

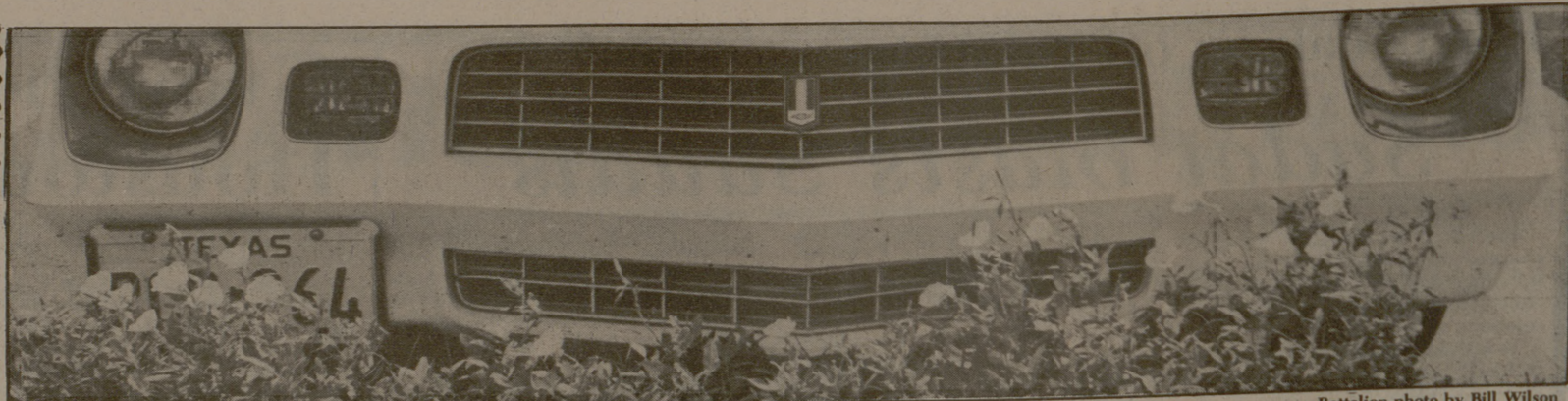
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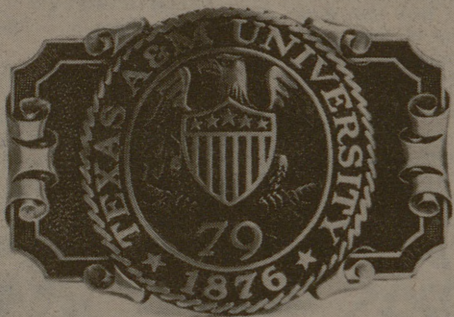
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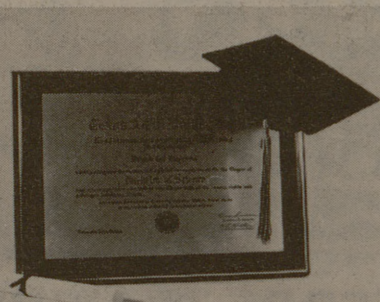
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House kills bill to pay inmates

United Press International
AUSTIN — Texas prison inmates have been making Illinois license plates but now the state plans to make its own tags, an action one lawmaker contends means state prison inmates can't be paid \$1 a day for their work.

The House abruptly killed a bill Monday authorizing \$1-a-day pay for Texas prison inmates. The vote came after House members were warned profits from the sale of merchandise made by inmates would not be sufficient to fund the plan, which would cost \$6.5 million annually.

Rep. Joe Hernandez, D-San Antonio, argued sales of materials produced by Department of Corrections inmates last year totaled almost \$25 million, and said that would easily finance a prisoner pay plan proponents claimed would reduce problems within prison walls.

But Rep. Jimmie Edwards, D-Conroe, chairman of the House Committee on Security and Sanctions, said the \$25 million figure included \$9 million from the manufacture of license plates for the state of Illinois.

He said that contract will not be

renewed because the Illinois prison is building its own plant to produce license plates.

Hernandez' bill would have drawn the money for the \$1-a-day pay from the prison system's Industrial Revolving Fund, which was established to receive revenue from sale of prison products and purchase equipment and raw materials for manufacturing programs.

"With the cost of this bill from the Industrial Revolving Fund, you're going to bust it, you're going to bankrupt it. The Industrial Revolving Fund cannot take this kind of bill to pay inmates \$1 a day," Edwards said.

He said the prison system would have to sharply increase the prices it charges other state and local agencies for prison-made products in order to support the inmate pay program.

Rep. Matt Garcia, D-San Antonio, said similar programs are in effect in 47 other states, and urged House members to adopt the pay plan. He also said he would offer an amendment to provide half the pay received by the inmates could be used to reimburse victims of their crimes.

But House members approved 69-59 Edwards' motion to table the bill without hearing any of the proposed amendments. The vote kills the issue for the session unless Hernandez can persuade some representatives to change their votes.

EPA says dumper should

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Environmental Protection Administration plans to sue several companies that dump toxic chemicals illegally. Congress is forcing the oil and chemical industries to pay for the cleanup.

Barbara Blum, deputy administrator of the EPA, said the effort is aimed at preventing such as that at the Love Canal in Niagara Falls, N.Y., where more than 200 families had to be evacuated because of seepage from a waste dump.

The EPA said it was spending \$1 million to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation to clean up the area. Blum said the EPA will send 50 staff members to work on toxic waste problems shortly. She asked Congress for an additional \$1 million and 190 jobs before the fall.

"Beginning in fiscal 1980, we will be able to refer as many as 100 cases per year to Justice (Department of Justice) for prosecution," she said. "In cases where federal legal action is impossible, we intend to take legal and technical support from state and local governments to carry out appropriate cleanup actions."

In addition, Blum said, the administration will ask Congress next month to create a \$400 million national emergency fund to clean up the oil and chemical industry that could be used to clean up chemical spills.

She said the EPA already is collecting data at 44 dumpsites and plans to urge clean up of 100 more.

The EPA has estimated that between 1,200 and 2,000 hazardous dumpsites are scattered across the country. Last November, it identified 102 of them, and Monday it added 10 more to the list.

But the agency said it had identified 100 more sites that posed an immediate threat either because they were cleaned up or because additional investigation showed they posed major problems.

Woman lived with garbage, fortune

United Press International
CINCINNATI — Suburban Cheviot police are trying to unravel the riddle of Genette Lemmon, an 81-year-old woman who lived without water, surrounded by heaps of trash and a million-dollar fortune.

When Lemmon died at General Hospital Friday, police were alerted by neighbors who had tried to help her while she was alive. Heaps of garbage, police discovered an apparent fortune of more than \$1 million.

"Try imagining how your house would look if you hadn't put away your garbage for 15 years and if you lived without water," said Police Chief Donald Mackie.

"We found \$42,000 in cash, plus stocks, bonds and uncashed checks we catalogued as worth \$502,000. We found one bank book with \$240,000 on deposit."

"And that doesn't include stock in such firms as General Motors, Cincinnati Bell, Cincinnati Gas & Electric, El Paso Natural Gas, Firestone," said Mackie.

"There are hundreds of envelopes containing such stocks and bonds that can tell from the interest she was getting she was worth more than \$1 million," said Mackie.

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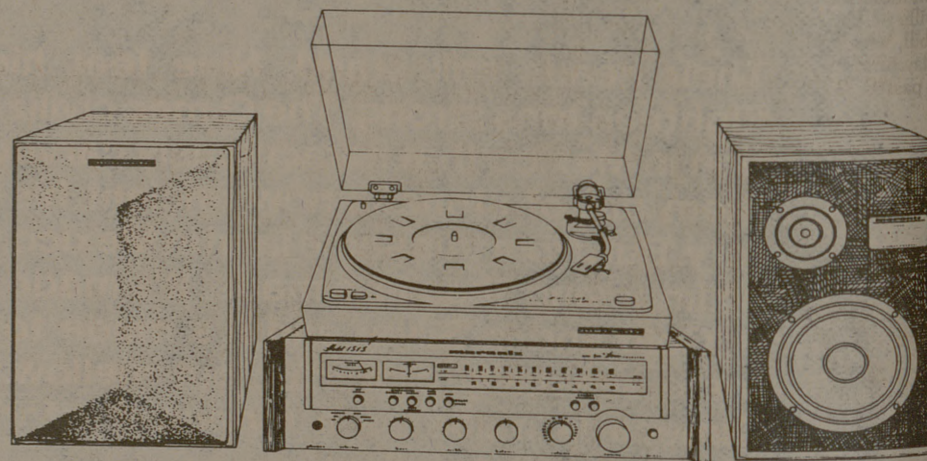
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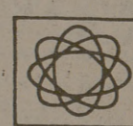
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