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## House leaders rate Carter

United Press International SAN ANTONIO — House major-yleader Jim Wright, D-Tex., gave sident Carter and Congress pass-

grades for Carter's first six oths in office, but minority eader John Rhodes, R-Ariz., had a uch lower assessment of Carter's pills all

Wright told the Southern Gover-pris Conference Monday that Car-er's first six months "deserve a ses told of the e, and ot plus," while scoring congressional sen since formance "at about a B-minus. nodes countered that "on a scale of to 10, I'd give the Congress a 3 tox. D-Te

nd the administration a 2. Wright and Rhodes agreed on lite about Carter's first six months in office, but both said the President is held in much higher public esteem an Congress

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Rhodes said Carter's administraon threatened the nation's omy, and he also criticized Carrs handling of foreign affairs.

thodes said the Democratic White House and Congress have ken a "slap-dash approach" to

energy problems, ignoring past Re-publican experience, and that there has been "a nosedive of 141 points since January by the stock market"

under Carter "In sum, the stock market seems to be saying that Carter and Congress may be dangerous to the nation's economic health," he said.

Rhodes also said it is inconsistent for Carter to talk of human rights in communist nations while seeking to improve relations with Cuba. The Carter foreign policy has re-

flected more publicity than progress, more show than substance, and has lessened our influence in world affairs," said Rhodes. "We could pay a heavy economic price in the future for the inexperience and naivete of this administration's foreign policy

Wright said Carter has kept many deliberately low-key campaign promise

'I think one key to the President's program is that he has not promised the impossible," said Wright. "He hasn't sought to

and unemployment has been cut by 1 percent. He said continued employment gains are the key to keep-ing Carter's promises of balancing the budget in his first term and br-

inging inflation down to 4 percent

ment rise by 1 percentage point, it automatically adds \$16-billion or

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Wright said the gross national product is up under Carter, em-ployment has risen by two million, new construction is up 18 count for about \$12 billion of the loss, with another \$5 billion added new construction is up 18 percent in welfare benefits.

than a deficit.'

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"When you come down to the bottom line, you must realize, I think, that the key to a balanced budget must be an ongoing, productive economy that is employing American citizens," he said. "If unemployment were at a normal, healthy level of about 4.5 percent — 'Every time you let unemploy- if we accept that criteria — we'd be operating at a slight surplus, rather

back 'home' 

Liberty Bell

Texas' replica of the Liberty Bell will be returned to its traditional resting spot in the Academic Building within the next two weeks, said Texas A&M University officials.

The bell, a copy of the one that pealed American independence, will be suspended in the building's rotunda. Its previous location was a special platform on the rotunda floor. The bell was returned to Texas A&M in January and was stored

after being on display in the state capitol at Austin as part of the country's bicentennial observance

In 1950, 50 such bells were cast for presentation to each state, Puerto Rico and District of Columbia. Gov. Allan Shivers presented the bell to Texas A&M on behalf of the Treasury Department in honor of the school's military contributions.

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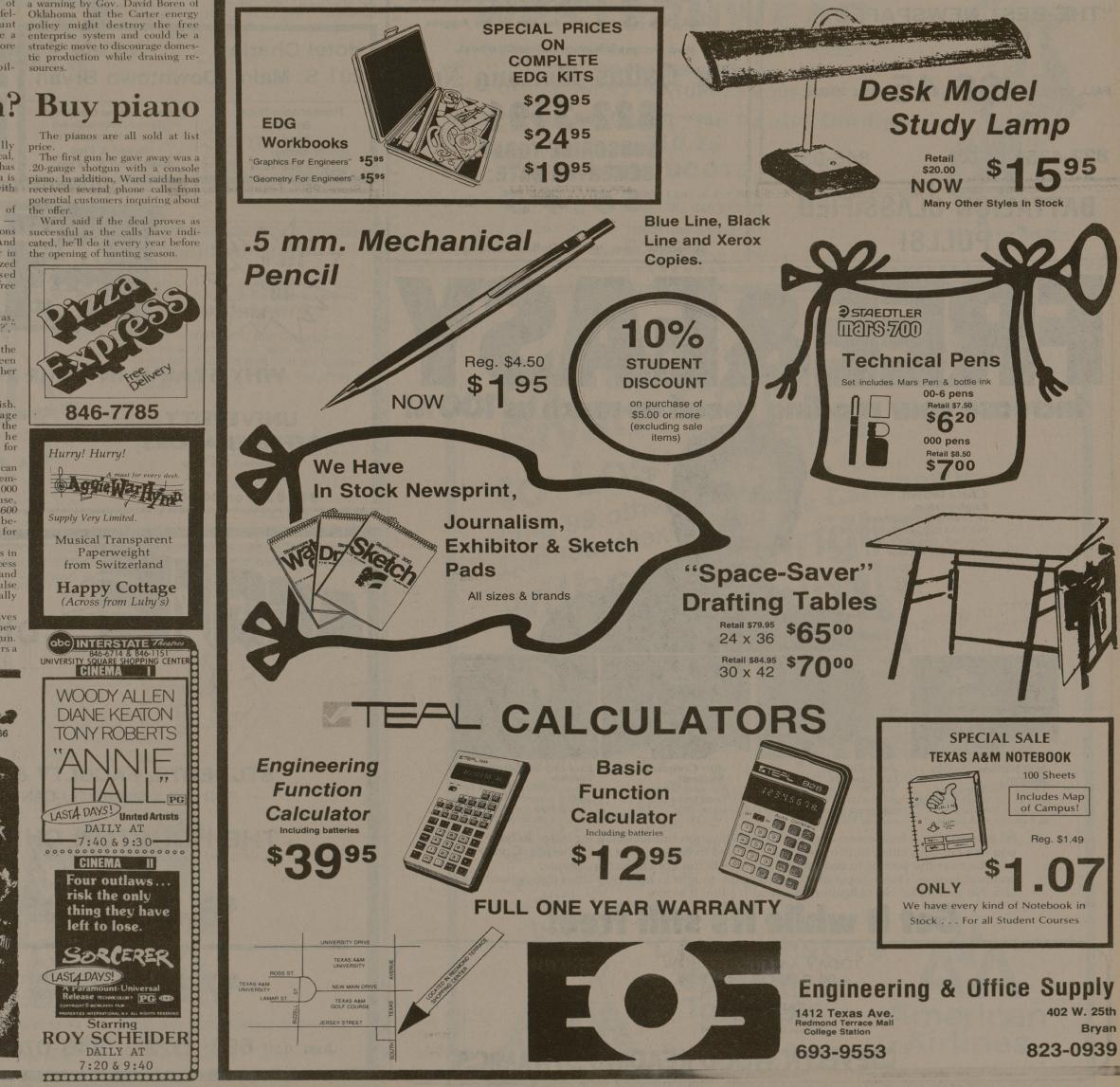
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### **Governors** ask gas deregulation

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rs James B. Hunt of North rolina and Jay Rockefeller of est Virginia dissenting. Rockefelhad no comment, but Hunt ned deregulation "could be a strous mistake," leading to more tion and a new recession. Gov. Edwin Edwards of oil-

producing Louisiana suprised the SAN ANTONIO — Leaders from resident Carter's native south yes-rday overwhelmingly approved a gress to withhold final action on the tural gas prices and called on Car-ntural gas prices and called on Car-r to arrange a series of televised ational debates" before adopting a deral energy policy. The governors voted 10-2 for the reduction resolution by host

The resolution was adopted after a warning by Gov. David Boren of Oklahoma that the Carter energy

Want gun? Buy piano

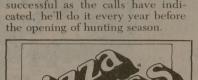
ALEXANDRIA, La. - Kelly ard says it may sound illogical, at one of the best ways he has and to sell pianos in Louisiana is give away a new shotgun with ery purchase

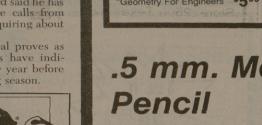
Saturday is the beginning of usiana's dove hunting season – he first of many hunting seasons rough the fall and winter. And Vard, the largest piano retailer in is Central Louisiana city, seized Mus central Louisiana city, seized he opportunity and advertised Monday he would give away free hotguns with each piano sold. Already, he's had one taker. "The first thing he said was, What gun goes with this piano?',"

Ward said he had never tried the

notion before but said it's been ne "with great success" by other no dealers.

"Here is my theory," he said.





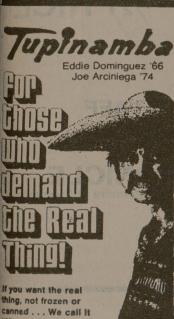


Parents are essentially selfish. average male, the average ther, finds it hard to justify the spense of a piano because he besn't think of it as something for

"I see fathers day by day who can tify a \$6,000 bass boat for themlves when they're making \$12,000 year and living in an \$8,000 house, it they find it hard to justify a \$600 \$800 piano for their little girl bese there's nothing in it for

Ward, who began his business in 59, said he has had little success the past with advertising and motion. Pianos are not impulse s and purchases are usually ught out in advance.

With a used spinnet, Ward gives ay a \$100 pump gun. With a new , he gives away a \$170 shotgun. nd with a console piano, he offers a 90 shotgun



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