

# Police brutality case reopened

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**DALLAS** — The Justice Department traveled a long and complicated road to reach Monday's opening of the trial of seven white New Orleans policemen accused of beating blacks while investigating a fellow officer's slaying.

The federal indictments concern four black men who said they were illegally jailed as potential witnesses, threatened with guns, beaten and almost suffocated by bags placed over their heads during interrogations that lasted up to 18 hours.

All seven officers were cared by a New Orleans police department investigation and a local grand jury twice refused to return charges, as did the first federal grand jury to consider the case.

A subsequent federal grand jury handed up indictments on July 8, 1981, but those were thrown out by a federal judge who said government lawyers had coerced the jury.

U.S. Attorney John Volz of New Orleans, however, last year persuaded the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to revive the charges.

Attorneys for the policemen successfully petitioned for a change of venue to Dallas.

The case began on Nov. 8, 1980, when the body of Gregory Mupert, 23, was found next to

his police car in Algiers. He had been shot to death.

Within a week, police officers had shot and killed four people in the Algiers area—a man they said pulled a knife on them, and two male suspects and a girlfriend of one who allegedly fired first when police staged a pre-dawn raid on a residence.

Four men—Clarence Green, Ervin Hughes, Robert Davis and Johnny Brownlee—told federal authorities they were taken in for questioning and suffered lengthy interrogations and beatings.

The seven defendants are officer Stephen Reboul, homicide division Commander Sgt. John McKenzie, and Detectives Dale Bonura, Ronald Brink, Stephen Farrar, Thomas Woodall and Richard LeBlanc.

All seven were charged with conspiracy, a felony carrying a maximum penalty on conviction of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Bonura was named on three counts of deprivation of rights, a misdemeanor that could lead to one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Reboul was charged with one count of deprivation of rights and the other five were charged with two counts each.

No charges have ever been returned in Neupert's slaying or in the deaths of the four Algiers residents.

# state Tax war starts in Legislature

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**AUSTIN** — A battle over the prospect of new state taxes is brewing in the Legislature this week and is expected to emerge the day after Gov. Mark White presents his proposed two-year budget to lawmakers.

The Senate has scheduled a rare "committee of the whole" discussion Thursday to review requests for increased funding for highways, public education, prisons and other programs.

Some legislators claimed the Senate meeting was aimed at putting pressure on the House, where all new tax measures must originate, to agree to pass new taxing proposals to offset dwindling state revenues.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said last week that at this point, he's very determined to avoid new taxes.

"I would like to be able to live within our means, but my feet certainly are not in concrete on that. If I saw we'd be deteriorating services to education, to the poor, to people who need state services, then I might agree (to

new taxes)," he said.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, the Senate's presiding officer, has advocated tax increases, but denied the Thursday Senate session was aimed at pressuring House leadership.

Wednesday White is scheduled to deliver his executive budget to a joint legislative session.

The governor has refused to say whether his budget will include new tax recommendations, preferring to hint at alternatives that might generate more revenue.

White planned to confer with Comptroller Robert D. Bullock before the budget presentation for an update on anticipated state revenues, which were expected to drop by more than \$1.5 billion from earlier estimates because of decreases in world oil prices, the national recession and declines in the Texas border economy.

Bullock was scheduled to announce his new revenue estimates today.

# Four deaths still unsolved

# Police investigate killings

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**HOUSTON** — Police say without more evidence or a suspect, they have no link connecting the deaths of four women, found beaten or stabbed in their homes in a west Houston neighborhood.

The funeral for Elizabeth Faubus, estranged wife of the former Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus, was scheduled at noon Monday. She was to be buried in Memorial Oaks Cemetery plot she bought two months ago.

Mrs. Faubus, 44, found

bludgeoned last Thursday in the tub of her home, was the latest of three women found dead in their bathtubs.

Authorities said although Mrs. Faubus sustained multiple head injuries, her death was due to suffocation, with indications that a fatal amount of pressure had been applied to the front of her neck. Although medical investigators said Sunday they felt "something other than hands" was used to kill Mrs. Faubus, no other weapon has been found.

Faubus, 73, flew to Houston Friday from his home in Little Rock, Ark. Police took him to Mrs. Faubus' home to view the scene and to tell him what they knew about the case.

"It was a very brutal murder," Faubus said. "How in the name of God can people do things like that to other people?"

Saturday a fourth woman was found dead in the neighborhood. Bonnie Grace Wright, 40, was found stabbed to death in the kitchen of her townhouse,

about a block away from the apartment of Ruth Kottler, 61, the first victim in the series of killings.

Detective J.C. Moshier, chief investigator in the case, said police had received several tips and information on the cases, but had no "earth shaking" leads.

# Dallas flight delayed by rat discovered on food tray

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**DALLAS** — An American Airlines flight was delayed 40 minutes last month to remove a rat which had boarded the first class section on a food service tray.

Passenger Don Brydon said first he feared there was a bomb on board when the C-10 taxied to a remote area of Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

"The crew kept looking around and behind them. Other crew members paced back and forth. It was a decidedly abnormal operation before takeoff," he said.

He said a flight attendant ran forward—and immediately ran

back, saying: "There's a mouse up there." Later, Brydon said, she informed passengers it was a rat because it was at least 6 inches long.

"The stewardess said it was not unusual," Brydon said of a Feb. 10 flight bound for New York. "She said they come out of the flight kitchen, and one once ran up her arm out of a food service tray."

"I decided not to eat. I guess they trapped or killed it. I did have another drink, though."

American spokesman Paul Haney confirmed the incident but said rodents on planes are extremely rare.

He said the two Sky Chef facilities, where some 20,000 meals a day are prepared for nationwide flights, "have an outstanding record out there" which was better than competitors in the airline food service industry.

But an American flight attendant based in San Francisco confirmed there were sanitary problems in the huge Sky Chefs facilities.

The flight attendant, who asked not to be identified, said she had seen three rats and, "I've seen flight logbooks with 'mouse' or 'rat' entries. You're supposed to report these things."

# Now you know

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 It's the most common ailment in the country, affecting 90 percent of Americans. It generates billions of dollars for aspirin manufacturers. But despite its universality, the simple headache is not yet understood.

"It's only in the past decade that we've begun to understand the pain mechanisms, and there's still a lot to be learned," says Seymour Solomon, director of the headache unit at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City.

Researchers know that people get headaches for all sorts of reasons—anything from muscle tension to brain tumors. Tension headaches usually result from psychological stress. This in turn may cause scalp muscles to contract too hard or too long. Nerve endings in the scalp, stimulated by the tightened muscles, relay an electrical impulse to the brain, which interprets the signal as pain.

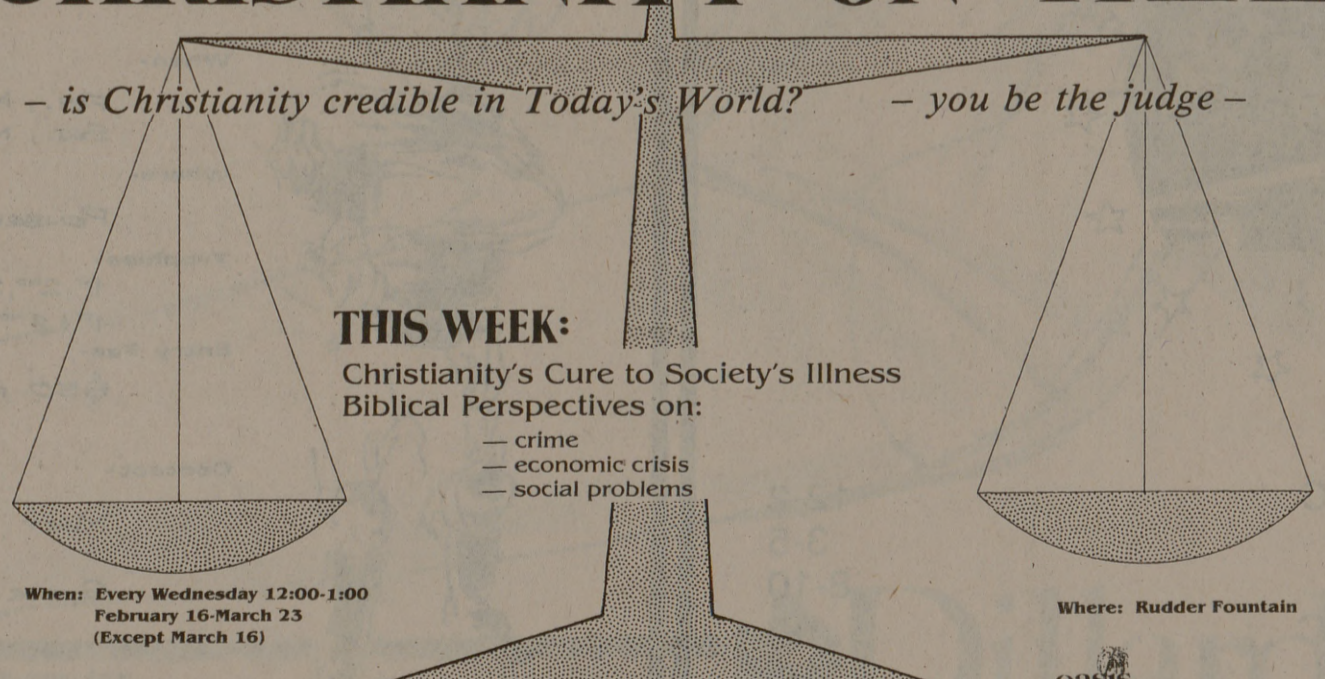
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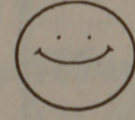
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