

Proposal to shield journalists rejected

Confidential sources unprotected

HOUSTON (AP) — The American Bar Association rejected Monday a proposal to "shield" journalists' confidential sources from compelled disclosure.

The ABA's policy-making house of delegates voted 157 to 122 against putting the influential organization on record as favoring shield legislation.

The delegates also went on record condemning credit practices that discriminate on the basis of sex or marital status.

The rejected shield policy was fashioned by a committee that recommended an absolute shield to prevent disclosure in courts, legislative hearings and the like.

Its supporters maintained the privilege was needed to serve the public through an increased flow of information, not to set newsmen apart as a privileged class.

Opponents, who triumphed, remained unconvinced. The proposal had picked up staunch opposition from the ABA's section on criminal law, and from the national conferences of state, federal, and appellate judges.

Opposition centered on the absolute nature of the privilege against disclosure and on the broad definition of those who qualified to invoke its protection.

At a minimum, the shield committee recommended that the privilege yield only to the most compelling and overriding necessity for disclosure. It would apply to any person gathering news or information for general dissemination.

The U.S. Supreme Court has already held that the Constitution does not give newsmen the right to refuse to answer questions before a grand jury but the court invited Congress to determine whether a law or privilege is desirable.

The credit resolution condemned discriminatory practices as "unreasonable and unnecessary barriers to economic opportunity." It was passed by a voice vote with only a murmur of dissent.

An accompanying report to the delegates said discriminatory practices now deprive women of the opportunity to own a home, to finance their educations, to go into business, or to purchase such things as automobiles, furniture and clothing on an equal basis with men.

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Commission approves agenda

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The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission met in City Hall last night with only four members present. That was enough for a quorum which approved every item on the agenda.

Don Dale, city councilman and council liaison to the commission presented his request for a preliminary plat for Pooh's Park, at Texas Avenue and Holleman Drive.

A plat is a designated plot of land drawn up on a map and referred to by urban planners and city officials. It is the official boundary for a lot or development for the purpose of city recommendations.

Dale stated that he had lost money on Pooh's Park and asked that the single lot be subdivided to facilitate the identification by lots, so the land could be sold. The area is zoned commercial and will remain so. Dale added that he thought the area would be used for warehouses and storage space.

He asked since the area was to be used for warehouses and not

for recreation that he be permitted to omit the usual requirements for sidewalks and alleys. The commission granted his request.

The commission also approved the final plat for Lake Village Place across from the Plantation Oaks Apartments on Highway 30 with provisions which included the installation of sidewalks on each side of all interior streets.

The development donated approximately 5.5 acres to the city, to be used a park land in accordance with a city ordinance.

Jim Gardner, a member of the audience and former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, raised many points before the commission and was the first to insist on sidewalks in park areas and on streets under construction. He urged the commission to require sidewalks, since it is no longer mandatory that sidewalks be installed.

The commission thanked Gardner for his suggestions and asked him to submit them to a special committee which would consider his proposals.

In other action, the commission approved the final revised plat for Southwest Village which is located on Southwest Parkway off Highway 6.

...Considered abolishing the plats of the Country Place Subdivision on Barron Road and Highway 6, just inside the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The area is a subdivision for which plats were drawn up but the land was never sold. The commission decided to forward the proposal to the County Commissioners Court for a decision.

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46 per cent opt for Ford over Nixon in Gallup poll

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — The latest Gallup Poll says 46 percent of Americans surveyed would prefer to have Vice President Gerald Ford serve as president for the remainder of President Nixon's term.

The survey, taken Jan. 18-24, showed 46 percent preferred Ford to Nixon, 32 percent chose Nixon and 22 percent expressed no preference.

In the survey, 1,592 adults were asked, "Here is a question about President Nixon and Vice President Gerald Ford: If you had a choice, which man would you rather have as president between now and the next presidential election in 1976—Nixon or Ford?"

Among Republicans, 57 percent chose Nixon, 28 percent chose Ford and 15 percent said they were undecided. Eighteen percent of the Democrats chose Nixon, 55 percent chose Ford and 27 percent gave no preference. Nixon was the favorite of 35 percent of the independents, and Ford of 45 percent, with 20 percent naming no choice.

Traditionally Democratic groups such as blacks, Catholics and labor union families favored Ford most heavily, the Gallup organization said.

In the South, preferences were about equally divided between Ford and Nixon. Of southern whites, 48 percent favored Nixon and 34 percent chose Ford.

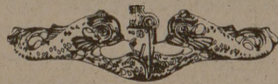
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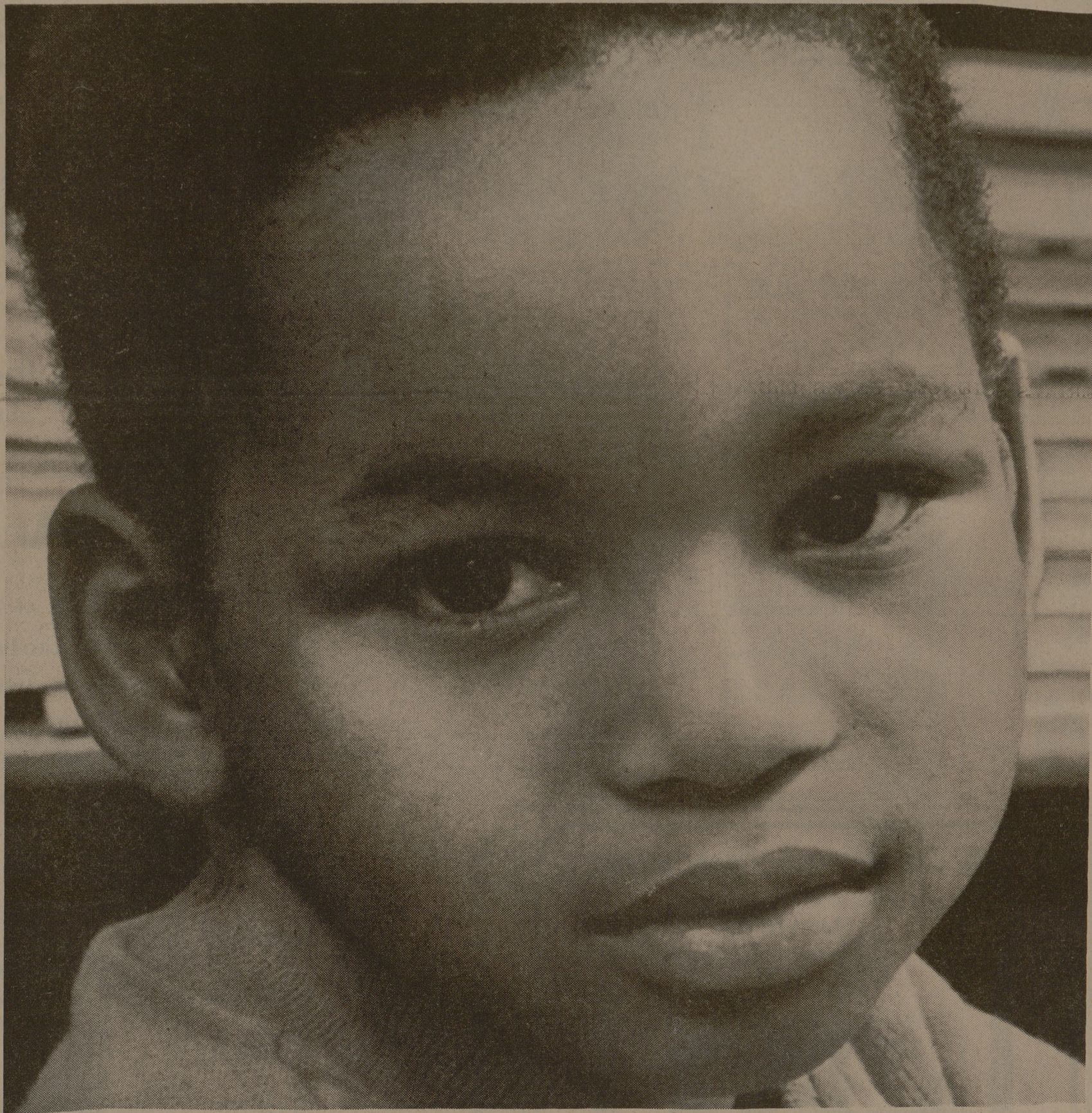
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