

# Rep. Bartlett enters Dallas mayoral race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Steve Bartlett is trading a successful career in Congress for a chance to become mayor of Dallas.

It's a chancy proposition, but if he wins and succeeds in getting Dallas back on track, Bartlett may have also won something else — a larger base and wider name recognition for that "something bigger down the road," congressional scholar Norman Ornstein says.

Bartlett, a five-term Republican who has faced only minor opposition in recent elections, says he's running for mayor of the nation's eighth-largest city to bring leadership to Dallas City Hall.

"He really wants to bring back a sense of unity to the city," fellow Republican Rep. Lamar Smith of San Antonio says. "I think that's his sincere motive — to help the city through some difficult times, to be a unifying force, to bring some balance to the political arena."

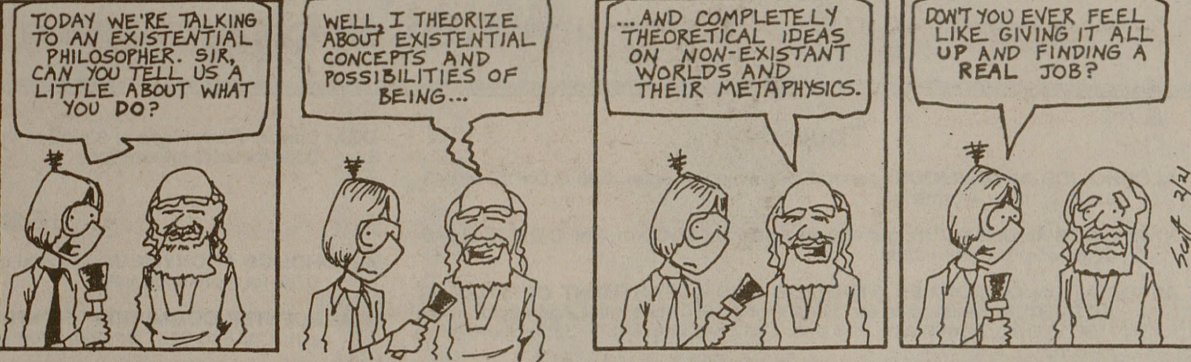
And if he does a good job as mayor, Smith says, "he ought to be rewarded. Oftentimes you have to sacrifice the present for a better future."

Another fellow Texas Republican, Sen. Phil Gramm, says Bartlett is sacrificing his own political future to help solve Dallas' problems.

"He has such a great future here in Congress, this represents a real sacrifice to run for mayor," Gramm says, describing Bartlett as one of the most effective members of the House.

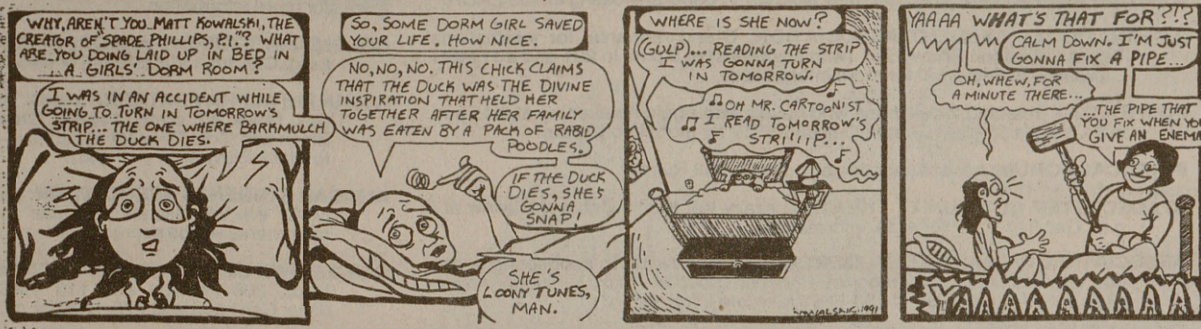
Bartlett, in announcing his candidacy for mayor Tuesday in Dallas, said he would resign his congressional seat as soon as a firm date for the election is set.

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# Census Bureau reports growth in urban centers

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, more Americans live in huge urban areas than in small cities and rural localities, according to Census Bureau figures released Wednesday.

And while those urban centers grew rapidly in the 1980s, more people preferred the suburbs to the core cities.

"It's not flight" from the cities, said William Frey, a research scientist at the University of Michigan Population Studies Center. "It's a natural evolutionary process."

Among the biggest gainers in the period was Austin, which got of its 46 percent growth, to almost 466,000, in the first half of the '80s, when oil and high-tech industries were booming.

Dallas grew by 32.6 percent in the period to 3.9 million, and Houston, hit hard by the oil boom and bust of the 1980s, still showed growth of 19.7 percent to 3.7 million. San Antonio grew by 21.5 percent to 1.3 million.

America's migration to the metropolis has gathered speed over a century. Still, in 1950, fewer than 30 percent of Americans lived in urban areas of 1 million or more.

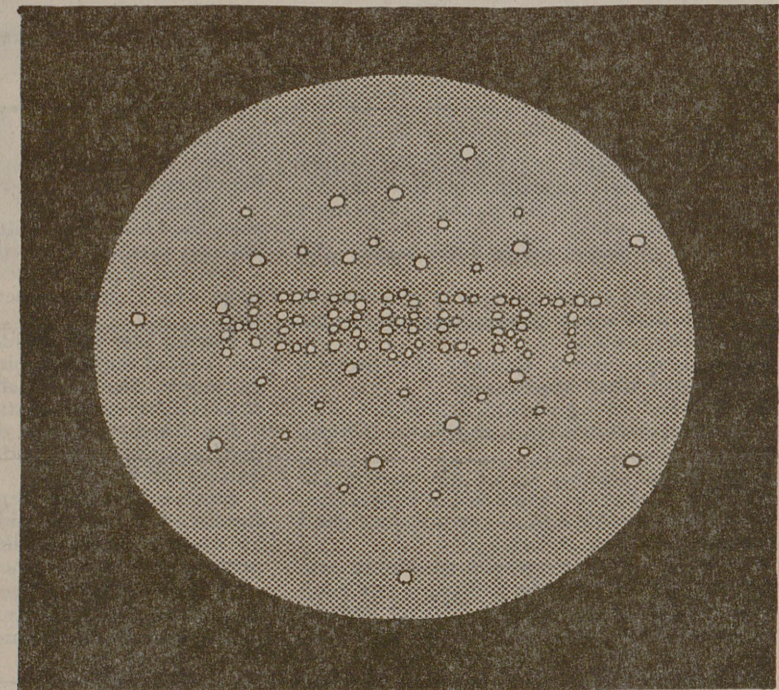
By 1980, that figure had grown to 45.9 percent. And in 1990, the census found 124.8 million people living in metro areas. That's 50.2 percent of the total population of 248.7 million people. The bureau will report later in the year regarding the breakdown of the rest of the populace — those in smaller cities and on farms.

The big urban areas expanded in part because service industries — businesses that don't manufacture anything — played a bigger role in the economy, Tom Kingsley, of the Urban Institute, said.

Service industries "have always been more concentrated in larger cities, so when the structure of the economy expands, it's not surprising the larger cities would grow more," Kingsley said.

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both the minority student and faculty representation in math and sciences until it reflects the state's breakdown of minorities.

Last year, Texas' population was 61 percent white, 12 percent black and 26 percent Hispanic. Students in the A&M System were 87 percent white, 3 percent black, 8 percent Hispanic and 2 percent Asian and other minorities. The faculty was 83 percent white, about 1 percent black and about 4 percent Hispanic and 6 percent Asian.

"Once fully developed, this model will ensure that when African-Americans and Hispanics in Texas come to represent the numerical majority of our population early in the next

century, they will have full participation in engineering and science-based disciplines," Hiler said.

"While it is first and most immediately a model for Texas, it can become over time a national model," he said.

A&M's "Commitment to Education" program created by Mobley last year will be a main component of the coalition.

A&M's designation as the leader in a statewide effort for \$10 million for programs to reform science education at all levels also will play a role.

Hiler said A&M consistently produces more Hispanic engineers than any other university in the United

States, followed closely by Texas A&I University, a predominately Hispanic institution and a new member of the system. Prairie View A&M University, which has the largest percentage of black students, is a national leader in producing black engineers.

Laredo State University, with its strong emphasis on international trade, has the state's highest proportion of Hispanics in relation to total student body.

The coalition also includes Tarleton State University, an undergraduate institution; Texas A&M University at Galveston; Corpus Christi State University, which focuses on the final two years of college and

graduate studies; and West Texas State University.

Hiler said the coalition is seeking matching funds from various federal agencies, including the National Science Foundation and departments of Energy, Education, Health and Human Services and Interior.

The projects will require the universities to work closely with public schools, community colleges and the federal government.

One coalition project, led by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, will involve 31 two-year colleges in the Lone Star State, 67 corporate partners and 12 national laboratories, Hiler said.

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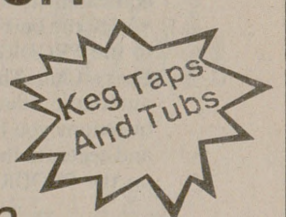
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