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## Federal budget expected to be tight

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WASHINGTON — President Carter's natural frugality will be in full flower as he works on the next federal budget.

Carter sounds like a conservative Republican these days when he talks about the "very tight" budget he is preparing to present to the new Congress in January.

The only area he has deemed untouchable is in defense spending. That budget will be bigger, and more acceptable to the Pentagon.

Even if a strategic arms limitation agreement is reached with the Soviets, and it appears likely, there is no outlook for reducing the dollars spent for defense, particularly in view of inflation.

Carter also has signaled that he will propose no new programs that will involve major federal spending, except perhaps for a national health insurance program.

A former small town businessman, and a farmer, Carter is following his own instincts for keeping a tight rein on finances. "Tight as a tick" is the way press secretary Jody Powell described him.

The frugality Carter instituted at the White House when he first came into the presidency is typical. He put a relative — Hugh Carter Jr. — in charge of doling out

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the felt pens, and denying limousine transportation to his staff. Hugh Carter became the fall guy, and is not so lovingly dubbed "Cousin Cheap."

Staffers also have to pay for most of the parties they attend at the White House. They shell out for their own picnics on the lawn in the summertime.

The president is given \$50,000 a year for entertainment expenses. He can pocket what he does not spend. Last year, Carter put out only \$1,300 of that fund and was able to keep the remainder.

But aside from his personal penchant for holding on to a dollar, Carter's budget cut-

ting is in style, and is in line with his anti-inflation program, and the people's tax revolt.

Carter said that when he became president the federal deficit was over \$66 billion. "I have not been in office very long yet. But in the preparation of the next budget, on which I am working now every week, we will have cut the federal deficit and we are going to continue to work until we have a balanced budget for the government of the United States."

Even with the easing of the domestic pressures for spending, Carter is discovering that peace has a price. Both Israel and Egypt expect aid in terms of billions for the United States.

At any rate, the bare minimum is Carter's publicly known commitment to build two new airfields for Israel to replace those it will abandon in the Sinai. And Egypt is reported to be seeking a U.S. sponsored

"Marshall Plan" running into billions over a five-year period.

He has declared war on waste, however, and is pursuing the alleged corruption in the General Services Administration and other federal agencies, which is reported to cost the government millions annually.

Carter also has put a freeze on federal hiring. However, the White House staff appears to have been bolstered in recent months, with some of the aides put on the payroll of other government departments, an old game played by most presidents in recent times.

By 1980, Carter expects to have established a record which will challenge the Democrats "big spender" image. In doing so, he will be following his own conservatism when it comes to spending, and he believes he will be in tune with the times, the trend in the country and the fed up American taxpayer.

## Election turnovers signal new era

By DAVID S. BRODER

WASHINGTON — There is an adage (coined here this very moment) that after every election, the country is entitled to one week of hope.

For reasons amply discussed before voting, this mid-term election of 1978 seemed designed to test the faith of even the most fervent believer in that aphorism.

But after wading conscientiously through the election returns, the campaign postmortems and the biographies of the new governors and members of congress, I am prepared to testify that indeed there may be one hopeful and important fact about what we have done.

We have begun the process of electing a government for the 1980s.

Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that that process was pushed forward by last week's election, because it is a continuation and acceleration of what began in 1974 and 1976. The American people, almost without realizing it, have taken the Capitol building in Washington and the state capitols as well, turned them upside down, shaken out a lot of tired veterans, and replaced them with fresh young people with new ideas and energy.

Here is what happened last week. There were 35 Senate seats to be filled. Twenty of them went to new people. There were 36 governorships at stake. Again, 20 were won by non-incumbents. In the House of Representatives, with 435 members, at least 77 will be newcomers.

This kind of turnover rate is extraordinary, if not literally unprecedented. When the Senate meets in January, more than half its members will be freshmen or sophomores, legislators who have served there no more than six years.

The story in the House is even more remarkable. Come January, just about half its members will have arrived there since 1974.

The striking thing about these newcom-

ers is not just their numbers but their age. The new governors elected last week average 49 years of age. The new senators, 43; the new members of the House, 40.

Those ages mean more if you think about the years they were born: 1929 for the average governor; 1935 for the typical senator; 1938 for the average new member of the House.

These men and women have few if any memories of the Great Depression. World War II was a childhood experience for them. The typical new senator was a first-grader at the time of Pearl Harbor and just ten years old when the atomic bomb was dropped.

To them, the experiences that have shaped American politics for the past two generations are matters for the history books. Their shaping experiences came in the period from the Korean War to Watergate. That simple fact probably tells more about the changes that are coming to Congress and the state capitols than any shift in party ratios or supposed alteration in the liberal-conservative balance.

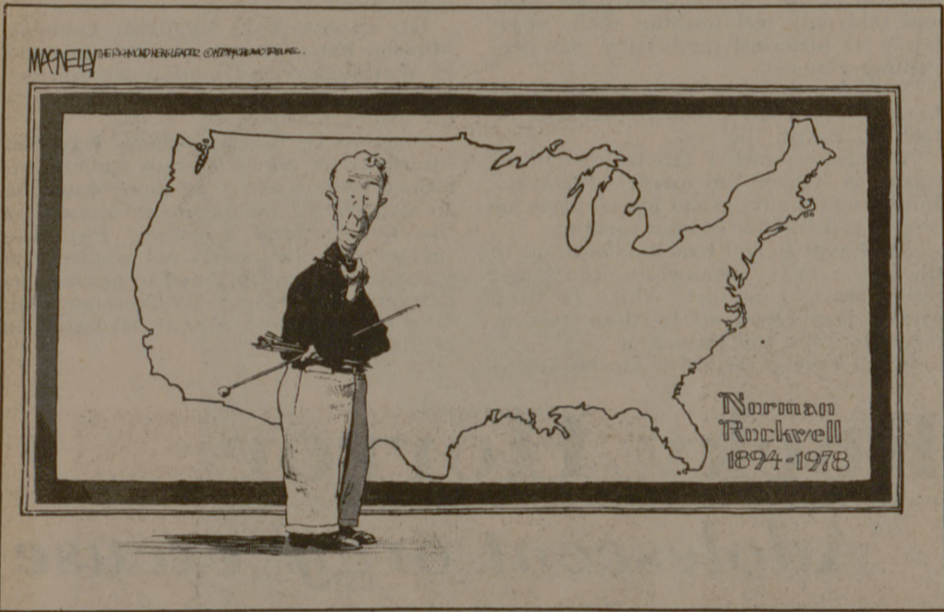
When these newcomers face a decision on foreign policy, they will not think of analogies to Munich or even, necessarily, to the San Francisco conference founding the United Nations.

When a tax policy question is before them, they will not hear the echoes of Franklin Roosevelt, Robert Taft, or even necessarily Hubert Humphrey.

They are creatures of a different, more skeptical and more equivocal age. And we must know that the government they will give us in their first term in office — a term which will extend into the 1980s — will be different from what we have known government to be in the past. To suppose otherwise is to imagine that generations make no difference.

But they make an incalculable difference, as we will all discover in the years just ahead.

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## Born 50 years too soon

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON — The Smithsonian Institution has announced plans to install a major exhibit next year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the invention of the light bulb.

Upon hearing about this, I got to wondering what sort of invention of Tom Edison might be working on if he were around today.

One possible answer turned up last week in a local newspaper. It was an item about the opening of a fashionable T-shirt boutique in Georgetown.

Up to now, the wellspring of T-shirt graphics, America's newest art form, has been our beach resorts.

Along many boardwalks, studios that transform skivvies into objets d'art have

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been giving stiff competition to junk food emporiums and electronic ping-pong arcades as the premier cultural manifestation.

But like suntans, T-shirts that turned vacationers into walking graffiti had seasonal demarcations.

The computer printout portrait, or the color photo of John Travolta, that embellished one's bosom at the beach somehow seemed less chic in an inland setting.

And the risqué witticisms worn with such flair upon one's chest at the seashore never were quite so droll when worn, say, at a mid-winter seminar on Byzantine in-

fluences in contemporary ski masks.

Thus one arrived at the end of summer with a collection of garments that had lost much of their relevancy, propriety and charm.

As is apparent from the advent of the Georgetown salon, T-shirt art is now entering a new era of year-round, in-town acceptability.

Here is where the reincarnated Thomas Edison comes in.

Were he back in the lab today, I feel certain the "wizard of Menlo Park" would be devoting his genius to inventing an apparatus that removes outdated inscriptions and inappropriate pictorial imprints from T-shirts.

This could prove almost as big a blessing as the incandescent lamp.

With a few modifications, the invention also could be used to expunge brand names and insignia from other personal items.

You see this stuff everywhere. Shoes, purses, neckties, sports shirts, etc., bearing some kind of advertising logo.

I envision a nationwide chain of franchised dealers not only at schlock centers such as boardwalks but also — yes! — at "with it" urban communities such as Georgetown.

Say you go out to buy a beverage cooler, and I did recently, and the only ones you can find are covered with replicas of beer labels. No problem. You just take it to the local T-shirt effacer and have it decommercialized.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not belittling the Smithsonian's tribute. Inventing the light bulb was certainly nothing to sneeze at. But where is Edison now that we really need him?

### Letters to the Editor

## Gay study's facts need qualifying

Editor:

I have taken time off from my rigorous studies to answer a letter that simply begs reply. It concerns the statements made in support of homosexuality and against "Today's Student" made by Messrs. Valois, Wheeler, Heemer, et al.

First, I would like to say that I find "Today's Student" to be a very interesting and informative publication, which is widely read about campus. There have been few complaints about the paper made other than by homosexuals and Iranians.

Secondly, I wish to qualify some of the statements made about homosexuality by the above students:

— "Homosexuals appear ... to be as psychologically well-adjusted as heterosexuals." This just says that "gays" are happy with the way they live. So are nymphomaniacs, exhibitionists, and sado-masochists.

— "Homosexual men and women tend to have more good, close friends than do heterosexuals ... heterosexuals are included." This does not say how many of their friends are heterosexual, just that they have some that are. Most of us do.

— "Homosexuals do not indulge in sexual violence ... as frequently as heterosexuals do." It is logical that one cannot overpower a person of one's own sex as easily as a man can overpower a woman. Also, remember that homosexual gang rapes are common in our prisons.

— "Homosexual males are not as likely to make objectional (sic) sexual advances." I would consider any homosexual advance to be objectional.

— "It is not true that a majority of homosexuals spend a good part of their lives cruising in search of sexual contacts." Does this explain why homosexuals are by far the major spreaders of gonorrhea in this country?

I have found that homosexuals are particularly and characteristically resistant to any thought of change in their abnormal lifestyle, when what they need is spirual

guidance. They would rather ask to be accepted as they are than to admit that they should repent.

Homosexuals should learn to open their minds and close their collective mouths.

— Paul A. Hughes, '80

Editor's note: the statements made in that letter were in reference to a study on homosexuality.

### Cartoon unjust

Editor:

First of all I don't care if you print this or not. This letter concerns the cartoon by Doug Graham Thursday, Nov. 9. That cartoon was not only in bad taste but also teetered on the edge of yellow journalism. Mr. Graham went beyond being opinionated and showed what appears to be his utmost contempt of the winning Republican candidates.

Agreed, Gov. Clements spent more money than did Hill in the general election. However in a democratic state such as ours, Republicans usually find it necessary to buy the publicity they need instead of the free endorsements which the multitude of Democrat-controlled newspapers give their candidates.

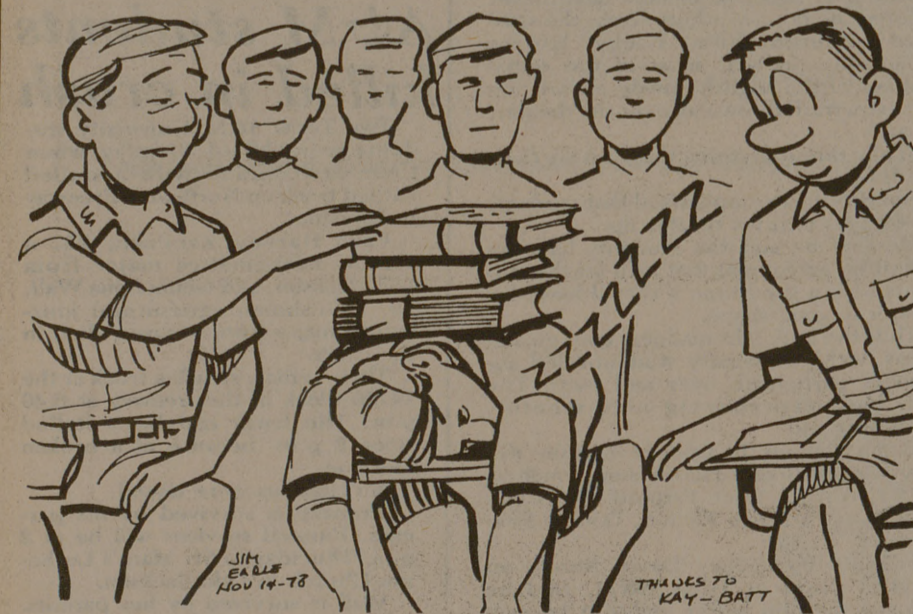
The implication that Gov. Clements bought the election would only be plausible if we were to assume that the majority of Texas voters are so shallow as to be influenced by high power politics. After all these are the same "shallow" voters that have elected Democrats for more than 100 years.

Too bad Mr. Graham missed his chance to ridicule Krueger by depicting him trying to bribe the La Baza Unida candidate or planting slanderous innuendos about Sen. Tower, his wife, and daughter.

I enjoy a good political cartoon. This is why I felt that I must write to protest this one.

— Timothy C. Fallon, '79

## Slouch by Jim Earle



"WE MAY AS WELL PUT HIM TO SOME USE, OTHERWISE HIS PRESENCE WILL BE A TOTAL LOSS!"

## TOP OF THE NEWS

### CAMPUS

#### Pig chase scheduled for Thursday

A greased pig chase will be at the Texas A&M University Animal Pavilion Thursday at 8 p.m. The contest, sponsored by the Memorial Student Center's Recreation Committee, is being staged to promote interest in Saturday's Texas A&M-Arkansas football game. Registration of competitors is being held in room 216 of the MSC. Each team will consist of four members, and a registration fee of \$4 per team will be charged.

### LOCAL

#### Police still looking for vandals

Bryan police are continuing the search for three youths thought to be connected with a burglary and criminal mischief case in which several hundred dollars worth of school materials at the Ben Milan School, 1201 Ridgedale, were destroyed. The juveniles apparently entered the building through a broken window and threw desk drawers on the floor, tore down sections of the ceiling and sprayed paint on record players, desks and floors. Two witnesses told police they had seen three young boys at the school at 3 p.m. Sunday.

### STATE

#### UH editor not fired for picture

The editor of the University of Houston student newspaper has been reprimanded for publishing a photograph of a man exposing himself. Lori Korleski, 22, editor of The Daily Cougar, was warned Monday not to repeat such incidents following a three-hour hearing by the student publications committee. The panel said the picture, taken at a street festival, reflected poor editorial judgment but did not constitute "sufficient" grounds for dismissal. The student-faculty committee has the power to hire and fire Daily Cougar editors.

#### Witness: Davis wanted 15 slain

A paranoid, vengeful T. Cullen Davis wanted 15 persons killed, including his younger brother and two judges, David McCrory, a friend-turned-informant, testified Tuesday at the millionaire's trial in Houston. "I felt like I could handle the situation," said McCrory. "I didn't know exactly what to do, but I thought if I went along with him I could talk him out of it or kid him out of it without anybody getting hurt. I felt like I could handle the situation. I told him, all right, we'd work on it." McCrory testified he would "have the murders taken care of" but instead went to the FBI when he became concerned for the safety of himself and his family.

#### Medical researcher fights for job

A researcher who claims he was suspended and will be fired for speaking out against mismanagement at the University of Texas Health Center in Tyler took his fight for his job before a hospital committee Tuesday. The hearing originally was to be closed to the media, but it was opened after it began at the request of Dr. Emir H. Shuford Jr., the suspended director of clinical studies, Center superintendent Dr. George A. Hurst at first fired Shuford outright Sept. 7, but then agreed to give him administrative leave with pay pending Tuesday's hearing. Among Shuford's charges is that Hurst's alleged ineffective management has cost the center a National Cancer Institute contract to help lung-damaged workers at a now-closed Tyler asbestos insulation plant.

### NATION

#### Man quits CIA after violation

CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner has accepted the resignation of a CIA specialist who acknowledged improperly passing a secret analysis on Soviet arms policy to a Senate opponent of the projected SALT pact. The case of David Sullivan, 35, an honors graduate of Harvard and a former Marine Corps captain, has upset high administration officials because they see it as an attempt by a disgruntled specialist to undermine Senate approval of a projected U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation pact. Neither Sullivan nor Richard Perle, the arms aide of Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., to whom Sullivan passed the report, was available for comment.

### WORLD

#### Italian terrorists bomb and burn

Terrorists staged a wave of minor bombing and arson attacks in central and northern Italy Tuesday in an apparent attempt to stop police from closing in on vital terrorist bases in the south. Bombs went off during the night outside a police station, a treasury office and the offices of a housing project in Florence. Two unexploded bombs were found at other places in the same city. Bombings were reported in Pisa at a bank and a state housing agency office and at Prato against the home of a former mayor. In Turin, police reported an arson attack against a metal firm. There were no injuries in any of the attacks and damage was slight.

### WEATHER

Cloudy skies and an 80% chance of rain today. High today of 60 and a low tonight of 48. Winds travelling at 15 - 20 mph.

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