LATE-NIGHT QUESTIONS – Gov. Bill Clinton addresses members of the local and national media after stepping off a chartered plane shortly before 2 a.m. Friday at Central Flying Service in Little Rock.

Bush to propose $4 billion cut in defense with program hit list

BY DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – The Bush administration will propose cuts of about $4 billion from current military programs in a hit list accompanying its first defense budget since the collapse of the Soviet Union, according to draft documents.

The preliminary list targets such items as a planned upgrade for the M-1 tank, work on the F-14 Tomcat jet fighter and millions of dollars for research at universities.

Congress always approves more money than the Pentagon requests for specific weapons and research projects, usually work done in influential lawmakers' home districts, and the Pentagon traditionally calls for rescinding some of that money.

This year's list of such proposed cuts, reported in Friday's Washington Post and later obtained by The Associated Press, is an early draft. President Bush will send up the final list with the fiscal 1993 defense budget Wednesday.

If the House and Senate fail to reject the list within 45 days, the money would remain in the Pentagon accounts with the decision on how to spend it left to the defense secretary.

Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Friday that proposals for broad cuts in defense spending to finance do-

See DEFENSE, Page 10A

Congress puts marble in elevators

©1992 Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON – House members who returned to the Capitol this week concerned about potential election-year downers had to look no further than the floor beneath their feet on three "members only" elevators.

In each, old carpet-covered floors had been replaced with elegant, black-and-white marble. The cost: $8,000 per elevator.

Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., said Thursday that the new floors could prompt an outcry over congressional profligacy during hard times. Lewis raised the issue at a meeting of the House Appropriations sub-committee that handles Congress' own budget.

"Nobody knew about it," Lewis said later in an interview. "It certainly strikes the silent sore around here that supports reform is appropriate."

Such issues seem particularly pertinent in light of the enormous federal deficit and disclosures last year that many lawmakers had written overdrafts at a House bank.

The floors were paid for from an account controlled by House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash. Jeffrey Biggs, Foley's spokesman, said that they are part of "an ongoing effort to renovate and refurbish the Capitol."

Rector, 40, executed for officer's slaying

BY JOE FARMER
Democrat-Gazette Staff Writer

VARNER – Rickey Ray Rector died by lethal injection at the Cummins Unit at 10:06 p.m. Friday in an execution that took medical staff more than 50 minutes to find veins in his arms.

Witnesses said they heard as many as eight moans coming from the chamber as they waited for a flot of curtains separating them from Rector to be opened.

John Byus, administrator of medical and dental programs for the state Department of Correction, said the moans did come as a team of two medical people that had grown to five worked on both sides of his body to find a vein.

"That may have contributed to his occasional outbursts," Byus said.

The execution, scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., didn't start until 9:50 p.m.

Asked if he wished to make a final statement, Rector said, "Yes. I got baptized and saved."

Rector, 40, of Conway was sentenced to die for the March 24, 1981, slaying of Conway police officer Robert W. Martin. He also was serving a life sentence for first-degree murder and two counts of first-degree battery in a shooting at a restaurant two days before Martin died.

After killing Martin, Rector shot himself in the head. The wound, combined with sur-

See RECTOR, Page 9A

a List of witnesses 8A
a Rector tells son, to stay out of trouble 8A
a Six people outside Varner Unit for execution 10A

RECTOR PROTEST – Diane Hamley (left) participates in a protest of the execution of Rickey Ray Rector. The protest took place in front of the Governor's Mansion. Friday evening, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to grant a stay to Rector, who was convicted of killing a police officer.

Warren Dennis/Democrat-Gazette

Russians approve austere budget in face of hardships ahead

BY MARK J. PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW – Russian lawmakers on Friday approved an austerity budget after the country's finance chief warned that backing

be out of work by fall, homelessness threatens thousands of soldiers returning from abroad, and supplies of many farm products are the lowest in years.

Already, Russian President

consumers are angry.

At the same time, Yeltsin's government is trying to restrict rubles in circulation and curtail the large budget deficit.

The budget for the first quarter of this year approved

system, but generally is worth no more than about 1 U.S. cent.

Virtually unrestricted printing of rubles in the final years of Soviet rule built high inflation into the economy.

Finance Minister Yegor Gai-

year. But he said any other economic policy would invite even more inflation.

Without drastic economic reforms, he warned lawmakers, critically needed foreign

BY DON JOHNSON AND TERRY DEMONG
Democrat-Gazette Staff Writers

Gov. Bill Clinton plans to go on national television to discuss more frankly than he has in the past allegations of affairs, a campaign source in New Hampshire said Friday.

The source originally told the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* that Clinton planned to admit to infidelities, but later retracted that and said only that Clinton would discuss the allegations. As of Friday, the indications were that Clinton and his wife, Hillary, would confront the allegations on the CBS program "60 Minutes" Sunday after the Super Bowl game.

The *Boston Globe* reported today that Clinton is prepared to acknowledge indirectly to a national audience that he was involved in "affairs" during his 16-year marriage.

The decision comes after the *Star*, a supermarket tabloid, announced it will publish Monday that a nightclub singer had a 12-year extramarital affair with the governor.

The woman apparently has made false claims in the past regarding her work history and college background, the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* learned Friday.

Gennifer Flowers contends in the *Star* article that she had the longtime affair with Clinton, considered the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Clinton repeated his denial Friday of Flowers' allegations and said he would continue his campaign.

"The charges are false," Clinton said. "Today, she took money to publish a story that she hired a lawyer to say was absolutely defamatory over a year ago, it's said."

Flowers could not be reached Friday for comment.

The *Boston Herald* reported Friday that Lauren Kirk, a Dallas real estate agent, said her close friend Flowers had told her as early as 1982 about a romantic involvement with Clinton. She said Flowers' allegations are true.

John Hudgens, press secretary for Clinton's 1990 GOP gubernatorial rival Sheffield Nelson, said Friday that Flowers told him on many occasions that she was having an affair with Clinton. Hudgens also told the syndicated television show "A Current Affair"

See CLINTON, Page 14A

Rival for job files grievance over Flowers

BY NOEL OMAN
Democrat-Gazette Staff Writer

The supervisor of the state agency who hired Gennifer Flowers rejected a grievance claim by another employee who wanted the job, records showed Friday.

Flowers, who until now was known primarily as a local nightclub singer, resigned to resume promotion Thursday when the *Star*, a supermarket tabloid, released advance copies of a story in which Flowers alleged she engaged in a long-standing love affair with Gov. Bill Clinton.

Clinton, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for president, issued forceful denials.

His office acknowledged Thursday that a member of the governor's staff, Gary Gaddy, had referred Flowers to the job of administrative assistant II in the Arkansas Appeals Tribunal. The position pays about $17,500 annually.

But a spokesman for the office maintained that the referral was the extent of involvement by the governor's office. He added that the office routinely makes hundreds of such referrals each year.

See FLOWERS, Page 12A

trouble'

Rector

Continued from Page One

Mickey Reg Rector

Rector's last month, around 10 December 1981, Orval Kay, governor, met with attorneys John Jarrett of Little Rock, who represented the state of Arkansas in the death penalty cases, and Jim Neely, who represented the state in appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The issues pertaining to the legal records in his behalf were all 2:30 p.m., his spiritual counsel, a well-done fried steak, baked chicken with gravy, pecan pie, brown beans and cherry kool-aid. He finished the meal at 2:15 p.m., but didn't eat the gravy or the beans.

Rector was visited by the Rev. Marion Herron between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. David Rosenzweig, an attorney, and KARK-TV, Channel 4.

He was visited about 6 p.m. by Rosenzweig and also saw Herron. The news about the Supreme Court's decision.

Rosenzweig said he had earlier called Clinton from a pay telephone at First Bluff.

"I expressed various reports of the case he might not be in military while," Rosenzweig said. "He thanked me. I set the telephone he was likeable."

He said he believed Rector was too brain damaged to understand what was going on.

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Rector [illegible] tive." White said. "He is equal and of the fact he is to be executed."

Jewell visited with Rector between 7:30 and 8:07 p.m. Herron and Rosenzweig together visited Rector just before the execution, which they both witnessed.

The last black man executed in Arkansas died the same day: Oct. 28, 1960. They were John Rector, 28, convicted in Clark County for first-degree murder and Lawrence Gene Moore, 21, convicted in Crittenden County for first-degree murder.

To ensure their, were no problems with the population at the 1,000-female Cummins Unit, the nonprofit State Prison and the prison system provided extra officers.

Martin was looking for Rector because he was a suspect in the March 22, 1981, murder of Audie Trammell of Morrilton, and the wounding of two other men at a Conway restaurant.

Martin went to the home of Rector's mother, Clyde Dee Rector, to question her about her son's whereabouts. Martin was sitting in the living room when Rector entered and shot him. Rector then went outside and shot himself.

Information for this article was contributed by Arkansas Democrat-Gazette staff writers Trevor Hughes and Andy Goodwin.

Minirth-Meier-Rice Clinic, P.A.

Psychiatric and counseling center providing a variety of mental health care services. These services combine a firm Christian foundation with sound medical and psychological principles. You don't have to face your [illegible] alone.

CALL THE MINIRTH-MEIER-RICE CLINIC

Robert L. Rice, M.D., Clinic Director

Andy Patrick, M.D. | Charles Lynch, M.D.
Stephen McWilliams, Ph.D. | Jeffrey Oswalt, Ph.D.
Dan Blackburn, MAW, LCSW | Judy Richards, MSW, LCSW
Doug Dunlap, CAC | Glenda Dragoo, LPC
Dennis Hansen, MD, F.P.C. | Jim Kennedy, MD, F.P.C.
Hazel Lyle, LMSW | Dr Barbara Dale, M.D., F.A.P.
John D'Antoni, Ph.M., LPAC

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE • SATURDAY, JAN. 30, 1982 • 6B

FREIGHT SALES Furniture

ANNUAL CLEAN-SWEEP SALE! AT ALL 14 LOCATIONS

COUNTRY STYLE SOFA

YOUR CHOICE

CONTEMPORARY STYLE SOFA

$298

BUNK BEDS $99

BRASS BAKERS RACK

TRADITIONAL STYLE SLEEPER

$198

WE'RE CLEANING UP & CLEANING OUT!

SWIVEL GLIDER $198

4 PIECE COUNTRY BEDROOM SUITE $398

VICTORIAN STYLE WHITE & BRASS DAYBED $83

ACTIVATOR RECLINER $283

STOOL $12

5 PIECE CONTEMPORARY DINETTE $163

HEATER VIBRATOR RECLINER $198

Tables $166

ORTHOPEDIC CLASSIC FIRM $57

Impossible Prices... On Famous Brand Bedding

SPECIAL FIRM CHIRO FIRM $68

CHAISE PAD RECLINER $298

LIMITED EDITION ORTHO FIRM $93

EASY MONTHLY PAYMENTS

FREIGHT SALES Furniture