













### Crazy World Of Washington

By LEON BURNETT  
 WASHINGTON (UPI)—Odds and ends from the nation's capital—mostly odd:  
 At 25 bucks a throw, the Southwest Towing Co. hauls away cars parked in reserved or restricted spaces around new luxury apartments in Southwest Washington.  
 The firm, which operates under an agreement with building owners and managers, made a rather prominent enemy when it impounded the vehicle of Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass.  
 Then it towed off the car of an inspector for the D.C. Department of Licenses and Inspections. The city government reprimanded the company, saying it was breaking the law by soliciting business, and "cruising" for victims.  
 When Margaret S. Taylor emerged from a visit with a friend and found her car gone, she hurried to Southwest Towing, paid her \$25—and arrested Andrew McDonald, the tow truck driver, for attempted grand larceny.  
 She's a policewoman.

The city dropped the charge. But McDonald found out what it's like to spend a night in jail.

Secretary Robert H. Finch of Health, Education and Welfare told his audience the government had been trying to come up with a contraceptive for men, but that the only effective method discovered so far was "televising sports 24 hours a day."  
 Finch also confided that he was so naive when he first came to Washington that "I thought cyclamates rode around with the Hell's Angels."  
 The Interior Department observed Earth Day by eliminating pollution from a title.  
 It changed the name of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration to the Federal Water Quality Administration.  
 The Department of Transportation added to the confusion in the nation's capital by mailing out a single-sheet release that was blank on the front but had Pages printed on the back.

### Pampa Pigeons Take Off Saturday On Time Race

Pigeons from Pampa lofts will take off from here Saturday on an across-country race from Shattuck, Okla.  
 Saturday's race is the first in a series planned through June 19th by the Top o' Texas Pigeon Club.  
 R.W. McPhillips Jr. said pigeons will be flying northeast courses. He requested that persons with guns to please not shoot the birds since some of them are young and just out of the loft for the first time.  
 "If any should come down in an undesignated place, we would appreciate someone letting us know by calling either me or Jim Cantrell."  
 Races this spring include from Enid, Okla., May 2; Joplin, Mo., May 8; Enid, Okla., May 16; Joplin, Mo., May 22; Enid, Okla., May 28; Enid, Okla., May 30; Jefferson City, Mo., June 5th; Enid, Okla., June 13; and Jefferson City, Mo., June 19th.  
 In the first race April 18, 11 lofts in the Top o' Texas area entered with a total of 102 pigeons flying from Shattuck, Okla.  
 First place winner was Larry McPhillips with his bird flying the distance in 144.3 minutes with a speed of 1009.32 yards per minute. Second, third, fourth and fifth places went to Gordon Miller.

### Government Closes Book On Dr. Benjamin Spock

BOSTON (UPI)—The government has closed its book on the draft conspiracy trial of Dr. Benjamin Spock.  
 The final chapter was apparently written Wednesday when U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr. went along with a government request to dismiss charges against two of Spock's codefendants—Yale University chaplain William Sloane Coffin and author Mitchell Goodman of New York.  
 The chaplain and Goodman were convicted in June, 1968 with Spock and Michael Ferber, a Harvard graduate student from Buffalo, N.Y., of conspiring to counsel youths to evade the draft.  
 Spock and Ferger had their convictions overturned by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston, which ordered new trials for Coffin and Goodman.  
 All had been given two-year prison terms and fined.  
 A fifth defendant, Marcus Raskin, codirector of the Institute for Police Studies in Washington, was acquitted at the trial.  
 "The government has carefully evaluated the physical evidence remaining and the testimony available and concludes that the evidence and testimony taken, together with the elimination of Spock and Ferber as defendants, does not warrant the retrial of defendants Coffin and Goodman," assistant U.S. Attorney Stanislaw Suchki told Judge Garrity.

### Groom Play District Winner

GROOM (Sp) — Groom High School actors recently won first honors in the district one-act play contest in Miami.  
 The play, "The Sister's McIntosh," was presented and Twila Wade was selected as best actress. Another member of the cast, Lynette Bivens, was named to the district all-star cast.  
 The cast presented the play at regional competition in Lubbock Thursday.

### PLANE CRASHES

NEW DELHI (UPI)—The Indian Defense Ministry said Thursday an Air Force plane crashed in Assam state last Saturday killing all 11 persons aboard. The ministry said Soviet-made AN12 plane went down in jungles near Gauhati, the Assamese state capital.

### JUST HAVING FUN

SELSDON, England (UPI)—Fifty policemen searched for Lisabeth Bastrod, 4, for nearly five hours Wednesday before finally locating her. She was found in a hotel bathroom, enjoying a warm bath and having fun sailing a soap rack in the water.

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### Highway Patrol Opens Office

GROOM (Sp) — A three year veteran of the Texas Highway Patrol has been assigned duty at the newly opened Highway Patrol office here.  
 Larry Saurage, 23, a native of Beaumont, was assigned from Orange, Texas. Saurage is married and has two children.  
 The Highway Patrol office is located in city hall. Present plans call for the assignment of another patrolman later in the year.

### ALPERTS DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Musicalian Herb Alpert and his wife Sharon have announced jointly they are filing for divorce to end their 12-year marriage.  
 Alpert, 35, who rose to fame four years ago with his Tijuana Brass, and his wife are the parents of two children, Dore, 10, and Eden, 4. The couple separated a year ago.

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### Perot \$445 Million Poorer

DALLAS (UPI) — H. Ross Perot, the electronics executive who has sought unsuccessfully to obtain release of American prisoners in North Vietnam, is about \$445 million poorer today, at least on paper.

The common stock of the firms Perot founded, Electronic Data Systems, plunged to \$90 bid, \$110 asked on Tuesday from a Monday position of \$150 bid, \$155 asked.

Perot, who holds 81 per cent of the company's stock, suffered the major share of the day's \$600 million decline in its value.

Brokers and a company spokesman said it was difficult to explain the sudden drop.

Perot was reported not to have sold any of his stock. A nine-months profit report for the period ending March 31 showed a rise from 17 to 42 cents a share.

Perot, present head of the company, established the firm in 1963 as a computer service firm. He has often been called a billionaire because of the value of its stock in his possession.

Perot also is the founder of United We Stand, an organization that backs the Nixon administration's plan of phased withdrawals from the Vietnamese War.

### Boy Dies After Vodka Drink

SEARCHY, Ark. (UPI)—A 4-year-old boy fell sick and died after his parents allegedly let him become drunk of vodka.

Second-degree murder charges were filed Wednesday against Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Whitley, both 43, of Bradford, Ark. The couple was jailed in lieu of \$10,000 bond each.

Prosecutor Ed Bethune said the Whitleys' son, Michael, died in a Little Rock Hospital Tuesday.

Bethune said the Whitleys allowed him to drink vodka and become intoxicated. The child was taken to a hospital by a neighbor after he became ill.

### Space Science Competition Open To Boy Scouts

High school sophomores interested in space science now have an opportunity to compete for participation in a unique National Space Seminar to be held July 12-18 at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

Sixty young men, one from every state and ten foreign countries, will be chosen for their outstanding school leadership, community service and science interests in a nationwide competition now underway.

Applications can be obtained from the Pampa office of the Boy Scouts of America at 815 N. Sumner. The competition is open to all youths, not only

Explorers, who will be finishing their sophomore year this spring.

The Space Seminar is being sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Co. and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation in cooperation with the Exploring Division of the Boy Scouts of America and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the John F. Kennedy Space Center.

Judging will be done on a local and national basis by volunteer Exploring leaders. The winners will be flown to Cape Kennedy for the intensive

week-long, 14-hour daily seminars dealing with every phase of the space program. NASA officials will be on hand to conduct the seminar and for informal discussions.

Highlights of the seminar will include boarding the 6 1/2-million-pound Crawler Rocket Transporter for an inspection while in motion; a special briefing on the Apollo 14 mobile launcher; ascension of the launch umbilical tower; and entrance to the Apollo command and lunar module simulators.

Mr. O'Brien began sponsoring youth programs in 1958 after he visited Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Africa. He came away from

that stimulating trip with a desire to create something that would benefit youth. He founded the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation that has since conducted seminars on a different subject each year. For example, last year the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation and Pepsi-Cola sponsored an oceanography seminar for Explorers at the University of Miami's Institute for Marine Sciences.

"The Foundation's purpose," explained Mr. O'Brien, "is to accent the positive; to pat the good boy on the back and let him know there is a reward for being a responsible member

of the community. We do this by seeking out young men in their formative years and providing opportunities, through yearly seminars in a variety of fields, for their leadership abilities to emerge and develop and to motivate others when they return home."

### Groom Band Tops

GROOM (Spl) — The Groom High School Band was awarded a 1 rating in sight reading and a II rating in concert recently in Amarillo.

The band played three selections for the judges, including "Beau Gallant," and "Their Finest Hour."

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