

Clinton continues to push for China trade

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — With the support of high-tech executives and moderate Democrats, President Clinton today continued his push for normal trade relations with China. With this city's Technology Museum of Innovation serving as his backdrop, Clinton was to tout the benefits of trade with China to members of the moderate Democratic Leadership Council. Both the DLC and the high-tech community are strong supporters of granting permanent normal trade relations with China. "We've done a number of events to highlight the broad support for this trade agreement with China," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said. "Only in Washington is this a tough call."

Some House Democrats and organized labor oppose the trade agreement. But the DLC and Clinton have used their support of free trade as evidence that they are different from the old liberal Democratic politicians of the past. The pro-trade faction of the party is finding allies among the growing high-technology industry. High-tech companies have begun a major lobbying campaign in support of China trade.

High-tech companies and the people who run them have become a major source of campaign giving. Upon arriving here from Las Vegas Sunday evening, Clinton went straight to a fund-raiser for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. The event, expected to raise \$1.1 million, was held at the home of Jim Jorgensen, chief executive officer of AllAdvantage.com, a 1-year-old Internet company, and was co-hosted by other high-tech industry executives. Around 150 people, who paid at least \$5,000 each to attend the event, joined Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea; House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt; California Gov. Gray Davis; and several area congressional candidates for chicken skewers, grilled salmon and chocolate cupcakes. "Don't let this election be about divisive things. And don't let this election be about divisive things," Clinton said. "We've got the chance of a lifetime to build the future of our dreams." Earlier in the day, Clinton raised \$525,000 for the Democratic National Committee

at two fund-raisers in Las Vegas. In his talk to the party faithful, Clinton said voters must choose between the short-term gratification of an outsized Republican tax cut or the long-term satisfaction of knowing the money will keep safety-net programs like Medicare and Social Security in the black for another generation of retiring Americans.

"This is a moment for making tomorrows. This is not a moment for indulging ourselves in all this good stuff that's going on today," Clinton said. "Are we going to pick leaders that we know understand the future and can take us there, or are we going to pick people who say things we like to hear and may make things easier for a month or two?"

Boy Scout Troop 221 of Mobile had worked in the 1996 re-enactment off the battlefield, parking cars and helping out at Historic Blakeley State Park, which is on the eastern shore of the Mobile Delta river wilderness. That stirred their interest in getting onto the battlefield. The role of black soldiers cinched it. Scoutmaster Beauford Perkins, 61, said the Scouts studied the history of the Hawkins Division of 6,000 black soldiers who were among the 45,000 Union forces at Blakeley. There were only about 2,500 Confederate soldiers, so the fighting was brief. It was also somewhat futile. It was fought on April 9, 1865 — the same day that Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee signed the surrender at Appomattox, Va. Each year about 300 re-enactors, dressed in Civil War regalia, relive the event, many attempting to look mean and full of venom. Until now, all

Blacks agree to participate in Civil War re-enactment

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Something had always been missing during the 15 years of re-enactments of the Battle of Blakeley: There were no blacks on the mock battlefield, despite a historical record of some 6,000 black Union soldiers in the Civil War fight.

"I feel strongly that the boys and community should know the blacks did take part in the battle over here — a major part in the battle," said Eliscia Edwards, who is making uniforms for some of the Scouts. "It's been hidden from us, and when it came to light, we wanted to take part in it."

When would-be participants don't see a lot of their friends out there, it's hard to join in, he said. And that may keep blacks away. Mobile businessman Eddie Irby is not one of them. He nurtures an interest in black military events because his late uncle served in the all-black Buffalo Soldiers, a U.S. Army force mainly in the American West. Irby said the cost of buying the gear is an obstacle for re-enactments, but he said it's important for blacks to get involved to demonstrate to younger blacks the role of their ancestors in the Civil War. Otherwise, he said, they only get "one side of history." Irby said he had contacted about a half-dozen men about getting some uniforms and equipment to get started as re-enactors, without much success.

were white. "Generally there hasn't been any black re-enactors in this area," said John Rather, 45, a businessman from nearby Daphne who rides as a cavalryman in the Blakeley event and takes part in re-enactments all over the country. "I don't think it's a racial thing. There are a lot of black re-enactors up North, just aren't any down here."

Relatives' lawyers suggest Elian's father is unfit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Miami relatives of Elian Gonzalez and their allies are questioning whether the boy's father is fit as a parent as time runs out in their battle to retain custody of the 6-year-old refugee.

The White House and the father's attorney insisted Sunday that the boy belongs with his father, but lawyers for the relatives suggested there is evidence he is unfit to care for the small child. President Clinton said he hoped for a peaceful resolution, as members of Congress on both sides of the issue took to the Sunday talk shows. Talks between government lawyers and representatives of the Miami relatives were resuming today, against a Justice Department-set Tuesday deadline for a signed agreement by the family to turn Elian over for return to Cuba if it loses a custody battle in court. In Havana, Cuban President Fidel Castro said Elian's father,

Juan Miguel Gonzalez, was willing to travel alone to the United States today if officials promised to turn over the boy to him and let them return to Cuba right away. The boy's great uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, issued a statement Sunday in Miami inviting Juan Gonzalez, his wife and their baby son to "spend time with us as a family, to begin a process of interaction with Elian under circumstances that are best for him."

"Our goal is to reunite Elian and his father," said Maria Cardona, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. "Suffice it to say, the issue is not whether we will transfer Elian to his father, but when and how." Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., joined the relatives' lawyers in suggesting Elian might not be safe with his father. "They do take kids away from fathers and keep them away

from them where there's child abuse or problems. We don't know what the situation is," Burton said on CNN's "Late Edition," explaining that he was beaten as a child. "All the facts should come out in a family court. That's the only way to know for sure that this boy's going to be safe going back to Cuba with his father."

That's not the case here, said attorney Gregory Craig, who represents Elian's father. "There is no doubt this father loves his boy very, very much," he said. The relatives' lawyers suggested otherwise. Attorney Manny Diaz said their legal team has submitted evidence to the federal court and the Clinton administration, although he declined to detail it. "One of the lawyers on our team met with the attorney general at the beginning of this process and raised those types of concern," Diaz said on ABC's "This Week."

But Craig said the family is just now raising the issue after months of acknowledging that Gonzalez was a loving man. "It's outrageous," he said on CNN. The family's arguments come as the Justice Department insists the relatives agree to surrender Elian if they lose their pending court case. It has given the relatives until Tuesday to sign such a promise and has threatened to revoke the boy's permission to be in this country if they do not agree. That deadline has already been extended twice. Family members want to preserve their option to keep up the legal fight even if they lose their case in federal court. They also want a family court, which considers a child's best interests, to hear the case. The Miami relatives have said they will surrender the boy if INS agents show up at their door and demand him. Federal officials hope to avoid that.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 4: You are unusually centered and together this year. You work well independently, expressing a high level of creativity and dynamic energy. You don't take no for an answer very well, and you can create a lot of uproar if you so choose. If you are single, romance blossoms, especially as summer begins. Learn to understand others better. If attached, be more sensitive to your partner. Empathy will be critical to the flow of your relationship. Plan on that special

trip together. ARIES encourages you. **The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:** 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** **** Reach out for others. Be willing to break outdated patterns. Your perspective might change considerably. A fresh start is possible. Work with unexpected developments. Seize the moment and its opportunities. Tonight: Try a new look. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** *** Stay in touch with your

feelings. Get clearer about what you want and expect from another. Discussions with a partner help illuminate both of you. Take some time to yourself. Think through a decision carefully. Tonight: Enjoy some solitude. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** **** Friends and supporters surround you. Friendships change and grow. You can move in a new direction, visualizing in a different way what you want. Your opinions could change substantially because of a friend's input. Go for what you want. Tonight: Where the

gang is. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** **** Take charge. Be willing to make a needed change or to reorganize. Your vision of the future could change. Listen to feedback. Touch base with a special adviser, who shares a fresh view. An associate is unpredictable! Tonight: A public appearance. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** **** Make calls and express your views. Once you start brainstorming, it might be difficult to stop the flow of ideas. New beginnings are possible if

you venture off the beaten path. A friend displaysquirkiness. Don't buck trends. Tonight: Let another express his individuality. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** **** Work as a team rather than engaging in a touchy or difficult situation. A discussion brings new understanding and greater rapport between you and another. A new vista opens up. Break free of an old work routine. Tonight: Get together with a friend. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** **** Reach out for another. Make time to get together. Revise your style of communication so you'll be heard loud and clear. You still might be stunned by another's reaction. Be extra flexible, avoiding all rigidity. Tonight: Fun and games. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** **** Pace yourself and clear your desk. You enter a new phase at work. Open up to new possibilities. Building the kind of professional security you seek might require an image change. Research another approach. Shift gears if need be. Tonight: Off to the gym. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** **** Kick up your heels and be more childlike. Stimulate your mental processes by adding more fun and caring to your professional and personal lives. Be yourself. Ask for feedback from social contacts. Tonight: Take a creative chance. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** **** Basics are important,

and no one knows that better than you. Establish limits. Discuss your needs with loved ones. Security remains a high priority. Don't sell yourself short. A parent's interesting idea might improve your finances. Tonight: Make a favorite meal. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** **** You know what you want. Mobilize your energy — start a crusade if you need to. Let others know where you are coming from. Change occurs quickly and suddenly. Realize what you can and cannot do. Decide on a class or to go in a new direction. Tonight: Speak your mind. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** *** Intuition chimes with reality. The time has come to make an adjustment or commitment. Not everyone agrees with your perspective. Maintaining continuity might not be as important as you had previously believed. Be a free thinker. Tonight: Start a new budget.

Marriage was not the answer for man trying to do the right thing

DEAR ABBY: Stop the press! The letter from "Soon to Be a Grandpa" describes the scenario I found myself in almost two years ago. She was pregnant after two months, and I, too, wanted to "do the right thing." We married after knowing each other five months. If you think marrying someone you hardly know is stressful, wait until the birth of a child. I love my beautiful daughter with all my heart. However, my marriage to her mother was the most traumatic experience I have ever been through! Abby, you were right on the money when you said that marriage can wait. The young man should not put himself in a bind to prove he is committed to the unborn child. That is what I did — and it was the worst decision I've ever made. The divorce (we were married eight months) still causes much pain for me and everyone I know. Things are finally starting to

normalize. We have joint custody of our daughter. Please tell "Soon to Be a Grandpa" to warn his son. I know the son feels like his relationship is different and he can make it work. I felt the same way. He should enjoy his newborn and participate in his/her life as much as possible. But marriage is not the answer. If it turns out that their commitment to each other is genuine, best of luck to them! However, nothing is harmed by a little patience. — **LESSON LEARNED IN FLORIDA** DEAR LESSON LEARNED: I agree: a child should be raised in a home where the parents love each other. DEAR ABBY: Please reprint the forms of government you had in your column a few years ago. I believe there was some-

thing about a cow in the explanation. — **A.P. IN SPARTANBURG, S.C.** DEAR A.P.: I'm happy to grant your request. My readers got a "kick" out of it then, and I have since had several requests for it. Read on: **COMMUNISM:** You have two cows. The government takes both of them and gives you part of the milk. **SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor. **FASCISM:** You have two cows. The government takes both cows and sells you the milk. **NAZISM:** You have two cows. The government takes both your cows, then shoots you. **BUREAUCRACY:** You have two cows. The government takes both of them, shoots one,

milks the other, then pours the milk down the drain. **CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell one of them and buy a bull. Abby, what happens in a democracy? — **MRS. J. MC C.** DEAR MRS. MC C.: In a democracy, everyone has two cows, then a vote is taken, and whatever the majority decides to do, you do, and that's no bull! To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) © 2000 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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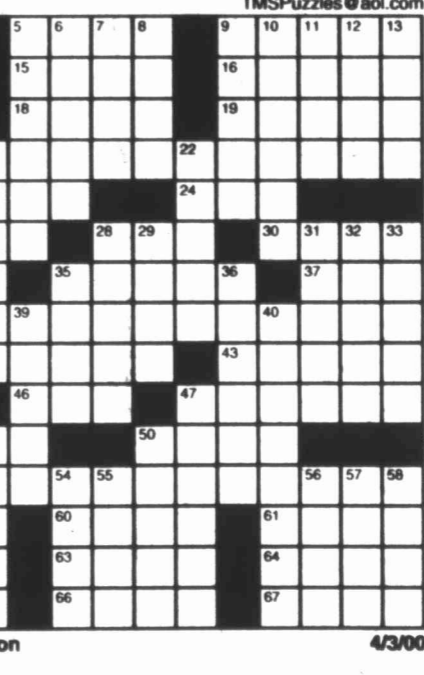
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, April 3, the 94th day of 2000. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.

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In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh baby.

In 1948, President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion dollars in aid for 16 European countries.

In 1968, less than 24 hours before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

In 1968, North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.

In 1974, deadly tornadoes struck wide parts of the South and Midwest before jumping across the border into Canada; more than 300 fatalities resulted.

In 1996, an Air Force jetliner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard.

In 1996, Theodore Kaczynski was arrested, accused of being the Unabomber.

Ten years ago: A delegation from the rebellious republic of Lithuania met with an adviser to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. Jazz singer Sarah Vaughan died in suburban Los Angeles at age 66.

Five years ago: Former United Way of America President William Aramony was convicted in Alexandria, Va., of 25 counts of fraud for stealing nearly \$600,000 dollars from the nation's biggest charity. UCLA defeated Arkansas, 89-78, to win the NCAA basketball championship.

One year ago: NATO missiles struck downtown Belgrade for the first time, destroying the headquarters of security forces accused of waging a campaign against Kosovo Albanians.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Marlon Brando is 76. Actress singer Doris Day is 76. Actress Miyoshi Umeki is 71. German former Chancellor Helmut Kohl is 70. Country singer Don Gibson is 68. Jazz musician Jimmy McGriff is 64. Actor William Gaunt is 63. Singer Jan Berry (Jan and Dean) is 59. Actress Marsha Mason is 58. Singer Wayne Newton is 58. Singer Billy Joe Royal is 58. Singer Tony Orlando is 56. Singer Richard Thompson is 51.