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Flat Earth Society calls shuttle orbit runaround

LANCASTER, Calif. arles Johnson, president of e Flat Earth Society, says he asitall figured out — the space nuttle Columbia didn't really rbit Earth

Johnson Sunday called the .S. space program "a con-nuing giant ripoff of the taxwers of America.

The Columbia lifted off all ght, Johnson says. "But it idn't orbit the earth," he said. t can't be done. The earth is

"Are they hanging by their

feet in Australia? No they

aren't. Johnson said the Columbia took off from Cape Canaveral and landed at sea a few minutes later

Landed at sea? "Of course," he said. "Those big tanks keep it from sinking.

The films purportedly taken from space were done in a studio, Johnson said. It was done just like in "Buck Rogers," he explained.

He said Saturday's spectacular landing was accomplished by hauling the shuttle aloft and dropping it over the desert air it, he said.

base near Lancaster where he

lives. He isn't sure how it got from the Atlantic Ocean to Edwards. 'We don't know all the details,' he said. "Magicians saw ladies in half.

Johnson said the space prog-ram is run by professional cri-minals. "You know how Florida is - riddled with crime," he said.

Johnson said the round earth myth is an old superstition. In-telligent people know it is flat, but reactionaries don't believe

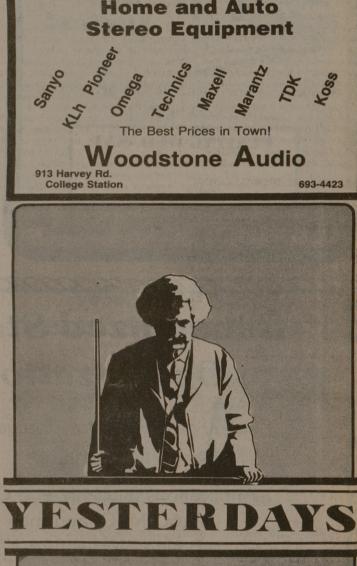
Fake burglaries are ignored social psychologist at Fordham University, conducted the New York study, which was published in this week's New York maga-NEW YORK — Students faked car burglaries to see if New Yorkers would intervene, but unlike

> larize their cars and then surveyed passersby for their reactions. The daytime car break-ins were staged in midtown Manhattan from October 1977 to September 1980 with student volunteers using coat hangers to break into the

passersby feared being harmed for intervening, Takooshian placed a uniformed police officer 50 feet from some of the cars broken into, the magazine said.

The survey said most of thos who offered to help the "crimin als," including several police offic ers, were "naive samaritans" who did not know a theft was in prog

The rest of the passersby simply did not notice or ignored the break-ins.



NAACP leader wants more blacks in U.S. space program

United Press International BALTIMORE — The presi-dent of the regional NAACP says he's tired of seeing whites "gain all the glory" from the U.S. space program and he wants to see a black astronaut in space sometime soon. Following the landing of the

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shuttle Columbia, Emmett Burns said, "I'm sick and tired of seeing the great white fathers gain all the glory and see my people with nothing gained.

Burns emphasized he is not accusing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of

racisim, but said: "I can certainly charge delay and neglect as to blacks in space. Burns, in a recent letter to

NASA administrator James Beggs, asked: "Must black Americans wait another 25 years in the history of the prog-ram before they lift off?"

and uneven," said Richard T. Cur-tin, director of the survey on consumer attitudes.

United Press International IANN ARBOR, Mich. — Re-searchers predict that consumers will avoid going into debt by not purchasing such large assets as cars and houses and by putting 'Large discretionary purchases will continue to be responsive to trends in interest rates, but more their money in savings from now until early 1982. favorable employment and real income trends are needed before sustained growth in housing and vehicle sales can be expected," he A study by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Re-

said During July and September of 1981, the research institute concontributing to the trend toward ducted its 156th survey of consumer attitudes which targeted Growth in consumer sales 2,000 respondents. The results during the balance of 1981 and were compiled to measure conearly 1982 will continue to be slow sumer buying attitudes.

Surgery removing fetus considered breakthrough

United Press International SAN FRANCISCO surgeons operated on a fetus and eturned the unborn baby to the mother's womb where it survived tofull term, the University of California Medical Center has dis-

Drs. Michael Harrison, Mitchell S. Golbus and Roy A. Filly. It took place in the 21st week of the pre-Confirming

cause of undeveloped lungs — a complication not directly related were concerned the report might not be published in an accredited

to the operation, which corrected a severe urinary tract blockage that would have killed the fetus

early in the pregnancy. The procedure is considered a breakthrough because the pre-gnancy continued for the full

closed. The operation was performed on an unidentified San Francisco Bay area woman four to five area woman four to five area woman four to five bay area woman four to five area woman four to five to five the operation was performed to five to

acc in the 21st week of the pre-mancy. The baby died after birth be-ass of undeveloped lungs - a

journal because unauthorized sources had leaked it to the press. Earlier attempts at operating on

a fetus to correct defects have been unsuccessful because of the threat of miscarriage. Surgery stimulates the uterus to go into labor and the fetus is pushed out. New drugs and ultrasound tech-

niques to view the fetus and pre-vent contractions enabled the recent successful operation.

The 11/2-hour procedure necessitated cutting into the mother's uterine wall, withdrawing the lower half of the fetus and returning it after about 30 minutes, a medical source familiar with the operation said

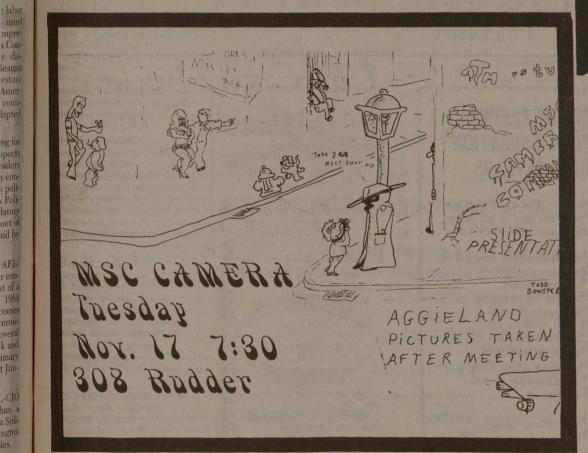


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Police give hand to 'thieves'

people in San Fancsico and Phoenix, only a few challenged the "thieves." Some New Yorkers

even offered to help the criminals. A study showed that only 12 out

of about 8,000 people who passed

search said consumer worries ab-

out high interest rates, unemploy-

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The study said that 40 passersby ress.

offered to help the "thieves" and five witnesses to the break-ins demanded part of the loot for their

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