

Is saving a life worth a few hours?

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique. It combines artificial respiration and artificial circulation to sustain a life threatened by cardiac arrest. CPR is a specialized technique that takes only six hours of training to learn properly.

The mayors of College Station and Bryan declared October as "CPR Month". It was an effort to publicize the necessity of learning this specialized technique. Why? Because each year heart attacks and cardiac arrest account for thousands of deaths that might have otherwise been prevented had CPR been tried.

Texas A&M University and local women's organizations are sponsoring classes in CPR throughout the month of October. The response to these classes so far has been poor to say the least. Here is an opportunity to teach people as young as eleven-years of age how to save the life of someone stricken with a heart attack.

Why is it that someone is unwilling to spare six hours to learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation? Is it apathy or are people unaware that courses are being offered in the community? Since both mayors declared October as "CPR Month" the news media printed and broadcast information concerning the CPR classes, dates, and times. So, it must be apathy because the information was well-publicized. The classes are free, and are offered in the morning and evening, on Monday-Wednesday, Tuesday-Thursday, or Saturday sessions.

It's not too late to enroll in one of the six-hour courses. Just call 846-3820. The classes meet for two three-hour sessions of lectures and practice on mannequins.

Six hours of training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation can mean a



lifetime to a child or an adult stricken with heart failure. It's too late for the person sitting beside you if he collapses from a heart attack and dies if you haven't been trained in CPR.

Six hours of training is worth a life, or is it?

Peggy Machol
Texas A&M Emergency Care Team

Carter neglect worries Orient's leaders

By DAVID S. BRODER
HONG KONG — Getting into China is still difficult for Americans, but it is becoming easier. Getting over China is something else. That takes some doing.

This reporter has been out for several days after his first trip and despite the distractions of this lively city, my head is still back there somewhere, on the other side of the bridge.

The reason, I think, is that China is an intensely personal experience — a set of incidents and encounters that impact each individual in his or her own way. Many things are done repetitively, but almost nothing is done mechanically. Whether you are offered yak-butter tea in a one-room Tibetan home or elegant refreshments in the Great Hall of the People, it is always with a personal touch.

To make a great leap from the personal to the presidential, that is one reason why I regret that Jimmy Carter is not going farther east than India on his forthcoming continent-hopping trip.

I think that with his flair for personal

communication, he would touch and be touched by a great many people in the Orient — not just in China, but in Japan, Taiwan, Korea, the Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand. They are, from what one hears, also very anxious to meet this new President.

Their anxiety is in itself an important element in the international equation. Mike Mansfield, the wise ambassador to Japan, used the word "vulnerable" three times when talking about the way the Japanese see their position in the world.

With the changes Carter is making in the development of U.S. troops in the Far East, Korea and Taiwan must be feeling that "vulnerability" even more.

But so, I would guess, is China. Behind all its propaganda warnings about the Russian "polar bear's" claws and what it claims is America's tendency to turn into a "paper tiger," one senses an understandable and genuine sense of insecurity.

Think of it this way. If you were the

senior Peking official whose principal link to the unknown President in Washington was through a retired labor union president, and you read almost daily that President dealing with the Soviet foreign minister on every major issue in the world, might you not get a little neurotic about what was going on?

That is not to denigrate the role of Leonard Woodcock, the former United Auto Workers president who heads the U.S. liaison office in Peking. But while Woodcock was back home for the past fortnight, the Chinese leaders in Peking had visits from former Secretary of state William P. Rogers, former ambassadors to the United Nations George Bush and William W. Scranton, former White House counsellor Dean Burch, and the head of the 1976 President Ford campaign, James E. Baker III.

In two weeks, they saw more big-shot officials of the last two Republican administrations than they have seen Democrats in the nine months since Carter was inaugurated.

Back in Washington, it made some sense when people argued that Carter should not have sent Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to Peking last summer. Carter knew in advance that he was not ready to "normalize" relations with China by shifting diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to Peking.

From this side of the world, the argument looks suspect. They very fact that "normalization" is precluded by domestic political considerations for the foreseeable future makes it all the more imperative for his administration to seek every opportunity for frequent talks, informal and formal, with the Chinese.

The fact that Carter will make two major overseas trips in his first year in office without coming to the heart of Asia sends the wrong message to China, Japan, and the other nations of the Pacific Basin. It adds to a feeling of neglect, which only personal diplomacy can counter.

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Problems stacking up for new president

By HELEN THOMAS

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Is this the autumn of President Carter's discontent?

He says not. In fact, Carter told Democratic Party stalwarts at a recent gathering that he welcomes "the recent controversy swirling around the White House."

If that's true, he's a glutton for punishment. For Carter, there are few headlines these days that can make him happy.

Washington window

His energy program is faltering despite dire warnings about shortages during a very cold winter ahead. He has said approval of the Panama Canal treaties is "in doubt."

He is having trouble with his welfare reform program, and he is about to unveil a tax reform package which certainly won't please everyone.

Part of Carter's problem appears to be that he has yet to command a loyal following — lieutenants on Capitol Hill who feel

strongly about his programs and are willing to go to the mat for him.

When Sens. James Abourezk, D-S.D., and Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, did just that with a filibuster to try to break the Senate tide for deregulation of natural gas, the administration pulled the rug out from under them.

Vice President Walter Mondale and Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd worked out the strategy to kill the filibuster and succeeded. Mondale maintains it was done without Carter's knowledge, but Abourezk seems to think otherwise. He accused Carter of lying.

If the President indeed did not know of the strategy of the floor managers, and gave no signals, he is in bad shape. For to say the least, Carter should monitor his own centerpiece legislation and to try to keep it on track.

The past nine months have been a get-acquainted trip for Carter and Democratic leaders and there's no indication they know each other yet.

Carter took office at a time when Congress was asserting the powers it lost in the Johnson and Nixon eras. They wanted no dictates from the president and no strong powers from the White House.

As a result, Carter has used kid gloves in his dealings with Democratic leaders, and he has tried to stay on the side of the angels as they show him the ropes.

For all the unprecedented consultation he has carried on with members of Congress, they still complain. But it is true that Carter worked out a joint U.S.-Soviet declaration on the main issues involved in a Middle East peace settlement without consulting the lawmakers most concerned with the problem.

Carter says part of the blame lies with his trying to tackle age-old problems that have defied solution for years — the Arab-Israeli conflict for one. He also has moved into areas of controversy where previous presidents have stepped gingerly — human rights and the Panama Canal treaties.

Pundits, who prefer the status quo and seek far more predictability, have displayed their outrage. Some of Henry Kissinger's followers believe Carter's openness and his zig-zags in foreign policy are detrimental to the nation's foreign policy.

According to critics, Carter not playing ball by the old rules. Some are showing more relief now that the United States and the Soviet Union are getting along better

and edging back toward detente.

For a time, they felt that Carter had forgotten the axiom that the world is made up of two superpowers. When U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young went off to Africa to extend a sympathetic hand to the independent movements in the Third World, Carter was urged to restrain him and a mini-movement began in the House to impeach Young.

It appears that Carter is marching to his own drum and is on the opposite side of the fence from the Democratic-controlled Congress in foreign affairs and some areas of domestic affairs. So much so that he has told Republican legislators they are more helpful to him at times than his Democratic cohorts.

It's clear that he must be reading it more and enjoying it less. What comes through is that neither Congress nor the pundits have a clear fix on Carter's goals, his methods or his philosophy. A lack of a clear line bothers them.

By definition, Carter has created confusion by his contradictory signals, all of which lessen confidence in him.

But despite all, Carter looks on the rosy side. "I'm still learning," he said. "I'm eager to learn. I want to be a good president."

Letters to the editor

Where is Popeye?

Editor:
Picture this if you will: I have survived another hard day of class. I trek over to the MSC, seeking a little relaxation and some relief from the horrors of lecturedom. I descend to the basement, whereupon I feed my daily quota of quarters to the electronic bandits assembled there. Having expended my life savings, I stroll over to the closed-circuit television. I read the attached notice, and learn that 55 minutes of Popeye awaits my critical review. Delighted, I take a seat and eagerly await some diverting and wholesome entertainment. It is now 3:45.

Eventually I get a sneaking suspicion that I am growing impatient. I look at my watch. It is 4:05. I look at the television. Nothing. I look at other people around me. Several are seated, blank stares on their faces, evidently hypnotized by the absolute inactivity unfolding before their very eyes. I say to myself, "Where is Popeye?" I wait another minute or so, then leave murmuring vague obscenities under my breath.

The story you have just heard is true, and it has happened to me twice recently. Why must we endure such treatment? Should we let the Video-tape Committee dangle such temptations as Popeye before our noses? I mean, it just isn't nice to tease Aggies. Tell me, Video people, where is Popeye?

—Paul Hughes '80

Art apologies

Editor:
The Arts Committee would like to clarify any misunderstandings which may have resulted from last week's advertise-

ment for our print sale. Neither the Committee nor the dealer purposefully tried to deceive anyone, yet we apologize if anyone was inconvenienced by the ad.

—John Purcell
Public Relations Director
Arts Committee

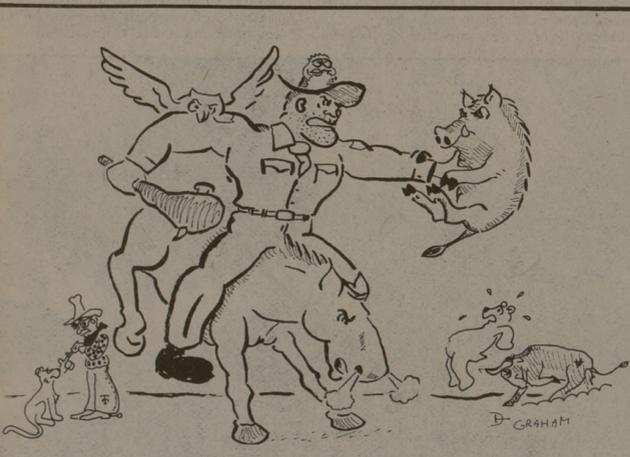
Wishbone must go

Coach Bellard:
The foregoing statements are the opinions of myself and many. That is, the wishbone offense is obsolete. All opposing teams know how to defend against it. Ah! But you say that this isn't true because the ol' Aggie team has scored quite well and has won all except one of their games. The reason that we've (Aggies) won those games is not the use of wishbone, it is because of the extremely talented player who battles out the victory with this archaic weapon.

Yes, Coach Bellard, we all know that you are the inventor of the wishbone, and it's a great offensive lineup. But it no longer works efficiently. It is a well-known offense and it has become easy to defend against.

Look at t.u., they've finally stopped using the wishbone after a couple of losing seasons and now, they're undefeated. Come on Coach Bellard, we know you have a propeasity for "your baby" but it's time to retire that old friend. I have not talked to anyone who has disagreed with me. We would all love, to see our Ags to the Cotton Bowl, but it'll be difficult to travel there by the wishbone. So, let's break the wishbone and pass more victories our way.

—Concerned W.B.N.



Battalion Spirit Quiz

1. Who are Texas A&M's two biggest rivals?
2. How do you define Aggie Spirit?
3. Do you think Aggie Spirit is on the decline?
4. Do you care?

Please turn in your answers (by Oct. 25) to "Quiz," The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald Building.

Look for related articles in Wednesday's Battalion.

Top of the News

Campus

Cutting classes good for you

Official work on the Bonfire will begin Sunday. Aggies who are going to cut timber must have a bonfire cutting class with them at all times. To get this card, students must attend a cutting class. Classes will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Oct. 25 at the Animal Science Pavillion.

State

'Racehorse' makes jokes at trial

The length of the T. Cullen Davis murder trial probably is working to the benefit of the defense, one of the prosecutors Marvin Collins, said Thursday in Amarillo. The trial of the Fort Worth, Tex., millionaire is in its ninth week and already is the longest murder trial in Texas history. "The longer it goes the more they lose their concentration and they (the jury) quit paying attention. Then one side or the other offers comic relief to regain their attention," Collins said. Defense attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes used that tactic Wednesday during the 43rd day of testimony, interrupting his own questioning of prosecution witness Frank Shiller to speculate jokingly on whether prosecutor Joe Shannon Jr. was wearing a wig and whether cross sections of wig fibers found at the crime scene had the shape of dog bones.

Rusk superintendent dismissed

A two-month investigation of patient abuse at the Rusk State Hospital has led to the dismissal of the institution's superintendent. Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department commissioner Dr. Kenneth Gavor Wednesday said Robert B. Sheldon's dismissal was effective immediately. Gavor, in his letter discharging Sheldon, said the superintendent "was not administering Rusk State Hospital in a manner consistent with the policies of the department." Sheldon's dismissal was not related to a recent controversy at the hospital over his firing of a nurse and physician who made allegations of patient mistreatment.

Hill jury disagrees on testimony

The jury has disagreed about an unnamed witness' testimony in early deliberations in the wrongful death suit in Houston against oilman Ash Robinson. The seven-man, five-woman civil court jury deliberated seven hours Wednesday without reaching a decision. The panel could consider as many as 47 special issues in the complex lawsuit. The survivors of Dr. John Hill claim Robinson paid \$25,000 to have the plastic surgeon killed because the oilman held Hill responsible for the death of his daughter Joan Robinson Hill. The jury must decide from evidence presented in the trial if a conspiracy existed to take Hill's life, and if Robinson and two other persons already serving prison terms for their role in the death were part of that conspiracy.

Nation

Gov. wants money for South

George Gov. George Busbee, the new chairman of the Southern Growth Policies Board, plans a meeting of Southern leaders this winter to start gathering data to convince President Carter and Congress the South is being short-changed in federal funding. Busbee said this week he wants to shift the board's emphasis from a scholarly study of growth patterns to an activist lobbying role before Congress. He said he was disappointed Carter, a former SGPB chairman, recently signed a community development block grant law with a funding policy that Busbee says unfairly favors the North and Midwest.

Fuelish caddies recalled

General Motors is recalling 133,000 Cadillacs built since 1975 to correct fuel hose leaks which have caused at least 100 engine fires. The fires have injured at least seven persons, but Cadillac officials said the "danger was minimal." Included in the recall was every Cadillac Seville ever sold—a total of 111,000—and 22,000 Coupe DeVille and Eldorado models with electronic fuel injection systems. Cadillac described the injuries reported as the result of engine fires as minor. The fuel leak is caused by a deterioration in the fuel hose connections between the gas tank and engine fuel rail.

World

Firebombing in West Germany

Leftist terrorists and their allies have opened a new offensive against West Germany, killing a top industrialist and firebombing German vehicles and businesses across France and Italy. The Bonn government, returning the challenge, said it will hunt down the killers of kidnapped industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer, whose body was found Wednesday in the trunk of a car in Mulhouse, France. The violence came after West German commandoes freed 86 hostages from a hijacked Lufthansa airliner in Somalia, killing three of the four Arab and German hijackers in a seven minute Entebbe-style raid. Hours after the commando raid, West Germany announced the suicides of Andreas Baader, a co-founder of the notorious Baader-Meinhop gang of urban guerrillas, and two comrades in Stammheim prison. At the moved to head off an international strike by airline pilots incensed by the execution of the pilot aboard the hijacked Lufthansa jetliner. The pilots have demanded the U.N. take actions against air piracy.

Weather

Mostly partly cloudy today and tomorrow with southeasterly winds 10 mph. High today upper 80s. Low tonight mid 60s. 20 percent chance of rain tomorrow afternoon.

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