he has?

Or suppose Jones has a small but prosperous contracting business, and Smith is a competitor whose business is in Chapter 11 (i.e., bordering on bankruptcy). They both bid on a public contract, and it turns out that Jones' bid is lower. Does Smith nevertheless get the contract, on the basis of need, while Jones' superior efficiency is disregarded? (Note too that the taxpayers get nicked, because they have to pay Smith's higher price.)

Now suppose that Smith and Jones both have teenaged sons, who are both trying to get into the state university. Jones Jr. scores higher on the aptitude tests than Smith Jr., but Jones Sr. has a \$40,000 job while Smith Sr. has one that pays only \$20,000. Should the Jones boy be rejected in favor of young Smith, on the theory that the latter is "economically disadvantaged"? What if the elder Smith's salary was \$35,000, rather than \$20,000? Better yet, what if Jones was making \$400,000 a year, but Smith only \$300,000? Or what if Jones barely had his head above water, but Smith was on welfare?

You see the problem. "Economic disadvantage" is a relative term. Moreover, not even specifying a particular income level below which one is officially defined as "economically disadvantaged" solves the problem, for income is far from being the only test of economic advantage. Many Americans below the poverty line (which is determined by income) own their own homes. Why should they be favored over others just barely above it, who own nothing of value?

Finally, race and gender at least have the advantage (for purposes of quotas and preferences) of being fixed and immutable, whereas a person's economic status can fluctuate by the day, or even the hour. (Look at Barings Bank's Nicholas Leeson!)

There is only one proper standard for the distribution of public benefits, and that is: merit, objectively determined.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 27, the 86th day of 1995. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 27, 1945, during World War II, General Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that German defenses on the Western Front had been broken.

On this date:

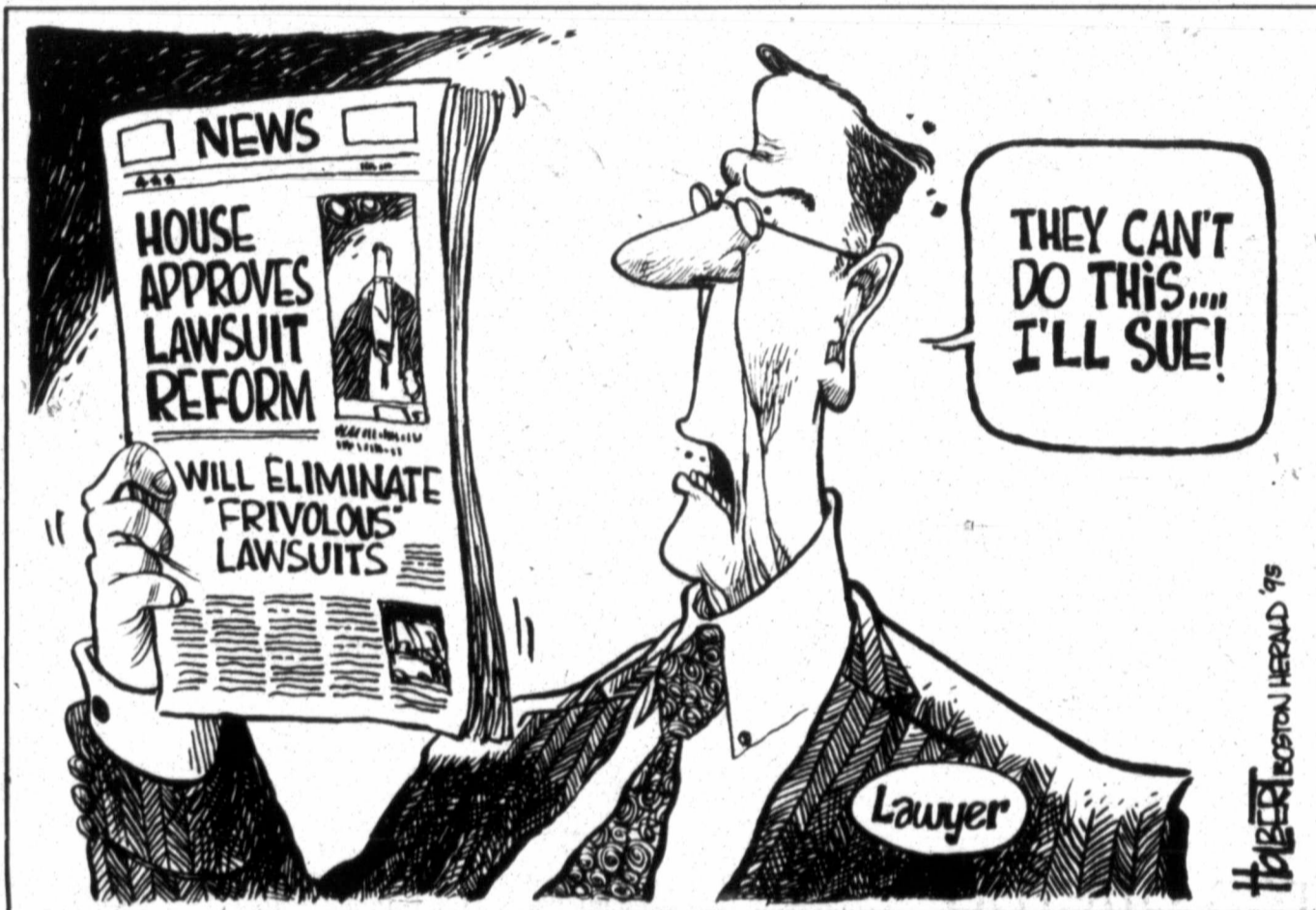
In 1512, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.

In 1625, Charles I ascended the English throne upon the death of James I. In 1794, President Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy.

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in Kirtland, Ohio.

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

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.



**What did Mr. Lawrence really mean?**

Poor Francis Lawrence, president of Rutgers. He has striven throughout his professional life to toe the p.c. line and now, through a slip of the tongue, finds himself on the receiving end of its ferocity.

At the meeting of the Rutgers Board of Governors, convened to consider calls for President Lawrence's ouster, his defenders were hooted and shouted down. "They will never play another home basketball game at Rutgers until he's gone," vowed one student leader, referring to a recent sit-down strike by hundreds of students in center court that disrupted a game between Rutgers and the University of Massachusetts.

What the students are so outraged about is a remark Lawrence made concerning the use of standardized tests. He said, "The average SAT for African Americans is 750. Do we set standards in the future so we don't admit anybody with the national test? Or do we deal with a disadvantaged population that doesn't have the genetic, hereditary background to have a higher average?"

Since the quote became public, Lawrence has repeated over and over again, sometimes tearfully, that he didn't mean it, doesn't think it and would never intend to say such a thing. According to George Will, Lawrence refused even to read *The Bell Curve* because he found the idea so repugnant. Lawrence has apparently never met a multicultural curriculum he couldn't endorse or a speech code he couldn't live with. One of his proud accomplishments at Rutgers was the opening of a \$1 million



Mona Charen

cultural center for African Americans.

So if his words really were a slip of the tongue, then he is suffering poetic justice. He has allied himself with the forces of intolerance and rigidity on these matters, and now they have turned on him. He is like the original Bolsheviks arrested by Stalin in the 1920s and 1930s - who went to their deaths maintaining their ideological purity.

There is another possibility; that the students are partly right - and the slip of the tongue was a Freudian slip, revealing the truth. It may be a dirty little secret among some of the most pious liberals that they really don't believe in the logic of affirmative action - which is to give a temporary leg up to historically oppressed people until they can get on their collective feet. Perhaps they really do think that blacks are permanently hobbled and will never be able to make it on their own, in which case quotas will always be necessary.

Any policy that cannot bear the truth cannot long survive. Each time someone publishes the facts about affirmative action, there is an out-

raged uproar. A few years ago, a student working in the admissions office of the Georgetown Law School wrote an article detailing the discrepancy between grades and test scores of white students and blacks. He was vilified. The message was: Don't say it. It is evil to draw attention to this. Silence!

But if the policy is right and good, why is it evil to talk about it?

The practice by the left of shouting down or morally intimidating those who do raise questions about the policy is coming to a close. In California, there will be an initiative on the 1996 ballot to end government-imposed affirmative action. It will spark an overdue national debate.

Are we willing to permit ourselves to become a country with permanently coddled minorities? Are we willing to say that a person's race is the most relevant aspect of his personhood? Is it right that the child of a black entertainer or physician, having enjoyed the finest private schools and tutors, ought to gain admittance to a university over the child of a white waitress, even if the white youngster has better credentials?

As this debate gets rolling, we will hear more from blacks who detest the stigma that attaches to blacks who achieve success. Was it merit or lower standards? Is he a competent pilot, engineer, nurse, professor - or merely an "affirmative action hire"? And who really thinks it is true that blacks, permitted to compete equally with whites, can't hack it?

The national debate is coming - and the loudest cries of the students at Rutgers cannot prevent it.

**A capital gains tax is economically sound**

Conservatives in congress have proposed, as part of their "Contract with America," a 50 percent cut in the tax on investment profits - called capital gains. And, as usual, liberals on Capitol Hill and in the media are howling about conservatives "paying off the rich." This class warfare rhetoric is nothing new. What it shows is that the liberal-left in America doesn't know very much about what makes the economy tick.

What conservatives really want is to increase economic growth and create jobs by making the investment environment the same here as it is in many other countries: fair.

In contrast to Germany, Japan, South Korea and other industrial nations, the United States' federal tax code is steeply biased against capital in general and against savings and investment in particular. Capital gains are very highly taxed in America. Here, the maximum capital gains tax is 28 percent. Sweden, regarded as a socialist state by many, taxes capital gains at only 18 percent. The top rate in Japan is just 5 percent. Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and South Korea all have no capital gains taxes at all. This self-inflicted wound reduces America's competitiveness by reducing the incentive to save and invest. This, in turn, means fewer new businesses are started, fewer expanded, and fewer jobs are created.

Because the tax is levied on the difference between the sale price of an asset and its original



Edwin Feulner

price - without taking inflation into account - the tax is imposed many times on "gains" that came about through inflation. This practice particularly penalizes the elderly, who tend to hold assets - such as their homes - for lengthy periods and then pay a steep tax on the inflation adjusted gains when the asset is sold. To make matters worse, while the government taxes capital gains, it doesn't permit taxpayers to fully deduct capital losses: deductions for losses are limited to \$3,000 per year.

The tax code shouldn't penalize people for making a profit - that's what business is all about. Policy makers in other countries have no problem understanding this. A 1990 study by Allen Sinai, chief economist for The Boston Company Inc., found that reducing the capital gains tax to 15 percent would boost investment spending in

America by more than \$20 billion over five years and create more than 600,000 new jobs.

That doesn't sound like a measure that would benefit only "the rich," as opponents of a capital gains tax cut claim.

Those who cite "fairness" in opposing a cut always assume that the benefits will go only to those who own assets. To be sure, such individuals will keep more of their gains. But frequently these people are small business or farm owners, or elderly couples, selling their assets after a life's work. They're not "the rich."

Lawmakers should consider that the higher the tax on capital gains, the longer people put off selling their assets to take advantage of new opportunities. Investors who don't sell don't chalk up any gains for the government to tax. So, at a high capital gains tax rate, revenues collected by the government actually drop. But when capital gains tax rates fall, revenues increase. Again, the Sinai study found that reducing the capital gains tax to 15 percent would generate nearly \$40 billion in additional tax revenue over five years.

Hundreds of thousands of new jobs, tens of billions more dollars surging through the economy and even more coming into the federal treasury - these are the benefits of a policy liberals want us to avoid.

Makes you wonder whose side they're on.

Lifestyles

## Style show to benefit a West Texas organ donation center

WHEELER — A Wheeler boutique is having a style show to benefit an organ donation center.  
 Ravonda Hardcastle of Appearances in Wheeler is holding a benefit style show at 7 p.m. April 10 at the United Methodist Church to raise money for LifeGift, an organ donation center for West Texas.  
 Half of the admission price of \$10 will go to LifeGift, according to Hardcastle. A buffet of sweets will also be served.  
 "We are having a dessert bar instead of dinner," Hardcastle said.

## Crisis center hosts musical

PERRYTON — The Panhandle Crisis Center will host an Amarillo Little Theatre musical on April 7.  
 The Amarillo Little Theatre production of *Beehive* is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Perryton High School Auditorium. The show is a tribute to the 1960s and features popular music from the era, according to ALT officials.  
 The Wheatheart Shriners will hold a baked potato pile-on beginning at 6 p.m. Money raised from the event will go to the Panhandle Crisis Center.

## Club News

The Top of Texas CattleWomen met on March 13, in the Catholic Church meeting room, with the Canadian ladies as hostesses. The meeting was called to order by the president, Carolyn Buckingham, and the invocation was offered by Amelia Sims. After the official business was discussed and approved, Diana Pate reported on Ag Day activities. Diane Buckingham gave a report on beef gift certificates and urged us all to give more, and also to stress these be cashed in relatively soon after purchase so the banks will continue to handle these for us. She gave a list of certificates that had not been used, and who bought them. Sally Youngblood, education chairman, reported of her plans for beef education in the schools. Brenda Wood was not present to report on the scholarship committee work, which will be out to the schools before the end of March.

An ad was sent to all the papers with "A Valentine For, You From Top 'O Texas CattleWomen with 10 Heart-healthy Hints — (1.) Don't smoke (2.) Get moving exercise (3.) Lose weight, if you are overweight (4.) Limit the fat in your diet (5.) Balance the type of fat you eat (6.) Watch your cholesterol intake (7.) Concentrate on complex carbohydrates (8.) Find more fiber (9.) Limit sodium and salt (10.) If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation. The instructions were to send the ad to Louise Coulter in Briscoe so it could be entered in a drawing for two \$25 beef gift certificates. Unfortunately some newspapers did not put put in whom to send it to, so we didn't have as many takers as we wished to have. The Ladies winning a \$25 beef gift certificate were: Kelly Yauck of Booker and Mary Hovey Mobette. Congratulations are offered.

Buckingham then asked the group to try to figure up how many volunteer hours have been spent for CattleWomen's work.

A luncheon was served to eighteen members: Louise Coulter, Darena Begert, both from Allison; Diana Pate, Diane Buckingham, Nadyne Williams from Shamrock; Janyth Bowers, Lilith Brainard from Pampa; Berklee Clements from Skellytown; Carolyn Buckingham, Anita Brown, Sandra Christner, Mary Mitchell, Amelia Sims from Wheeler; Pat and Sally Youngblood from Lefors; and the Canadian Hostesses, Bonnie Abraham, Sally Wicker, and Amy Brainard.

Members from the western part of the Texas Cattlewomen were missing and are asked to try to meet with the others in April. The next meeting will be at Clarendon College, Highway 287 in Clarendon.

## Tokens of remembrance



Kelly Carey (top photo) of First National Bank of Pampa, soon to be Boatman's First National Bank, hands out balloons in memory of the late one-year-old Tyler Reeves, during the March of Dimes WalkAmerica held this Saturday in Pampa. The son of Julie and Troy Reeves, Tyler was born with his intestines on the outside. He had several surgeries to help correct the birth defect. He later developed a staphylococcus infection and passed away last year.

(Pampa News photos by Melinda Martinez)



## Information on sorority rush procedures offered

High school senior girls wanting information on rush procedures for college sororities are invited to attend a Panhellenic Coke Party at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the home of Carol Fields, 1131 Mary Ellen in Pampa. The girls are encouraged to bring their mothers where sorority alumnae will be available to answer questions about the rush, recommendations, parties and wardrobe.

The Panhellenic organization provides rush forms for about fourteen different sororities that the seniors will be able to fill out. The forms will be kept on file locally. Even if a senior has no intentions of going through rush in her freshman year, she is encouraged to fill out the forms.

Those who cannot attend may contact Kimberly Kennedy, Rt. 1, Box 11C, Pampa, Texas 79065 or call 665-4088 to obtain rush information forms.

## Gardening: Helping a child plant his own garden

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Help a child plant his own garden and you'll give him important lessons for life, says Ray McNeilan, home horticulturalist with the Oregon State University extension service.

"Kids need to understand how important plants and the environment are to themselves and everyone else. And they will carry these attitudes and this knowledge into their adult lives," he says.

But let the child do it his way. "Adults may want everything in neat rows, but kids don't care, and the things don't have to be

that way," he says. "The important thing is that the garden belongs to the child, and the child should be involved in the planning of it."

Let imagination take the upper hand. Think about stories you've read together for a garden theme. A bean pole tepee could be a Jack in the Beanstalk garden.

Pumpkins and lady slippers can feature in a Cinderella garden. An ABC garden — if space permits — can have everything from asters to zinnias.

IT'S GONNA RAIN...  
 APRIL 2-7, 1995

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## Youth's tragic death is grim warning to teens

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter just turned 16 and soon will be getting her driver's license. Right now she drives with a permit and is a careful driver. I'm hopeful she will remain so.

Several years ago, you ran an article, "Please God, I'm Only 17." I cut it out for my youngest daughter at that time. She kept it on her wall until she got married. It is now tattered and yellow. I would like to have a new copy for my granddaughter; will you please run it again?

SUE HINDS, PAMPA, TEXAS

DEAR SUE: The piece you asked for is the most frequently requested "rerun," and when my readers see it, they will understand why I continue to honor this request.

PLEASE GOD, I'M ONLY 17  
The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus. But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheeled the car out of Mom. "Special favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive."

When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw all my books in the locker. I was free until 8:40 tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. Free!

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goof-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ing off — going too fast. Taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard the deafening crash and felt a terrible jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly I awakened; it was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn't feel anything.

Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head! I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a date tonight. I'm supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead.

Later I was placed in a draw-

er. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, "Yes, he is my son."

The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by, one by one, and looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked away.

Please — somebody — wake me up! Get me out of here! I can't bear to see my mom and dad so broken up. My grandparents are so racked with grief they can hardly walk. My brothers and sisters are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze, everybody. No one can believe this. And I can't believe it, either.

Please don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance!

Please, God, I'm only 17!

ly careful today in commercial dealings with strangers. They might fly false colors to induce you into doing something against your better judgment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Objectives you establish for yourself today will be meaningful and worthy. However, cohorts who aren't in harmony with your aims might try to substitute theirs instead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before investing in materials or tools for a do-it-yourself project today, make sure it's an endeavor that will keep your interest and isn't just a whim.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if someone you know was lucky in a speculative venture, it's no assurance that you can replicate the results today if you take the same type of gamble yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stay away from volatile issues with your mate today. What starts out as a discussion could quickly become an argument that drives you further apart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your chart indicates that you will be more verbal

than industrious today. Try not to talk about things you intend to do until they are completed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you don't make prudent financial decisions today, you'll end up with more red ink than black ink on your balance sheet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will do well today with projects that can be accomplished easily. When patience is required, however, you could fall far short of your mark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You must be able to distinguish between wishful thinking and realistic expectations if you want to succeed today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Any tug of war you experience today will probably be internal. Although you may acquire things easily, you will be equally adept at squandering your gains.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An overly demanding agenda could be self-defeating today. Try not to waste your energy or your good intentions by attempting to do too much at once.

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## Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 28, 1995

In the year ahead, opportunities might come in bunches, instead of one at a time. The key to success is not to take any of them for granted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) No one will accuse you of not having an imagination today. The problem will be selling yourself on illogical concepts and ignoring realistic ones. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be extreme-



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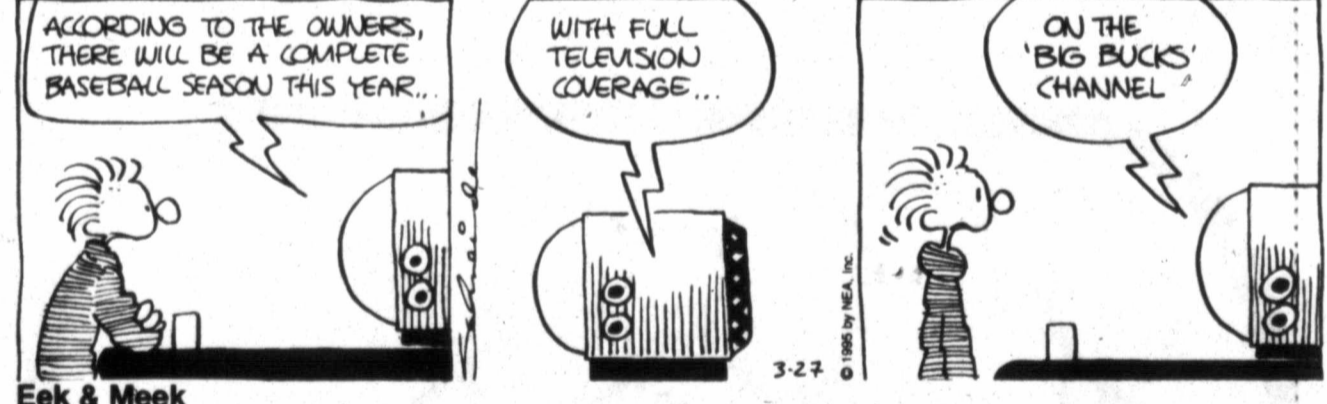
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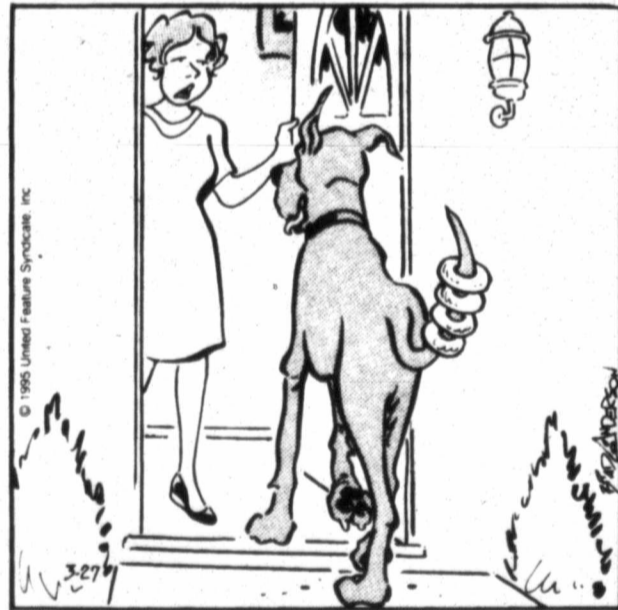
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"We hafta be quiet in libraries, in church, and when Mommy's driving."



"I see you've been to the doughnut shop."

### The Family Circus



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



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### Marmaduke



Peanuts







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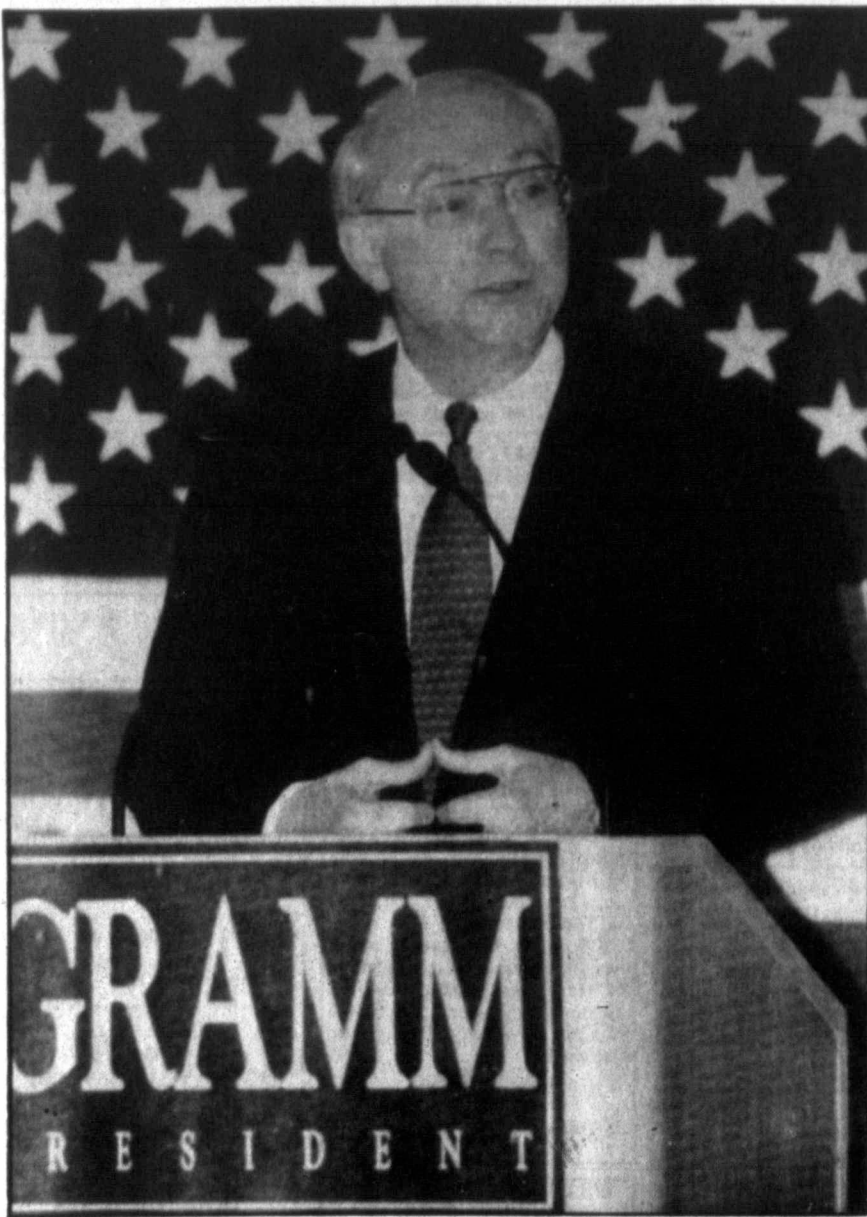
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Texas Sen. Phil Gramm addresses the California Republican Assembly convention Sunday in San Diego. (AP photo)

## Four GOP presidential hopefuls visit California

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A parade of Republican presidential hopefuls courted California's most conservative political activists this weekend while Gov. Pete Wilson took his budding presidential campaign to Washington.

Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, commentator Pat Buchanan, California Rep. Bob Dornan and talk show host Alan Keyes competed for the most conservative anti-tax, anti-crime, anti-welfare, anti-abortion message in appearances before 300 leaders of the California Republican Assembly.

There was no formal winner before the CRA, a coalition of more than 100 local political clubs that will not endorse a candidate until a September convention, but Gramm appeared to have an edge.

He received the organization's highest honor Sunday — its "Ronald Reagan Freedom Fighter Award."

Wilson, who has long been at odds with the CRA, wasn't invited to the annual convention. The group is already on record opposing his candidacy on grounds that a victory would turn the governor's office over to a Democrat, Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, and every mention of his name drew boos.

support of an anti-abortion plank in the GOP platform. In his speeches, Buchanan said opponents of the anti-abortion plank, such as Wilson, would "have to walk right over me" if they are going to try to remove it from the party platform.

Keyes said he would make abortion the No. 1 issue of his campaign, and he chided Gramm and Buchanan for putting it on the back burner.

"Abortion is morally wrong. It epitomizes the central issues of our time. There are those who in the name of a big tent and all those — but really for political expediency — don't want to talk about it," Keyes said, citing Buchanan and Gramm in particular.

Buchanan had spoken forcefully against abortion in his earlier convention speech. Gramm avoided the subject in his speech, but responded to questions about Keyes' remarks by repeating his support of an anti-abortion plank in the GOP platform.

Buchanan also described Wilson as a "leap-year conservative" and condemned his state tax increases.

Gramm repeated the major themes of his formal announcement earlier this month in his speech to the conservative activists, aiming all of his criticism at President Clinton and ignoring most barbs from his GOP opponents.

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The Texas senator said he would see to it that violent criminals are locked up and forced to work rather than coddled.

"If I become president, we're going to take out the air conditioning, take out the TV sets. We'll make our prisons industrial parks, with work six days a week, and at night they'll go to school," he said. "If we have to string up wire around every closed military base in America, we're going to do it."

Gramm also repeated his promises of a fundamental reform of welfare that keeps families together and rewards work, repeated his earlier endorsement of California's Proposition 187 sanctions against illegal aliens and said he had no apologies for proposing tax cuts that help the wealthy.

"I want the Republican Party to stop apologizing for believing in free enterprise. If America is going to be saved, it's going to be rescued at a profit," he said. "I've had a lot of jobs in my life, and never in my life have I been hired by a poor person."

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Dornan targeted Wilson in his convention appearance.

## Cockfight shut down by ASPCA

NEW YORK (AP) — They came from as far away as Puerto Rico and spent at least \$30 apiece to watch roosters rip each other to the death.

group's chief administrative officer, said.

The night wasn't half over when police and officers from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals stormed an old Bronx movie theater Saturday.

The theater had been transformed into an arena with bleachers overlooking an octagonal fighting pit. Fight organizers were using guard dogs and had built false walls that could be closed quickly to hide the pit, Foran said. He called it "the most sophisticated place we've ever raided."

Animal protection officers and police arrested seven alleged organizers and nearly 300 spectators who had bet thousands of dollars on the fights. It was the largest raid in the 129-year history of the ASPCA, said Robert O'Neill, the agency's chief of law enforcement.

By the time officers rushed in, the rug in the pit was soaked with blood and the mutilated carcasses of losing birds were dumped off to the side. O'Neill said 20 birds had been killed but 80 live roosters remained.

ASPCA officers had been working undercover for two months, tracking preparations for the cockfight, John Foran, the

The ASPCA said the surviving birds, valued at up to \$10,000, would be humanely destroyed because they had been bred for nothing but violence.

## Gruesome pictures of murder loom large in O.J. case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There is blood everywhere. Pools of it on the ground around the slashed, crumpled bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. A red river dripping down the steps from her condominium and tracked by someone's shoes through a back corridor.

Pictures of this grisly crime scene, barred from television, repeatedly have been projected onto a 7-foot screen for jurors.

Now, prosecutors want to blow up autopsy pictures, a proposal that raises anew the question of how such horror shows affect jurors in the murder trial of O.J. Simpson.

Prosecutors say this jury is up to the task.

"The jurors and alternates were extensively (questioned) on their ability to view graphic or gruesome photos without becoming upset or losing their ability to be fair and impartial," prosecutors said in a motion last week seeking to show the autopsy photos.

In fact, they said, the photos are

less gruesome than those already seen by the jury because the blood has been cleaned up.

Legal experts say the photos will most likely be admitted but they are divided on whether the Superior Court Judge Lance Ito will — or should — let them be flashed on the huge courtroom screen.

"Technology raises its own issues," Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson said.

"I think Judge Ito will put them on the large screen because he wants to make them available and visible."

Levenson notes that a jury inundated with gruesome crime scene photos may be immune to the impact of autopsy photos.

UCLA law professor Peter Arenella said Ito could "use the wisdom of Solomon and say in this case we will use smaller pictures and pass them around to the jurors."

While defense attorneys often object to the use of autopsy and crime scene photos, Arenella said

courts almost always admit them if there is a rationale.

Simpson's prosecutors said they want to answer defense claims that more than one person committed the murders. The defense has not yet filed its response to the prosecution motion.

Arenella suggested the prosecution motives may be more subtle.

"In a trial in which the victims are gone but the defendant is in front of the jury every day, it's easier for the jury to relate to his humanity," Arenella said. "The prosecution wants a constant reminder of the victims' humanity and the pictures provide that."

Or, as Southwestern University Professor Robert Pugsley explained it, "This is the way to bring back the bodies from 6 feet underground, thrust them in the face of the jury and say, 'That's why we're here.'"

Simpson is charged with the murders of his ex-wife and her

friend on June 12, 1994. Prosecutors contend Ms. Simpson's killing was premeditated and they are expected to argue that the slitting of her throat shows that Goldman, portrayed as the accidental victim, has more knife wounds, indicating a struggle.

The prosecution motion cited a 1973 California appeals court decision that stated: "Murder is seldom pretty, and pictures, testimony and physical evidence in such a case are always unpleasant."

The appeals court also said lawyers tend to underestimate jurors' ability to deal with gory pictures.

"A juror is not some kind of a dithering nincompoop, brought in from never-never land and exposed to the harsh realities of life for the first time in the jury box," the court said. "The average juror is well able to stomach the unpleasantness of exposure to the facts of a murder without being unduly influenced."

## Shooting deaths result from bitter power struggle

CATTARAUGUS INDIAN RESERVATION, N.Y. (AP) — Nearly 150 years of tribal solidarity against the outside world has unraveled in a few months in a deadly power struggle among Seneca Indians.

Three Senecas died in a weekend gunfight, a result of a feud between one faction pushing to expand the tribal economy and a second which feels that would cultivate greed and destroy traditional values.

"I do believe that we are in a civil war," said Karen Bucktooth, a faction leader. "There is such a split in our people, I don't know if it's healable."

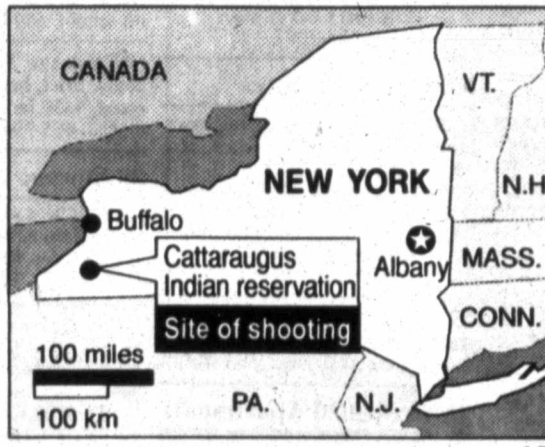
The Senecas' Cattaraugus reservation, 30 miles south of Buffalo, was quiet Sunday, a day after a shootout between supporters of Bucktooth and Dennis Bowen, who both claim to be tribal president.

Each side blames the other for the violence, which killed three Bucktooth supporters. The dispute has divided families: no charges were filed but police said a suspect in the shootings is a son of one of the slain men.

"It would be a terrible thing if he had the blood of his father on his hands, if he pulled the trigger," said Erie County Sheriff Thomas Higgins. "But we'll probably never know who did it."

Six months ago, the 6,500-member Seneca Nation seemed poised for an economic boom after two centuries of quarrels with New York state's governments over land, taxes and other issues.

They were reaping investment profits from a \$60 million windfall paid by the state and



"I'm not a political operative there. I'm a lawyer," Crangle said. "It's the oldest trick in the world for the Indians that, to deflect criticism against themselves, they go pick on a white guy."

But Marcheta Birch, an Indian affairs expert at Canisius College in Buffalo, said setting up a political machine was precisely what tribal leaders did, complete with cronyism.

The problems date to 1848, when the Senecas broke away from the traditional Iroquois Indian system of clan mothers and tribal chiefs and established an elected government, Birch said.

Since then, Birch said, there has been a growing discrepancy between the tribe's haves and have-nots.

Traditionalists won out last November when Bowen was elected Seneca president by three votes, promising to clean up what he termed corruption in the tribal government and pledging to quash casino proposals.

Tribal council opponents voted to impeach Bowen and replace him with Bucktooth, saying Bowen misused his authority by kicking people off the council and firing employees. Bowen refused to step down.

The land claims and other economic initiatives have been put on hold by the violence, which also has scared away outside investors and even customers at tribal gas stations and cigarette shops.

Bowen said the three deaths may bring the tribe back together.

"People may say, 'We've had enough. Now we want to solve our differences,'" he said.

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