State

udge slaying solution 'near'

N ANTONIO — With FBI Director Wil-Webster predicting a solution is near in assassination of a federal judge, Virginia h of El Paso, who once employed hitman rles V. Harrelson as a bodyguard, Thursappeared before a federal grand jury. arah is the first of a number of Harrelson ates expected to testify before the grand

Harrelson and drug smuggler Jimmy agra, who reportedly told his attorney ther he arranged the slaying of Judge John d two years ago, are the primary suspects

Also expected to appear Thursday before 23-member grand jury are Hampton and nn Robinson, friends of Harrelson.

Harrelson, jailed in Houston on firearms drug charges, has been questioned about

and before at least one previous grand jury.
Webster, speaking to reporters at the White
House, was asked about the Wood case, and whether the FBI was close to cracking it.

"We believe that we are," Webster said. But he refused to "project indictments."

"We are very close to a solution," he said. "We intend to solve it. We already know the

The Dallas Times Herald reported Chagra — unaware the FBI was taping his conversa-tion — told his brother, El Paso attorney Joe Chagra, that he arranged Wood's slaying.

The recording, made while Joe was visiting Jimmy at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., in an interview room, was authorized by

a federal judge, the newspaper said.

Times Herald sources said that in the con-

cation, and the role of public and private institutions of higher education.

Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos, president of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Health Sciences Centered Company (1988).

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ter in Lubbock.

The group also includes James

T. Fitzpatrick, an Austin attorney; Dr. Mary Evelyn Blagg Huey, president of Texas Woman's Uni-

versity in Denton; Dr. Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University; Dr. Willis M. Tate, presi-

Methodist University, and Philip G. Warner, vice president and editor-in-chief of the Houston

emeritus of Southern

versation, Jimmy admitted arranging the Wood assassination in San Antonio on May,

"They (the FBI) need that tape. It's their best evidence," a source said. "The FBI knows everything—who hired who, who killed who, who witnessed what — they know everything. But that doesn't mean they can prove what

Joe Chagra was in Dallas Wednesday to take a second polygraph to verify he was innocent of conspiring to kill Wood.

The tape made at Leavenworth was a secret until last Friday when FBI agents told Joe Chagra about it, the Times Herald reported. Joe Chagra has insisted all conversations with his brother, serving a 30-year sentence for drug smuggling, were protected by client-

Texas to lose \$2.5 billion

United Press International AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Cle-ments said Thursday the Reagan administration's proposed budget cuts could cost the state \$2.5 billion in federal aid during the next two years. This

rently receiving.
Clements told a news conference the Legislature will have to take a "prudent and tough minded approach" in its budget writing and indicated the state may need to supplement funds to some programs that would be

is half of what the state is cur-

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Thursday there will be "a great deal of pressure" on the Legisla-ture to hold down spending. Hobby said if federal funds for programs in Texas "don't materialize, then those programs are

just that much short. Hobby said he does not plan to restart the budget writing process with the federal cuts in

Clements said a reduction of \$2.5 billion in federal funds

amounts to almost 10 percent of the proposed \$26 billion state budget for fiscal 1982-83. He stressed that although the present state budget will not be cut, "instead of increasing our biennial appropriations by 20 percent, we may have to do with a 10 percent increase."

1982-83 budget to \$23.5 billion instead of the \$26 billion we had anticipated would be available in revenue during the next two years," Clements said.

Demo boss predicts party's comeback

United Press International DALLAS — The new head of Democratic Party said Thurslation he Democratic Party said Thurs-lay President Regan's vision of world "had no future" and uld speed the Democrats' re-

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Manatt, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said as the party out of power, Democrats needed to work in three areas to prepare for the 1982 elections.

He said the national party must work closely with state and local party officials, deal with candidate

The task force will consist of up

to 30 members representing pub-

lic and private colleges and uni-

versities, Clements said, and will

meet monthly in locations

Clements named Dan C. Williams of Dallas as vice chairman of

Other members to date are for-

mer governor Preston Smith: Tom

throughout the state.

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said. "(It is not only) concern in-sofar as needy and underpri-cy and assemble a program of odern, fund-raising techniques to fill party coffers.

Targeted in the planned new

fund-raising efforts would be the smaller donor, people never be-fore asked to give to the party, with \$25 to \$50 donations sought.

He said the party planned to raise five times as much money in support of the next congressional races as was raised in 1980.

Manatt also restated his plan to revamp party rules to ensure elected Democratic officials a place at the 1984 Democratic Convention and that party policy

needed to be well articulated. He has said a minimum of 10 to 15 percent of convention delegates should come from the ranks of elected party officials.

He said former President Jimmy Carter would not be shut out of party activities, and said Carter would return to active party work after a six month rest.

The Los Angeles lawyer said Democratic leaders need to articulate party goals, renewing traditional Democratic policies as well as developing a "strong thrust for City.

dealing with inflation and increas-

He said the party would work to develop "fair and efficient" cuts in the federal budget but he vowed Democrats would never turn their backs on those in need.

Charles Curry, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, said party officials hoped to raise \$250,000 during Manatt's initial fund-raising tour that includes Miami, Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicaco and Kansas

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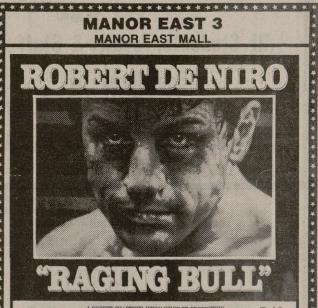
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