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Federal government sued by bomb victims

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Victims of the Oklahoma City bombing filed claims Wednesday against the federal government, contending officials could have prevented the tragedy. Others condemned the claims.

"Anytime there's a tornado and someone's killed, are we going to then sue the National Weather Service?" asked Mike Lenz, whose wife was killed.

The claims were filed by 34 people, including relatives of people who died in the April 19, 1995 bombing. The claims are needed to preserve the right to sue the government, which expires this year on the bombing's second anniversary. Each claim seeks \$25 million in damages.

"The United States government neglected to protect persons in and around the Murrah Building despite knowing that terrorists had discussed plans for violence before April 19, 1995," attorney Richard Bieder said at a news conference.

Simple precautions such as banning parking near the building or blocking off the street could have foiled the plot to bomb the building, Bieder said.

Among those filing claims were Glenn and Kathy Wilburn, whose two grandsons, Chase and Colton, died in building's day-care center.

"We want the truth. We want every facet of the truth brought out," said Wilburn, who maintains federal officials had some form of warning.

Federal officials have repeatedly

Yahoo! — Stanford benefits from gift

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Yang and David Filo's business cards gleefully describe each as "chief Yahoo!" But the young entrepreneurs are hardly uncivilized.

Filo and Yang, the founders of Yahoo! Inc., know how to say "Thanks." They've given \$2 million to endow a chair at Stanford University, where as students they developed the idea for the Internet directory that made them rich.

"Obviously, Yahoo! wouldn't be around without Stanford," Yang said.

"As reasonably soon as possible, we wanted to give something back."

Filo, 30, and Yang, 28, are the youngest people to endow a chair at the university. Their gift will establish a position formally known as the Yahoo! Founders Professor of the Stanford School of Engineering.

For its part, Stanford, delighted and surprised by the gift, hopes other former students who make good will be inspired to similar acts of generosity at a young age.

And no, those fuckers aren't trying to push anyone's buttons — being yahoos, so to speak — by putting their company's moniker on the professorship. In fact, the two offered to find another name if Stanford had misgivings.

Not to worry. "We thought it was great," said Laura Breyfogle, spokeswoman for the School of Engineering. "It shows others that philanthropy can be fun."

Dry frats challenge drunken stereotypes

CINCINNATI (AP) — Hang up your togas: The days of animal houses are endangered.

Two major fraternities have be-

come the first in the nation to ban alcohol in chapter houses, and more are expected to follow suit.

The new policy by Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu is aimed at a new breed of frat boy more serious about earning a degree than chugging beer. The ban is supposed to go into effect by the year 2000.

"They're coming to school to get an education and they need a family and some friends. They want a clean, safe house where they can study and hang out," said Robert Pasquinucci, a spokesman for Phi Delta Theta, which announced its policy this week.

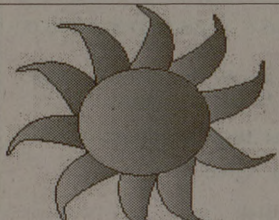

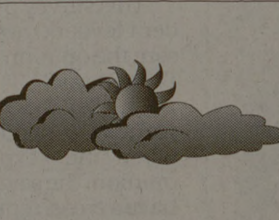
Excessive drinking at fraternities over the years has led to deaths and injuries and ruined academic careers.

A spot check of University of Cincinnati's fraternity row found few brothers willing to embrace the new trend.

"It's a fad. It's all politically correct," scoffed Eric Thurston as he tossed a football Wednesday outside the Alpha Tau Omega house.

"I'm 21 years old," added chapter president Raj Ghia. "Why can't I have a beer?"

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High 77°F Tonight's Expected Low 53°F Tomorrow's Expected High 82°F Tomorrow Night's Expected Low 55°F
Clear and sunny with north winds at 5-10 mph.	Clear skies with calm winds.	Partly cloudy with winds becoming southerly from 5-10 mph.	

Information courtesy of TAMSCAM

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Thursday, March 20, the 79th day of 1997. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 8:56 a.m. EST.

On this date:
In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1976, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup.

In 1977, voters in Paris chose former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century.

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin leaked on five separate subway trains.

Ten years ago: The Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of AZT, a drug shown to prolong the lives of some AIDS patients.



Robert McKay, THE BATTALION

Going ... going ... gone.

Lloyd Joyce, class of '93 and a professional auctioneer, auctions off lost items with the help of Khara Emmitte, a sophomore English major in the MSC Flagroom Wednesday.

► Today's birthdays

Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 75. Former Nixon White House aide John Ehrlichman is 72. Chicago TV host Fred Rogers is 69. Canadian prime minister Jean Chrétien is 58. Country singer Don Edwards is 58. Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 47. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr is 49. Actor William B. Davis (The Ghoul) is 46. Country musician Jimmy Seales (Shelby) is 43. Movie director Spike Lee is 40. Actress Jessica Russell is 40. Actress Holly Hunter is 39.

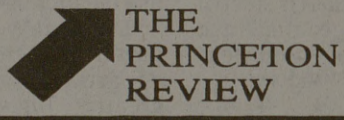
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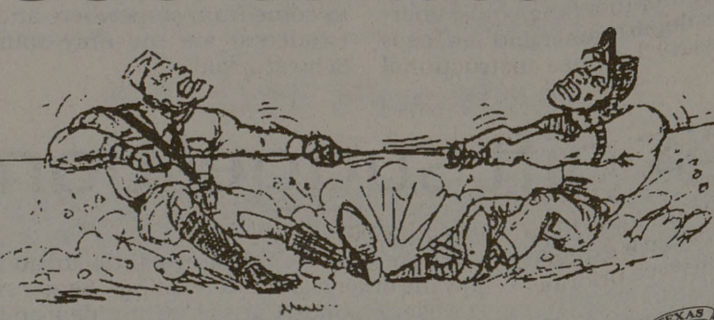
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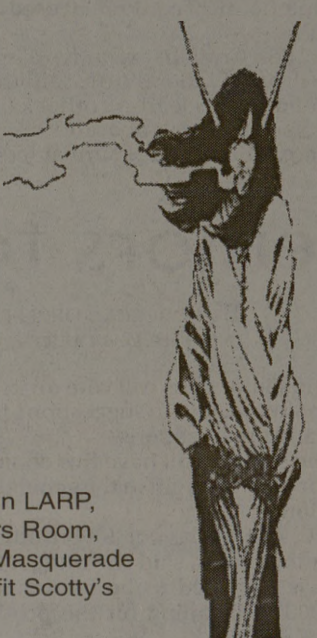
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