

News Summary

By the Associated Press
State

SPACE CENTER, Houston — An ailing gyroscope aboard the Skylab space station experienced its worst spell of distress yet and officials worried that the instrument might be on its way to total breakdown.

Should the instrument fail, Skylab 3 astronauts Gerald P. Carr, William R. Pogue and Edward G. Gibson might still be able to complete the 16 days left in their record 84-day mission officials said, but their scientific work would be significantly curtailed.

National

NEW YORK — Shoppers sorting through the supermarket meat counter on Tuesday didn't need a set of government statistics to know that the pocketbook pinch is getting worse.

While the government was reporting that 1973's inflation record was the worst in 27 years, consumers were finding that recent increases in wholesale beef prices have filtered down to the retail level.

"We held firm for many weeks but we had to increase some retail prices last week," said Ray Kingsbury, meat merchandiser for Kohls, the largest grocery chain in Wisconsin. Another Kohls spokesman said most beef items went up about 10 cents a pound.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Gulf Oil Corp. said that its leisure activities subsidiary has signed a letter of intent to purchase Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows Inc.

The subsidiary, Venture Out in America, Inc., signed the tentative agreement with the circus' current owner, Mattel, Inc. a toy manufacturer.

NEW YORK — A \$240,000 collection of Civil War art, hidden for 60 years in a New Orleans attic, went on exhibition here.

The American Heritage Society, which owns the collection, called it "the most important discovery of its kind in this century." It consists of 754 pen-and-ink drawings, pencil sketches, water colors and wash drawings by 56 artists. None has ever been publicly displayed before.

International

ALGIERS — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat said the United States has made a significant change in its Middle East policy and suggested that the Arab oil embargo could be eased as a result.

He told newsmen in Algiers that the United States had shifted

Death cancels P&Z meeting

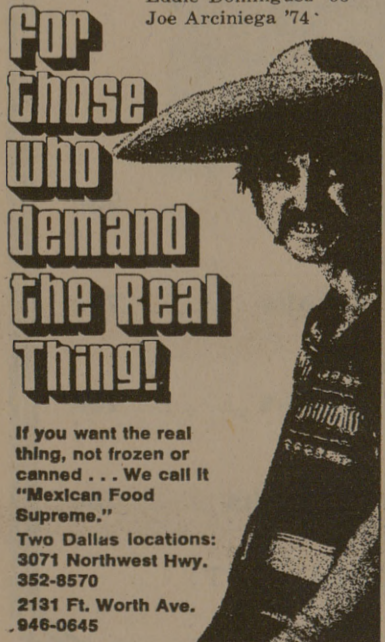
The regularly scheduled meeting of the College Station City Planning and Zoning Committee was cancelled this week due to a death in Mayor J. B. (Dick) Hervey's family. Deceased is Pauline Scott of 507 Nagle apt 1 College Station who was the mayor's mother-in-law.

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is regularly scheduled for the first Monday of every month and a workshop is usually called on the third Monday of every month, according to Bill Taylor, City Planner.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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State office is burglar's paradise

AUSTIN (P) — Rep. Joe Salem, a fast-talking, cigar-chewing package of nervous energy, stormed the Texas Cosmetology Commission offices Tuesday and found a burglar's paradise.

Between \$30,000 and \$80,000 in checks, some of them blank, are stored in shoe boxes and grocery cartons day and night, a commission executive admitted.

A state auditor is examining the agency's books because of the

discovery that at least \$1,000 is missing, officials said.

Larry Perkins, director of licensing, was asked what security there was for the boxes stuffed with checks and lined up on his office floor.

"A locked door," he replied. "What if you have a fire?" Salem asked.

"They'll all go up in smoke," Perkins said.

The checks are license fees

mailed in by manicurists, beauty shop and school operators, wig fitters and beauticians.

Perkins said most of the checks are being processed for return because they were in the wrong amount or the individuals lacked necessary health certificates.

State Auditor George McNeil promised Salem a full audit. He said other licensing agencies put the checks they receive in the bank, and refunds can be made

by state treasury warrants.

"They have been told better, they know better and they apparently are unwilling to do better," McNeil said of the commission.

A routine audit in early 1972 showed the problem existed then, and McNeil showed Salem and a reporter details of recommendations made to the commission for safeguarding its money.

Perkins and commission member Franc Joseph of El Paso took Salem to a supply store where they said another \$1,000 was kept in a fireproof safe while clerks tried to cash a four-month backlog of applications. A deeply tanned man crossed at his throat and a maroon pullover shirt and bottom trousers, Joseph said the problem on lack of

ed from its fundamentally pro-Israeli line and that "for every change in the American position, it is necessary for the Arabs to make an identical change toward the United States."

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait said they still insisted on an embargo until the Israelis quit all occupied Arab territory.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Government troops backed by armored personnel carriers and air strikes routed insurgents northwest of the capital in an action which Western observers said had blunted the Communist-led rebel offensive against the city.

Most of the 2,000 Khmer Rouge insurgents had withdrawn to the west of the city and were in flight toward Tuol Leap, 11 miles to the northwest.

LONDON (AP) — The miners' union threatened a national strike after the British government refused to lift its wage controls to permit a larger wage increase than is allowed to other workers.

A strike by the miners whose refusal to work overtime has already created an energy shortage, could halt most of British industry by spring.

New director of boys home predicts calm

AUSTIN (AP) — The new director of the state's institutions for juveniles predicts there will be no security problem at the Mountain View home in six to nine months.

Ron Jackson, 33, was appointed to the post Tuesday by the Texas Youth Council.

He told a news conference a new program of group therapy—"everything they do will be done as a group"—will make it possible to tear down the high double fence around Mountain View, the maximum security facility for boys near Gatesville.

Jackson has been acting director since the resignation of Dr. James Turman following disturbances at Gatesville last fall.

"I want to take this opportunity to recognize the fine work of my predecessor," Jackson said.

Asked if this compliment might lead some people to think the attitude of the administration has not changed from that which some think led to the trouble at Gatesville, Jackson said: "When Dr. Turman took over in 1947, we had a pretty sorry agency."

"I credit him with a lot of things I've learned," he said.

Jackson and the TYC chairman Forrest Sith, also spoke of many new programs that they hope will improve the state's method of handling juvenile delinquents, including regional centers.

Jackson said Mountain View, which has 54 inmates, "is in turmoil." And Sith said there were "20 or 30 or 40" runaways from Gatesville last month.

Jackson was head of the Brownwood State School for girls before taking over for Turman. He has a bachelor's degree in government and a master's in social work, both from the University of Texas at Austin. He has been with TYC since 1965.

Cutoff for degree applications set

Students graduating this spring must make formal degree application by Feb. 15.

They must first pay a six dollar fee in the Richard Coke Building at the Fiscal Office. The students then receive an application and a receipt to be turned into the Office of the Graduate College.

Graduation announcements can be ordered before February 22 at the cashier's window in the Memorial Student Center. The window in Room 217 is open Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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