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## Bike-A-Thon rescheduled

The Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 20, after being rained out last Sunday. Registration for the 30 mile ride will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Manor East Mall parking lot. Sponsor sheets and ride regulations are still available at area McDonald's, Pizza Huts and U-Tote'M stores, Bike-A-Thon chairman Mo Moser said. Riders will compete for 10-speed bicycles, trophies, and t-shirts.

# Military action is next, Carter warns Iran

United Press International  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter has raised the ante in his high-stakes battle with Iran, putting the strongest emphasis yet on America's threat of military action.

And the next step, Carter said, is some sort of military action against the Iranians.

The latest bans: Starting today, no Americans except journalists can travel to Iran without a special permit; a week from now, money transfers between Americans and Iran will be forbidden; effective immediately, all imports from Iran are prohibited.

Carter, in a 40-minute news conference Thursday, also said he will ask Congress for power to confiscate the \$8 billion in Iranian assets that U.S. institutions hold. He wants to give the money to families of the hostages and others with claims against Tehran.

And he said military goods Iran ordered will be used by U.S. forces or sold to others.

In outlining these steps, the president placed stronger emphasis on the possibility of military action than he has before.

He said he has one more set of economic

sanctions in mind — banning what little American food and medicine Iran now gets and trying to cut off Tehran's access to international communication facilities.

"If this additional set of sanctions that I have described to you today and the concerted actions of our allies is not successful," Carter said, "Then the only next step available that I can see would be some sort of military action, which is the prerogative and the right of the United States under these circumstances."

"The authorities in Iran should realize that the availability of peaceful measures,

like the patience of the American people, is running out," Carter warned. "The American hostages must be freed."

Although Carter did not say what specific military steps he has in mind, the Pentagon stands ready on several fronts: Lay explosive mines in Iranian harbors so no oil can come out and no goods can go in; form a blockade across the Persian Gulf and prevent Iranian ships from crossing; bomb port facilities that handle oil and refineries, or bomb military installations and equipment. These steps have been discussed at

length and officials have noted drawbacks in each, but Carter indicated at the news conference he may feel he has no choice in the end.

He declined to set a deadline for military action. But when asked about Iranian statements that the captives may be discussed by the new parliament in July, the president replied, "I would think that would be an excessive time for us to wait."

Carter used a carrot and stick approach with the allies, who are under American pressure to reduce trade and diplomatic

relations with Iran.

"I think they have performed adequately," he said, adding that he expects stronger actions from them in coming weeks.

As for the effect a blockade would have on the allies — some of whom import oil from Iran — Carter said such a step "would be severe in its consequences for Iran and much less severe for any individual customer of Iran's."

He added, "We are still attempting to avoid that kind of action — but I cannot preclude that option for the future."

## Iran is preparing for U.S. actions

United Press International  
Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said Iran is not afraid of an economic blockade and called on "men and women, young and old" to be ready to wage a guerrilla war to defend their country.

Khomeini made his remarks in a speech Thursday that preceded but anticipated President Carter's announcement of new military action aimed at gaining the release of 50 American hostages, held captive for 67 days.

Carter banned imports from Iran and travel there by Americans and warned that the only next step for the United States would be some sort of military action.

"Iran should not be beset by fears because they want to besiege it economically or militarily," Khomeini said in speech broadcast by Tehran Radio and monitored by the BBC in London. "We are not afraid of an economic blockade."

subservient to Carter in order to gain votes for him.

There have been growing tensions between Iran and Iraq in recent days, and Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi hinted in Copenhagen that his government would not object to a U.S. naval blockade of Iranian ports.

Khomeini said that should Iran be attacked, "all the inhabitants of the country — men and women, young and old — should rise in its defense."

He said such a threat "is a very slight possibility because the great powers know that they should not launch an attack now," but added, "It is still a possibility."

"Therefore, we should be ready in numbers and equipment," he said, adding that Iranians "should be in total readiness for guerrilla warfare."

Khomeini then launched into a verbal attack against Iraq, saying its leaders "are rotten elements."

President Abolhassan BaniSadr, who returned from a tour of the tense border with Iraq, also reiterated the Islamic regime's intention to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, adding fuel to the conflict.

Khomeini said Hussein "does not have a sane mind" and called on Arab nations to join Iran "to work for God and Islam."

West Germany advised its nationals in Iran to send their families home amid indications the Bonn government would back the U.S. sanctions against Iran even if other nations in the Common Market do not.

He said, "Carter's main concern is to be president for another four years in order to commit crimes for another four years."

Khomeini noted that America's allies had not rallied in force behind Washington's call for sanctions against Iran, saying "nobody has responded to him. Not everybody is Carter's servant or subservient to the U.S.A."

"The peoples are in agreement with us, with the exception of some governments, such as the Iraqi government," Khomeini said. "It will be disgraceful for Europe to be

## Reagan criticizes Carter's policies

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Ronald Reagan sums up President Carter's responses to the Iranian militants with a liberal rephrasing of a Teddy Roosevelt saying:

"The trouble with this administration is that it walks stickily and carries a big soft."

Reagan told an enthusiastic crowd of supporters in Nederland, Texas, that Carter's responses are those of appeasement that lurch from "crisis to crisis."

The GOP presidential front-runner, campaigned Thursday in Nederland on the Gulf Coast and Houston after a morning in Bismarck, N.D., where he got a dozen convention delegates.

Reagan was lukewarm about Carter's newest actions against Iran for the holding of the American hostages.

"The sanctions 'could have an effect,' Reagan said, 'but they all could have been done more effectively five months ago.'"

Asked what the president should do now, Reagan responded, "he himself said he is now approaching the point in which military alternatives would be considered. And that could include a blockade, mining and things of that kind."

"Naturally, all of us want it done in such a way that we would hope that we would not be in a position to escalate into a war that no one wants."

The former California governor again declined to make other recommendations, saying he does not know the options available to the president. Reagan has declined to accept a White House briefing on the crisis because, he said, he probably would learn nothing new and might be bound to secrecy on some data.

In North Dakota the issue was agriculture, and Reagan said consumers may have to help bail out financially-pinched growers.

## Man plans to journey around globe

United Press International  
RINER, Va. — Lloyd Sumner knows how Christopher Columbus must have felt 500 years ago.

People thought Columbus was crazy when he proposed sailing around the globe in the 15th century. Likewise, nobody could be blamed for thinking Sumner a bit daft for the journey he has mapped out for himself.

He plans to spend the next two years of his life traveling 200,000 miles, employing such means as an ostrich, roller skates, hang-glider, bicycle, rickshaw, bullock, supersonic jet and camel.

"Around the world in 80 ways," he quipped.

The resourceful Sumner begins his quest today to travel around the globe by using every conceivable mode of transportation imaginable.

"Anyway it is possible to move a human body from point 'A' to point 'B', I'll do it," said Sumner, 36, who graduated from the University of Virginia with an engineering degree.

Sumner's journey will begin aboard a hot-air balloon in Riner, a village he calls home when he is not traveling.

He plans to hop "monkeystyle" from tree-to-tree across the jungles of Africa. A windpowered bicycle capable of speeds of up to 55 mph will take him across the prairie states.

An increase in the cost of food at the grocery store would help give the farmer a "fair return," Reagan told reporters in Bismarck after he spoke to GOP convention delegates.

"You can't make them operate at a loss, give them no fair return on what they're doing," he said.

Reagan indicated that a rise in the price of food would barely hurt.

"What I'm saying is it would not be any considerable addition to the inflated prices of today to give them (farmers) a fair return would not necessarily result in a tremendous increase" in food prices.

Reagan claimed the administration has a "cheap food policy that for political purposes is aimed at the consumer and that does not recognize the problems of the farmer."

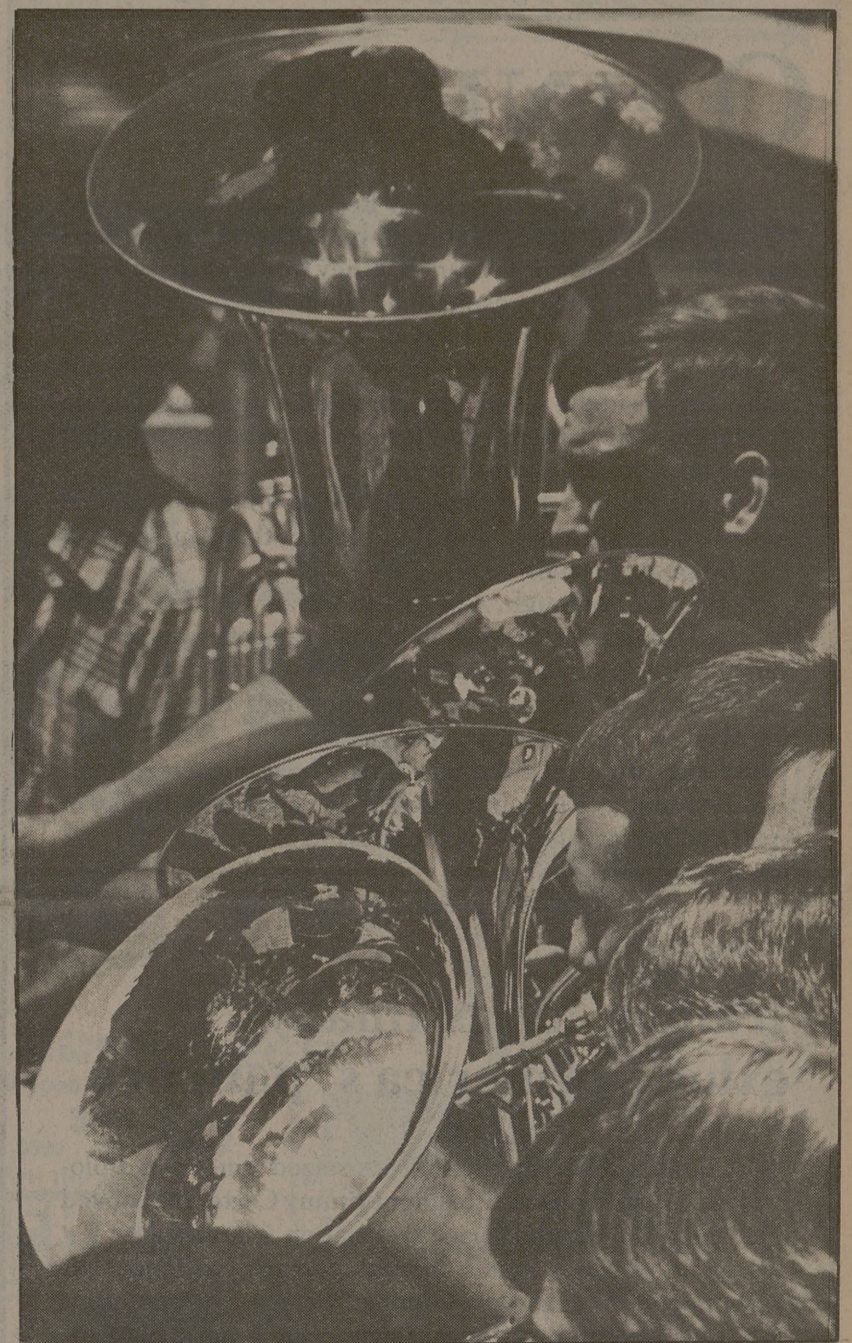
"I am a farmer," he told supporters. Reagan grazes 30 head of cattle on his 600-acre home in the Santa Barbara hills north of Los Angeles.

The campaign announced that Reagan will make a special trip to Ohio Sunday to meet with Gov. James Rhodes, who's expected to offer Reagan his endorsement.

Reagan also formed a policy council to advise him on national policy issues. It will be headed by former-Secretary of the Treasury William Simon, and includes many former members of the Nixon and Ford administration.



Everybody's a critic  
Whitney Hall, 3, seems more interested in the goodies her mother is holding than in the music the University Symphonic Band is playing. The band presented a "brown bag lunch" concert at the Rudder Fountain



Staff photos by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.  
earlier this week. Whitney and Caroline are the daughter and wife of chemistry professor Michael Hall.

# Emergency demonstration today

By BRIAN BLALOCK  
Campus Reporter  
Imagine a sniper attack on campus in which several people are injured. But after being bandaged, the victims get up and walk away.

Confused? Don't be. It will only be a demonstration by members of the Texas A&M University Emergency Care Team (ECT).

The demonstration, which will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. by Rudder Fountain,

is the class project of Susan Greer, a junior Industrial Education major from Houston, and Cheri Trahan, a sophomore Health Education major from Nederland. Both are enrolled in the H.E. 319, the emergency medical techniques class at Texas A&M.

Trahan said the demonstration is designed to help benefit other class members and also members of the ECT in the handling of such an emergency.

A number of students from the ECT and first aid classes, Greer said, will be made up

to simulate actual injuries that might occur from a sniper attack on campus.

She said the students will not only resemble gun-shot victims, but several will be faking heart attacks and some will have fake head injuries from falling downstairs.

Greer said the demonstration would allow all those participating to practice their techniques in bandaging wounds and dealing with other types of injuries.

The demonstration, Greer said, would help inform students there is a program at Texas A&M University that trains students to handle emergencies.

"We want to show that there are people

around who do know what to do in the case of an emergency," she said.

Trahan said part of the demonstration would also include use of the University ambulance and its equipment, which is run by the ECT from the Beutel Health Center.

Greer said other demonstrations of this type have been held in the past, but this is the first to be held on the campus.

She said the University Police and emergency medical teams in the areas had been notified about the demonstration in case someone calls them, thinking that the show is a real emergency.

## Caperton says Moore ignores elderly

By LAURA CORTEZ  
City Staff  
State senatorial candidate Kent Caperton has charged that his opponent, State Sen. William T. "Bill" Moore has neglected senior citizen interests.

But despite charges that Moore is "an enemy of the aged," the senator has received the support of many senior citizens in Texas.

At a press conference in Marlin this week, Caperton said, "Bill Moore has been an enemy of older Texans for 31 years."

"Moore consistently has opposed issues which would provide our senior citizens with some economic relief," Caperton said.

However, Moore recently received the endorsement of the Brazos Senior Citizens Association and the Texas Retired Employees Association (TREA).

E.M. Scott, president of the TREA said it was because of Moore's work in

the Senate that legislation was passed that granted retired state employees increased benefits.

"The retired state employees of Texas — and as a matter of fact, the retired teachers — do not have a better friend than Bill Moore. He has always worked hard for us and for the elderly," Scott said.

Caperton said Moore voted against the generic drug substitution bill that would have reduced prescription costs for senior citizens as well as other citizens.

Caperton said estimates show this bill would save Texas consumers approximately \$40 million per year, and because of this he would give this issue top priority.

Moore has also opposed utility bill relief and a school property tax exemption to elderly people on fixed incomes, and has opposed raising the mandatory retirement age to 70, Caperton said.

## Carter expects inflation to slow

United Press International  
President Carter predicts the gathering recession will be mild and short and says there is "a good chance for a sizeable decrease" in the inflation rate during the summer.

Although more bad inflation news can be expected in the next few months, Carter said during a news conference Thursday, there is "no reason for fear or despair."

"We are beginning to make some progress," he said. "Beginning this summer, there is a good chance for a sizeable decrease in the inflation rate."

"If we can have a limit — a fairly substantial limit, say a 20 percent increase on OPEC energy costs and some reduction, say 2 percent in mortgage rates on homes — we anticipate a substantial reduction in the inflation rate within the next few months."

"I'm talking about a reduction of 8 percent or more. Those are two big 'ifs' but I don't think they are beyond the realm of expectation. I have a very good feeling about the future this year — about controlling inflation and reducing interest rates."

He said there are signs of the beginnings of a recession, but he feels it will be "mild and short."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., attacked Carter's "handwringing" approach to the economic problems, an approach he said has thrown some segments of the U.S. work force into a depression, particularly construction and auto workers.

The administration Thursday announced plans to help the sagging housing industry and to help small banks meet the credit needs of small business and farm customers.