

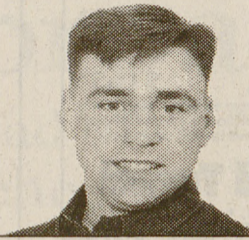
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Urgent words recall horrors of past Holocaust survivor leaves message for future generations

ROY L. CLAY

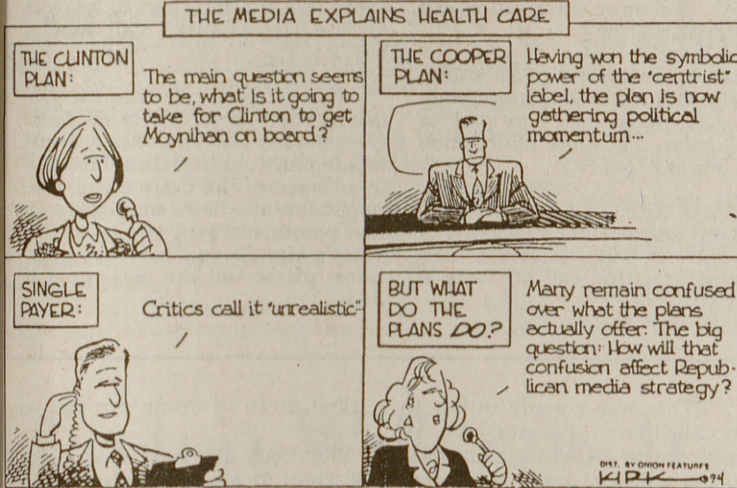


Columnist

I was 14 years old when the Nazis marched into my village. It was 1939 when the Nazis came to Kenen, Poland," Mike Jacobs said. "The first thing the soldiers did was throw the prayer books and scrolls out of the synagogue into the streets. They closed the synagogue and it was made into a horse stable."

His Polish accent was heavy, making the words that much more urgent. He is now an old man who remembers vividly those horrors of 50 years past; yet the faces of his dead family have faded from his mind. "I went to the big square to watch a concert one evening. When I got there, the Nazis had taken two hostages, one Jew and one non-Jew. They were put up to a wall and shot."

the shot of an expert marksman." Later they found a young child crying on a corner. As Holtz reached for his pistol, Jacobs said he stood in front of the child and begged Holtz not to do it. The soldier told him if he didn't get out of the way then he would suffer the same fate, but it didn't matter to him. He had to do something to stop it. But his effort was in vain. "Holtz fired six rounds into the little child, but the child did not die. So, he picked the baby up by the foot and dashed its head against the wall," Jacobs said.

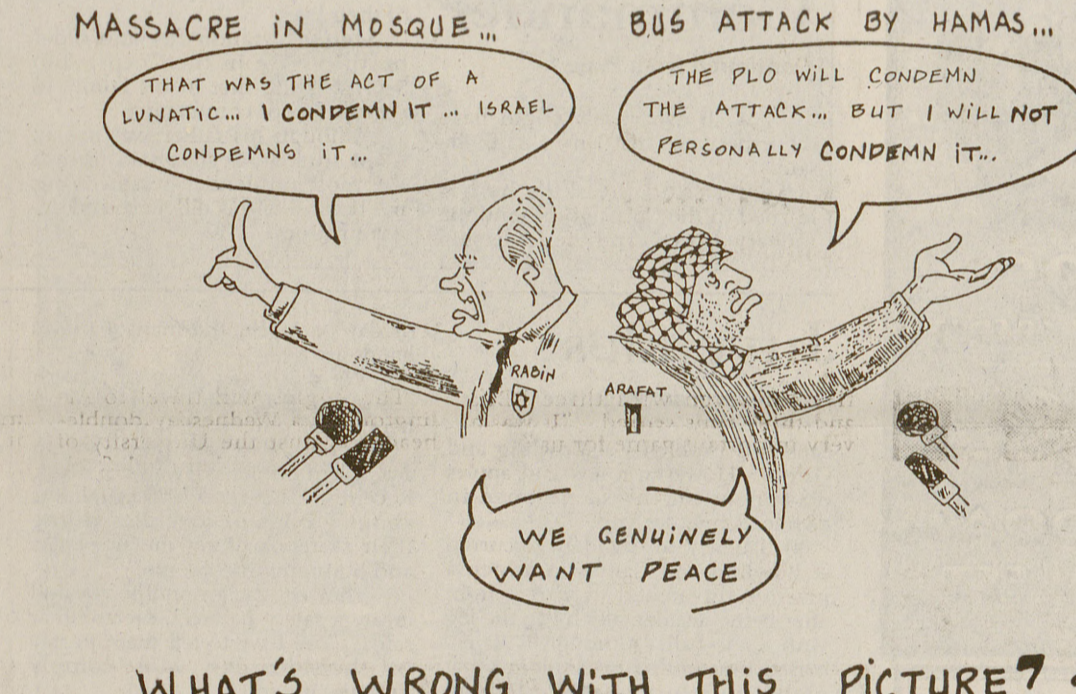


EDITORIAL

Class evaluations Students should see results

With registration comes the stress and fear of signing up for a class taught by a professor you would rather avoid like the plague. By the time you find out the prof doesn't relate well to students or just reads straight from the book, it's too late to rework your schedule.

obtain on a professor is past grade distributions. Once found in the YMCA Building, this information can now be found at Henderson Hall. Grade distribution is an important criterion for many students when choosing a professor, but it certainly is not the most responsible and accurate indication of a teacher's capabilities.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE? OC. 1994

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State budget ranks criminals over law-abiding citizens

The Texas prison system is eating the state's budget for lunch. If something isn't done to alleviate the problem of paying to house, feed and entertain a monstrous number of prisoners, the meal will be over before the law-abiding citizens can get to the table.

JENNY MAGEE



Columnist

has rights, but shouldn't we at least spend our money on programs that benefit the citizens who obey the law, instead of those who break it? Why should law-abiding citizens, especially the state's children, handicapped and elderly stand in line behind prisoners on the state's financial priority list? What kind of message are we sending to the people of this state anyway?

comfortable beds and television sets for all the thieves, murderers and rapists. We hope you don't mind." And if this child was particularly naive, maybe legislators and bureaucrats could appease him with the promise that the thieves, murderers and rapists would now be safely off the streets for a good six months.

behind bars within three years. "Hey kid, if you never go back out on the streets again, you might be safe." To begin with, the idea that prisoners have rights is an oxymoron. When people commit crimes, they relinquish their rights in the moment that they violate the law.

In some central shower areas, all 30 to 60 shower heads are turned on simultaneously even if only one inmate is showering. "Hey kid, well, uh... uh..." More than \$3 million in inventory is missing. "Hey kid, listen. If you don't tell anybody about all this, maybe we could take you to a baseball game, okay?"

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Mail Call



Equality, education Women's Week goals

The first Women's Week (March 27 through April 1) was an unqualified success, and the planning committee thanks all those who helped organize events, provided financial or moral support, or took part in this historic week.

participated in the week's events. We were particularly honored that Gov. Ann Richards officially proclaimed Texas A&M's women's week, noting that "Texas women have left an indelible imprint on... politics, religion, education, business, sports, and civic involvement."

and we are particularly grateful for the assistance and encouragement we received from President E. Dean Gage. As we plan Women's Week 1995, we hope that at some point we'll be "out of business." Gender, racial and ethnic equality is a goal sought by all of us at Texas A&M - women and men, students and faculty, professional and support staff.

pose of Texas A&M's Women's Week and the platform of the National Organization for Women (NOW). First of all, women have always been suppressed. We are a minority, if not by members, then by lack of equality.

ship with men. Our main objective is not to redefine the act of sex, nor to conquer men. Just equality. In the past there was no civil rights movement to speak for women as there has been for African-Americans and other victims of discrimination.

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