

House debates \$1.3 billion for Central America, farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a White House veto threat, Republican leaders began pushing a \$1.3 billion package through the House today that would help Central America recover from Hurricane Mitch and dispense money to U.S. farmers and others.

Republicans and Democrats mostly agreed on how the money would be spent. But they were clashing over how the legislation should be paid for.

When President Clinton requested the aid a month ago, he proposed paying for it mostly out of this year's anticipated federal surplus.

He has threatened to veto the House measure — and a \$2.2 billion version approved Tuesday by the Senate — because Republicans would instead cut programs Clinton likes. These include food stamps and funds for purchasing weapons-grade plutonium and uranium from Russia.

"It signals that we are committed to changing the way things are done in Washington, to living within our means," said Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla.

Democrats and administration officials said the cuts were unwise. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas, contrasted GOP calls for spending billions on a new anti-missile defense system with their proposal to cut \$150 million from the program that purchases nuclear materials from Russia to reduce that nation's

nuclear threat. Edwards said cutting that program would be "unwise, dangerous, and I hope and pray not catastrophic."

Senate approval marked a rebirth for a measure that only Monday seemed destined to remain unfinished for another month. The major obstacle was removed after Republicans deleted language seeking to block U.S. military involvement in the Kosovo crisis. Instead, the Senate adopted a separate,

bipartisan measure supporting U.S. action.

Senate passage came after senators added \$40 million for families of victims of the Feb. 3, 1998 accident in which a Marine jet cut the cable of an Italian ski gondola, killing 20 skiers. The House bill contains no such language.

The \$40 million for the gondola accident — up to \$2 million for the family of each victim — was added by voice vote. Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va.,

sponsor of the measure, said it would "permit the United States to shoulder unambiguously its responsibility, uphold the honor of the United States military both at home and abroad, and begin to ease the grieving of 20 families who lost their loved ones."

In a statement distributed at the Capitol, families of the accident's German victims called for "compassion" as the compensation measure moves through Congress.

Medicaid patients can't be evicted from nursing home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many nursing home residents who depend on Medicaid to pay their way are gaining help from a new law protecting them against eviction.

"Our parents, grandparents, and future generations of seniors deserve to be secure in the knowledge that they will not be forced to live like nomads in their retirement years," said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., a sponsor of the legislation.

President Clinton planned to sign the measure today.

The bill easily passed Congress earlier this month. Democrats and Republicans were eager to respond to a highly publicized attempt last year by one of the nation's largest nursing home operators, Vencor Inc., to remove Medicaid patients from some of its homes in several states.

Public criticism and pressure from government regulators caused Vencor to reconsider. But many lawmakers wanted a law that would prevent any such actions by nursing home operators in the future.

The new law would not force nursing homes to accept Medicaid patients. However, homes that choose to stop taking new Medicaid patients would be barred from evicting or transferring those Medicaid patients they already have.

For the first time, homes that choose not to accept Medicaid patients would have to notify any new residents able to pay their own way at first that they might have to move if they eventually run out of money and need to rely on Medicaid.

Most Americans think of Medicaid as providing health insurance to poor families and children. But two-thirds of elderly nursing home patients also count on the program to help pay for their care.

With nursing home costs averaging \$40,000 a year, about half of the senior citizens who initially pay their own way must turn to Medicaid within three to five years.

Vencor and nursing home industry groups supported the new law but have asked Congress also to look into the fairness of Medicaid rates, saying inadequate payments are at the root of some problems residents face.

Freed death row inmate finds it hard to get life together

CHICAGO (AP) — Former death row inmate Anthony Porter walked out of custody for the second time in six weeks, saying he had to "get my life together" after being jailed on domestic battery charges.

"I'm innocent and no comment right now," said the 43-year-old Porter, who came within days of execution and spent more than 16 years in prison for two killings he didn't commit.

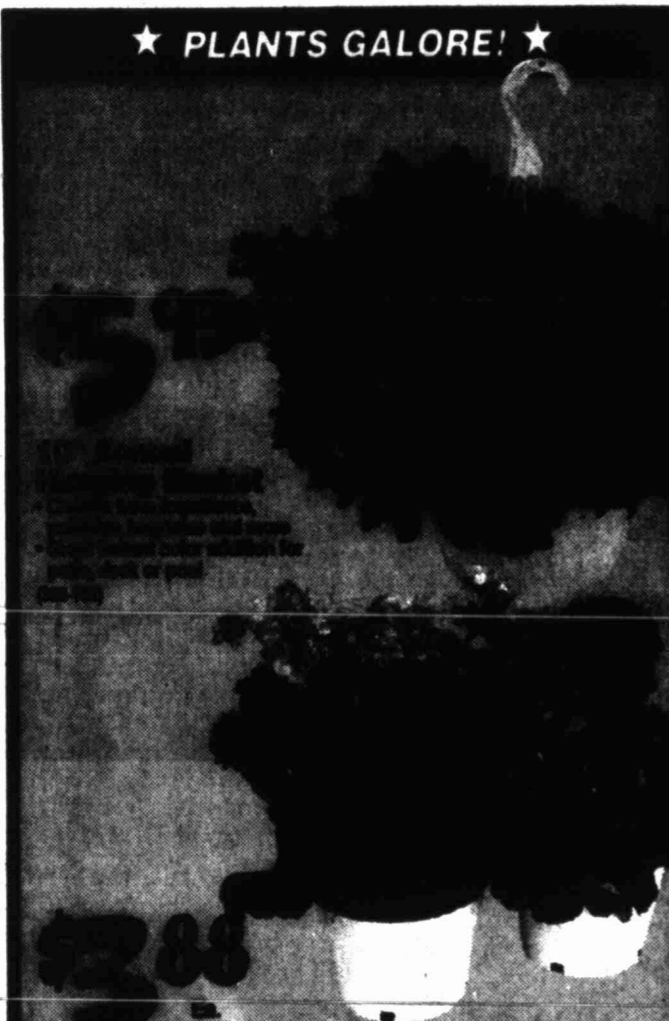
"I got to go home, you understand, and get my life together," he told reporters as he left the Cook County Jail on Wednesday.

Porter, who was freed from death row largely through the efforts of a Northwestern University journalism class, was jailed again Tuesday on domestic battery charges. Police said he attacked one of his daughters, Evelyn Porter, and her mother, Carla Perkins. "He was beating my mom," the 26-year-old Porter told the Chicago Tribune. "He was punching her in the face and chest."

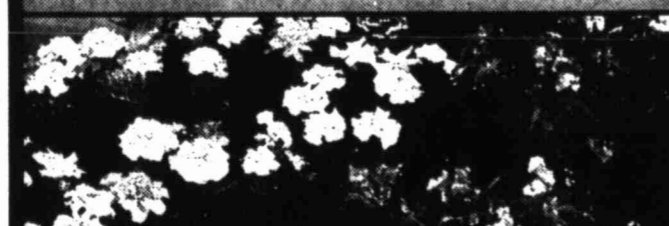
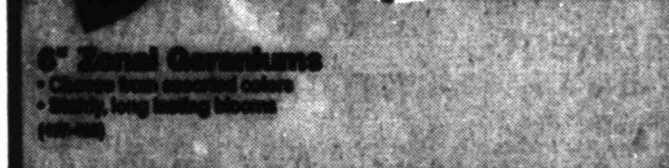
Porter was released on Wednesday after posting bond. Attorney Daniel Sanders said a Porter relative had put up the bond money.



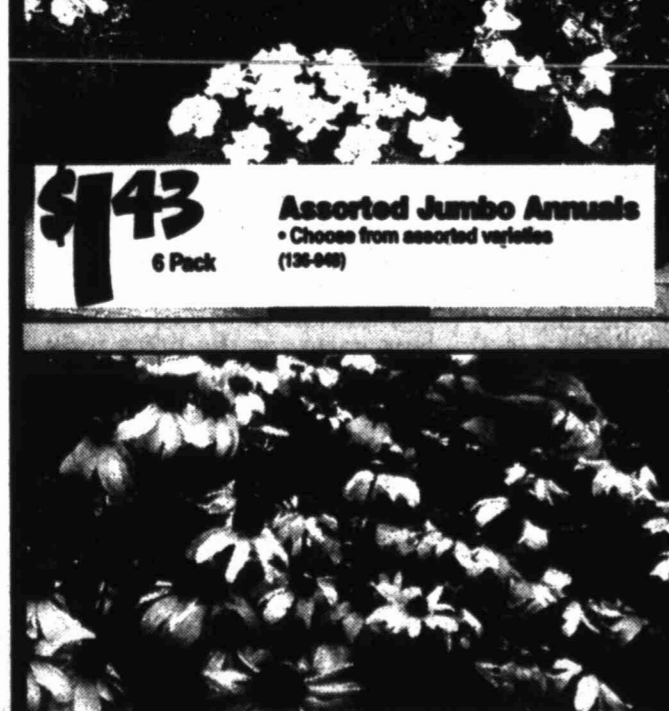
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There's way too much 'disappointment TV'

NEW YORK (AP) — Surely you know what appointment TV is. It's programming you make a special effort to see.

What do you call television that lets you down? Let's call it disappointment TV.

For instance: Sunday's Oscars telecast. Interminable, boring and, thanks to potty-mouthed host Whoopi Goldberg, raunchy. It was an award-winning disappointment.

Not the only one these days. Moderator Ken Bode getting bounced from PBS' "Washington Week in Review." That was disappointing. ABC axing the romantic drama "Cupid." Very disappointing.

Barbara Walters' interview with Monica Lewinsky. Rosie O'Donnell's cold shoulder to that high school band from Georgia. O.J. Simpson's new TV gig doing commercials for lawyers.

Way disappointing. And what about that disappointing new trend where TV networks — and I don't mean the Home Shopping Network — have become product retailers, pitching stuff directly at you while you're watching their shows!

Remember NBC's toll-free number to order the soundtrack CD for its recent miniseries "The '60s"?

The network's goal, said one of its execs, "is turning viewers into buying customers."

Behold the new NBC: Must-buy TV! From now on, don't watch the programs, watch your wallets.

Raise one last colortini to Tom Snyder, who disappointingly gives up the reins to his four-year-old "Late Late Show" after Friday's appearance.

At 62, this big talker remains a unique TV personality. And as the art of TV interviewing submitted to glibness and irony (a specialty of his successor, Craig Kilborn), Snyder's self-described "old, fuddy-duddy, dinosaur show" never lost its voice.

Now his time and talk are just about over. And yet ... Snyder leaves with one former fan disappointed not so much that he's leaving, as in him.

That's because, during an interview a year ago, Snyder chose to flat-out lie when asked how much longer he would stay on his CBS show.

He could have said "I can't discuss that" or "I'll let you know" or "Nice tie." Instead, he inventively, elaborately streamed out a reply that likened doing his show to hav-

ing dinner in a restaurant. As for calling for the check, "I don't see it yet."

Truth was, Snyder's departure were already nailed down. According to people who watch his show, Snyder recently expressed some sort of on-air apology to the reporters (there were more than one) he deceived.

Nice try. Disappointingly too little, too late from a man who built a long career on straight talk.

Snyder soon will be gone. But Bryant Gumbel, disappointingly, has already vanished.

Fortunately for him, Gumbel isn't paid by the hour at CBS News.

Nor was he shown the door upon his newsmagazine's demise after a dismal single season.

Mostly out of the public eye (as well as "Public Eye") since last September, Gumbel remains on the job, apparently given nothing to do and doing it well, while he collects his reported salary of nearly \$5 million a year.

That's got to be disappointing to CBS shareholders, who presumably prefer a better return on their investment.

It's disappointing, too, to CBS News employees, who might like it better if Gumbel were

pulling his weight. And maybe even disappointing to some viewers, who miss seeing him in action.

What could be more disappointing? Well, MSNBC.

With the July 1996 launch of its cable and online components, it was billed as a convergence work in progress, a pair of passing lanes on the information superhighway.

The current lull in scandals to over-report finds MSNBC grinding its gears on the low road, and getting nowhere fast. Suddenly deprived of Bill and Monica to jaw about by the hour, the network seems more than ever a secondhand outlet for stories recycled from "Today" and "Dateline NBC."

Little wonder that Fox News Channel has closed in on MSNBC, and even beaten it, in the ratings.

How has MSNBC responded? Its new hire for a weeknight show called "Equal Time" is Oliver North, radio talk show host — and a key figure in the Reagan Administration's Iran Contra scandal.

Shrewd move, MSNBC! If things don't get better soon, North can revert to his old ways and shred those disappointing Nielsen numbers before anybody sees them.

DOBSON

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convey disrespect to a child whom they genuinely love. For example, Mom may become tense and nervous when little Jimmy speaks to guests or outsiders. She butts in to explain what he is trying to say or laughs nervously when his remarks sound foolish.

When someone asks him a direct question, she interrupts and answers for him. She reveals her frustration when she is trying to comb his hair or make him "look nice" for an important event. He knows Mom thinks it is an impossible assignment. If he is to spend a weekend away from the family, the mother gives him an extended lecture on how to avoid making a fool of himself. These subtle behaviors are signals to the child that the mother doesn't trust him with her

image and that he must be supervised closely to avoid embarrassing the whole family. He reads disrespect in her manner, though it is framed in genuine love.

The first step in building a strong self-concept in your child is to be very careful what you say and do in his or her presence. Be particularly cautious about the matters of physical attractiveness and intelligence. These are two primary "soft spots" where boys and girls are most vulnerable.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

DRUG

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head of the Thalidomide Victims Association of Canada, said from his London, Ontario, office. "We don't accept a world with thalidomide in it."

Tragically, one of the powerful sedative's first uses was as a morning-sickness cure. Women who took it in the first trimester of pregnancy had babies with no limbs or flipper-like arms and legs, serious facial deformities and defective organs.

Warren's mother took two spoonfuls of a thalidomide-laced juice while living in West Germany. As a result, the 37-year-old's legs and arms are shortened.

Rather than futilely fight thalidomide's return, Warren's group has helped New Jersey-based drug marketer Celgene Corp. develop a screening and labeling program to prevent a modern-day repeat.

Warren worries that HIV-infected women who would be willing to risk unprotected sex to get pregnant would also overlook the danger of taking thalidomide, so potent that just one pill can contort a fetus.

He's also bothered that thalidomide reportedly is being tested in the treatment of more than 70 cancers, meaning "a huge population of people from all different walks of life" will be exposed to the drug.

Thalidomide works by cutting off the blood supply to tumors. When combined with chemotherapy or radiation therapy, the cancer cells, in theory, die of starvation.

"I have this sick feeling that when I'm in my late 70s, I'll be sitting across a table from a thalidomide victim in their 30s," Warren said.

Celgene provides patients with a frank video that includes a stern warning from a thalidomide victim. Patients also see plenty of pictures of thalidomide babies, including one on the drug's packaging itself.

Every thalidomide patient must sign up for a registry run by Boston University and overseen by Celgene and the FDA. Women must agree to take extreme birth control measures and submit to a battery of pregnancy tests.

Ms. Magazine is back: Funnier, lighter this time

NEW YORK (AP) — Call it the magazine that refused to die.

After ceasing publication for the second time in its 27-year history, Ms. magazine is coming back yet again, this time owned by a consortium of businesswomen, heiresses and feminist icon Gloria Steinem.

"They are women who have put their money where their hearts are," said Ms. Steinem, a co-founder of the magazine and consulting editor. "It is the only magazine for women controlled by women."

First launched in 1972, Ms. ceased publication for eight months in 1989 because it was losing money. In 1990, it came

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back, without ads, cut publication from monthly to bimonthly and raised subscription prices.

In 1997, Ms. celebrated its 25th anniversary with a new owner — Jay MacDonald, publisher of Working Mother and Working Woman.

Last year, MacDonald sold Ms. to Liberty Media for Women, an investment group that includes Ms. Steinem; Abigail Disney, grand-niece of Walt Disney; Sandy Lerner, co-founder of Cisco Systems,

maker of computer-networking equipment; Alix L.L. Ritchie, a philanthropist and publisher of a weekly Massachusetts newspaper, the Provincetown Banner, and others.

The magazine stopped publishing for three issues while the sale went through. Publication resumes with the April-May issue, which will be on some newsstands March 30 for \$5.95.

The magazine still accepts no

ads and derives most of its revenue from subscribers, who number around 150,000, according to chief editor Marcia Ann Gillespie.

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Ms. Gillespie said the new Ms. is edgier and funnier.

"When Ms. was in its hiatus, I really did listen to what women had to say about it," she said.

"A lot of them said things like 'Ms. is really good for you but it's hard because there's so much in there.' So we decided to lighten up."

SCHOOL

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ed the addition of Snyder and the loss of Pecos.

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- B. Wash the dog;
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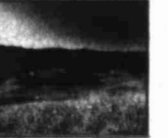



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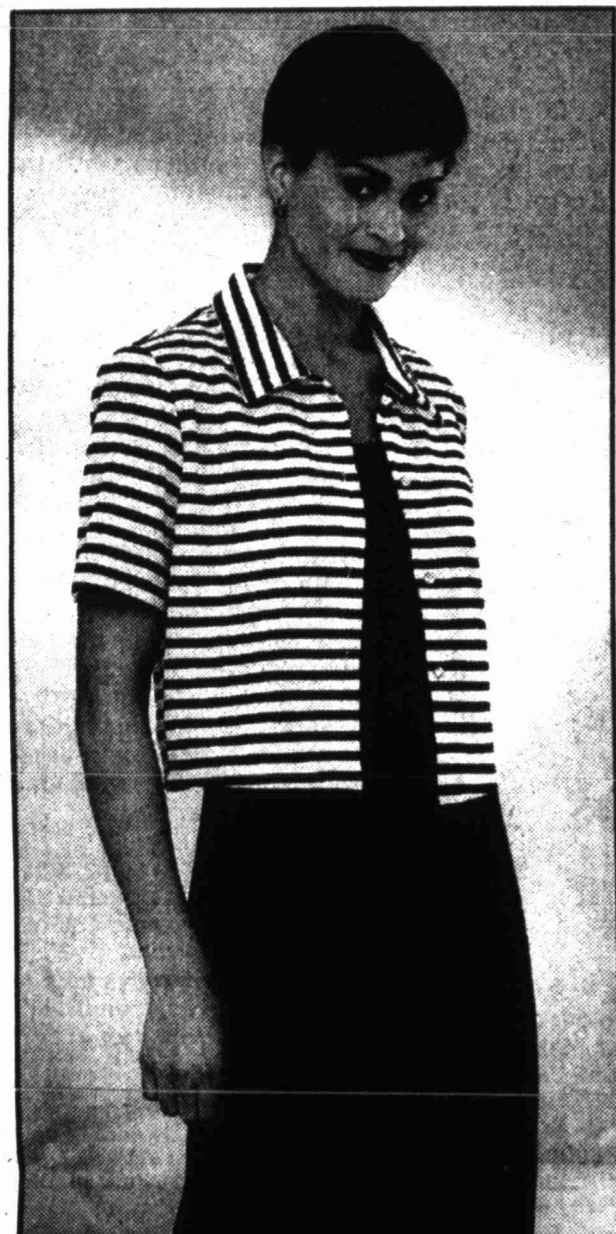
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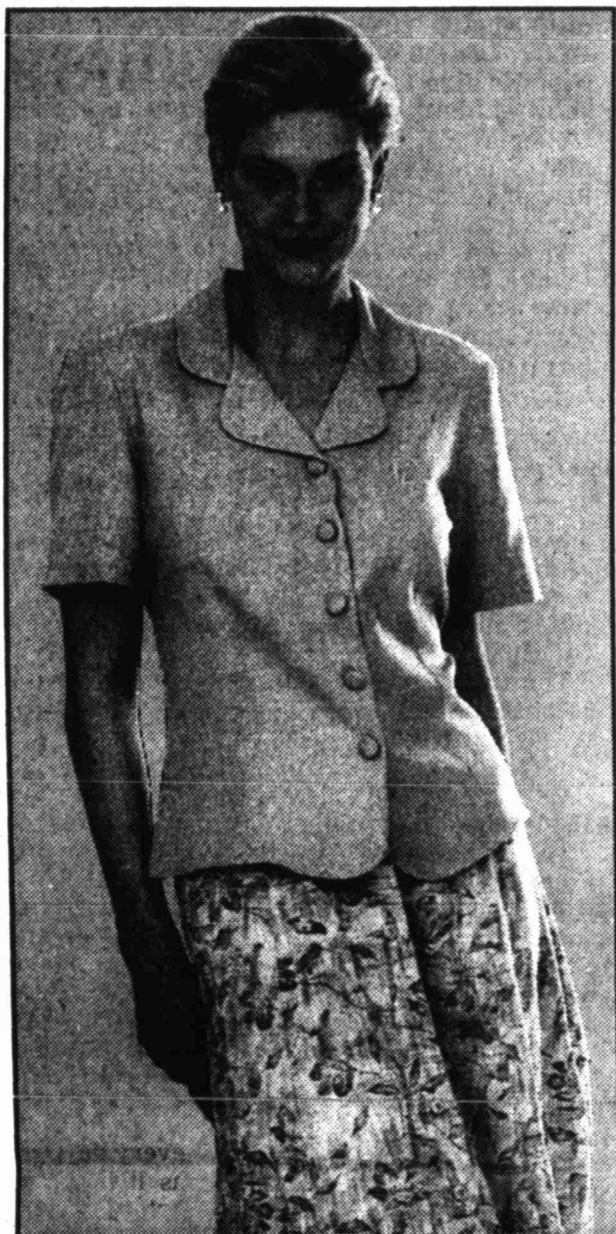
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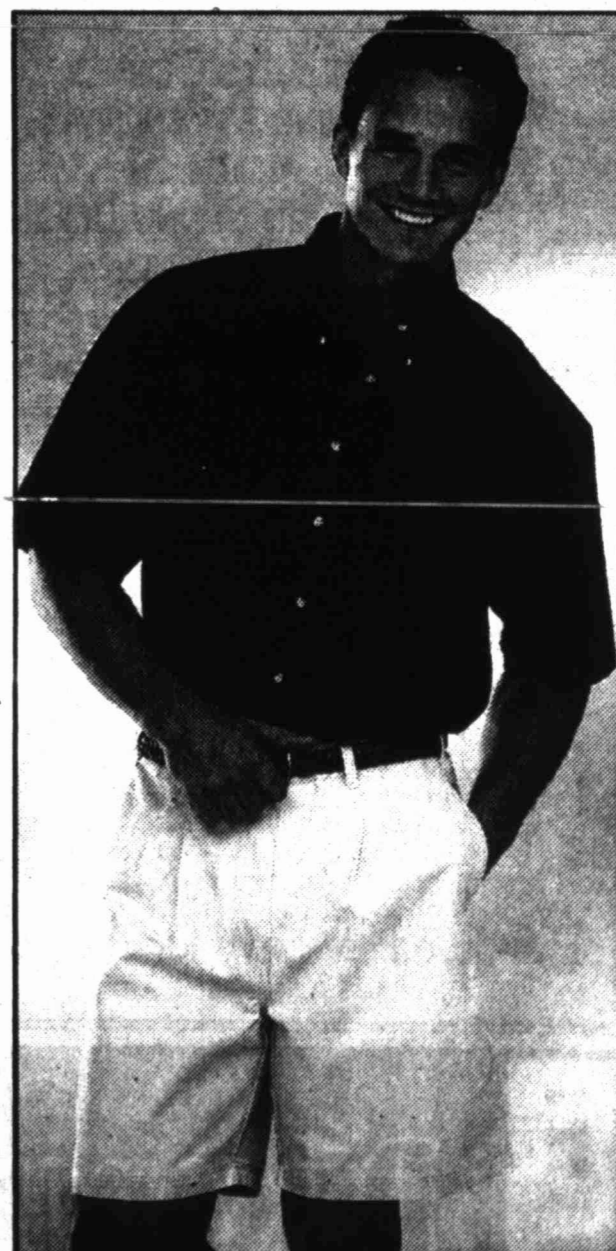
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A field of 90 swimmers from Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa, Abilene, Monahans and well as the local area are expected to compete.

The public is invited to attend and admittance is free.

Industrial softball slates Tuesday

Industrial Softball Association officials will host a meeting of the board on Tuesday at the J. Billiards.

League fees are \$100. Cussed and new members will be selected. All interested parties should contact their coaches to attend.

For more information, contact Jesse Rios at 800-734-2642.

Big Spring U registration

Officials with the United Girls Association have announced that registration for the 1999 season will be held until April 3 at the Big Spring Sports, Form & Sporting Goods.

The organization will be registering girls during the Big Spring Roy Anderson Center. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate and registration fee when signing up their child for the league.

Fundraiser to be scheduled for

The Ballpark and Ragball Tournament will benefit youth sports and the Recreation Complex has tickets for April 3.

Games will be held each day from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Entry fees for softball tournaments are \$100, while ragball is \$50. Participants will be required to wear ragball uniforms.

The deadline for registration is April 3. For more information, contact Chris at 264-2642 or Earle at 800-734-2642.

Heart Association charity event

The Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association has announced its annual charity event for April 3 at the Comanche Trail.

The four-person relay race requires that participants have A.B.C. and a heart rate monitor.

Entry fees are \$25. Anyone who would like to sign up should contact the Comanche Trail.

YMCA extended roller hockey

The Big Spring YMCA has extended its roller hockey program to include new roller hockey play will be held for all age groups.

Fees will be \$27 for members and \$32 for non-members. The seven-week season will begin Saturday, March 27.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 800-734-2642.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 24. (Report also available on Web at www.tfw.state.tx.us)

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on charrtrouse or white spinnerbaits and black/blue jigs...

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 64 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 4.5 pounds are fair on white Terminator spinnerbaits...

PROCTOR: Water stained; 60 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and jerkbaits...

AMISTAD: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 35' low; Black bass to 10.3 pounds are good on neon gold Nichols spinnerbaits...

WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 57 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 7.5 pounds are fair on crankbaits...

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 55 degrees; 5' low; Black bass to 4 pounds are fair on crankbaits...

COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 59 degrees; 13.5' low; No fishing report available.

PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 60 degrees; 17' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits...

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained; 57 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 5.5 pounds are good on Ret-L-Traps...

KEMP: Water stained; 50 degrees; 12' low; No report for Black bass, sand bass or crappie...

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 60 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on red shad lizards...

NOCONA: Water stained; 58 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are good on pumpkinseed/charrtrouse lizards...

OAK CREEK: Water slightly stained; 60 degrees; 10.5' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on jigs, spinnerbaits...

O.H. LIVE: Water clear in main lake, stained in Concho River; Black bass to 11 pounds are good on Ret-L-Traps...

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 56 degrees; 9.5' low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits...

SPENCE: Water stained; 61 degrees on main lake, 65 degrees in the creek; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits...

STAMFORD: Water slightly stained; 54 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are fair on worms and crankbaits...

SWEETWATER: Water stained; 60 degrees; Black bass are slow on crankbaits...

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 60 degrees; The lake level is at 9% of normal due to the work on the dam...

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 55 degrees; 22' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and worms...

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Breaking Records Women in Politics

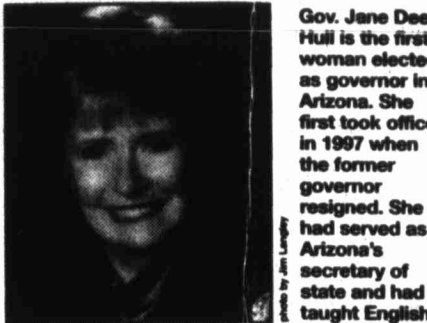
Today there are more women serving in the U.S. Congress than ever before in our history. These 65 women include record numbers of women in both the Senate and House of Representatives.



Three states, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Arizona, have women governors. Color in those states.

Arizona's historical election

In November of 1998, Arizona became the first state in the country to elect women to all five of its top spots. The governor, secretary of state, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction and the attorney general are all women.



Gov. Jane Dee Hull is the first woman elected as governor in Arizona. She first took office in 1997 when the former governor resigned. She had served as Arizona's secretary of state and had taught English.

NEARLY 50 PERCENT OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS ARE WOMEN.

Of the 100 senators, nine are women. Of the 436 House members, 56 are women.

Making gains

More women are serving in top spots in local, state and national governments than ever before.

There are five times more women in state legislatures than there were 30 years ago.

Even with all these gains, women still have a long way to go. Females make up about 50 percent of the population, but only about 12 percent of our U.S. congressional members are women.

Gains in the states

There are 89 women in top state positions. These include three women governors, Jane Dee Hull from Arizona, Jeanne Shaheen from New Hampshire and Christine Todd Whitman from New Jersey.

There are also 1,652 women serving in state legislatures. This is almost one-fourth of all state legislators.

The Cabinet

In our country's history there have been 486 people holding Cabinet-level positions. Twenty-two of them have been women. Today there are seven women in these powerful positions.



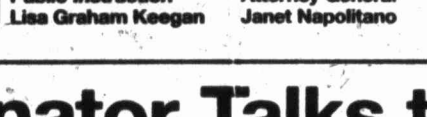
Secretary of State Betsy Bayless



Treasurer Carol Springer



Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Graham Keegan



Attorney General Janet Napolitano

Rookie Cookies Recipe Powerful Pea Chowder

- You'll need: 1 cup dried split peas, 1/2 onion, chopped, 4 cups water, 1 baking potato, diced, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup evaporated milk, 1 tablespoon margarine. What to do: 1. Bring peas, onion and water to a boil in a large pot over medium heat.

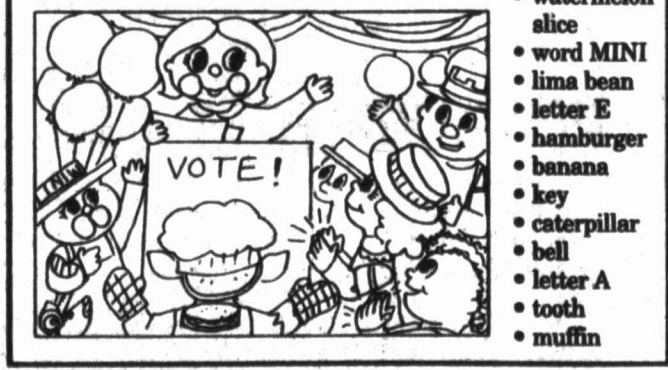


WOMEN IN TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of women in politics are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: MEMBER, ELECT, WIN, SERVE, COUNTY, GOVERN, CONGRESS, HISTORY, LAW, WOMEN, LEGISLATURE, RUN, HOPE, VOTE, POLITICS, SENATE, POPULATION, CABINET, POSITION.

Mini Spy ...

Alpha Betty is running for president of her school! See if you can find:

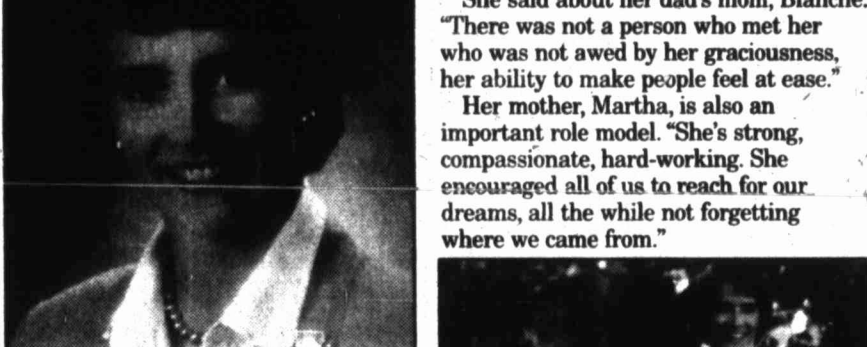


- watermelon, alicia, word MINI, lima bean, letter E, hamburger, banana, key, caterpillar, bell, letter A, tooth, muffin

A Senator Talks to Kids

Sen. Blanche Lambert Lincoln of Arkansas, 39, is the youngest woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate. When she took office in January, she also became the newest female senator.

To celebrate National Women's History Month, The Mini Page talked with the senator.



Blanche Lambert Lincoln grew up in Helena, Ark., on the land her family has farmed for more than 60 years. She has a brother and two sisters.

Background

Sen. Lincoln said: "I had a blissful, wonderful childhood. I played a lot with dolls." When she was growing up, "never in my wildest dreams" did she think she would be a senator.

She graduated from college in 1982 with a degree in biology. She planned a career in medicine.

These plans changed when she took a job with a congressman, working as a receptionist and staff assistant. In 1992 she won her own House race and served until 1996.

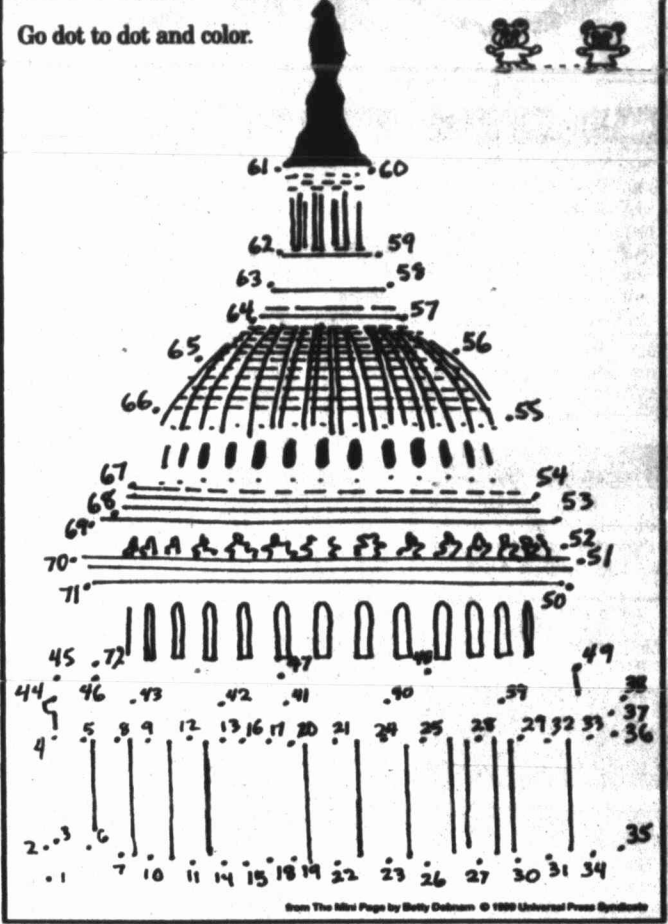
She did not seek re-election because she was expecting twins. Two years later, she was elected to the Senate.

Juggling her roles

Senator Lincoln must balance many important parts of her life. These include:

- mother, wife, senator, daughter, granddaughter

A Kid's Guide to the White House features nearly 100 pages of facts and fun about what it's really like to live and work in the White House...



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHY CAN'T YOU FEED A TEDDY BEAR? BECAUSE HE'S ALREADY STUFFED! Q: What do you get when you mix a pound of gunpowder and six egg whites? A: A boom-meringue!

Arkansas

Arkansas is famous for its beautiful scenery. The Ozark and Ouachita mountains run through parts of it. There are six major rivers, including the Mississippi.

The flag



The symbols

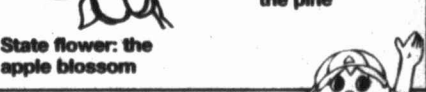
The 25 stars on the outside stand for Arkansas as the 25th state admitted to the Union. The three stars in the center stand for the nations that have ruled over the area: Spain, France and the United States.



The mockingbird is the state bird.



State tree: the pine



State flower: the apple blossom

Look through your newspaper for stories about women in the government.

Next week The Mini Page celebrates Easter with a look at eggs.

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THURSDAY

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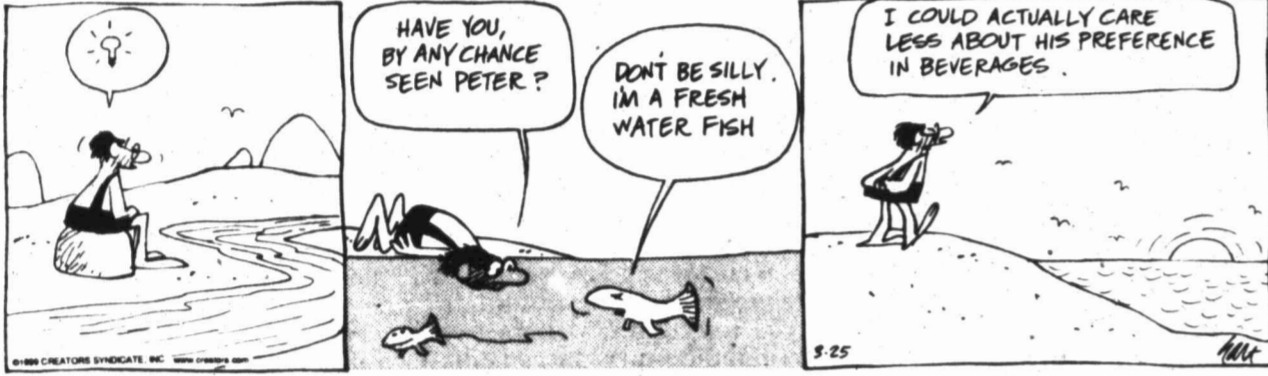
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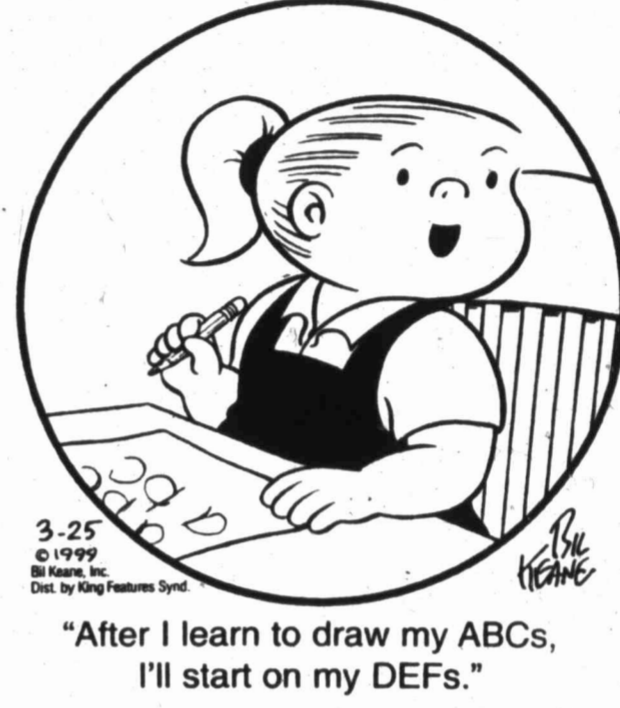
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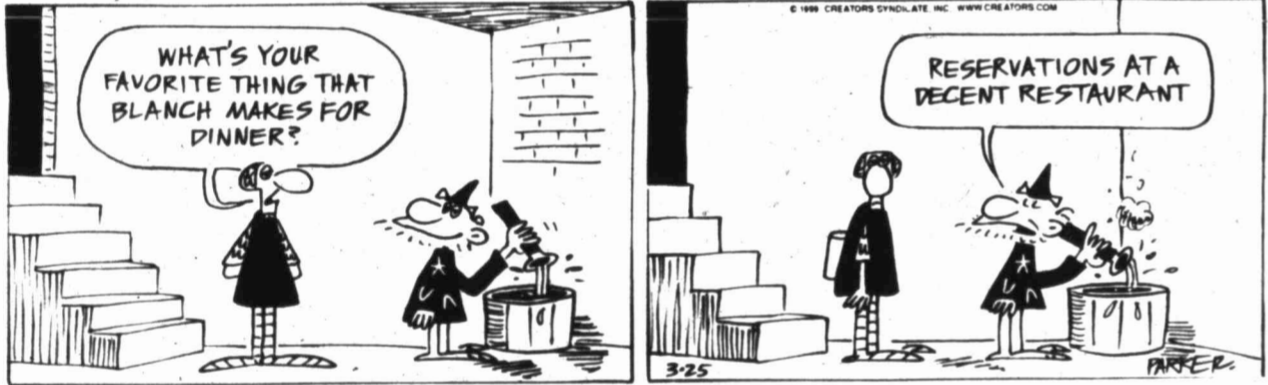
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, March 25, the 84th day of 1999. There are 281 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

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On this date: In 1634, Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore. In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces captured Fort Stedman in Virginia. In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., to demand help from the federal government. In 1913, the home of vaudeville, the Palace Theatre, opened in New York City. In 1918, French composer Claude Debussy died in Paris. In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community. In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Junior led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks. In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raged through an illegal social club in New York City. In 1992, Soviet cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, who had spent 10 months aboard the orbiting Mir space station and missed the upheaval in his homeland, finally returned to Earth. Ten years ago: In the wake of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska's chief environmental officer, Dennis Kelso, criticized cleanup efforts as too slow. Five years ago: American troops completed their withdrawal from Somalia. One year ago: Shaken by horror stories from the worst genocide since World War II, President Clinton grimly acknowledged during his Africa tour that "we did not act quickly enough" to stop the slaughter of up to 1 million Rwandans four years earlier. The FCC netted \$578.6 million at auction for licenses for new wireless technology. Today's Birthdays: Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 77. Former astronaut Jim Lovell is 71. Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 67. Feminist author Gloria Steinem is 65. Singer-actor Hoyt Axton is 61. Singer Anita Bryant is 59. Singer Aretha Franklin is 57. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 56. Singer Elton John is 52. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 51. Singer Nick Lowe is 50. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 46. Actor James McDaniel ("NYPD Blue") is 41. Actor-writer-director John Stockwell is 38. Actress Lisa Gay Hamilton is 35. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 34. Singer-musician Jeff Healey is 33.

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