

Dopers Pay For 6-Year-Old's Surgery Convenience Costs

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Little Jody Dietrich will get a vital heart operation thanks to a \$2,000 donation from a group calling itself the "Broward County Marijuana Dealers Association."

"This puts us over the top for the hospital bill," Jeanette Allie, chairman of the "Jodie Dietrich Heart Surgery Fund," said Tuesday.

A slim woman in her early 20s walked into the Sterling National Bank Monday with an envelope stuffed with \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills for the 6-year-old boy, who is suffering from a congenital heart valve defect.

"She just walked in, handed the envelope to my secretary and left," said bank president Bob Ruckman. "Incredible but true."

The money was accompanied by a blistering letter which condemned "the people in the system which made this action on our part necessary."

The letter said: "What the hell is happening in this country when a 6-year-old child needs life-saving surgery and is denied treatment because some hospital demands a down payment on the inherent right he was born with to health and happiness?"

"It is apparently the same sick-

ness that has caused thousands of our young people to be branded as criminals and put into prisons for using a drug proven far less dangerous than the deadly amounts of alcohol consumed by their parents . . ."

The letter was signed, "Cannabis Rex for the Broward County Marijuana Dealers Association."

The trust fund for Jody was established last week by the Theta Sigma Chi women's service sorority after a hospital refused to admit the boy because his parents did not have insurance or the \$3,000 to cover the cost of the operation, Mrs. Allie said.

Mrs. Allie said Variety Children's Hospital in Miami told her and the Dietrichs that the child "could not be admitted without the estimated balance for the operation."

But a Variety spokeswoman said the family had "misunderstood" hospital officials. The Dietrichs were told that a deposit

would be required because they did not have insurance, but no specific amount was mentioned, the spokeswoman said.

Mrs. Allie said Jody's father, Henry, worked part time as a horse trainer at Calder Race Course and could not afford the operation.

Sheriff Edward Stack said he did not know of the existence of a dope dealers association in his county. He speculated the idea have come from a similar incident last September in which a "Gainesville Marijuana Dealers Association" donated \$10,000 to a telethon.

The Business Relations Committee did a price comparison of common items shoppers might be interested in at local grocery stores. The results, compiled Nov. 15, "prove that people are paying for the use of convenience stores such as U-TOT-EM," said Henderson, committee member.

Item	Skaggs	Kroger	U-TOT-EM	FedEx
Vanilla wafers-12 oz.	.49	.48	.55	.43
Palmolive dishwashing liquid 12 fl. oz.	.39	.39	.47	.47
Del Monte cut green beans 16 oz.	.26	.26	.36	.25
Imperial sugar-5 lbs.	.79	.81	.87	.75
Betty Crocker white cake mix	.42	.43	.55	.45
Kraft Miracle Whip-32 oz.	.47	.49	.70	.55
Old Fashion Quaker Oats-18 oz.	.33	.39	.49	.49
Post Toasties-8 oz.	.24	.24	.36	.36
Arid Extra Dry Anti-Perspirant spray-9 oz.	.78	.99	1.29	.99
One gallon whole milk	1.42	1.67	1.67	1.25
One loaf Rainbow bread extra-thin type	.42	.45	.45	.40

Prof Plugs Astronomy Curriculum

By DEBRA G. MAREK
"The further one goes, the least he knows and the more he is certain," said Dr. Ron Schorn, professor of astronomy.

"Astronomy is the science most involved with everyday life," said Dr. Schorn, as he sat munching on a ham-and-cheese sandwich.

Spectacled, dark-haired, cheerful and warm, Dr. Schorn seems more like a salesman than a good astronomer. He is trying to get Aggie students involved in the astronomy courses.

Dr. Schorn explained that Texas A&M offers two courses in astronomy at the present time. One course, he said, is Astronomy 306 for non-science majors.

"Astronomy 306 is really an elementary course which deals with looking at the sky a lot," said Dr. Schorn. "The most important thing to do for this course is to make up a list of things you want to have explained. The course is really a snap."

Dr. Schorn continued that Astronomy 314, offered to science majors, and is a more involved course.

The pipe-smoking astronomer said he enjoys Texas A&M tremendously. He arrived at A&M at the beginning of the summer from Ft. Davis in West Texas. His family, which includes five children, resides in the Bryan-College Station area.

Dr. Schorn's office is room 225 of the Physics Building. He said he loves to take time out to talk to students about astronomy.

"Many students don't look at the sky and don't realize all the phenomena that exist," said Dr. Schorn. "Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue or how high high is?"

Dr. Schorn explained that the sky is blue because the blue light from the sun bounces off air molecules. The blue light comes from every direction to one's eyes. The blue light is the size of an air molecule, he added.

Dr. Schorn has visitors popping in all day. Most of them are other professors who have articles to show him and ask for his opinion.

"Most astronomers write articles using arm waving," said Dr. Schorn. "Arm waving is explaining something with two things that don't exist."

Dr. Schorn concluded the interview by saying that things change so radically in astronomy that the books used in a year's time can be wrong.

"The universe can double in one year," said Dr. Schorn. "Just think of all that excitement and expansion that people are missing by not knowing."

Richardson Warned Nixon Twice He'd Resign If Cox Was Fired

WASHINGTON (AP)—Elliot L. Richardson said Tuesday night that he threatened to resign twice as attorney general before actually doing so, and that he suggested back in August that President Nixon submit to detailed questioning about Watergate.

"On two different occasions before Mr. Cox's firing I made it clear that if he were fired I would be forced to resign," Richardson said. He resigned from the Cabinet Oct. 20 after the President fired Archibald Cox as special Watergate prosecutor.

Richardson said he proposed to the White House in August that Nixon undergo questioning by persons familiar with the Watergate scandal — specifically Cox

and Sens. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., and Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., the chairman and vice-chairman of the Senate Watergate committee. He said he suggested a neutral moderator—perhaps Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss.

Richardson made the comments on the Dick Cavett television show taped in Washington about three hours before its airing over the ABC network.

In reply to questions after the program, he told newsmen he never made the suggestion to Nixon directly, but rather to Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., White House chief of staff, counsel J. Fred Buzhardt and Presidential aide Melvin R. Laird.

Was the idea relayed to the President?

"I was told that it had been," Richardson replied. "I was told that the President was working along those lines and that the suggestion was appreciated."

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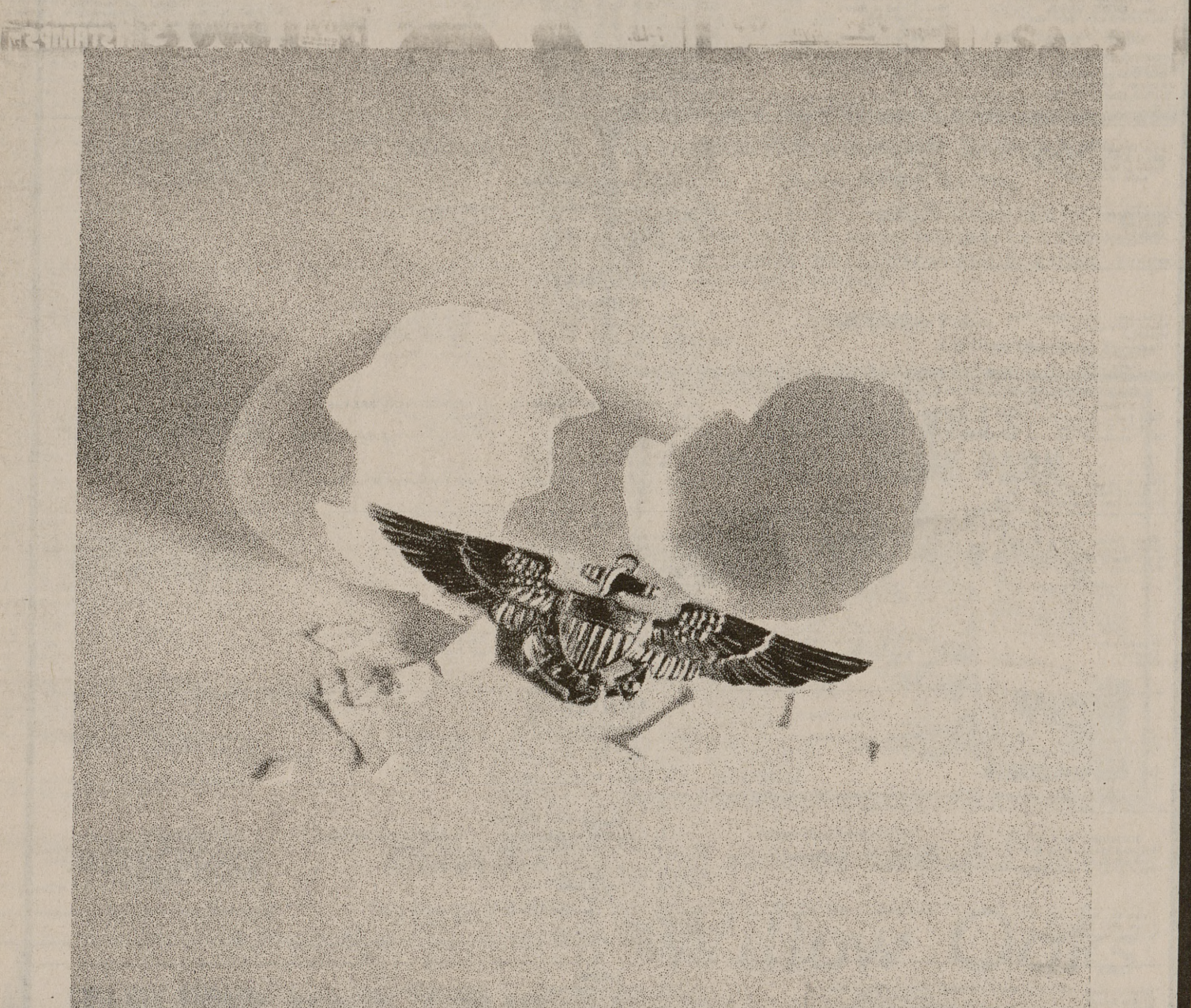
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