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Bush decides against settling Eastern strike by intervention

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday virtually ruled out intervening in the Eastern Airlines strike, saying "man-to-man negotiation" is preferable to a government-imposed settlement.

While he didn't flatly rule out stepping in to end the walkout, Bush said his policy "will hold firm" despite pressure in some congressional quarters to force him to act.

Fielding questions for more than 40 minutes in the White House briefing room, he insisted that "there isn't malaise" in his administration because of the drawn-out fight over confirmation of Defense Secretary-designate John Tower.

news conference statement to "restate my belief that free collective bargaining is the best means of resolving" the strike.

He exhorted Eastern management, the Machinists union and other unions to conduct "head-on, man-to-man negotiation" and said he thought that would be "better and more lasting... than an imposed government settlement, which could cause the airline to totally shut down."

On other subjects during the more than 40-minute question-and-answer session, Bush said he would like to see Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat "speak out" against raids that have been carried out by Palestinian guerrillas against Israelis in southern Lebanon.

Bush said he hoped these incidents would not jeopardize U.S. talks with PLO representatives he said he thought that Arafat should "forthrightly condemn any terrorism that might be perpetrated by the Palestinians."

President intends to replace immigration head, source says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration will replace Alan C. Nelson as head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an administration source said Tuesday.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, who recently received a department audit that criticized management and operations of INS, is searching for someone to take over the agency, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The source confirmed a report in Tuesday's editions of the Los Angeles Times that Nelson would not be kept as INS commissioner in

1986 immigration reform law, which provided for massive amnesty for legal aliens.

INS became embroiled in a number of lawsuits charging that it was improperly making it difficult for legal aliens to obtain legal status under the new law.

The Justice Department audit completed two weeks ago, cited INS for its failure to conduct background checks on many applicants for citizenship and found that 23,000 valuable naturalization certificates had been lost by the agency's Miami regional office.

The special audit conducted

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Paying homage to a pocketful of bureaucratic expenditures

By Glenn Fogerty
The Observer
U. of Notre Dame, IN

Over the past few years, there has been alarm in the media and Congress about a monster called the Federal Deficit. But when it actually comes to "cutting it down to size," there are a myriad of complaints. Each senator yells, "No cuts in my state!" Each congressman yells, "Oh, no! Not my district." The worst yellers of all are the bureaucrats. But the major difference between the bureaucrats and elected officials is that bureaucracy never goes away.

There is something wrong with the idea that bureaucracies are created to solve problems. If the bureaucracy actually "solved the problem" it would put itself out of business. Bureaucrats keep themselves in business by making problems worse (or by letting them become so), in order to expand their "necessary functions" later. That makes sense, because bureaucracies receive money according to how big they are and not according to the purpose they serve. Still, a bureaucracy must justify its existence. Thus, I think it's about time to pay homage to the wise expenditures of our beloved public servants in Washington.

In June 1973, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ruled that all cherry pies sold in interstate commerce could contain no more than 15 percent blemished cherries. Really, is anyone going to sit on a cherry pie assembly line ready to knock off the sixteenth blemished cherry out of every hundred

that come along?

The FDA loves to give out "urgent warnings." This agency actually issues an "urgent warning" to the public not to eat the heart-shaped boxes that Valentine's Day candies come in.

What qualifies as art to a bureaucracy is pretty interesting too. The National Endowment for the Arts gave a \$6,025 grant to an artist to make a film about throwing crepe paper and burning gases out of high-flying airplanes. Much of the grant was spent on the artist's trip to a Caribbean island which had been "influential in the development of the artist."

Bureaucrats casually waste millions on "studies." For example, the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) spent \$57,800 on a head-to-foot physical study of 432 airline stewardesses, involving 79 specific measurements. One interesting fact is that stewardess' noses average 2.18 inches long. Now we know.

It gets better. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism conducted a \$102,000 experiment on fish, one that included extensive tests intended to answer the question "Are sunfish that drink tequila more aggressive than sunfish that drink gin?"

I could think of better things for which the government could use its "revenues." Better yet, the government and its army of bureaucrats shouldn't get that much to begin with. It's safer that way. Remember, don't eat those heart-shaped boxes. You've been warned, so there are no excuses.

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But then I wondered what everyone else had done. The manager of the theater hadn't even stayed to talk to the police. What about the three cars that were lined up behind us as he was grabbing her?

This incident indicates to me that there is something wrong, not only with the way we treat those who ask

for our help, but also in our relationship with the police. Is it that people think it safer not to get involved?

John Kuprevich, Director of Brown U., R.I., Police and Security, ascribes this attitude of "looking after No. 1" to three factors. "Our legal system does a terrible job with witnesses and victims," he said. "People think they will end up in a legal battle and they'd simply rather not." Secondly, Kuprevich said that by giving evidence, witnesses fear opening themselves up to attack from the guilty party. Finally,

Elderly's rich sense of history falls upon uninterested ears

By Elizabeth Holland
The Daily Illini
U. of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

The old woman's face is patterned with deep grooves and peppered with age spots. Her eyes are cloudy blue. Though Ada Wilson, a 104-year-old woman from Washington, Ind., is physically deteriorating, her mind remains active.

Wilson, like most of America's elderly, has thoughts, memories and even aspirations. Her memories and her past are her foundation, and in a sense, a foundation of her community, as the memories of our elderly are the foundation of the country.

Wilson has stories to tell. She remembers moving in a covered wagon to Indiana and the night her sister was kidnapped by Indians and never returned. She remembers raising her family during the Depression.

Though these accounts are intensely interesting and may even hold valuable lessons for this and future generations, no one seems to want to hear. For the most part, Wilson's stories go unheard. People who visit her appear to be visiting out of guilt more than desire.

This treatment is a growing phenomenon in our American culture. Family ties, sympathy and love seem to be slipping in our hierarchy of wants and needs as materialism treads upon

American values. Also slipping regard for the elderly.

There was a time when elderly considered sage, intelligent, respected and prominent members of society. Now we send them to homes, attendants and family nod at their ailments without really listening to what they are saying. With so many elderly (more than 12 percent of the population and so many stories, why doesn't body want to listen?

Ada Wilson could not be wanted to hear her stories. She could any of the six other seniors with whom I recently visited. Citizens are not members of a society. We cannot forget them only about our own destinies. So, we encase the elderly in the ahead of time. Aging is inescapable by continuing what we are now. We are not only encasing today's population, but tomorrow's — ourselves.

Isn't rebuilding an elder person respect and possibly setting the future worth a few meaningful visits to a nursing home or phone to an elderly relative?

The lines on Ada Wilson's face just appear. She has stories to tell and laugh about. She only needs one to tell them to. I just hope someone will want to read between lines on my face.

CAMPUS QUOTABLE

"I'm worried about a generation of journalists who know only broadcast journalism and who are comfortable with ninety-second spots, who haven't had the experience of carrying a story out to the thirtieth paragraph."
—Walter Cronkite talks about journalism. ■ Karl Arruda, *The Brown Daily Herald*, Brown U., RI

"Historically, all tragedies had one thing in common — the people involved didn't know what was happening to them."
—Peace activist Norman Cousins speaks at the U. of Utah. ■ Christine Aggeler, *The Daily Utah Chronicle*, U. of Utah

"Just Say No.' Those people haven't had sex for 20 years. It's easy for them to say no."
—Playboy Adviser James Petersen at the U. of Kentucky ■ Michael Kenton, *Kentucky Kernel*, U. of Kentucky

"I believe in personal inevitability. I am not a plotter. And I am unhappy with my accomplishments."
—Author James Michener on his life. ■ Susan Smith, *Miami Hurricane*, of Miami

he said: "I think people reason that maybe the victim had it coming, and it's not for us to get involved."

So why is there a breakdown of community to the degree that people won't help a victim? And why is there such a lack of faith in the police? Is it fear of the police and the legal system that leads them to turn their backs? "The only way things change is if people realize they can work together for their mutual good... and that the police can help them," Kuprevich said. I relate this problem, however, to a larger aspect of American ideology. It seems that a Republican America wants lower taxes and wants the money on defending this corner planet from everyone else.

Where does such a mentality Is such insularity in states of individuals conducive to a healthy society? If someone needs our help, we stop thinking about ourselves for a moment and help them. I tried to that woman who was attacked. It frightens me to think that I would not do the same for me.