Incidents of Tuberculosis Increasing, Report Says

Tuberculosis is on the increase all over the world, and at least 3 million people will die of TB this year, according to a startling report to be released Wednesday by the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The annual number of new tuberculosis cases has increased from 7.5 million in 1990 to nearly 9 million expected this year. In projections larger than those published elsewhere, the scientists said that more than 10 million new tuberculosis cases were reported in 2000, and the number of new cases will increase to 15 million by 2020.

Tuberculosis attacks emerge from the same pathogen that caused the plague in the Middle Ages. It can remain latent in the body for years and may erupt over time.

Almost a million people a year are dying of tuberculosis, which is four times as many as were killed by AIDS in 1995, according to the researchers.

GFW Wants to Install 'Family Values' Through Tax Cuts

As the House Ways and Means Committee opened the first hearings on a $380-billion tax cut that many GOP lawmakers consider the centerpiece of their Contract With America, its sponsors insisted that its passage is critical to help protect traditional American values. It is also considered the centerpiece of their "Contract With America," its sponsors insist.

"This is a moment when families from a further erosion in living standards. Americans are looking to their government to help them once again," said Senator Strom Thurmond, a Georgia Republican. "We must go forward with a strong commitment to reassert the principle that tax cuts are a necessary condition of prosperity."