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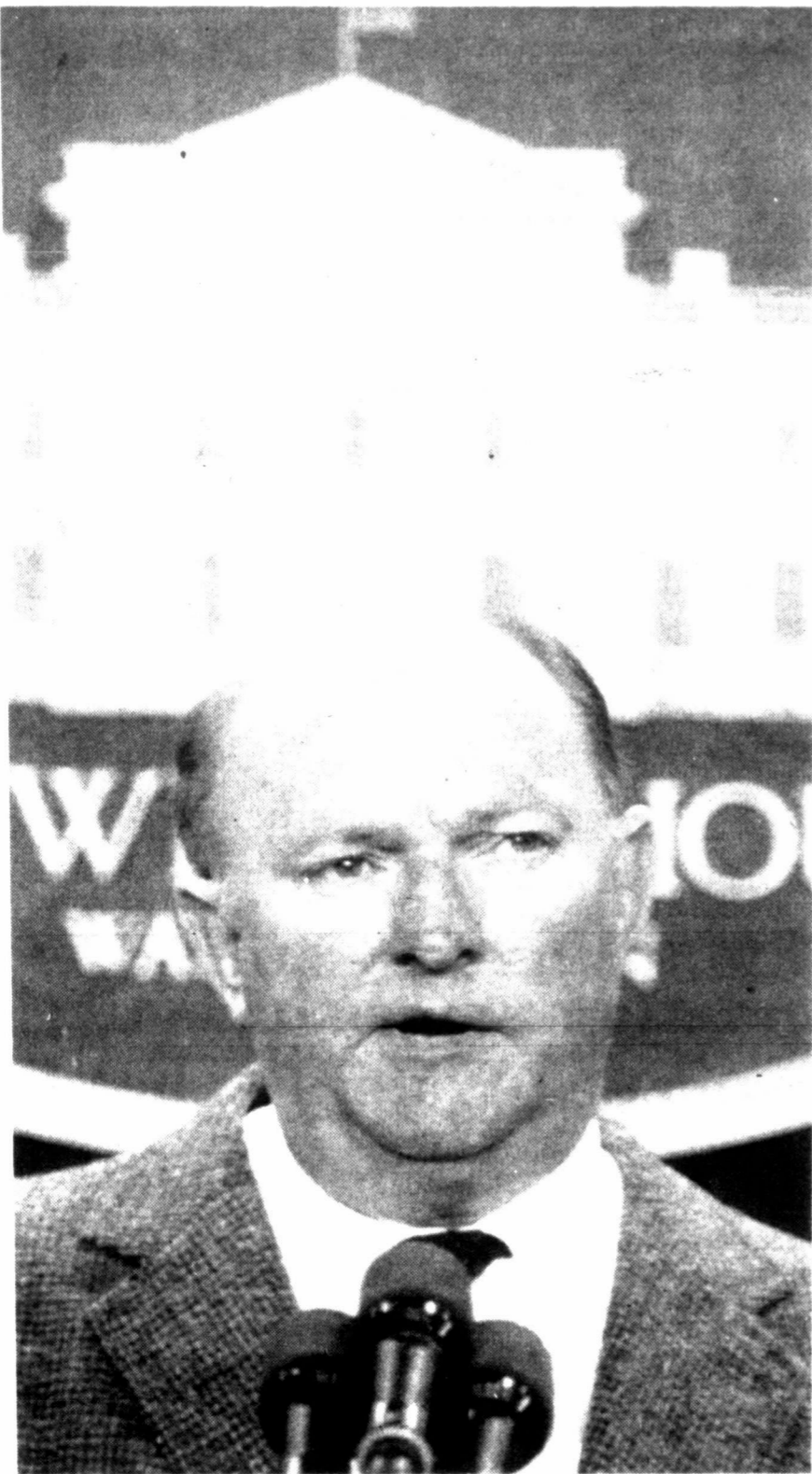
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White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater reads the White House response today to Iraq's willingness to withdraw from Kuwait. Fitzwater said this isn't enough to stop the Persian Gulf War as the announcement clearly contains conditions and "promises alone are not sufficient." Fitzwater said any withdrawal must be complete and unconditional.

## Bush rejects Iraqi overture, calls proposal a 'cruel hoax'

By TOM RAUM  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today dismissed a sudden Iraqi peace proposal as "a cruel hoax" that will not settle the Persian Gulf War — and said the ouster of Saddam Hussein is one way to end the conflict.

He said Desert Storm coalition members agreed the Iraqi offer was "nothing new."

Bush said military orders remained the same, and commanders said bombing of Iraqi troops was continuing in the effort to oust Iraq from Kuwait.

The president said he woke up to television reports of the offer and was happy that there was a glimpse of hope to settle the war. He said the hopes were dashed when the reports from Baghdad made it clear there were conditions to the offer.

"We thought we had a shot for peace; that is not the case."

Bush said he had spoken with key leaders of allied nations and that the war will continue until there is unconditional withdrawal. He said his initial optimism about the Baghdad proposal evaporated when he

saw its details.

"Regrettably, the Iraq statement now appears to be a cruel hoax, dashing the hopes of the people in Iraq and indeed around the world," Bush told a meeting of scientists.

Bush took note of celebratory reaction from residents of Baghdad when first word of the peace offer was broadcast and emphasized that the United States had no quarrel with the people of Iraq, only with Saddam Hussein and his military.

He said the Iraqi offer turned out to contain nothing new, "with the possible exception of recognizing for the first time" that Iraq must leave Kuwait. He said it not only repeats earlier conditions — the withdrawal of Israel from the occupied territories — but adds new ones.

"They must withdraw without condition," Bush said, and that cannot be linked to other Middle East issues.

He said the war will continue "until a massive withdrawal begins."

Bush noted that the Iraqi statement had led to celebrations in the streets of Baghdad, and said that showed the desire of the people to

see the war ended. He said the way for that to happen is for Saddam Hussein to order his forces out of Kuwait — or for Iraqis to force the issue by toppling the dictator.

"...There's another way for the bloodshed to stop," Bush said. "And that's for the Iraqi military, and the Iraqi people, to take matters into their own hands, to force Saddam Hussein, the dictator, to step aside and to comply with the United Nations resolutions and then rejoin the family of peace loving nations."

"We have no argument with the people of Iraq," he said. "Our differences are with Iraq's brutal dictator."

In an initial statement on the Iraqi offer, the White House said, "Promises alone are not sufficient," and emphasized that nothing short of "complete and unconditional" withdrawal would end the Gulf War.

"He's clearly trying to manipulate someone here," spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said of Saddam Hussein's announcement on Baghdad radio, "but it's not clear what his purpose is." He said of the Iraqi offer, "The more we look at it, the worse it gets."

"It is a real disappointment on our part that he (Saddam Hussein) is again trying to raise the hopes of his own people and others around the world, with no willingness to back it up. There's no concrete actions in here. There's really nothing to lead us to believe he's going to pull out of Kuwait."

He said Bush gave an initial review of the proposal at a hastily arranged meeting at the White House with Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Vice President Dan Quayle.

Fitzwater said Iraq must agree to comply with all United Nations Security Council resolutions and undertake "immediate and concrete actions on the ground," where half-a-million troops occupy Kuwait.

At the Pentagon, a senior analyst was asked whether there was any evidence that Saddam's army was turning back. "None whatsoever," the analyst said.

"We have seen no indication of any kind of Iraqi withdrawal," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

### U.S. troops react cautiously to Saddam's offer as war continues

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — American soldiers in Saudi Arabia greeted Iraq's promise today to withdraw from Kuwait with guarded optimism and said they believed the Persian Gulf War would continue for some time.

When the news of Iraq's proposal came over the television in a large hangar at a central U.S. air base in Dhahran where troops were lining up for flights to northern Saudi Arabia, it hardly caused a stir.

Sgt. Danny Hight of Pasadena, Texas, said he was elated when he first heard the news, then realized it was only a verbal pledge. He reflected the feelings of many fellow soldiers when he said: "I'm definitely more hopeful that the end is near and we can save lives on both

sides."

"You've heard the old saying, 'No one wants peace more than a soldier,'" Hight said.

But even before President Bush said on national television that he rejected the Iraqi proposal, many U.S. troops awaiting flights to the war front said they didn't trust the Iraqi leader.

"I don't trust the bastard. We're going in," said Cpl. Jared Mullins, 22, of Daingerfield, Texas, as he headed to rejoin the 1st Cavalry Division in northern Saudi Arabia.

As he spoke, F-15 bombers streaked overhead from a nearby U.S. base to continue heavy bombing of Iraqi positions in southern Kuwait.

Other U.S. troops also expressed doubts about the proposal.

"We'll see, we're a skeptical bunch here," said Tech. Sgt. Loretta Bryant of Langley, Va., who was among the first U.S. troops deployed in the gulf after Iraq seized Kuwait on Aug. 2.

"If it's true, I don't know who I'll hug first, my children or my husband," added Mrs. Bryant, the mother of 19-month and 5-year-old boys.

Nevertheless, many soldiers said they did not believe the Iraqi leader was sincere after they heard Saddam Hussein's conditions, which included linking Iraq's withdrawal to Israel giving up the occupied territories, a demand the United States has long said it would not accept.

"I think this thing may be far from over," said Army Staff Sgt. Paul George of Sacramento, Calif.

## Bivins' crime package includes death sentence for child murder

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

State Sen. Teel Bivins said today he is counting on a crime package he has just introduced to take the Texas Criminal Code back to its "original intention" of strict enforcement of the law.

In a telephone interview this morning, Bivins said the bill will mean anyone who kills a child under age six could be given the death sentence.

"We are seeing an alarming increase in the rate of child abuse in this state and this kind of legislation is necessary," Bivins said.

Other highlights of the crime bills introduced by Bivins include:

- Suspend the driver's license of anyone convicted of a drug offense.

- Make the sexual history of a minor who is sexually assaulted inadmissible in court.

- Make offenders responsible for all their actions in a crime without having to prove intent.

- Allow for seizure of property used in the sale or manufacture of drugs, without having to prove the property was purchased for the intent of conducting illegal activity.

- Provide the means for injured law officers to earn more than their pension if they are capable of other work.

"We want to assure the people in the 31st District that we have not forgotten our first responsibility, assuring the safety of the people of this state," Bivins said.

The senator credited "some clever defense attorneys" with taking Texas criminal law away from its original intent, which he said is to be extremely tough on crime.

Bivins said district attorneys around the state have expressed concern to him

that convicting criminals is becoming extremely difficult because of a need to prove mental state and intention.

He said the recent Pampa case of a man throwing a Molotov cocktail through a window in retaliation for a lawsuit, and subsequently causing the death of a 13-year-old boy was a classic example.

Because prosecutors could not prove the man intended to cause the boy's death, they could not press for the death penalty in the case.

"He needs to be responsible for his actions," Bivins said. "If he causes a death while committing a crime, he needs to be responsible for that, whether he says he intended to cause the death or not. It is a matter of taking responsibility for your actions."

Bivins' bills will now go to hearings in the Senate before being presented on the Senate floor.

## Pampans, police plagued by flag thefts

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Thefts of American flags are again occurring in Pampa and police are asking local residents to take precautions against becoming a victim.

The most recent theft was of a flag displayed at Clay's Barber Shop, 318 S. Starkweather.

Owner Clayton Conklin reported the theft Thursday to Pampa police.

His wife said today the flag was attached to the building and thieves came along and removed it while Conklin was away from the busi-

ness.

"I can't believe someone would do this," Mrs. Conklin said. "But people seem to do things all the time that are hard to understand."

Deputy Police Chief Ken Hall said today that residents should take precautions when displaying a flag.

"I'd like to see the flags taken in when there is no one home or at the business," Hall said. "The flags also need to be periodically observed by the residents and taken in at night."

Hall termed it a "new precedent" that Americans should have to worry about someone stealing flags.

However, in the last two weeks about two dozen American and Texas flags have been stolen in Pampa. To date, 19 of those have been recovered.

"People need to mark their flags in inconspicuous and indelible ways," Hall said. "It needs to be small and be their name, initials, driver's license or whatever."

Hall also noted, "We display our flags with pride and need to make sure they are there. This doesn't fall within the realm of desecration to mark them with your name — it's protection. The desecration occurs when someone steals the flag."

## Oil prices fall on report of Iraqi agreement to leave Kuwait

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices plunged more than \$2 a barrel today as Iraq said it was willing to give up Kuwait, but crude rebounded sharply as it became clear Iraq had put several conditions on a retreat from the oil-rich emirate.

The April contract for North Sea Brent Blend, an important light sweet crude oil, fell as low as \$16.30 per barrel,

down \$2.49 per barrel, on the International Petroleum Exchange in London.

Oil trading had not yet begun this morning on the New York Mercantile Exchange when the market was jolted by the hint that the war could be ending.

But as traders learned the Iraqis were not offering an unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait, as the allies have demanded, crude moved back up by more than

\$1 per barrel in London. The Iraqis said any withdrawal should be linked to a pullout of allied forces from the region, an Israeli pullout from the occupied lands and a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon.

A little less than two hours before oil trading was to begin in New York, crude futures were at \$17.45 per barrel in London.

### Classic performance



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Classical violinist Isidor Saslav, left, and his wife, Ann Saslav, of Dallas and New Zealand, performed for several Pampa groups Thursday, presenting concerts at Pampa Middle School, Pampa High School, and concluding the day with a performance at First United Methodist Church. The classical duo was sponsored by the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Pampa Fine Arts Association, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pampa Independent School District.



# Police arrest employee of ranch where 13 bodies unearthed

By JOEL WILLIAMS  
Associated Press Writer

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — Police say they had been searching for Baudelio Chavez Lopez for nearly two years when they finally arrested him on charges he took part in a drug ring that killed at least 13 people found buried at the Rancho Santa Elena in 1989.

Some of the victims were sacrificed in occult rituals designed to bring magical protection to the drug organization, authorities have said.

But Chavez, 49, told authorities after his arrest that it has been years since he worked at the ranch, and he did not know he was wanted by the law, said Jose Elias Gallegos Benitez, secretary for the Fourth Federal

District Court in Matamoros.

"He said he did not know he had been associated with that," Gallegos said Thursday.

Authorities allege that he worked as an employee of the drug ring at the ranch just south of the Rio Grande until bodies were discovered there in April 1989.

"He has been a fugitive since then," said Jose Gabriel Andriano Hernandez, commander of the Mexican Federal Judicial Police in Matamoros.

Andriano said Chavez was working in an automobile body repair shop when police arrested him Saturday in the border city of Rio Bravo, about 40 miles west of Matamoros.

Among the 13 bodies authorities

unearthed at the Rancho Santa Elena was the mutilated corpse of 21-year-old University of Texas student Mark Kilroy. Two other bodies discovered at a nearby farm also are believed to be victims of the same ring.

The Hernandez family owned the ranch. Some members of that family are charged in the case, and accused of being principal figures in the criminal organization headed by the late Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo. Constanzo has been described as the cult's charismatic "godfather."

The Miami-born Constanzo and his accomplices killed rival drug dealers and innocent victims, police say. Some of the victims allegedly were sacrificed in rituals designed to

protect the smuggling operation with spirits invoked through the Afro-Caribbean religion Palo Mayombe.

Constanzo and an associate were killed by another member of the ring, purportedly at Constanzo's orders, while police were closing in on their Mexico City hideout in May 1989.

Chavez, whose nickname is "el Lelo" or the silly one, remained in the CERESO state prison in Matamoros Thursday. His attorney, Cesar Ceballos Blanco, declined comment.

Chavez was formally charged before Fourth Federal District Judge Francisco Salvador Perez on Tuesday night.

Charges include drug trafficking,

violation of federal burial and exhumation laws, homicide, kidnapping, carrying weapons reserved for the military, carrying weapons without a license, carrying more than five military weapons, criminal association, impersonating a police officer and "attacks against the general lines of communication," such as telephone lines.

Alleged members of the same drug ring held in the Matamoros prison include Serafin Hernandez Garcia, Helio Hernandez Rivera, David Serna Valdez and Sergio Martinez Salinas. They were charged with the same offenses as Chavez, and have testified against Chavez at previous hearings, court secretary Gallegos said.

Judge Perez said Thursday that it

could be months before he reaches verdicts in their cases. The judge said numerous defense motions and appeals have delayed the proceedings, stretching the case files to about 4,000 pages.

Ranch caretaker Domingo Reyes Bustamante, charged only with cover-up, was released Dec. 11 after posting a bond of about \$500.

Still jailed in Mexico City awaiting verdicts in the case are Sara Maria Aldrete Villarreal and Alvaro De Leon Valdez. Another suspect in the case died of AIDS while jailed in Mexico City, officials said.

Remaining fugitives are Ovidio Hernandez Rivera, Malio Fabio Ponce Torres and Brigido Hernandez Rivera, authorities said.

## Richards asks for two Insurance Board resignations, pushes for agency control

AUSTIN (AP) — If two members of the State Board of Insurance do not resign today, Gov. Ann Richards will push to take control of the agency.

Richards has demanded the resignations of Insurance Board members James Saxton and Richard Reynolds because she said they have done a bad job of regulating the \$30 billion per year insurance industry in Texas.

Both board members, who were appointed by former Gov. Bill Clements, have denied her accusations and said they will not resign.

Richards said that if they don't step down, she will try to put the mammoth agency into conservator-

ship, which means it would be run by the State Conservatorship Board, a three-member panel picked by her.

Such a move would require approval of the Legislative Audit Committee, which is composed of House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and other key legislators. The committee would have to find there has been gross fiscal mismanagement of the insurance agency before they could place it in conservatorship.

"It's not a high priority to me," Lewis said of calling a hearing of the Audit Committee on the matter.

"I have been getting cooperation from the people who are there right

now. I don't see her concern, but I'm waiting to see that evidence."

Chuck McDonald, deputy press secretary for Richards, said the governor will wait until her resignation deadline passes, and then request a hearing before the Audit Committee.

"Our staff is putting together all the documentation that is going to be necessary, and then they will present that to the committee," McDonald said.

Lewis said, "Right now we have no information," from Richards. He said he wants to see what the governor offers before calling a committee meeting.

## Senate to vote on school finance

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislative leaders say they are feeling the heat of the Texas Supreme Court's April 1 deadline to reform the school finance system.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said Thursday the Senate next week will vote on his proposal that would shift some funds from wealthy schools to poor ones.

"I think we can pass it just like it is," before the full Senate, he said.

Parker said the bill is needed to comply with the state Supreme Court order to make equitable funding available to poor school districts.

In addition to shifting some funds from wealthy to poor schools, Parker's plan would consolidate all school districts into 20 taxing regions that would collect and distribute local property taxes.

"Unquestionably we need to move as fast as possible, but we want to be very careful in what we do," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, presiding officer of the

Senate.

"It's not moving fast enough for me," House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth said, but added, "It's moving as fast as it can."

Lewis said education funding "is the most frustrating issue that the Legislature has to confront."

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## Gib Lewis predicts vote on proposed state lottery will be 'very close'

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis says lottery backers tell him they are near the two-thirds majority needed to put a lottery proposal on the ballot. But opponents say they have enough votes to block passage.

Because starting a state lottery requires a constitutional amendment, two-thirds of the 150-member House must approve placing the plan, which then goes to voters for ratification or rejection.

"They say it's very close," Lewis said Thursday. "They have confirmed 98 affirmative votes with seven or eight they think are swing votes."

John Bender, the speaker's press secretary, said officials are researching whether the lottery bill could be approved with less than 100 votes right now because of vacancies in the House. Special runoff elections still must be held to fill three seats.

Rep. Glenn Repp, R-Duncanville,

said opponents have more than the 51 votes needed to stall any lottery proposal.

Past lottery bills have won two-thirds support in the Senate but fell short in the more conservative House. Gov. Ann Richards, seeing the lottery as a way to bring in more state funds without new taxes, has urged lawmakers to approve the game.

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said he will vote to put a lottery on the ballot,

although he isn't convinced it offers a stable revenue source for the state or a good deal for lottery players.

"I will certainly vote for a lottery," Lewis said. "I'll probably never buy a lottery ticket."

A Texas lottery is projected to bring in \$731 million for the next budget cycle if approved by voters

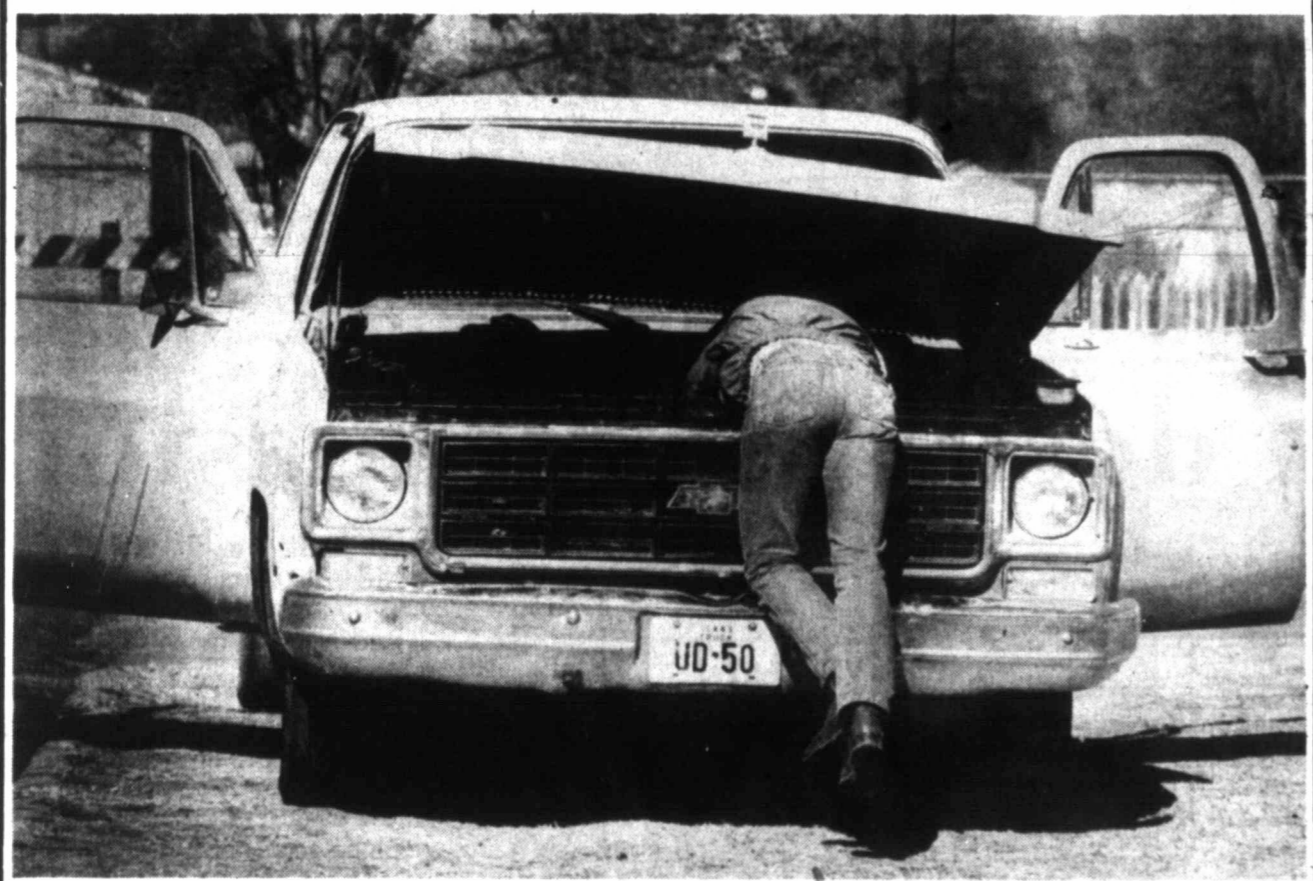
in May and started in January 1992. Backers say it is the most attractive way to beef up state income when facing a \$4.5 billion deficit for 1992-93.

But lottery opponents, stepping up their campaign against the gambling game, argued that it would be morally wrong for the state to

encourage people to gamble and lose just so the government could have more money.

"The only way the state wins in this deal is for people to lose," said Rep. Billy Clemons, D-Pollock, one of a group of anti-lottery lawmakers sporting buttons that read: "Ethics? Yes. Lottery? No."

### Into his work



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)  
One might say that Kenneth Welch likes to put himself into his work. He was seen hanging in there as he worked on the valves of his truck on Banks Street Thursday afternoon.

## American offers free travel to military families, invites customers to help with plan

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines, acting on a customer's idea, is setting up a program of free air travel for families visiting injured troops at U.S. military hospitals.

The Fort Worth-based airline is basing the offer on a similar program under which it gives free flights to families of children facing medical crises.

American invited its frequent fliers Thursday to help defray the cost as they do in the program for children.

"We hope that through this program we can help alleviate the suffering of some of the families whose sons or daughters are injured while serving their country," American chairman Robert Crandall said.

Few soldiers injured in the Persian Gulf War have been brought back to the United States. But a ground war would raise the likelihood of troops being sent for treatment in domestic military hospitals.

American is paying for the service through the use of fre-

quent-flier mileage points. The company donated 10 million miles to the pool, enough for about 300 round trip flights, and asked its frequent fliers to donate some of the mileage they have acquired.

The airline will donate one mile for every three miles given by a member of its AAdvantage frequent flier program, company spokesman Marty Heires said Thursday.

The Red Cross will handle requests of families for free travel on American, the nation's largest airline.

The idea for the program came from a letter to Crandall from a participant in American's frequent flier program, Heires said. "Within two weeks, we have gotten this thing together," he said.

The airline calls the program "Miles for America." The title is based on American's "Miles for Kids in Need" program, through which frequent fliers have donated more than 600 trips for families of ill children in the past two years.

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## Opinion

### Soviets are in need of a Marlboro man

Along with the dollar and other Western currencies, a pack of Marlboro cigarettes has become a major medium of trade in the Soviet Union. The reason: The ruble is virtually worthless and will become even more worthless (if that's possible) now that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's hand-picked prime minister, Valentin Pavlov, has issued a decree recalling all 50- and 100-ruble notes. Without special permission, Soviet citizens can exchange at most 250 rubles in large notes.

The ruble's official exchange rate is \$1.80 but black market rates peg its value at 5 percent, perhaps even as low as 1 percent, of that amount. The ruble call-in is the same as if the U.S. Treasury Department ordered every American to exchange all money, from nickels to \$100 bills, for pennies, and let us take away only 250 pennies.

Black marketeers long ago feared such a ruble ploy and began accepting only hard Western currencies, or Marlboros. Nevertheless, millions of Russians have saved tens of thousands of rubles each. Rubles are easily saved because there is so little in government stores on which to spend them.

The ruble call-in is yet another sign that Mr. Gorbachev has returned to textbook Marxism-Stalinism. His action amounts to a vast national confiscation. If he truly wanted to reform the ruble, he would have followed the steps taken by Poland, whose zloty, once nearly as worthless as the ruble, has become a fairly solid currency in recent months.

The Polish government first made the zloty completely convertible with Western currencies. This established a realistic price, albeit a low one; people who had hoarded zlotys were given at least some reward. Second, the government slowed the printing presses, reversing the inflation endemic to communist countries. Because the Soviet Union has large gold reserves, it could, if it wished to save the ruble, even go beyond the Poles and take a third step: solidly peg the ruble's value to gold.

The ruble decree comes after the recent resignation from Mr. Gorbachev's government of economist Stanislav Shatalin, author of the 500-day plan for introducing to the Soviet Union a market economy. Mr. Gorbachev first seemed to embrace the plan, then rejected it. Having exchanged the Shatalin plan for the Stalin plan, Mr. Gorbachev's economic crisis will rapidly worsen. Because the rubles they are paid with are worth even less, workers in state-run companies will have no reason to show up at all, precipitating an even faster decline in Soviet industry. Meanwhile the black market, still operating on exchanges of dollars and Marlboros, will flourish even more.

Only when Mr. Gorbachev becomes Moscow's Marlboro man, and makes the black market white, will the Soviet economy come alive.

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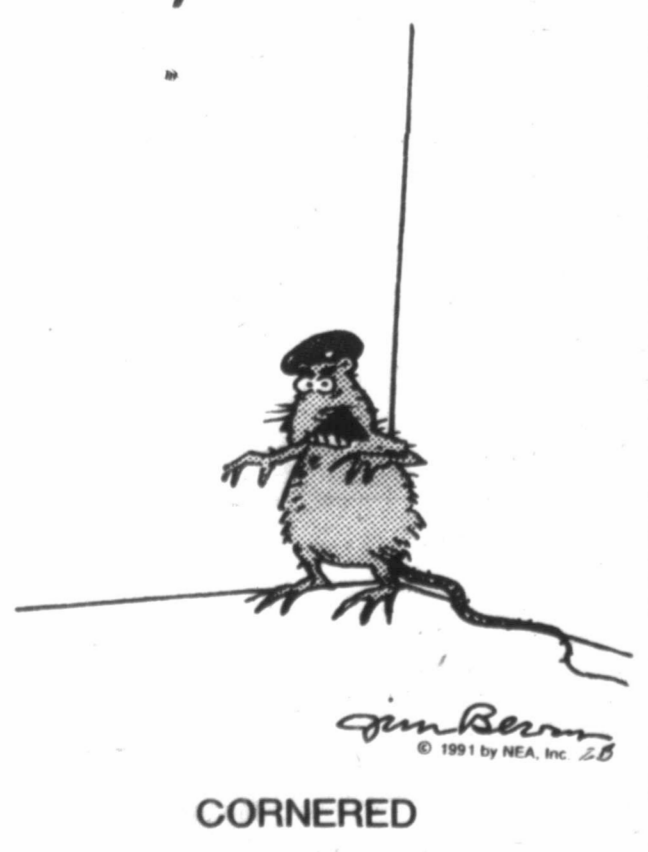
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# Bush budget: So-so, at best

WASHINGTON — If the Bush budget for 1992 were being judged as a swan dive is judged, this observer would hold up a card reading 7.9. Not bad, not good.

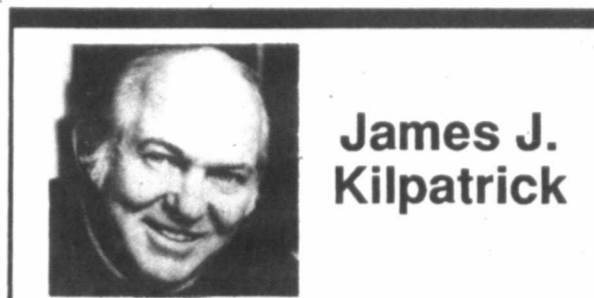
The trouble is that many of the attractive elements are not likely to survive the heat of budget hearings. All of the regrettable proposals will come through just fine. Once again, we have a budget meant for Mrs. Sprat. It oozes fat from every page. Once again it is borrow and borrow, spend and spend.

By way of example, the president proposes to hand the nation's governors a menu of \$22 billion in ongoing federal programs. From this menu, the governors could choose \$15 billion in welfare and social service, \$6.9 billion for housing and community development, \$2.2 billion in environmental programs and \$1.8 billion for education.

In a meeting on Monday with the governors, Bush remarked that some people might call the plan "warmed-over federalism." The governors could well respond that warmed-over federalism is better than no federalism at all. Under this proposition, the states would have the pleasure of spending money without the pain of raising it, and they would have more flexibility than they have now. The plan is soundly based in our basic political philosophy. It ought to pass.

But will it pass? Don't hold your breath. The federal bureaucracy will fight such transfers every step of the way. Many members of Congress are more wedded to uniformity than to diversity. For many years the states could fairly be criticized for general ineptitude, and that reputation — no longer deserved — lingers on.

Consider another attractive proposal. The Bush



James J. Kilpatrick

budget would require an estimated 500,000 elderly persons on Medicare to pay more for their insurance. These are single persons with incomes above \$125,000 and couples with incomes above \$150,000. They would \$63.60 per month instead of \$31.80 a month, or \$381.60 more a year.

Such a burden plainly is not a scheme to soak the rich. It barely sprinkles the rich. Health care costs are soaring out of sight. Someone has to pay more of expense, and it is only fair to hit the relatively wealthy before we hit the relatively poor. The bill should pass.

But will it pass? Maybe higher premium for well-to-do beneficiaries will pass in some form, but the old folks' lobby will be out in force, whining and mewling about the hardness of life. Members of Congress have a vivid memory of what happened a few years ago with insurance against catastrophic illness. Faced with wholesale rebellion, members fled to the hills, and the program was swiftly repealed. But Bush's proposal will be hard for Democrats to oppose, and it has a reasonable chance.

The budget would apply the same principle in other areas, and these also merit applause. It is

absurd, for example, to subsidize school lunches for the children of families in the \$50,000 range. Bush would halt crop support payments for farmers with non-farm incomes above \$125,000 — and why not? Federal scholarship programs would be slightly retooled in order to make more money available to the poor and proportionately less to the rich. Nothing wrong with that.

The president asks Congress to cancel 238 — count 'em, 238 — federal programs, but this is foam on budgetary beer. One such program is "impact aid" for school districts that have large numbers of children from military families. Every president since Eisenhower — perhaps every president since McKinley — has asked that impact aid be suspended or greatly reduced. Congress steadfastly refuses to listen. Most of the 238 ought to be dropped, but most of them will be retained.

So much for the attractive elements. The principle flaw in Bush's \$1.4 trillion swan dive is that it makes no serious attempt, none at all, to curb federal spending. Like Oliver Twist, the president asks for more, more, more. Is it absolutely necessary to build that supercollider in Texas? Is it vital, positively vital, to raise the budget for space exploration? When the country faces a record deficit of \$318 billion, must we spend \$42 billion on military research? Would \$40 billion suffice? Great chunks of this budget could be put off to a better day.

Adopting a federal budget is mostly a matter of attitude, and the prevailing attitude in Congress is mostly bad. In every area of expenditure, the policy is to put it on the credit card. If the typical family were as irresponsible, the typical family would be busted.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 1991. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Feb. 15, 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an attempt on his life in Miami, when shots fired at him by an assailant missed. However, Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak was killed.

On this date:  
In 1564, the Italian astronomer Galileo was born in the city of Pisa.  
In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.

In 1820, Susan B. Anthony, one of America's leading pioneers of women's rights, was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1842, a private mail service in New York City introduced the first adhesive postage stamps.

In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill to allow women attorneys to argue cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine blew up in Havana Harbor, killing 260 crew members and escalating tensions with Spain.



# Palesrak deserves discussion

Wow!  
Lowell Ponte is science editor for Reader's Digest. He is also a think-tank specialist on high-tech warfare. He is author of "The Cooling," a book about the earth's changing climate.

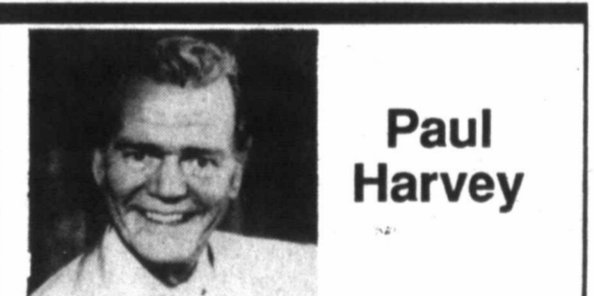
Fertile as his imagination is, Ponte has never dreamed a more timely dream than "Palesrak."

Ponte believes that war criminal Saddam Hussein's most appropriate punishment might serve a significant second purpose — it might also resolve the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians.

Palesrak would be a portion of Iraq — set aside as a new Palestinian homeland.

Here's his idea:  
Because Saddam Hussein has misused war prisoners, polluted the world environment with sabotage of oil fields, invaded and seized a neighbor nation and hurled missiles at uninvolved Israel — for all these crimes and others our President's New World Order requires a new kind of punishment.

Ponte proposes "the death penalty" for the nation of Iraq. He would draw new lines in the sand.



Paul Harvey

Return northern oil fields to their historic owner, Turkey.

Another portion of northern Iraq (possibly with some oil wells) would become Kurdistan, a homeland for the long-persecuted Kurds.

Syria and Saudi Arabia would get slices of Iraq as reparation for the damage they have suffered.

Saddam Hussein has said that he is fighting for a homeland for Palestinians. Let's make an honest man of him.

Another portion of Iraq would become "Palesrak," a new Palestinian state.

With Palesrak next door to whatever remains of Iraq, these two friendly allies could aid and comfort one another.

There is historical precedent for Ponte's grand plan. After World War II we partitioned Germany as punishment for that country's genocide.

One has to consider the possibility that the treat of such a fate might reinforce Saddam's determination to fight to the death.

On the positive side, it might give Palestinians and Kurds additional motivation to rise up against him.

Maybe, as we seek to fathom the unfathomable mentality of this region, Iraqi nationalists among Saddam's own bodyguards — fearing the dismemberment of their country — might choose instead to dismember him.

Nations which feed on conquest should not survive unpunished.

Surely this proposed "death of a nation" would provide adequate precedent to deter other nations contemplating aggression.

At least it deserves deliberate discussion.

# Are we Americans tough enough?

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

People who favor continuing the air war against Iraq indefinitely are failing to take into account one major problem: the weather.

No doubt our military spokesmen will deny it, but average temperatures in the Kuwaiti theater of operations make it virtually impossible for American soldiers and many forms of American military equipment to function effectively in ground combat much after the beginning of April.

That is the nether millstone against which time is pushing American commanders, and which makes it essential to commence ground operations before long.

According to the World Weather Guide (Times Books), maximum temperatures in Kuwait during January, February and March average 61, 65, and 72 degrees respectively. But in April the average maximum jumps to 83; in May to 94; and in June to 98. In July and August the average high

is 103, and even the average low is a brutal 86.

On top of everything else (to quote the Guide), "On the coast temperatures are a little lower than inland but the heat is rendered even more uncomfortable by the high humidity."

Can you picture an American soldier, decked out in his protective gear and wearing a gas mask, lugging a rifle or driving a tank across the desert landscape of Kuwait as the thermometer crawls upward toward its daily rendezvous with the 80s, 90s or 100s?

Not even the temperatures in South Vietnam averaged that high, and there our troops didn't usually have to dress for possible chemical or biological attacks.

That is why the Pentagon's timetable for the liberation of Kuwait, though flexible up to a point, must always provide that, if air attacks can't do the job alone, major ground operations will have to begin fairly soon — probably by the first half of

February. That will give our ground forces nearly two months to clear Kuwait of an Iraqi army that has been softened up by three or four weeks of air bombardment.

There's no need to be unduly dogmatic about such a deadline or (on the other hand) too upset by it. If absolutely necessary, our troops will of course fight hard, whatever the temperature may be. But there is no ignoring the effect of unbearably high temperatures on human — and mechanical — efficiency. And you can be sure the Pentagon planners have taken them into account in drawing up their timetables.

What no one can take into account with any confidence is the impact of another major factor on America's war effort.

While the extent to which television will be able to cover ground battles in "live time," or on tapes only hours old, cannot be predicted exactly, we can be sure of two things: 1) the coverage will be far more vivid (and hence painful) than anything yet

seen on American television, and 2) it will have a powerful impact on public opinion.

War has always been hell, but never before has the hell been so agonizingly invisible. Will the American people be able to take it? Some will, of course; others, equally predictably, won't. But what about the average person, and above all the average woman?

Don't accuse me of male chauvinism: Polls, proudly cited by feminist spokeswomen themselves, make it clear that there has been a large "gender gap" on the subject on the Gulf war from the start, with women substantially less in favor of it than men. How will they react to scenes filmed at a medical facility just behind the front line, when the casualties start coming in?

No nation, till now, has ever had to answer that question. My guess is that Americans are tough enough to take it. But it's only a guess. On the answer hinges the future of the world, and America's role in it.

# World's oldest person dies at age 116

PALATKA, Fla. (AP) — Carrie White, who apparently had been the world's oldest living person, has died. At 116 years and 88 days old, she was the second oldest person ever whose birth date the Guinness Book of World Records could authenticate reliably.

Mrs. White, a resident of Putnam Memorial Nursing Home for five years, died there Thursday.

"Everyone at Guinness was saddened to hear of her death. Her picture was in this year's edition," said Mark Young, editor of the record book's American edition.

Mrs. White was born on Nov. 18, 1874. Ulysses S. Grant was president. Gen. George Armstrong Custer still was two years away from his last stand.

Three years ago Guinness declared Mrs. White the world's oldest living person whose birth date could be authenticated reliably, and the nursing home had held a birthday party for her each year after that. Former President Reagan spoke to her by phone during her last one.

"She loved the cameras and all that attention. She really ate that up," said Marjorie Allen, her guardian for the past seven years.

Guinness says the oldest authentic centenarian ever was Shigechiyo Izumi of Japan. He died in 1986 at 120 years and 237 days of age.

Born Carrie Joiner in Gadsden County, Mrs. White lived and worked near Tallahassee.

She spent most of her life in the Florida State Hospital at Chattahoochee, after her husband, John White, had her admitted a day after her 35th birthday.

Hospital records state she suffered from "post-typhoid psychosis," but doctors no longer are certain of that diagnosis. She was released from the hospital at age 109 under a program to move geriatric mental patients from state institutions.

"She was symbolic of a lot of lost souls that don't have anyone to care for them and be their friend," Mrs. Allen said. "We loved her very much."



Carrie White

## Chagra cron y held on trafficking charges

EL PASO (AP) — Drug agents arrested five people on marijuana charges, including one man with a history of arrests for trafficking and links to convicted trafficker Jimmy Chagra.

Jack M. Stricklin Jr. was arrested late Wednesday on a charge of conspiracy to import and distribute 1,000 pounds of marijuana seized in an El Paso home Wednesday.

Also arrested were Rene Magallanez, minority partner and administrative manager of the downtown nightclub Club 101; Rumzy Kaizer Aboud, owner of RK's Smokin' Express Restaurant; Mario Moreno and Ricardo McTague, both of El Paso.

El Paso DEA Chief Travis Kuykendall said the arrests were made after agents followed a late-model sedan carrying 1,000 pounds of marijuana to Moreno's home about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Thursday was delayed.

Kuykendall said Stricklin and Magallanez were thought to be in charge of the alleged smuggling operation.

"We suspect they were dealing 1,000 pounds of marijuana a week, and that they may have been dealing in cocaine," the DEA chief said.

Kuykendall said DEA intelligence indicates that Magallanez is an acquaintance at least, and possibly a business associate, of Rafael Munoz Talavera. U.S. authorities believe Munoz was the mastermind of a smuggling ring that moved tons of cocaine across the border, including 21 tons found in a suburban Los Angeles warehouse in September 1989.

Mexican officials have acquitted Munoz of charges related to warehouse cocaine seizure saying prosecutors lacked sufficient evidence. He was released from a Mexico City prison.

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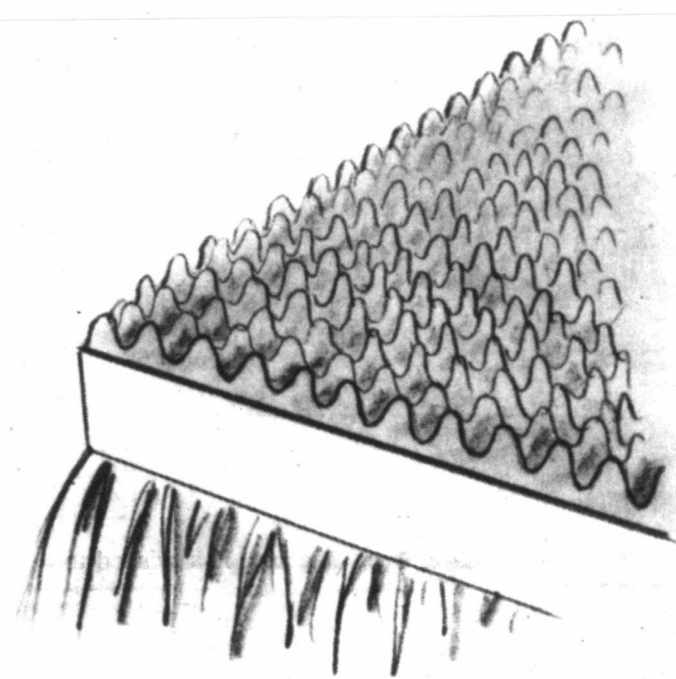
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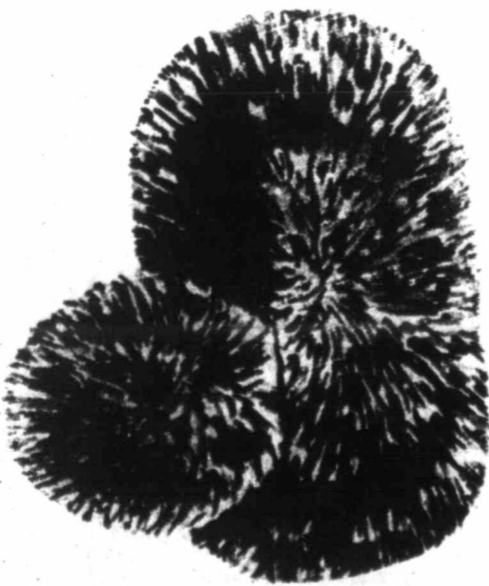


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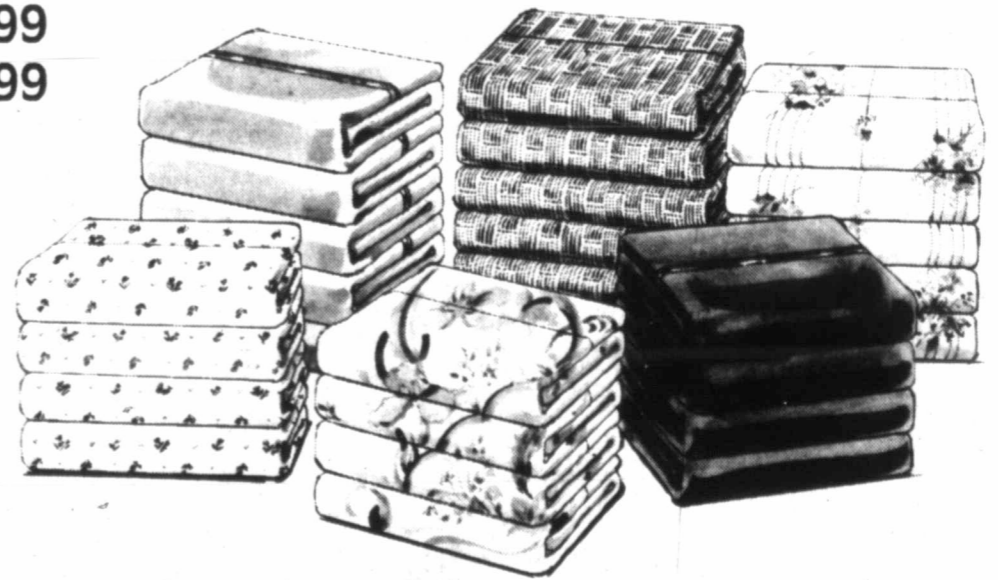
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Sometimes, insight lets us see that our lives are quite a mess too. In fact, things seem such a jumble, that our reaction to this truth, if acknowledged, is, "What's the use?"

Well, of course, the only thing to do with the dishes is to take them to the sink, put them in hot water, and wash them with a good cleansing agent until they shine.

Less obvious, perhaps, is what to do with a messed-up life. We invite you to seek an answer in church this week. You are sure to find there the Power who will help you with your problems, a power who cares immeasurably for your soul.

"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." I Peter 5:7

"And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." Isaiah 40:4b.

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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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## Southern Baptists record increases in most categories

DALLAS - Southern Baptists in Texas increased in nearly every major category in the 1989-90 church year, according to reports by the Baptist Sunday School Board and by the Texas Baptist Evangelism Division.

Baptisms rose to 65,027 last year compared to 63,121 the previous year, according to a report compiled by the evangelism division.

According to Uniform Church Letters filed with the Sunday School Board, total church membership increased last year to 2,539,117 over the previous year's total of 2,508,212.

The number of Texas Baptist churches and missions increased to 5,393 compared to 5,368 the previous year. All major church organizations showed gains during the year.

Sunday school enrollment statewide rose from 1,327,108 to 1,346,482.

Other gains included Discipleship Training, up to 295,341 from the previous high of 277,584; Woman's Missionary Union, up to 145,213 from 143,573; Baptist Men, up 76,737 from 67,595; and music ministry, up to 260,171 from 253,537.

Total church giving for all purposes increased last year to \$794,453,340 from \$790,470,140 the previous year, but total missions expenditures by the churches declined from \$121,542,525 to \$120,685,178.

Cooperative Program giving during the calendar year 1990, according to a report by Roger Hall, the Baptist General Convention of Texas treasurer, was a record \$60,730,665. The previous year, churches gave \$58,856,970 through the unified budget for missions support.

## His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1 NIV)*

I was seven years old. I had been sick with chicken pox and out of school for a couple of weeks. I was young enough I hadn't lost my enjoyment of school, and after such a long confinement, I anxiously awaited my first day back at school.

I remember that day well. When I walked through the school door, the teacher and other children were all over me welcoming me back. After such a long confinement and lack of activity, the school work was exciting and challenging.

Because of my receptive mood, I learned a lot and felt good about me. The other children all wanted a turn at playing with me at recess. In short, I was back where I belonged, and I felt so-o-o good!

Then again, I was an adult. Occasions of travel and illness had kept me away for a long while. I hadn't lost my pleasure in attending, and after such a long absence (had it been only three weeks?), I anxiously awaited my first day back.

I remember that day well. When I walked through the door, people were glad to see me and welcomed me back. After the period of little stimulation, I was especially excited and inspired by what I learned. Because of my receptive mood, I learned a lot and felt satisfyingly productive. A place among the others was gladly made for me to join them in worship.

In short, I was back in church where I belonged, and I felt so-o-o good!

Christian, have you been away for a long time? Have you gotten out of the church habit? Go back where you belong; experience the joy of being received into a church home. You will feel so-o-o good!

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## Church schedules Saturday breakfast

The Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm St., will have a brotherhood breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The menu will include pancakes or toast, eggs, bacon or sausage, juice and coffee. The public is invited and donations will be accepted.

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# Religion

## Psychology assists clergy with counseling

By CECILE HOLMES WHITE  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — As he told the story, the Baptist pastor was visibly shaken. A 55-year-old deacon in his church had committed suicide the week before.

"And I didn't even realize he had troubles," the pastor told Doug Dickens, a professor of pastoral care at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Dickens says he often hears similar stories from ministers who have parishioners with mental health problems. In any given six-month period, about 29 million American adults and more than 9 million children under 18 suffer from mental or emotional illnesses.

In response, many clergy are returning to seminary or taking short-term educational programs to hone their pastoral skills. Other clergy care so much that they burn out. They minister to congregates but don't take care of themselves.

Others are caught up in building bigger and better churches and lose touch with the human dimension of their calling. And some want to help hurting believers, but are too proud, too hard-headed or too narrow-minded to admit they need help. They won't join clergy peer support groups, make time for special seminars or get acquainted with agencies to which they could call on. "Of the people who go to the mental health professionals, 42 percent of them try to approach their pastor or some religious leader first, according to one study," Dickens said.

Most clergy are adept at short-term crisis intervention. They know how to comfort and console. Their presence reassures. But in a survey of 55 of the nation's 76 accredited Protestant seminaries, only half required a course in counseling or pastoral care.

Research indicates some clergy even lack the knowledge to refer clients for appropriate treatment. In general, they are not trained as long-term therapists. They also usually have neither the time nor the energy, experts say, but they are called on often.

Just listening can be dangerous if the minister has the misfortune of Ric Anderson, who lost his life when a disturbed client came to the church office, forced Anderson into the mimeograph room and shot him. Neil Wayne Higginbotham was sentenced to 50 years in prison for the shooting.

The incident catalyzed Houston's religious community and its mental health professionals. In an era marked by growing dialogue between psychology and religion, their partnership is bearing fruit.

In October, they sponsored a seminar, Mental Health and the Spiritual Journey, featuring the Rev. J. Pittman McGehee, an Episcopal priest who took a sabbatical from church work to study psychotherapy. For several years, a clergy subcommittee of the Mental Health Association of Houston and Harris County has worked closely with local mental health leaders.

By June 1991, the association hopes to publish and distribute a clergy manual of practical information about mental health issues and community resources.

Areas it will cover include aging, substance abuse, family violence and sexual abuse, human sexuality and symptomatology (general descriptions of depression, mental retardation and other illnesses) and religious pathology (information on when religion is used inappropriately in response to emotional pain).

When Anderson was killed, the association organized six support groups in different congregations within 24 hours of his death, said Betsy Schwartz, the association's executive director.

"At each of the six seminars, there were over 100 people, including clergy and congregational leaders and staff who met with mental health professionals. That really spoke of the huge need and outcry."

From those first meetings came pleas from religious leaders of diverse faiths. They wanted help in distinguishing between people who need a psychiatrist and those who need a pastor.

"The pastor can be very important as the first resource, the first line of defense," said the Rev. Lorna Jean Miller, a chaplain and pastor on the subcommittee.

Her eight years as a minister have underscored the need for better pastoral training. "I learn something new every week. New nuances, different situations. You need to just be open to realizing you never know it all."

Today some clergy study pastoral care in hospital-based programs in clinical pastoral education. Others are taking advantage of seminary extension programs, short-term summer or month long courses, weekend seminars and extended training where they may work one day a week for six months in a hospital or clinic.

But the level of education required for ordination varies from one faith to the next. After ordination, a man or woman called to the ministry as a teen-ager automatically wields authority with parishioners. That young minister needs to know how to help them deal with

personal and spiritual problems.

"Folks who come to church have the same kinds of life problems as people in society," said the Rev. Terry Thompson, an associate at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Methodist campus minister to Rice University and the Texas Medical Center.

"In my work, I deal with divorce, survivors of abuse, people who test HIV positive, all of kinds of life issues therapists would see. I try to integrate my theological background with my clinical background."

Like Thompson, other clergy cite social ills as a prime reason they need more pastoral skills. Their list includes the rise in homeless, the deinstitutionalization of mentally ill people, the upswing in drug and alcohol abuse, more divorces, spouse and child abuse and the alienation people feel in a mobile society.

But even generally happy, well-adjusted people simply "don't feel like they're listened to," Thompson said. "The fast-paced lives people lead and the heavy amounts of work they should make them get highly stressed, and they need more support."

Publishing the clergy manual affirms what clergy are doing and offers ways to do it better, said Karen Camerino, a Roman Catholic laywoman on the subcommittee. It

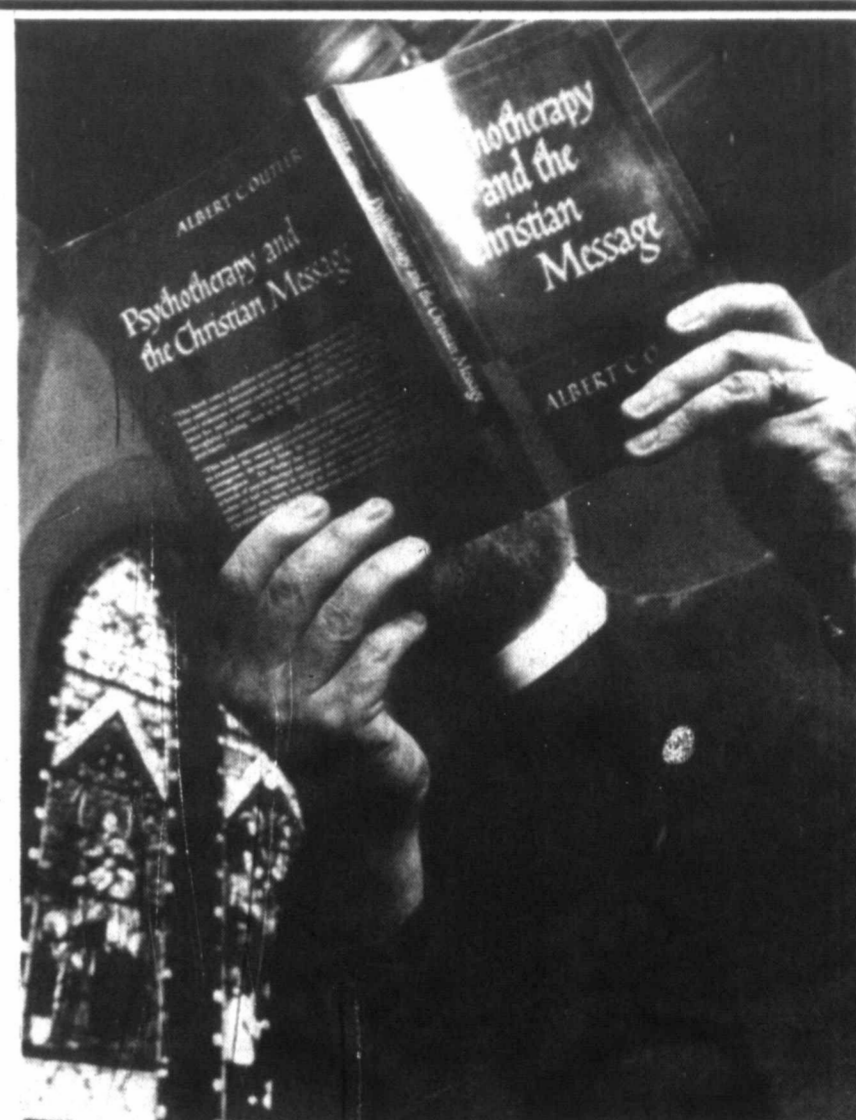
also will help clergy diffuse the social stigma of mental illness, said the Rev. Stephen Mann, subcommittee chairman.

In today's therapeutic model, conflicts between science and religion are giving way to an integrated approach. That puts Houston in the lead of national cooperative efforts between clergy and mental health professionals.

For example, Mann said, the Presbyterian Church (USA) recently formed the Presbyterian Serious Mental Illness Network. An interfaith group, Pathways to Promise, tries to educate religious leaders on mental health problems and how to respond.

The American Psychiatric Association has recognized the role of religion and spirituality in healing, said Dickens, the pastoral educator. But sometimes clergy still hesitate to refer. In a case of abuse, they may be blinded by faith tenets on the sanctity of marriage. In a general sense, they may worry about entrusting a believer to the care of a heathen.

"I tell students that if I was having heart trouble and I had a choice between a first-class cardiologist who was a pagan and a fine Christian who was just a general physician, I'd want the cardiologist and would pray for myself," Dickens said.



(AP Laserphoto)

To meet congregational needs many clergy are returning to seminary or taking short-term classes to hone their pastoral skills.

## St. Matthew's schedules six-week Lenten study

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, is presenting a Lenten study beginning Tuesday and continuing each Tuesday through March 26 for those interested in Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church.

"The Story of Anglicanism" and "The Story of the Episcopal Church," in series, present a thoughtful video account of Anglican history from its earliest roots to the present.

Each Tuesday evening event will begin with evening prayer in the church at 6:30 p.m. The video presentation starts at 7 p.m., followed by a formal discussion at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. William K. Bailey, St. Matthew's rector, will serve as moderator for the series and lead the discussion following each presentation.

Guest speakers will include the Rev. John Judson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. William Houghton of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Borger.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Feb. 19 — "Ancient and Medieval Foundations"
- Feb. 26 — "The Reformation and Its Consequences," the Rev. John Judson, guest speaker.
- March 5 — "Creating a Global Family"
- March 12 — "From Jamestown to Revolution"
- March 19 — "The Call to Mission," the Rev. William Houghton, guest speaker.
- March 26 — "Making History: Drawing from the Past, Living in the Present."

## Religion roundup

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic fraternal organization, is extending benefits of its college scholarship program to include children of members killed or permanently disabled in the Persian Gulf war.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Ninety percent of the members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) oppose changing current denominational policy that forbids ordination of "self-affirming, practicing homosexual persons."

A scientific survey of 3,950 members also found that two-thirds

of the members disagree with a current policy that permits ordination of celibate homosexuals.

The poll, one of a Presbyterian series regularly taking the pulse of members on a wide range of issues, found that a majority say ordination "signifies that someone has been set apart because of the special gifts that person already possesses."

NEW YORK (AP) — A "Prayers for Peace" campaign has been launched on the cable network of VISON, the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network operated by the country's various religious bodies.

## Evangelist to speak at Faith Tabernacle

Evangelist Mark Willhoite and his wife, Sherry, will be ministering at Faith Tabernacle Church, 610 Naida St., tonight through Sunday.

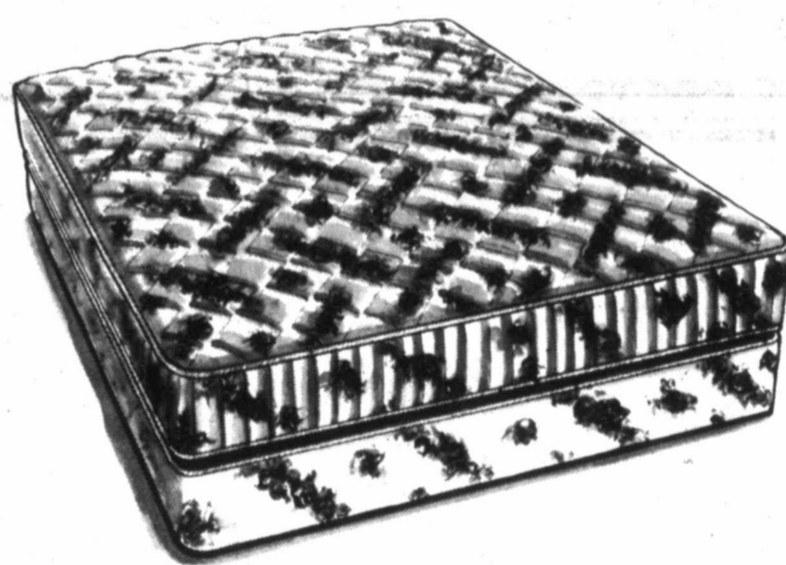
The Willhoites are accomplished musicians and singers and have been ministering in several states throughout the southwest. Their

home base is in Beaumont.

The services begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

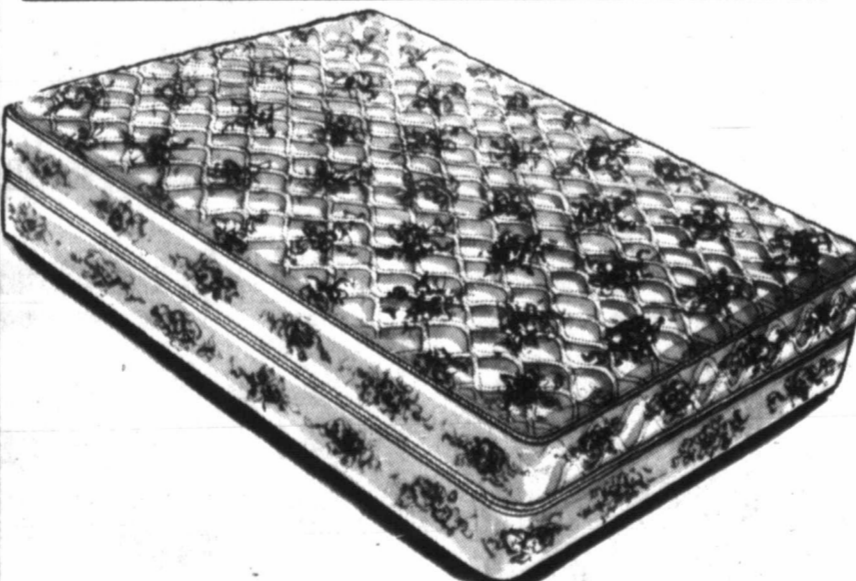
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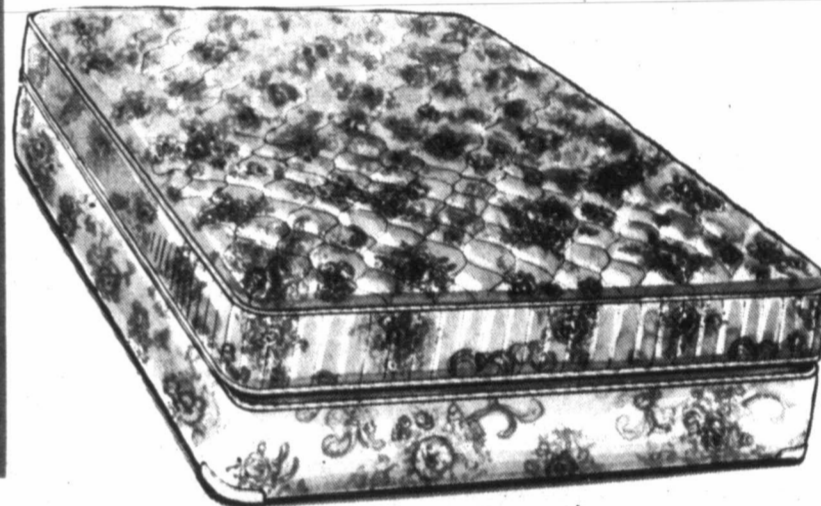
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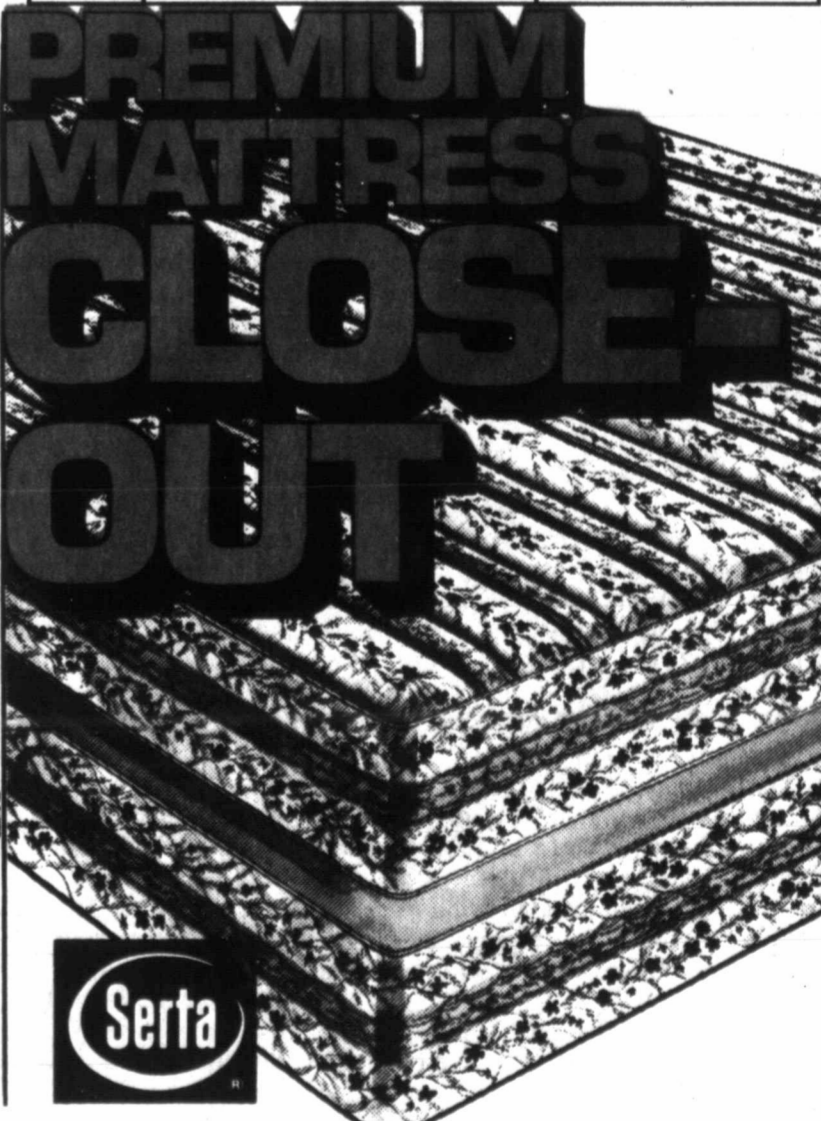
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# Activists wary of report that AZT be harmful to minority AIDS patients

By DEBORAH MESCE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — AIDS activists are cautioning blacks and Hispanics not to read too much into a new study that suggests minorities may be harmed by early treatment with the anti-AIDS drug AZT.

The study findings, though inconclusive, also illustrate the need to get more minorities into clinical trials where drugs are tested and to study how intravenous drug use, access to routine health care and other factors affect treatment, the activists said Thursday.

"You have to test the drugs in the population that is going to be taking them," said Mark Harrington of the New York-based AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, known as ACT UP, which has pushed for expanding clinical trials and including more women and minorities.

"People used to stigmatize our desire for inclusion of all affected populations as somehow a political imperative," he told a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee. "But it's not. ... It's a medical, it's an ethical, it's a scientific and a political imperative."

The Veterans Affairs Department study, released Thursday, indicated that early treatment with AZT may not benefit, and may even harm, blacks and Hispanics infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

For whites, the study supported earlier studies that found early treatment slowed progression of the disease.

Based on those earlier studies, the FDA last year said AZT could be recommended for adults infected with the virus that causes AIDS when they have mild or no symptoms of the disease.

Members of the FDA advisory committee said the findings of the new VA study were disturbing but not strong enough to warrant changing the government's treatment recommendation.

Some on the panel, however, said they would inform their minority patients of the findings and that the information should be made available to other physicians immediately, rather than wait six to eight months for the findings to be published.

lished. "The findings may be a fluke, but I'm concerned they might not be," said Dr. Richard O'Brien, a researcher at the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Dr. Wayne Greaves, head of the infectious disease division at Howard University and a consultant to the panel, said that while he agreed the evidence was not strong enough to relabel AZT, he would tell his minority patients about the study.

"I will tell them the data contradicts earlier studies, that early AZT therapy may not be useful and may even be harmful to minority patients," he said. The study "is preliminary and will need to be replicated."

Leaders of the National Minority AIDS Council and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force cautioned that it would be premature to draw any definitive conclusions from the study and said they were concerned it could send the wrong message to blacks and Hispanics carrying the virus.

"We are concerned that misinterpretation of this study will add yet another potential for discrimination against people of color with HIV and AIDS, not to mention discourage them from seeking AIDS drugs," said Belinda Rochelle, a lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Paul Kawata, executive director of the National AIDS Minority Council said his concern was that "we must not send people of color with HIV infection underground. This study has the potential to take away hope for infected minorities."

The VA study was small, with 338 participants, and the results were inconsistent with other, larger studies, the activists and committee members noted. It also was not designed to measure racial differences, and therefore might not be an accurate reflection, they said. It did not distinguish between blacks and Hispanics, but rather lumped them into a single group.

In addition, the VA study was not able to measure the importance of other factors, such as socioeconomic status, lifestyle and access to routine medical care.

# Essays of two Death Row inmates to be published

By DENISE LAVOIE  
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Law school reviews usually publish scholarly articles about esoteric legal topics. But The Yale Law Journal editors wanted to give readers a direct look at a grimmer subject: the death sentence.

So they turned to two experts — a Virginia inmate scheduled to be executed in a week, a few days before his essay is to appear in the journal's new issue, and a Pennsylvania man on death row since 1982.

It marks the first time in its 100-year history the Journal is publishing work by convicted felons.

"There are 1 million Americans in jail and 2,400 Americans on death row that are not heard from in law journals and we thought they might have something to contribute to the dialogue," said Robert Gulack, one of the student editors who solicited the essays for the New Haven law school.

Condemned inmate Joseph Giarratano wrote a scholarly article about the rights of condemned inmates to appeal. Mumia Abu-Jamal, appealing his conviction for killing a police officer, graphically described day-to-day life on death row.

"Has our criminal justice system become so inflexible as to rule out the possibility of serious error?" Giarratano, scheduled to die in Virginia's electric chair next Friday, wrote in his detailed, seven-page article.

"Have we outgrown the need for our traditional constitutional safeguards? Or is it possible that some of those we seek to execute are, in fact, innocent?"

Giarratano has been on death row since his conviction in the 1979 rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl. He says he doesn't remember raping or stabbing Michelle Kline and her 44-year-old mother, Barbara Kline, on a cold February night in the victims' Norfolk, Va., apartment.

Supporters as diverse as conservative columnist James J. Kilpatrick, folk singer Joan Baez and Amnesty International are calling for a new trial, saying there is doubt about Giarratano's guilt.

He has asked for a conditional pardon from Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, who said he has received nearly 3,700 letters, most urging clemency, but has not said what he will do.

Giarratano has been studying law in prison for the last nine years, said his lawyer, Gerald T. Zerkin of Richmond, Va.

"When he was sentenced he couldn't have read the Yale Law Journal, let alone written for it," Zerkin said.

Death penalty opponents also have rallied behind Jamal, a former Black Panther and popular Philadelphia radio journalist, claiming his case is an example of the racist pattern in how the death penalty is applied.

Jamal was sentenced to die for the 1981 fatal shooting of a white police officer. He was a 21-year-old high school dropout and drug addict working on a scallop boat at the time of the murders.

He was convicted in 1982 and exhausted his state court appeals last year. His latest petition is pending before the Supreme Court.

In his essay, Jamal explores the everyday concerns of inmates living on death row.

In one passage, he writes about how television becomes an essential distraction for inmates who have nothing but death to look forward to.

"TV is more than a powerful diversion from a terrible fate," he wrote. "It is a psychic club used to threaten those who dare resist the dehumanizing isolation of life on the row."

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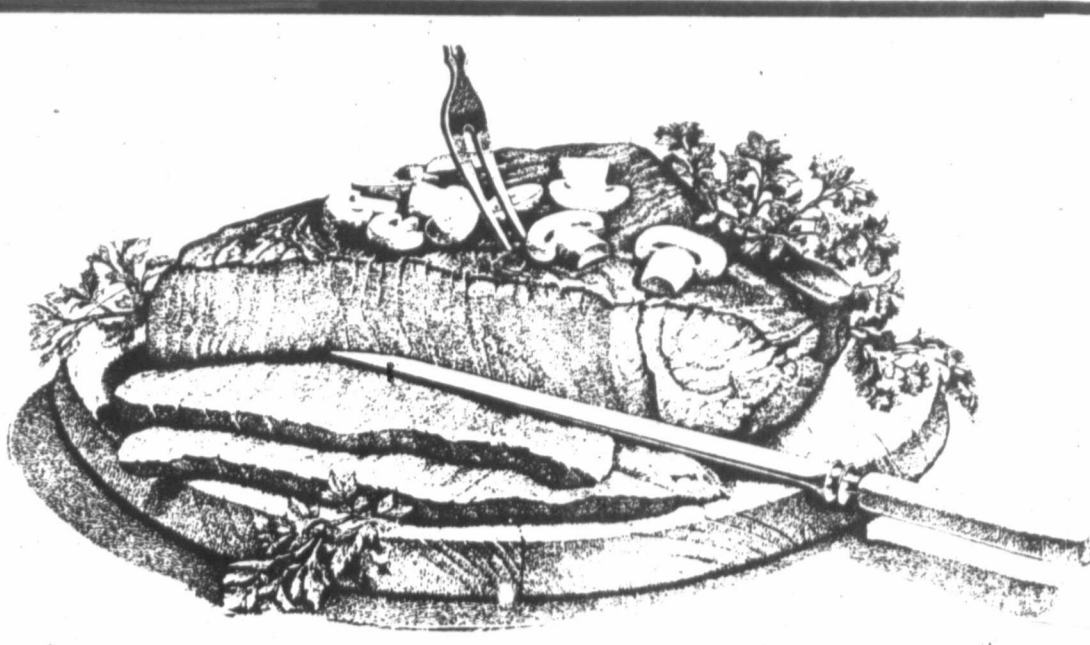
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**Beyond the '80s: Weary professionals start over**

By LESLIE DREYFOUS  
AP National Writer

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Gail Boucher used to live in a commercial Manhattan district that had no Laundromat or corner market. Her walkup saw little cooking or dusting. It was far from homey, but close to the office.

"For a long time, if you asked me who I was, I told you what I did for a living," said Ms. Boucher, 38. "When I was 25 years old, it was fun. When I was 35, it was just tiring. It started to feel real lonely."

So after 20 years on the New York fast track working her way through the ranks of an insurance company, Ms. Boucher shifted gears and started over in this tidy little red-brick metropolis on Lake Champlain.

A growing number of career-oriented men and women have made similar changes, trading their co-op apartments and six-digit salaries for an old-fashioned notion called "quality of life."

Many count themselves among the young urban professionals who came out of the 1980s money-making binge with spiritual hangovers. Layoffs pushed some to change; others simply took their savings and made a stab at something better.

"I just had this feeling that it wasn't worth it anymore, the money wasn't worth it," Ms. Boucher said. "It was kind of an awakening to realize, 'Gee, I don't have to live like this.'"

Today she's back in her hometown and back in an old job — working as a secretary. "I don't even have a business card — and it's wonderful!"

No more 16-hour days. There is time for baking cookies, ice skating with her niece, even dating the boy-next-door she ignored when they were teen-agers.

Los Angeles psychologist Melvyn Kinder predicts those baby boomers who can afford the change will increasingly focus on quality of life in the coming years.

"Time will be to the 1990s what money was to the 1980s," said Kinder, whose new book "Going Nowhere Fast" rejects career treadmill. "People are looking for new answers ... a sense of connectedness, a sense of community."

Madison Avenue already has picked up on this yen, pushing environmentally kind products, country fashions and jeep-style vehicles. Publishers have keyed in with new magazines like Country-side, which advertises itself as "the way life ought to be." Note, too, the vogue in such "old" values as family, nature, and religion and its rituals.

"There was a time in the last decade or so when contentment sounded dangerously close to complacency, which sounded like mediocrity," Kinder said. "But I think we're seeing a massive shift in values."

By 1988, Aaron Thomas already had sensed the price of success as defined by Donald Trump and other wheeler-dealer icons of the Reagan era.

"I was killing myself and breaking even," said the former New York banker, whose Manhattan studio was a bargain at \$865 a month.

"I turned 30 and asked myself if I wanted to be doing this with my life," said Thomas, who now pays \$450 a month for a one-bedroom apartment with a view of the lake and mountains that ring the Burlington area and its 38,000 residents.

Now a part-time writer and market researcher, Thomas has open to him all the arts, academic, political and sports opportunities so easily accessible here and in other smaller cities such as Santa Fe, N.M., and Chapel Hill, N.C.

It's a lifestyle that tempted Steve Infeld, 29, a casualty of Wall Street's widespread layoffs. He

turned misfortune into a chance to build something different last fall.

"I always felt behind in the '80s. I made a good living, but I didn't make a sick amount of money like a lot of people were and it was kind of bugging me," said Infeld, who sold mutual funds in Manhattan.

"This is a totally new life for me. I'm not so concerned with whether I'm going to be rich," said Infeld, who now tends bar. "I'm worried about finding a good environment and getting involved in something where I can grow."

The number of baby boomers nationwide who moved to secondary cities increased by 250,000, or 12.5 percent, to 2.25 million between 1989 and 1990, according to annual U.S. Census surveys.

Migration to Vermont dropped off in the early 1980s but accelerated by decade's end to place the state among 19 nationwide with population gains of 10 percent or more over the last decade, according to the 1990 census.

"In the 1970s, Burlington was a very popular place to move to," said Ken Jones, a state policy analyst. "Many of those who wound up here said it was easier psychologically. The pace is a little slower, the air cleaner."

Marcy Murray knew it was time for a change when, standing in the middle of a New York grocery, she found herself on the verge of tears for no clear reason. She was depleted and weary, wishing for more laughter in her life.

"I was giving my job too much and I learned a difficult lesson: It wasn't worth the money to be giving up a part of myself," said Ms. Murray, 29, who gave up her product development job at Tambrands Inc. in 1989.

Now a marketing manager at Chittenden Bank, Ms. Murray is minutes from after-work hiking, skiing, sailing or swimming.

Her home harbors a well-worn armchair for lounging in winter and a back yard to eat breakfast in come spring. It's a cheery contrast with the old urban studio she decorated in a cold, minimalist style: bed, table, TV on the floor.

"It's so rejuvenating to have the space to be introspective, to go someplace quiet and figure out what you're feeling," Ms. Murray said. "Before, I felt like that part of me was dying."

It's a spiritual emptiness many have pondered and tried to explain. Karl Marx called it the inevitable byproduct of capitalism. T.S. Eliot called it "The Wasteland." Historians call it cyclical.

"There's a general disenchantment after one of these spurges of materialism, a recoiling against self-absorption and greed ... and making a fast buck as the dominant purpose in life," said historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., author of "The Cycles of American History."

Reactions against the status quo often closely follow periods of great material prosperity, such as the Roaring '20s and nuclear 1950s.

Those making the changes today say they are not so much rebelling as adapting, trying to find a way to blend professionalism, dual-career households and commitment to community values.

"People weren't being fulfilled. They could buy second homes and wonderful cars, but there was an emptiness," said Evie Dworetzky, 32, who used to travel 200,000 miles a year as a New York-based marketing consultant.

"People got caught up in a cycle: making \$400,000 a year and still feeling poor," said Ms. Dworetzky, who now manages special projects at Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc., a socially conscious ice cream firm based near here.

"For a long time we were going too fast. But I think age caught up with us," she said. "I think we're growing up."

**Senate approves auto premium rebate bill**

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill approved by the Senate would allow insurance companies to rebate portions of auto premiums to policyholders in the armed services who have been deployed to a foreign war zone after Jan. 1, 1990.

The reason for the proposal, according to bill sponsor Temple

Dickson, is that after military personnel have gone off to war, their cars at home are not used as much.

Family members left behind "don't have enough money for gasoline anyway," said Sen. Dickson, D-Sweetwater.

He said his bill would allow companies, with the approval of the State Insurance Board, to "share profits and rebates."

The measure was sent to the House on a 29-0 vote Wednesday.

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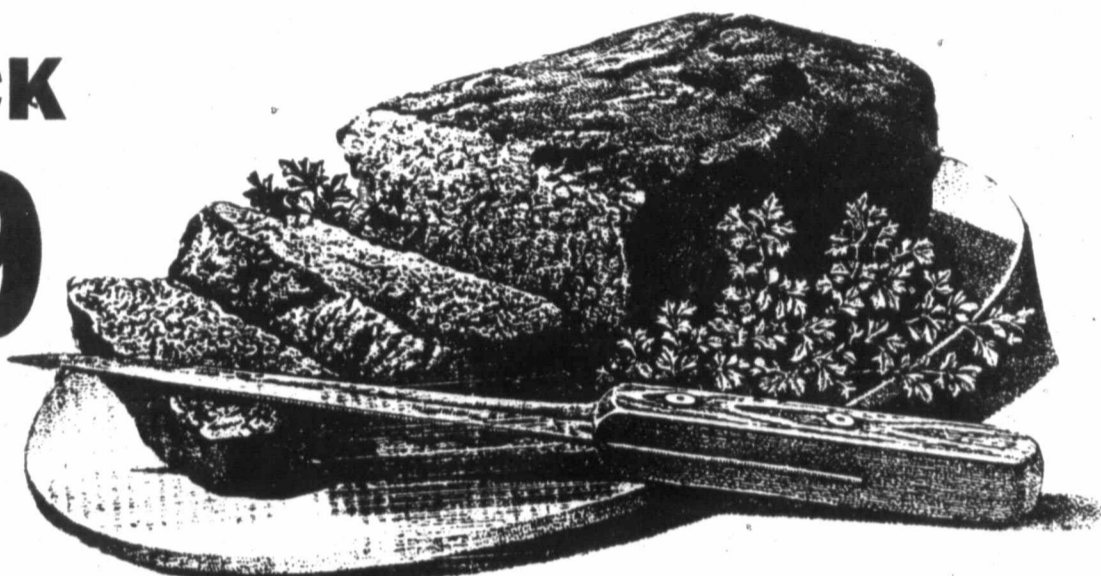
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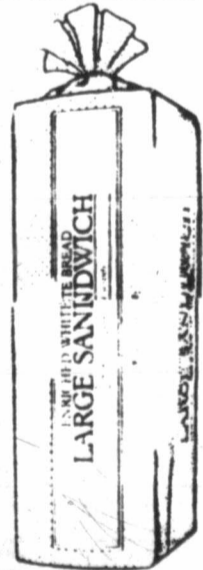


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# Love letters still have a place in the telephone age

"I could die for you. My Creed is love and you are its only tenet. You have ravished me away by a Power. I cannot resist, and yet I could resist till I saw you... My love is selfish. I cannot breathe without you."  
—From a love letter by poet John Keats to Fanny Brawne  
"Know who's special through and through, no one else but Y-O-U."  
—Valentine greeting card

By JOHN MITCHELL  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO (AP) — Think Miss Brawne would have appreciated flowers and a box of chocolate?  
No mere baubles, these epistles of love. Keats knew this, and chances are his lady never stood a chance.  
The very spelling of her name left his hands trembling, a small mark of their intense, sad romance. Keats died of tuberculosis, never able to share life with the woman he called his true inspiration.  
But the letters survive, chronicling a bittersweet affair and serving as a Valentine's Day influence to young lovers everywhere. As the art of

writing love letters appears to fade away, their application today means more than ever.

"Today we have such rapid, impersonal means of communication," said Linda Tarleton, co-author of "How to Write a Love Letter That Works."

In the modern world, Romeo and Juliet might be more inclined to fax their vital stats in hopes of a date, or leave brief messages at the sound of an answering machine beep.

"I think that's rather sad," Ms. Tarleton said. "What will we leave to our grandchildren?"

She is convinced the nationwide trend away from reading and writing in general has made it more difficult for Americans to voice tender sentiment.

"Women are often hesitant to express it because they feel it will come across as a flowery turnoff," Ms. Tarleton said. "But the idea of romanticism was always sort of rococo. People didn't think this was valuable literature, acquainted with sentimentality and not sentiment."

"It has come to be a nothing,

because it's so easily available," Ms. Tarleton said. "What you can find at any stationery store is one of 2,000 cards printed at that same time."

Inscribed terms of endearment do have a place, she emphasized.

First and foremost, love letters are the story of a life, as Ms. Tarleton found out after uncovering testimonials written by her great-grandfather.

"They told details of the Civil War," she said. "They not only tell a personal history, it's a record that lets me participate in their lives."

Starry-eyed lovers in this day and age might prefer to woo over the telephone static, but writing letters is still a better method of communication, Ms. Tarleton insists.

"It allows you time to reflect," she said. "You can write it and rewrite it. You have many chances to reconsider before you put it in the mail."

Jack Herring, an English teacher at Baylor University, said the great writers of romantic literature achieved that status because they knew how to open up.

"In a letter, the poet is revealing his most intimate views on things," he said. "Things he would not say to anyone else."

Perhaps the greatest literary love story of all time is chronicled at Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library. The building houses the nation's largest collection of writings and memorabilia from poets Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Starting in 1845 with the courtship, their letters to each other, which the library has not been able to acquire, convey an almost spiritual union.

"He'd never seen her, but in that first letter he says, 'I do as I say, love these books with all my heart — and I love you too,'" Herring said. "It's almost as if he knew something magnificent was going to happen."

They were hardly lovestruck youngsters — she was 40, from aristocracy and at the height of her popularity. He was 34, a commoner from a poorer section of England.

Herring said between their urgings

that each was the other's muse and countings of love's eternal ways, the Brownings' letters wax philosophic.

"They talked about music, poetry, history, all kinds of things," he said. "So many people think of love as a mushy giving-in. They adored one another, but continued to hold onto their separate opinions."

Love letter writers searching for ideas and expressions also might consider Lord Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley or Dante.

"They're not just saying 'I love you' in a variety of ways," Herring said. "The letters have real substance. Running through all of them is, 'I'm sharing this because I love you.'"

Ms. Tarleton said keeping that sense of secrecy is one of the most important facets in writing a good love letter.

"The good ones provoke a response, allowing someone to be in your life," she said. "Making them privy to the details and existence of your being."

What it should not be is gabby and impersonal, vague enough that it could be sent to more than one

person, Ms. Tarleton added.

How to fill the pages? Refer to those fondly remembered moments from the collective past — shopping for used furniture together or late-night pizza orders, for example.

"Don't overwhelm someone in a first letter by telling them everything from A to Z," Ms. Tarleton warned. "If you can sit down and ask yourself, 'What is important about this person,' that might be the best way to begin."

Avoid flowery verbiage and hyperbole. Eyes like glowing stars and lips like wild strawberries are useless exaggerations in most cases, she said.

"The fact that this person is gentle and very kind, that has great meaning to you, and you should tell them that," Ms. Tarleton said. "Not how broad their shoulders are."

Above all, be honest. "Although communication is your aim, understanding is your goal," Ms. Tarleton said.

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# Lifestyles

## Altrusans promote healthy habits



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Top, Altrusan Mary McDaniel demonstrates proper brushing to third grade students Jennifer Peevy, on the left, and Tara Jackson. Bottom, Dr. John Sparkman answers third graders' questions about dental hygiene at Horace Mann Elementary School. Each year the Altrusa Club of Pampa sponsors a toothbrushing project for third graders in the Pampa schools. The project includes instruction in dental hygiene, then one on one demonstration of proper brushing techniques by an Altrusa club member. The student receives a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste courtesy of Procter and Gamble.

## Club News

**El Progreso Club** met Feb. 12 in the home of Dot Allen with president Julia Dawkins presiding. Carole Wells of Monroe, La. was a guest.

Eloise Lane presented a program about Texas and cowboy songs. She related the background of "Texas, Our Texas" and "The Eyes of Texas". She told the legend of the bluebonnet and gave a brief biography of John A. Lomax who made an extensive collection of cowboy songs.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 26 in the home of Pat Youngblood.

**The Highland Hobby Club** met Feb. 4 at the home of Mrs. Johnnie Rhode. Birthday money was collected and new members discussed.

Mrs. Rhode showed the afghans she was making and demonstrated the stitch used. She also gave instructions on the dessert served.

Four members attended and enjoyed the social hour. A Valentine motif was used.

The next meeting will be March 4, at 7 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Wayne Stephens.

**The Pam Extension Homemakers Club** met at the Pam Apartment activity room on Feb. 8. The group discussed projects for the year. Fourteen members were present, including two new members, Virginia Horton and Janet McInturf. They enjoyed a covered dish luncheon. Meeting guest was Monty Schaub.

The next meeting will be March 8 in the Pam Apartments activity room.

**The Twentieth Century Club** met at the home of Mrs. Darville Orr on Jan. 22. Mrs. Doyle Beckham, president, opened the meeting. Mrs. Lonnie Richardson let the club collect and Mrs. Roy Porter led pledges to the national and state flags. Mrs. Walter Colwell, secretary, read the minutes and called roll. She read correspondence from Lovett Memorial Library. Discussion of club projects followed with the club voting to sponsor a child to Camp Alfie, a special one-week camp for handicapped and ill children; to contribute to the parking lot

project for Senior Citizens; and to help redecorate and refurbish Tralee Crisis Center.

The nominating committee presented new officers for the coming year. The slate offered is: Mrs. L. T. Johnston, president; Mrs. Lonnie Richardson, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Porter, secretary; Mrs. Carlton Freeman, treasurer; and Mrs. Raymond Laycock, reporter.

Mrs. M. Q. Wilson reviewed the book *Megatrends 2000* by John Naisbett and Patricia Aburdene.

Refreshments were served to 16 members. The next meeting will be Feb. 12 at the home of Mrs. Walter Colwell.

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## Umbrella birds in tropics

SEBACO, Nicaragua (AP) — Umbrella birds are native to the tropical forests of Central and South America.

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DEAR GRANDMOTHER: You're right, and I thank you for sending it. The failure rate for contraceptives, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, is as follows:

	In Theory	In Reality
The Pill	1 percent	6 percent
Condom	2 percent	14 percent
Diaphragm	3 percent	16 percent
Spermicides	3-8 percent	26 percent
Rhythm	2-10 percent	16 percent
Sponge	10 percent	18-28 percent

The reason for failure can be failure to follow instructions, carelessness or just "bad luck." But whatever the reason, the statistics are both frightening and enlightening.

"So, what method is 100 percent safe?" you ask.

As the timeworn joke goes: "Eat an apple." "Before or after?" you ask. "Instead, silly!" Say goodnight, Gracie.

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## Happy birthday to you



Lugusta Sargent is 90 years old today. He was born Feb. 15, 1901, at Matador and is a long time area resident. He retired from Getty Oil Company in 1966 and was married to the former Lola Mae McBee. His children and grandchildren are hosting a reception for him on Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. at 421 Doyle. Those hosting are children Dean Fayburn, Jack Sargent, Debbie Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stokes, Audra Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sargent, and Drucella Hamrick. Granddaughters assisting are Pamela Moree and Lee Ann Green.

## Golden Spread Boy Scout Council honors volunteers

Ending Scouting's 81st anniversary week, the Golden Spread Boy Scout Council conducted its annual Eagle Scout recognition and volunteer appreciation banquet on Feb. 9. The dinner was held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo which has chartered scouting for the past 35 years. Emcee for the occasion was Doyle Moore, Southwest Public Service division manager.

Cub Scout Hulsey Smith of Pampa First Presbyterian Church Pack 414 assisted scout executive Bob McGinnis in giving a report of council activities of the past year and paying tribute to scouting volunteers. Council vice-president Ethan Hassinger and advancement chairman Gary McDade honored 60 young men who had attained scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout award, during 1990. Kenneth Sloan, president of the Panhandle chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented one of these scouts, Marcus Hite of Amarillo, a special award medal as contestant winner of the S. A. R. Eagle Scout scholarship competition.

The highlight of the banquet was the Silver Beaver Award ceremony conducted by council commissioner Bob Russell. The Silver Beaver award is the highest honor awarded on a local level for volunteer service. The award was presented to five men and women for their distinguished service to youth. The Silver Beaver award recipients are Ronald and Kathy Pekrul of Canyon, Helen Estlack of Clarendon, Russell Guthrie of Goodwell, Okla., and Debra Donnelly of Amarillo.

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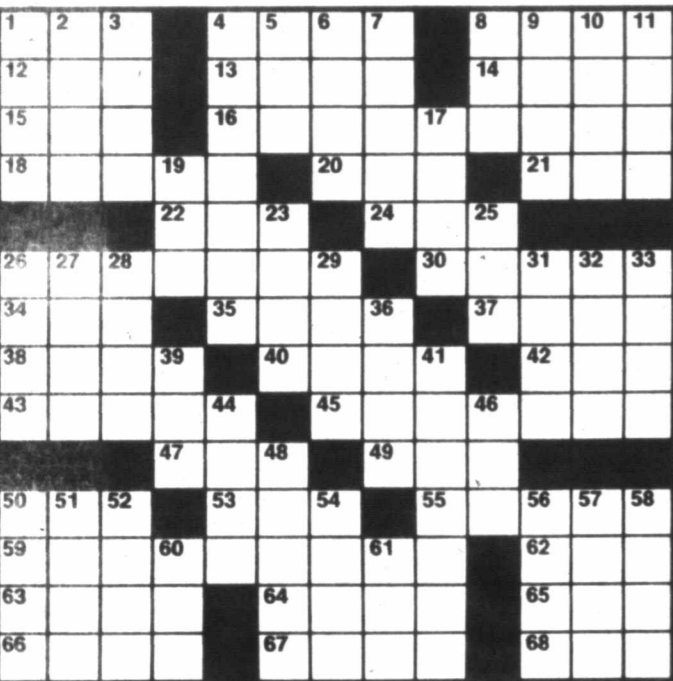
## The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Collar shape
  - 4 Snake's sound
  - 8 — Silver!
  - 12 Make a choice
  - 13 Seth's father
  - 14 Straight — arrow
  - 15 Soaked
  - 16 Mythical
  - 18 Shabby
  - 20 — Miss
  - 21 No (sl.)
  - 22 Light touch
  - 24 Uncle (Sp.)
  - 26 Covered passageway
  - 30 Cary Grant's real surname
  - 34 Put into practice
  - 35 Names
  - 37 Architect
  - Mies van der — ever
- DOWN**
- 1 Pledges
  - 2 Small sword
  - 3 Feminine suffix
  - 4 Ship's rope
  - 40 Conversation
  - 42 Recently acquired
  - 43 Legends
  - 45 Racers
  - 47 — ton soup
  - 49 Fled
  - 50 Experienced person
  - 53 Type of music
  - 55 Poison
  - 59 Spiritless
  - 62 Actress
  - Merkel
  - 63 Writer Vidal
  - 64 Always
  - 65 Coral reef
  - 66 Concerning (2 wds.)
  - 67 Paper size
  - 68 Bitter vetch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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GOA	REY	
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PHONIER	TIBET	
DNA	RUN	
WORST	DABBLES	
RUE	ATAT	RYAN
EPA	KATE	ERSE
NHL	ETAL	DATE

- 5 Fish
- 6 Starch
- 7 Extract from ore
- 17 Astronaut — Armstrong
- 19 Insecticide
- 23 Sports match
- 25 Over (poet.)
- 26 That which must be done
- 27 Safety agcy.
- 28 Toothed wheel
- 29 Construction beam
- 31 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 32 Sonny's ex
- 33 Cuts
- 36 Pronounce indistinctly
- 39 Compass pt.
- 41 Dishonesty
- 44 Fern features
- 46 Compass pt.
- 48 Appointed
- 50 Southwestern ceiling beam
- 51 Adam's grandson
- 52 Sour
- 54 Surface (a road)
- 56 Atomic weapon
- 57 Something remarkable
- 58 Baseballer Willie
- 60 Recent (pref.)
- 61 Pro — (for the time being)



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By Jerry Bittle

## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Your financial trends appear to be more stable today than they were yesterday. If there are any money matters you'd like to revise, try to upgrade them now. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Someone who loves you that you love, too, wouldn't mind hearing you express your feelings today, especially if you haven't been as demonstrative as usual this past week.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do a little more detective work regarding an arrangement about which you've been suspicious. It could be more beneficial than you think, but you'll have to discover this for yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** An issue you feel strongly about can gain the support of friends today, if you discuss it with them on a one-to-one basis. Don't try to sell everyone at the same time.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The secret to your success is to think of the objectives you're striving for as labors of love today. A positive, happy attitude enhances your abilities to achieve.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** There is a possibility that an old romance might be rekindled at this time, especially if you are presently unattached. You may hear from, or even encounter, this old flame today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your greatest asset today is your ability to finalize to your satisfaction situations that have never been completely resolved. Finish up the old before starting the new.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Arrangements into which you enter today should be long-lasting and of equal benefit to both parties involved, particularly if dealing with a member of the opposite sex.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you are in need of an expensive special service requiring an expert, shop around before committing yourself. If you look hard enough, there's a good chance you'll save yourself lots of money.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Regardless of circumstances or involvements today, you will make a strong, favorable impression on others wherever you go. Bask in your deserved popularity.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A better understanding of what is best for you, as well as for your family, can be achieved at this time. Bring constructive common interests to the forefront.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** There is a possibility that you may learn of someone strongly attracted to you today. If you're in the market for a new relationship, check things out for yourself.

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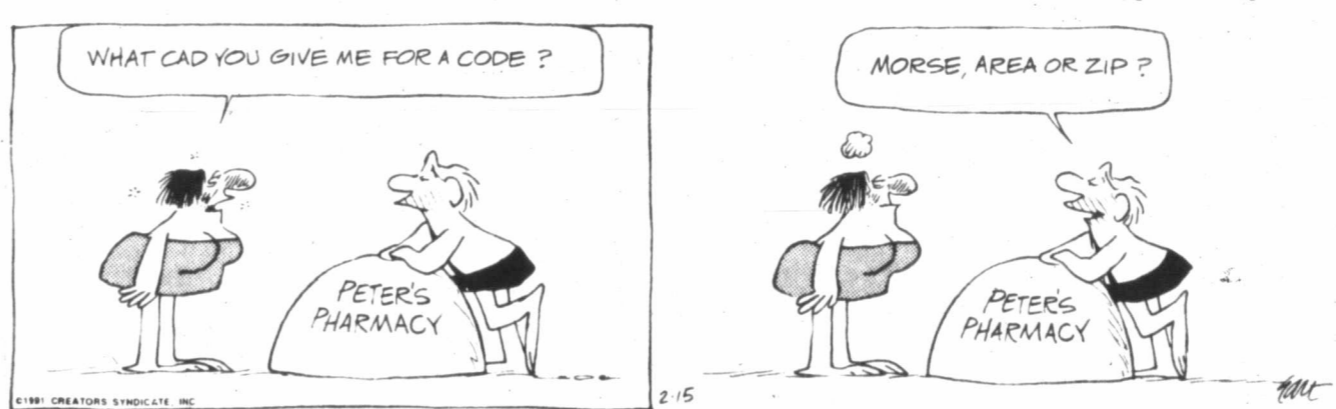
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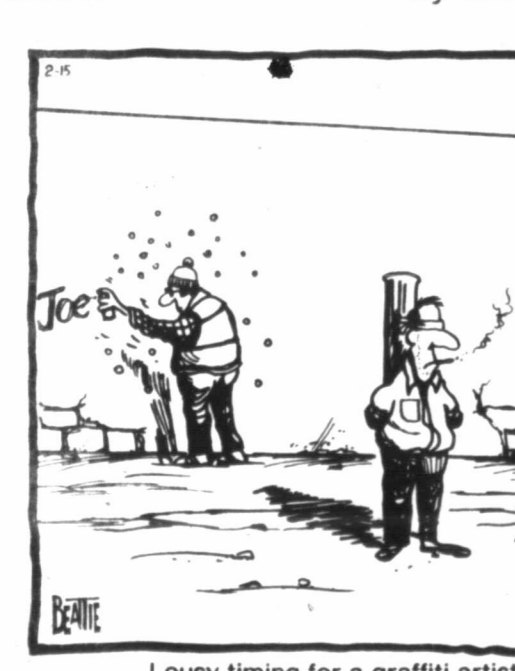
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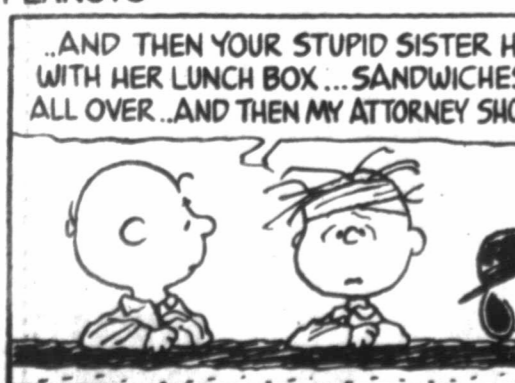
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# Twenty years later, ethics again among top legislative issues

By JACK KEEVER  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — When the Sharpstown bank and stock fraud scandal spread over state government like a malevolent cloud 20 years ago, Ann Richards was a suburban Austin housewife and John Hannah had left the Legislature to become district attorney in Lufkin, 200 miles away.

Bob Bullock was in the Capitol, but had an unpublicized role as an aide to Gov. Preston Smith. Gib Lewis of Fort Worth had just been sworn in as a freshman House member.

Today, these four will have much to say, and perhaps determine, the content of ethics legislation that has become a major legislative topic.

New laws could clean up the image of public officials, which has been besmirched by senators accepting \$10,000 checks on the Senate floor, a nasty \$50 million governor's campaign and heavy-handed lobbyist spending, including out-of-state pleasure trips for lawmakers.

An ongoing Travis County grand jury investigation of a San Antonio law firm, lobbyists and legislators has resulted in the indictment of House Speaker Lewis on two misdemeanor ethics violations.

But Lewis himself said, "I think you're going to see an ethics bill. I think we ought to have one."

"I think it probably is healthy for people to view their politicians with some cynicism," Secretary of State Hannah said. "But I think cynicism in Texas has gotten completely out of hand, which handicaps government in its other roles."

Gov. Richards rates ethics

reform as "No. 1 or 2 or 3" on the legislative agenda. She put Hannah, whom she appointed, in charge of it.

A strong ethics code is an "absolute minimum," said Lt. Gov. Bullock, presiding officer in the Senate.

When ethics reform infrequently grabs the attention of lawmakers, Sharpstown comes to mind.

"We were talking about it this morning," said Bullock, as he settled in an office chair for an interview.

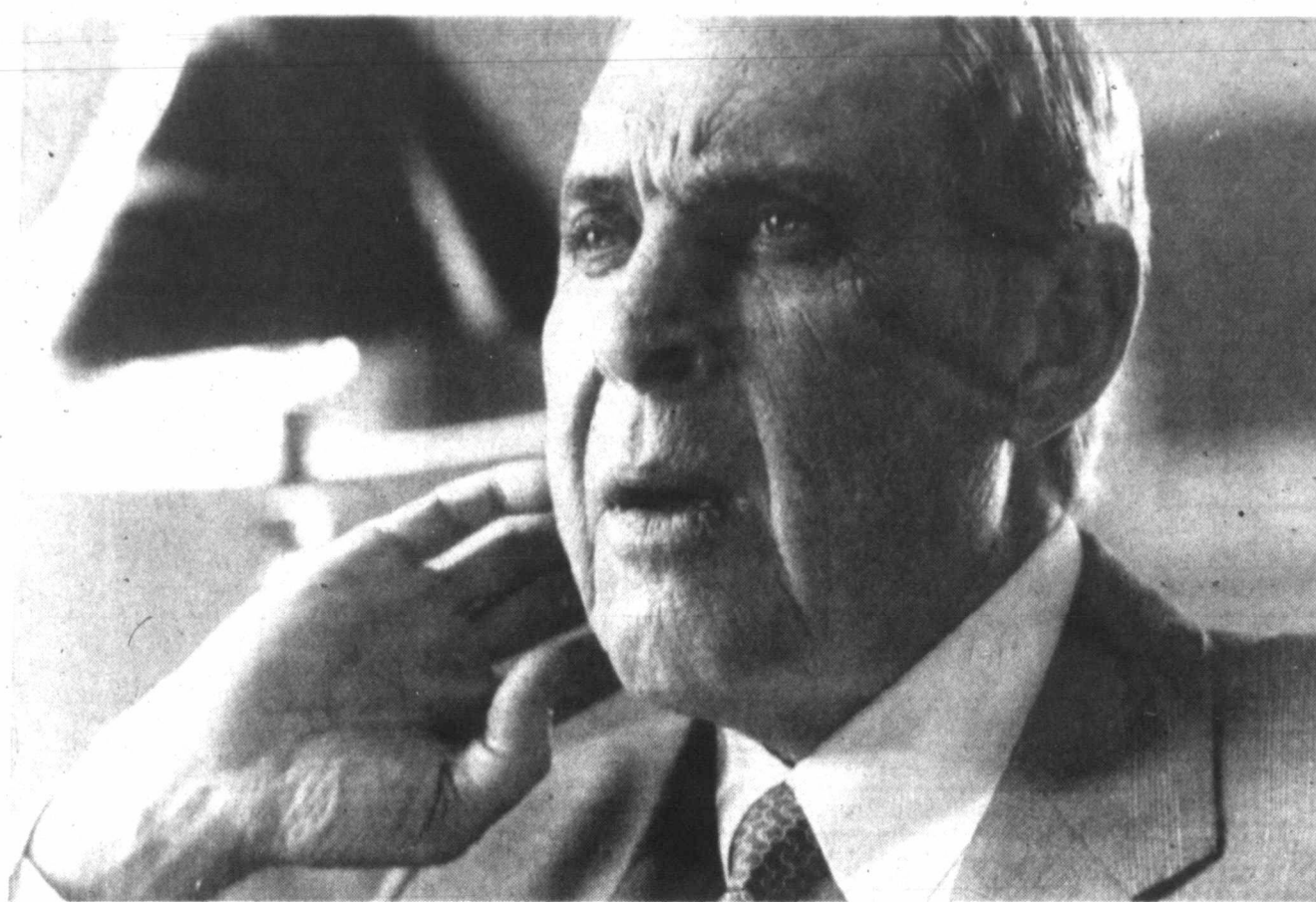
The Sharpstown scandal centered around two banking bills passed in special legislative session in September 1969 and unsecured loans made by Houston developer Frank Sharp, purportedly to gain the bills' passage.

The scandal broke Jan. 18, 1971, when the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed a civil suit in federal court in Dallas as Texas Democrats gathered in Austin to celebrate the re-election of Preston Smith as governor and Ben Barnes, President Lyndon Johnson's protege, as lieutenant governor.

Lewis said, "Here was my first day in office, and I was already declared a crook."

The SEC asserted that the purpose of the 1969 legislation, which passed virtually unnoticed, was to enable Sharp's Sharpstown State Bank to evade regulation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The bank became defunct.

Fifteen individuals, 12 corporations and one pension trust were named in the SEC suit, which widened into federal and state investigations that resulted in the conviction of then-House Speaker Gus Mutscher, another House member who sponsored the bills, and a



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Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock recalls his role during the Sharpstown bank and stock-fraud scandal, as appointments secretary to then-Gov. Preston Smith. Twenty years later, he, along with Gov. Ann Richards and Secretary of State John Hannah, support strong ethics legislation.

Mutscher aide.

They were convicted by an Abilene jury of conspiring to accept bribes in the form of loans from Sharpstown Bank in exchange for passing the bills Sharp wanted. Each of the three drew a five-year probation sentence.

The money from the loans was used to buy stock in National Bankers Life Insurance Co., which

Sharp controlled.

Prosecutors said that the day after the bills passed, the defendants sold the stock to a priest friend of Sharp's for twice the over-the-counter price that day. The insurance company later collapsed.

Then-Gov. Smith and a business partner shared a \$125,000 profit off National Bankers stock, but Smith vetoed the two banking bills.

Bullock said, "Frankly, you'll never convince me" that Smith "knew anything was wrong." Smith has dismissed Sharpstown as "an absolute fraud brought on by the press."

In 1972, the year after the scandal broke, Smith and Barnes were defeated in the Democratic Party primary for governor.

The turnover in the Legislature

from 1971 to 1973 was extraordinary, approximately half of the 181 senators and state representatives. The 1973 Legislature passed new laws on open meetings, lobby control and campaign financing.

Sharp himself was granted immunity from prosecution in return for his testimony to a federal grand jury. He was placed on three years probation and fined \$5,000.

Many Texas Democrats, including Barnes, insist to this day that the stock-fraud investigations were engineered by the national Republican administration to discredit state politicians.

"I think it's still debated on whether or not the bills were good or bad," Hannah said. "Of course, whether a bill's good or bad, if you've got bribery involved, it's beside the point."

Lewis said the House ethics bill will eliminate "some questionable practices" now allowed by state laws.

Bullock said the Senate proposal doesn't treat public officials "like children and say, 'You can't do this.' What it does say is, 'If you do it, you're an adult person, and if you hold public office you're accountable for what you did.'"

Hannah, who did similar ethics reform work in 1972, said he is convinced that those proposals can be melded with Richard's suggestions.

The biggest obstacle to passage, Hannah said, will be officials' concerns that they may "unintentionally" or "mistakenly" run afoul of new ethics provisions.

"Fear of the unknown," Hannah said.

## New FCC rules could be boon to travelers using public phones

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Travelers fed up with high long-distance phone charges at airports, hotels and other public places would get a break under new rules proposed by the Federal Communications Commission.

The prospective rules, unveiled at a commission meeting Wednesday, would guarantee travelers easier access to the long-distance company they use at home.

That means anyone making "dial 0" calls could avoid using so-called operator services companies that have rates that may be two or three times what major long-distance carriers such as American Telephone & Telegraph Co., MCI and US Sprint charge.

The agency also invited public comment on a plan to compensate owners of pay phones from which some long-distance calls are made.

The commission also:

- Proposed either changing or eliminating rules that prohibit companies offering cellular telephone service from also selling equipment. The companies could not require customers to purchase equipment to receive service.

- Decided to consider whether it will preempt some local statutes that outlaw mobile scanners. Some cities and states forbid mobile scanners because they can pick up police, fire and ambulance channels. But some FCC-licensed ham radio operators have been fined and their equipment confiscated for violations.

Congress, in last year's Telephone Operator Consumer Services Improvement Act,

required the FCC to design a plan to ensure that people using hotel and public telephones have access to the long-distance carriers they choose.

In many cases, coin and hotel phones owners, called aggregators, route all calls to a single operator services company, which has a contract with long-distance carriers that actually carry the calls.

The phone owners usually receive a commission, which can be as high as 20 percent, from the operator company for each call made.

But customers have complained about the high cost of some of the calls and about not being able to use their presubscribed long-distance companies.

"Even as we speak, there are people in the Atlanta airport beating on the walls and banging on telephones trying to figure out how to get access to their long-distance companies," Commissioner Ervin Duggin said.

The commission could force all long-distance carriers to set up either 800- or 950-prefix telephone numbers for a customer to use in gaining access to their systems.

Or it could require that public phones allow a customer to dial the "10XXX" access code assigned to his company.

US Sprint's access code, for instance, is 10333. The proposed rules would give aggregators a year to unblock access to 10XXX numbers at pay phones. Hotel and other internal phone systems would be given three years to allow access to 10XXX numbers. If they replaced their equipment before then, they would have to make the change at that time.

## Polls: Americans support continued bombing before beginning ground assault on Kuwait

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans overwhelmingly prefer that U.S. aerial bombing continue before a possible ground assault is launched on Kuwait, according to separate polls released today.

The results of a New York Times-CBS News poll conducted Tuesday and Wednesday indicated that a bloody ground war would significantly reduce public support for the Persian Gulf War.

Of 1,060 adults interviewed by telephone, 79 percent said they wanted to continue the air campaign for several weeks. But 71 percent expected a ground war would eventually be necessary.

One-quarter of those polled said the war would not be worth its cost in human life and money. If a bloody ground war with thousands of American deaths ensued, 42 percent said the war would not be worth its cost.

Meanwhile, a telephone poll conducted Thursday for USA Today found that 78 percent of 601 adults polled thought the air war should continue.

In the USA Today poll, 92 percent considered the bombing deaths of civilians in Baghdad "a terrible tragedy," but "unavoidable."

The New York Times-CBS poll found respondents evenly divided

on whether to stop fighting if Iraqi troops leave Kuwait or continue fighting until Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is removed.

Both polls found widespread support for President Bush. The New York Times-CBS poll found 78 percent approval for his overall job performance and 81 percent of those polled for USA Today supported Bush's decision to start the war.

The New York Times-CBS survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, while the Gordon S. Black Corp. poll conducted for USA Today had a 4 percent error margin.

## Lewis pushing for stronger DWI legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis threw his political weight behind a proposal to suspend the driver's license of any driver caught with a blood-alcohol level over the legal limit or who refuse to take a breath test.

"Passage of this bill would send a message that Texas is serious about getting drunk drivers off the roads," Lewis said Wednesday.

The bill, by state Reps. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, and Parker McCollough, D-Georgetown, is similar to one filed by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

Berlanga said passage of the bill would qualify Texas to receive \$16 million over five years in federal highway grants for traffic safety and anti-driving while intoxicated programs.

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