

# Travis Bryan III will have an open door policy as your District Attorney.

What policy does your current District Attorney have?

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## Getting around records act

As clear a case as anyone could want to show the need for toughening the state open records act came Tuesday from the mouth of Roland Searcy, chairman of the state agency which regulates private investigators.

In conjunction with announcement of a "severe reprimand" for an assistant attorney general who, as counsel for the private eye board, admitted he misused board personnel for private business, came an attorney general's opinion that the board must turn over several dozen documents requested by the *Austin American-Statesman* and the Texas State Network.

The ruling didn't faze Searcy. He refused to provide reporters with any of the documents requested. "I'll have to review the ruling," he said. When? "When I get around to it."

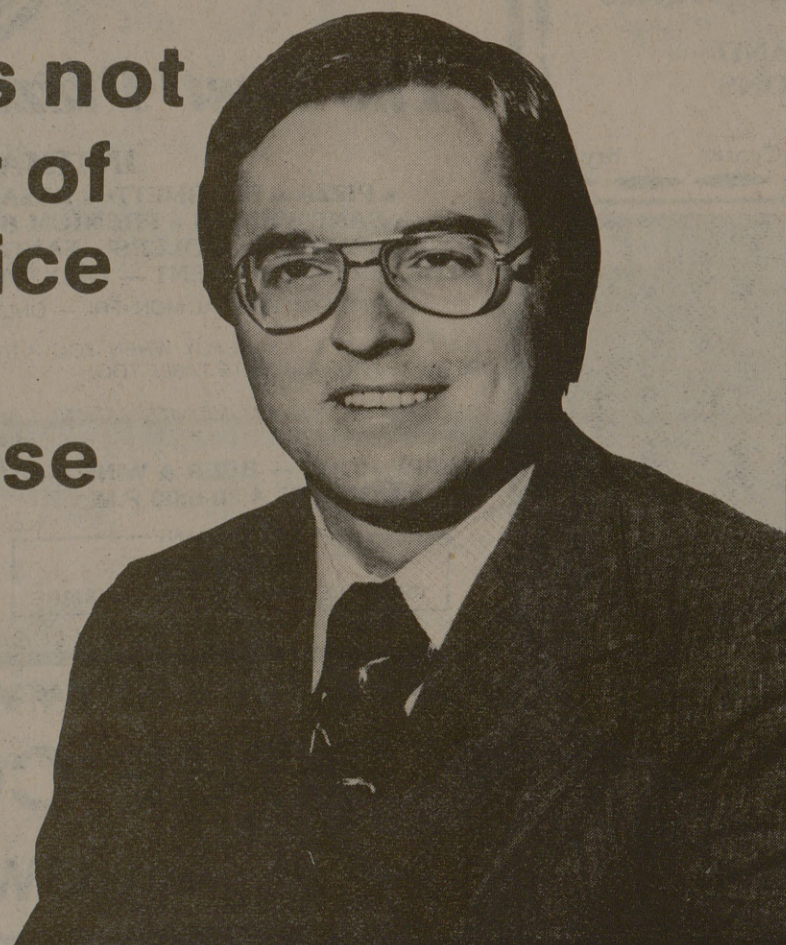
Searcy had said last November that staff members had undertaken nine investigations unrelated to the private security industry — at the request of the attorney general's office. Affidavits describing those investigations were among the documents requested by the *American-Statesman*.

The AG's decision on the documents is only five pages long and easily understood by a layman. What "review" is needed?

The case points to the lack in the state open records act of any penalties for recalcitrant officials and to the need for a provision for timely compliance with an attorney general's decision. When the legislature "gets around to" tidying up the open records law next session, it ought to take care of that loophole.

The issue is not the number of years in office but what is done in those years.

Are you ready for a change?



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**AN OPEN DOOR AND A FIRM HAND**

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# Workshop given to new breed of demonstrators

United Press International  
DES MOINES, Iowa — Today's protester is of a new breed — not the long-haired, bearded variety, but one requiring a special education.

"People have to get over the preconceived notions. Today's non-violent protester is a farmer, a businessman, just about anybody," said Sue Futtrell, who is helping organize workshops on non-violent demonstrations.

The workshops are designed to prepare Iowans to participate in a June 24 demonstration at the nuclear reactor at Seabrook, N.H.

"The training has been going on around the country for a number of years. There has been some interest shown in Iowa, so the workshops are being conducted here now," she said.

There is no charge for the course. It is one or two days long and covers a wide variety of items — everything from the philosophy of the peace movement to how to sit down in a strike.

"We talk quite a bit about the philosophy of non-violence and civil disobedience. We think it is necessary for people to have a good understanding of what they are doing so they can be more effective at it," she said.

Those attending also learn about an affinity group and join one. The group is composed of 10 to 20 people who work together and stay together.

"It is sort of like a buddy system. Everyone takes care of one another," Ms. Futtrell said. "The group gets to know one another and know how they act individually and

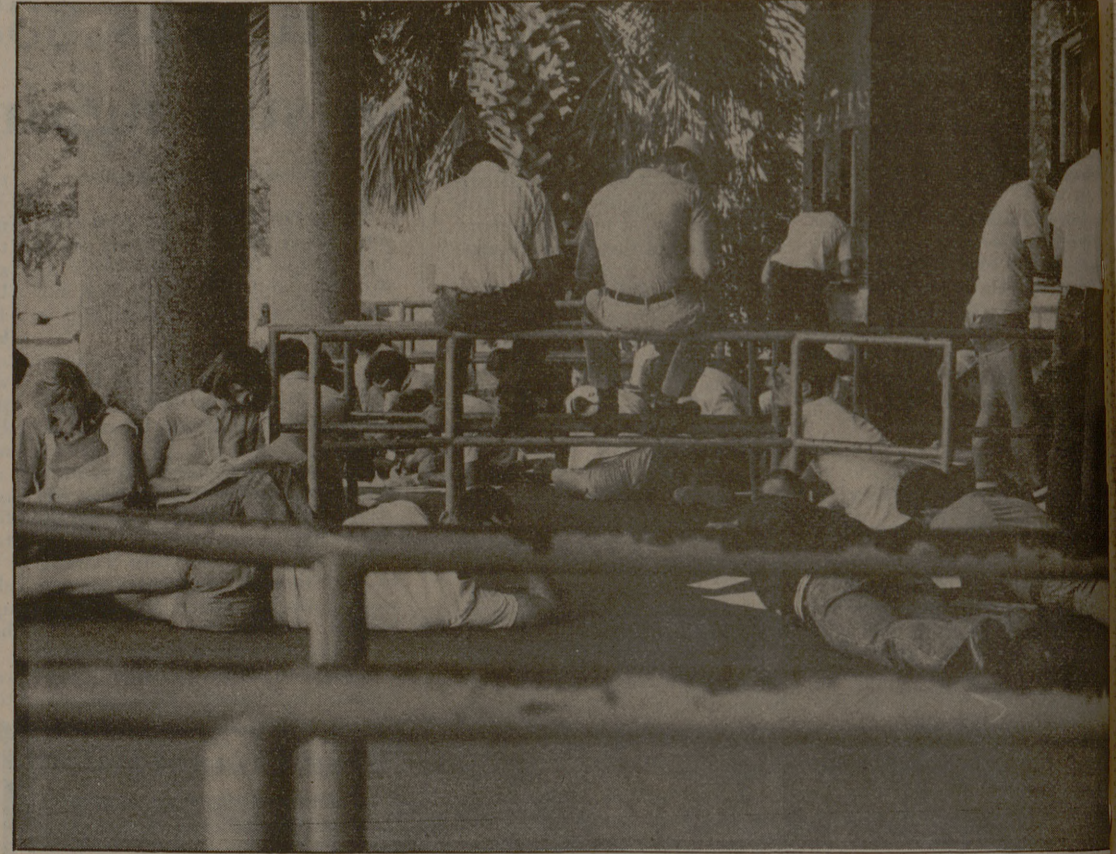
in a group so this is good protection if someone gets in the demonstration who doesn't belong there. It's a better way of controlling what's going on."

There are also some practical tips offered.

"Many people are a little bit afraid when they start out. We're talking out these fears help," Ms. Futtrell said.

"We also offer tips in how to cope with tear gas and mace if they should come across it, and how to understand the idea that you might be arrested and there is a chance of spending a long time in jail."

Ms. Futtrell said she "was the only one to go to New Hampshire the last time. And I think there will be more from Iowa now."



Battalion Photo by Bill

## Sure beats every other seat

A class of aerobics students enjoy the pretty weather and a more relaxed atmosphere while taking their final exam in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

# Soviet shipload remains idle as officials keep 'sitting tight'

United Press International  
HOUSTON — A stevedoring company Wednesday obtained a court order removing from the docks non-union pickets protesting a "Soviet invasion," allowing longshoremen to unload a Russian ship stalled in port for the past three days.

Shippers Stevedoring Co. obtained the order from State District Judge James P. Wallace, who temporarily enjoined the pickets, apparently unsanctioned by any organization, from interfering with the Mag-nitogorsk.

Wallace scheduled a hearing on extending the order for Monday, but by that time Shippers and Moram Agencies, port agents, hope to have the ship unloaded and headed for its next stop.

The ship brought 339 empty shipping containers, 11 loaded containers and 20 west German buses purchased with 80 percent federal grants for use in American cities. The buses are part of a 300-bus deal.

Unloading originally was scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, but the pickets walked and union

longshorement refused to cross the line. One picket talked of Soviet forces hidden in the hold. Another carried a sign: "Stop the Soviet invasion."

International Longshoremen's association officials tried unsuccessfully to persuade work gangs to cross the line, but one said "you can't force a man."

## Now You Know

By United Press International  
The horseshoe crab has undergone no evolutionary change for 300 million years.

United Press International  
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The Environmental Protection Agency may have to deal with a suit from Texas officials protesting the EPA's Offset Emissions Standards.

The House Select Committee on Offset Emissions Standards Wednesday asked its chairman, Rep. Tim Von Dohlen, D-Goliad, to consult with state officials about filing

suit to block enforcement of the regulations.

In hearings throughout the state, the committee was told the Offset Emissions Standards discriminate in favor of Northern states who have more pollution to trade off.

The EPA's offset emission policy applies in 15 Texas counties where the federal government has determined violate the maximum amount of ozone per 1 million parts of air standard.

The policy requires counties to reduce pollutions in existing industries or by implementing various measures, including decreasing automobile emissions, before allowing any new polluting industry to be constructed. This would "offset" what EPA deems excessive air pollutions.

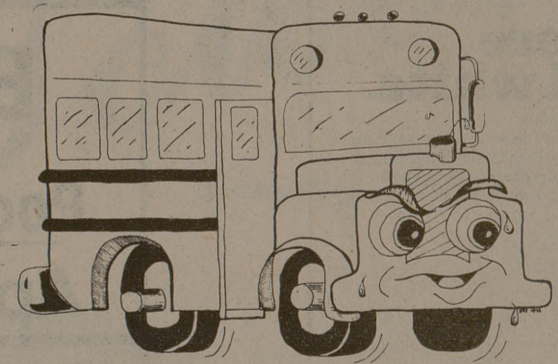
Local Texas officials criticize the EPA regulations as "a no-growth policy."

Brodie Allen, executive director of the Corpus Christi Industrial Commission, told the committee the air pollution requirements were "unattainable and uneconomical."

Allen said when applied to the Texas Gulf Coast, the EPA standards were unrealistic and should be changed.

"Two major complexes are interested in establishing facilities here, but this offset policy is a major problem," said Allen, who maintained Corpus Christi has no problems with air pollution despite the EPA's ruling otherwise.

Von Dohlen was directed to consult with Lt. Gov. William H. Hobby, House Speaker Bill Clayton, Attorney General John Hill and the Texas Air Control Board to determine whether legal action should be taken prior to a May 2 deadline. His comments sought by the EPA.



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