



Soviet satellite falls from orbit to Canada

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Soviet military satellite powered by a nuclear reactor fell from orbit this morning and plummeted toward a sparsely populated area of Canada, President Carter's national security adviser said.

A Canadian government spokesman in Ottawa said there was no reason for concern about any danger from radioactivity. He said it was unclear whether all of the satellite had disintegrated and burned when it re-entered the atmosphere about 850 miles north of the U.S. border in Montana.

However, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security aide, said the vehicle broke apart and burned when it hit the atmosphere. Asked why he thought the satellite had disintegrated before hitting the earth, he said that based on scientific experience, "it was very highly probable it would burn up."

Brzezinski said this was the first time a satellite powered by a nuclear reactor has crashed into the earth's atmosphere.

Brzezinski, who made the initial announcement about the satellite at a special news briefing, said, "The chances

are very little that any contamination resulted."

He said the Soviet Cosmos satellite containing highly radioactive enriched uranium 235 entered the atmosphere at 6:53 a.m. EST "and it proceeded to disintegrate and burn up" over Queen Charlotte Island on Canada's west coast.

He said he presumed the satellite was a Soviet military satellite but he would not comment on the satellite's purpose. He said the satellite's nuclear reactor was used to generate electricity and was not a weapon.

If any radioactivity reached the earth's surface, it would be similar in amount to that caused by a nuclear explosion in the high atmosphere which could then drift around the globe for several years, Brzezinski said.

The United States in 1965 launched a satellite powered by a nuclear reactor. The vehicle, known as "Snapshot" and powered by uranium 235, operated for 43 days but then failed. It is still in orbit and is expected to stay there at least 4,000 years.

Other U.S. satellites have carried radioactive isotopes to power electrical

generators. These isotopes are usually a form of plutonium 238, a far less dangerous form of radioactive material.

Brzezinski's announcement climaxed about two weeks of intensive consultations between U.S. and Soviet officials as it became apparent that the Russian satellite was going to drop out of orbit.

Brzezinski said the disintegration of the Soviet satellite was completed over Great Slave Lake in Canada's Northwest Territories, a sparsely populated area.

Brzezinski said U.S. planes were

dispatched to the area to sample the atmosphere and look for any possible contamination.

He said that based on scientific experience, it was "very highly probable it would burn up."

However, the national security aide said several hours would be required before the atmosphere there could be sampled.

He said that had the satellite reached a densely populated area there would have been "some concerns over hazards to health."



Fighting the ice

Curt Shelton lets fly a shovel of sand while Floyd Smith heads to the truck for some more. City crews were out early today applying sand to areas of heavy traffic in an effort to provide motorists a bit of traction on the ice-coated streets. Shortly before noon, Highland General Hospital reported that three persons had been treated for injuries received in

falls on the ice and two others for injuries received in auto accidents. Police Chief Richard Mills said that his department had not noted any marked increase in the number of motor vehicle accidents this morning. "I think everybody is being very cautious," he said.

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

Police protection costs \$17 each

Pampa identified as drug haven

By PATTI HOAG
Pampa News Staff

The Pampa Police Department issued its yearly report today which listed Pampa as a major drug usage area serving as the drug transfer point for the Eastern Panhandle and parts of Oklahoma.

The drug traffic in Pampa is active and involves all types of drugs, according to police.

In 1977, the police department took part in or conducted three major drug operations. One was a five-month investigation conducted with a member of the Narcotic unit of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The other two operations were

conducted by the Pampa police department by using new officers in undercover operations.

The Pampa Police Department consists of 32 employees, one officer for every 1,112 people. The recommended average for Pampa would be 15 officers for every thousand people.

The police department budget of \$462,860 means that the average citizen in Pampa spends \$17.35 a year for police protection.

In 1977, Pampa police officers investigated 894 class I crimes. Class I crimes are homicide, robbery, rape, assault, burglary, auto theft and theft.

The police also investigated 1,777 other crimes.

Eleven police officers out of 24 were injured in 1977 in the line of duty. These are injuries inflicted upon Pampa officers by people while being arrested.

The Pampa police department is broken down into three divisions; the patrol division, detective division and the service division.

The patrol division has 17 uniformed officers who are responsible for public protection. The patrol division is responsible for preventing and suppressing crime.

The criminal investigation division is composed of three officers. This division has the responsibility of following up on criminal offenses after the offense has been handled by the patrol division and referred to for further investigation. The detectives also investigate drug cases and child welfare.

The detectives handle about 300 cases a year.

The service division was started in 1977 and is comprised of 11 employees, including clerks and dispatchers.

The city jail is controlled by the service division and 1,062 persons were arrested by city officers and confined in the city jail in 1977. All prisoners arrested at night are also confined in the city jail since the county jail is not open at night.

Included in the service division are the animal control wardens, who answer all animal complaints and maintain the dog pound.

City moves to annex land

The Pampa City Commissioners this morning took the first step towards eventual annexation of a 40-acre tract north of 25th Street which is the proposed site for a \$7 million shopping center.

Mayor R.D. Wilkerson, in convening a public hearing on the proposed annexation, said the request for inclusion of the property within Pampa's city limits came at the request of Dauley Enterprises of Grand Prairie, Texas, developers for the shopping center.

Apparently Dauley feels the land will receive more security protection if it's inside the city and patrolled regularly by city police vehicles. Insurance rates will also be lower, according to Dauley.

Mack Wofford, city manager, told the commissioners it would take between "four and six weeks" to complete the paperwork and hear the proposed ordinance required to annex the property, and that it would not come onto city tax rolls until January 1979.

The commissioners heard a proposal from the Al Smith, president of the Pampa Environmental Beautification Association, about installing a water sprinkler system on the median of Somerville between Francis and Cook streets.

City council meets

Smith said his organization would be interested in contributing the required financing to purchase all materials necessary to install the system. He added that "if the median is going to remain on Somerville for more than the next three or four years," his group also was interested in purchasing new trees to help beautify the area.

The commissioners took no action on the proposal, but Wilkerson said he was sure something could be "worked out."

In other action, the commission:

— Approved fire contracts with Gray and Roberts County and also with Lefors. The new contracts call for a payment of \$265 for each run Pampa's fire department makes into those areas. The old rate was \$255 per run.

— Approved tax contracts with the Pampa Independent School District and Gray County, agreeing to provide each of the entities with tax information for an annual fee of \$5,800. The 1977 fee was \$4,800 each.

— Received bids for water and sewer construction to serve 60 lots on the east side of the city. Low bidder was WesTex Construction at \$65,657.18. Reid Ditching Service was next at \$83,500, while Novak Construction was high bidder at \$95,867.

The commissioners referred the bids to the city's consulting engineers, Merriman & Barber, for further study before taking final action.

Trustees expel five HS students

By JANE P. MARSHALL
Pampa News Staff

The Pampa school board Monday evening expelled five students until Feb. 23, end of the second quarter; two for alleged involvement in the recent pipebombing in a high school rest room and three for alleged connection with drugs.

Other action taken by the board at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, included accepting a myriad of curriculum changes for middle school and high school and buying new typewriters and classroom furniture.

Bill Arrington, board president, read a letter to the board from Rena Bell Anderson, Gray county school superintendent, who reported that her job would be abolished Dec. 31 when no more state funds would be appropriated for the office.

She explained that the office could continue by appointment from the county commissioners or by a contractual arrangement with all county school districts.

"The office has outlived its usefulness," one board member commented.

No action was taken. Following a 30-minute executive session at the end of the 4 p.m. meeting, trustees expelled the five students and extended the contracts with James Trusty, assistant superintendent, and Bob Phillips, superintendent, a year

through June 30, 1981 with "no salary adjustment at this time."

Approved were resignations from Joe Holland, history and Vera Mae Eubank, sixth grade at Baker; leave of absence for Linda Allred, second grade at Wilson; and hiring of Gail Bledsoe and Lynn Harwood.

In other action, trustees approved the first reading of policy changes on professional growth and other items which became necessary as a result of the last legislative session, Phillips reported.

Pampa school board meets

Appraisal date with in the Pampa city limits was purchased from the city for \$5,800. The cost of the information, used by the school tax office to compute property tax, was \$4,800 last year.

A total of \$4580.05 was spent for office school furniture including chairs, tables and filing cabinets for elementary schools, libraries, DECA room and home economics room.

Paul Simmons, trustee, opposed the motion to accept furniture bids. The motion passed. Board members also approved the purchase of 36

typewriters for use in PHS business department, VOE department, history department, elementary library, Lamar office, Travis office and Superintendent's office.

Five Olivetti Lexicons and 31 IBMs were bought.

Trustees studied a budget status report and paid bills. They included \$2,174.30 for library books, \$1,030 for a Sony Betamax and timer, \$105 for ambulance service for football season, \$502.50 for laundry services, \$1,266.66 to Don Lane for 15 percent of delinquent tax collections, \$1,686.82 for phone bills, \$9,872.84 for November gas service and \$233.80 to take cheerleaders to Wichita Falls.

Buddy Epperson offered fellow trustees a plan where by the district could do its own laundry and save an estimated \$7,000 a year.

He reported that school laundry bills amount to about \$10,000 a year, mostly for the athletic department. Epperson said in some districts, the athletic trainer is in charge of washing.

Arrington requested the superintendent "put the pencil to it" and make a recommendation to the board.

The Rev. Gene Allen, Lamar Full Gospel Assembly, opened the session with prayer.

Other members present were Bob Lyle, Al Smith, Curt Beck and David Crossman.

School plan stresses academic, home rooms

Elementary school children are switching to prime time, but it has nothing to do with nighttime television.

Prime time is a concept adopted by the Pampa Independent District board of trustees Monday which emphasizes the use of a prime time slot — 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — for instruction in reading, mathematics and language arts. The board wants "no interruptions for extra curricular activities."

Prime time will be used in all elementary schools starting in the 1978-79 school year as part of the board's "back to basics" campaign.

Other curriculum changes adopted Monday further stress

basic courses and promote a home room atmosphere in the new middle school, the former Pampa Junior High School which will house grades 6, 7 and 8 next year.

Al Smith, trustee and committee chairman, briefed the board members and sparse audience in Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, on the recommendations.

Highlights are:

— Start intramural program for football, basketball and track for seventh grade boys and basketball, volleyball and track for the girls.

— Offer occupational orientation as an elective in the eighth grade.

— Close the vocational

education for the handicapped (VEH) program at the Cooper Bessemer Building and offer it at the middle school campus.

— Extend individualized reading and math programs into seventh and eighth grades.

— Offer all homemaking instruction at the high school and ask architect to examine a design prepared by the vocational department for a proposed high school lab incorporating junior high equipment.

— Move industrial arts to the crafts building.

— Offer first year agriculture course to ninth graders.

— Convert east side of fieldhouse to girls' athletic facility.

— Increase marching band to include ninth graders. Smith said the projected one-time cost would be \$20,000.

— Request TEA approval for the building trades class to work on other types of construction for a year. Smith elaborated: students would not build a house for the full two years and would spend time improving and building facilities at the school.

New class requirements includes two quarters of reading in the seventh grade and one in the eighth grade, science in the seventh grade and conversational Spanish in middle school.

Bob Phillips, superintendent, told The News that the estimated cost of the curriculum changes would be about \$20,000. Several items, such as no longer renting the Cooper Bessemer Building, would save money and several would cost money. Phillips added that the price tag did not include construction and remodeling of facilities.

Try to imagine a trillion bucks

By ROBERT GLASS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — President Carter's budget calls for government spending of more than half a trillion dollars for fiscal 1979.

One trillion dollars has 12 zeros — \$1,000,000,000,000. Half a trillion is \$500,000,000,000, and the president's budget is \$500,174,000,000.

Those are big bucks.

If you're still having difficulty grasping the concept of such an amount, look at it this way:

That much money in dollar bills placed end to end would stretch around the earth more than 800 times.

It would reach to the moon and back 250 times.

With that much money, you could make every man, woman and child in Atlanta a millionaire.

You could buy everybody in Minnesota a \$115,000 top-of-the-line Rolls-Royce Camargue.

You could have given \$6.50 to every human being who has lived and died in the past 600,000 years.

You could give everyone in the world now \$120.

Still confusing? Try thinking of it like this: a trillion is 1,000 times a billion. So how much is a billion?

One billion seconds ago, the first atomic bomb had not been exploded.

One billion minutes ago, Christ still walked the earth.

One billion hours ago, people lived in caves.

And one billion dollars ago — in terms of government spending — was yesterday.

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This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessing. For only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that all men are equally endowed by their Creator, and not by a government, with the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property and secure more freedom and keep it for themselves and others.

To discharge this responsibility, free men, to the best of their ability, must understand and apply to daily living the great moral guide expressed in the Coveting Commandment.

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COMMENTARY

Donald F. Graff

Support for the dollar

By Don Graff

Chalk one up for the dollar. It will continue — at least for the time being — to be the currency in which world oil prices are reckoned.

That information may not strike many as particularly exciting, but it strikes all of us in an important spot — the national pocketbook.

It means that our already astronomical national energy bill is not going to rise by another \$5 or \$10 billion. At least for the time being.

The story is that the oil-producing nations, concerned at the continuing decline of the dollar's value on world exchange markets, have been giving some thought to some other standard for pricing their product. Rather than another single currency, however, the apparently preferred alternative is a so-called "basket" of leading currencies — yen, marks and the like.

The effect on the oil producers would be to stabilize their income, which has been shrinking in real terms by continuing to be based on dollars. It is costing them ever more dollars to pay for imports in the style to which they have become accustomed from the strong currency nations of industrial Europe and Japan.

The effect on the United States would be a noticeable increase in the cost of imported oil, for which we are now paying out some \$45 billion annually.

How steep an increase would depend on what currencies went into the basket. A limited number of the heavyweights against which the dollar has lost most ground during the past year — for example Japan's yen, with the dollar down 18 percent, and West Germany's mark, the dollar off 12 percent — could mean a rise of 10 percent or more in the imported oil bill.

A larger and more representative basket would result in a much more modest increase since the dollar's comparative value losses have been highly selective: it has, in fact, been holding up very well against all but the superhard currencies and remains the only one with sufficiently broad economic backing to be the common denominator of international trade.

The oil producers as a group may have been considering dumping the dollar, but it is Saudi Arabia which decided against it. For the time being, the Saudis, who have the production clout and the financial reserves singlehandedly to set world oil prices in the short run, are reported to have been persuaded by Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger Jr. to stick with the dollar to give the administration's support measures time to take effect.

The Saudi decision alone, however, is likely to prove of more immediate support than the rest of Washington's efforts combined. These measures, a special fund to stabilize the dollar in the exchange markets and higher domestic interest rates to pull money into the U.S. economy, so far have met with a wait-and-see response abroad. Washington's decisiveness, or the absence of same, is seen as the real clue to the dollar's future.

Not to look gift horses in the mouth, but it is ironic that in a time of need the dollar should find support from the very source that, through the rapid escalation of oil prices, was primarily responsible for its unbalancing as a world standard of value.

But then, the big energy picture these days is a basket of ironies.

Britain strikes a balance

Speaking of oil and balances, note what is happening to another big energy consumer.

Britain closed out 1977 with a \$113 billion balance of payments surplus, primarily on the strength of North Sea oil production. It was the first such surplus year since 1972.

The irony — here we go again — of it all, is that North Sea oil is economical only so long as the world price remains at the arbitrary high levels set by the OPEC nations, themselves largely low-cost producers. A world price drop to supply-and-demand levels would price British oil out of even its home market.

Berry's World



"David and I are STILL arguing about whether or not Rosalynn should have walked behind Jimmy in Saudi Arabia!"

Watch on Washington

By CLARK R. MOLLENHOFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In the name of "reform" of the Civil Service Commission the Carter Administration is planning to legalize political favoritism in the management of the 2.8 million civilian government employees.

Civil Service Commission Chairman Alan K. Campbell has prepared plans that would revolutionize the manner in which the federal government manages personnel by making career civil service employees more responsive to elected officials.

According to experts within the Civil Service Commission itself, the Campbell reform will constitute legalization of the much-criticized political tactics of the Nixon Administration as formalized in "The Malek Manual."

The highly controversial personnel handbook compiled by Frederick V. Malek, the Nixon White House personnel boss, provided for a maximum of politicalization by pulling together all of the questionable tactics of past administrations.

Under the Malek manual the Nixon administration developed a formalized system for injecting political favoritism into hiring, firing and promoting at the General Services Administration and several cabinet departments.

After criticism of that scandalous political favoritism during the campaign, President Carter's transition team solicited help in putting together a reliable report on the crimes of political manipulation of the Civil Service and destruction of records.

That highly critical, single-spaced, 12-page report laid out details of wholesale disregard of the laws and regulations and the abuse of merit principles in federal employment.

Even more devastating than favoritism and manipulation of the merit system was the evidence of a cover-up of those crimes involving Civil Service Chairman Robert Hampton and Commissioners Ludwig J. Andolsek and Jayne B. Spain, and the involvement of high executives of the commission staff in perjury and falsification of records.

The report spotlighted evidence that identified the witnesses and the documents to establish knowing violation of laws and regulations and willful conspiracy to hide laxity and crimes.

The transition team's report, initially expected to be a blueprint for cleanup, has been ignored despite repeated needles from consumer advocate Ralph Nader, Representative John Moss (Dem., Cal.) and others.

Civil Service Commission executives, accused of a variety of laxities, crimes and cover-ups, have continued to hold important positions and have a role in parrying congressional inquiries.

Those executives and Carter-appointed commissioners also have taken part in the strategy that included the unprecedented award of a \$150,000 contract to the law firm of Mitchell Rogovin, a controversial former head of the Justice Department tax division in the Johnson Administration, to investigate the commission.

Rogovin, named by Johnson to head the tax division, was responsible for investigations in the Justice Department that upset the income tax fraud conviction of North American Aviation Lobbyist Fred B. Black at a time when Black was threatening to give testimony about President Johnson's involvement in the Bobby Baker case.

The Rogovin investigation of the Civil Service Commission is not for the purpose of criminal prosecution, and is in fact being used to limit congressional and FBI access to Civil Service records.

Civil Service Commission Chairman Campbell has been spelling out his "reform" to the press. He declares that he does not see the major problem as one of stopping the Carter Administration from using civil service jobs as a federal spoils system, but that the major job is to make the system more productive.

Instead of the theoretically independent U.S. Civil Service Commission, Campbell would move the functions of recruiting, examination, and equal opportunity policies to an office of personnel management directly under the President.

Campbell comments that the management of people is just as important as the management of money, and that the President of the United States must have more discretion in personnel management if he is to run an efficient government.

He asserts that it takes up to three years to fire or discipline a federal employee, and that the managers of government agencies have too little discretion in hiring of employees.

In general the views of Chairman Campbell are comparable to those expressed by Nixon White House Chief of Staff H.R. (Bob) Haldean during the period when he was laying the groundwork for getting Nixon loyalists into more top positions.

Senator William Proxmire (Dem., Wis.) and Representative Moss, both critics of the lack of a cleanup at the Civil Service Commission, contend that simple aggressive enforcement of the laws on perjury and destruction of records would go a long way toward reforming a civil service system that is demonstratively rotten to the core.

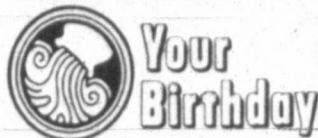
Senator Proxmire's solution would include legislation to permit any citizen to initiate action against government officials for crimes of perjury and false testimony, or for retaliating against a government employee who gives honest testimony.

Legislation being prepared by Proxmire would provide that any citizen could ask for an investigation or for a written report from the Attorney General as to why such an investigation was not being started. If the Attorney General's reply was not satisfactory, the citizen could then petition the federal court for a Special Prosecutor to conduct a grand jury investigation.

Proxmire has explained that this is the only way to get around opposition by an Attorney General to a prosecution that involves malfeasance in office by high-level political appointees.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1978

This coming year you will greatly expand your circle of close friends to numbers greater than you thought possible. You might even have a camaraderie with one from a distant land.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.19) A favorite companion and you are on the same wave length today where fun things are concerned. You could have a ball together, whatever you do.

Find out more about yourself by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter Mail 50 cents for each and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify your birth sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions at work are harmonious today, but they could also be very good for you in unrelated areas like a development to benefit the entire family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) As a manager today you are extremely responsive to those under you, but yet you are responsible to those you represent. An effective, pleasing combination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Imagination and determination are your two greatest assets today. If you really choose to do something, you'll finish without hesitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If there's something you want to discuss with your mate or sweetheart, today might be the day. You'll rediscover the right approach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your instincts in business or financial matters are exceptionally acute today. Allow yourself to be guided by them. You'll probably turn a profit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Dealing with youngsters will be rewarding for both you and them today. You have a knack for holding their interest so they get your message.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you'll go about doing your good deeds quietly without need of or desire for an audience. You may even aid someone who'll never become aware of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You can orchestrate the performance because you're good at manipulating the movements of large groups or big ideas. Take over the podium.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Through your own self-reliance, conditions are favorable for you in your career, status or finances today. You could benefit in one area, or in all three.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your judgment is exceptionally keen today and if you have a decision you've been holding off, make it now. It should be the right one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Run in tandem today. Joint ventures show great promise for you. One caution: if your counterpart wants secrecy, keep your lip buttoned.

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 1978. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1848, a gold nugget was found in California at a sawmill being built for John Sutter near Coloma in the Sierras. The discovery touched off the California gold rush.

On this date: In 1830, the city of Venice was declared a free port. In 1915, the British defeated the Germans in a World War I sea battle off Dogger Bank in the North Sea.

In 1924, Petrograd was renamed Leningrad in honor of the founder of the Soviet Union. IN 1/4 & 1/4, IN World War II, Soviet soldiers crossed the Oder River, reaching German soil for the first time.

In 1949, the Air Force organized Operation Haylift to try to save millions of cattle and sheep isolated by heavy snow on the Great Plains.

In 1965, Sir Winston Churchill died at his home in London at the age of 90.

Ten years ago: Premier Jens Otto Krag of Denmark resigned after the defeat of his National Democratic Party in national elections.

British banks made a loan of \$1.5 billion to the British government to help bolster its reserves of foreign currency.

Today's birthdays: Ambassador to West Germany Walter Stoessel is 58 years old. Former French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve De Murville is 71.

Thought for today: Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American writer, 1803-1882.

THE WORLD ALMANAC'S Q&A

- The outstanding defensive player in the National Football League in 1976 was (a) Jack Youngblood (b) Jack Lambert (c) Jerry Sherk
- The record for committing the most fumbles in a pro football game is held by.....
- The most active player, number of seasons, in professional football is.....

ANSWERS

1. (a) 2. Len Dawson, 7 fumbles; Kansas City Chiefs vs. San Diego Chargers, Nov. 15, 1964; 3. George Blanda, 28 seasons (Chicago Bears 1949-1958; Houston Oilers 1960-1966; Raiders 1967-1975).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dear Libby

By EAMONN BUTLER (Our resident problem solver, Libby, suggests some new policies to improve the lot of the high and the mighty.)

DEAR LIBBY: Every since I became President a year ago, I have had nothing but problems. I am constantly tired and exhausted, and cannot even walk my proposals up to the Capitol without a severe strain. I feel that my spouse, Congress, is playing to dominant a roll in our relationship, but I can't seem to do anything about it. I had been hoping to re-organize my own house, but just cannot work up the determination to see it through. What should I do? — "Worried, Washington"

DEAR WORRIED: A lack of energy seems to be your problem. I suggest you cut taxes on oil and natural gas, and allow the market to provide people's needs, instead of trying to interfere all the time. You will find this helps your other problems too.

DEAR LIBBY: As someone who has recently given up smoking, I feel that it is right for me to insist that my American family gives up as well. Accordingly I have launched a \$5,000,000 campaign with my HEW housekeeping money. Please tell me you agree — "Secretary, D.C."

DEAR SECRETARY: Yes, I agree, smoking is unpleasant. But what gives you the right to use other people's money to stop them from enjoying it? Your campaign should cease immediately.

DEAR LIBBY I used to be the country's leading consumer advocate, but now everyone says I have reached my Nadir. Nobody listens to me any more, or notices my new campaigns against technology and my attempts to stop people driving in comfort, drinking sugar-free Sprite, or otherwise enjoying themselves. Please tell me I have still some use. — "Ralph"

DEAR RALPH: You keep your nutty ideas out of my life, and I won't interfere with yours. Good riddance.

DEAR LIBBY: I am head of a large government bureaucracy, and I think that my body of bureaucrats is getting addicted to larger and larger injections of government funds from the federal budget. I already give them a dozen public holidays every year, but now they want to work only four days a week. I don't have the backbone to get rid of half of them. — "Troubled Bureau Chief"

DEAR TROUBLED: This is a problem that is very common in government agencies, and is

becoming increasingly important in private industry where there are strong labor unions. My advice is to stop using a feather bed. Your backbone will improve instantly.

DEAR LIBBY: As Mayor of a large east-coast metropolis, I have flirted with liberalism all my life. Now I am faced with huge city debts, slums, unemployment and an exodus of industry from my city. What should I do? — "At wit's end"

DEAR WITLESS: Stop this flirtation immediately. End rent controls, which prevent people from building new apartment blocks because they could never cover the construction costs. Stop the outrageous welfare and medical fraud in your city. Get rid of the overmanning in city services. Then relax, for your troubles will be over, and you can enjoy a steady relationship with common sense, individual freedom and prosperity, instead of this tempestuous flirtation.

DEAR LIBBY: I think I deserve congratulations. After getting a pronoun President elected, I have forced him and the Congressmen that I fund to raise the minimum wage and to allow public employee unions. There is also a good chance that they will adopt our proposals for minimum unemployment levels.

— "Union Organization Boss of 20 Years"

DEAR BOSS: I realize you're past your prime, but I really think your mind is beginning to go. A higher minimum wage just forces employers to cut back on marginal employees who aren't worth the minimum wage. That is why unemployment is so high among teenagers, particularly teenage blacks. Public employee unions simply mean that government workers will be able to use union pressure for their own political objectives; and given the state of our government, that I oppose. The proposals for "full employment" will cause more unemployment. To meet the unemployment targets the government would have to stimulate the economy with more inflation. Inflation causes unemployment because people put their money in land and antiques, not jobcreating investments.

PS. When you've got rid of these illusions, you could lose some weight as well.

DEAR LIBBY: Why can't people be made to see that our regulation of trade and industry is in their best interests? — "Federal Agency Worker"

DEAR FED: Because it isn't true.

When did JC know of Marston?



Getting the business

Bob Williams, a local businessman, confers with Dan Snyder, librarian at Lovett Memorial Library, about some of the business materials available there. Included in the collection are books, reference sources and audio-visual materials covering such topics as salesmanship, economics, management, banking, the stock market, business law, and insurance. Recently added to the business materials at the library is an eight-part course on cassette tapes — "Executive Seminars in Sound." There are many business magazines and newspapers in the library's periodical section. Up to date ratings and reports on stocks are available. Persons interested in learning more about the library collection of business materials may call Snyder at 665-3981, or visit the library at 111 N. Houston.

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department investigators want to know when President Carter learned that a congressman, pushing to have a U.S. attorney fired, was under investigation by the same prosecutor. Justice Department officials trying to answer that question say Carter has reaffirmed he first learned of Rep. Joshua Eilberg's connection with the investigation on Jan. 12, the day David W. Marston's ouster came up at a nationally televised presidential news conference.

The Justice Department confirmed Monday night that it asked for and received statements from Carter, Attorney General Griffin Bell and others involved in the firing of Marston, the U.S. attorney for eastern Pennsylvania.

The investigators "want to know who had what information and when did they have it, and what did they do with it," said Justice Department spokesman Marvin Wall. He said the inquiry by the internal investigations office is "virtually completed" and its results would be turned over to Solicitor General Wade McCree, probably today.

A Justice Department spokesman said the focus of the investigation is the time sequence surrounding Eilberg's

Nov. 4 telephone call to Carter, asking the president to "expedite" Marston's dismissal.

Carter conceded at the Jan. 12 news conference that Eilberg had called him and that he subsequently told Bell to speed up Marston's replacement. But Carter also denied he knew anything of Eilberg's being a target of a Marston investigation.

White House press secretary Jody Powell told reporters Monday that Carter, in a statement given the Justice Department through White House Counsel Robert Lipshutz, told

the investigators he first became aware of Eilberg's tie to the Marston probe the day of the news conference. Powell said Carter was told about it by Frank Moore, the president's congressional liaison.

However, Marston, a 35-year-old Republican whose office last year won corruption convictions on two of Pennsylvania's most powerful Democratic politicians, has claimed his firing stemmed from pressure brought by Eilberg.

A source close to Marston's office said he submitted an affidavit to the investigators last week and said he informed one

of his superiors at the Justice Department, Deputy Attorney General Russell Baker Jr., on Nov. 16 about the investigation involving Eilberg.

Benjamin Civiletti, director of the department's criminal division, who also was questioned as part of the Justice Department investigation, told reporters Monday the department received no word that any congressman was involved in the Marston investigations prior to mid-December.

The Marston investigation, reportedly involving Eilberg and Rep. Daniel J. Flood, D-Pa., have centered on a federal

ally assisted \$64 million construction project at Philadelphia's Hahnemann Hospital. Eilberg's law firm represented the hospital at the time it received approval for a federal construction grant.

More than 100 years ago, a penny was often called a "copper." National Geographic reports that a penny is actually 95 percent copper and 5 percent zinc, and that it is worth roughly two-thirds of a cent.

39 injured in trolley crash

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A trolley car jammed with morning rush-hour commuters crashed into the rear end of a second car stopped at an underground station today, authorities said. Thirty-nine persons were injured, apparently none seriously.

Many of the passengers, who were ferried to hospitals in police vans and ambulances, complained of back pains, bumps and bruises. Several had bloody noses.

"The brakes went out," said Roland Williams, a passenger in the trolley that struck the first one as it was stopped at the busy 30th Street station discharging passengers. "I was in the back. By the time I was finished I was in the front."

Witnesses said the accident occurred on a well-lit straightaway.

The rear-end crash created a massive downtown traffic jam as emergency vehicles converged on the scene.

A spokesman for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority said both cars were full. "We assume that there were perhaps 70 to

100 people on the two cars together," he said.

There was no indication how fast the trolley was going at impact, but both cars were extensively damaged. Neither left the tracks.

Several passengers told a reporter that the trolley that was struck had been involved in a minor accident above ground with a station wagon about a half hour earlier.

The trolleys, known as subway-surface cars, travel on routes that go both above and below ground.

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Wilmington 10 win no pardons

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Stunned and disappointed, supporters of the Wilmington 10 have vowed to keep fighting for the group's freedom after Gov. James Hunt chose to reduce sentences rather than pardon the nine men still imprisoned.

Hunt told a statewide television audience Monday night he believed the white woman and nine black men dubbed the Wilmington 10 received a fair trial in 1972. The men were convicted of firebombing Mike's Grocery, a white-owned store in a black neighborhood of Wilmington, N.C., during racial violence in that city in 1971. The woman was convicted on a lesser charge of being an accessory.

But Hunt added that minimum sentences of 20 to 25 years given the men "are too long." The woman was paroled earlier.

Hunt had billed the announcement as his final action in the case, which brought international criticism from civil liberties organizations. The Soviet government called the case an example of human rights violations in the United States.

"I'm really shocked that he

would make all the to-do about it and then do nothing," said defense attorney James Ferguson II.

Hunt's commutation means eight of the nine men will be eligible for parole this year, instead of in 1980. The ninth, the Rev. Ben Chavis, will be eligible Jan. 1, 1980, two years early.

"This is a political decision," said Elizabeth Chavis, mother of Chavis, at a tearful session with family and friends at her home in Oxford.

The United Church of Christ, which has supported the 10 throughout their troubles, said in a statement from New York that it would pursue the case in federal court.

Chavis was a field worker for the church's Commission for Racial Justice when he was sent to Wilmington in 1971 to try to quell racial disturbances that had begun with a boycott of classes by black high school students.

The men were convicted of malicious burning with an incendiary device and of conspiring to shoot at police officers and firefighters who answered the alarm. They re-

ceived sentences ranging from 20 to 29 years for the burning and concurrent sentences of three to five years for the conspiracy.

The 10th defendant, Anne Sheppard Turner, was convicted of being an accessory

and sentenced to seven to 10 years. She is free on parole, and Hunt said he would not alter her sentence.

Hunt reduced the firebombing sentence given Chavis — 25 to 29 years — to a minimum of 17 years in prison. The sentence

for defendant Joe Wright was reduced from 20 years to 13. Wright thus may be paroled June 1.

Hunt reduced from 20 to 14 years the sentences of Jerry Jacobs, James McKay, Reginald Epps, Willie Earl Vereen

and Wayne Moore. Jacobs, McKay and Vereen will become eligible for parole in July, Epps and Moore in September.

For Marvin Patrick and Connie Tindall, sentences were cut from 22 years to 15. They may be paroled in October.

Vance tries to patch talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance are urging Israel and Egypt to end their sharp exchanges and resume the search for peace through "quiet diplomacy."

A White House statement issued Monday night said Carter and Vance "expressed hope that the public exchanges of recent days are now behind us and that every effort will be made to recapture the spirit" which prevailed a month ago.

Vance reported to Carter at the White House on his trip last week to the Middle East and on his efforts to get Egypt and Israel to agree on a declaration of principles that would govern the negotiation of a comprehensive peace settlement.

The effort was set back when Egyptian President Anwar Sa-

dat broke off the negotiations last Wednesday and called the Egyptian delegation home from Jerusalem.

The White House statement said Vance and Carter are hopeful Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin now will "turn full attention through quiet diplomacy to the substance of the negotiations."

The statement reflected the administration belief that the Middle East peace process is prone to extreme swings and that public opinion should not be "excessively influenced by them."

Earlier Monday, Vance told reporters on Capitol Hill that Israel and Egypt are "in one of those down periods one finds in any negotiation."

"I believe the parties will pass through this period," he said.

According to the statement, Vance told Carter he believes that, while the work of the Israeli-Egyptian political committee is suspended, the negotiating process can continue, presumably in the military committee.

In that committee, meeting in Jerusalem, the two sides have been discussing an Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai. But the Israeli cabinet decided Sunday to postpone sending its delegation back to the military committee talks in Cairo.

Begin told the Israeli parliament Monday the delegation would return to the Cairo talks if the Egyptian press stops what he called its antisemitic campaign in "the next few days."

Carter, who returned to Washington on Monday from a

weekend vacation in Georgia, stressed that the United States is prepared to continue the exchanges with Begin and Sadat that Vance began last week.

Administration officials confirmed that they are considering the sale of F-5E fighter planes to Egypt as a means of demonstrating U.S. support for Sadat's peace initiative.

Sadat has made repeated appeals for western military supplies to compensate for the loss of Soviet military support. He asked Vance last week for U.S. approval of his requests for American arms to match U.S. weapons sales to Israel.

The F-5E has been sold to many friendly Third World countries by the United States in recent years, but is much less sophisticated than fighter planes in Israel's inventory.

On the record

Highland General Hospital

- Monday Admissions**
- Oscar Maiden, Berger.
 - Mrs. Aguda Silva, 804 E. Locust.
 - Baby Boy Silva, 804 E. Locust.
 - Baby Girl No. 1 Pendleton, 720 E. Murphy.
 - Baby Girl No. 2 Pendleton, 720 E. Murphy.
 - Mrs. Deloris Broadbent, 1116 E. Browning.
 - Allen Broadbent, 1116 E. Browning.
 - Mrs. Janet Townsend, Pampa.
 - Mrs. Dee Cooper, 1500 E. Fredrick.
 - Mrs. Drusilla Luck, 2714 Cherokee.
 - Joseph McWilliams, 1318 Mary Ellen.
 - John Stephens, Groom.
 - Mrs. Wilene Mullins, 635 N. Dwight.
 - Mrs. Ramona Brown, Phillips.
 - Virgil D. Cox, Canadian.
 - Leroy S. Sloan, 1224 Francis.
 - Cleo Blanche Veatch, Perryton.
 - Mildred Crane, Pampa.
 - John Moreland, Berger.
 - Gordon Rainbolt, 2212 N. Wells.
 - Mrs. Sharon Martindale, 1117 Christine.
 - Mrs. Frances Richardson, Panhandle.
 - Patsy Bright, 428 N. Nelson.
- Dismissals**
- Mrs. Karla Summers, 1205 S. Dwight.
 - Mrs. Barbara Winegeart, McLean.
 - Baby Girl Winegeart, McLean.
 - Mrs. Emma Jones, 423 Elm.
 - Mrs. Olive Morris, 332 Roberta.
 - Mrs. Evelyn Boyd, 1032 E. Fisher.
 - Mrs. Lavesta Barber, Canadian.
 - Mrs. Rosetta Schurhammer, Wabasha, Minn.
 - Cyril Pingelton, Panhandle.
 - Alfred Overton, Pampa.
 - Mrs. Beattie Guthrie, Lefors.
 - Ma. Laurie Archibee, 400 Perry.
 - Mrs. Clara Dennis, Amarillo.
 - Mrs. Doris Heller, 2320 Charles.
 - Joe Denton, 1126 Oklahoma.
 - Karen D. Dalton, 2013 Russell.
 - Billie C. Walsh, 1114 Christine.
 - Connie Parks, Lefors.
- Births**
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pendleton, 720 E. Murphy, twin girls No. 1 at 2:21 a.m. weighing 5 lbs. 1 oz., No. 2 at 2:33 a.m. weighing 4 lb. 9 oz.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Noe Silva, 804 E. Locust, a boy at 4:26 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Police report

The Pampa police responded to 38 calls during the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

A Mobeetie man was arrested Monday in the 200 block of N. Cuyler for driving while intoxicated.

Mainly about people

Sharon Martindale, wife of county attorney David Martindale, delivered a 7-pound, 15-ounce baby girl today at Highland General Hospital. The baby, the Martindales' second child, has been named Blythe Dane.

John East of Pampa was recently awarded a B.S. degree in physical education at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kans.

Republican Women's Club will meet at 9:45 a.m. Thursday at the home of Mrs. John McKnerney, 2113 N. Russell.

The Women of the Moose will have a regular business meeting at 8 p.m. today in the Lodge.

There will be a Tri-County Democratic Meeting at Tom's Country Inn Steak House at noon Wednesday. The meeting will be a Dutch treat luncheon and installation.

Pvt. Billy W. Morris, son of Mrs. Wanda Manques of 907 S. Schuler and William F. Morris of 301 Miami, recently completed training as an armor reconnaissance specialist under the One Station Unit Training Program in Ft. Knox, Ky.

Obituaries

GALE CLARK
Services for Mr. Gale Clark, 58, who died at 2:10 p.m. Monday, will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Oland Butler, minister at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens.

Mr. Clark was born May 12, 1919 in Pennboro, W. Va. and moved to Pampa in 1950 from San Antonio. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, the VFW and the Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966. He was employed by J.E. Carlson Construction.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie; a son, Richard Thompson of Libya, Africa; two daughters, Mrs. Larry Rannels of Stinnett and Mrs. Kenney Carter of Bluefield, Va.; his mother, Mrs. Peggy Clark of Pampa; a sister, Mrs. Jack Wooddell of Athens, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

RONNIE W. WATERS
Ronnie W. Waters, 47, a former Pampa resident, died recently in Los Angeles. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Claude Cone, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Waters was born in San Angelo on July 10, 1930, and had

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa. Quotations are for 60 lb. bushels unless noted.

Wheat	22.50
Barley	18.50
Corn	12.75
Soybeans	14.50
DIA	27.75
Geny	27.75
Perdue	27.75
Penney's	27.75
Phillips	27.75
PMA	27.75
Southwestern	27.75
Standard Oil of Indiana	27.75
Southwestern Pub. Service	27.75
Standard Oil of Indiana	27.75
Texas	27.75

The following quotations show the range within which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation.

Franklin Life	20
Ky. Cent. Life	18 1/2
Southwestern Financial	15
So. West Life	17 1/2

The following 10:30 N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by the Pampa office of Schneider-Barnett-Hickman, Inc.

Boeing	44 1/2
Case	23 1/2
Colson	29 1/2
Geny	27 1/2
Perdue	27 1/2
Penney's	27 1/2
Phillips	27 1/2
PMA	27 1/2
Southwestern	27 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	27 1/2
Southwestern Pub. Service	27 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	27 1/2
Texas	27 1/2

National weather

By The Associated Press
Warm weather brought temporary relief to the East today, but it was a two-edged sword, because the melting of large accumulations of snow threatened to cause some urban flooding.

Temperatures were expected to rise into the 40s across the snowbound New York metropolitan area, south to Virginia and north to Boston.

Boston and many suburban schools were closed today, and the Red Cross issued an appeal for blood because donors were snowbound over the weekend. Similar appeals were issued in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

More snow, possibly mixed with rain, was expected to start falling over parts of New England later today, adding to the problems expected to be created by the melting.

In Rhode Island, a four-day state of emergency ended Monday when Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy, declared road conditions "manageable."

High pressure centered off the Virginia coast created fair and milder weather for much of the southeast.

In Jefferson County, Kentucky, which includes Louisville, schools were scheduled to re-open today after more than a week of snow-related closings. But schools in a dozen other counties remained closed.

Area explorers tour 'Pampa after dark'

Explorers from Pioneer, Buffalo Wallow, Adobe and host Santa Fe Districts discovered "Pampa after dark" Saturday night.

Explorer officers and their advisors gathered at the National Guard Armory in Pampa for the quarterly Explorer President's

Association officer's orientation seminar. During the seminar, officers discussed the Explorer program and principals and fundamentals of an effective Post program.

Following the seminar, Explorers and advisors dropped in on the emergency room at Highland General Hospital and toured labs, x-ray rooms and the computer room. Next stop was the Pampa News, where they observed writers and editors working on deadline to produce the Sunday newspaper.

Explorers saw the night watch at the Pampa Police Department, toured KGRO radio and saw how gun barrels for military weapons are manufactured at Cabot Machinery.

Several posts spent the night at the armory before heading home Sunday.

Sundown arraigned

David Lynn Gray of Sundown, 26, was arraigned on charges of simple assault before Justice of the Peace G.L. Lunsford Monday in connection with a complaint filed by his Gray County wife, a sheriff's deputy said.

Deputy sheriff Kelly Rushing said the complaint was filed when Gray took custody of his children Saturday.

Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — Although Judy Garland made millions, she was practically broke when she died.

That's the picture revealed in court documents filed Monday by her three children — Liza Minnelli, Lorna Luft and Joseph Luft.

When their mother died in 1969 from what was ruled an accidental overdose of barbiturates the three estimated her estate was valued at between \$15,000 and \$40,000. They said it may have earned an additional \$40,000 in royalties from records, films and television reruns after her death.

However, the petition filed Monday says various debts, including federal and state taxes, "may exceed the gross value of the estate."

The three children asked the court to appoint them administrators of their mother's estate, accept a will made by Miss Garland in 1961 and determine what, if any, assets are involved. The will leaves the three equal shares of the estate when they reach age 35.

The long delay in filing an application for probate of Miss Garland's will was explained by the fact that Joseph, 22, could not serve as an administrator until he reached the age of majority.

Bunnell, 26, of Corvallis, Ore., faces a maximum fine of \$100 for driving while encumbered, a citation usually issued to someone who drives with their arm around another person or who holds an animal, package or child in their lap.

Because the parrot didn't fit any of the examples cited in the law, state police marked the bird as "other."

Kidnappers say they'll kill baron

PARIS (AP) — A revolutionary group is going to kill kidnaped Baron Edouard-Jean Empain, head of the Empain-Schneider industrial empire, and "other bosses" unless imprisoned members of the group are freed before noon Wednesday, an anonymous caller said today.

"We, the Armed Nucleus for Popular Autonomy, claim responsibility for the kidnaping of Baron Empain. We demand the liberation of our comrades before Wednesday noon. If not we will kill the baron. Other bosses will follow," the caller told the Paris office of Radio Luxembourg.

At least half a dozen members of the organization are known to be held in French

prisons. One of them, Christian Harbulot, was arrested Dec. 4 for the killing of an automobile plant guard who killed a young leftist demonstrator at the plant.

The organization also has been linked to the assassination of the Bolivian ambassador to France in 1976 and the wounding of a Spanish military attaché in 1975.

Another telephone call to a newspaper in Nancy, also purporting to come from the Armed Nucleus, demanded the release of Harbulot and two members of the West German Baader-Meinhoff gang of anarchists, Irmgard Moeller and Rolf Pohl, who are imprisoned in West Germany.

Police pressed a nationwide

hunt for Empain, a handsome 40-year-old who was kidnaped Monday morning by five masked gunmen who boxed in his car with two small trucks and a motorbike as he was being driven away from his Avenue Foch apartment.

Some of the kidnapers beat up the baron's chauffeur, drove him off in one of the trucks and dumped him, while others made off with Empain in his own car. The car was found on the northwest outskirts of Paris Monday night, and one of the trucks was found a few minutes drive from the scene of the kidnaping.

France's last big kidnaping occurred nine months ago, last April 13, when Luchino Revelli Beaumont, the head of Fiat France, was grabbed in front of his Paris apartment.

He was freed three months later after payment of a \$2 million ransom. His alleged abductors were arrested in Spain, and police said money was their only motive.

Empain is president and managing director of Empain-Schneider, a French-Belgian conglomerate of 150 companies

that employ 120,000 people in electronics, shipping, machinery, lumber, banking and real estate and have revenues of some \$4.5 billion a year. It is a major shareholder in the U.S. Phoenix Steel Company and is believed to have other extensive holdings in North America.

One of its subsidiaries, Societe Framatome, is France's only manufacturer of nuclear power plants, while its Schneider branch has been one of Europe's leading manufacturers of arms since before World War I.

The baron's mother was an American, Rozell Rowland of Columbus, Ohio, who was a music hall star in the United States and London until her marriage in 1937, a spokesman for the family said. The baron is married to an Italian, the former Silvana Betuzzi, and they have two daughters and a son.

Yarbrough jury to hear evidence

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A six-man, six-woman jury begins hearing evidence today in the perjury trial of former Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Yarbrough — after Yarbrough's lawyer already has admitted his client lied.

Yarbrough's lawyer, Waggoner Carr, told the jury Monday that Yarbrough lied to a grand jury investigating a forgery charge.

But the lie did not influence the grand jury's action, said Carr, and Yarbrough therefore is not guilty of the aggravated perjury charge.

The prosecution already knew Yarbrough had met last May 16 with a former business associate before calling Yarbrough before the Travis County Grand Jury, Carr said.

The alleged forgery involved an Alabama car registration certificate. Yarbrough supposedly instructed the former associate, Bill Rothkopf, on how to forge the certificate.

Harris County law enforcement officers had equipped Rothkopf with a hidden tape recorder for the May 16 meeting.

"We admit that Judge Yarbrough made the statement that he did not have that meeting with Rothkopf when in actual fact such a meeting was held on that date," Carr said.

"We take the position it was an illegal entrapment and a sandbag job by the government," Carr said. The grand jury was going to indict Yarbrough for forgery whether Yarbrough admitted meeting with Rothkopf or not, he said.

Since that was a foregone conclusion, the state cannot prove aggravated perjury, a felony, Carr said. The most the state can do is convict him of the lesser included offense of misdemeanor perjury, he said.

The felony is punishable by a term of 2-10 years and a \$5,000 fine. The misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

In effect, the defense is carrying to the jury the plea bargaining the prosecution refused to participate in.

Of the 60 prospective jurors, only two had not read or heard anything about the case. Three were excused for cause when they said they could not put the news accounts aside and judge him on an evidence from the witness stand alone.

Carr suggested this might be a case where the jury would want to grant probation because "no one was hurt, no blood shed."

Yarbrough's wife and two young daughters sat on a front row.

Jailed man beats head in Odessa

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Sheriff Elton Faught said Monday a justice of the peace court of inquiry will be convened to investigate the death of an inmate in the Ector County Jail.

Larry Ortega Lozano, 27, of Pecos, died Sunday night from beating his head against the walls and door of a padded cell, Faught said. Lozano had been given a sedative earlier in the day after tearing up another padded cell, the sheriff said.

Faught said Lozano had been taken to a local hospital for treatment three times since his arrest on Jan. 10. Lozano was being held on \$15,000 bond on three charges alleging aggravated assault of a peace officer.

The sheriff also said the death will be investigated by the FBI and Texas Rangers.

Lozano was so violent that he broke a one-inch-thick plexiglass window with his head, Faught said.

Venora Cole files for JP in Gray County

Mrs. Venora Cole, Gray County justice of the peace for precinct 2-2, has filed for re-election subject to the Republican primaries.

Mrs. Cole was appointed to the post to fill the unexpired term of her father, Ed Anderson, when he died in September, 1976. She was elected to the post in Nov. 1976.

She is a member of the ladies' auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the First Baptist Church. A native of Pampa, she is married to Don Cole, a teacher at Pampa High School.

Ford seeks credit for Korea probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Gerald Ford began the investigation into alleged Korean influence-buying in Congress in 1975, and the results were given the Carter administration "on a silver platter," says the Ford man who ran the investigation.

Rebutting earlier statements that the investigation did not begin until late in Ford's term, former Assistant Attorney General Richard Thornburgh said Monday that the investigation required only "proving what you already knew" by the time President Carter took office in January 1977.

"The matter was turned over to our criminal division late in 1975, December I think," Thornburgh said. "We undertook a preliminary investigation of some very complex legal questions early in 1976."

"By spring it was turned over to the newly formed Public Integrity section," Thornburgh said in a telephone interview from Harrisburg, Pa., where he was staying with friends.

Thornburgh, now a lawyer in Pittsburgh, has announced he will run for governor of Pennsylvania next November.

"Enough information on the alleged bribery scandal had been amassed by June 1976, he said, to turn the material over to a federal grand jury.

The New York Times reported in Tuesday's editions that the Korean investigation was ordered by Ford in 1975 after he received intelligence reports from former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger regarding alleged bribery.

Thornburgh said he couldn't

confirm Kissinger's role but that he knew the impetus for the investigation came through Ford from the State Department.

Kissinger could not be reached for comment.

Thornburgh also refused to disclose the number of congressmen investigated. "The matter is still under investigation," he said, "and even though I'm no longer with the department, I feel I can't talk about specifics."

Thornburgh left the criminal division of the Justice Department in January 1977. He was replaced by current Assistant Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti in March.

Although Thornburgh declined to talk specifically about what the State Department gave the Justice Department at

the start of the investigation, he did dispute an earlier statement by Civiletti that Thornburgh's operation did not begin until the summer of 1976.

"We began investigating late in 1975 and had the matter before a federal grand jury by June 1976," Thornburgh said.

Thornburgh also scored an earlier statement by Attorney General Griffin Bell, who has said the investigation was moving too slowly when he took office.

Thornburgh also said that the name of Tongson Park, a South Korean rice dealer and former lobbyist, played prominently in the investigation from the start. Park is accused of doing favors for and passing money to congressmen in hopes of influencing their views on subjects involving South Korea.

MAÇON, Ga. (AP) — Lillian Carter graces the centerfold of Larry Flynt's latest publication.

But it's nothing like Hunter or Chic, two of Flynt's better known magazines.

Advice

Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked by your answer to "36 and still a virgin." How dare you say it's all right for a woman to "live a little" if she's an adult, "feels like it," and hurts no one!

I know you haven't the courage to print this, but sex without marriage is a sin before God, and there are no exceptions to this rule. Please read Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27; and Ephesians 5:5.

I would have congratulated "36 and still a virgin" and encouraged her to maintain her pure and virtuous record. I would also have told her to drink sage tea when she gets the urge. And also to pray.

When she asked you for permission to "live a little" before she died, you should have told her to check with her YWCA, her church, and her city recreation department for wholesome outdoor activities.

She is a virtuous queen, and there are thousands like her, including this writer. Sign me...

SIXTY AND STILL A VIRGIN,
(SILVER SPRING, MD.)

DEAR SIXTY: If one equates virginity with virtue, according to my mail you win by a landslide.

DEAR ABBY: My brother (age 66) and I (63) have been trying to get our father to update his will. He hasn't looked at it for 25 years, and there is much more involved now.

Dad is 88 and in fairly good health, so we figure he should attend to his will now, rather than put it off until his health starts to fail.

He has a considerable amount of money and property because Mother died last year and left everything she had to Dad.

When we tell Dad, "You can't take it with you," he says, "I'm not going anywhere."

Can you suggest a way to get him to update his will without giving him the impression that we would like to see him drop dead soon? I assure you that this is not the case.

HIS LOVING CHILDREN

DEAR CHILDREN: You would be doing your father a big favor by urging his lawyer, banker or a close friend to get him to update his will. And if they strike out, urge him yourselves.

DEAR ABBY: When I married, I decided to quit my job and be the perfect wife.

I took cooking lessons and became an accomplished cook in order to entertain my husband's business associates properly. I looked after his clothes to make sure he was always the best dressed man in his company. I kept a spotless house in case he brought someone over for a drink. I never made any dates without checking with him first so I'd be available whenever he wanted me. I even washed his car every day.

I gave him massages to relax him, and even gave him manicures and pedicures. I actually made a career out of being the perfect wife and helpmate.

The harder I tried to make my husband's life easier, the less affectionate he became. Finally he became impotent. His doctor recommended that he see a psychiatrist, who asked to see me.

I was told that because of the incest tabu, no man feels right sleeping with his mother, and I had become a "mother" to him. After a year of therapy for him and four months for me, the situation is improving. I'm letting him "be a man" so he can perform like one. Thanks for listening.

ME IN SANDUSKY

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Ask Dr. Lamb

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I have a dear friend who smokes at least a pack of cigarettes a day. She is four months pregnant. I am concerned because I've been told that cigarette smoking could cause harm to the baby. She also takes nerve pills. I would like your advice on this.

DEAR READER — Many women who smoke have normal babies, but there is certainly an increased risk to the pregnancy. Women who smoke are more prone to a miscarriage. One way this may happen is that the nicotine in the tobacco smoke constricts the arteries in the placenta and may cause local areas of damage to the placenta. The damaged placenta is unable to sustain the baby and an abortion follows.

The second problem is that babies born to smoking mothers weigh less and as a group are more prone to convulsions.

Medications of all types are apt to concentrate in the developing baby's body at higher levels than in the mother's body. A good example is alcohol. As adults we have enzymes that help us metabolize alcohol. The developing baby does not have these enzymes yet and may be unable to metabolize alcohol rapidly. The result is the baby's alcohol level will be many times greater than drinking mama-to-be.

All things considered — if a pregnant woman wants to be good to her baby she should live an optimally healthy life, eat a well-balanced, nutritious diet with the supplements her doctor may advise, particularly for iron and calcium, and avoid medications, smoking and alcohol.

To give you more information on the harmful effects of tobacco I am sending you The Health Letter number 2-6, Tobacco: Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes. Others who are interested in this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me at P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

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Polly's pointers

Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY — I discovered that an easy and quick way to grate a few carrots is to lay a carrot down and then scrape very hard with a serrated steak knife. I can do two large carrots in just a few seconds. — WILLA.

Plants in the home...

Health checkup for house plants

E. VIN McDONALD



"Where do houseplant bugs come from?" is a question I am asked over and over, and one for which there are numerous answers. Just when I thought my collection was clean, a well-meaning friend gave me a glorious Chinese hibiscus in full bloom for Christmas. What I am sure she did not intend to give me along with it were aphids, brown scale, mealybugs and red spider-mites.

As soon as I saw the hibiscus in strong daylight, I knew it was in trouble because there was a sticky residue on the leaf surfaces, an almost-sure sign of insects at work. My immediate treatment, which seems to have worked, consisted of washing the entire plant in a fairly forceful stream of water in the bathtub, then spraying with Ced-o-flora.

One and two weeks later, I put it through the same routine.

Unfortunately, new plants are not the only source of insects. They can be carried on clothing or on the wings of what you thought was only a breeze of fresh air. Sometimes insect eggs lie dormant, in the soil or on plant parts, until conditions are right for them to emerge in a more active state.

The way I avoid serious insect infestations is to keep in close contact with all of my plants. If leaves or flowers suddenly appear discolored, malformed or damaged in any way, I inspect them with a magnifying glass. In my experience one or more of five insects are usually the problem. They are:

1. Aphids, aphid or plant lice. Size, about 1-18th of an inch long. Color, green, brown or black. They tend to cluster on juicy tip growth and buds. Repeated and forceful sprays of water may get all of them; if not, use Ced-o-flora, pyrethrin, Rotenone or Sevin.

2. Mealybugs. Size, about 1-8th inch long. Color, pinkish or grayish white with a mealy texture. Colonies secrete a cottony residue. Remove as many as possible with sprays of water; allow plant to drain, then examine with a magnifying glass. Use a cotton swab dipped in denatured alcohol to remove any adults you can see. If mealybugs persist, spray with

Ced-o-flora, malathion, Sevin or a Rotenone-pyrethrin combination.

3. Red spider-mites. Size, almost too small to be seen with the naked eye; look for telltale signs instead, such as yellowed or grayed leaf surfaces, or webs between leaves and stems. The presence of mites suggests that the atmosphere is too hot, dry and stale; correct by lowering temperature. Increasing humidity and improving fresh-air circulation. Spray with water every few days for a week or more. If mites persist, use Kelthane, malathion, a Rotenone-pyrethrin combination or Ced-o-flora.

4. Scale. Size, about an eighth of an inch long at maturity and oval. Color, tan to reddish brown. Minor infestations can be brought under control by removal with a cotton swab dipped in denatured alcohol. If serious, spray with Ced-o-flora, malathion or Sevin.

5. White flies. Size, about 1-16th of an inch long, except they rarely stand still long enough to tell; they are literally little white flies. Repeated sprays of water may get them but if not, use malathion, a Rotenone-pyrethrin combination or synthetic pyrethrin (Resmethrin).

If you decide to use a pesticide, buy one labeled specifically for the insect or insects you want to control - and be sure to read the small print. I

have on my desk 10 different brands of houseplant pesticides, all of which might be mistakenly considered as "all-purpose." Most aren't and don't claim to be; Ced-o-flora, for example, states clearly, "will quickly destroy mealybug, scale, red spider, aphid." In other words, if white flies are the problem, this product is not the answer.

Two of the labels I have been studying are particularly misleading: both say on the front that they are for controlling insects that destroy house plants but on the side, in

(African violets and gloxinias, for example).

House Call

Q. My greenhouse heater went out last night; this morning I found everything frozen. The heat has been restored, but will anything survive?

A. Possibly, if temperatures inside did not fall below 20F. for long. When this happens, it helps to spray frozen plants with tepid water as soon as the temperature can be brought to above freezing. Cut off parts that are obviously killed, but don't be too hasty in discarding entire plants. Woody things like geranium, fuchsia and lantana may send out new growth along the branches; plants like begonias and impatiens may come back from the roots. It would also be a good idea to install one of the alarm systems available from the makers of home greenhouses.

Q. What causes some of the new leaves on my philodendron and anthurium to break or die inside the sheath just as they are about to emerge?

A. Allowing the soil to become too dry between waterings and lack of humidity. Keep the soil evenly moist to slightly on the dry side and increase the humidity to 40 percent or more.



Begonias

fine print, I can find only two, aphids and white flies. They promise also to control spider mites, leaf rollers, leaf hoppers (in the nymph stage), lace bugs, midges, rose chafers, flea beetles, leaf tiers and cucumber beetles - all of which make an impressive looking list for an outdoor garden but worthless if your indoor plants have mealybugs, red spider-mites or scale.

Finally, a word of caution: I find it best not to use malathion on begonias, ferns, cacti and other succulents and gesneriads

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Club news

Twentieth Century Study Club

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Mrs. Peggy Palmitier presented a program on copper enameling. Mrs. Jenkie Campbell was program leader.

A book review of "Gifts From the Sea" by Ann Morrow Lindbergh was presented by Mrs. Kay Harvey. The "Fifty Years Ago" report was given by Mrs. Dolores Gardner.

Mrs. Roy Braswell conducted the business meeting.

Sunrises Toastmasters Club

The Sunrises Toastmasters Club met at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Pioneer Natural Gas Flame Room.

Best speaker award went to Doreen Miley, whose speech was entitled, "How to Worry Constructively or How to be Here Now."

Diane Douglas won best table topics award and best evaluator was Mike Herbert.

The Mineralogical Society of America was founded in 1912.

Garden Books

TV garden personality James U. Crockett has written a guide to gardening, "Crockett's Victory Garden," (Little Brown) that takes green thumb addicts from month to month.

You'll also get directions for planting vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit trees, lawns and houseplants. "What I want to teach is not local gardening," says Crockett, "but the fundamentals of gardening so that no matter where you live you will be able to have a successful garden." The book is well illustrated and has helpful diagrams and charts.

The "Woman's Day Book of Annuals and Perennials," by Jean Hersey (Simon and Schuster) offers important information for identifying, growing and caring for about 200 popular flowers in this country. It is organized for easy use, with fine illustrations by Fritz Kredel.

If you raise the giant sunflower, which rises to about eight feet or more, harvest it as soon as it becomes mature or you'll have competition from birds.

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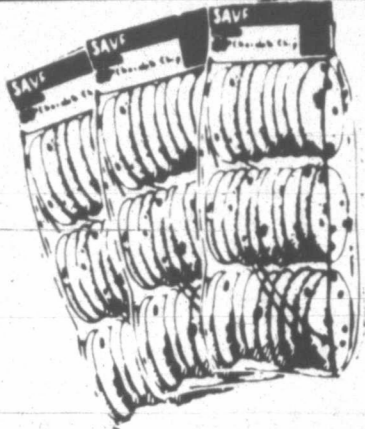
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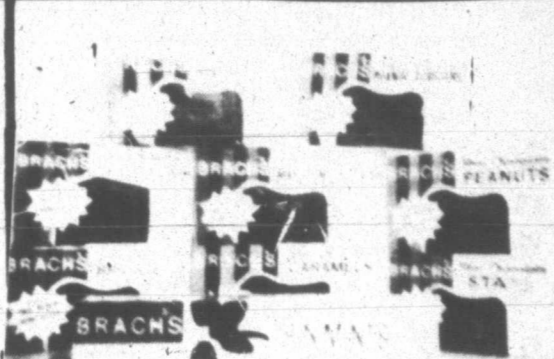
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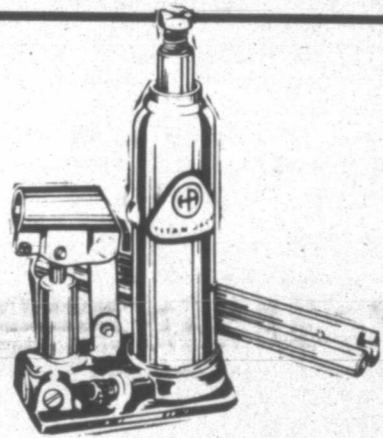
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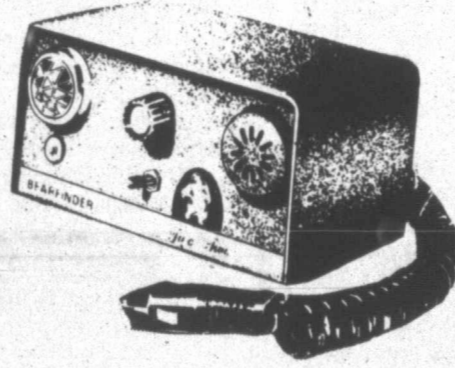
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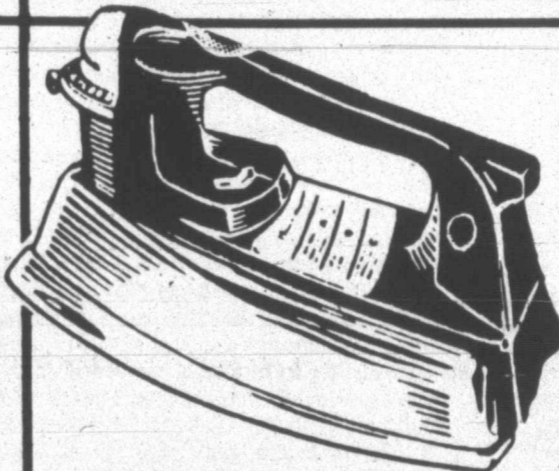
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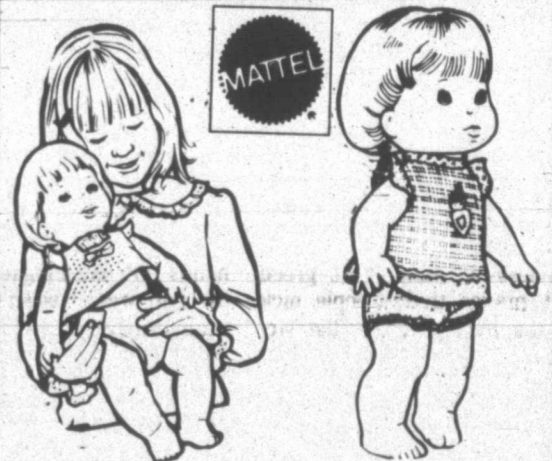
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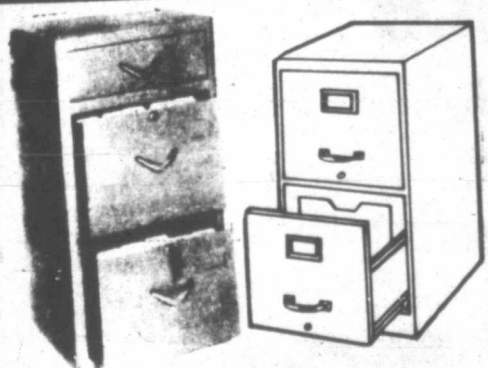
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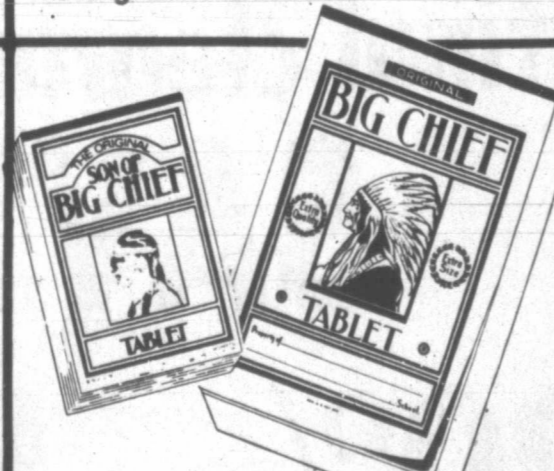
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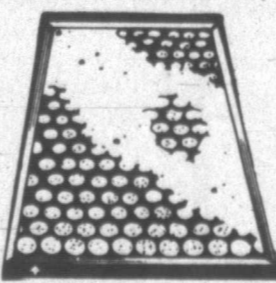
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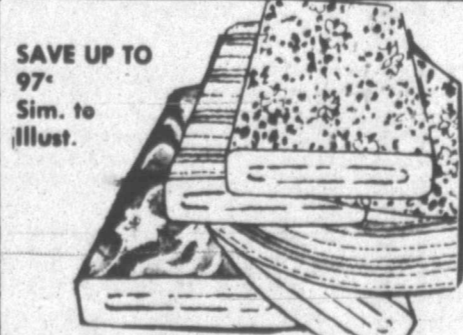
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Boston's Combat Zone attacked

BOSTON (AP) — The Combat Zone, Boston's officially deemed Disneyland of sex, is withering in a blitzard of police sweeps, license suspensions and bad publicity.

The cluster of X-rated moviehouses, porno bookstores and topless-bottomless bars is only a tarnished memory of its once wide-open libido.

An area where hookers once elbowed for prime curb space and reached in car windows to fondle drivers is now often deserted of all but police officers, who sit in idling cars along Washington Street, the zone's main thoroughfare, or stride slowly past the bars.

Some of the bars, bookstores and theaters have closed. Two

have been wrecked by suspicious fires.

In 1977, the liquor licenses of virtually every bar and strip joint in the two-block zone were suspended for prostitution, "open and gross lewdness" or other such transgressions. The suspensions lasted from one to four months.

"It's pretty much dead now," says Robert Walsh, head of the urban renewal agency that zoned the downtown section for sex-oriented businesses in November 1974.

The idea had been to keep the raunch from seeping into residential neighborhoods. But the aura of official approval made the zone a magnet for

prostitutes, pickpockets and other unsavory elements.

Late in 1976, a Harvard football player was stabbed in the heart when he chased a prostitute who stole a friend's wallet. His death led to a swift, abrupt crackdown, and the Combat Zone has never recovered.

Last year, the police vice squad issued 843 complaints against bars for such alleged violations as allowing prostitutes to troll for customers and nude dancers to mingle with customers. The total was double that of the year before, and most of the offenses were in the Combat Zone.

"The police have really been giving them the business," said

vice squad Lt. John Chalpin. "Regardless of whether there are nude shows down there or not, we're still not going to put up with larcenies or robberies or murders."

Nude dancing is legal in the Combat Zone as long as the gyrating dancers stay two feet away from the customers. At night, the bars are often half or two-thirds full, but owners complain that business is nothing like the old days.

"A lot of tourists and people from out of town who normally would sneak away to the Combat Zone don't do it because the police are there," said Walsh. "A night in the Combat Zone isn't what it used to be."

Pentagon changes may save

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Harold Brown says the Pentagon plans to present a "base realignment list" in March, but he is not indicating a goal in numbers of bases to be closed or reduced in scope.

He said the Pentagon is "still developing a list."

At a briefing on the new defense budget, Brown confirmed reports that the Carter administration was preparing a base reduction plan, the first such move since 1976 in the Ford administration.

Other officials have said they

are shooting for enough changes to save about \$250 million to \$300 million a year.

These officials had projected an announcement in late January or February, and Brown's forecast suggested that the job of drawing up a list that could avoid political repercussions was taking longer.

The defense secretary, noting that congressional action and filing of environmental impact statements tend to delay base closings or reductions, said he expects the new actions to have impact on the budget only toward the end of fiscal 1979.

Jailed girl con artist tells of pigeon hunting

DALLAS (AP) — The face, with the wide-set eyes topped by what probably was a fashionable hairdo, is trained to change with the mood of the moment.

One minute, Tammi Cole is coy, even girlish. But ask her where she's been and what she's doing in the Dallas city jail and the face changes, takes on a hardened look. The fast-talking con artist is ready for battle.

There's very little that's authentic about Tammi. Even her name is phony. And she giggles about the confusion police are encountering trying to find out who she really is.

"I have about 16 other names," she said with a laugh. But the laugh is probably false too because the well-dressed blonde with the long mahogany-painted fingernails is being detained on bonds totaling \$115,111.

Whatever her real name is, police are convinced Tammi knows her "game," which is to bilk older women out of large sums of money. Around squad rooms, veteran detectives call it a "pigeon drop" scheme where the victim is convinced a bundle of cash is found by someone like Tammi. The pigeon is then told she can share in the find but must put up some "good faith" money.

"Look, it takes two to make a victim," Tammi explains in a business-like tone. "It's greed that makes those people pick up the money...They (the victims) bend over to pick up that money because of greed. They want it. You'd be surprised how many husbands think their

wives have \$300 in a savings account when they really have \$10,000 put away."

"Is that honest?"

Tammi tailors her appearance to suit her "marks." She said the easiest ones wear too much makeup and always the latest fashions. Her luck ran out last week when a 61-year-old woman became suspicious and jotted down the license number of Tammi's rented car.

But there were a lot of pigeons with a lot of money before Dallas and to hear her tell it, there will probably be a lot more in the future regardless of the outcome of her present case.

"You know that song, 'I Did It My Way?' Well, that's my song, my life," she said. "I've done it my way."

STILL MOVES FAST

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Art Still, a defensive end for the Kentucky football team, is a senior majoring in law enforcement and plays that way. In the game against Louisiana State, Art scooped up a blocked field-goal and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown. He has a vivid description of how it felt.

"The ball took one bounce and then another," Still said. "I was praying it would come down in my hands. Then, my hands felt like magnets. There the ball was. I wasn't worried about anybody catching me. I didn't look back. When I went over the goal line, I was floating. It was like being in heaven."

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50 years in Scouting

The First United Methodist Church began its 50th year in scouting recently. Joe Chambers, left, scouting executive of the Adobe Walls Boy Scout Council, shakes hands with Bill Stephens, institutional representative.

With them are Tom Dunn, past scout master, Jerry Davis, past scout, and Kevin and Steve Taylor, present scouts.

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

Mary Tyler Moore moves on

By JAY SHARBUTT
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When last seen, Mary Richards, news producer at WJM-TV in Minneapolis, had just been fired after seven seasons. She turned out the lights in the newsroom and...

"I cried," laughed Mary Tyler Moore, who won four Emmys as Miss Richards in the CBS comedy bearing MTM's name. "I think I cried for a good part of the next two weeks."

Now chipper, tanned and refreshed after a season off from the woes of weekly work, Miss M. is about to go at it again. But not in a sitcom. A weekly CBS comedy-variety series is afoot now for next season.

Why that instead of picking up where the old show left off?

"For the same reason we decided to end the show," she said, sipping a soft drink in the study of the Spanish-style Bel Air villa she shares with Grant Tinker, her partner in TV and marriage.

"Playing Mary Richards was getting too easy. It wasn't creatively stimulating. It

was comfortable and I could have very easily gone on the rest of my life playing that character.

"But that's not what an actress is about. You need challenges, fears, uncertainty, a certain amount of crying at night and wondering whether it's going to make it."

As a kind of warm-up, Miss Moore last November taped a music-comedy special that CBS will air Feb. 22. It bears the imposing title of "How to Survive the '70s and Maybe Even Bump Into Happiness."

In February, she starts work on a CBS movie, "First You Cry," based on NBC reporter Betty Rollin's book on how her life changed after a mastectomy. And in June, work on the new variety series starts.

The format of that effort, she said with a mock wince, "has, ah, yet to be conceived... the hard part is finding the creative people to come up with a concept."

"We don't want to do just another variety series. We'd like it to have some kind of twist that would make it a little more interesting than just comedy sketch, song, dance, comedy sketch."

The star alumna of a series acclaimed

for its high level of sophisticated humor was asked, what with shows like "Happy Days" at large, if she feels if the level of sitcoms is falling nowadays.

"Yes, I do indeed," she said without hesitation. "And that's another very good reason for not doing a situation comedy. Because I can't do what they seem to be buying today."

Why the shift from sophisticated to broad tomfooleries?

"Grant has an interesting theory about the kind of comedy people are watching — and the apparent drop-off in ratings on the whole," she said. "And that is that this generation is coming to think of TV the way our generation thought of radio."

"At first, everyone listened, really pulled up the chairs and sat there and listened. And that was true of television. But now, they're off doing other things."

"And if they've got the set on, they're not really paying attention. And they don't want to pay attention. So the comedy level — to attract attention — has to be quite superficial."

Dutch say TV harmful

By WILLIAM COY
AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Late in the 1976 U.S. presidential campaign, television cameras dutifully recorded then-president Gerald R. Ford standing on the roof of a car waving and gesturing to the crowd for political support.

The next day, some 3,000 miles away in Amsterdam, Netherlands, a Dutch school headmaster glanced out of his window and was stunned by the sight of three schoolboys shouting and waving from the hood and roof of an auto.

After a scolding, and a call to the boys' parents informing them that \$300 damage had been done to the car, the headmaster asked the obvious question, "why?"

"We saw President Ford do it on television last night," they said. "We figured if he was doing it, it must be all right."

"I think this is one demonstration that television, and expressly American television, has quite an effect on Dutch schoolchildren," said headmaster Willem van der Meulen of the Schreuder Institute, a private Dutch elementary school.

"The boys are not bad. They saw something on television, they didn't think about what they were doing, they just did it," he said.

Van der Meulen told a reporter that in the Netherlands, just as in the United States, there is serious concern among parents and educators about the role that television is playing in the development of their children. But he added that, in his opinion, the positive aspects of television viewing outweigh the negative.

Years back, many children established wrong notions and ideas about subjects that were only described to them, he said. "Today, television shows many things and the visual image teaches better than any illusion one can conjure up. In some cases, television will make clear that some things are completely different from what a child may have imagined."

Van der Meulen was quick to note, however, that television without proper supervision by the family can be a very harmful influence.

"The family, the social background of the child, is the key to any questions about harmful effects of television viewing," he said.

"In Holland, television is taking the children away from reading books. Instead of reading, children now only have to watch a story. This can cause a child to become less inventive and creative, which of course is very bad."

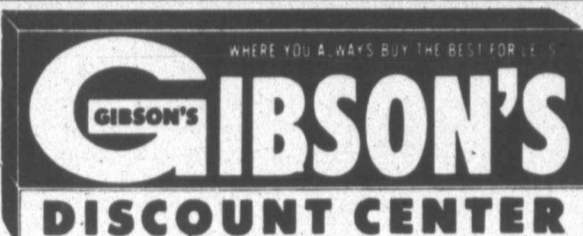
"Further, when children have to do something for themselves, they can't. Over-exposure to television stifles resourcefulness and kids mope and complain of nothing to do. This uninspired time-on-hand can lead to trouble," Van der Meulen declared.

Dutch television is flooded with American programming, mainly police and detective stories. And there is concern here that Dutch children are identifying more with the Six Million Dollar Man and Kojak than their own Dutch heroes.

"Drug experimentation can be inspired from television, and careless and Western-influenced speech can develop. The growing permissiveness demonstrated on television may in part be responsible for a declining adherence to manners," said Van der Meulen.

Between the hours of 7 and 8 most evenings, Dutch programming is of educational or informational nature — quite similar to the family viewing hours concept in the United States.

It would be overstating the issue to say that the Dutch are alarmed at the amount of foreign programming on their television sets for, in fact, most British and American shows are viewed with enthusiasm.



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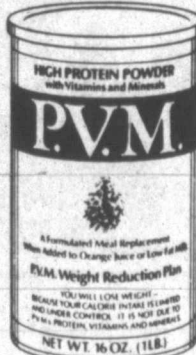
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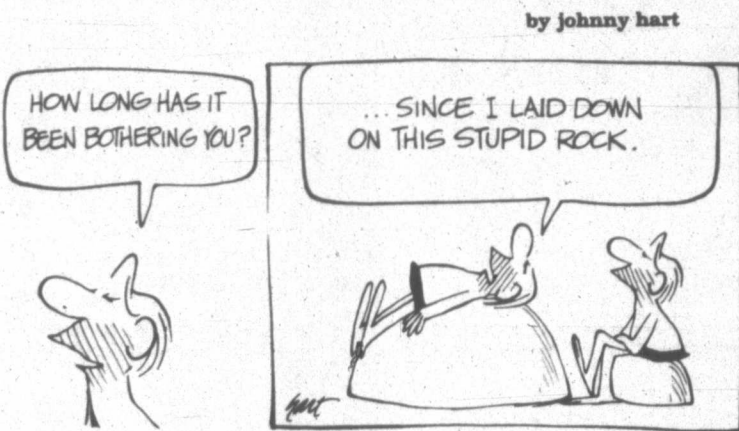
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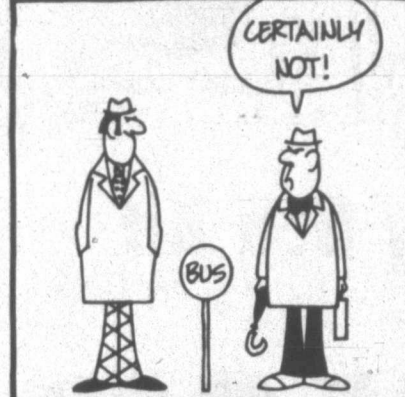


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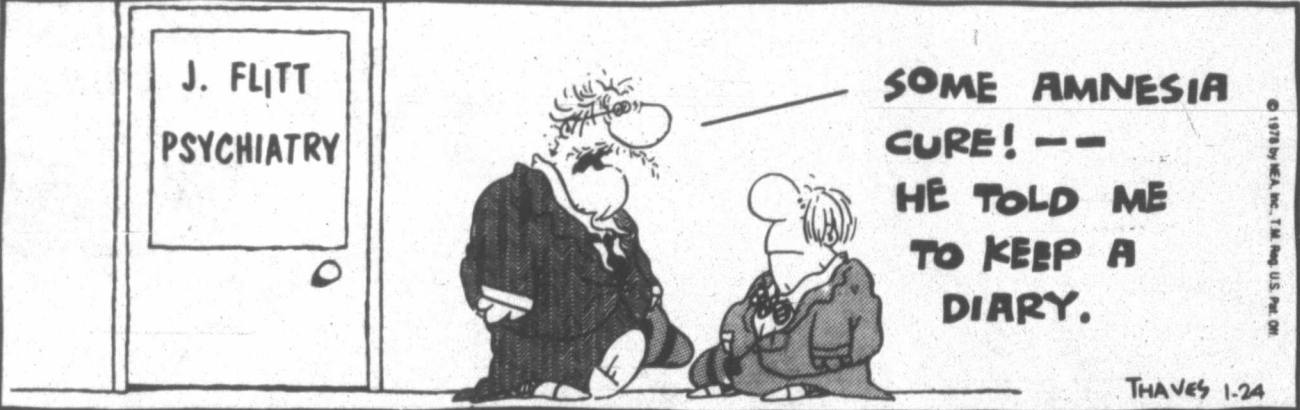
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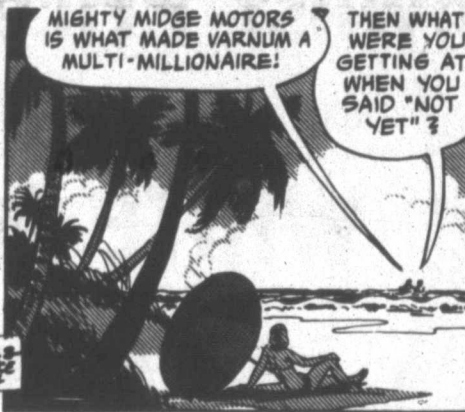
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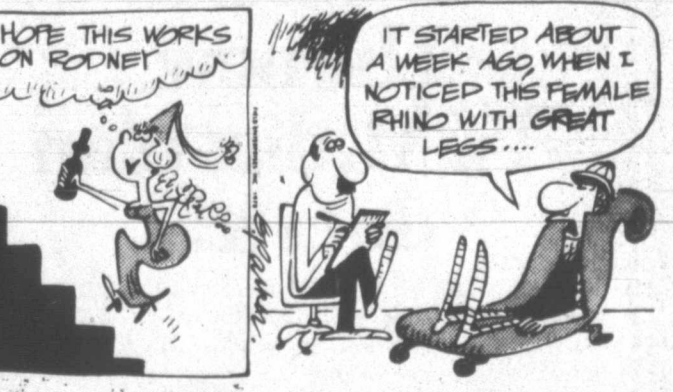
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Judge calls on newspaper publisher

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer
EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Angered by a Sunday editorial, a state judge was to ask a South Texas newspaper publisher today if he has information pertinent to a court of inquiry probing alleged misuse of federal funds here.

Edinburg Daily Review publisher Jim Mathis was subpoenaed Monday but refused to answer the judge's questions without an attorney.

Mathis' editorial told readers the effectiveness of Judge Joe Cisneros' court of inquiry will be determined when certain local officials are questioned. Mathis also indicated some of the witnesses had told "half truths" on the witness stand.

In calling the newspaperman to testify, Cisneros said, "I don't like rumors. I don't like hearsay."

The judge told Mathis he was under no suspicion of committing a crime but was being asked to supply information.

As Mathis left the stand after

being granted time to hire an attorney, Cisneros reeled off a list of 13 items mentioned in the editorial that Mathis be asked about.

"I want you to tell me under oath what half-truths and evasions you were referring to and what information you have," an angered judge told Mathis.

Last week, Cisneros claimed the Daily Review was "wasting my time" when it filed suit seeking access to records of a local agency.

At the time he asked whether the newsmen felt they are in a better position to investigate the alleged misuse than the court.

The judge Monday promised the publisher any claims of constitutional rights would not be construed as an inference of guilt. Cisneros has told all witnesses that Fifth Amendment pleas would not be so construed.

The statements sparked an out of court response from Mathis.

"He obviously believes in the Fifth Amendment but not the First Amendment," the publisher said.

The director of an Edinburg anti-poverty program, who had answered some questions last week, Monday told the judge he would answer no more questions. Eliseo Sandoval, executive director of the Associated City-County Economic Development Corporation, had previously refused to answer ques-

tions about a private enterprise.

That business, co-owned with the director of the Hidalgo County Manpower program, has led to nine theft indictments against the pair in neighboring Cameron County.

Sandoval and Nick Ramirez had invoked their constitutional right not to testify at a Cameron County court of inquiry. Last week, a Brownsville prosecutor said he might seek recall

of the two witnesses if they testified here.

Cisneros met in chambers Monday with prosecutor Randy Friebele who had been subpoenaed. Both men refused to talk about the meeting and Friebele did not take the stand.

The judge subpoenaed Friebele after Ramirez pleaded the Fifth Amendment here. Ramirez had previously indicated he would testify.

In other money testimony, Robert Adame, acting Manpower

director said he had been aware that Ramirez, his predecessor, had used trainees to repair an apartment building owned by Ramirez.

Adame also confirmed the agency received a Department of Labor letter recommending an end to payments to Brig Marmalejo, James Wilson and Herb Pike.

Marmalejo is now Hidalgo County sheriff, Wilson is a justice of the peace and Pike is a county department director.

From the White House

By FRANK CORMIER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — With 11-month-old James Earl Carter IV living in the White House once again, President and Mrs. Carter don't have to look far for diversion in their off hours.

The presidential grandson is learning to walk, a predictable development that nevertheless has not failed to swell the pride of parents Chip and Caron Carter — and the grandparents as well.

Both the president and wife Rosalynn are reported to be taking a keen interest in coaching the infant during his trial-and-error approach to maintaining a tottering equilibrium.

Young Jimmy is the first presidential grandchild to stir things up at the White House since Patrick Lyndon Nugent was fussed over by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

LBJ let Baby Lyn mess with just about everything around the place except the "hot line" to Moscow. Johnson's pride in his grandchild was so enormous that it became, for onlookers, a source of tolerant amusement.

On one occasion, a teething Lyn reduced a wrapped packet of chewing gum to a soggy mass. With a flourish, LBJ removed the packet from the child's mouth and presented it, as a gift, to a visitor who got the impression he was expected to mount it under glass.

the assault were Hamilton Jordan, the president's principal aide, and press secretary Jody Powell and Deputy Appointments Secretary Phil Wise.

Once notebooks and cameras were cast aside, the press contingent thoroughly routed the outnumbered Georgians.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's youngest son Jeff and daughter-in-law Annette have found a slick-paper outlet for their photographic skills, right at the White House.

Jeff and Annette, who abandoned earlier plans to peddle some of their around-the-home photos commercially, are well represented in a new government-financed publication entitled, "The White House ... it's your house, too."

The 16-page, full-color publication was designed for distribution to children who write for information about the White House and the Carters.

According to Mary Hoyt, press secretary to Mrs. Carter, Jeff and Annette took most of the 18 color photos in the booklet.

The Carter staff has had 200,000 copies printed at a cost estimated at 15 cents each by Valerio Giannini, an assistant to chief White House economist Hugh Carter Jr. That's about \$30,000.

If additional copies are needed, Giannini said, the cost likely would drop to 10 to 12 cents apiece.

The outlay has come out of the budget for the White House correspondence unit. It is the office responsible for responding to information-seeking letters from the public.

Other recent presidents distributed similar booklets, some of them more elaborate than the Carter offering.

The reason for such efforts seems plain enough. Inquiries that can be dealt with by mailing out the brochures have been totaling 3,000 to 4,000 a week.

That widely distributed White House photo of Rosalynn Carter kneeling against her husband's knee during the long flight home from Brussels may have raised suspicions of a put-up job. In the view of reporters who were present, however, Mrs. Carter wasn't faking sleep.

Infact, shortly after the photo was taken, Mrs. Carter roused herself and went off to the airborne bedroom where twin beds awaited her and her husband.

The president's much-publicized encounter in Poland with translator Steven Seymour had coincidental repercussions in Washington. Coincidental because the head of the State Department's Polish desk is Jack Seymour.

For sev himself iterating and reiterating that h phone calls and found himself iterating and reiterating that he was not personally responsible for the errant translation in Warsaw.

Houston police trial begins today

By ROB WOOD
Associated Press Writer
HOUSTON (AP) — The selection of 12 jurors and two alternates from a 200-person panel was expected to take at least one week before testimony could be heard in the federal trial of four former Houston policemen accused in the death of a young Mexican-American laborer.

U.S. District Court Judge Ross Sterling dismissed 33 of the possible jurors Monday for family, health, or job reasons, and talked to five others, who probably will be disqualified because they have close relations with law enforcement agencies.

While the jury selection was

underway, about a dozen protestors marched outside the federal court building, demanding life imprisonment for the former policemen.

Terry W. Denson, 27, Stephen Orlando, 21, Joseph Janish, 22, and Louis Kinney, 27, were indicted by a federal grand jury of violating the civil rights of Joe Campos Torres, a 23-year-old Mexican-American laborer, karate expert and former serviceman.

The body of Torres was found floating in Buffalo Bayou, a stream that twists and turns through a down of section of Houston, last May 8, three days after he had been arrested during a disturbance at a tavern. Denson and Orlando were

charged with murder in the case, but a state district court jury in Huntsville, about 70 miles north of Houston, convicted the two of negligent homicide, a misdemeanor. The jury, in the punishment phase of the trial, ordered the two placed on probation for one year.

The federal charges, as did the state indictment, accuse the officers of beating Torres and then pushing him into the bayou off a 16-foot high embankment.

Judge Sterling is asking all of the questions of the prospective jurors, using lists he prepared, those supplied by defense attorneys, and those from the U.S. Justice Department prosecutors.

Once the jury list is narrowed to 34, the defense can strike 10 names from the list and the prosecution erase 10 names.

Sterling asked such questions as those who had military service time, and those who knew anything about karate, and those who were experts in swimming and scuba-diving.

Tight security was ordered for the trial with at least 12 U.S. marshals on duty.

The news media was limited to 12 seats. Once a newspaper left the seat, there was no return unless an empty chair was available.

Judge Sterling said the testimony could last at least three weeks and the jury would be sequestered.

Pioneer hikes rates

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Railroad Commission Monday approved a request by Pioneer Natural Gas Co. of Amarillo to increase gas rates for 40 rural industrial customers by two cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

The increase will generate \$1,630,000 in revenues this year, the commission said, but a depreciation factor to which the rate hike is tied will reduce Pioneer's overall income in 1978 by \$83,000.

In other action, the commis-

sion:

— Suspended for 120 days a proposed rate increase for gas service to customers of Lone Star Gas Co. in the unincorporated areas around Greenville. The proposal would raise rates by 21.57 percent for 90 customers.

— Ruled that Breckenridge Gasoline Co., operator of a gasoline plant in Stephens County, should be required to pay the gross receipts tax on sales of dry residue gas.

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The report shows that the Permanent University Fund, which is an endowment fund for both the University of Texas system and the Texas A&M University system, now consists of approximately \$988 million in book value of securities and about 2,100,000 acres

of land in West Texas. Additions to the fund come primarily from oil and gas and other mineral royalties, bonuses on oil and gas lease sales and mineral lease rentals. All income to the fund is invested in securities and the income from there goes into the Available University Fund, divided between the UT Austin and Galveston campuses and the Texas A&M College Station campus on a 23 — 13 basis.

The report shows that \$927 million of the Permanent University Fund is in long term investments and \$60 million in short term investments.

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The report said appropriations to the University of Texas from the state's general revenue fund and certain other funds, including unpledged tuition and laboratory fees, are deposited in the state treasury to be spent in warrants issued by the state comptroller.

The report shows that during the week ending Dec. 31, 1977, there was a total of \$258.8 million on time deposit.

UT investment plan gets good grade

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — There are no irregularities in the investment policies of the University of Texas system, a special report from UT officials shows.

"We have been looking at this for several weeks now," said Austin regent Ed Clark, who is chairman of the regents' Land and Investments Committee.

"I am convinced there is not the slightest deviation from the law and not even the slightest irregularity," Clark said Monday commenting on the special report.

"I am convinced the University of Texas system is in conformance with the law and all good business practices."

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The report said appropriations to the University of Texas from the state's general revenue fund and certain other funds, including unpledged tuition and laboratory fees, are deposited in the state treasury to be spent in warrants issued by the state comptroller.

The report shows that during the week ending Dec. 31, 1977, there was a total of \$258.8 million on time deposit.

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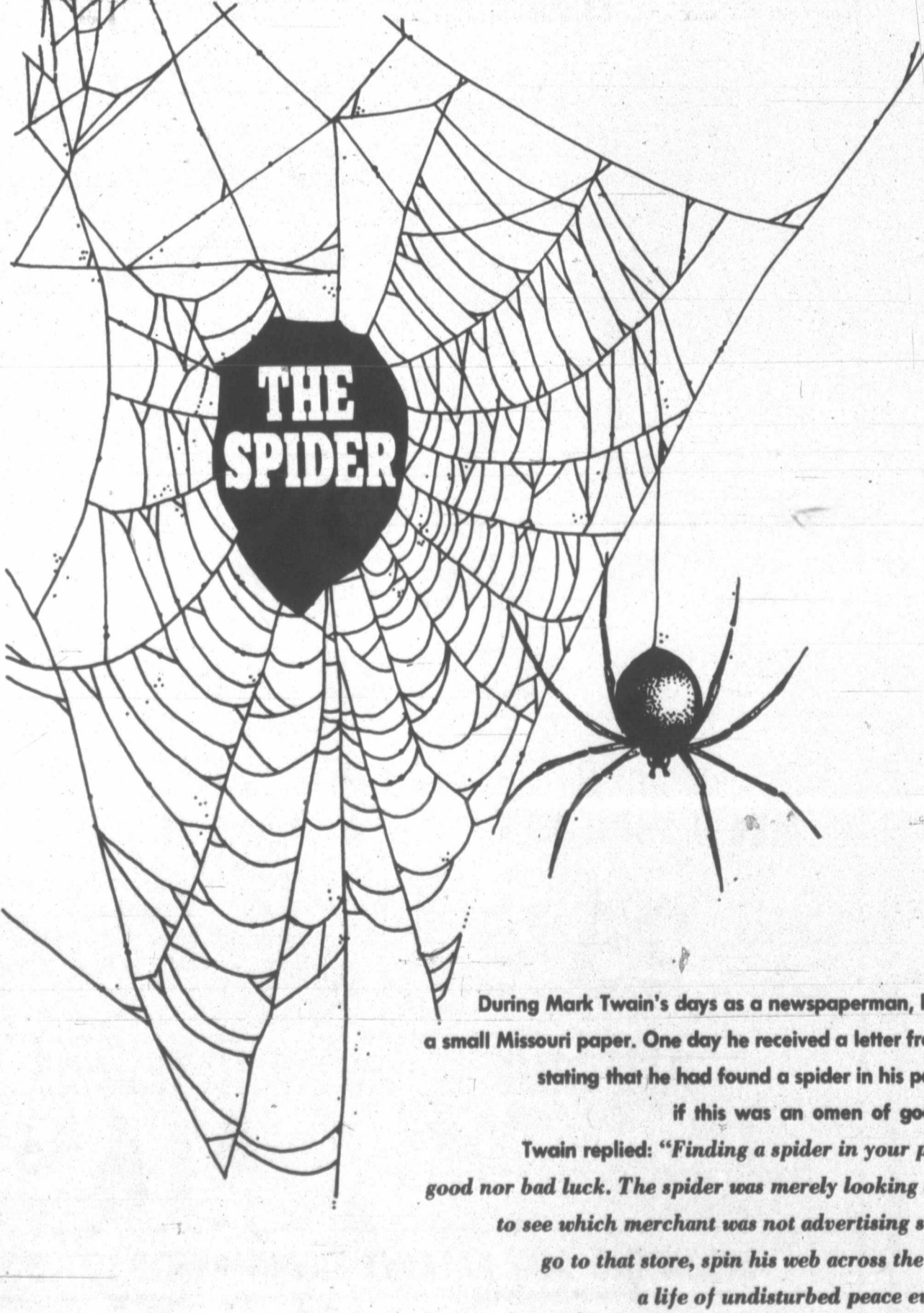
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Anti-heroin funds budgeted

By MILLER BONNER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's new budget calls for increased funds aimed at controlling illegal alien and heroin trafficking along the Texas-Mexico border.

The budget, which was sent to Congress Monday, calls for a \$800,000 increase in the Immigration and Naturalization Service's apprehension division funding for "investigation of an additional 5,000 employers of undocumented aliens." The agency, subject to congressional approval, will also receive more than \$129 million for "prevention" of illegal alien border crossing, an increase of \$25 million.

The immigration service noted that 710,654 deportable

aliens were apprehended during 1977 and predicts 865,000 such apprehensions will be made in 1978. The budget also asks for an unspecified number of additional agents to handle the expected traffic.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is budgeted for an increase of more than \$26 million with "special emphasis" planned in 1979 for detection of Mexican brown heroin and Southeast Asian white heroin.

The 1,123-page budget report noted the average "street sale" heroin was 5.1 percent pure during 1977 compared to a previous high of 6.6 percent pure. The 1979 budget does not call for any increases, however, in DEA funding earmarked for supplementing state and local officials programs.

More than \$112 million was budgeted for U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's water programs in Texas. The largest single item was \$11 million for the Lakeview Lake flood control project.

The Interior Department requested funding to continue three Texas projects. The Nueces River Project, which calls for continuation of the Choke Canyon Dam construction, tops the list with an \$18.6 million request. The Lower Rio Grande Rehabilitation Project is asking for \$11,000 and the Palmetto Bend Project's request totals more than \$4.9 million for completing recreation and operating facilities an for continuing construction of the Palmetto Bend Dam.

At Wit's End

By ERMA BOMBECK
I wish when a TV set would "go," the wood would warp, the rollers fall off, the paint on the knobs would chip and it would start to smell.

You wouldn't feel so guilty about getting rid of it.

But our set looks so great and majestic as it stands there in the living room ... 21 inches of shiny mahogany topped off by a bowl of fresh flowers.

The only thing wrong with it is when the Bionic Woman jumps over a building she keeps on going ... Cannon looks like a ballpoint pen ... and Laverne and Shirley need a shave.

Not only that, the picture will occasionally go into a spin and you expect to see an orange and two cherries lock into place when it stops.

The other night when we were watching the three angels, my husband said, "Something's wrong with that picture and I can't put my finger on it."

"I think it's because Jaclyn Smith looks like Raymond Massey."

"That's it!" he shouted, "is it possible we need a new set already?"

"I'm afraid so. Fifteen years fly when you're having fun."

The new set was only a matter of selecting and having it delivered.

The problem is how do you dispose of an old TV set?

I called my daughter at her apartment. "How would you like an extra TV set?"

"Is it the one that makes John Wayne look like Woody Allen?"

"It has a beautiful cabinet."

"I'll pass."

I called my son at school. "How would you like your own TV set?"

"Is it portable?"

"It depends on how many of you are there to lift it."

"Maybe we could keep it in the spare room," I told my husband. "I'll bet if someone is handy,

they could fix it for \$5."

"You said that about the one in each bedroom, the kitchen, the garage and the basement. The old one on the porch is even beginning to smell."

Thank goodness.

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Your money's worth

Why you feel 'broke' at highest pay ever

Sylvia Porter

Let's say that at the start of 1973, you, the breadwinner in a family of four, earned a partially after-tax income of \$15,000 — meaning after deduction for federal income and Social Security taxes, but not including the huge bite from state and local taxes. Let's also say that since then, your annual pay hikes have hiked your partially after-tax income to more than \$22,500.

That's a hefty pay increase of over 50 per cent in just five years. But it has been merely enough to keep you even in purchasing power so that your family can buy about the same marketbasket of goods and services at the beginning of 1978 as it could with that much smaller after-tax income at the beginning of 1973.

But wait. The cost of living, as measured by the official price indices, has increased "only" around 45 per cent in this five-year span. How come, then, that an income rise of more than 50 per cent is essential just to stay even in buying power?

The first answer is that as you move up the pay scale, you move, too, into ever-higher income tax brackets and your pay is subjected to ever-higher income tax rates. Federal income tax rates alone squeeze more and more out of your gross, leave you with less and less for your net — after — taxes. Call it the tax-bracket "creep," as Commerce Secretary Juanita M. Kreps did the other day, or call it the progressive tax "squeeze," as I have done so often in the past; or whatever — the result is the same. As your salary or other income rises, under our progressive tax system, you pay a greater percentage of it to the federal government. The gap yawns wider and wider between your gross and your net.

This is just one reason you feel so "broke" at a time when you're earning the highest pay of your entire life.

A second answer is that on \$22,500, you are paying far more in Social Security taxes in 1978 than you paid on \$15,000 in 1973. Your wage base is much broader and the wage base on which your Social Security taxes are figured is slated to continue climbing relentlessly year after

year. At the same time, the Social Security tax rate on incomes has been in an uptrend too. You'll be paying \$1,071 in Social Security taxes this year (matched by your employer) on a wage base of \$17,700. By 1982, five years from now, if your pay increases have taken you to the \$31,800 income bracket, your Social Security tax will be up to \$2,271, again matched by your employer.

This is a regressive tax — hitting all income brackets in a similar way — as against the progressive income tax. But the result is the same here too. As your salary or other income rises, you pay a higher Social Security tax to the Social Security system. The gap yawns still wider between your gross and your net.

A third answer is that you are using far more services than ever before and all services cost more than ever before. Living in a "service" society commands a price and since you have chosen that life, you must pay the price demanded.

You take your laundry to the local laundromat instead of doing it by hand at home — or you buy a washer-dryer and pay for that big-ticket item. You use public transportation, which has climbed in price at a pace far faster than the cost of cars. You go out to the movies and pay prices that would have stunned you a mere few years ago. All these service costs have zoomed, rising at a rate far outpacing the rates of increases in other areas. And your demand for more and more services seems without end.

And finally, although much more subtle, is the factor of your ever-expanding aspirations, your continual upgrading in your demands. The luxuries of yesterday are the necessities of today. You have become accustomed to yearly increases in your spending budget to new peaks, resent any interruption in the trend. Whatever form the upgrading takes, the general rise in aspirations is undeniable. And any sudden retreats are no more than temporary.

These then are four reasons you feel so "broke" at a time when you're earning the highest pay of your entire life.

I speak for millions of you as well as for myself, I suspect, when I admit that an honest look at the way I live suggests that if I ever go broke, I'll surely be going broke in style!

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices declined slowly today in a quiet session, registering no strong response to President Carter's tax and budget proposals.

The noon Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was off 3.72 at 773.22.

Losers held a 6-5 lead over gainers among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

Analysts said investors found few surprises in President Carter's State of the Union message and tax proposals late last week.

Many elements of the tax package are expected to meet with resistance in Congress.

Today the President sent to Congress his proposed federal budget of just over \$50 billion for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The NYSE's composite common-stock index lost .20 to 49.53. On the American Stock Exchange, the market value index edged up .01 to 121.84.

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Snow snowballs business for sleds

DUNCANNON, Pa. (AP) — Let it snow! Let it snow! Sled manufacturers say they are happy to be snowed under by snowballing demand for the simple toys they make of oak slats and steel runners.

The modern sled, born 90 years ago with the invention of a steering mechanism, is enjoying easy sledding because of the weather. Last year's snow and record cold sparked a big demand. This winter, big snowfalls all over the country have kept interest at its peak.

Eight years ago, eight companies made sleds. Now there are three: the Standard Novelty Works of Duncannon, Pa.; Gladding Corp. in South Paris, Maine; and, perhaps the best known, Flexible Flyer in West Point, Miss.

Standard Novelty and Flexible Flyer report they have sold all the sleds they had in stock at

the start of the winter. Gladding says it has filled unexpected orders from such non-snowbelt states as Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

"Good sales in this business are a function of good weather, which means snow," said Hank Morton, plant manager at Gladding.

Standard Novelty, located in this town near Harrisburg, Pa., says it has sold its entire stock of 100,000 Lightning Glider and Challenger sleds. And it cannot make more because supplies ran out.

"One guy called up and said he'd even buy the broken ones. They'll take anything that anywhere resembles a sled," said company president Norman Rosen in a telephone interview.

"We're cleaned out. There's not even any sticks of wood left. We can't keep up with the demand," he added, noting that at peak time the company

was turning out sleds at the rate of two a minute.

Rosen said five loads of lumber are on order, as is steel for runners and rivets. But by the time the wood and steel arrives, it will be used for next winter's stock.

"If it was something we could make, we'd make it in a hurry," Rosen said.

The backlog of orders for next season has forced changes at Standard Novelty, which has been making sleds since 1904. Normally the plant's 30 workers — 60 in peak periods — spend the first six months of the year making parts. Then they assemble sleds for the next six months.

"We're going to a two-shift operation starting next week. We've started to gear up for a big season next year," Rosen said.

"Sled sales have been fantastic. We are sold out

for the year," said Robert Mayhall, marketing vice president of Blazon Flexible Flyer.

Mayhall said the company made about half a million sleds for this winter, twice as many as for last season. Their sleds, as do those of the other companies, range in size from about three feet to five feet and in price from about \$10 to \$30.

"It's been a sellout year. We don't have a sled in the warehouse," Mayhall said.

Standard Novelty's Rosen tried to explain the sled's popularity.

"It's a staple item, one of the few in the toy industry. It's more like Monopoly than a Hula Hoop. It's not a fad like most things," he said.

"It's an action toy. Some items have more play value than others. You can get a lot of thrills from a sled."

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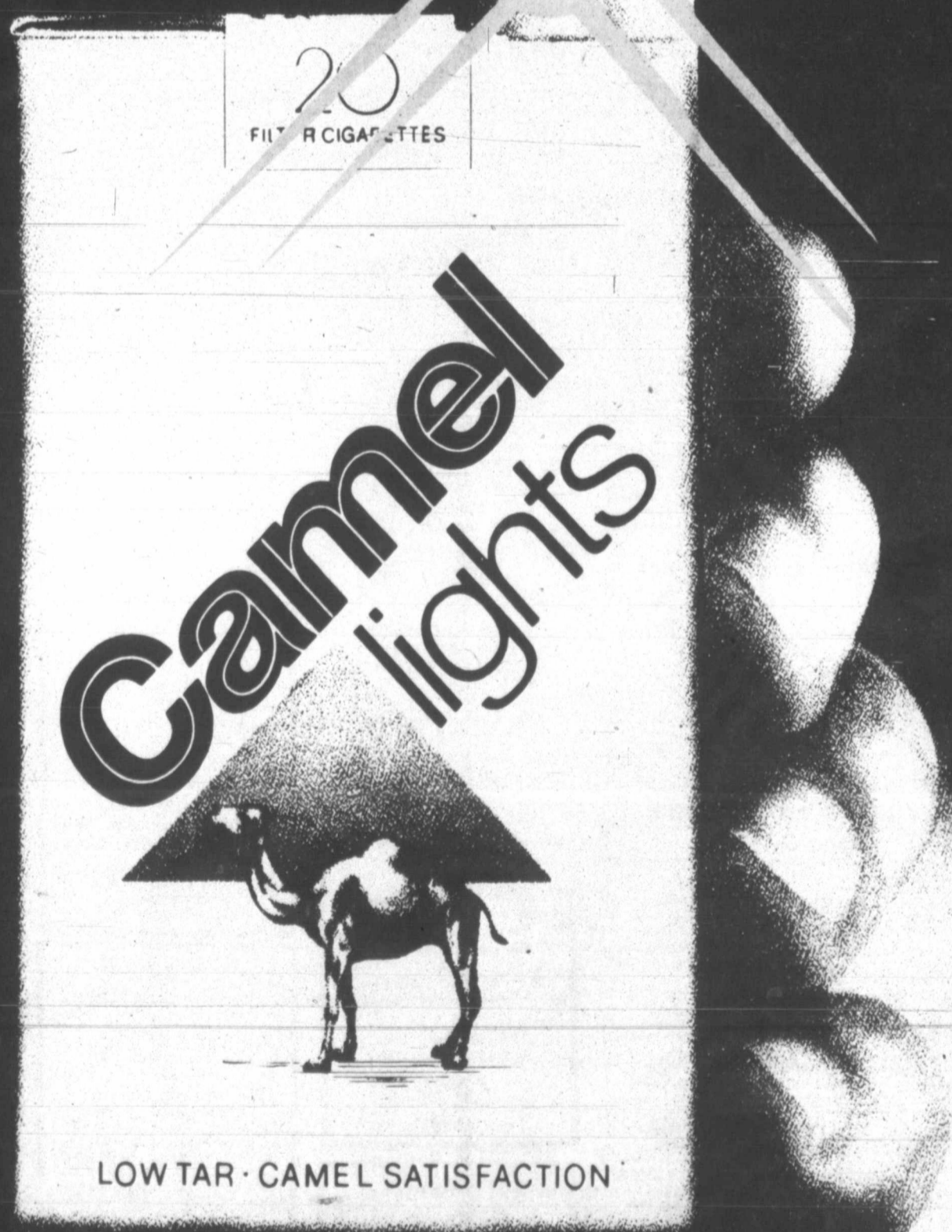
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