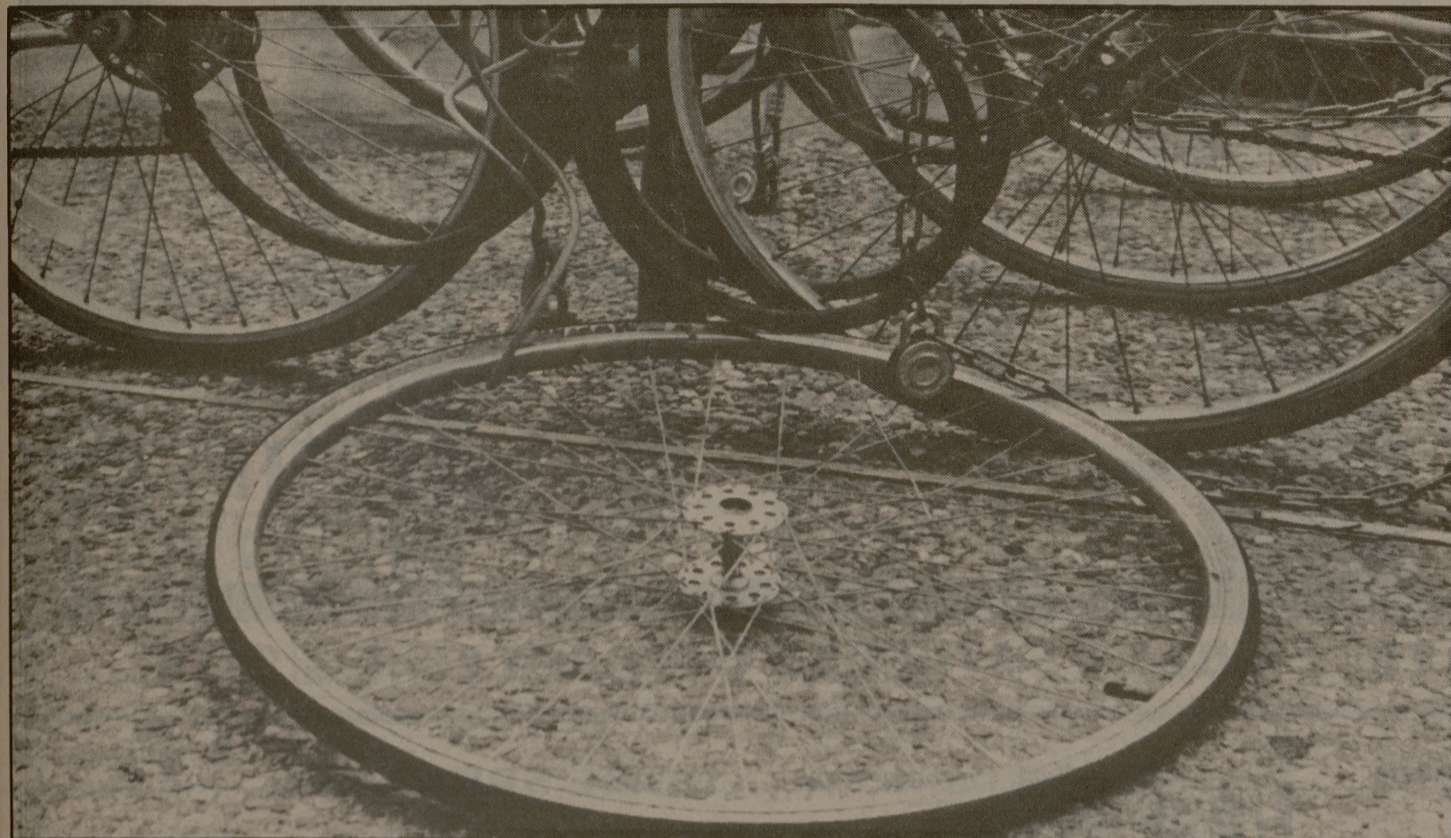


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Persistent Thief?

Staff photo by Colin Valantine

It appears that sometimes even a lock won't deter a persistent thief. However, in this case the owner of the bike might have removed the tire and left it to hold his place on the bike rack.

Candidacy statement postponed

United Press International
AUSTIN — Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong Thursday abruptly cancelled a news conference at which he had been expected to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor.

In a statement issued one hour before the news conference was scheduled to begin, Armstrong said, "Due to a combination of factors, including the Veteran's amendment and redistricting, I am not ready to announce today."

Sara Speights, an Armstrong aide, said the cancellation of the news conference does not mean Armstrong has changed his mind about entering the gubernatorial race.

He originally had planned to make his announcement after Nov. 3, when Texans will vote on a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing more bonds for the Veterans Land Program he administers, and after the five-member State Redistricting Board has completed its work on new House and Senate districts.

He rescheduled his announcement for Thursday.

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Trying to identify aliens may cause discrimination

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The administration's proposal that Congress impose fines on employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens has brought warnings that this could lead to civil rights problems.

Associate Attorney General Rudolph Giuliani told a House subcommittee Wednesday that fines of \$500 to \$1,000 are needed to remove the job opportunities that lure illegal immigrants into this country.

But while Giuliani suggested employers could rely on such standard documents as Social Security cards or birth certificates in checking job applicants, other witnesses said this could invite discrimination against minorities.

The American Civil Liberties Union's position is that using any government document to identify workers creates an objectionable "employment passport," Legislative Director John Shattuck said. Shattuck and Morris Baller, who testified for the Mexican-

American Legal Defense and Education Fund, said employers would be tempted to discriminate against all "foreign looking" workers to avoid the risk of being fined.

Baller argued the U.S. living standard is exercising a pull that cannot be effectively resisted and could be used to rebuild and revitalize the American economy.

Congress should consider "adopting instead a program for increased legal immigration by expanding visa allocations to our contiguous neighbors, Mexico and Canada," he said.

"If we try to build a fortress around ourselves and exclude others from contributing to, and sharing in, our prosperity, we will fail," Maller said.

In laying the administration's proposal before the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and refugees, Giuliani cited predictions that the estimated 3 million to 6 million illegal aliens in this country will grow to 12 million in 10 years if nothing is done.

"As you know, one of the major factors pulling migrants to the United States is employment opportunity," he said. "The borders are simply too extensive to seal effectively."

The Reagan proposal would require employers to obtain proof of legal residency, impose court injunctions against repeat violators and levy criminal penalties if injunctions are violated, Giuliani said.

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