

Give back 'borrowed' containers

New law fines up to \$300 for illegal possession of carts, cases

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Next time you consider "borrowing" a milk case or grocery cart, think long and hard while peeking in your wallet to see if you have an extra \$300 to spare.

A new law taking effect today will fine people who illegally possess milk cases, grocery carts, bread trays, laundry carts and egg baskets. A 60-day grace period (until Nov. 1) has been allowed for people to return the containers without penalty.

Glenn Brown, president of the Dairy Products Institute of Texas, said the law will help save millions of dollars.

"The state of Texas had a loss of more than \$7 million last year," Brown said. "Each milk carton costs \$3.50, and an average plant in an average town loses, maybe, a quarter of a million dollars

per year from stolen milk cartons. It's a tremendous price for us to pay." The loss the dairies suffer eventually is paid by

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consumers when the industry is forced to raise the price of milk.

"We didn't want to have to do this, but the industry just got tired of people stealing these

things, thinking no one would miss them," Brown said. "The point had to be made — milk cartons and grocery carts are not for the taking. We hope no one will have to actually pay the fine, and we're counting on many people returning them in time."

Brown said other states that have passed this law have reaped its benefits, when "thousands upon thousands of milk cartons were returned."

But how will the law be enforced, when the milk cartons and carts are tucked away in someone's house or garage?

"Just like the police enforce the law concerning stolen street signs," Brown said.

First, if they catch the thief in action, or if they see a cart or carton in the bed of a truck or on the back of a bike, the police will issue a ticket.

"People, of course, will get away with it just like any other crime," Brown said, "but hopefully now that people know about the consequences they'll be a little more wary of the idea."

Motion may postpone licensing of Galveston track

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Racing Commission staff has filed a motion to postpone a final order in the awarding of a pari-mutuel gambling license to Lone Star Greyhound Park, Inc. and wants to reopen evidence in the application for a lucrative greyhound track in Galveston County.

The action Thursday comes in response to allegations that the Lone Star group tried to sabotage the application of a competitor.

Since the allegations, Elliott Maisel, a principal investor in Lone Star, said he has fired a consultant who contributed \$2,700 to a citizens' lobby that opposed a competing application for a track in League City.

Maisel said the consultant, Ardy Blakely of Texas City, also admitted to "having some general knowledge" of an incident in which a dead prairie chicken was placed on the proposed site of the League City track.

A man allegedly has told law enforcement authorities that he placed

the dead bird at the League City site in an effort to make it appear that it was a nesting ground for the endangered Attwater's prairie chicken and thus unsuitable for development.

Maisel said Blakely used his own funds and acted without the authori-

zation or knowledge of Lone Star.

William Meincke, executive secretary of the Racing Commission, said the case needs to be reopened to consider the allegations.

"This is not an indictment of Lone

Star Greyhound Park, Inc. . . . but is

in keeping with the commission staff's policy of not making recommendations, but ensuring that the commission has all relevant information before," Meincke said in a prepared release.

Rep. Hill opens campaign for attorney general

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican state Rep. Pat Hill opened her campaign for attorney general Thursday with a blast at two-term Democrat Jim Mattox and questions about the eligibility of her GOP primary opponent.

Hill, 43, charged Mattox's two terms had raised doubts about the office's integrity that require a Republican to correct. No Republican has served as Texas attorney general in this century.

"The attorney general should be the lawyer for the people — not for his friends, not for his cronies, and not for those who make \$10,000 contributions to his campaign fund," Hill said.

"We can no longer afford an attorney general in this state who's known more for his strong arms and weak character than for his legal representation of the people of Texas," she said.

Mattox is expected to seek the Democratic nomination for governor, but Hill said his conduct in office for the past seven years would be an issue in the 1990 election.

"It's what he's done in office and everything to the office," she said.

In launching her campaign during a four-city tour Thursday, Hill became the second Republican in the attorney general's race.

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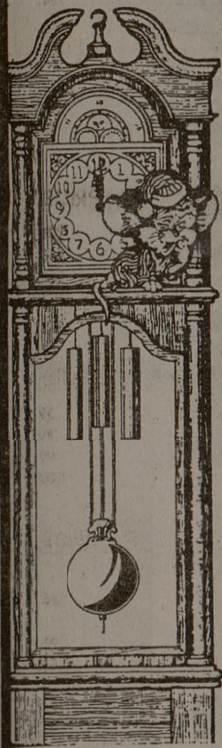
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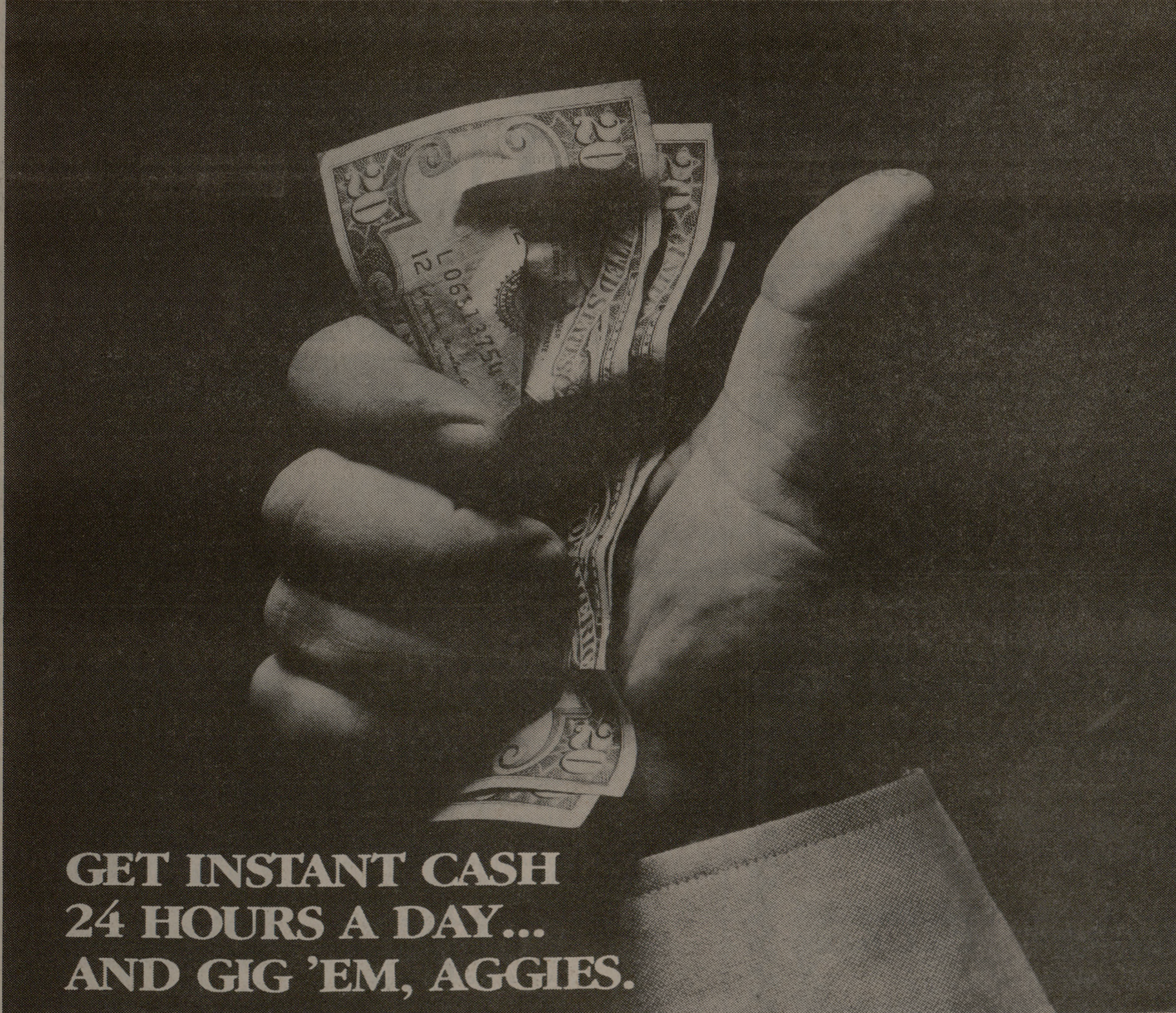


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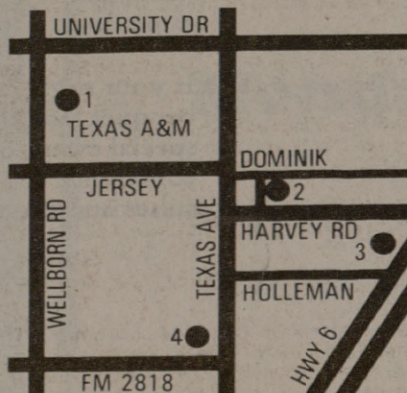
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