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No indictment this week in state investigation of bribery scandal

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HOUSTON — The U.S. attorney leading the Texas phase of the federal investigation of a labor and government bribery scandal Wednesday said no indictments would be returned this week.
In Austin, lawyers for House Speaker Bill Clayton said he would not appear before the Houston panel until Friday, and possibly not at all, if they could obtain a judge's order to quash his subpoena.
"I do not expect anything from this

grand jury this week," J.A. Tony Canales, U.S. attorney for the southern district of Texas said.
Canales said he did not know when the indictments would come. He speculated all scheduled non-FBI witness testimony could be completed by Friday afternoon, but said, "there's a lot of work to be done after that."
The grand jury has been hearing testimony since at least Monday. Canales said it would be unfair for him to characterize the nature of the

investigation, although two witnesses have admitted they were asked whether they took money in exchange for help in arranging multi-million-dollar insurance contracts for state employees and union members.
One union official named by Clayton as the donor of an uncollected \$5,000 contribution sidestepped a grand jury subpoena Wednesday, possibly providing Clayton's lawyers with the impetus to try the same maneuver.

Mike Ramsey, a lawyer for L.G. Moore, the regional director of the International Union of Operating Engineers, said the government's "secret police" had leaked damaging information about the case, denying his client due process of law.
Ramsey appeared before U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Justice Reynaldo Garza in Brownsville early Wednesday and obtained a temporary stay of Moore's grand jury subpoena. Ramsey asked Garza to convene a three-judge federal panel to hear his arguments for quashing the subpoena.
"My basic position on all this is when the secret police come into Texas and operate, then they're obliged to present their product to a

constitutional forum, namely a grand jury, and not simply broadcast their version of what they claim happened to the citizenry at large," Ramsey said.
Details of the scandal first appeared in the Los Angeles Times and were attributed to well-informed sources and government sources, Ramsey said.
"The one thing I really object to is in a part of the Times story they talk about a Houston labor leader introducing a crooked insurance agent to (reputed Louisiana crime boss) Carlos Marcello. Then deeper into the story, they talk about a high official of the Operating Engineers Union and attribute other actual wrongdoing to him," Ramsey said.

Century-old ship finds friends in Galveston

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GALVESTON — Almost a century ago the British barque Elissa was a graceful sailing ship. Now the Elissa, the oldest ship listed in Lloyd's of London Registry of Shipping, is a pitiful hulk.
Gone are the three wooden masts, spars and sails. Her clipper bow has been chopped off, the work of a previous owner who disguised her in order to smuggle cigarettes from Italy to Yugoslavia. Rising from her temporary deck is a grimy diesel engine housing.
But slowly the ship is regaining her prime due to the work of a private historical foundation and hundreds of volunteers.
Later this year she may be open for viewing and possibly in two years she will sail Galveston Bay for the first time this century.
"This is not only the restoration of an old ship," says Don Birkholz, assistant restoration director, "but it is also the restoration of sailing techniques that we seem to have lost. This also awakens us to another way of life that we know only in books."
Birkholz was one of four volunteers who quit their jobs and

traveled with restoration director Walter Rybka to Piraeus, Greece, in 1977 to make the Elissa seaworthy again and sail her to Galveston.
"We grossly underestimated the work to be done and the money needed to get her in shape," said Rybka.
Rebuilding the hull, using steel instead of its original iron, was accomplished in Greece before money ran out and the decision was made to have the once proud ship towed 7,000 miles to Texas.
According to records, the 200-foot Elissa was crafted by Alexander Hall & Co. in Aberdeen, Scotland, and launched in October, 1877. She was selected by the foundation to be Galveston's maiden because of her authenticity, her previous visits to Galveston and her price tag, \$39,000.
A barque is a sailing vessel with its two forward masts square-rigged and its rear mast rigged fore and aft.
Rybka said records were preserved of the Elissa's travels but its cargo on its second and final trip to Galveston in 1886 was not known.
"Probably it was in ballast, with sand in the bottom to keep it from rolling over. It was only in Galveston

a couple of weeks, indicating there was no cargo. That was not enough time to offload and load," he said.
Presently, private companies have been contracted to rebuild the deck, rigging and sails. About 30 percent of the work has been done to get her seaworthy, Rybka said.
The total cost will be about \$2.5 million, with the Department of Interior's National Trust for Maritime Preservation kicking in \$500,000.
Another federal agency has approved spending \$27,000 for the foundation to develop a sailing program.
"We envision using the Elissa as a school and as a museum, depending on the season," Birkholz said.
Rybka cited the Cutty Sark in England and the Star of India in San Diego as similar projects, but he said, "the Elissa was much more ambitious because we are making it seaworthy. A number of times we have been told we were foolish."
The restoration parallels the city's ambitious rebuilding of The Strand district, which before 1900 was known as the "Wall Street of the South," but more recently had fallen into disrepair.



Day students get their news from the Batt.

Almanac

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 1980 with 321 to follow.
This is Valentine's Day.
The moon is moving toward its new phase.
The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.
The evening stars are Mercury and Venus.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Aquarius.
On this day in history:
In 1886, the West Coast citrus industry was born as the first trainload of oranges left Los Angeles for eastern markets.
In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt signed a law creating a Department of Commerce and Labor.
In 1933, an eight-day bank holiday was declared in Michigan in a Depression-era move to avert a financial panic, and \$50 million was rushed to Detroit to bolster bank assets.
In 1979, armed Iranian guerrillas rushed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and trapped Ambassador William Sullivan and 100 of his staff; Ayatollah Khomeini forces freed them. Adolph Dubs, U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was abducted by Moslem terrorists in Kabul and was shot to death in crossfire during government rescue attempt.
A thought for the day: Theodore Roosevelt, 26th U.S. president, said, "No man is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency."

ATTENTION JUNIORS

If you are an active, involved Ag with a 3.25 GPR & 75 credit hrs., then you are eligible for selection into CAP & GOWN/MORTAR BOARD, the senior honor society. Information sheets are available from Deans, Dept. Heads, and Rm. 110 YMCA. Information sheets are due:
Feb. 15; 5:00 p.m.
Rm. 110 YMCA
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 845-5974 OR 693-2485.

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Budweiser TASTEBUDS
IN "LINGUISTICS EXERCISE"

WHY IS IT EVERYTIME HE THINKS ABOUT ASKING THIS CHICK FOR A DATE HE GETS TONGUE-TIED?

YEAH! AND EVERYTIME HE GETS US ALL TIED UP I GET AN ITCH IN MY NOSE!!!

WHAT HE (NOT TO MENTION WE) NEED RIGHT NOW IS SOME ELOCUTION-LUBRICATION.

...BUD OF COURSE, BUT HOW?

THIS CALLS FOR MY FAMOUS HOUDINI TRICK!

WHO DUNNIT???

IF I CAN JUST...SLIP...OUT OF...THESE ROPES...LONG ENOUGH TO LET HIM SAY...

BUDWEISER!

YEA!!

OUTASIGHT!

IT WORKED! HE POPPED THE QUESTION OVER A BUD, AND SHE SAID OK!

I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT A BUD-ING LOVE AFFAIR!

I'D CALL IT A BAD PUN!

WHY DO YOU THINK THEY CALL 'EM TASTEBUDS ANYWAY!