

Chagra indictment unsealed

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SAN ANTONIO — An indictment charging Jimmy Chagra with conspiring to murder Assistant U.S. Attorney James N. Kerr was made public Wednesday.

The sealed indictment was returned on Nov. 20. U.S. District Judge William Sessions signed the order making the indictment public.

The indictment charges Chagra with conspiring with James Kearns to kill Kerr, who

was conducting an investigation of Chagra's drug dealing activities.

Kearns was indicted on one count of conspiracy to murder and one count of assaulting a federal prosecutor. He is currently serving an 18-month sentence in Concord, N.H., for theft from an interstate shipment. Kearns also faces a bond-jumping indictment in Massachusetts.

U.S. Attorney Edward C. Prado told a news conference he

is confident the case will hold up in court.

Prado and FBI Special Agent John W. Dalseg declined to elaborate on the five-year investigation and refused to disclose the amount of money paid to Kearns. Prado would not say why the indictment was held for 10 days.

Kerr was injured in the Nov. 21, 1978, attack, in which Kearns fired a semi-automatic .30-caliber rifle at Kerr's car, the indictment said.

Chagra approached Robert Piccolo to arrange the attack, the indictment said. Piccolo, who was not indicted, hired Kearns to kill Kerr in a meeting in September or October of 1978 in Florida, the indictment said.

Piccolo then met with Kearns in Pontiac, Mich., to deliver a sum of money, then traveled to Nevada on Nov. 17 to meet with Chagra, the indictment said.

Chagra was acquitted on conspiracy charges in the death of U.S. Judge John Wood Jr., who

was shot outside his San Antonio apartment May 29, 1979.

Kerr often prosecuted cases in Wood's court, and Chagra was scheduled to appear before Wood on drug charges when the judge was slain.

The indictment said Chagra wanted Kerr killed because he was directing investigations into the unlawful trafficking and distribution of drugs by Chagra and members of Chagra's family and organization.

USDA told to hurry with grain releasing

United Press International
AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower admonished federal officials Wednesday to "get up off their duffs" in releasing 83 million tons of grain to help feed West Texas livestock.

President Reagan signed legislation Tuesday calling for release of the damaged grain to drought-stricken ranchers, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture said it could take as long as 10 days to develop guidelines to dole out the corn.

"This just boggles my mind that they're stalling even more," Hightower said at a news conference. "It's been several weeks since Congress first passed the (legislation) and the USDA is only now beginning to think about how they're going to handle the release."

He said, "I think they could do it tomorrow if they'd just get up off their duffs and do it."

Hightower and Gov. Mark White have been highly critical of U.S. agriculture secretary John Block's response to Texas'

drought problems. Hightower said his department would provide a referral service to help the ranchers find the cheapest ways to get the grain.

He said the corn could be delivered to most points for about half the regular market price of feed grain. The federal legislation had no provisions for paying transportation costs.

Hightower also said the state would drop a lawsuit against Block and the USDA calling for the release of the corn.

Bilingual ed costs to go up

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DALLAS — A San Antonio consulting firm representative told the Select Committee on Public Education Wednesday that a successful bilingual program in Texas will take more time and money.

Testifying before a panel headed by Dallas computer magnate H. Ross Perot, Blandino Ramirez said Texas school children are leaving bilingual programs after only one or two years and with minimal skills in English.

Perot's committee is conducting exhaustive hearings on Texas' public education system in advance of a special legislative session next year to address edu-

cation needs. While state law allows bilingual instruction through sixth grade, Texas Education Agency regulations move students out of the program too quickly, Ramirez said.

"Bilingual education should be offered to any child who needs it, whenever he needs it and for as long as he needs it," said Ramirez, a researcher for Intercultural Development Research Association.

The San Antonio research group estimated that Texas should increase its spending for bilingual education from \$17 million to \$62 million. Those funds do not include teachers' salaries.

"Bilingual education is our best hope," Ramirez added. "The teaching of English is non-negotiable. We have to do that."

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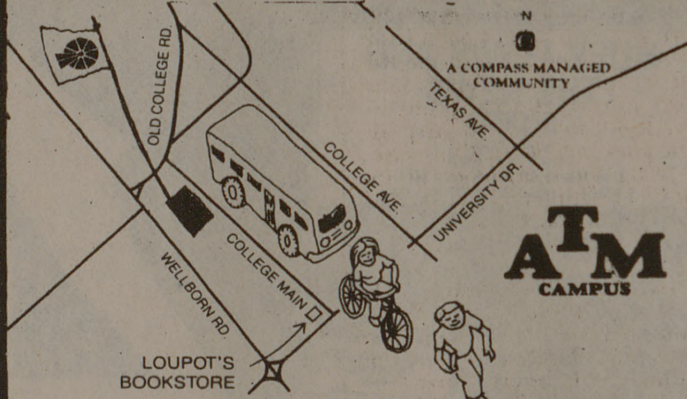


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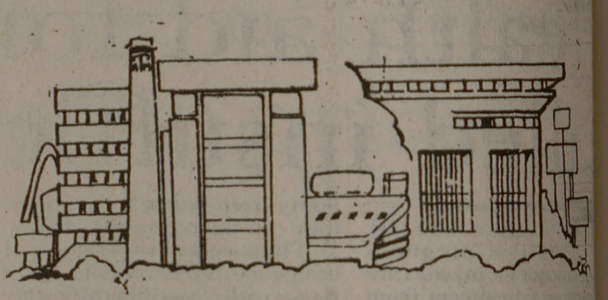


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More than 150 new and backlist titles published by the Texas A&M University Press will be sold at a discount of 20 percent to 80 percent at the Press' Christmas Warehouse Sale Thursday through Saturday. Damaged copies also will be available at greater reductions.

The sale will feature the books of Bill Brett, author of "This Here's a Good'un." Brett will be there Thursday to autograph his books. Many other popular volumes also will be available.

Sale hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The sale will be held at the Press' new location on Lewis Street, adjacent to the bonfire site.

Safety agency offers driving course

The Brazos Valley Safety Agency will offer a defensive driving course at the Ramada Inn Dec. 2 and 3 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The classes can be used to have certain misdemeanor traffic offenses dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. The course costs \$20, and participants can register at 5 p.m. Friday at the Ramada Inn. For more information call 693-8178.

Graduate student council gives party

The Graduate Student Council invites graduate students university-wide to attend their "graduation party" Friday at 8 p.m. The celebration is open to any graduate student, whether he is graduating this semester or not. It will be held in the Barcelona Apartments party room, and admission is free. Refreshments will be provided, but donations will be accepted.

Aggieland photos still being taken

Juniors, seniors, veterinary and medical school students can have individual pictures for the 1984 Aggieland taken today through Dec. 2 at the Yearbook Associates office at 1700 S. Kyle behind Culpepper Plaza; and Dec. 5-9 at the Pavilion on campus. This will be the last chance for students to have pictures made.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

Bar exam knocks out more in '83

United Press International
AUSTIN — The University of Texas Law School plans to find out why the number of graduates who passed the bar examination dropped from its usual 90 percent to 76 percent this year.

But the UT Law School wasn't alone. The Texas Board of Law Examiners said the passing rate on the July exam in Texas fell to 69 percent, down from an average of 81 to 85 percent in recent years.

Baylor University, Texas Tech University, St. Mary's University and Southern Methodist University had higher passing percentages on the July exam than UT.

Baylor topped the list with 93 percent passing rate. The lowest rate, 14 percent, was recorded among graduates of Texas Southern University.

Sutton said he wanted to study the exam to determine if UT needs to do anything different in preparing its students.

"It sort of depends on what went wrong," he said. "If it's a memorization-type exam, the students need to know the rules to memorize the nitty-gritty rules."

Sutton said students may be suffering because of a new mat in which separate portions of the exam deal extensively with criminal and civil procedure and rules of evidence in state of Texas.

"If it had not been for the part, the scores would have been very close to what they have been for years," he said.

But Wayne Denton, chair of the Board of Law Examiners said the Texas Supreme Court decided three years ago that the exam and procedure should be tested separately.

"The deans of the Texas schools were all advised that we would come about," said Denton.