

Braille service, tapes aid blind, handicapped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carl Allensworth is 74 years old and blind.

Currently, he is reading a novel, "Love Story," by Erich Segal. "They could have left out some of that yea, yea language, but it's a beautiful story," he says.

Linda Teixeira is 24 years old and blind.

Currently she is enjoying a new dictionary, but she finger-glanced quickly over a new copy of Playboy magazine and said, "This sounds interesting — I'm going to have to read this."

They read their books and magazines in Braille and by listening to records and magnetic tapes.

They are two of the 200,000 persons across the country who are enrolled in the Library of Congress service for the blind and handicapped which marks its

40th anniversary this month.

It started out with a \$100,000 budget and now is a \$7.5-million-a-year operation.

The library estimates there are 500,000 blind persons in this country and 1.5 million more who are physically handicapped so that they are unable to handle, hold or turn the pages of printed books and magazines. They too are eligible for the service, which is free, including postage.

Only bulky books were available when Congress authorized the service in 1931. Linda's dictionary, for example, has 36 volumes that take up a five-tiered bookcase.

More and more, the library now is putting books and magazines on discs and magnetic tapes, recorded by professional actors and volunteers. The library also fur-

nishes, free, the machines which are distributed, along with the records and tapes, through 50 regional libraries.

Allensworth and Linda, sitting in the present one said they both read Braille, but fewer than 20 per cent of blind persons do.

Gulf of Tonkin bill misled him, Herbert says

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said Wednesday he would not have voted for the historic Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, if he had known there would be "no effort to win" in Vietnam.

Rep. Edward Hebert, D-La., said he voted for the resolution and, "I knew damn well what I was voting for. I was voting for a declaration of war as far as I was concerned."

The Tonkin Resolution approved in 1964, gave the president power to "take all necessary measures" to repel armed attacks against U. S. forces and "prevent further aggression." It was a key point in U. S. action in Vietnam.

"If I had known for one second," Herbert told a news conference, "that they were going to take our American boys and troops and send them to slaughter over there with no effort to win, I never would have voted for it."

Here for a speech Wednesday, Hebert also asserted the United States is "never going to have an all volunteer army." "It's not feasible, he said, adding that the recent draft call was the highest of the year. "This doesn't indicate we'll have an all-volunteer army," he said.



THE ONLY KNOWN human to survive a confirmed case of rabies, Matthew Winkler, 7, of Lima, Ohio enjoys a kitchen snack at his home. The youngster was bitten by a rabid bat Oct. 10, starting crucial weeks of sickness and treatment. Now the symptoms are gone, and hopefully, also the infection. (AP Wirephoto)

Students can apply for overseas loans

Students who applied for Memorial Student Center Travel Committee overseas programs next summer have until Tuesday, to request loans from the organization's Overseas Loan Fund.

Travel chairman Gary Martin of Houston said applications and sign-up for interviews are available in the Student Program Office.

He noted that overseas loan fund assistance is available to any student desiring help for overseas travel, whether through one of the committee's regular programs or for independent travel.

"These are long-term, non-interest loans usually payable in

small monthly installments after graduation," Martin said. Size of the loan will depend upon financial position and need.

Loans are made primarily to students participating in the Experiment in International Living, International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Assistance (IAESTE), Operation Crossroads Africa and Amigos de los Americas.

Martin pointed out that some participants applied through the Travel Committee and others on their own for summer travel programs. In both instances, he said, the student must make contact for Overseas Loan Fund assistance.

More liberal abortion statute presented to Texas Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — A licensed physician could perform an abortion with the written consent of

the pregnant woman under a bill introduced Wednesday in the Texas Senate.

The bill also provides for written consent of a parent or guardian if the pregnant woman is unmarried and younger than 16 years of age and parent, husband or guardian if the woman is mentally incompetent.

Sens. Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells and Don Kennard of Fort Worth sponsor the legislation, which was referred to Kennard's Public Health Committee.

A federal court in Dallas has held that the Texas abortion laws "are written as to deprive single women and married persons of the opportunity to choose whether to have children."

It held the state laws were vague and indefinite. That decision, by a three-judge panel, is on appeal.

Riflemen win NRA sectional match at UH

A&M's rifle team rearranged its trophy case last week to make room for more awards.

The new hardware is the third place trophy of the National Rifle Association sectionals, a 10-school competition fired the last weekend in February in Houston.

Aggie riflemen led by Roy E. Mitchell of Houston shot 1,084 out of a possible 1,200 to surpass competition from TCU, UT-Arlington, Rice, Texas A&I men's and women's teams, Trinity, LSU and St. Mary's.

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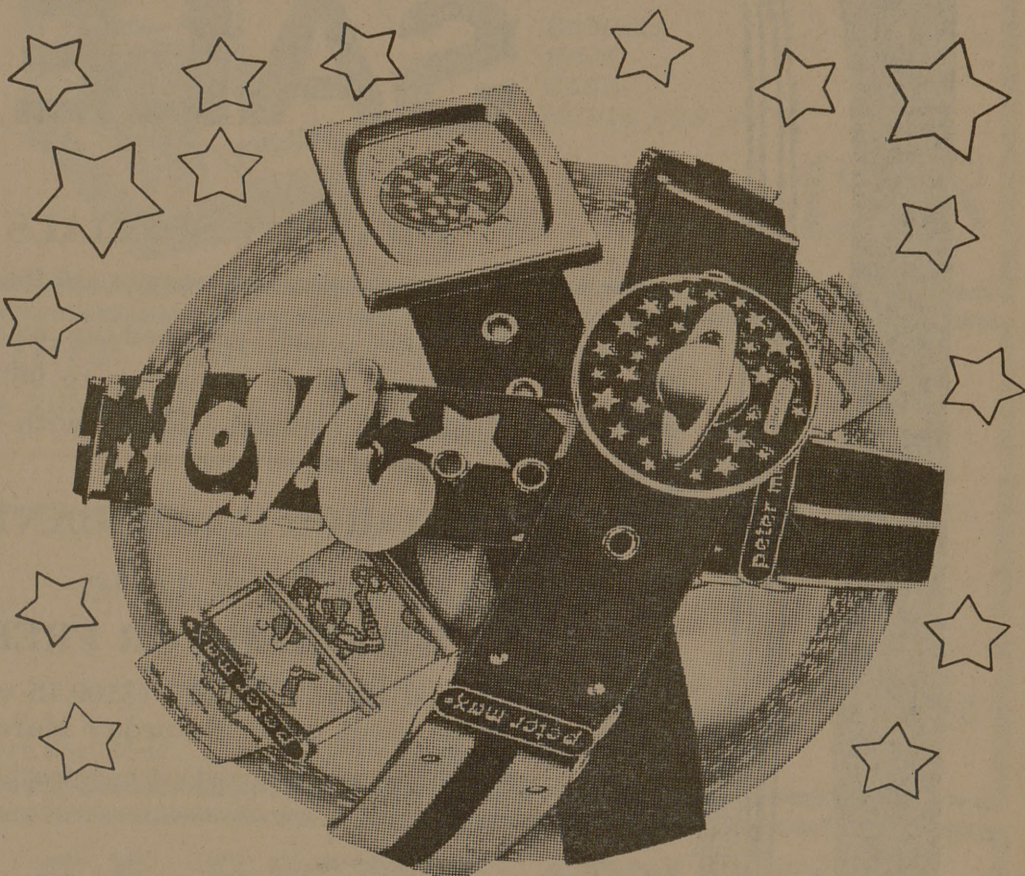
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