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Village of Hope' fund drive begins at A&M

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In April, Texas A&M organizations pledged to raise \$25,000 for the Christian Children's Fund. The campaign drive begins Monday. Although the CCF plan has been to help children "one at a time" through individual sponsorships, the sum raised by Aggies will be used to sponsor an entire village in Columbia, South America.

"So far, the response has been excellent," said Dr. Robert Kellner, coordinator of the fund drive.

"This will be the very first project

in Columbia," Kellner said.

Kellner hopes to enlist the support of the Aggie Mothers Club and the Association of Former Students.

The Catholic Student Association, the Intrafraternal Council, the Corps of Cadets, and other organizations have pledged support for the project. Kellner has been invited to speak before the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at 8:30 pm in the Memorial Student Center.

Founded in 1938 by a Presbyterian minister from Richmond, Va., CCF was originally the China Children's Fund. The first CCF project was feed-

ing several hundred orphans.

Forty-four years later, CCF boasts of sponsoring over 280,000 children in 980 projects worldwide.

Kellner, a Texas A&M English professor, started working with CCF seven years ago while teaching at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo.

He and several concerned students formed a club, and raised \$500 to sponsor two children.

"When I got here, I wanted to do the same thing," Kellner, who was raised in an orphanage, said. "To use publicity to galvanize students to organize, and give a small child — 100

children — a better life."

Kellner calls his idea the "Village of Hope." He said the \$25,000 figure was taken from the idea that if each student, staff and faculty member would donate 50 cents, the money would be raised easily.

Don Murray, public relations manager for CCF, said he was skeptical at first about Kellner's idea.

"When he first broached it to me my concern was whether the mechanism CCF has for funneling money would permit that kind of thing," he said.

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Trade zones sought

United Press International

WASHINGTON — An examiners committee of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board will hold a meeting Thursday in Laredo, Texas to consider requests from four Texas border areas seeking foreign trade zone status.

A foreign trade zone is an area outside U.S. Customs Service territory where importers or manufacturers may bring in goods exempt from customs duties until they are officially imported into the United States. The goods also may be re-exported.

The goods usually are reviewed, stored or added in a manufacturing process before Customs duty is assessed on a final product.

Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo and Rio Grande City have all filed requests for the zones.

John Da Ponte Jr., executive secretary of the board, said after this week's hearing, the record will be kept open for another 30 days for public comment and then a report and recommendations will be prepared for the U.S. Commerce Department, which will make the final decision.

"Ordinarily, given the number of cases that we have pending, it would be about five months before a decision is made unless there is an issue raised on manufacturing operations," said Da Ponte.

The four applicants say they currently want the foreign trade status only for warehousing and distribution purposes. Manufacturing requests would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Foreign zone status already is held by seven other Texas areas — Brownsville, McAllen, Galveston, El Paso, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and Harris County. There are 87 foreign trade zones nationwide.

Eagle Pass wants a general purpose foreign-trade zone in Maverick County, adjacent to the Eagle Pass Customs port of entry. The zone would include five sites totaling 1,380 acres, including 1,100 acres at the Maverick County Airport. It will be operated by the nonprofit Maverick County Development Corp.

"Local firms have indicated an interest in using the zone for warehousing, distribution and the processing of construction materials and apparel. No approval is being requested for manufacturing at this time," officials said.

One count dropped in civil rights trial

United Press International

HOUSTON — One count of civil rights violations against a former San Jacinto County sheriff, accused along with three of his former deputies of torturing prisoners, has been dropped.

The defense planned to open its case in the trial today, with more than 30 lawyers, judges, law enforcement officers and prosecutors subpoenaed to testify.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Woodward rested his case Tuesday against former Sheriff James "Humpy" Parker, 47, and the former deputies, and U.S. District Judge James DeAnda dropped one of the multiple counts against Parker due to a lack of evidence.

Also on trial are former deputies Carl Lee, Floyd Baker and James Glover in the alleged torture of six

prisoners for confessions between 1976 and 1980.

The last of six alleged victims testified against the four defendants Tuesday.

James Hicks, 33, a construction worker, testified the defendants draped a towel on his face and poured water on it until he thought he would drown. Hicks also testified he was beaten by one deputy who tried to shackle his hands and feet.

The indictment charged them with placing towels over the faces of handcuffed prisoners and pouring water into the towel until they confessed. Unlike the other prisoners, Hicks said the torture done to him was over a floor drain, which eliminated any trace of the water poured over his face and onto the floor.



staff photo by Mike Davis

Silver Taps

Freshmen in the Corps are required to learn the names of students honored during Silver Taps. Scott Marlow, a freshman in Squadron 16, copies the names of the students honored during Tuesday's ceremony.

Reagan continues pressure, demands Soviet apology

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, not satisfied with the latest Soviet explanation, is keeping the pressure on the Kremlin to make a complete apology for shooting down a South Korean passenger jet.

An administration spokesman branded as "lies and half truths" the latest Soviet statement on the missile attack of Korean Air Lines flight 007 with 269 aboard.

Reagan made no public appearances Tuesday but met with the National Security Council to assess ramifications of the plane tragedy and the volatile situation in Lebanon, where

two more Marines were killed earlier in the day. That brought to four the total number of Marines killed in the past 10 days in Lebanon.

In the past few days since the plane was shot down, the president and Soviet leaders have engaged in some of the harshest East-West dialogue since the Cold War with the confrontation casting a pall on what had been budding attempts to revive detente.

Reagan described the Soviet action as "barbaric, uncivilized, savagery."

Soviet officials, in a Tass news agency dispatch, described the president as an "ignoramus" in the continuing war of words.

Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who delivered the Reagan response to the latest Soviet explanation, said the Soviet Union "continues to lie to the world, but also raises the most serious questions about the competence of the Soviet air defense system, with all the danger that implies."

The first White House reaction to the Soviet admission that one of its fighter jets had downed the plane — six days after the fact — came from deputy press secretary Larry Speakes, who said: "It's about time they owned up to it. It's about time they owned up to taking 269 lives."

Texas Attorney General advises Galveston owners not to rebuild

United Press International

GALVESTON — Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox told Galveston Island beach-house owners not to repair or rebuild their homes, which were washed away by Hurricane Alicia.

Mattox said Tuesday the homes now may be on public land because of the storm erosion.

State law says no one can own property between the mean low tide line and the natural vegetation line on Texas beaches. Hurricane Alicia

eroded beaches as much as 75 to 100 feet.

City and county officials accompanied Mattox as he surveyed the beaches, but upset property owners told the attorney general that, given time, the sand eroded from the beaches will be driven back to shore, taking some of the disputed properties out of the area governed by the open beaches law.

It is estimated that as many as 300 structures might be affected.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers chief William Wooley said the corps

has been doing studies on erosion on the Texas coast for many years, but said "even if the sand is replaced on the beaches by nature, it would be a difficult question as to where the natural vegetation line will be re-established."

Wooley said if the eroded sand stalled near the damaged beaches, it could be carried back ashore by normal waves. But if sand was taken far offshore by waves the hurricane created, Wooley said "it might be lost forever."

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forecast

Cloudy today with intermittent rain. High near 90.

Chrysler OKs deal for wage increases

United Press International

DETROIT — Chrysler Corp. officials say they cannot afford a \$1 billion contract granting wage and benefit increases to its workers but agreed to the settlement to avoid a strike.

The 170-member Chrysler Council approved the pact Tuesday — one day after bargainers reached agreement. The contract goes to members for a vote Sept. 13 and, if approved, will take effect Sept. 19.

Owen Bieber, president of the United Auto Workers union, and local leaders predicted workers would overwhelmingly ratify the contract, which Bieber called "a good, honorable settlement."

With Chrysler no longer in danger of bankruptcy, workers had been demanding they be compensated for concessions made during the hard times. The contract grants 85,000 active and laid-off U.S. workers parity

with wage and benefit levels paid at the other Big Three automakers.

Chrysler Vice President Thomas Miner told reporters Chrysler wanted to avoid a walkout in January just as key new products are being introduced.

Miner said the pact will cost \$1 billion over its two-year life. For the typical U.S. worker making \$9.85 an hour, the contract will mean an increase to \$12.27 by 1985.

The contract will mean an immediate \$1 per hour wage increase retroactive to Aug. 15, and additional wage increases of \$1.42 an hour along with cost of living adjustments over the two years of the contract, which expires in 1985.

The total package will mean estimated wage and cost-of-living benefits averaging \$8,625 per worker over the life of the agreement.

'Lecturers tend to come and go'

Faculty turnover up slightly

by Christine Mallon

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Texas A&M made about 200 faculty changes this fall, a University official says.

Dean of Faculties Clinton A. Phillips said although there have been many promotions within the University most of the new faculty members came to Texas A&M from other colleges and universities.

"The bulk of the new faculty is replacements for positions that were vacated," Phillips said. "Lecturers tend to come and go, and that's where a lot of our turnover takes place."

Phillips estimated that the number of new faculty this semester is only about 25 more than at the

same time last year.

Phillips said the University "aggressively recruits" new faculty members from around the country and the world.

Some new faculty members have been brought from places as varying as Italy and Israel.

Dr. Zvi Altshuler, visiting associate professor of mathematics, formerly was a senior lecturer at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Dr. James Burk, visiting assistant professor of sociology, held the same rank at McGill University in Quebec, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Helmut Karzel, visiting professor of mathematics, was formerly at the University of Brescia in Italy. Dr. Helmut Shaefer, visiting professor of mathematics, was recruited from the Mathematisches

Institut, Universität Tubingen in Germany.

Phillips said to recruit faculty to Texas A&M, most departments run ads in technical journals or list their availabilities with associations. For example, an opening for an agronomy professor may be listed in one of the American Society of Agronomists' reports.

Phillips said there have been a few major appointments made along with other faculty changes.

Mr. Taft Benson is the new Director of Student Financial Aid. Dr. Brian Blouet is now head of the geography department. Dr. M. Charles Gilbert is head of the geology department. Dr. Grant Vest is the new head of the horticulture department and TSgt. Rollen Lipscomb is head of cadet records.

Challenger's condition OK after mission

United Press International
SPACE CENTER, Houston — Except for persistent plumbing problems, the space shuttle Challenger checked out in its best post-flight condition yet following a six-day, 2.5 million mile mission.

"It's been coming through better the last several flights. This one looks even better," said Herman K. Widick, ground manager at Kennedy Space Center, after inspecting Challenger at its Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., landing site.

The orbiter came through the landing cleaner than usual, Widick said, with only a few nicks and pockmarks, "all repairable." He said experience is easing the follow-up work after each mission.

"We don't really know exactly what the damage is going to be (before landing)," Widick said Tuesday. "When it comes back, we find out where there was a problem. Then you analyze that particular problem and improve. It should continue to get better."

Tuesday, Widick said officials still had not decided what to do about the repeatedly troublesome space shuttle toilet.

Also, Widick said 27 heat shield tiles will have to be repaired or replaced, a relatively small number.

He said a propellant leak in two of Challenger's steering thrusters

was barely detectable, but would force a 16-hour delay in Challenger's return to Florida's Kennedy Space Center while the thruster manifolds are drained.

The leak was discovered during the mission when instruments detected a drop in the thrusters' pressure. He said the propellant leak amounted to only about one-tenth of a pound per hour and was not considered serious.

Widick said one of Challenger's brakes, damaged on its previous mission, would be removed and shipped to the manufacturer for testing even though there were no problems during Monday's landing.

The five-man crew took the day off Tuesday in preparation for a week of debriefings that starts Wednesday and ends next Tuesday with a postflight news conference.

Widick said his team will shoot for a four-day turnaround at Edwards — it would be the fastest ever — and hoped to have the Challenger piggyback aboard its carrier Boeing 747 for takeoff Friday.

The previous fastest turnaround at Edwards was five days on the last mission. Challenger will make a refueling stop en route from California to Florida either at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas or Altus AFB, Okla., Widick said.