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 Arthur Kaml, a University employee, uses a pressure washer to clean the rear of Rudder Tower. The water has a force of 3,500 pounds per square inch.

City gun lawsuits draw comment from Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The legal battle cities launched against the gun industry got a new player Tuesday: Congress.
 One lawmaker filed legislation that would preempt such suits and another promised a bill that would guarantee cities the right to sue.
 Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., the National Rifle Association's point man in Congress, led a bipartisan group of a dozen lawmakers on a bill to block cities and state filing lawsuits aimed at holding firearm makers and distributors accountable for gun violence.
 "This is a national issue and it cries out for a national remedy," said Barr, contending the lawsuits would destroy the constitutional right to bear arms while undermining the integrity of the nation's legal enterprise systems.

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— Barbara Boxer, U.S. senator

But Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said she intends to introduce legislation that would guarantee cities the right to sue gun manufacturers and distributors.
 "The federal government sends billions of dollars to local communities to fight crime," she said. "If local governments believe the fight against crime is being undermined because of a mass proliferation of guns, it is in the national interest to allow them to take action in court."
 Following the successful state lawsuits against gun companies, six cities — Atlanta, New Orleans, St. Louis, go, Miami and Bridgeport, Conn. — have filed lawsuits seeking to force the gun industry to take steps to ensure that guns are used properly and not distributed to criminals.
 The Georgia General Assembly, reacting to the lawsuit, enacted legislation last month prohibiting local governments from suing gun manufacturers and distributors. At least a dozen other states are considering similar legislation, according to the NRA's Chuck Cunningham.
 Meanwhile, two other lawmakers — Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo. — reintroduced legislation to close a loophole in a 1994 law that allowed the continued sale of high-capacity magazine clips. The law that banned some assault firearms also prohibited the making of magazines with more than 10 rounds. But it allowed the sale of all other produced clips, and such sales continue.

Sweepstakes companies defend contests to subcommittee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defending their contests to outraged senators, the companies that flood U.S. homes with sweepstakes promotions insisted Tuesday that most Americans know they can win without buying anything.
 Four industry executives told a hearing of their voluntary efforts to clearly state the rules and odds — and to delete from mailing lists vulnerable Americans whom companies are now trying to identify.
 The industry's defense continued, the more intense was the bipartisan criticism from members of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Panel members confronted company officials with mailings that said, "Open your door to \$31 million on Jan. 31," "It's down to a 2 person race for \$11 million" and "Yes, Reward Entitlement Grant-

ed and Guaranteed."
 Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, chair of the subcommittee, said she was "absolutely stunned" by company statements that no "reasonable person" would be misled by headlines that appear to declare someone a sweepstakes winner when the odds were minuscule.
 By the hearing's conclusion, senators said they were more convinced than ever that tough federal legislation was needed to regulate the mailings. Collins, who faced not only the witnesses but a room packed with powerful Washington lobbyists, said she is "gaining co-sponsors every day" for her legislation that would regulate the mailings and impose stiff fines for violations.
 "The fact that these companies have hired such high-powered lobbyists ... shows how much money is at stake and how prof-

itable the business is," she said. "My hope is we'll be able to prevail over any lobbying."
 The industry representatives said they would support federal regulation, but wouldn't commit to specific provisions such as using the same size type for headlines suggesting someone is a winner and the notice that those not purchasing anything had an equal chance to win.
 On Monday, the committee heard accounts of elderly parents who kept buying magazines and merchandise they didn't need in pursuit of a grand prize. Tuesday, lawmakers heard the defense from Naomi Bernstein, vice president of marketing services for American Family Enterprises; Deborah Holland, senior vice president of Publishers Clearing House; Elizabeth Long, executive vice president of Time Inc.; and

Peter Davenport, senior vice president of The Reader's Digest Association.
 Senators were especially vocal of a Publisher's Clearing House letter that quoted two company officials supposedly discussing how they could get a new customer, Eustace Holland. "There must be some way we can do," one official was quoted as saying.
 Hall, a committee witness Monday, broke down in tears during his appearance and testimony panel that he thought the letter was a personal one. In fact, Ms. Holland, the letter was sent to 9 million recipients with names changed.
 Holland said the letter was "perfectly fine" and called the dramatization of an actual conversation that did take place among company officials.

The Texas A&M University Student Publications Board is accepting applications for

<p>Editor THE BATTALION — Including radio and online editions — Summer 1999 <small>(The summer editor will serve from May 24 through Aug. 6, 1999.)</small></p>	<p>Editor THE BATTALION — Including radio and online editions — Fall 1999 <small>(The fall editor will serve from Aug. 16 through Dec. 10, 1999.)</small></p>	<p>Editor AGGIELAND 1999</p>
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Qualifications for editor in chief of The Battalion are:

- Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours (unless fewer credits are required to graduate) during the term of office;
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio and at least a 2.00 grade point ratio in the semester immediately prior to the appointment, the semester of appointment and semester(s) (all summer course work is considered summer semester) during the term of office. In order for summer school grades to qualify as previous semester grades, a minimum of six hours must be taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s);
- Have completed or be registered in JOUR 301 (Mass Comm Law), or equivalent;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on The Battalion or comparable daily college newspaper, — OR — Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper, — OR — Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Qualifications for editor in chief of the Aggieland yearbook are:

- Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours (unless fewer credits are required to graduate) during the term of office;
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio and at least a 2.00 grade point ratio in the semester immediately prior to the appointment, the semester of appointment and semester(s) (all summer course work is considered summer semester) during the term of office. In order for summer school grades to qualify as previous semester grades, a minimum of six hours must be taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s);
- Have completed or be registered in JOUR 210 (Graphics) and JOUR 301 (Mass Comm Law), or equivalent;
- Have demonstrated ability in writing through university coursework or equivalent experience;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible position on the Aggieland or comparable college yearbook.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Francia Cagle in the Student Publications office, room 012 Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 1999. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 4 p.m. Monday, April 5, 1999, in room 221F Reed McDonald Building.

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