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## Ethiopia asks U.S. to help in search for Rep. Leland

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Ethiopia asked for help in the search for a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland and 13 companions and America responded by sending a fleet of rescue aircraft Wednesday, U.S. officials said.

President Bush called the disappearance a matter "of great concern to us" and said Ethiopia is "going to get all the cooperation we can give them" in the search, now in its third day.

Sundown ended another day of the air and ground search with no trace of the De Havilland Twin Otter plane, but Robert Houdek, U.S. charge d'affaires in Addis Ababa, said, "There are a lot of aspects that give us cause for hope."

Houdek said the plane was a "great bush aircraft" capable of landing in close, rough terrain, and that the pilot, Assefa Gebre-Giorgis, was "the best damn bush pilot in Ethiopia."

Gebre-Giorgis, a former Ethiopian air force pilot, "knows Ethiopia like the back of his hand," Houdek said.

Leland, 44, a Texas Democrat who heads the House Select Committee on Hunger, has taken a great interest in Africa's refugee problem and was flying to the Fugnido refugee camp near the border with Sudan, 480 miles southwest of the capital of Addis Ababa.

The congressman from Houston arrived on Monday and hours later boarded the Twin Otter — a high-winged, short takeoff and landing aircraft powered by two turboprop engines. With him were eight other Americans and five Ethiopians, including the pilot and co-pilot.

The plane took off in bad weather for the camp. Gebre-Giorgis made his last radio contact 15 minutes out of Addis Ababa and the plane never arrived.

Officials said nine or 10 Ethiopian search planes were in the air at any one time Wednesday, crisscrossing an area of about 24,000 square miles. Police, security officials and farmers have conducted ground searches.

Bush told reporters in the Oval

## Eight other Americans missing

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Here is a list of eight Americans who were on a plane with Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, when it disappeared in Ethiopia, as provided on Wednesday by the State Department in Washington:

Hugh Anderson Johnson, Jr. — Leland staff member.  
Patrice Yvonne Johnson (no relation) — Leland staff member.

Joyce Francine Williams — a staff aide to Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, D-Calif.

Ivan L. Tillem — a New York City investment banker, lawyer, pub-

lisher and friend of Leland.

Robert Woods — political-economic officer, U.S. Embassy.

Gladys Gilbert — of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Thomas Worrick — an acting U.S. AID representative.

Roberta Worrick — spouse.

Also on board in addition to the Ethiopian pilot and co-pilot were an officer from the Foreign Ministry, an officer of Ethiopia's Research and Rehabilitation Commission, and a foreign national employee of AID.

Office that Defense Secretary Richard Cheney was "trying to find what assets are available" for the rescue effort.

National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft reported that "the Ethiopians have asked for our help . . . Well, they're getting it . . . They're going to get all the cooperation we can give them."

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said that Marxist Ethiopia "agreed to an overflight of the area by a U-2 photo-reconnaissance plane. A C-21 aircraft will be sent to provide support for that overflight."

She said an Air Force C-141 Starlifter medical evacuation plane was sent from West Germany on Bush's authority carrying a 20-member medical team and search and rescue, weather and communications personnel.

"Defense is sending a number of aircraft . . . Two HC-130 aircraft will be deployed from . . . (Britain) later today," Tutwiler said. . . . (The Defense Department) is considering sending a C-5 cargo plane carrying five UH-60 helicopters."

Houdek said one cause for hope was "that we haven't found any wreckage" in the rugged mountains and high plateaus along the intended flight path.

The search area was expanded Wednesday to parts of Sudan south of the Fugnido camp.

"They're putting more resources into the area around Mizan Tefer and Guraferda, southeast of Fugnido," said John Guerra, a U.S. Embassy political and economics officer.

Guraferda is near an area where people reported hearing a light plane circling a dirt landing strip Monday, Guerra said, and "we have to reiterate that these areas are so isolated they could have put down anywhere."

He described the region as "without any communication, virtually no roads and sparsely populated."

The plane carried an emergency first aid kit, he said, and "we just have to keep hoping they're OK."

Guerra conceded that the Twin Otter could have hit one of the many mountains along its path, some of which reach heights of more than 12,000 feet.

Also on the plane were three congressional staff members; a friend; four Americans, including one man's wife, from the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. Agency for International Development, and five Ethiopians: three government officials, the pilot and co-pilot.



Photo by Kathy Haveman

## An artist at work

Texas Highway Dept. maintenance worker Bob Vanvolkenburg of College Station (foreground) and Todd Tumlinson of Bryan apply yellow paint to the median on University Drive.

## Analysts predict law will reduce earning of profits by S&Ls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The savings and loan industry will emerge leaner and more closely regulated, but perhaps no better able to earn a profit, as a result of legislation signed by President Bush on Wednesday, analysts say.

The bill, enacted six months after Bush first called for emergency action to solve a crisis inherited from the Reagan administration, is expected to profoundly alter and probably drastically shrink a business that has enjoyed a privileged position in the nation's financial system for more than 50 years.

Savings and loans, because they financed the American dream of home ownership, have been permitted to operate under accounting standards and capital requirements much more lax than those applied to commercial banks.

No longer. In 120 days, thrift owners will be required to back

every \$100 in lending with \$1.50 in tangible capital, which will act as a cushion between future losses and government insurance funds. By 1995, the standard will reach \$5.

An estimated 77 percent of the nation's 2,946 S&Ls meet the 1.5 percent standard and two-thirds already satisfy the 3 percent requirement that is more than five years away, according to Sheshunoff & Co., a consulting firm in Austin.

Those that can't measure up face takeovers by government regulators or mergers with bigger and stronger institutions. Because the legislation for the first time permits banks to buy solvent S&Ls, even prosperous institutions could be quickly scooped up by large holding companies anxious to expand their retail branch network. The bill makes it easier for banks to smoothly integrate thrifts into their operation.

## Suicide bomber attacks Israeli convoy in Lebanon as hostage crisis continues

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A suicide bomber attacked an Israeli convoy in south Lebanon on Wednesday, wounding six people in what the pro-Iranian Hezbollah called a down payment for Israel's abduction of a Shiite Moslem cleric.

Hezbollah said a Shiite clergyman drove the explosives-laden pickup truck.

It also said the seizure of Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid hampered efforts to free the 16 Western captives in Lebanon, eight of whom are Americans. Hezbollah is believed to be an umbrella organization for groups holding most of the hostages.

In Washington, President Bush promised to pursue every diplomatic channel to win freedom for the American hostages, but said there would be no "trading off or negotiating."

A Tehran newspaper said Israel would help free hostages if Israel released Obeid and if four Iranians

missing in Lebanon since 1982, believed long dead, were located. On Tuesday, another Tehran paper said Iran would help if Washington released \$2 billion in Iranian assets frozen a decade ago when the U.S. Embassy was seized.

Sheik Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual adviser of Hezbollah, said of the bombing: "We tell Israel this is a down payment. Much more will follow."

Hezbollah, whose name means Party of God, said the suicide

bomber was Sheik Asaad Birro, a 24-year-old Lebanese Shiite cleric from the Bekaa Valley. Israel said two people were in the pickup, which exploded at midmorning in the buffer

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## Bush seeks Iranian aid in release of Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush issued a new appeal to Iran on Wednesday for help in winning the release of Americans kidnapped in Lebanon, promising to pursue every diplomatic avenue but saying he would not engage in "trading off or negotiating for hostages."

Bush said the lives of the hostages are "too precious for me to be sticking my head in the sand and miss some subtlety in this highly compli-

cated corner of the world."

He made his comments in a brief question-and-answer session after reports indicating that Iran's new president, Hashemi Rafsanjani, would help obtain freedom for the hostages if the United States released billions of dollars in Iranian assets impounded a decade ago.

The administration has rejected linking the hostages and the assets, and Bush said, "My view is to do

nothing that will be seen as quid pro quo for hostages."

Bush said there were mixed signals from Iran about its intentions. As for himself, he recalled the rhetorical open hand he extended to Tehran on the day he took office.

"I'm not talking about terms, I'm talking about talking to get people out that are held against their will," he said. "And I think I covered that pretty well in my inaugural address when I said goodwill will beget goodwill. And if ever there was a clearer signal, in my view that's it."

"And if there are changes taking place (in Iran) and signals that are shifting, I don't want to miss a signal."

The president and other administration leaders denied that the United States was shifting its policy about the way it deals with terrorists and kidnappers.

Bush's administration had flatly ruled out any negotiations, but Bush seemed to hint at some change in an interview with the *Boston Globe*.

## Campus construction may create headaches during dorm check-in

By Michael Kelley

Of The Battalion Staff

A new check-in procedure will be implemented for south-side on-campus students returning for the fall semester as a result of the closing of Lot 24, the parking lot used by most South Area residents.

Tom Murray, assistant director of Student Affairs, said the limited parking might make moving in difficult for on-campus residents.

"We realize the problems the construction has created, so we have developed a plan that will hopefully ease the check-in process for the students living in the south-side residence halls," Murray said.

Student Affairs, in conjunction with Parking, Transit and Traffic Services, Food Services, the Residence Hall Association, and the University Police Department, has created a plan that will allow students to unload their belongings onto the sidewalk, then immediately park their cars in an approved "red" (student) parking lot, Murray said.

"We are hoping to alleviate the congestion normally associated with students checking into the residence halls at one time," Murray said. "We will use our student workers and some of the parking police to watch the students' piles of belongings while they go park their car."

The three areas where students can drop off their belongings are along "Mosher Lane," Bizzell Street, and Lubbock Street.

Murray said students should move their cars to Lot 56 or 61 since shuttle buses will run from these lots to the South Area halls. The buses will run from 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on August 21, and from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for the remainder of the week.

Because more than 50 percent of on-campus students check-in on the first day, students who can wait until after August 21 to move in should do so.

To further speed up the move-in process, Student Affairs is encouraging those students whose homes are relatively close to the campus to bring as few belongings as possible while checking into their dorms. The remainder of their belongings can then be brought to the dorm at a later date when there are fewer students checking in.

Food Services will sell concessions at the corner of Lubbock and Bizzell streets. Carts will be provided in the South Area Lobby to assist students in moving their belongings to their rooms.

All residence halls will open at 1:00 p.m. on Monday August 21, and the check-in process will continue until the end of the first week of classes. Students who have any questions or who need more information about moving into the residence halls should contact Student Affairs at 845-1229.

## Japanese leader names two women to Cabinet

TOKYO (AP) — Governing party leader Toshiki Kaifu became prime minister Wednesday after an unprecedented battle in Parliament, and he immediately began trying to build public support by naming two women to the Cabinet.

Women voters, angry over a new sales tax and a sex scandal involving Kaifu's predecessor, were seen as a major factor in the Liberal Democratic Party's poor showing in parliamentary elections July 23.

In that vote, the Liberal Democrats lost their majority in the upper house for the first time in their 34-year history.

The opposition Socialists delayed Kaifu's election by supporting Socialist Party leader Takako Doi on Wednesday. The Liberal Democrats

hold a majority in the more powerful lower house, which chose Kaifu. Under the constitution, the lower house decision prevailed.

It was the first time in 41 years the chambers had clashed over leadership of the government.

"Today, the door was only half-opened, but I am determined to continue to work to fully open this door some day," Doi said.

Socialist Secretary-General Tsunuro Yamaguchi told the Associated Press that "politically, the upper house vote has proven that this administration is only half an administration, and Kaifu is only half a prime minister."

Kaifu told reporters the upper house's move was a "severe consequence of our election defeat."

## Finals Schedule

The following is the final exam schedule:

- Classes meeting 8-9:35 a.m.:  
Thursday from 6-8 p.m.
- Classes meeting 10-11:35 a.m.:  
Friday from 9-10 a.m.
- Classes meeting 12-1:35 p.m.:  
Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Classes meeting 2-3:35 p.m.:  
Friday from 2-4 p.m.