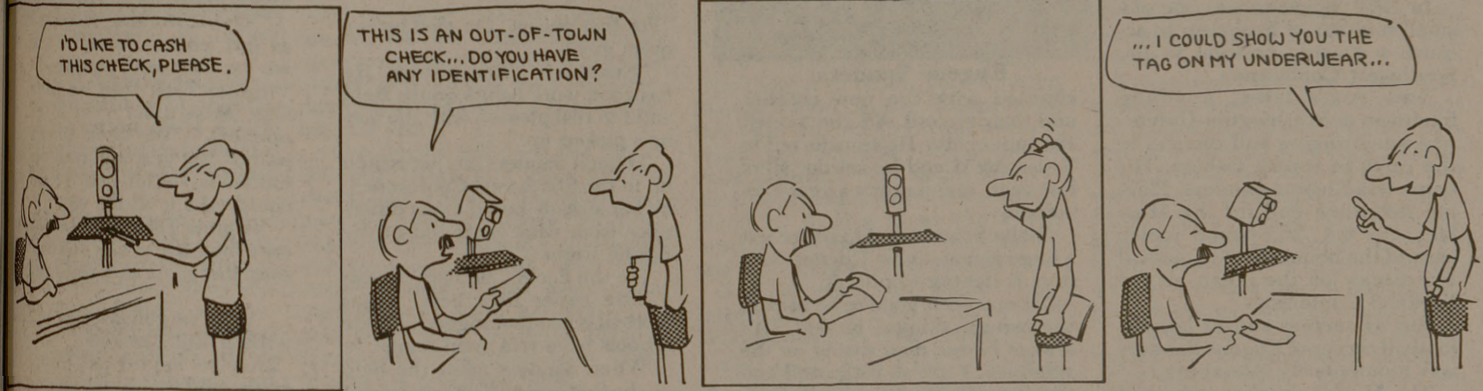




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Of eyewash, cans and publicity . . .

New TV season begins Sept. 17

By JAY SHARBUTT
 Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — By law, the season can't start until the weight network publicity releases equals that of cans filled with new or returning shows. The weight rule will be on Sept. 17.
 That's a Friday, when CBS' new

movies and new or returning series from which to pick. It'll be a gala week for eyewash salesmen.

But one question remains: The time President Ford and Jimmy Carter will meet on Thursday, Sept. 23, for the 90 minute premiere of the first of their three nationally televised debates.

Network spokesmen earlier this week said they've gotten no word yet from the League of Women Voters, sponsors of the debates, on the hour

the two presidential candidates will start verbal battle.

If it starts at 9:30 p.m. EDT, as some industry folks expect, the networks will have to reschedule some or all of the seven premieres of new and returning shows they originally slotted for the night of Sept. 23.

The shows are ABC's "Welcome Back, Kotter," and "Streets of San Francisco." At CBS, they're the "Waltons," and "Hawaii Five-0." At NBC they're the new "Gemini Man" and "Best Seller" program.

Prisoners end Mexican hunger strike

MEXICO CITY — American prisoners have ended a hunger strike after 36 hours and expressed gratitude to the Mexican government for taking initiatives that could bring freedom to hundreds of Americans in Mexican jails, the Interior Ministry announced.

President Luis Echeverria proposed legislation on Sunday that could result in parole before the end of the year for many of the drug offenders among the 572 Americans in Mexican jails. Echeverria's action took most of the steam out of the strike movement, and when the fast began on Tuesday, only about 70 Americans and two Canadians participated.

The Interior Ministry said the leaders of the protest met yesterday afternoon in the Reclusio Norte prison with Dr. Sergio Garcia Ramirez, undersecretary in charge of federal prisons, and agreed to end their fast.

"We are truly indebted to the president and Dr. Garcia Ramirez and congratulate them for their positive actions and for the new jails recently opened in this city," the ministry quoted the Americans as saying.

Most of the Americans were convicted of trying to smuggle drugs from South America through Mexico to the United States. They have protested, to the U.S. government for several months, against alleged ill-treatment. They have claimed they were denied legal representation. Their sentences averaged seven years.

The chief organizer of the strike, James Dean Brown, 34, of San Francisco, said their protest was aimed chiefly at Washington. He accused the U.S. government of delaying in responding to a prisoner-exchange agreement that Mexico suggested in June during talks with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Samson elected NSPE officer

Dr. Charles H. Samson Jr., head of Texas A&M University's Civil Engineering Department, has been elected vice president of the National Society of Professional Engineers and chairman of NSPE's Professional Engineers in Education Division.

Samson has been at Texas A&M since 1960. In addition to his professional duties, he is research engineer for Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

He served NSPE as national director from Texas, Southwestern

Regional vice chairman of the Professional Engineers in Education, and chairman of the Professional Employment Committee.

A registered professional engineer, Samson holds bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Missouri.

In 1966, Samson was named "Engineer of the Year" by the Brazos Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. He received General Dynamics/Fort Worth's "Excellence in Engineering Teaching Award" in 1962.

Texaco awards first half of \$4,000 unrestricted grant

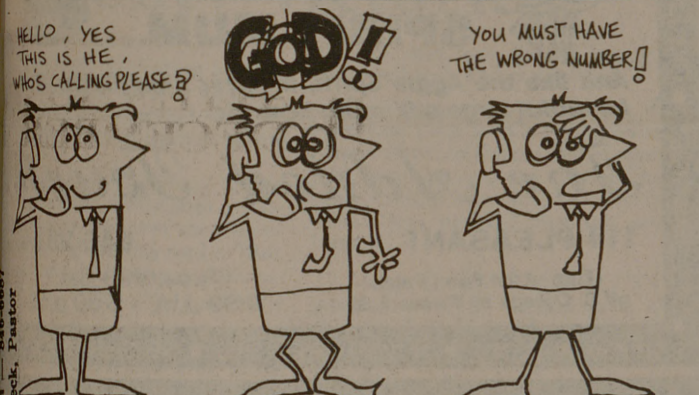
Texaco Inc. awarded the first half of a yearly \$4,000 unrestricted grant to the Petroleum Engineering Department at Texas A&M University Tuesday.

B. J. Rowatt, assistant division petroleum engineer with the Houston division of Texaco, made the presentation to Robert L. Walker, director of the Texas A&M University Department Office, and Dr. Douglas

Von Gonten, head of the Petroleum Engineering Department.

Rowatt said the grant was made on an unrestricted basis to allow the funds to be used where the University's needs are the greatest.

Dr. Von Gonten noted the funds will go into the department's undergraduate scholarship program. The second half of the grant will be made in January.



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