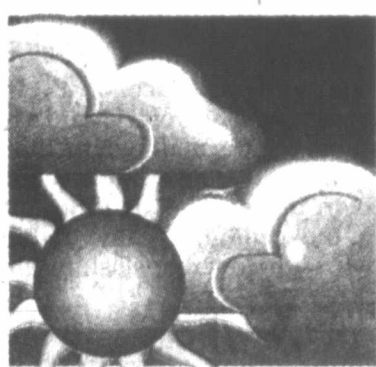


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**PAMPA** — Columbia Medical Center of Pampa will be sponsoring the June monthly luncheon of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Michael Arvin, vice president for Managed Care, Lone Star Division of Columbia HCA, will be the guest speaker.

For reservations, call the chamber office at 669-3241 by 9 a.m. on Monday, June 17.

**PAMPA** — Weather permitting, the Pampa High School cheerleaders will hold a car wash on Friday from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Coronado Center.

Donations through the car wash will help fund projects for the cheerleaders.

**DALLAS (AP)** — A state district judge today threw out the drug possession indictments against Dallas Cowboys All-Pro receiver Michael Irvin and two topless dancers.

The action was taken after it was revealed that a grand juror in the case was not a resident of Dallas County.

State District Judge Manny Alvarez granted a defense motion to quash the indictments after Irvin's attorneys presented evidence showing that one of the grand jurors resided in neighboring Tarrant County.

"I find the requirements that a person not only be a citizen of Texas but also of Dallas County have not been met," Alvarez said in ruling on the matter.

However, he said, the case is pending and cautioned pretrial witnesses that a gag order is still in effect.

"We start from scratch basically," Alvarez said. "The effect here is we start back, again a criminal case is pending. The state has several avenues to take. They can resubmit the case."

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Information held by law enforcement agencies about juvenile criminals may not be fully protected from public disclosure because of changes in a new state law that removed some confidentiality provisions, Attorney General Dan Morales said.

Morales' office released an opinion today saying law enforcement records about juvenile crimes that occurred after Jan. 1 may be confidential under other laws. But the law that protects such information before Jan. 1 does not protect those records.

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## Lawyers cancel planned hearing on fireworks ban

A Tuesday hearing to prevent Gray County commissioners from enforcing a ban on fireworks in the county was canceled on the agreement of lawyers of both sides.

County Attorney Todd Alvey said this morning that lawyers for the Texas Pyrotechnics Association sought to vacate the hearing because of an executive order issued by Gov. George W. Bush last week.

The order concurred with the local county commissioners' May 31 emergency order prohibiting the use and sale of fireworks in Gray County.

Alvey said TPA attorneys felt the hearing, scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday in 223rd District Judge Lee Waters' court, was a "waste of time" after the order.

However, the underlying suit against Gray County is still pending.

In its lawsuit, TPA maintains the county is outside its legal authority to regulate fireworks as defined by the Local Government Code.

The code is the only authority extended to the county to deal with fireworks, TPA attorneys maintain.

Alvey discussed the conversations he had with TPA attorneys Dave LaBrec and Lance Lewis of

Dallas in a special meeting of the commissioners court today.

"They are not going to proceed with this any further unless something changes," Alvey said.

"They said they would drop the suit if the commissioners court would rescind the ban on fireworks in our county," he said.

County Judge Richard Peet said the governor's order had precedence over the county's, though the ban can still be lifted through county action.

"It is my understanding that all we have to do is send a request to Governor Bush, requesting him to rescind his order on our recommendation to lift the ban on fireworks, if we see fit."

The county officials say they will continue to rely on the judgment of area weather professionals who will determine when the drought is over.

Anyone arrested on the fireworks ban would be prosecuted under a Class B violation, said Alvey, who said he has already cleared the ruling with the local law enforcement.

He intends to handle prosecutions under the governor's order, which warrants a fine up to \$1,000, jail time up to 180 days, or both.

## Old, handwritten note may lead to 70-year-old murder

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

Pampa police hope an old, handwritten note found by a local contractor Tuesday will lead to the discovery of a body of a man allegedly murdered here almost 70 years ago.

Pampa police are today digging in the basement of 403 N. Ward for the body of a Mexican bootlegger that may have been buried there April 4, 1928.

The note that led to the police's involvement was found by contractor Kenny Williamson when he was preparing to fix a crack in the basement wall.

Williamson was trying to enlarge the crack to fill it with plaster when he found a six-inch long piece of wood set lengthwise in the wall. When he pulled it out, he found a gouged area and a note secured by a galvanized nail.

The note, signed "Lottery Samson," features a bold skull and crossbones at the top and

listed a few details about the alleged murder.

"Three finger Mallory killed Loax Manderz the Mex. boot legger here in 1928 Wed. 4 April," the copy of the note obtained by *The Pampa News* reads.

It continues: "L. Samson Sr. saw the killing and testify to it. But Mallory is now dead. He died in Mexico by federal officers."

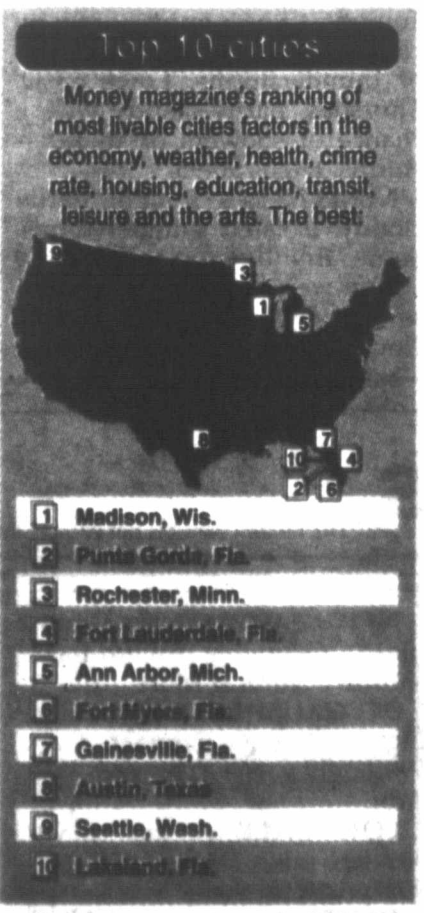
The note further says that the body was buried in the coal chute.

Contractors removed two to three inches of concrete from the floor of the coal room, and at press time, police officers were digging and sifting through dirt.

The concrete appeared to be old enough to match what the note suggests, contractors said.

Lt. Steve Chance said the police are investigating the lead for two reasons. There is no statute of limitations for murder, he said, and any descendants of the alleged victim would have a right to know what happened to their ancestor.

## Madison, Wis., named best place to live; Austin makes top 10 list



By FARRELL KRAMER  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Despite bitter-cold winters and snow extending through April, Madison, Wis., ranks as the best place to live in America, according to *Money* magazine's annual ranking.

Home to a University of Wisconsin campus with 40,000 students and a vibrant economy boasting just 1.5 percent unemployment, Madison beat out the nation's other 299 biggest metropolitan areas to top the best-places list, released today in the magazine's July issue.

"It snagged the top spot because apparently someone forgot to tell the folks in Madison that life is supposed to be full of trade-offs," the glossy personal finance magazine writes.

But the cities were rated on a scale that not everyone might agree with: It ranks a place's climate relatively low in importance, for example, and it says that rising home prices

## Painting the parsonage



Harry Jennings, of Barrett Baptist Church, voluntarily labors in the hot sun Tuesday afternoon in an effort to prepare the church's vacant parsonage for new occupants. The church is currently interviewing prospective pastors.

## Grandview-Hopkins ISD ponders closing Pampa transfer bus route

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

Pampa transfers to Grandview-Hopkins school soon may lose their bus route based on the advice of the school's attorneys.

Superintendent Solomon Kepley told the board Tuesday night that an incident in April had essentially put the school district on notice. A second incident could leave the district vulnerable to litigation, he said.

Kepley explained later that a student was injured by a dog while waiting for his parents to pick him up at the bus driver's residence, the school's designated drop-off location for Pampa transfers.

Kepley said the attorney advised the district to cease offering the bus route and tell parents they need to find alternatives.

Board members were unhappy with the attorney's opinion, asking Kepley to seek more advice

from both that law firm and Texas Education Agency.

"I hate to see us have to stop it because I think it will put a hardship on some people," trustee Charles Bowers said. "We need to do more checking into it before we just shut (the busing) off."

Dwayne Davis, a parent of a Pampa transfer student, indicated grudging acceptance of the attorney's advice.

"Truthfully, that's probably the safest way to do it even though I'm one of the parents that's going to be driving out here," he told the board.

About eight students are bused from Pampa, Kepley said. In other business, the board agreed to give Kepley a five percent raise on his \$45,000 salary.

Kepley's new contract begins July 1. He was hired last year.

Trustees tabled further discussion on finance options for the district, considered wealthy by the state.

Currently, the school is in an Option 4 agreement with Pampa Independent School District, paying Pampa for student units to add to their weighted daily attendance.

The school might lose \$10 million from their \$65 million tax base if they continue with Option 4, Kepley said.

The district could enter into an Option 3 agreement, giving money to the state rather than Pampa.

A decision must be made by Sept. 1.

The board also agreed to the following:

- Purchase of 50 folding chairs from Quill.
- Appointment of Kepley as the district's authorized child nutrition representative.
- Hiring of Billy Baker as the 1995-96 auditor.
- Continuing to use Hibbs-Hallmark for workers' compensation coverage.

## Australian military helicopter crash kills 17

**BRISBANE, Australia (AP)** — Two Blackhawk army helicopters collided and burst into flames tonight during training exercises, killing 17 commandos in Australia's worst peacetime military accident in three decades.

Eleven others were hospitalized, some in serious condition, in Townsville, home to a large army base in the tropical northeast about 700 miles from Brisbane.

"We have lost 17 of our finest men," said Australian Defense Force spokesman Brig. Adrian D'Hage.

D'Hage said the two helicopters had been flying about 165 feet above the ground in darkness when they collided at speeds of 70 mph to 100 mph.

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## Mature lawmakers prevail in state primary elections

By NED KILKELLY  
Associated Press Writer

It took victory in Virginia's Republican primary for Sen. John Warner to win the support of state GOP leaders, who had backed a conservative challenger championed by the religious right.

In South Carolina, Republicans ignored misgivings about Strom Thurmond's age Tuesday and renominated the oldest senator ever at 93.

And in primaries in three other states, Arkansas and Maine chose candidates to replace retiring senators and North Dakota voters defeated an initiative that would have allowed video gaming machines in restaurants and bars.

With 99 percent of the vote counted in Virginia, Warner had 66 percent while James C. Miller, budget director under President Reagan, had 34 percent.

Miller and Warner fought an often bitter race, with Miller drawing support from conservatives out to punish Warner for not endorsing Oliver North in his narrow loss to Sen. Charles Robb two years ago.

North endorsed Miller late in the campaign, but experts said it may have spurred many voters to back Warner.

Warner, 69, used his enormous fund-raising advantage — he had \$2.5 million to Miller's \$1 million — to air TV ads casting himself as a "common sense conservative" and Miller as a conservative extremist. Miller complained that only money made Warner the favorite.

Despite the rift within the party, GOP leaders moved quickly to close ranks after Warner's resounding win.

Miller endorsed Warner and urged supporters to do the same, while state GOP Chairman Randy Forbes called for the party's moderates and conservatives to unite behind the senator.

"We've got to join now together to make Virginia even a better

place," Warner told supporters at a victory party.

North said on "CBS This Morning" today that "of course" he would vote for Warner in November. "I happen to be a patriot," he said. "I'm not a fair-weather friend and I'm not a sunshine soldier. I am a Republican."

Warner's winning strategy began when he used a clause in Virginia law to demand a primary rather than a convention, where his conservative foes could have denied him the nomination.

He then unabashedly appealed for support from Democrats and independents, who were allowed to participate in the GOP primary under state law.

Democratic leaders urged members to ignore the primary and support their own candidate in November, cellular phone tycoon Mark Warner. He is not related to the senator.

In South Carolina, the Senate's most senior member said people who question whether he can still do the job have been silenced by his easy win.

"This year's primary campaign has been punctuated with allegations that the voters have put to rest," Thurmond said by telephone from Washington, where he presided over Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's departure ceremony.

Thurmond, who is seeking his eighth term, got 61 percent of the vote, compared with 30 percent for state Rep. Harold Worley. College instructor Charles Thompson got 9 percent.

Worley, in mounting the first serious challenge to Thurmond's re-election in decades, spent about \$500,000 in six weeks, most of it on ads focusing on Thurmond's age.

The Democratic nominee, political newcomer Elliott Close, said he will not make Thurmond's age a campaign issue.

## Wildlife field trip



(South Plains College photo)

A number of Levelland's South Plains College students from throughout the Panhandle and South Plains got a taste of the wild this spring during an educational field trip to Arizona as part of a course in wildlife management. From left are Jack Bush, 18, biology major from Muleshoe; David Rea, 18, undecided major from Andrews; Cody Wauson, 18, wildlife and agriculture major from Brownfield; and April Tiedt, 19, English major from Pampa and daughter of Roger and Martha Tiedt. The group toured the Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson and got a firsthand look at the wildlife of the Arizona desert during a camping trip 20 miles west of Tucson. They identified owls and mammals and reptiles similar to the animals found in SPC's collection of zoological specimens and had permits to collect certain specimens of mammals and reptiles.

## Colleagues predict Sen. Lott, like Dole, would be pragmatic Senate replacement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican senators looking for Bob Dole's replacement as majority leader want a pragmatist who can get work done, and they think Trent Lott can do the job even though some say he's more aggressive and less compromising than the man he's likely to replace.

Pragmatism seemed to be the key word today as the Senate for the first time since 1985 prepared to vote on a new majority leader. The two candidates were Lott and fellow Mississippian, Thad Cochran. Both are more conservative politically than Dole.

Moderate Republican Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont, who said he believed Lott would win, said he was not concerned about Lott's conservative political views.

"We don't mind someone who has strong philosophical convictions," Jeffords said Tuesday, as long as "you're tolerant and pragmatic. Those two words I think are critical, and I think that Lott has those. ... He understands that the only way you can get things done around here is by getting compromise."

Lott, who holds the second-ranking post of Republican whip, was widely predicted by fellow senators to prevail over Cochran, Cochran recognized he was waging an uphill battle, but said he would not drop out before the ballots were counted.

"I don't intend to concede. I've decided to stay in it and let senators vote," he said in an interview, adding that his one hope for victory rests with senators annoyed by Lott's intense campaigning for the job.

"He's been a very relentless, effective campaigner, pushing people for commitments, going back and back and back and back and back," he said. "My only hope is he may have pushed people too far."

Dole, who resigned his seat Tuesday to focus on his campaign for the White House, was noted for an ability to find consensus.

"Trent is a more aggressive person, perhaps he's a little less compromising" than Dole, said Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., a freshman who said he was supporting Lott.

But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said, "Lott's very pragmatic, and I think he'll bring Republicans together."

Lott, 54, a close ally of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., revealed how his genial manner mixes with brash ambition when asked Tuesday if Cochran were still in the race: "He won't be beyond tomorrow morning."

## Researchers working on ways to regrow human tissue, organs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Patients with unhealable wounds, from deep burns to mastectomies, may one day be able to regrow their own tissue, maybe even organs.

It sounds like science fiction, but researchers are discovering ways to force tissues that normally don't regrow to do just that — opening the possibility of painless tissue regeneration.

"One day you could actually grow a new breast or replace an ear," said Stephen Fush of Genzyme Corp., which has government permission to sell the first method to regrow joint cartilage pending Food and Drug Administration approval.

FDA biotechnology chief Dr. Philip Noguchi, who unveiled the agency's new tissue regulations to companies meeting in Philadelphia Tuesday, said: "Tissue engineering will be here in five years, I'm sure."

Doctors today try various surgical repairs when tissues that can't

regenerate are injured: Artificial knees, breast implants for mastectomy patients, skin grafts for burn victims whose injuries go so deep that even normally resilient skin won't come back.

But biological tissue works better than a substitute, so scientists are starting to manipulate patients' own cells to make tissues regrow.

First on the market is Genzyme's Carticel to repair torn knee cartilage. Cells from patients' remaining cartilage are mixed in a test tube with enzymes that break down the cartilage's structure so the cells physically are able to grow. Then they're mixed with special nutrients, and the growing cells are reimplanted.

Carticel is not FDA-approved, but in a highly unusual move, the agency let Carticel start selling last spring while it wrote the first regulations for this new science.

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Opinion

**'Stand for Children' march fell flat ...**

Fascinating. The "Stand for Children" march in Washington, D.C., a nostalgic attempt to revive the days when throwing more government money at a problem was considered "progressive" was a bit of a snore.

Organizers said they expected 250,000 people and maybe 200,000 (a generous estimate) were mustered by the 4,700 organizations listed as co-sponsors.

The media did ritualistic coverage, almost as if this were something more significant than a bunch of tax consumers seeking more places at the federal trough, but few believed it. And few bothered to hide the fact that this was a contrived event staged for the benefit of the media.

Is this the beginning of the end of the scam — which could be called child abuse — of using the natural sympathy everybody feels for children to promote the welfare state and the growth of government? Probably not. The interests that benefit directly from the game are deeply entrenched. About 100 of the groups endorsing the media event — those that put most of the financial muscle and disappointing organizing efforts into it — are heavily funded by the taxpayers — to the tune of about \$392 million in 1993-1994.

If all that money — let alone the \$5 trillion we have spent "fighting poverty" in the last few decades — had been left in the pockets of taxpayers, young people and their families would be much better off. But problems abound, many of them exacerbated by the kinds of federal programs Marian Wright Edelman, the "godmother" of the Children's Defense Fund and this rally, has spent a lifetime supporting, defending and seeking to expand.

It's hard to misunderstand the cynical game now, even (or especially) if you are one of those who go through the motions of covering the march as if it were the second coming of the grassy grassroots. Whether understanding the game is the first step toward dislodging a few professional tax consumers from the trough is another question.

Thought for today

"A man's real possession is his memory. In nothing else is he rich, in nothing else is he poor."

Alexander Smith  
*Of Death and the Fear of Dying*

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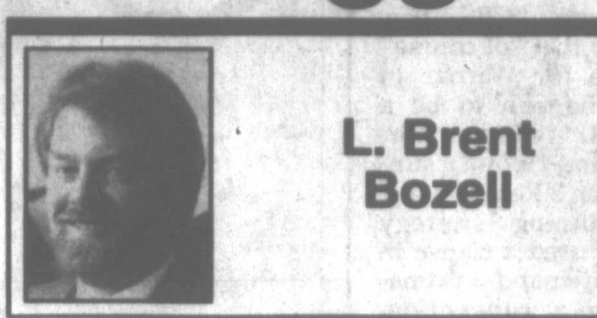
**Media left with egg over its face**

The verdicts came: guilty, guilty, guilty, on 24 of 30 counts. What a mortifying embarrassment for the national media, who must wipe the egg off their faces — again. Since 1992, we've heard one media excuse after another as to why Whitewater just isn't a story. Never mind Hillary's contradictory statements about her role. Never mind the documents that disappeared and then reappeared in the Clintons' private quarters. Never mind the S&L fraud in Arkansas that cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

Even as Bill and Hillary Clinton's business partners went on trial, we were told it wouldn't mean anything. *U.S. News* editor in chief and hopeless Clinton apologist Mortimer Zuckerman spoke for the media on Cal Thomas' CNBC show March 24: "I don't think there's anything there unless Kenneth Starr does come up with anything, and the fact that there is a trial going on, I think is not going to be relevant to what the elections are going to be all about. You can't run an election based on attacking the president's wife."

Days before the verdict, on May 24, former *New York Times* White House reporter Tom Friedman told the all-liberal panel on PBS's *Washington Week in Review* that the Republicans' ad noting the active-duty president's in-the-army-now-defense against the Paula Jones lawsuit came "right when Whitewater seems to be grinding to a halt as a legal issue." Moderator Ken Bode agreed, "Whitewater is sort of diminishing, sort of fading away, it's a shadowy thing now, it's going away."

That collective wishful thinking on the part of the 89 percent Clinton press is best exemplified by the stunning lack of coverage of the Arkansas trial. A Media Research Center analysis from Feb. 29 to May 19 found the Big Three networks aired only 13 reporter-based Whitewater stories on their evening news shows — an average of about four stories per



L. Brent Bozell

network over an eleven week period. CNN's *The World Today* did a bit better with ten stories in eleven weeks. In the land of Gumbel, the news wasn't much better. The three network morning shows aired only 14 reporter based stories and five interviews in eleven weeks. Most of the stories about the trial centered on the only thing the media couldn't ignore: the president's videotaped testimony.

The most stunning lack of coverage came from *NBC Nightly News*, which aired only one reporter based story in the entire eleven weeks. How does the NBC brass explain one story in 80 days now that the convictions are in? Nor did any of the magazine shows cover the trial — but then, all of the magazine shows combined have aired only two reporter based stories on Whitewater in the last four years.

Although *Time* carried a 15-page cover story excerpting James Stewart's Whitewater book, *Blood Sport*, the news magazines devoted fewer pages to the Whitewater trial than they did to the Jackie Onassis auction. In their May 6 editions, *Time* made the Jackie O auction their cover story and gave it eight pages. *Newsweek* devoted six pages and *U.S. News*, two.

The trial wasn't the only angle on Whitewater that vanished down the memory hole. On Feb. 29

and again on March 7, Senate Democrats blocked votes extending the tenure of the Senate Whitewater Committee. The Democrats held up any further hearings until agreeing to deal on April 18. One reporter based story on ABC's *World News Tonight* (and anchor briefs on ABC's *Good Morning America* and CNN) were the only coverage of the Democratic filibuster until the hearings resumed April 24. Do we need to ask how many outraged media homilies about the "people's right to know" we would have heard were Bill Clinton a Republican and had the GOP shut down a Senate investigation?

The only thing more astonishing than the media's blase reaction before the verdicts is the media's blase reaction afterward. The night of the convictions on the no-Whitewater network, NBC anchor Tom Brokaw asked Washington Bureau Chief Tim Russert: "Tim, Alfonse D'Amato, the Republican senator who's been running the Whitewater hearings on Capitol Hill, has so much as admitted recently that he didn't get very far. There have been any number of exhaustive journalistic efforts. What do we think may be out there? Anything left?"

After we're done laughing at the idea of "exhaustive journalistic efforts" on the networks, what is "left" is piecing together what Whitewater means, not just in terms of crimes, but the misdemeanor of hypocrisy. The American public hasn't seen the networks replay the Bill Clinton who announced his candidacy in 1991: "When the ripoff artists looted our S&Ls, the president was silent. In a Clinton administration, when people sell their companies and their workers and their country down the river, they'll get called on the carpet." Turns out Bill Clinton was well aware of these "ripoff artists." He called them his business partners.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today in History  
Today is Wednesday, June 12, the 164th day of 1996. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On June 12, 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y., on the 100th anniversary of the day Abner Doubleday supposedly invented the sport.

On this date:  
In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1838, the Iowa Territory was organized.

In 1937, the Soviet Union executed eight army leaders as a purge under Josef Stalin continued.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers was fatally shot in front of his home in Jackson, Miss.



**Will Whitewater scandal ever end?**

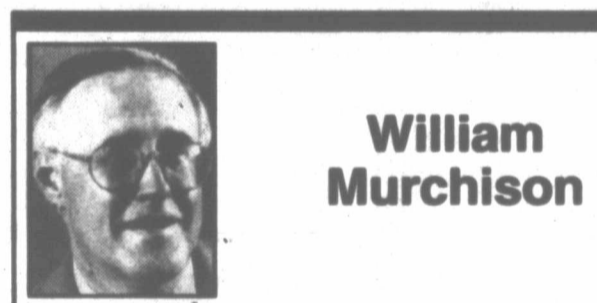
So, Whitewater heats up. So, for the first time in months, clouds pass in front of the sun that's warming the Clintonites' political picnic. Are non-Clintonites ecstatic?

Not necessarily. One reason is that they have seen this sort of thing before. It ain't pretty. This disqualification obtains no matter what president, or what party, becomes the object of official scrutiny. There's a country out there to be governed, and scandals can get in the way.

It is hard to know the dimensions of the Clintons' troubles by extrapolating from the Little Rock guilty verdicts. The verdicts are not the last that will involve Clinton confidantes. Whether the Clintons, Bill and Hillary, will become personally involved is unknowable, but it is not unreasonable to guess that they will.

Whitewater could certainly boost Republican chances in November. On the other hand, the boosting of Republican chances is not the be-all and end-all of political endeavor. The peace of the republic is an even larger priority.

Such a point cannot be unfamiliar. It was made 20 years ago by backers of President Richard M. Nixon, who argued that the fever to investigate and punish the Watergate break-in — "a third-rate burglary," it was called — distorted national priorities. This was disingenuous to a degree. The priorities in question were those that Nixon had set. His backers didn't want him sidetracked. His critics, who turned out to be a substantial majority, argued back that the main thing at stake was the punishment of wrongdoing. Well, OK. Wrongdoing got duly punished. But so



William Murchison

did the nation as a whole. The '70s turned out to be our most depressing decade since the Depression.

A related point: Watergate helped institutionalize distrust of politicians. We went on from there: the tribulations of Bert Lance, of Robert Bork, of Ollie North and Robert MacFarland, and now of Bill and Hillary Clinton. There is a certain proportionality here: Democrats as well as Republicans are on the post office wall. You get us, we get you. What this mostly means is that the thirst to uncover scandal now rages everywhere. We're practically guaranteed a good scandal in every administration, and the scandal guarantees public entertainment and political discombobulation.

The question is: Do we really want it this way? How is it conducive to good government to have public figures fixated on attack and defense? Do we need all this scandal, in other words?

Probably not, but we have it — a function of the size of government in our times. Scandals center on the doing or receipt of favors. Modern behemoth govern-

ment, with its unparalleled power and wealth, has endless favors to do; the selling and buying of those favors matters to thousands and thousands, some of whom are inevitably crooks. "Lead us not into temptation," goes the Lord's Prayer. Government leads us into temptation daily — the temptation to help or hurt a particular voting bloc, to enrich one ally or over against an enemy. None of these impulses is unnatural — they just encourage corruption, that's all.

On such a showing, the downsizing of government becomes a moral act: You put temptation out of people's way when you remove government's power to do this and that, particularly where that power lacks foundation in any reasonable understanding of government responsibility.

The political scandal is an ancient commodity. The United States certainly didn't invent or even perfect it. But scandal matters less where government is smaller, less dominant, less able to do good — or evil. Things are all the worse in this age of relativism, when we're afraid to place moral concerns at the center of public affairs, lest we offend this important voting bloc or that one.

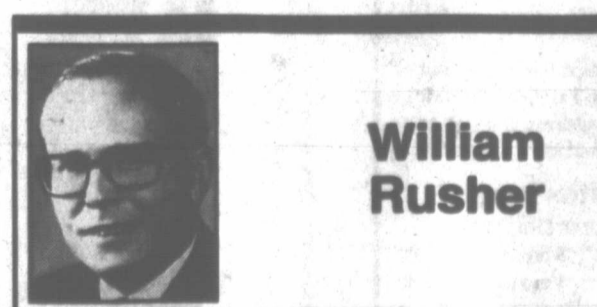
Where will Whitewater end? That's just it: It may not end. Peeling off one layer of scandal reveals another; exposing one entire scandal puts one in mind of other scandals. On we go — because we have to, and because the punishment of wrongdoing is among the legitimate powers of the government whose midst wrongdoing arises. Titled we may be about it all — politically energized, also. But rapturously happy? Nobody ought to be happy, Democrat or Republican.

**Free trade: The antidote to globalism**

Conservatives who occasionally like to look beyond this year's election to the longer trends that matter more should pay close attention to the debate now getting under way between those who propose to resist the growing globalization of the world's economy by reverting to protectionism and those who, on the contrary, regard free trade as the surest defense against a centralized new world order.

Samuel Francis is perhaps the most thoughtful and articulate spokesman of the former viewpoint. In *Chronicles for March*, Mr. Francis asserts that "the fundamental polarity in American politics and culture today is between a deracinated and self-serving Ruling Class centered on but not confined to the central state, on the one hand, and Middle American groups, on the other, with the latter constituting both the economic core of the nation through their labor and productive skills as well as the culturally defining core that sustains the identity of the nation itself. The economic interests as well as the cultural habits and ideologies of the Ruling Class drive it toward globalization — the managed destruction of the nation, its sovereignty, its culture, and its people — while those of Middle Americans drive them toward support for and reinforcement of the nation and its organic way of life."

Francis believes that Pat Buchanan is dead right in denouncing free trade, and wishes only that he would end his sentimental allegiance to the Republican Party so that "Middle America will be able to speak with an authentic and united voice, and... get on with conserving the nation



William Rusher

from the powers that are destroying it."

Far different is the advice of Professor John O. McGinnis of the Cardozo School of Law, in a recent issue of *National Review*. He believes that "The political order that free trade and global financial markets are creating is... one of the most important developments of our time."

McGinnis goes on to argue that "the original constitutional design of a federalist free trading system was at the heart of the steady growth of the United States into an economic superpower by the beginning of the twentieth century. But federalism was more than just a political engine of economic expansion... [A] government sufficiently powerful to [protect property rights] is also powerful enough to expropriate the wealth of its citizens... Forcing state governments to compete for the capital and skills of a national citizenry imposes substantial limits on a state government's ability to expropriate. The

emerging [worldwide] free trade regime performs the same essential function today."

McGinnis sounds like Francis when he warns that, "Given its worldwide jurisdiction, an international entity with direct power over internal social and economic regulations of nations could undertake initiatives that might make the New Deal and Great Society eras look like exercises in prudent political stewardship."

But his solution is radically different: "[O]ne of the most important tasks for statesmen of the right in the coming century is to prevent the global regime of free trade and investment from being strangled by international centralization... When federalism was gravely weakened by the centralized nation state created by the New Deal, a new mixed regime could still be reconstituted by forcing nation states to endure regulatory competition in a free-trading world. But if new centralized global entities capable of destroying regulatory competition are created, no other set of worlds is available to establish a mixed regime through the discipline of regulatory competition. Instead big government will have gone global."

For my money, McGinnis has the better of the argument. It is pointless to bewail economic "globalization"; thanks to modern technology, it is inevitable. But it would be fatal to reject the principles of free trade, which alone can insure that no international regulatory regime will become the Biggest Brother of all.

## State briefs

**Judge refuses to amend public housing ruling**  
**DALLAS (AP)** — A federal judge has refused to amend his order that told HUD to ask largely white, middle-class suburbs to accept new public housing and investigate those that don't for possible civil rights violations.

Suburban lawmakers and communities in Dallas County have been in an uproar since U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer issued the order in April. His refusal to amend it came Tuesday.

But local housing activists and some Dallas officials argue it's time for Dallas County's suburban areas to shoulder a share of the burden. The suburbs are home to almost half the county's population, but only one-fourth of its subsidized housing.

Caught in the middle were Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros and his agency, who must tiptoe through a racial, economic and political considerations.

Cisneros tried to get the judge to amend the order.

**Gramm, Hutchison discuss Bliss future with general**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Troubled by Army moves that could weaken Fort Bliss and hurt El Paso's business community, Texas' two senators have made clear to the Army's chief of staff that they won't stand for any serious tinkering at the huge post.

Republican Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison met with Gen. Dennis Reimer Tuesday on Capitol Hill to stress their support for Fort Bliss — and opposition to anything that would weaken the base.

The post already has taken a sustained hit. Military and civilian employment, which hit a high of 21,000 during the Persian Gulf War, has been whittled to 16,000. Most punishing in prestige and job loss was the transfer last year of the 4,600-soldier 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment to Fort Carson, Colo.

The two senators have been worried by Army decisions or proposed actions in recent months that, when viewed individually, are of little consequence, but when taken together could spell trouble ahead.

**Sierra Club sues over aquifer pumping**  
**AUSTIN (AP)** — The Sierra Club is asking a federal judge to impose strict limits on pumping water from the Edwards Aquifer as the drought keeps Texas in its grip.

The environmental group said Tuesday that emergency conservation action is needed to protect endangered species at the Comal and San Marcos springs.

It also contends that tough conservation measures are required to protect water quality in the aquifer and to remove a threat to the economic future of San Antonio and other parts of the state.

"What is at stake here is not simply the survival of several endangered species but also the future of much of Central and South Texas," said Ken Kramer, the Sierra Club's state director.

"What is at stake is the protection of a resource, the Edwards Aquifer, which is critical not only to the environment but also to the well-being of over 2 million people."

## Fall freshman orientation



Oklahoma Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Okla., recently hosted a 1996 fall freshman/transfer student orientation clinic. Participants from Texas included, from left, front row, Michelle Basham of McLean and Tobie Bias of Amarillo, and back row, Jay McCutchan of Dumas and Carrie Coswell of Pampa.

## Booming overseas business in smuggled cigarette trade results in rash of murders

**BERLIN (AP)** — Six bodies are found in an east Berlin apartment, each bound and shot twice in the head. Another is spotted that night along a bridge path.

Three days later, three more corpses appear along a commuter train track in apparent revenge killings.

All nine men, and dozens more killed this year, were part of the lucrative cigarette smuggling business. The death count in Germany is already higher than the previous four years combined.

Selling smuggled, or stolen Marlboros, Gauloises and other brands at cut-rate prices is a huge — and increasingly violent — business across Europe, where smoking is still commonplace and cigarette taxes high.

Throughout Europe, the cost in lost taxes is between an estimated \$4 billion and \$5.3 billion.

Major busts illustrate the international scope: — In April, French authorities seized about 600,000 packs of American brands in the port of Marseilles from a container loaded onto an Egyptian cargo ship in Cyprus.

— In May, French officials

seized 1.65 million packs hidden in three tractor-trailers carrying plastic tubes for a Portuguese company.

— Italian police estimate 100 to 150 motorboats each night are smuggling cigarettes into the country for the Mafia from offshore ships.

— The killing of a Pakistani clan leader in Copenhagen, Denmark, this year revealed an ongoing turf war between cigarette smuggling factions there.

But perhaps the biggest battlefield is Germany, especially in the east, where most of nearly 50,000 Vietnamese in the country live, most illegally. Authorities say two Berlin-based groups are trying to expand into other parts of Germany.

Turf battles between the Vietnamese gangs that control street-level sales have been blamed for the deaths this year of 40 Vietnamese, 15 in Berlin alone. Most were shot in the head.

"They are seeking more market share, more profit, more power," said Uwe Kranz, chief of police in Thuringia state. "They are fighting in a new manner."

Some of the Vietnamese were sent from North Vietnam to for-

mer East Germany as contract workers in the 1970s and '80s, then found themselves jobless after German reunification.

Thousands more arrived with the fall of the Iron Curtain, many having paid high fees to gang leaders back home to be smuggled into Germany.

For many, selling smuggled cigarettes is the only way to survive. They get their cigarettes through a variety of routes and countries, sometimes through front companies working directly with manufacturers.

Berlin police chief Hagen Saberschinsky estimates one truck loaded with 50,000 cartons can net a smuggler \$550,000.

Police say efforts to fight the closely knit gangs are hampered by the language barrier and uncooperative witnesses who fear police and retaliation from the gangs.

Federal police plan to send a liaison officer to Hanoi this summer to get cooperation in fighting the gangs.

Germany reached an accord last year with Hanoi to begin repatriating some 40,000 Vietnamese who are in Germany illegally — in return for a \$140 million aid package.

## Hundreds of Harley-Davidson riders hit Route 66

**TULSA, Okla. (AP)** — Old Route 66 rumbled, and dust began to rise.

Suddenly, in a flash of gleaming chrome and black leather and with a trademark V-twin roar, hundreds of Harley-Davidson bikers thundered across the landscape.

From Chicago to St. Louis to Oklahoma City, across Texas to New Mexico to Arizona, more than 600 bikers are traveling the 2,400-mile historic road to a June 22 finale in Santa Monica, Calif.

"This is the marriage of two great American icons," the leader of the pack, historian and author Michael Wallis said Tuesday. "Harley-Davidson and Route 66!"

The Harley Owners Group pulled out of Chicago on Sunday on the "Ridin' Route 66" tour — but many bikers already had spent days on the road getting there. Some also joined a prairie celebration in Milwaukee, home of the motorcycle maker.

Tassels on handlebars flowed in the wind as riders passed through small highway towns, past the totem pole in Foyil and the concrete landmark — the Blue Whale — in Catoosa. The bikes glowed turquoise, red and black.

One was even painted apricot. "This is all new country for us," said Ted Stockman, smiling under a bandana wrapped tightly around his head.

The 68-year-old retired school teacher from Federal Way, Wash., and his wife, Dorothy, 64, returned to riding Harleys a few years ago after a 40-year hiatus. They're getting their kicks on Route 66 together on one bike.

## Local authorities using tax incentives wisely

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Local governments in Texas are using tax incentives wisely to keep growing companies in place and to attract new ones, two Baylor University economics professors say.

While tax incentives raise controversy because they cost taxpayers money, they are being properly used as an economic development tool, professors Thomas Kelly and James Harrington told the Senate Committee on Economic Development Tuesday.

"Tax abatement is a very important item on the menu of incentives available," Kelly said. "It doesn't appear that residents are being gouged."

Incentives include tax abatements, or exemptions from property taxes; and tax increment financing, which uses some of the taxes paid by a new or expanding company to help pay bonds purchased for related infrastructure improvements.

Texas local governments gave up about \$161.8 million in property taxes last year. No estimate was available for tax dollars that went into TIF agreements.

Taxing authorities use incentives to keep growing companies in place and to lure new businesses. Many opponents say other factors, such as the local cost of living, transportation facilities and other taxes, are more important to attracting companies.

But some acknowledge that if other cities and counties vying for a company's new warehouse or headquarters offer tax breaks, Texas cities and counties might feel pressure to offer incentives as well.

The state offers some tax incentives, but most come from local authorities.

"Everybody is stuck in a situation where they may all know that other things are more important, but no one wants to be first to let go" of the incentives, said Dick Lavine, a policy analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a policy research group.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco and chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee, said if his panel had found that local authorities were misusing incentives, he would have moved to curtail or get rid of them.

But he said he is satisfied that is not happening.

"We found that they were in fact using taxpayers' money rationally," Sibley said, adding that there is no basis to argue that money is being wasted.

Dr. James Henderson, another Baylor economics professor, said while tax incentives aren't being misused, there is not enough information available to determine whether too much is being spent on them.

He said that in general, local authorities are paying more for jobs considered more valuable and less for jobs ranked as less valuable.

The committee adopted a series of proposals that would require more reporting from local authorities to the state so that further analysis could be done. Those proposals need legislative approval next year before they could take effect.

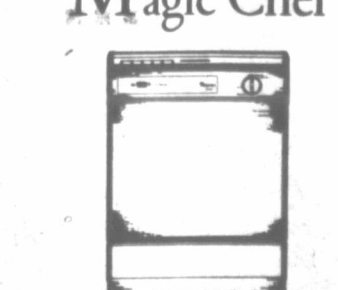
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## Hospital's Oversight Nearly Cancels Organ Donor's Wish

**DEAR ABBY:** My loving, vibrant 68-year-old mother suffered a massive stroke in January. When the doctor told us there was nothing they could do, we told him and the emergency room staff that she wanted to be an organ donor. When Mother was alive, she frequently stressed how much it would mean to her to help others in this way.

As Mother lingered in a coma in the intensive care unit, her nurse called us, suggesting we return to the hospital to say our final good-byes. Her blood pressure was falling quickly and death could be imminent.

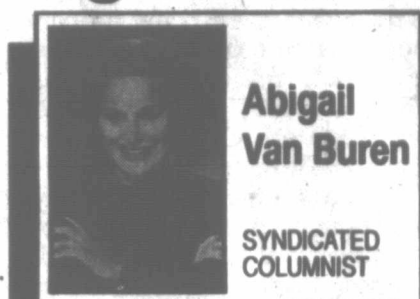
When we arrived, I asked the attending nurse how the organ donation process works. He stared at me blankly and was surprised to hear Mother was an organ donor. They immediately started administering medication to sustain her organs.

I'm grateful I spoke up before she passed away and her organs were no longer viable.

Thankfully, five people benefited from her liver, corneas and kidneys. Her heart and lungs are being used for medical studies.

The local organ bank told me that this is a common oversight in hospitals, and one they are trying hard to remedy with hospital staff members.

I hope others learn from my experience and make sure that organ donation is carried out for their loved ones. It takes more than



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

just checking the organ donor box on your driver's license to ensure the gift of life to others.

**KERRY ZICKERT,**  
CLARENDON HILLS, ILL.

**DEAR KERRY:** Thank you for an important letter and for wanting to alert families of prospective organ donors about your experience. Although the number of potential organ donors remains about the same, the demand for organs continues to grow.

It's a tragedy when organs, which can mean the difference between life and death, are lost because of a lack of communication between families and health-care professionals.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Arthur," and I have been married 3 1/2 years and have a 1-year-old daughter.

My problem may seem minor, but it is extremely frustrating. Every night after dinner, Arthur lies down on the couch to watch television. He then falls asleep. About 2 or 3 a.m., he comes upstairs and crawls into bed with me. Abby, we never cuddle or fall asleep together. I'm very hurt that we don't spend any time alone at the end of the day like most married couples.

I have discussed my feelings with Arthur many times. He understands that it upsets me but says he can't go to bed as early as I do. He says he really enjoys watching TV and the "dozing off" feeling is relaxing for him. I'm at the point of wanting to lock him out of the bedroom so he can watch TV and sleep on the couch all night. What do you advise?

**SLEEPING ALONE**  
IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR SLEEPING ALONE:** Buy a small television set for the bedroom, with earphones for Arthur. Get yourself some earplugs and a sleep mask, if necessary. Then Arthur can enjoy dozing off in front of the TV, and you will have him in bed next to you.

If he objects to this solution, television may not be the only problem in your marriage. Consider counseling.

## Horoscope

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Two endeavors that appeared to be totally unproductive in the past might be revitalized in the year ahead. You were closer to success than you realized. This time you will know better.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you are influenced by your associates' suggestions today, you might be thrown off course. Set your own pace and abide by your own procedures. 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 \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Although you may feel an urge to spend your time leisurely today, you must take care not to neglect your responsibilities.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Associate with enjoyable companions today, but take care not to impose your will on them. You should have respect for the will of the majority.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Striving for lofty goals will be an admirable desire today. However, try to keep your feelings in check. If something goes wrong, don't blame others.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Associates will not be receptive to your suggestions today if they think you have a closed mind. At least, you should be willing to listen.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Constant vigilance will be essential today if you manage a delicate development for someone else. Do not let your guard down, even for a minute.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** For the sake of harmony, both you and your mate should try to build on each other's

ideas. This will be a time to build bridges, not barriers.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your physical and mental energy level could be high today, but you might not be more productive. Try to distinguish between assertive and aggressive behavior.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Avoid associating with a clique today if some of the members make you uncomfortable. Instead, try to find companions who spend their time in more pleasant ways.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you want others to help you to finish a matter which interests you, share your objectives with them. If you don't, they may not support you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It looks as if you'll be in a talkative mood today, so you must guard what you say. If you don't, you might disclose a secret.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your material desires could be very pronounced today and in your eagerness to get what you want, you must take care not to get swindled.

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**For Better or For Worse**



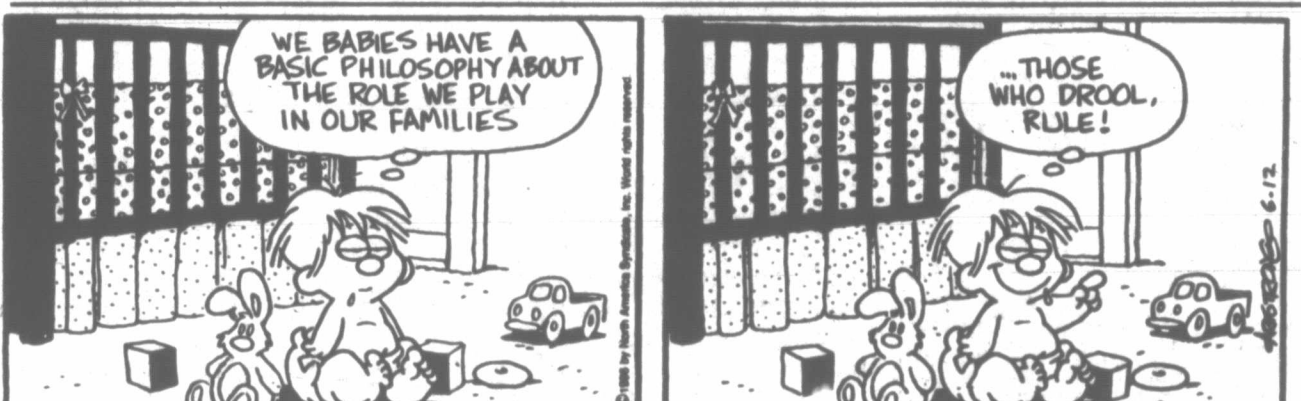
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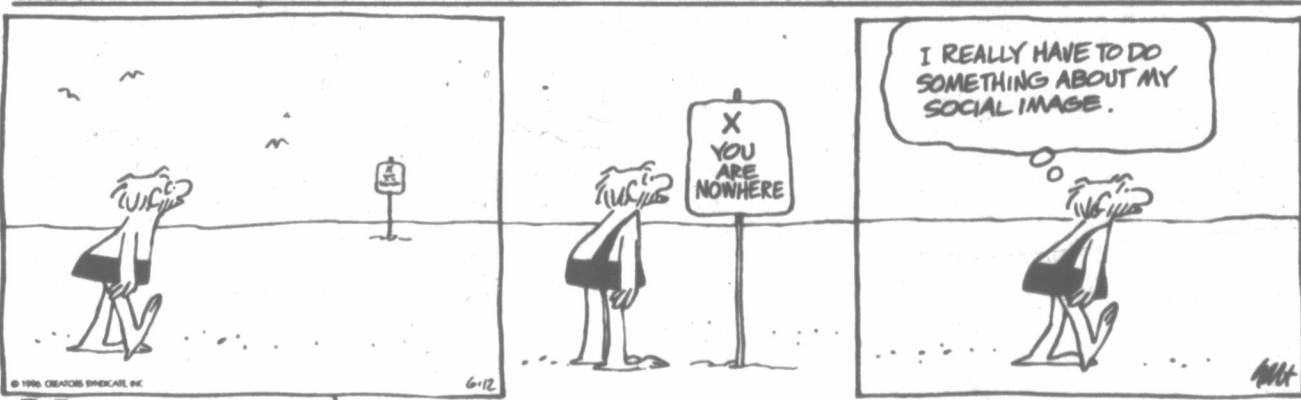
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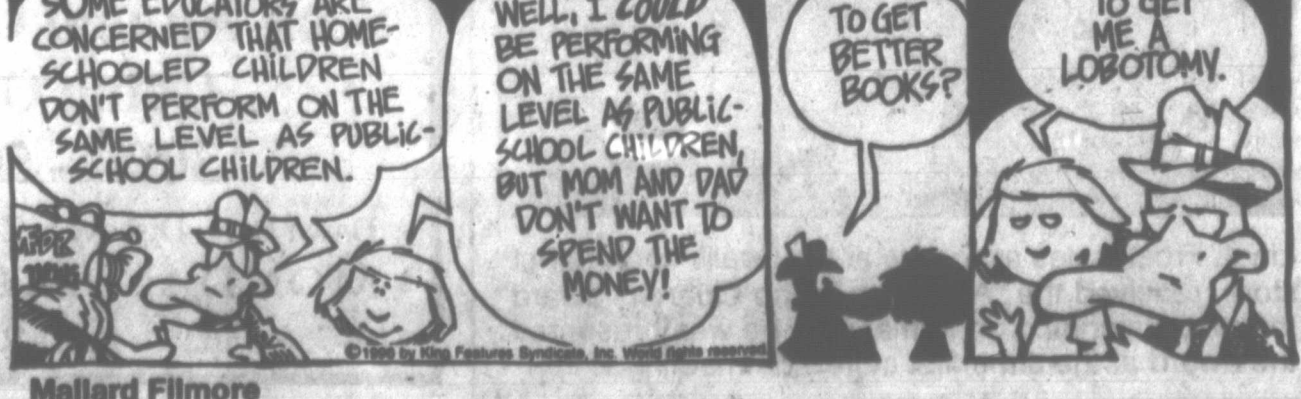
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"People who are gonna get married always hold hands to make sure the 'gagement ring doesn't fall off."



"Those are the Winslows. They work for Marmaduke."



**The Family Circus**



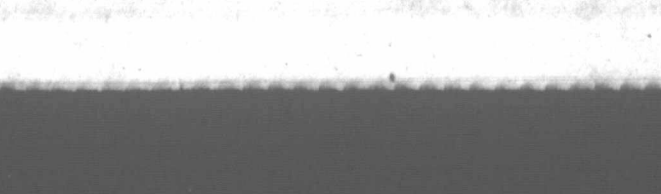
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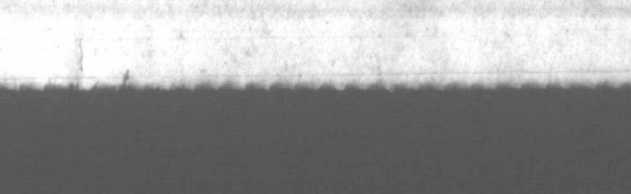
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# 'The Rock' rolls into first place, 'Phantom' debut lackadaisical

By JOHN HORN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - *The Rock* debuted in first place at the weekend box office with \$25.1 million in ticket sales, Walt Disney Co.'s best opening for a nonanimated film.

The thriller set on Alcatraz Island knocked Tom Cruise's *Mission: Impossible* out of the top spot. *Mission: Impossible*, which earned \$14.7 million, had been No. 1 for two weeks.

*Twister* finished third with \$11.9 million and could pass the \$200 million mark next weekend. Rounding out the top five were *Dragonheart* (\$7.6 million) and *Eddie* (\$5.6 million).

*The Phantom*, based on the superhero comic book, premiered poorly, finishing sixth with \$5.1 million.

Disney's previous record for a nonanimated film in its first weekend was \$22.5 million, set by *Dick Tracy* in 1990.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations and Entertainment Data Inc.:

1. *The Rock*, Disney, \$25.1 million, 2,392 locations, \$10,481 per location, \$25.1 million, one week.

2. *Mission: Impossible*, Paramount, \$14.7 million, 3,012 locations, \$4,868 per location, \$130.8 million, three weeks.

3. *Twister*, Warner Bros., \$11.9 million, 2,808 locations, \$4,244 per

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of June 7-9, 1996	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
<b>The Rock</b> \$25.1, one week, 2,392 screens	\$25.1
<b>Mission: Impossible</b> \$130.8, three weeks, 3,012 screens	\$14.7
<b>Twister</b> \$187.3, five weeks, 2,808 screens	\$11.9
<b>Dragonheart</b> \$27.5, two weeks, 2,133 screens	\$7.6
<b>Eddie</b> \$16.6, two weeks, 2,000 screens	\$5.6
<b>The Phantom</b> \$5.1, one week, 2,159 screens	\$5.1
<b>Spy Hard</b> \$21.3, three weeks, 2,051 screens	\$2.7
<b>The Arrival</b> \$9.9, two weeks, 1,693 screens	\$2.2
<b>Flipper</b> \$15.3, four weeks, 1,567 screens	\$1.2
<b>The Truth About Cats and Dogs</b> \$31, seven weeks, 721 screens	\$707

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

location, \$187.3 million, five weeks.

4. *Dragonheart*, Universal, \$7.6 million, 2,133 locations, \$3,580 per location, \$27.5 million, two weeks.

5. *Eddie*, Disney, \$5.6 million, 2,000 locations, \$2,792 per location, \$16.6 million, two weeks.

6. *The Phantom*, Paramount, \$5.1 million, 2,159 locations, \$2,349 per location, \$5.1 million, one week.

7. *Spy Hard*, Disney, \$2.7 million, 2,051 locations, \$1,327 per location, \$21.3 million, three weeks.

8. *The Arrival*, Orion, \$2.2 million, 1,693 locations, \$1,299 per location, \$8.9 million, two weeks.

9. *Flipper*, Universal, \$1.2 million, 1,567 locations, \$795 per location, \$15.3 million, four weeks.

10. *The Truth About Cats and Dogs*, Fox, \$707,000, 721 locations, \$980 per location, \$31 million, seven weeks.

11. *Toy Story*, Disney, \$637,000, 658 locations, \$968 per location, \$188.8 million, 29 weeks.

12. *The Birdcage*, MGM, \$501,000, 611 locations, \$820 per location, \$120.5 million, 14 weeks.

13. *The Craft*, Columbia, \$411,000, 700 locations, \$587 per location, \$22.4 million, six weeks.

14. *Cold Comfort Farm*, Gramercy, \$381,000, 72 locations, \$5,296 per location, \$1.6 million, five weeks.

15. *Muppet Treasure Island*, Disney, \$341,000, 541 locations, \$631 per location, \$33.2 million, 17 weeks.

16. *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, Sony Classics, \$297,000, 58 locations, \$5,127 per location, \$889,000, three weeks.

17. *Executive Decision*, Warner Bros., \$294,000, 353 locations, \$832 per location, \$56.2 million, 13 weeks.

18. *Primal Fear*, Paramount, \$286,000, 463 locations, \$619 per location, \$54.4 million, 10 weeks.

19. *Sense and Sensibility*, Columbia, \$258,000, 283 locations, \$912 per location, \$42.4 million, 26 weeks.

20. *Mr. Holland's Opus*, Disney, \$233,000, 251 locations, \$929 per location, \$80.5 million, 21 weeks.

# Freemen leader negotiates; source reports anti-government group may soon surrender

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) - A Freemen leader who was flown by the FBI to meet a jailed comrade carried a deal back to the anti-government group, and a source said a surrender could come as early as Thursday.

Edwin Clark returned to the ranch late Tuesday and most of the Freemen could be seen entering a barn, presumably to discuss the surrender proposal.

"They've pretty much agreed it won't be a gun battle," the source said. "I'm extremely hopeful at this point. It's an extremely positive sign."

The source, who is familiar with the FBI strategy and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said progress was made toward a deal that could lead to surrender of the 17 remaining Freemen by Thursday.

He would not elaborate, but said, "The mere fact that the FBI allowed this to happen is a very positive step."

The FBI said it arranged safe passage for Clark to meet with LeRoy Schweitzer in his Billings jail cell on Tuesday. "In another effort to reach a peaceful resolution."

The arrest of Schweitzer and another Freemen leader on federal charges of fraud and other crimes sparked the 80-day-old standoff.

"Edwin had to become at peace with LeRoy about it," before agreeing to the surrender plans, the source said. "He didn't want to go forward without checking with LeRoy first."

A senior federal official in Washington also said Clark was carrying a proposal, which Schweitzer

reviewed. But that official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, cautioned that the agreement still could fall through.

"It's possible what's happening today could end up in an agreement or could end up in nothing," the official said.

Clark, one of the original owners of the now-foreclosed land the Freemen occupy, has emerged in recent days as the apparent leader of those remaining in the remote 960-acre farm complex on the eastern Montana plains.

Accompanying Clark on the FBI plane to Billings were three negotiators from the CAUSE Foundation, third-party mediators the FBI brought in. The group has represented a former Ku Klux Klan leader as well as survivors of the deadly 1993 Branch Davidian siege near Waco, Texas.

Previously, Clark had been allowed to go to an FBI checkpoint just outside the ranch for negotiations and then return to the compound. His 400-mile trip to Billings was the first time he has gone beyond the FBI perimeter. And he is the only Freemen known to have done so who was not surrendering.

"If Edwin had been the leader when I was there, this would be over already," said Colorado state Sen. Charles Duke, a leader of the so-called Patriot movement in his state who broke off negotiations with the Freemen last month. "We tried to make him the leader. He was the owner of that land. If he goes out, everybody goes."

# Southern Baptists elect new president, turn attention to Disney at convention

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - More firmly in the grip of conservatives than ever with the election of a new president, the Southern Baptist Convention today is expected to urge its 16 million members not to spend money on the theme parks, movies or products offered by the Walt Disney Company.

"It's always disappointing when someone you trust, someone you had faith in over the years, lets you down," said Tom Elliff, who was elected president of the group on Tuesday. "Disney always has been associated with family values. I don't think we can say that anymore. They have gone in a direction we cannot support, cannot support financially, cannot support morally."

Baptists are aggrieved at Disney's decision to extend company benefits to gay employees'

partners, to allow Gay Day celebrations at Disney World, and at R-rated films Disney produces under subsidiary companies.

"We don't expect them, in a sense, to be a Christian company, but moral values has always been up there," said outgoing president Jim Henry.

A resolution asking for a boycott of Disney products is expected to be passed this morning.

Elliff, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., on Tuesday was elected to a one-year term on a show of hands from more than 13,000 delegates at the afternoon session.

It was the first time in decades that the presidency has been uncontested. Although largely an honorary position, the president has considerable appointive powers.

The vote was a landslide unseen since long before the convention erupted in internal conflict in 1979 and theological conservatives surprised the denomination's leadership by winning the presidency.

They have won every election since, with each president's appointments extending the conservative orthodoxy deep into the convention's agencies, seminaries and publishing organs.

Conservative Southern Baptists hold that the Bible is literally true - "inerrant" in its science and history as well as its theology. Moderates believe that Scripture is divinely inspired truth, while trusting the judgment of modern scholarship that some passages may be read non-literally, as the literature of their time.

# Judge denies requests to copy videotaped testimony

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - A judge denied requests for videotapes of President Clinton's testimony in the first Whitewater trial, and it wasn't the media's motives he was worried about.

U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. said Tuesday he feared others might abuse the privilege.

"Once released and rebroad-

cast, the press cannot maintain control over individuals who might copy the broadcast and edit it to suit their purposes," he said, ruling that the tapes would remain under seal indefinitely.

In addition to ABC, CBS, Cable News Network, NBC and the Radio-Television News Directors Association, the tape was sought in court by Floyd Brown, who

made the infamous Willie Horton political ad used successfully against Michael Dukakis' 1988 presidential campaign.

Brown, chairman of a conservative group called Citizens United, said he wanted to broadcast excerpts to "help educate and inform the public about an important event bearing on the integrity of public officials."

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