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Midland County Warped flapping about bat guano

MIDLAND (AP) — Piles of bat guano in the Midland County Courthouse have residents screeching for removal of the animals and local officials flapping about the nuisance. Colonies of bats have been in the

courthouse for years, coming and going at will in their nocturnal flights to feed, officials said.

But as the numbers of bats grow, so grow the piles of guano, driving workers batty over what they say is a horror of stench.

"After this last rain, I got com-plaints about the smell," said Midland County District Attoney Al Shorre Jr. His office is directly below the space where the bats roost.

Donna Harper, one of Shorre's staffers, complained most vocally.

"I can tolerate the bats," she said. "It's what they leave behind I can't stand

In their seasonal visits, the bats depart the courthouse about dusk in their flight for food, and return at about dawn to roost.

"If you want some good fertilizer for your yard, that's the best you can get," courthouse maintenance supervisor Gene Bishop said.



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Quayle: Dukakis' involvements in group suggest liberal stance

AMARILLO (AP) - Republican Senate seat of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, vice presidential nominee Dan Quayle, continuing the GOP strategy of painting Democrat Michael Dukakis as too liberal for American voters, said Wednesday that Dukakis had close ties to a group that advo-cates deep cuts in defense.

Quayle said that the group, "Jobs With Peace Campaign," has extreme liberal leanings, the main feature being "radical" cuts in the U.S. defense budget.

On Tuesday, Quayle called on Dukakis to resign his membership in the American Civil Liberties Union, another group the Republicans have attacked in saying Dukakis is out of touch with mainstream views.

Quayle's latest salvo came at a fund-raising rally for Rep. Beau Boulter, who is trying to capture the organization read like a who's

the Democratic vice presidential nominee

Under Texas law, Bentsen is allowed to undertake both his Senate re-election bid and the vice presidential race. Boulter is trailing badly in the Senate race.

Quayle has barely mentioned Bentsen in his campaign swing through Texas. But he told Boulter, 'We want you to be in the United States Senate this year.'

GOP strategists say they want Quayle to concentrate his firepower on Dukakis, not on the No. 2 man on the ticket

Quayle said that Dukakis was on the advisory board of the Bostonbased group, which supported a 25 percent cut in defense spending. Quayle said the list of advisers to

who of the left wing of the Democratic Party.

zation includes Jesse Jackson, George McGovern, Rep. Ron Del-lums of California and Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts.

Dukakis' goals and the group's goals, Quayle said, was to cancel the MX, Midgetman and Star Wars weapons systems, the stealth bomber and to cut the M-1 tank, the type Dukakis rode in, by 50 percent. The Republicans have been making much of Dukakis' ride several weeks ago in the tank at a General Dynamics plant in Detroit.

Quayle said Dukakis had been more than an adviser to the group, testifying at a 1983 mock hearing launching "Jobs With Peace Week"

and praising the group's aims. "Yet now, in the midst of an elec-

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Plane crash sti Il haunts men

ABILENE (AP) — A year ago Wednesday the eyes of the nation turned to the West Texas town of Abilene.

Three officers were killed in a brilliant fireball over a Colorado prairie when a B-1B bomber based at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene collided with a lumbering pelican. Three others parachuted to safety.

Many mourned for the three wives who were

supersonic plane like a bowling ball at the speed of sound.

With stinging criticism of the plane com-pounding their pain of personal loss, the men and women of the 96th Bomb Wing who fly and maintain the B-1B rallied around "their" plane as closely as they did the survivors.

One year later, the love affair between man

pen. Then, she said, God gave her peace. "When the peace came, I knew that mean Lord would be with me, and there would be at the end of the tunnel," she told the Abie Reporter-News.

She buried her 39-year-old husband in is Stud family's plot in his native home Tennessee Oct. 13, one day after their 13th anniversa Then she returned to Abilene to start what s called "the rebuilding process" with her dau

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anti-defense positions," he said. Quayle headed to Dallas for fund-raiser and rally before retu ing to Washington, where he prepare for his debate next Wed day with Bentsen.

Earlier Wednesday, the Indi senator had an upbeat mes when he addressed young peop an El Paso job corps center ta rated as the nation's highest inte of placing youngsters in jobs, vanced training and the military

He told the mostly Hispanica ence, "The greatest opportunit life are still ahead of you.

'We are confident in your ture," he said. "We are confi that you will be confident."

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