

FBI nabs would-be sub pirates, spoils plot

ST LOUIS (AP) — It reads like the script for a best-selling spy thriller: Board a U.S. nuclear submarine, kill the crew, head for the high seas after firing a nuclear-tipped missile at an East Coast city and then turn the sub over to a buyer.

But the FBI says the plot was real. It arrested two men Wednesday in St. Louis and a third early today in New York State.

Edward J. Mendenhall, 24, of Rochester, N.Y., and Kurtis J. Schmidt, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., were to be arraigned this morning before a federal magistrate in St. Louis on charges of conspiring to steal the U.S.S. Trepang, based in New London, Conn. They were being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond each.

The FBI said James W. Cosgrove, 26, of Ovid, N.Y., was

arrested in upstate New York and will also be arraigned today on similar charges.

The FBI described Mendenhall as a married insurance company employee and Schmidt as an unmarried carpet cleaner. There was no background on Cosgrove.

Roy B. Klager Jr., special agent in charge of the FBI's St. Louis office, said the alleged plot came to light last month when Mendenhall and Cosgrove attempted to recruit an undercover agent into a 12-man crew that was to take the Trepang into the Atlantic Ocean, where they would rendezvous with an unidentified buyer.

Klager said the two men showed the agent written plans for stealing the sub.

After the killing of the sub's crew of about 100, the men alleg-

edly planned to blow up a submarine tender moored alongside

the Trepang to create a diversion and to block pursuit by

other naval ships at the New London base.

If needed to cover the sub's getaway, the plan called for firing a nuclear missile at the base or a major East Coast city, Klager said.

The FBI did not say if any city had been singled out. It said other details of the case could not be released pending further investigation.

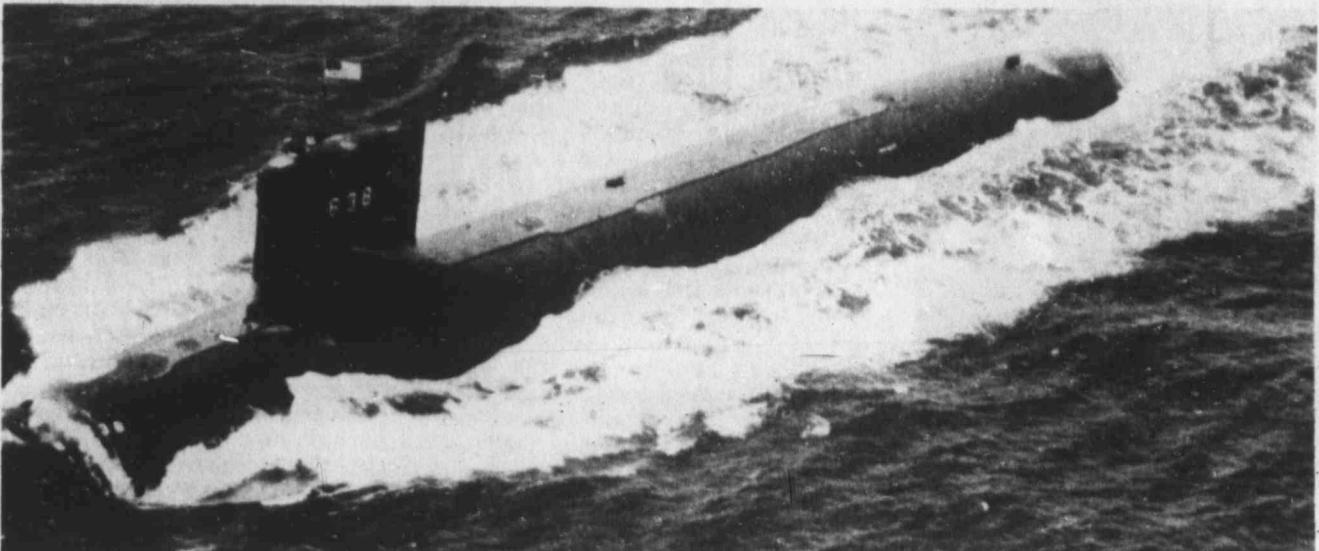
A Navy spokesman, Rear Adm. David Cooney, said in Washington, D.C., that such a plot could not have been carried out.

"No 12 people off the street are ever going to operate a submarine like this," Cooney said.

He said the Trepang would require a "crew of about 100 officers and men" who require special training.

Neither Cooney nor Assistant

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Sturgeon Class Submarine

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Food prices swing up; Inflation rages

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale food prices turned upward again last month, signaling a possible new round of increases at the grocery store, government figures indicated today.

The Labor Department said wholesale food prices jumped 1.7 percent in September after two months of declines. It was the largest monthly increase since the 1.8 percent gain in April, when food prices were spiraling.

Over-all wholesale prices of finished goods rose 0.9 percent, also the biggest gain since April. Non-food items rose 0.6 percent.

The biggest increases were in wholesale prices for beef and veal. The higher costs of producing food are usually passed on to grocery shoppers eventually.

So far this year, prices have been rising at an rate of about 10 percent, but the Carter administration has expected inflation to slow to 8 percent for the entire year.

The administration has been counting on lower food prices to help slow the inflation rate, which was 6.8 percent in 1977.

Only Wednesday, the administration's Council on Wage and Price Stability said in a report that "pressures on food prices have eased in recent weeks, bringing some relief to consumers."

"However," it added, "the inflation rate for the year as a whole will show a clear acceleration from the rate of the past two years."

It takes more than one month to establish a trend, but prices were rising rapidly at all stages of food production.

Grocery store prices had remained steady in July and August, but the new report indicated more pressure on grocers to raise prices.

Prices turned up after decreasing in August for processed poultry, vegetable oil and black pepper. Prices also went up, but less than in August, for pork, fish, dairy products, processed

fruit and vegetables and flour-base mixes.

Wholesale prices declined for fresh and dried fruits and vegetables, eggs and milled rice. Roasted coffee prices were unchanged.

Among other items:

— Wholesale prices turned upward for rubber shoes, home heating oil, home furnishings, soft drinks and prescription drugs.

— Larger increases for gasoline, over-the-counter drugs and paper plates were reported than in August.

— Prices dropped for motor oil and tires.

— Prices rose 0.4 percent, a smaller increase than in August, for long-lasting consumer goods, called durable goods. Prices declined for luggage, household appliances. Furniture rose slightly, but prices for home electronic equipment, cars and lawnmowers rose sharply.

The wholesale price figures covered

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Hanger construction set

BIG SPRING — Big Spring officials expect the construction of a hanger will begin within two weeks and foresee only "an inconvenience or a delay" resulting from a citizen petition calling for a bond election here, according to City Manager Harry Nagel.

Nagel said today the petition was submitted "too late" and will have no bearing on the city's plans to begin issuing certificates of obligation later this month.

The city is authorized to issue up to \$2.2 million in certificates, although Nagel said probably only \$800,000 worth will be needed because the city acquired a \$1 million federal grant after the City Council passed the certificate ordinance in February.

City officials plan to build the hanger at Big Spring Air Industrial Park in the hope that the building will be able to accommodate Lockheed Aircraft in that company's planned locating here.

Lockheed's interest in Big Spring hinges on whether the company is awarded a multi-million dollar contract to modify the U.S. Navy version of the supersonic McDonnell Aircraft Corp. F-4 Phantom II attack fighter.

"As far as the city is concerned, the petition has no standing. It's only a petition. Our bond attorneys assure us that it was filed too late," Nagel said.

"They say the petition's only effect will be to slow us down a little."

However, Jack Watkins, head of the petition drive, said today the validity of both the petition and the ordinance which authorized the city to issue certificates of obligation will be determined by the state attorney general's office, and not by local officials.

Nagel said the city must have the certificates approved by the state attorney general's office before it can sell them, but he doesn't expect that action to be "anything but routine."

Watkins argued today that the attorney general's office may hold up the certificate's approval until it makes a decision on the validity of the petition and ordinance.

Trial lawyer head knocks insurance

By MARK VOGLER
R-T Staff Writer

The nation's insurance industry is talking out of both sides of its mouth — telling sob stories about its losses to the regulators while boasting of handsome profits to its shareholders, according to Bob Wilson, president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

"They (insurance companies) make the utilities look like penny ante poker," Wilson said in Midland Tuesday.

As a representative of the association, he has traveled throughout the state this year speaking in behalf of insurance reforms.

Wilson termed current insurance rates "a multi-million-dollar-a-year scandal," citing congressional reports and newspaper articles which suggest that the industry for the most part gains excessive profits through creating artificial losses.

"It's just a smoke screen," replied Clint Dare, director of Texas Insurance Information.

"It's just part of a statewide coordinated effort to discredit the industry. There are some proposals that apparently hit trial lawyers in

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pocket so much that they have to resort to a statewide blitz."

Insurance companies, according to Wilson, managed last year to enjoy a record profit year by:

— Using slipshod accounting methods to reflect losses to state regulators.

— Resorting to "false advertisement practices to make the consumer think that insurance rates are going up because of a record number of claims."

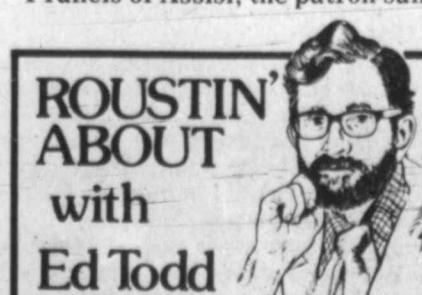
— Using the news media to spread propaganda and place public criticism elsewhere.

In reporting losses, the insurance companies exercise the worse abuse of bookkeeping, he said, referring to a 1978 report of the Subcommittee on



A veritable menagerie is assembled at St. Ann's School Wednesday to receive a priest's blessing on the day designated as the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Fifth

grader Mark Holguin of 4301 Parkdale Drive brings his rabbit and parrot for the occasion. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Holguin. Related photo on Page 2A (Staff photo by Mike Kardos)



The animals had their day in Midland Wednesday.

They were blessed, thanks to St. Francis of Assisi, and went away probably not knowing how fortunate they were.

Among the hoard of critters were dogs and cats, ducks, a hare, parakeets and a dove-like pigeon, a half-moon parrot named Chico, hamsters and a gerbil, and a recuperating hummingbird who was promised its freedom on this day of the Feast of St. Francis, the nature-loving patron saint of animals.

This blessing will last for a long time," said Sister Martha Giaime, principal of St. Ann's School. "It's pretty powerful."

It was the first such celebration of its ilk here, and "I think the last," said Sister Martha, who surely

wouldn't deny she enjoyed the feast.

The children and their mothers seemed entertained by the Catholic ritual.

Holy water was sprinkled by the bearded Rev. Ed Vrazel, assistant pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church. He was donned in his alb for the out-of-doors blessing.

"It is right, Father, that we bless God, of all creation," said the priest. "...All the earth; bless the Lord."

And in the ceremony, he recited praises to the Lord and thanksgiving for the "good" creatures in the air, on the earth and in the sea.

Diana Vernezebre occasionally was being jerked and tugged around by her daughter's Norwegian elkhound, Gunnar. Daughter Rhonda, 9, wasn't yet in the playground to take hold of the leash.

Betty Beumeler only brought her Yorkshire poodle.

"I decided it was too much to bring three dogs and two cats."

Susan Pruitt was cuddling her 7-month-old, raccoon-eyed Siamese cat.

"This is our first outing," she said.

"We're a little hesitant today."

Sister Martha's 10-year-old deaf Siamese, Boots, seemed tranquil enough in the safety of his portable cage.

Ten-year-old Alli Weis was carrying — for the blessing — two box turtles and a horned toad in a cardboard box sodded with leaves, twigs and grass.

"A few months ago, this turtle hatched," she said of the smaller of the two armored crawlers. "He was small. Now, he's big."

Theresa Brown, 8, was holding her gerbil in its spherical home. With her was her brother, Karl, 10, his yellow shorthair dog, Hans, and mother, Lou Brown.

"I think I've done smarter things in my life," quipped Mrs. Brown.

Mark Holguin, 10, was carrying his chinchilla rabbit, Bugs, and perched on Mark's shoulder was his half-moon parrot, Chico.

Shirley Gutierrez and her daughter, Shirley, 7, brought to the feast a white pigeon and two ducks.

"She walks around the house and sits and watches television with the kids," Mrs. Gutierrez said of the pigeons.

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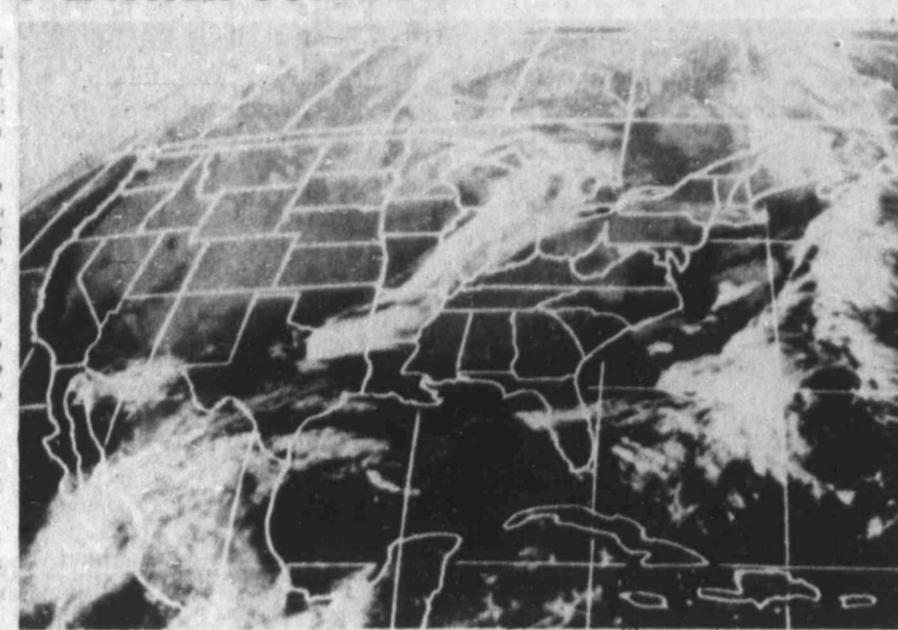
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WEATHER SUMMARY



A band of clouds from Michigan to Texas and partly cloudy skies over the north central states, the south and the northeast are visible in today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 3 a.m. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Fair to partly cloudy through Friday. Cool through Friday. Low tonight near 50 High Friday low 70s. Wind tonight easterly at 5 to 10 mph.

ANDREWS, LAMESA, BIG SPRING, STANTON FORECAST: Fair to partly cloudy through Friday. Cool through Friday. Low tonight 50s. High Friday low 70s. Wind tonight easterly at 5 to 10 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High: 82 degrees

Overnight Low: 60 degrees

Sunset today: 72° p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 5:48 a.m.

Last 24 hours: none

This month to date: none

1978 to date: 12.31 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

noon: 73

Midnight: 68

1 p.m.: 75

2 p.m.: 72

3 p.m.: 80

4 p.m.: 82

5 p.m.: 82

6 p.m.: 79

7 p.m.: 71

8 p.m.: 70

9 p.m.: 69

10 p.m.: 68

11 p.m.: 66

Noon: 66

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:

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Abilene 84 70

Denver 85 70

Amarillo 84 73

El Paso 87 78

Ft. Worth 84 74

Houston 85 77

Lubbock 85 77

Oklahoma City 84 76

Waco 84 76

The record high for Oct. 4 is 90 degrees set in 1937.

The record low for today is 36 degrees set in 1932.

Texas thermometer

High Low Pcp

Abilene 79 57 70

Alice 80 65 70

Alpine 80 65 70

Amarillo 80 65 70

Austin 87 66 60

Beaumont 80 65 70

Brownsville 79 56 60

Childress 79 55 60

College Station 87 69 60

Corsicana 87 69 60

Cotulla 83 71 60

Dalhart 78 48 60

Dallas 84 68 70

Del Rio 90 69 60

El Paso 83 56 50

Fort Worth 87 69 70

Galveston 79 54 60

Houston 83 69 70

Junction 80 62 65

Lubbock 87 65 70

Lufkin 71 47 60

Marfa 91 64 60

McAllen 83 54 60

Midland 73 54 60

Mimosa Wells 79 69 60

Palacios 80 60 60

Pearl 81 54 50

Port Arthur 87 66 60

San Antonio 86 66 60

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Texarkana 86 65 60

Tyler 89 64 60

Waco 84 64 60

Wichita Falls 83 53 50

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Paris 90 61 60

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Fair to partly cloudy through Friday. Clouds mostly 70s in the 40s.

New Mexico: Isolated afternoon thunderstorms near the southwest border today; otherwise sunny and not as warm through Friday. Highs in the 50s and 60s; minimums and northeast to 70s and lower 80s elsewhere; 50s and 60s in the northwest; 40s and 50s in the middle and north to 40s and 50s at the lower elevations central and south.

TTLA president favors insurance reforms

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Capital Investment and Business Opportunities:

"The most misleading of these terms is 'losses unpaid.'

This includes both reserves for claims reported but not paid (case reserves), as well as reserves for claims "incurred but not reported" (IBNR). IBNR represents claims that are expected to have arisen during the policy period, but which have yet to be reported to the insurer....

"One would suspect that the amount of IBNR should be proportional to the sum of claims paid and claims reported but not paid for comparable periods. An examination of the reports of several product liability insurers shows that this is often not the case. In fact, several insurers indicate the IBNR accounts for an increasing percentage of all losses reported."

The IBNR, once recorded as a loss even though it is not paid, is transferred to earned surplus and never placed back in the rate-making structure, according to the subcommittee report, said Wilson.

"There might be some needed adjustment in our reserve system. There are some areas where changes need to be made, and we'll be the first to admit it. I'm not so sure we can do it in this type of atmosphere and with the manner that they're trying to attack us," Dare said Wednesday.

"This is a war we may well lose because we don't have the ammunition or articulate as well as they do. We're sitting ducks."

"It's the kind of rhetoric you would expect from trial lawyers. They're trying to take some of the criticism of themselves and refocus it on the insurance industry. We've never said that they're all wrong and we're all right, but that seems to be the position they're taking."

Wilson said one national insurance company earned \$171-million in the first six months while its assets increased by \$1.9-billion.

"How do they do this? This reason is because of what they're doing to

It reads
like script

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Defense Secretary Thomas Ross, the Pentagon's chief spokesman, said he had heard of the FBI's investigation.

According to Jane's Fighting Ships, the Trepang, a Sturgeon-class submarine, carries an anti-submarine weapon, called a SUBROC, with a nuclear warhead. The SUBROC is fired from the torpedo tubes, angles out of the water and after a brief flight, drops near an enemy submarine and launches a torpedo. The weapon is not for use against land targets.

James W. Cosgrave

Influence of trial law argued

By JACK KEEVER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Austin prosecutor says any court ruling that the July 1 "speedy trial" law applies to offenses committed before that date could turn criminals loose on the street.

"It could bring about an absolute ban on prosecution," said Assistant District Attorney Bill White of Travis County.

An appeals judge, however, questioned whether this would be the result.

White and defense lawyer Dain Whitworth argued the first test case of the new law Wednesday before three judges on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Whitworth's client, Linzy Wade, was arrested here Feb. 5 and charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense, which is a felony. On July 7 State District Judge Tom Blackwell found Wade guilty and assessed a three-year probated sentence.

Whitworth contends the "speedy trial" act guaranteed his client a trial within 120 days of his arrest. He said the state waited 30 days too long and "gave no explanation for the delay."

He asked the appeals court to overturn the conviction.

The 1977 Legislature enacted the law but set the effective date at July 1, 1978.

White argued that the law applies only to offenses committed after July 1. He asked the court to affirm Wade's conviction.

Additionally, the Texas District and County Attorneys Association has urged the appeals court to hold the law unconstitutional. The association says the law is an "unwarranted intrusion of the Legislature upon the judicial branch of our state government."

Whitworth said the law is procedural and remedial and should also apply to offenses that occurred before July 1. The law, he said, merely "set some time frames so there can be uniform application throughout the state of Texas."

He said the law was in response to the public's desire to try cases promptly.

White said defendants have always had a constitutional right to a "speedy trial" so "no rights of the accused are going to be violated"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bruised, battered and choking from pantyhose tied tightly around her neck, country music singer Tammy Wynette was found staggering up a rural driveway after her release by a masked gunman she says tried to kill her.

State investigators said the blonde, 36-year-old singer told them she was abducted at gunpoint from a Nashville shopping center Wednesday afternoon and driven about 80 miles in her yellow Cadillac before being set free that night.

Miss Wynette said the gunman made no threats or demands for money and, after leaving her with her car, walked away and fled in another vehicle, officials said.

She was released in Giles County near the home of Junette Young, who said she cut a pair of pantyhose from around Miss Wynette's neck.

Miss Wynette, whose hits include "Stand By Your Man," "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" and, most recently, "Womanhood," was voted top female vocalist

the appeals court rules against Wade. "Obviously," he added, "all defendants do not want a speedy trial."

Judge Carl Dally asked Whitworth, "Should the court hold for you, couldn't the Legislature enact legislation to reinstate cases" pending on

July 1?

"I believe it could," Whitworth said.

Asked why he thought the Legislature had delayed the effective date, White said, "I'm not sure what the Legislature had in mind." He said,

however, he thought legislators wanted to give the courts time to clear up a "tremendous amount of backlog."

"If there had been some expression of (legislative) intent, we wouldn't be here today — at least on this issue," said Whitworth.



Father Ed Vrazel of St. Ann's School blesses one of many animals brought to the school Wednesday in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, turtles and a soon-to-be-released hummingbird were among creatures receiving the priest's blessing. (Staff photo by Mike Kardos)

Tammy Wynette kidnapped, released

"She couldn't breathe. It was real tight, in fact I had to cut it off," said Mrs. Young. "She just said, 'He had tried to kill me. He tried to kill me. He tried to kill me.'"

Mrs. Young said the entertainer's neck was swollen but not cut.

"Her neck hurt real bad and her mouth hurt her where he had slapped her in the mouth," Mrs. Young said.

State Safety Commissioner Joel Plummer said Miss Wynette's condition did not appear serious and that she was treated at Giles County Hospital in Pulaski, Tenn.

"Apparently she was just slapped around some," Plummer said. "She just had bruises on her cheek and had scratches and bruises on her face and neck."

Miss Wynette's whose hits include "Stand By Your Man," "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" and, most recently, "Womanhood," was voted top female vocalist

by the Country Music Association in 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1972.

Authorities were first alerted to the abduction by Miss Wynette's fifth husband, record producer George Riley, who called Gov. Ray Blanton at the executive mansion to ask for help after his wife had called him from the Young house, according to Trooper Jerry Ferrell.

Ferrell, assigned to the mansion, said that at Blanton's orders, state investigative agents and troopers were pressed into service.

The singer's ordeal began Wednesday afternoon when she got into her car at Nashville's Green Hills Shopping Center and discovered a masked gunman in the back seat, Plummer said.

"He had already positioned himself in the back seat where she didn't see him until she was already in the car," Plummer said. "He was either wearing a mask or a sack over his head and had a pistol, which she described as a blue steel gun."

Mildred Lee, the singer's mother, said Miss Wynette was shopping for a birthday gift for her 8-year-old daughter, Georgette. Mrs. Lee said Miss Wynette had left her car unlocked.

"When she came back to the car,

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Library anniversaries

Congratulations on multiple anniversary occasions, all centered around the Midland County Public Library, are very much in order at this time.

First off, this is the 75th anniversary year of the Midland County Library, which had as its forerunner Midland's first free library which was established in 1903 by two women's groups, the Time and Tide and Ninety-Nine clubs.

Next, the "Friends of the Library" group is observing its 25th anniversary, having been organized in 1953 by the Altrusa Club. This organization has taken the lead in supporting the library in many and varied ways, particularly in the expansion of facilities and the addition of departments and services.

Next, this fall marks the 20th anniversary of the occupancy by the library of its building at 301 W. Missouri St.

Finally, the Friends of the Library staged its first annual used book and record sale 10 years ago this fall.

If all this isn't just cause for celebration in the Tall City, we don't know what is.

And serving to wrap up the multiple observances in one big anniversary package, Friends of the Library is staging its 11th annual Used Book Sale, beginning Friday and continuing through Sunday, in the Midland County Exhibit Building. This is something in which every

Midlander can participate by attending and purchasing some of the thousands of books offered.

Through the years, this has been one of the organization's most popular and most successful events.

It not only raises funds for needed library causes, it also puts good books in the hands of many persons who otherwise might not be able to obtain them. A record attendance and sale is anticipated.

Proceeds from the sale will be added to the sponsoring organization's Memorial and Expansion Fund to purchase any needed equipment for the proposed new library building. And the new library addition, as planned, also is cause for rejoicing.

The Friends association certainly is due a vote of thanks for the unlimited support it has given the library in so many ways. It is appreciated by a grateful community.

And certainly residents of Midland and Midland County join in shouting "HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY" to the Midland County Library which has meant and yet means so very much to Midland and Midlanders. From its humble beginning three-quarters of a century ago, the Midland County Public Library has developed into one of the nation's very best, most complete and best operated facilities of its kind to be found anywhere. Midland County long has been blessed in this regard.

Abuse of public trust

Fraud, corruption, thievery, mismanagement and downright abuse of the public trust — all words used by Jay Solomon in describing the mess in the General Services Administration.

"An ugly and disgusting saga," said Solomon, GSA chief. And disclosures of crookedness thus far "may represent only the tip of the iceberg."

It's a sad state of affairs. The people are prone to suspect a lot of fraud in the various government agencies and the GSA probe certainly doesn't improve their confidence.

Some 74 GSA investigators are working with U.S. attorneys across the nation and day by day they uncover more cases of fraud and corruption in the massive agency which oversees federal buildings and property.

In one case, a government

employee gave her GSA credit card to a parking lot attendant in exchange for a free parking space. He quickly used the card to purchase \$80,000 in goods which he sold for his own profit.

A former Army officer working for the GSA in Chicago managed to steal somewhere between \$300,000 and \$900,000 in the agency's merchandise.

In another case an arms control

agency employee used a GSA credit card to purchase \$360,000 worth of film which he sold.

And on top of everything, GSA administrators who complained about the fraud often were reprimanded and sent to lesser jobs.

The public is tired of these shenanigans — which at best are an utter disregard for hard-earned tax dollars. A thorough job is called for in cleaning up the act.

NICK THIMMESCH

The African errors of Carter and Young recited



Nick Thimmesch

WASHINGTON — Just because he has a tentatively great success in the Israeli-Egyptian agreements, doesn't mean that President Carter is infallible in all of his foreign policy.

His misbegotten African policy is a failure which now seems totally keyed to domestic politics, i.e., Carter winning the black vote in the U.S. through Ambassador Andrew Young.

At this writing, the State Department — acting on orders from the White House, therefore, Andy Young — has stalled on granting visas to Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and the three black leaders who share power with him. (Editor's Note: The visas were issued Wednesday.)

The integrated Rhodesian group was scheduled to arrive here this week on invitation of Sen. S.I. Hayakawa and 26 other Senators interested in finding out how the transition government plan is working, and also learning about outside terrorist threats to Rhodesia.

Smith startled the world some months ago by agreeing to turn over power to the black majority in Rhodesia on a phased, but guaranteed basis. This plan makes eminent sense, and was accepted by three popular black Rhodesian leaders who joined Smith on the executive council — the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and Chief Jeremiah Chirau.

But Young, and therefore Carter, are fixed on the idea that the guerrilla-terrorists, the so-called "Patriotic Front" forces outside Rhodesia, must be included in any "internal" settlement in Rhodesia.

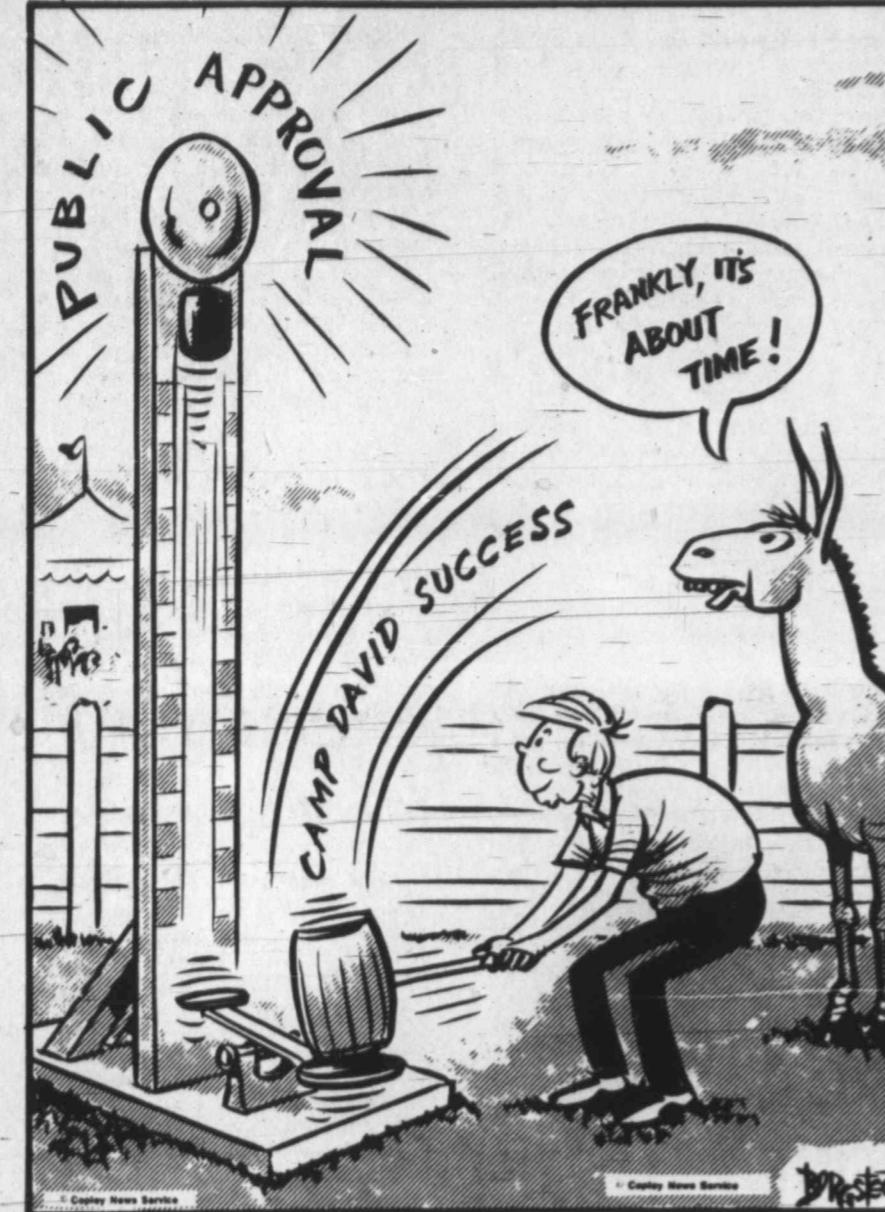
This is akin to insisting that the terrorist elements in the Palestine

Liberation Organization be party to any Middle East peace settlement. Carter people will say, oh well, but Rhodesia is an illegal government, so we can't respect it the way we respect Israel. But both Israel and Rhodesia are fighting terrorist forces backed by Moscow and armed with Soviet weapons.

In fact, the "Patriotic Front" terrorists Andy Young is so personally enamored of, recently used a Soviet missile to shoot down a Rhodesian civilian passenger plane, thus killing 38 people aboard. These terrorists were so brutal, they went in and shot the 10 people who survived the crash.

Moreover, the killer-gang that Young espouses used Cuban training and Soviet weapons to raid Rhodesian villages, and thus far, are responsible for the deaths of 1,712 black and 220 white Rhodesian civilians.

If the American people ever got the whole story of our disgraceful African policy, there would be much anger in the Republic. Not only have Carter and Young been wrong-headed on Rhodesia, they also failed in the effort



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND



By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — Did the Central Intelligence Agency unwittingly inspire the kidnapping of Patty Hearst? This bizarre possibility is raised in a sworn statement by a convict who served time in a California prison with the heiress' captor, Donald "Cinque" DeFreeze, the violent "field marshall" of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Admittedly, the convict, Clifford Jefferson, can hardly be considered a reliable witness. He's serving life for murder and for assaulting a fellow inmate. He is known as "Death Row Jeff." On the other hand, it's not at all clear what he would have to gain by fabricating a story.

At any rate, here is Jefferson's strange tale, contained in an affidavit made for Patty Hearst's first defense attorney, Vincent Hallinan:

In 1971 and 1972, Jefferson was confined with DeFreeze in the Correctional Medical Facility in Vacaville, Calif. "In the early part of 1971, DeFreeze stated to me that the CIA was conducting tests to try out certain drugs on inmates, and he had been in on it," states Death Row Jeff's sworn testimony. He continued:

"These tests were on the third floor of the facility in B3. I went there and met two CIA men who were giving these tests. They gave me drugs, including mescaline, Quaalude and Artane. These drugs first made me terribly frightened; then other drugs were given to calm me down..."

DeFreeze stated that he had gone through the same tests and also knew

to get South Africa to accept the peace plan for Namibia.

When it comes to Africa, Carter-Young are living in the past, when black nationalism was credible as stacked up against white racism. But the situation in Africa has changed. Black nationalism isn't so sainly (witness Idi Amin) and white racism is slowly eroding. It is a time to bring people together and Carter-Young have driven them apart.

The State Department has been a mass of logistic hypocrisy and contradiction on the visa request for Smith, Sithole, Muzorewa, and Chirau. Sure, since 1965, we have avoided Rhodesia like a white plague, and not granted visas to people with Rhodesian passports.

But Muzorewa came here last July on a British passport, Sithole has been admitted to the U.S., and so has the guerrilla leader, Nkomo, who came on a Zambian passport.

The Rhodesian leaders had hoped to tell their story here not only to Congress, but to National Press Club luncheon, on "Meet the Press," the "Today" show, "Good Morning America," and to any newsmen or interested persons who wanted to learn more from forbidden Rhodesia, at least trying.

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"I don't know of anyone in the Administration of Jimmy Carter who has done more for our country throughout the world than Andy Young. Even if you hadn't stood up for that (in applause), I was going to tell you that as long as I am President and Andy Young is willing to stay there, he'll be the United Nations Ambassador."

Moreover, a black lobbying group, "Transafrika," led by Mayor Richard G. Hatcher, of Gary, Ind., and assisted by Harry Belafonte and Rep. Parren Mitchell, D.-Md., threatens to block, by legal action, any issuance of visas to Smith and his group.

Jimmy Carter knows what pressure groups and votes are. I'm not sure he knows what good policy for Africa should be. I think Sam Hayakawa and the 26 Democratic and Republican senators who joined him in trying to learn more from forbidden Rhodesia, are at least trying.

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ART BUCHWALD

Big talk in D.C. today: high cost of real estate

WASHINGTON — Most people who live outside of Washington are under the impression that the only two topics of conversation in this town are politics and government. This may have been true at one time, but it isn't any more.

For a while the main topic was sex. But recently this subject has waned, and now all people talk about is the high cost of real estate.

I went to a party the other night and cornered an assistant secretary of state. "How did things go at Camp David?" I asked him.

"It was beautiful. My wife and I are thinking of buying a weekend retreat near Thurmont. It's 40 acres of farmland and they want \$3,500 an acre."

"What about the talks? Do you think anything will come of them?"

"Oh, we talked to the bankers. They'll give us a mortgage at 10 percent, however we have to put 30 percent down. But it has a stream running right through it, and I'm told if I hold on to it for five years I'll double my money."

"Did you speak to Sadat and Begin?"

"What for? They don't know anything about real estate in Maryland."

I wandered over to a couple who were whispering and giggling. I thought there was some hanky-panky going on since he was a congressman



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and she was from the typing pool in HEW.

I strained my ears to hear what they were saying.

"So, I figured after my divorce, I'd keep the home in Washington and give my wife the house in Georgia. She agreed. I didn't want the house in Washington so I put it up on the market, thinking I'd get \$90,000. The first offer came in and it was \$120,000. I was about to agree when I got the second offer for \$145,000. Do you know what I finally sold the house for? One hundred and sixty thousand dollars."

You could tell the secretary was impressed. "Now I know why the people from your district elected you."

"Why don't we go to your place for a drink after the party?" the congressman said.

"I'd love to, but I live with four other girls. We pay \$250 each a month and that doesn't include utilities."

"Well, my kids are staying with me at the Watergate in a two-bedroom flat which cost me \$1,000 a month. As soon as I buy a condominium for \$90,000 plus \$450 maintenance, I'll give you a call."

I tried to get in on the conversation.

"The house next to me just went on the market for \$250,000 and it doesn't even have a finished basement."

The congressman took the girl by the arm and started to walk away.

"I'm sorry," he said, "this is a private conversation."

I looked around the room and saw a Treasury official. "How far do you think the dollar will fall against the Japanese yen?" I asked him.

"It's hard to say. Frankly, I think it's bottomed out. A Japanese official with the World Bank looked at a house on our block in Cleveland Park, which was selling for \$180,000, and he told the owner he couldn't afford it. When the Japanese start talking like that you know the yen is in trouble."

Driving home that night my wife said, "I sat next to the most fascinating man at dinner tonight and we had a marvelous talk."

"You were sitting next to Henry Kissinger."

"Not him; the man who was sitting on my left. He's a contractor and he's building 20 new townhouses on Chain Bridge Road."

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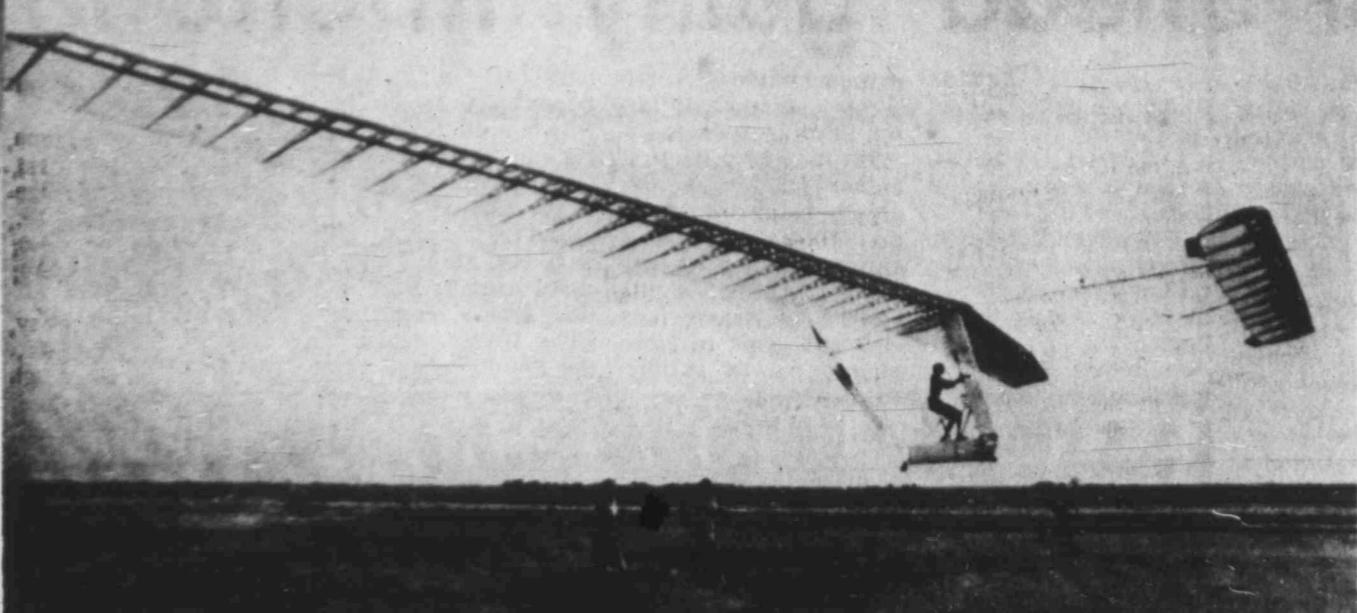
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He pedaled its predecessor, the Gossamer Condor, which won the team the \$85,000 Kemper Prize for man's first flight. (AP Laserphoto by Ryan Miles)

JIMMY'S WHITE HOUSE

Chip working as diplomatic greeter

By FRANK CORMIER

WASHINGTON (AP) — With little fanfare, one of President Carter's three sons has been working part time as an official diplomatic greeter.

However, efforts to learn who pays for these efforts by 28-year-old James Earl Carter III, better known as Chip, were not immediately fruitful.

When Saudi Arabia's King Khalid arrived in Cleveland last week with a retinue of about 300 princes, wives and retainers, Chip Carter welcomed him as the official representative of the U.S. government. The king, who has a heart ailment, went to Cleveland for medical tests.

Here is a chronicle of a reporter's efforts to learn more about young Carter's diplomatic endeavors:

—A call to the office of Zbigniew Brzezinski, the president's national security adviser, elicited a plea of total ignorance from a spokesman who suggested Rosalynn Carter's office be contacted.

—Faith Collins, a spokeswoman for

Mrs. Carter, referred the reporter to Kevin Smith at the Democratic National Committee, which has employed Chip Carter to campaign for the party's candidates in the off-year election.

—Smith said the State Department's Protocol Office occasionally requests the services of the Carter son. Smith said Chip traveled to Cleveland on behalf of the State Department after making an extensive campaign swing around Northeastern states.

Asked who pays Carter's salary and expenses on such missions, Smith referred the reporter to the Protocol Office.

—Mary Messerini, public affairs officer for the Protocol Office, referred all inquiries about young Carter's financial arrangements to the department's freedom of information staff.

—A woman who answered the freedom of information phone said any request for information relating to Chip Carter should be submitted in

writing. "Then it might take weeks (to get a response)," the reporter suggested.

"That's true," the woman responded.

Before Monday's one-game playoff between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees, White House press secretary Jody Powell was asked who he'd be rooting for.

"Massachusetts is safe," said Powell, "and New York is a swing state — so I am for the Yankees."

Evan Dobelle, the Democratic Party's national treasurer, was chatting with two reporters in the White House press room about his efforts to get the party out of the red.

Abruptly, Dobelle looked at his wristwatch and exclaimed, "My God, I'm supposed to be in my office. A man is giving us ten grand and he insisted on delivering it personally."

Of course, Dobelle departed in

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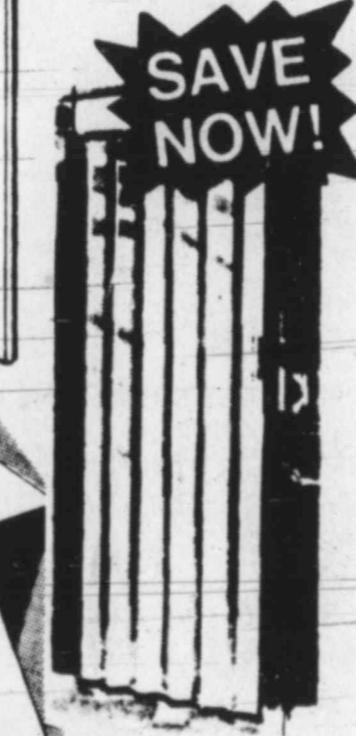
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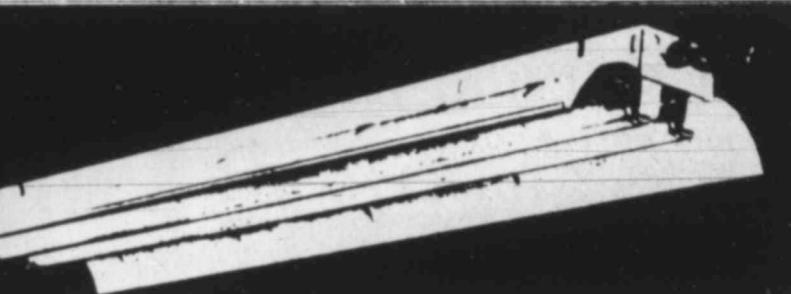
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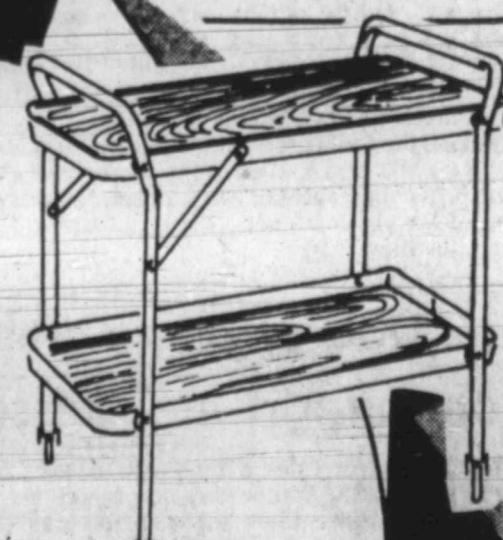
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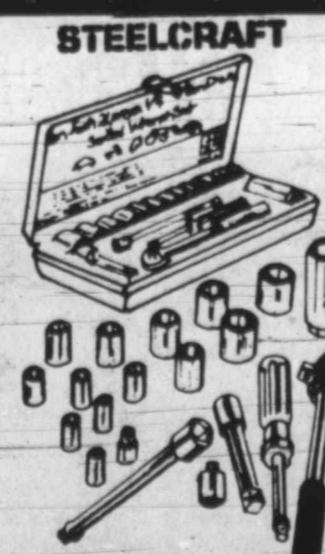
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Two Midland companies were honored Wednesday for their 100 percent employee participation in the United Way of Midland's campaign this year. Receiving their plaques are, from left, Ed Innerarity and Diane Newland, both assistant vice presidents with The First National Bank, and,

right, Jerry Castle of Frank See Chevrolet. Making the presentations is United Way campaign chairman Tom Brown. Campaign workers reported collecting some 28 percent of the United Way goal of \$928,686 as of Wednesday's report meeting. (Staff photo by Susan Toth)

DES could be danger to health

WASHINGTON (AP) — A small percentage of the several million women exposed to the synthetic estrogen DES during pregnancy will develop "serious health problems," federal health officials are warning.

They urged the four million to six million American mothers who were given the drug during pregnancy and their daughters to get prompt

medical checkups because of the cancer risks they face.

Joseph A. Califano Jr., secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said that while "an overwhelming majority" of the several million persons exposed to DES during pregnancy will not suffer any ill-effects, a small number will develop cancer.

Califano said a task force studying the prob-

lem concluded that no more than 1.4 daughters per 1,000 exposed in the womb to the drug will suffer cancer of the vagina or cervix between the ages of 14 to 22, less than previously feared.

He said the risk may be as low as 1.4 per 10,000. The risk of breast or gynecologic cancer from DES in the mothers is unproven, the task force said, but it expressed concern for this possibili-

ty and called for more research.

DES was widely pre-

scribed from the 1940s until as late as 1970 for pregnant women to prevent miscarriages.

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Woman charged with starving boy

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — A preliminary hearing for a woman charged in the starving death of a 6-year-old was to resume here today, following a young girl's testimony Wednesday that she saw the boy die after he was "dropped" on the floor.

During the hearing for Brenda Carr, who is charged in the death of young Melvin Kirk Ward, the 11-year-old daughter of the woman's common-law husband said Wednesday she saw her father, Larry Gough, and Ms. Carr, 26, abuse Ward by beating him and putting him in a clothes dryer and a closet and even yanking out his teeth.

Ms. Carr and Gough, 36, are charged with second-degree murder in the death. Gough's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 8.

The girl said she saw Melvin drinking from a baby's bottle on the day he died, and told Gough, who twisted his arm.

She said Gough "had him by his arm, and he dropped him" onto the living room floor" and "he was out."

The body of Melvin Ward was found early in July buried under a refrigerator in Wise County, Texas. The boy allegedly was starved to death in Lawton after being abused.

Cynthia Gough testified on Wednesday she saw both Gough and Ms. Carr abuse the boy by putting him in a clothes dryer and then turning the dryer on.

She said the first time he was put in the dryer, he was being punished for not learning his numbers. After the two put him in the dryer and tumbled it, they told him to try to learn the numbers again, she testified.

"Then Brenda said, 'If you can't do it, we'll put you back in the dryer and let you sleep there,'" the girl testified.

When he still couldn't do his school lesson right, he was put back in the dryer, she said.

When Assistant District Attorney Robert Schulte asked the girl if Melvin would climb into the dryer by himself she said, "Sometimes they'd have to help him because he was too scared."

The boy also was punished by being forced into a closet, she testified.

The girl now lives in a children's home in Texas.

During her testimony, which brought tears to the eyes of many courtroom observers, she said that the boy, who was Ms. Carr's son, had also been denied all but a sparse amount of food on many occasions.

During his final days she said he was given only small amounts of leftovers, such as cold oatmeal, beans and macaroni to eat.

By this time, "he was staying all night and all day" in the closet and allowed to come out only to use the bathroom. "And he had to count for his supper," she said.

"He was real skinny," she said. "His shoulder blades would stick out. He couldn't stand up straight. His stomach was fat, but his ribs showed."

She said the family left Odessa, Texas, and went to Wichita Falls and moved from there to a mobile home in Lawton, she said. In Lawton, the mistreatment of Melvin continued "but it got worse," Miss Gough testified.

\$12,000 airplane stolen from airport in Odessa

ODESSA — An Odessa man told Ector County Sheriff's deputies Wednesday afternoon his 1964 single-engine Piper Cherokee airplane was stolen sometime between 2 p.m. Tuesday and 3 p.m. Wednesday, according to authorities.

John Ray Altstetter of Odessa told deputies someone twisted off the lock on the hangar where his \$12,000 airplane was housed and apparently flew away in the machine, said Deputy Captain Don Register early today.

The airport, located in the 7600 block of Texas 385, houses a number of private planes, said Register.

The plane reported as stolen was described as being maroon and silver in color.

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Four plead guilty in fraud

BALTIMORE (AP) — Four of 18 persons indicted on conspiracy charges last week have pleaded guilty to a federal charge of conspiring to defraud the General Services Administration.

The four, including a government employee, a former federal worker and the president and former vice president of a Maryland firm, pleaded guilty as a result of a plea bargaining arrangement in which they agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors.

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president of James Hilles Associates Inc. of Westminster.

— Charles Oertel, 54, former vice president of Hilles.

— William Eason, 62, former manager of the GSA self-service store at the Navy Annex in Arlington, Va.

— Robert Rawes, 58,

manager of the GSA self-

service store at Jefferson Plaza in Arlington.

The men were the first

of those indicted to enter

pleas. Each admitted

participating in a

scheme in which the

Hilles firm provided gifts

such as televisions, jew-

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managers who autho-

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which sold office sup-

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In return, the charges

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Big-car tax expected to be put off for year

By TOM RAUM

WASHINGTON (AP) — After killing two big tax proposals President Carter hoped would cut energy use, House-Senate negotiators are trying to decide which of the remaining two to do.

A conference committee working on a compromise energy-tax bill is deadlocked with House negotiators wanting to do away with a tax on industrial use of oil and gas and their Senate counterparts unhappy about a proposed tax on fuel-inefficient cars.

It was clear by Wednesday that the committee intended to approve only a single energy tax, and the most likely outcome seemed to be agreement on a version of the big-car tax with postponement of its implementation for at least a year.

That's what House conferees suggested Wednesday during an eight-hour negotiating session that failed to produce a compromise.

And Senate committee members appeared to be leaning in that direction, although the top Senate negotiator, Finance Chairman Russell Long, D-La., said his side needs more time to think about it.

If the so-called "gas-guzzler" tax stays, then the proposed tax on industrial use of oil and gas goes, conferees from both sides have made clear.

Congressional leaders hope the tax section of Carter's energy program — which also includes proposed home-insulation credits of up to \$300 — can be completed so it can be acted on next week with the rest of Carter's energy plan.

But the new impasse casts doubts

on that goal.

Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger, who earlier witnessed the deaths of proposals to levy a standby tax on gasoline and a tax on U.S. crude oil, said he's willing to sacrifice the industry tax to get the one on big cars.

"I would rather have the industrial user's tax than no industrial users tax, but I would rather give it up than have nothing at all," Schlesinger, who participated in Wednesday's talks, told a reporter.

Actually, congressional economists said earlier that pruning of the industrial user's tax had rendered it almost not tax at all anyway.

It was once a \$40 billion proposal that would have taxed every major industry and utility that burned oil or gas.

But shortly before House conferees decided to do away with it completely they trimmed it to a tax that would be levied only against oil-burning plants that disobeyed government orders to switch to coal.

House conferees voted to kill the user's tax after Senate conferees voted 7-6 to suspend the automobile tax unless the auto industry failed to achieve fuel-efficiency standards under existing law.

Sponsors said such a scheme would probably mean the tax would never be imposed.

The automobile tax proposed by House conferees would begin in 1980 — a year later than an earlier version tentatively approved by the negotiators — ordering taxes ranging from \$200 to \$550 for cars getting less than 15 miles per gallon.

MGF spots wildcat

MGF Oil Corp. of Midland No. 1 Thompson is to be drilled as a 5,100-foot wildcat in Lea County, N.M., one and three-eighths miles east of depleted production in the Crossroads, South pool.

Location is 660 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 23-105-35c.

The drillsite is two miles north of Tatum.

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Petroleum Development Corp. of Albuquerque, N.M., announced location for a 10,000-foot operation in Chaves County.

It is No. 1 Roberts-Federal, 1,980 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 22-12s-30e.

The project is one and three-eighths miles northeast of the Mescabara (Mississippian) field and 15 miles south of Caprock.

Another new Chaves County project is El Ran, Inc., of Lubbock No. 1 Roberts, in the Chaves (San Andres) area.

Location for the 4,400-foot test is 440 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 3-8s-32e and 12 miles west of Milesand.

WEK Drilling Co. of Artesia, N.M., has the rotary contract.

Russians developing nuclear fuel for power

By THOMAS O'TOOLE
The Washington Post

OBNIISK, U.S.S.R. — In contrast to the United States, where President Carter has moved to restrict the use of plutonium, the Soviet Union is developing it as a nuclear fuel to generate electricity.

The Soviets are in the midst of a construction program that in two years will find them generating 720,000 kilowatts of electricity from the two largest plutonium breeders in the world.

If no unforeseen difficulties are encountered in these two plants, the Soviets plan to start construction in 1983 of a third breeder that will more than double their breeder-produced electric capacity.

The United States does not operate a breeder electric plant and has no firm plans to build one. Carter ordered a halt to the proposed Clinch River, Tenn., breeder reactor, which would have produced 500,000 kilowatts of power, to find an alternate nuclear process that does not breed plutonium.

Plutonium breeder reactors produce their own source of fuel and do not rely on what many view as a diminishing supply of uranium. Critics of the process complain that the reactors also produce plutonium, which can be used to make nuclear weapons.

Carter opposes development of the breeder plants for that reason and has urged other nations to follow suit. Carter has also deferred indefinitely U.S. plans to produce plutonium for civilian use.

Indications here are that civilian nuclear energy technicians receive only small amounts of plutonium for

experimental use from the Soviet military establishment. The overwhelming bulk of the Soviet plutonium is controlled by the military, Western experts think.

"We don't see any difficulties moving to plutonium," said Mikhail Troyanov, deputy director of the Institute of Physics and Power Engineering. The institute, 80 miles southwest of Moscow, is where the Soviet nuclear power program was born 24 years ago.

"After 1990, breeders should be built in the Soviet Union in large numbers," Troyanov added.

Troyanov was speaking to American science writers on a trip arranged in cooperation with the Soviets by the Atomic Industrial Forum, a Washington-based trade association. It is made up of major nuclear suppliers including Westinghouse and General Electric. The forum vigorously opposed Carter's efforts to stop the Clinch River breeder reactor.

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The Carter administration takes the optimistic view that there is as much as 4 million tons of extractable uranium in the United States. The National Academy of Sciences believes the United States can hope to mine only one third that much.

The Soviet Union does not advertise the size of its uranium reserves, except to point out that they are not limitless. The Soviets already import raw uranium ore from East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

While clearly ahead of the rest of the world in engineering electric plants to burn plutonium, the Soviets have had their share of trouble getting there.

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Carter veto of energy, water bill almost sure

By LEE BYRD

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter prepared today to risk congressional wrath with a veto of the \$10.2 billion energy and water development bill. The House and Senate got ready for quick attempts to override.

The anticipated showdown followed a day of furious lobbying by administration officials and emotional arguing by both sides in the quest for public support.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., told the Senate he expected Carter to veto the bill before noon today with override attempts from both houses within hours.

He said he believed the Senate would succeed in its attempt, but House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, said he wasn't sure the two-thirds vote could be mustered among House members.

"I think we had them today," he said Wednesday night, "but the White House is really putting on a full-court press."

He said House members told him Vice President Walter Mondale and cabinet members were pressing them to support the veto.

Both Byrd and House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., took issue with the veto, which Carter promised Tuesday, and warned it could lead to a backlash against the president's top-priority energy package.

"I don't like to see this brewing," said O'Neill, who predicted the House would override the veto. "There's going to be some rancor."

The bill contains \$6.1 billion for the Department of Energy, but that's not at issue. Most of the rest would go for dams and other water-resource projects, and Carter has complained that the \$3 starts on water projects — 27 more than he wanted — are "pork-barrel" goodies that are "inflationary ... wasteful ... and absolutely unacceptable."

He was unhappy, too, that Congress restored six water projects he thought had been scuttled last year in a compromise on similar legislation.

White House press secretary Jody Powell declared that even if Carter loses a veto fight, "The people will believe the president has done the right thing."

But Gov. Richard Lamm of Colorado and several other Western officials called it "an act of war on the West" where more than half the projects are slated for construction.

Lamm appeared at a briefing session for congressional by Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, Budget Director James T. McIntyre and others, exclaiming, "This administration has recommended no new water project starts in Colorado ... with the result that California takes a bigger drink from the Colorado River than we do. We have a claim to some of those resources. ... It's our life blood."

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Managers say bill needs compromise

By JOHN LENGEL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key House and Senate managers of the Alaska lands bill agree that a compromise will have to be reached before there can be Senate action on the legislation.

"We don't see any difficulties moving to plutonium," said Mikhail Troyanov, deputy director of the Institute of Physics and Power Engineering. The institute, 80 miles southwest of Moscow, is where the Soviet nuclear power program was born 24 years ago.

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Jackson says he will not try to bring the bill to the Senate floor unless there is an agreement on the final form of the bill with the House. To do otherwise, he said, "would be an exercise in futility."

Any solution ultimately would have to satisfy in both houses the allies of conservationists on the one hand and those of the mining, logging and oil industries on the other.

A compromise would have to prevent just the right amount of land without, as industry sees it, throttling the economic development of the resource-rich state.

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His professional experience includes summer work with Humble Oil & Refining Co. and four years, from 1966 to 1970, with Atlantic Richfield.

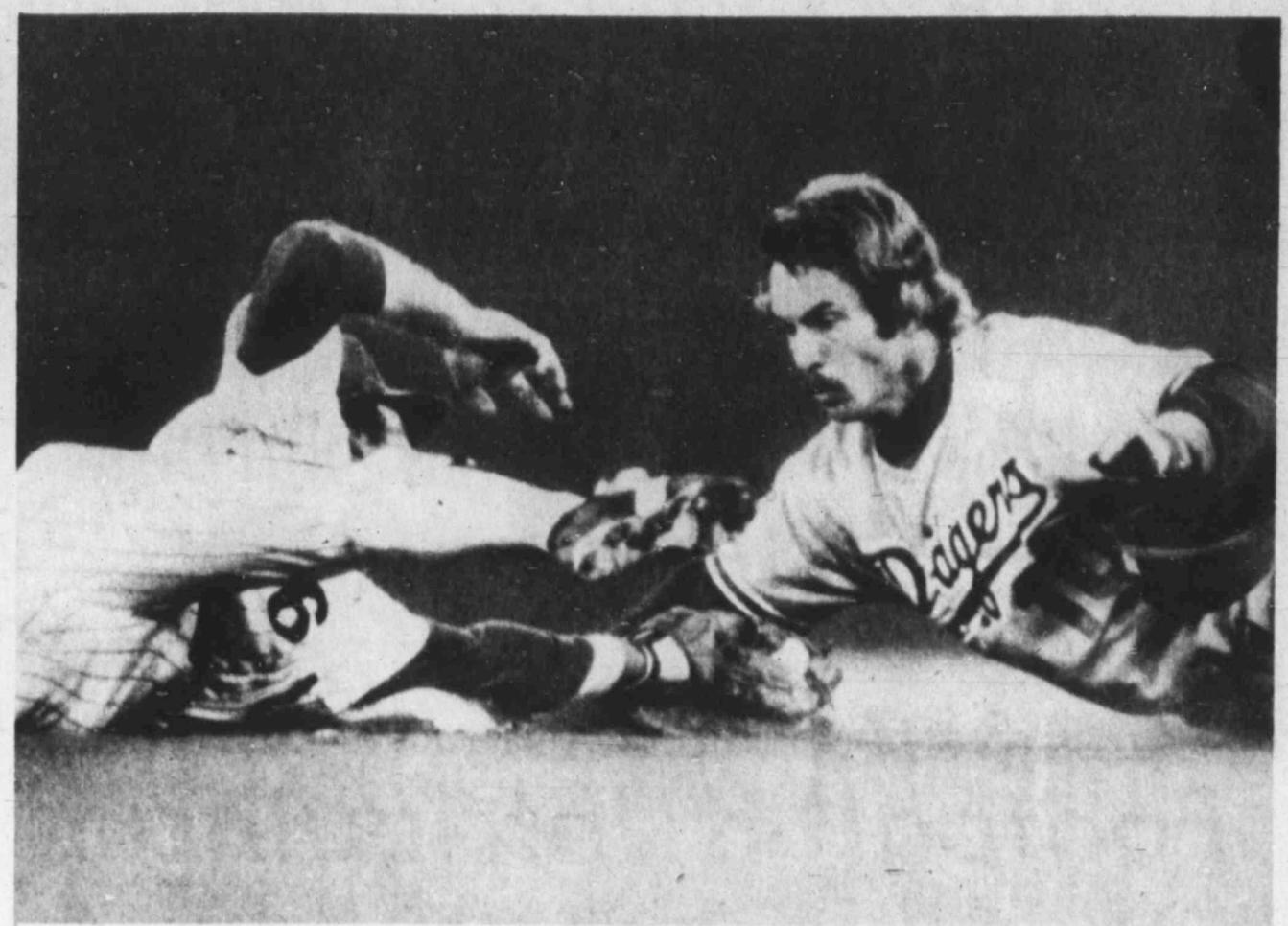
He joined the West Texas State University staff in 1970.

His talk will be accompanied by a slide presentation.

Baseball playoff action gives TV fans plenty of thrills



Wilson after collision with Munson at plate



Ron Cey of LA is tagged out by Ted Sizemore

Royals, Dodgers post playoff victories

Kansas City bounces back to rap Yankees

Royals' hits.

"There were probably only 25 people in the world who thought we had a chance after what we did Tuesday night," said Brett. "We had something to prove out there today."

"The revenge factor's not there anymore," Gura said after hurling six strong innings in a 10-4 Royals triumph that squared the best-of-five American League championship playoff series 1-1 Wednesday. "I just wanted to settle us down and help us win because we knew we had to win this. It was a must for us."

Traded by the Yankees to the Royals two years ago for now-retired catcher Fran Healy, Gura gave up eight hits and two runs and had this to say about Billy Martin, the former and future Yankees' boss who insulted him and cast him out:

"If Billy Martin was still managing the Yankees, we'd be playing the Red Sox."

THE ROYALS got started in the same sloppy, mistake-prone fashion that dogged them in the opener Tuesday night when the Yankees breezed to a 7-1 triumph. With one out, Fred Patek made a throwing error on Thurman Munson's grounder, and Reggie Jackson, reaching base for the 12th consecutive time in postseason action, walked.

But Gura got Graig Nettles to ground out, ending the threat and leadoff batter George Brett quickly smacked what was to be the first of 16

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TV Sports

TODAY

National League Playoffs: Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies, 1:30 p.m., KOMO-TV.

American League Playoffs: Kansas City Royals at New York Yankees, 2:30 p.m., KMOM-TV.

National League Playoffs: Philadelphia Phillies at Los Angeles Dodgers, 7:30 p.m., KMOM-TV.



Garvey's bat sizzles in 9-5 win over Phils

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Phillies' third baseman Mike Schmidt predicted an "offensive explosion" and Manager Danny Ozark foretold a three-game sweep.

Yet it was Los Angeles that did the exploding, led by Steve Garvey, and it's the Dodgers who may do the sweeping after their 9-5 victory Wednesday night in the first game of the National League championship playoffs.

"I hit a curveball up, a fastball and a screwball down," said Garvey, who rapped two homers and a triple in a Dodger assault that set a NL playoff record with 30 total bases.

"We are extremely high and we are going to be extremely difficult to beat," said Dodger sparkplug Dave Lopes, who along with Steve Yeager also homered for Los Angeles to hush 6,460 Phillies Phanatics.

YET THE DODGERS romp, secured



Steve Garvey ...slams home run

THE SCORE was 1-1 in the third when Garvey dug in against Larry Christenson with two runners on base. Before the homer, Christenson had a conference on the mound with catcher Bob Boone.

"I wanted to throw a curve ball in the dirt and away," said Christenson. "Boone wanted me to throw an inside fastball. I threw a curve and hung it."

Garvey drove the pitch over the left field wall. Dodgers 4, Phillies 1.

"I like to see a pitcher a little indecisive," Garvey said. "I think that Homer really broke the ice."

Lopes made it 6-1 with his two-run homer in the fourth, and he circled the bases with more than playoff pressure on his mind.

Lopes revealed that the Dodgers dedicated their play to coach Jim Gilliam, hospitalized in a coma since sustaining a brain hemorrhage.

"We're going to do our damndest to win it for him," said Lopes. "He's with us every single day, every minute. We love the man."

In the fifth, Garvey chased Christenson with a triple, then scored on a single by Ron Cey.

THE PHILLIES made their prime push in the bottom of the fifth, knocking Burt Hooton out of the game with three runs on five singles, including a

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LA flexes muscles

GAME ONE

	LOS ANGL	PHILA	
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Lopes 2b	5	2	1
Russell ss	3	1	0
Smith rf	3	1	1
North cf	1	0	0
Garvey 1b	5	3	4
Baker lf	5	1	0
Monday rf	3	0	1
Yeager c	4	1	1
Hooton p	2	0	0
Welch p	2	0	0
Total	39	9	13
	BB	SO	12
Los Angeles	8	4	2
Philadelphia	9	5	3
E-Schmidt, Lopes, Phillips, Philadelphia	1	1	0
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McGraw ph	0	0	0
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Total	30	9	12
Los Angeles	4	2	10
Welch W-1	2	1	0
Christensen L-0	4	3	1
Brusstar	2	3	1
Eastwick	1	2	1
McGraw	1	0	1
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Bob Welch
...wins in relief

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That grass was looking especially green after the Yankees dropped Game 2 of the American League Championship Series to the Royals, 10-4, Wednesday and left New York tied at one victory apiece in the best-of-five series.

"I feel we have an advantage," said New York first baseman Chris Chambliss, eyeing Yankee Stadium's cozy left field wall as well as the natural surface. "We have a good ballpark. And you always like to go back home."

But the Royals, 3-2 against the Yankees in Kansas City this season and 3-3 in New York, weren't ready to concede the pinstriped crew's edge at home.

"No, not really. This is our third time around," said Kansas City Manager Whitey Herzog, whose team began its string of AL playoff appearances in 1976. "It seems like the first year, we were in the same predicament.

"Last year we had the advantage. I don't know. These three years against the Yankees have really been something out of this world."

The Yankees remained confident as

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Yankees claim natural grass will help them

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If you didn't know better, you might have thought the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals were discussing the latest issue of "Lawn & Garden."

The subject was grass — the real stuff that grows lushly in Yankee Stadium versus the artificial variety carpeting Royals Stadium.

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Crime in rural areas on upswing in this decade

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — It's 2:30 a.m. when someone gets into a \$29,000 tractor on a dealer's lot and drives it away. A few people notice it going down the rural highway in Champaign County, but no one calls the police.

A farmer near Lake City goes to his unlocked barn to get his soybean herbicide. Seven bags are missing.

These isolated incidents are indicative of what is happening all over the

country — crime in the rural areas has been on the upswing this decade.

The rate of serious crimes, known as the crime index, increased 43 percent in rural areas of this country between 1972 and 1976.

"This thing sort of exploded on us," said Ken Cheatham, director of local governmental affairs for the Farm Bureau. "We know that across the nation rural crime is going up 2-to-1 to urban crime."

In Illinois for example, there was a 1.1 percent increase in crime in rural areas from 1975 to 1976, while crimes in major cities declined 7.3 percent and in suburban areas they went down 5.7 percent.

"Law enforcement agencies everywhere say it is a rapidly escalating problem, but it's hard to say what the volume is," said Cheatham. "Our best estimate from talks with law enforcement people across the coun-

try is about \$500 million annually."

One reason rural areas seem to be attracting more thieves is the isolated nature of the area.

"They think they won't be caught," said Sheriff Jim Durst of Woodford County, who is secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Sheriff's Association. "Out in the country, there will be no witnesses who might see something."

People who moved from big cities to rural areas to escape crime may be

surprised, said Cheatham.

"A farmer who was isolated back on a country road used to be safe, and he didn't worry about crime," he said. "Now, they are being selected by the thief because they are isolated."

Wayne Baughman, executive director of field services for the Farm Bureau, said the interstate highways had made the criminals more mobile.

"They can make a raid on property and be on their way in short order," said Baughman. "You can get \$3,000 to \$5,000 worth of agriculture chemicals on a pickup."

Another factor, cited by many sheriffs, is the attitude of some country people.

Sheriff Butch Kimmel of Whiteside County said some thieves were heading for rural areas because of stricter law enforcement in the cities.

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