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Let's get rid of all the bad politicians

Basically, the leadership in America sucks. Whose fault is it? The American people, because we have let government officials run around this cow pasture far too long and the piles of evidence are starting to show. The economy is not a healthy show of their hard work and neither are the unemployment rates. The homeless are still that way. Violent crimes as well as hate crimes are on the rise, one sixth of which were committed by teenagers. Education lacks greatly in rural and urban areas.

The president keeps speaking of his domestic program. What? A tee shirt for sale in a Virginia Beach store summed this idea up just fine: "George Bush — World Tour 1988-92." Mr. Bush, who journalist Hunter S. Thompson described as the guiltiest man in American politics, is also the biggest jetsetter.

The Congress is bouncing checks all over Washington like sneaky children with a bucket of superballs on a freeway overpass. The people picking up the tabs

for this abuse are the taxpayers.

The Federal courts have recently found that some hate crimes are considered a constitutional right. This is forcing many colleges and universities to abandon their campus speech policies, and pushing minority groups back a few decades of progress.

This is an election year. The candidates are whoring themselves in every direction to get votes. In the coming month a lot of promises are going to be made. Most of the information concerning how each candidate will run the government will be more worthless than a goose turd on a pump handle.

The Republican slogan this year is "Clean the House!" Okay, let's huff and puff and blow those little pigs right out of the White House, the Congress, and every other area where the government is not doing its job.

The people of this nation need to take a hard look at how their leaders run the government. Chances are, they will not enjoy the sight.

"Be good and you will be lonesome."

— Mark Twain

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Tolerance important

GOP family 'values' odd

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

Of course, I've been thinking about family values a lot lately. I called my mother to ask what she thought our families were, and she said (rather sharply, I thought), "Never-you-mind, you just get down here and help me clean the garage."

Then I called my one friend who actually lives in a family with perfect statistics (no divorce, two children, a dog, and a tree-lined street). "Don't talk to me about family values," he said. "I just can't wait until my kids are out of college so I can start living again."

We have all seen those pic-

Dr. Steve
Muses

tures of children clinging to their parents as they view the ruins of their hurricane-blown homes. The family survives catastrophe, and it will survive politics. But it looks like a bumpy ride if your group didn't fit a pretty rigid definition of what makes up a family.

A few days after my phone calls, I saw a homeless woman and her two children being interviewed on television. "I don't care

what all-else is going on," the woman declared. "I find us a newspaper every day and teach my kids how to read."

Even if we insist on asking this woman where her husband is, surely she has some family values that have nothing to do with her ability to put a roof over their heads, or her belief in God, or who she's going to vote for, or her sexual orientation.

Speaking of orientation, I also heard an interview with two gay men who were explaining why they thought of themselves as having family values. "After all," one said, "we did come from

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Clinton's fidelity is relevant

By KENNETH LEONARD

What do Gary Hart, John Tower, and Bill Clinton have in common? The answer is simple: all three of them have cheated on their wives and claim that this is not a valid campaign issue, so that we should all look at their stands on "the issues" rather than "waste time" asking about their credibility.

Perhaps you remember the similar allegations made about Sen. Dan Quayle when he was named as Vice President Bush's running mate in the 1988 cam-

paign. Then the press had no moral qualms about giving Paula Parkinson's ridiculous charges plenty of air time and print space.

When John Tower was being considered for the Secretary of Defense position, there was no lack of questioning by Democrats as to whether his flagrant philandering mattered for a Cabinet-level post. Even the esteemed senator from Massachusetts, your friend and mine, Edward M. Kennedy (D-Chappaquiddick), said that adultery represented a credibility problem and that we could not allow drunkards and

philanderers in the Cabinet.

Now, apparently, the Democrats have ranked the Cabinet above the Presidency in terms of importance. The same liberals who cheered on Paula Parkinson and raked John Tower over the coals are now trying to insulate Bill Clinton.

The press is even defending itself from charges of inconsistency, saying that since Gary Hart asked to be followed, he should have been, but that the governor of Arkansas made no such chal-

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