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So here's the problem: Many wills have the language, "I leave to my trustee, the maximum amount that can pass free of estate tax and leave the residual to my spouse." This language is used so the will doesn't need to be updated every time the estate tax laws change. No one ever planned for the estate tax law to go away.

Normally, this would be fine, because unless you have millions of dollars, none of your estate would be subject to estate taxes, so all of it would go to your spouse.

Because there's no estate tax in 2010, people who die this year with the above language in their will could wind up leaving nothing to their spouse. The spouse receives everything after the tax-free portion is doled out to a bypass trust in the will. Since everything is tax-free, there's nothing left after the tax-free portion is doled out to the trust.

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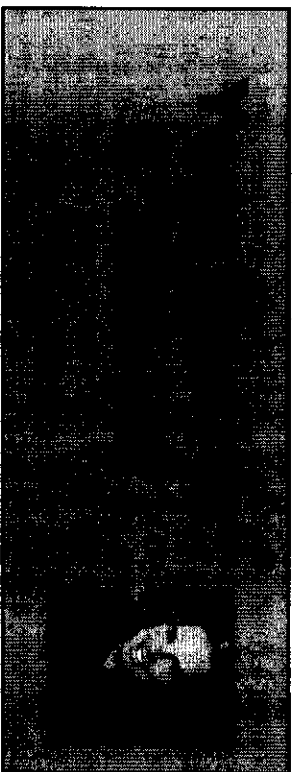
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