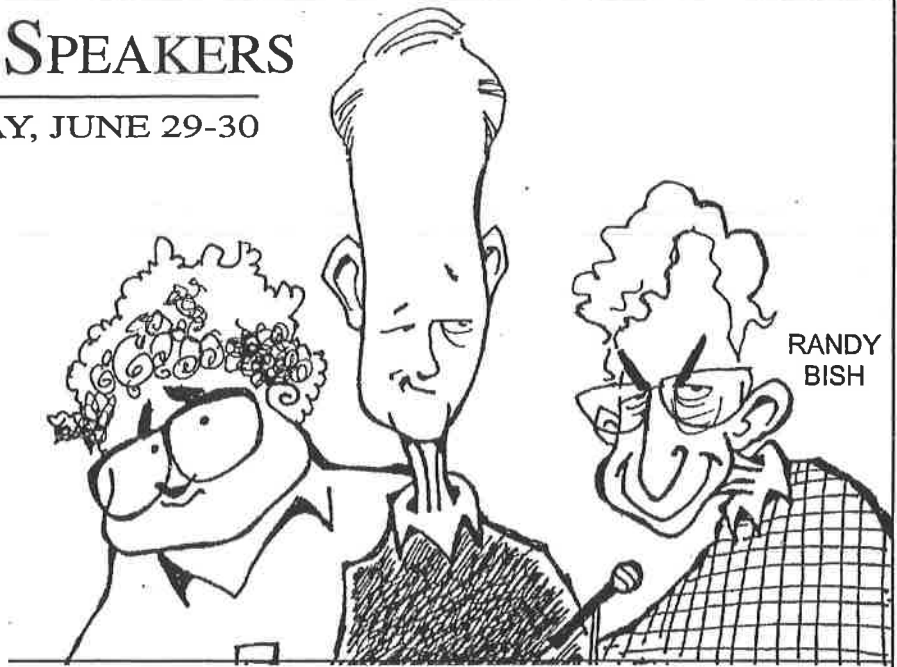
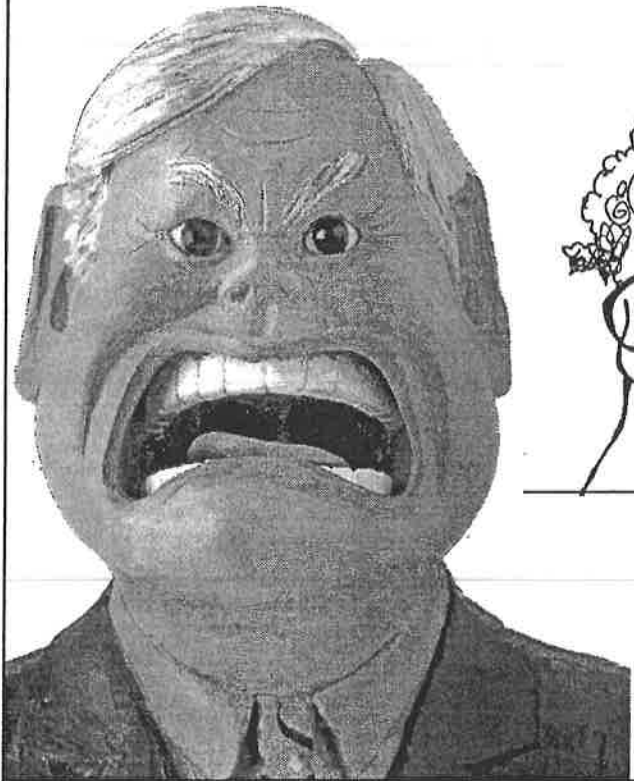


PANELS AND SPEAKERS

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 29-30



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Top: Andy Donato, Dick Locher and Hy Rosen kicked off Saturday's sessions with "Fired or Retired: Navigating the Climax of Your Career." **Above:** Columnist and *Hardball* host Chris Matthews spoke on the 2000 election, the unexpected change of power in the Senate and President Bush's image problems at the banquet. **Right:** Dr. Alan Blum of the University of Alabama's Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society gave a slide show of cartoons relating to smoking and smoking-related lawsuits. **Below left:** Lalo Alcaraz and John Kovalic joined Ted Rall to talk about their experiences creating and publishing graphic novels. **Below center and right:** Michael Ramirez and Ben Sargent rounded out the trio of cartoonists demonstrating "the Art of Making Public Presentations."



Ben Sargent
(AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN)

Cindy Procius
(HUNTSVILLE, FLA.-TIMES)

TONY JENKINS



Officers and, perhaps, gentlemen: President David Horsey, president-elect Scott Stantis and V.P. Ann Telnaes at the Saturday banquet; Mark Fiore, Ted Rall, Mike Ritter and J.P. Trostle enjoying an Ontario heat wave



rations can ride roughshod over a country's environmental and safety regulations, and eliminate well-paying jobs in one country and hire low-wage workers in another. He added that "supra-governmental" bodies such as the World Trade Organization meet in secret, with no press allowed.

The speaker said few journalists or members of Congress bother to peruse the full text of trade agreements, which include "anti-

democratic" clauses. "The press reads summaries and memos," Nader observed.

Conversation About Globalization

Before Nader spoke, *Los Angeles Times* reporter Evelyn Iritani moderated a globalization session that "will help us in our cartoons in the days to come," said Horsey.

One panelist, former Canadian Finance Minister Mike Wilson, supports free trade between his country and the United States. "This has been very good for Canada," he said, noting, for instance, that Canada's exports to the States are growing slightly faster than imports from its neighbor.

But Ed Broadbent, former leader of Canada's New Democratic Party, said he's troubled by various aspects of globalization — including a rise in foreign takeovers of Canadian firms and a clause in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that allows multinational corporations to sue governments. "I want [the private sector] to be the servant of society, not the master of society," he said.

Wilson countered that this clause is necessary to protect corporate investment that brings "technological know-how" and jobs to countries. But Deborah Bourque, national vice president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers,

said many of these jobs are low-paying and temporary.

Anti-Smoking Advocate

In another session, Alan Blum said there have been many anti-smoking cartoons during the past decade as public disgust with tobacco has grown. The director of the University of Alabama Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society showed examples from his collection of 1,250 such cartoons — including one, by Rex Babin of *The Sacramento Bee*, picturing Washington's Capitol Building as a big cigarette lighter.

Blum said ridicule is an important weapon in the fight against smoking. "These guys [the tobacco industry] need to be laughed at," he commented.

Hearing From "Hardball"

AAECers also heard from Chris Matthews, the *San Francisco Chronicle*/Newspaper Enterprise Association columnist who hosts MSNBC's *Hardball* show. He said Bush doesn't speak enough to the media and Americans in general, and that it's good for talk-show hosts to have a writing background because it gives them "discipline" and the ability to "think things through. ... I don't think you should be allowed on television unless you can write."



Host Andy Donato with Dick Locher at the cartoon exhibit