

Down to their last lawyer, these N.D. townsfolk don't care

CARSON, N.D. (AP) — Grant County's chief prosecutor hasn't spent one day on the job in two years. He hasn't filed a single brief or prosecuted a case. In fact, he never even wanted the job.

But Ronald Weikum is the last attorney left in this county of about 2,850 people. A single voter wrote his name on the ballot for county prosecutor in a primary election, and before he knew it he had the job.

"I never even campaigned," he said. "And I've never taken a paycheck."

After the last election, Weikum, who has a private practice, appointed Jim Gion, already the state's attorney in neighboring Hettinger County, to do the job in Grant County as well.

The three county commissioners would like to avoid a similar situation in the future. They are asking voters to decide Tuesday whether they can appoint an out-of-county attorney to officially hold the job.

Officials say it is hard to tell what the voters will decide in Tuesday's initiative. Only 25 people showed up for a public meeting on the question and most of them were courthouse employees. Residents on the city's main street mostly shrugged their shoulders last week when asked about the situation.

SUNDAY'S PEOPLE

O.J. Simpson loses case against his lawyer

A Los Angeles judge threw out O.J. Simpson's breach of contract lawsuit against attorney Robert Kardashian, ruling that Simpson failed to prove his former friend and lawyer violated their attorney-client privilege.

The case involves a CBS miniseries examining the defense strategies of the so-called "dream team" of lawyers that successfully defended Simpson against charges of killing his ex-wife and her friend in 1994.

"We're very disappointed by the judge's decision," said Simpson attorney Adam Belsky, who said an appeal of the ruling, issued Friday, was being considered.

"I think an appeal would be frivolous, just like the initial lawsuit," said Kardashian's attorney, Erica Tabachnick.

Simpson went to court earlier this year to halt the making of *American Tragedy: The Uncensored Story on the Simpson Defense*. The show, scheduled to air Nov. 12 and 15, is based on Lawrence Schiller's book *American Tragedy*.

When a judge refused to halt production, Simpson sued Schiller and Kardashian instead.

He claimed Schiller, whom he had hired to write a book telling his side of the story, violated privacy agreements between the two and that Kardashian revealed information protected by attorney-client privilege.

A Superior Court judge dismissed the action against Schiller on Monday.

Simpson was acquitted in criminal court of killing his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, but was later held liable in civil court and ordered to pay \$33.5 million in damages.



In the spotlight
Pearl Jam lead singer Eddie Vedder performs Friday at the Idaho Center in Nampa, Idaho.

python. All went well until the python lunged. Latifah screamed and jumped back, and the python swallowed rodent and tool whole, *The Greenville News* reported yesterday.

Even as a teen-ager, Colin L. Powell dreamed of joining the military.

"I never wanted to be anything but a soldier," the retired U.S. Army general said Friday at Indiana University in Bloomington.

He urged his audience of mostly college students to "never stop seeking the work you enjoy and can do well."

Powell said that for 28 years, his goal was to contain communism and the Soviet Union. With the end of the Cold War, the United States no longer had an arch-enemy and his mission changed, he said.

"I'm hopeful and optimistic about the world," he said, "but I'm not goofy. I see the Irans and Iraqs. I see Kosovo. I see North Korea, which seems to be changing but hasn't changed yet, but none of these rise to the level of the problem we got rid of when we got rid of the Soviet Union, so this is a hopeful time."

Powell, 63, was President Reagan's national security adviser from 1987 to 1989. President George Bush then appointed him chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, making him the first black to hold that post.

— *Compiled by the Associated Press*

SUNDAY'S QUOTE

"Four of them went into the service and two of them died for their country."

Marty Walsh, Chelmsford veterans agent, speaking about a memorial planned for Allan and Herbert Clark, who entered the service with two other brothers. Story on Page 1.

SUNDAY'S BIRTHDAYS

BRYAN ADAMS: The singer is 41 today. Singer-songwriter like Turner is 69. Singer Art Garfunkel is 59. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 57. Singer Peter Noone is 53. Actresses Tatum O'Neal and Andrea McArdle are 37. Rock musician Jonny Greenwood (Radiohead) is 29.



SUNDAY'S BEST TV

"The Growing Pains Movie," (ABC, Channel 5). If you've been wondering what happened to the Seavers, here's the TV-movie for you. The original cast — Alan Thicke, Joanna Kerns (right), Kirk Cameron, Tracey Gold, and Jeremy Miller — reunite for Maggie's (Kerns) bid for a seat in Congress. It airs from 7-9 p.m.



Sunday TV news shows

- ABC's *This Week* — Campaign 2000, the Missouri Senate race. **Guests:** Florida Gov. Jeb Bush; William Daley, Gore campaign chairman; Jean Carnahan, widow of Senate candidate Mel Carnahan; Sen. John Ashcroft. (Channels 5, 9 at 10:30 a.m.)
- CBS' *Face the Nation* — Campaign 2000. **Guests:** Jeb Bush; Daley; Sens. Robert Torricelli and Mitch McConnell. (Channel 4 at 10:30 a.m.)
- NBC's *Meet the Press* — Campaign 2000. **Guests:** Sens. John McCain and Bob Kerrey; Ralph Nader; Ross Perot. (Channel 7 at 10:30 a.m.)
- Fox News Sunday — Campaign 2000. **Guest:** Jeb Bush. (Channel 25 at 9 a.m.)

SUNDAY'S NO KIDDING

What world leaders earn in U.S. dollars

1. Russian President, \$320,000
 2. Costa Rican President, \$250,000
 3. UK Prime Minister, \$164,483
 4. Taiwanese President, \$316,632
 5. German Chancellor, \$219,600
 6. Japanese Prime Minister, \$375,000
 7. Singapore Prime Minister, \$1.2 million
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