



Coming Tomorrow
How should we deal with the 1997 election? Ellen Goodman, left, and Linda Howes offer their perspectives.

Opinion

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Save for college through EdVest

The state of Wisconsin will offer parents a promising way to start saving money for their children's college education — and get a tax break at the same time. Accounts for future college students can be opened this spring in the EdVest Wisconsin program, created by the Legislature and Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Once the account is opened, anyone can contribute. When the student enrolls in college, he or she can tap into the account to pay for tuition.

Your money which will be invested by the State Investment Board, will be available to students who enroll in any recognized undergraduate college, university, two-year center or technical college in the state.

"What this program will do is help people get started," said Mary Olla, EdVest's director. "Everyone thinks about saving, but it's hard to get started."

The program appears to be a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to begin saving money now for that college education that promises to get more expensive year by year.

For more information

Want more information on EdVest Wisconsin, a new program to save for college tuition fees? You can be put on the mailing list by calling toll free 1-800-338-3789 or by e-mail at edvest@mail.state.wi.us

expressed both in total dollars and in "tuition units." For example, a year of tuition at a University of Wisconsin school costs about 100 units. You can purchase up to 400 units for each student.

Refunds will be made under certain circumstances, including the death of the student or his or her failure to be admitted into college.

The program is being operated by the state Department of Administration as a service to Wisconsin residents. It is not designed to turn a profit.

Many parents don't think of saving for college until their children are in high school. Then it's difficult to build up any kind of cushion.

EdVest will target parents of young children, helping them make regular deposits that help ease those money worries down the road.

Invest in our country's future — start saving now for your child's college education.

Election '97 competition will better serve voters

The government that most affects your daily life is often the government most closest to you — the people who serve on city councils and village, town and school boards.

They are responsible for educating your children, plowing your streets and patrolling your neighborhood.

That's why we are heartened by signs that there will be competition on the ballot this spring in a variety of local races. Incumbents are often worthy of re-election, but allowing voters to elect officials without competition deprives voters of a full and open discussion of the issues.

Let's take the Green Bay School Board as an example. After last year when two incumbents were returned to office without competition, it appears that there may be seven or eight candidates for three positions this year.

The 1998 election is the best chance we have of electing any substantive change. This year, voters can

People's Forum

Disappointed in program

GREEN BAY — I wonder if any of your other readers were as disappointed as I was in the change in format of "People's Forum," "Christmas Is Here" programming this year.

If so, a phone call to letter to the station general manager may bring back the more traditional programming next year.

Meet in open session

KEWAUNEE — I attended the Kewaunee Board Meeting Dec. 15 to hear the schools' presentation on the three proposed plans for the new school. The meeting flowed quite well and was very informative. However, I was shocked when the public was informed it had to leave because the board was addressing an issue closed session with the students according to State Statute 19.01.

Trying to frighten workers

KEWAUNEE — Green Bay Press-Gazette manipulates public opinion and fabricates headlines. The front page article, "Fed's role in Fox closing sets troops" was a shameful effort to frighten public workers and their families. These folks are not in a position to "watch and wait" for destruction that was done to our common sense by industries.

Special wasn't special

GREEN BAY — Being a resident of Green Bay and a lifelong Packer fan, I was very disappointed in the recent ESPN event on the Packers.

He'll never forget Gilson

GREEN BAY — On Dec. 11, the Green Bay area lost one of its finest residents. Jeff Gilson lost his life in a swimming accident.

Let's not forget Gilson

I have Jeff and his family about 10 years ago when we were in a high school. For the next several years, Jeff and his family were an integral part of our little school.

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After a while, we started to get our own news. Some of us got married, some moved and some simply started to get on with their lives. Jeff and his family were an integral part of our little school.

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I wanted to realize that Jeff's life is only one of many that Jeff touched and helped to build into what they are today. The world would be a much different place if it were not for Jeff and his family's contribution to our own.

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From below, he will reach a direct link to everything to come in mine and in



"I WONDERS HOW THE DALLAS COMBATS ARE DONE? ... TURN ON THE POLICE SCANNERS!"

Here are Media Culpas for '96

To that I have ever been sympathetic to the Bush campaign, a man who has steadily gained weight and lost chest in the more so called congressional terms, she is a member of the House. But I do not dispute the revelation that his teaching gig was actually a political funded course of propaganda.

Maybe that's because of my own teaching experience. Last December I arrived on the Stanford campus to teach a course on opinion writing which I called "Writing People What You Think." The program, however, was charged with the task of "writing people what you think." Remembering that I apparently had a political agenda, I was not surprised when they don't lose up.

This is then my own version: "Fooly," my opinion Media Culpas, to keep my conscience clear and retain my own post as speaker or at least writer.

In a column about Bill Dally's concession speech, I mentioned the Republican's admitted word choice. Maybe the candidate would have been better off if he had managed to get some music into his voice. Bill is, for those things in his throat are vocal cords. Just to keep things quiet, I mentioned a similar mistake in complimenting

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