It's Clements vs. White over prisons

United Press International USTIN — Gov. Bill Clements Thursday Attorney General ark White was aware that the ernor's 1979 veto of a \$30 milappropriation for prison conruction was responsible for over-

owded conditions in the state White earlier this week said the eto had been partly responsible or the overcrowded conditions have forced the state to try and settle with the U.S. Justice
Department on a ruling by U.S.
District Judge William Wayne
Justice that the system needs to be

During his weekly news conference Clements said he had written mates. White a letter a year ago telling him that W.J. Estelle, the director of the the Texas Department of Corrections, had agreed with the governor's staff on the veto.

"It leaves me amazed since I wrote him that letter a year ago," Clements said.

Estelle, in a statement distributed to the news media, said the funds Clements vetoed could not have been spent during the current budget period and would not have avoided the governor's current recommendation for an emergency \$35 million appropria-

support the suggestion or inference that the veto action has had any impact on prison overcrowding," Estelle said. "Prior to Gov. Clements making a decision about TDC sharing in his veto message

of 1979, the governor's budget office contacted our fiscal staff to determine how best to make some deletions without impacting our construction schedule Clements also said he had not

government concerning Justice's

agree with Justice's requirement for single prisoner cells, specific size and location of prisons and studied the partial agreement White has made with the federal

staffing ratios. The governor said, however,

The attorney general agreed to provide special needs to mentally

retarded and physically handicap-

ped prisoners, to limit solitary

confinement to 15-day terms, to

develop clear and concise stan-

dards for the use of chemicals and

to propose a safety and hygiene

demand for improved conditions for the state's 30,000 prisoners.

The atterney general agreed to ments would not elaborate.

Clements also said he was considering seeking outside consultants to help the state with the full agreement with the justice department, implying that he was not totally satisfied with White's work on the agreement.

The governor was told that White was "bragging" about his But White said he could not work on the prison suit.

"I guess no one else is bragging on it," Clements said. "Perhaps it should be considered that we look for outside counsel.

Ex-hostage creates Iran cartoon film

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DALLAS — "Billy Joe Reza," a power-tripping Iranian ick, and a militant guard who accidentally blows off the ead of his comrade will be co-starring with Marine Sgt. nes Lopez in the former hostage's cartoon portrayal of ne 444 days he was held captive.

Besieged by offers to do movies and books about him, pez chose animation as his medium. He is working at indance Production's animation facility on a program note by Brinn in Lopez' cartoons interspersed with his descriptions of the nostage ordeal — that his partner, Ben Goddard of First esday, a Phoenix, Ariz., consulting firm, hopes to sell to

"This way we can tell his story his way, rather than mebody else's," Goddard said Tuesday. "Someone mted to do it with a star producer and star Eric Estrada. That's just not this guy."

"When I got back everyone wanted to do 'The Jimmy pez Story," Lopez said. "Big deal. I'm 22 years old. ow long a story can that be? I turned them all down but mic deficient when Ben asked if I wanted to do it as a cartoon and come lar majors here and play on a \$2 million animation machine, I said yes. "If nothing ever goes right again in my life, I can say I got at Sundance Production's animation facility. "I call this place 'Fantasy Studio.' I'm in my dream phase.

"I've always liked cartoons, comics," he said. "I like the freedom from reality. I got started with the old Tom and Jerry cartoons and I've always liked to draw."

While held hostage Lopez drew caricatures of his Iranian guards to kill time. His sketches were confiscated before he left Tehran but the cartoon vignettes in the program are

"They can take my papers but they can't take my mind. People ask, 'What did you do?' This is it," he said, showing a drawing of two Iranians. "I lampooned them.

There are times in life where you either laugh or cry and we weren't going to let them see us cry so we laughed at

The cartoons have scenes like an Iranian guard accidentally blowing the head off a comrade and an unconcerned Ayatollah Khomeini standing in the middle of bridge that burning at both ends.

One Lopez character is student-guard Billy Joe Reza, "a real hick who's majoring in building blocks and never been

to play around in an animation studio," he said Wednesday farther from home than Tehran University and suddenly is on a power trip."

Goddard has set March 15 as a completion deadline

because Lopez must rejoin the Marines but doubts that will be met. Means of distribution has not been decided but veral corporations have offered to sponsor it on the Public Broadcast System.

"I don't care if they ever sell it," Lopez said. "I'm just having fun. The main purpose of this is for me to have fun, clear the air about some misconceptions and, thirdly, being entertaining. I hate it when people say I'm trying to cash in.

I'm not that mercenary."

The "misconceptions," Lopez said, concerned comparisons of the Iranian hostages and prisoners of war from the

"It upsets me when people compare our discomforts to their ordeal," he said in an interview that will be used in the program. "They were in a war.

When the hostage thing was over, the media asked where were the parades for the Vietnam vets. The media made a big deal out of it. But we weren't gloryhounds. It (the hostages' welcome home) knocked us for a loop. I personally was embarrassed to be one of 52 figureheads."

Fed court may get madam's tricks case

SAN ANTONIO — Attorneys for the newspaper El Pueblo played one court against another Thursday, apparently sparing the monthly newspaper from a state court restraining order against publishing a "trick list" from a prostitution operation.

El Pueblo's lawyers filed a motion in federal district court asking

for federal jurisdiction in the case, claiming a restraining order poses a constitutional question. The federal case was filed on the expiraion day of an earlier state court restraining order issued by District ludge James Onion.

This is a legal maneuver on valid grounds," El Pueblo attorney lesse Botello told reporters. "We wanted to file something in federal ourt to prevent the state court from issuing a restraining order.

When Botello told 37th District Court Judge Richard Woods that ne had filed the motion in federal court, Woods agreed to delay any state court action in the case, despite objections from attorney Pat Maloney represents accused madam Theresa Brown in her cri-

minal case involving aggravated promotion of prostitution. Maloney, who had sought the restraining order against El Pueblo, said he would go to federal court and file a motion to have the case Newspaper officials have contended they have the right to publish

the list — allegedly compiled by Brown and naming several well-known Bexar County residents — under constitutional rights to freedom of the press.

The planned date of publication was not made public Thursday. Although the original trick list was seized by vice officers when they raided Brown's home last fall, the list the El Pueblo staff says it will publish apparently was compiled from card files that Brown kept hidden underneath a couch in her home.

Wednesday, Armandina Saldivar, a contributing editor for El Pueblo, filed a \$7 million slander suit in federal court against

'We allege that she has been referred to as a thief by Maloney," said Jose Olivares, attorney for Saldivar.

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Future of Houston cable TV up to judge

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courses in which were determined by a jury
to have resulted from unlawful

T do not know how Houston
can realistically revoke these
agreements, 'Lalor said
Wednesday.

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Councilman Lance Lalor, a ong critic of the contracts, said since 1978.

was handed a ruling by the sixmember civil jury in his court late

have to compensate the com- antitrust law in dividing the city panies that have been operating among the five companies.

It is up to Bue now to issue a "I do not know how Houston final order after reviewing the jury's findings, which included an award to an unsuccessful franchise applicant of \$2.1 million, automa-U.S. District Judge Carl Bue tically tripled by federal law to \$6.3 million.

The lawsuit brought by that apwiston would probably have to ewith them, however, because the possibility the city would Television conspired to violate and his Affiliated Capital Corp.,

also asked the judge to issue an injunction and void the contracts. Affiliated issued a statement

following the jury verdict urging the city "to void the franchises and start the process over again. Such an approach would be in the best interest of the citizens of

Bue has not ruled on that aspect, and an appeal is expected no matter what he decides. Most City Council members

withheld comment pending study of the ruling, but Homer Ford, who unlike Lalor was on the council when the contracts were awarded, said, "We did the best

McConn said he did not know what effect the verdict would have on his political future and but added he was not concerned about the damage award because "I don't have it."

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ism Week. Spoke d Harris County health departents said the latest case was con-med in a 4-year-old boy who bene ill Feb. 14 and has remained ospitalized in good condition.

Officials said the case was unreed to the still unexplained clusing of five cases, including one ality, in one sixth-grade class at billing in one sixth-grade class at the speaker Dodson Elementary School. That ballas region unprecedented clustering relater, mayord mains under investigation.

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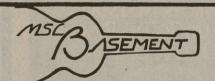
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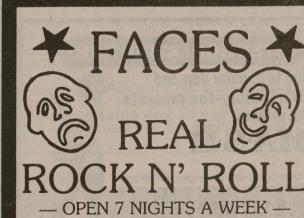
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