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Hutchison grand jury files printed in Dallas paper

Secret grand jury testimony from a 1993 investigation into U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's term as state treasurer has been published in the weekly *Dallas Observer*. The newspaper attributed the disclosure to Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle.

The article in the *Observer*, written by Miriam Rozen, said that "...Earle granted (her) unfettered access to the Hutchison files" and that an office clerk helped her make photocopies of the secret transcripts.

Earle denied that, saying, "I have not released any grand jury information to any of the major newspapers and I certainly would not do so to the *Dallas Observer*."

The report recounted allegations that as treasurer, Hutchison used state employees and office equipment for nonofficial purposes and included testimony that former Hutchison aide David Criss asked for \$250,000 in exchange for his silence.

State District Judge David Perkins of Austin told the *Houston Post* he was not sure what he was going to do about

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
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the disclosure.

A Tarrant County grand jury in Feb. found Hutchison not guilty of ethics violations brought by the Travis County grand jury.

Governor's Speech Draws Fire
Gov. Ann Richards' speech on self reliance to a group of high school girls drew criticism from Republicans who accused her of bashing males.

Speaking to the Girls State conference in Austin, Richards encouraged attendees to seek their purpose in life independently rather than surrender life choices to a "Prince Charming" who might be a toad in disguise, or in her words, an overweight beer guzzler with a wandering eye.

George W. Bush, Republican

nominee for governor said, "...Our leaders should be building up the family, not tearing it down."

In response to Bush, Richards said, "The interesting thing is that I have been making virtually the same speech for more than three years. No one seemed to object until there was some politics involved."

Penna Dexter of Plano, a spokeswoman for the Concerned Women of America, also said Richards' comments were "negative with regard to families."

But Kristy Grayson, 17, of San Angelo, told the *Dallas Morning News* that she did not hear anything Richards said that was offensive to men or women. "She specifically told us that she had the most admiration for any woman who tries to have a career and still raise a family," Grayson said.

Ballpark Financing Hit
Meanwhile the governor took a swipe at Bush over the way his baseball team's new ballpark was financed.

Richard Proposes Curfew
The governor also proposed a

statewide evening curfew for young people, similar to those already in place at Austin, Dallas and Houston.

Speaking last week to a group of at-risk students at an Austin high school, Richards said, "I'll do anything I can to encourage local communities to implement curfews and if I have to, I'll support legislation to do that."

Richards said according to a report by the Austin police, juvenile arrests for violent crimes have dropped 19% since the city's curfew went into effect.

Bush said he is against a statewide curfew, saying, "local control is essential."

Greytak Seeks Clinton Records
Marta Greytak, GOP candidate for land commissioner, said she has filed a lawsuit against President Clinton seeking documents about Clinton's ties to Democratic Land Commissioner Gary Mauro. Mauro ran Clinton's Texas campaign in 1992.

Greytak said White House officials hadn't responded to her request

for the records under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

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