

Top of the News

Campus

National

bined raised the rate of heart attack deaths among women over 30.

PRESIDENT CARTER, facing his first major partisan test on the \$50 tax rebate, also is preparing some 10 messages to send to Congress over the next month or so. Press Secretary Jody Powell said the subject matter would include the energy program, welfare reform and a consumer agency. United Press International learned a message on food stamp reform will be forthcoming within days, establishment of a consumer agency soon, and an environmental program probably during April.

FOUND DEAD yesterday in an apparent suicide in Palm Beach, Fla. was a language professor described as "intimately involved" with Lee Harvey Oswald and a "crucial witness" in the Congressional investigation of the Kennedy assassination. The victim was identified as George de Mohrenschildt, 65, a flamboyant Russian-born teacher of French at Dallas' Bishop College.

THE NEWEST MEMBER of a government panel studying how to reduce the amount of a suspected cancer in bacon and other cured meats says she only eats bacon once a year. Ellen Zavel of Harrington Park, N.J. made that admission yesterday, but also raised some questions. She asked if any investigations had been undertaken on the effects of consumers who eat meats with some vegetables, such as collard greens, which have a high concentration of nitrite.

NICK CIVELLA, reputed leader of the Kansas City Mafia for the past 20 years, will undergo tests to determine if his health will allow him to serve a prison sentence for a federal gambling conviction. Civella, 65, will undergo more than 90 days of physical and psychiatric testing. After the hospital results are received, U.S. District Judge William Collinson said he will either put Civella on probation, reduce the sentence, or affirm the original 42-month sentence.

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World

THE KLM PILOT did not have permission to take off from a foggy runway that ended in the fatal collision with a Pan American jetliner, a Dutch investigator said yesterday. But KLM questioned the report. F. A. Van Rysen, chief of the Dutch team investigating the crash Sunday, says the Dutch captain merely said, "We are taking off," and started the fatal run.

School Board

Fitch — Position 4

W.D. Fitch, 55, 1712 Glade St., builder and developer.

Why do you think you are qualified to hold a position on the school board?

I've had one year's experience on the school board and I've also had 30 years experience in College Station. I attended A&M. I understand what it takes in order to be qualified to go to college and also, I understand very well what it takes to be qualified to hold a job.

What do you consider to be the highest priorities of the board?

The basic, fundamental needs are, and it may sound a little trite, but it's reading, writing and arithmetic.

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Do you approve of corporal punishment? In what cases should corporal punishment be used?

I don't think it does any good for high school students. I think they either laugh at it or resent it to the extent that it does more harm than good.

A sharp little whack for some of the ones in the earlier grades might get their attention and cause them to straighten up. I'm not talking about beating them, just slight whacks to let them know the teacher is not joking when she says to be quiet or pay attention.

Have you been satisfied with the performance of the current school board? If not, why?

No, and this includes me. Although I vote in the minority on some questions that come up before the school board, I think that the school board is not yet in full control of how our school system is run.

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That is not the case, as we found out now.

It has not been approved and even if it is, full-time compulsory kindergarten will be approved as an option. The legislature has passed nothing to that effect.

So, we are now in the process of building full kindergarten facilities. In addition to that, we are providing something I think is important and that is physical education facilities at the elementary schools.

I think these little folks need it and I want them to have it.

We do not have quite the student/teacher ratio we'd like to have but the other schools are not overcrowded and if anybody has portrayed this to be then they are mistaken.

Do you support continued development of vocational programs?

I'm strongly in favor of proceeding diligently on with the high school vocational building which I think the voters, as they voted for the bonds, want. I'm in favor of starting immediately.

I would have given it priority over the other things because this is the place where we are really overcrowded and really have no space.

What are your thoughts on future programs for students with learning disabilities and accelerated students?

Concerning accelerated students, I don't know that you're doing them any favor, even though they may have exceptional mental capacities, in shoving them into taking college courses before they get out of high school.

The people who really need the help, and these are the people I am dedicated to helping, are the ones with so-called learning disabilities. But I believe most of those kids who have what is called learning disabilities don't really have any learning disabilities. They got short-changed in the first, second and third grades or you'd find that they don't have any learning disabilities.

This is the reason I was in favor of going ahead with the expanded elementary school programs, and, if we have to, put some extra teachers into the first and second grades for those kids who are having a hard time keeping up. Then that is the place to focus on and see to it that

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