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Fourth suspect surrenders in spy scandal

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SAN FRANCISCO — A fourth man was arrested Monday in the sale of military secrets to the Soviets by a family spy ring allegedly masterminded by a retired Navy communications specialist, the government announced.

The latest suspect, Jerry Whitworth, 45, of Davis, was previously known only by the code-name "D" and surrendered here, U.S. Attorney Joseph Russoniello said. An FBI agent said more arrests were expected.

Whitworth, who federal officials said had access to sensitive communications code techniques for 10 years and had stolen classified communications documents, entered no plea at an arraignment. He was ordered held without bail pending a detention hearing Friday and preliminary hearing June 18.

Whitworth apparently is not related to three members of the same family who already have been arrested: John A. Walker, 47, alleged kingpin of the spy ring, and his son, Michael, 22.

Arthur J. Walker, 50, John Walker's brother, also has been arrested.

An affidavit filed in support of the charges alleges Whitworth conspired with the Walkers to "communicate, deliver and transmit" defense secrets to the Soviet Union.

In August 1977, the affidavit contends, Whitworth traveled to Hong Kong to meet with John Walker. Whitworth later "stole classified and sensitive documents relating to naval communications and communications security from the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif.," the affidavit says. After his retirement, Whitworth worked at Alameda as a defense contractor.

"The affidavit makes clear that Mr. Whitworth, by virtue of his radio communications position, had access to some of the most classified communications data that we had," Russoniello said after the arraignment, adding that Whitworth passed

the information to John Walker, who passed it on to the Soviets.

FBI Special Agent John H. Peterson said in the affidavit that on May 11, 1984, a letter was received by the FBI's San Francisco office, which had been postmarked in Sacramento. The letter from "Rus, Somewhere, USA" was addressed to the "Agent in Charge."

"In this letter 'Rus' states that he has been involved in espionage for several years and that he has passed top secret cryptographic keylists for military communications and other intelligence information to his contact who provided the information to agents of the USSR," Peterson said.

'Rus' turned out to be Whitworth, who surrendered Monday afternoon in San Francisco following issuance of a federal espionage complaint by a U.S. magistrate in northern California.

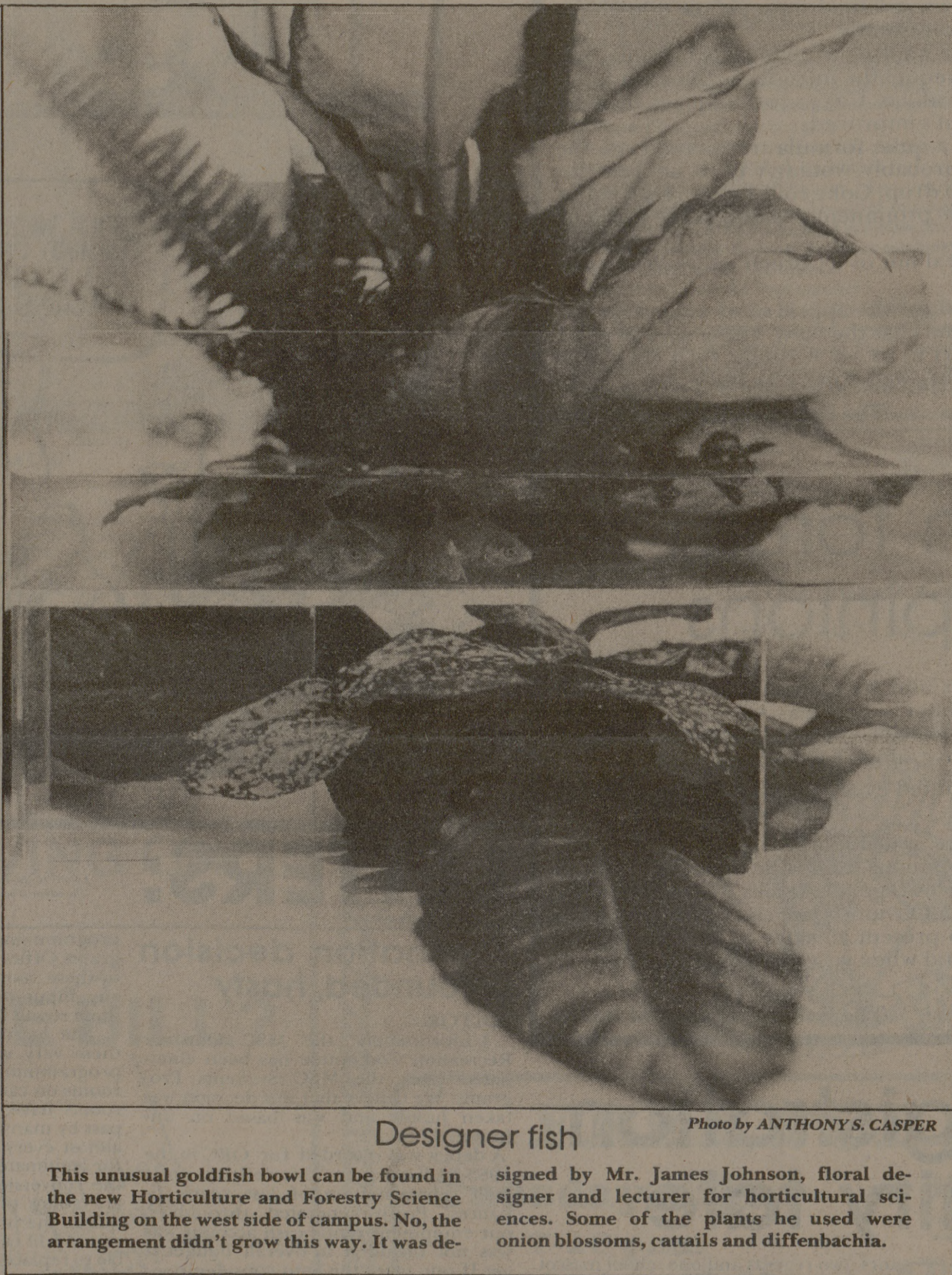
Whitworth, currently unemployed, joined the Navy in 1960 and retired in 1983 as a senior chief radioman, the government said.

The bureau also said that Whitworth was assigned to the Service School Command in San Diego as a communications instructor during the period of October 1970 through Jan. 31, 1973. John Walker was the assistant director of Radioman (A) School at the school from September 1969 to December 1971, officials have said.

The FBI said that from 1973 through October 1983, Whitworth had various positions in the Navy, "usually involving security clearances and crypto communications duties."

Earlier Monday, Arthur Walker, a retired Navy officer who allegedly was part of a family spy ring that sold military secrets to the Soviets, asked for court-appointed lawyers as he faced a preliminary hearing in Norfolk, Va., on espionage charges.

John Walker and his son Michael are scheduled to be arraigned in Baltimore on Tuesday.



Designer fish

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

This unusual goldfish bowl can be found in the new Horticulture and Forestry Science Building on the west side of campus. No, the arrangement didn't grow this way. It was de-

signed by Mr. James Johnson, floral designer and lecturer for horticultural sciences. Some of the plants he used were onion blossoms, cattails and diffenbachia.

Employees at A&M get new benefit

By JERRY OSLIN
Staff Writer

Humana Hospital of Bryan is offering a 5 percent discount on all hospital services to Texas A&M University System employees who participate in the system's group health plan.

Cecilia McInnis-Bowers, the hospital's director of public relations, said the discount is part of a program offered by the hospital to help local employers curb health care costs.

Humana's program, "Passport to Health," also allows A&M employees to pre-register for hospital services, which saves time and reduces stress, McInnis-Bowers said.

The program covers employees and their dependents who are covered by their employer's insurance company.

Under the program, employees will not be required to pay their bills upon hospital admission or when they are discharged. They will be billed for the amount not covered by their insurance company.

Employees covered by the program also will receive newsletters describing the hospital's services, special programs and seminars.

The program is a courtesy to local employers to help them control rising health care costs, McInnis-Bowers said. But the program does not bind employers or their employees to any contract or agreement.

To be eligible for the program, employees must fill out an application which is available through their employer. The hospital will then send the employee a card enabling him to receive the benefits.

Employees must provide personal and medical information about themselves and their dependents when they apply for the program. They also must give the name of their insurance company.

To become eligible for the program, the company or employer agrees to encourage its employees to join the program through a memo or through an employee meeting.

The program is free for employers and employees.

RCC promoting Sexual Assault Awareness Week

By BRIAN PEARSON
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Local volunteers are working to increase community awareness of sexual assault and prevent the term "rape" from being an unspoken four-letter word.

This week, through Saturday, has been declared by Gov. Mark White as Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

During this week the Brazos County Rape Crisis Center is trying to educate the public on sexual assault, inform citizens of services available to rape victims and to recruit volunteers by radio, television and newspaper advertising, a spokeswoman for the center said Monday.

"We, as a rape crisis center, want society to quit accepting rape as if it were something that is always going

to exist, and help us to make it a crime that will hopefully one day not be in existence," said Linda Castoria, RCC executive director.

She said the number of client cases in 1985 is higher than in 1984, possibly because more victims are reporting sexual assault now. She estimated that one out-of-five rapes now are reported, instead of one out-of-10 previously.

She said more victims are reporting sexual assaults not only because there are more places to turn for help, but also because people are less frightened of the court procedures, which are not like the ones dramatized on television.

"They no longer put you on the stand and badger you," she said.

Castoria said the courts do not pry into the victim's past unless nec-

essary, and only ask the basic questions of who, where, when and how.

She said society must become more aware of sexual assault and create stricter laws which punish the rapist and provide better counseling.

"We are asking society, will we begin updating our laws to protect the victim rather than the rapist so we can make this a rape-free society instead of a rape-prone society," Cas-

toria said.

She said the RCC has received 12 actual client cases — where victims reveal their names — and eight anonymous cases from Jan. 1 to May 31. From Oct. 3, 1983 to Dec. 31, 1984, the center received a total of 41 cases.

The Brazos Valley RCC offers a 24-hour counseling service and support groups for victims.

President declares disaster in tornado-ravaged states

Associated Press

President Reagan signed disaster declarations for 12 Pennsylvania and four Ohio counties Monday as officials attempted to estimate the damage caused by a pack of tornadoes that swept through parts of three states and Canada, killing at least 86 people.

"I sympathize with the people of this region," Reagan said, "and I salute their courage in facing the tremendous task of rebuilding their lives and communities laid waste by the storm."

The order frees federal funds for low-interest loans, grants of up to \$5,000 and temporary housing assistance.

The tornadoes caused at least

\$250 million in damage, most of it in Pennsylvania, where 1,700 buildings were destroyed, 62 people killed and 700 people injured.

There were 12 deaths in Ohio and damage in western New York state and the Canadian province of Ontario, where 12 people died.

Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste told the Federal Emergency Management Agency that an estimated 175 families were left homeless by 28 tornadoes that touched down in 11 Ohio counties. The state has estimated damage at \$45 million.

No figures on the homeless in Pennsylvania were available.

The president directed Vice President George Bush to inspect the stricken areas Tuesday.

Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Thornburgh said the state will focus on the town of Wheatland, where Mayor Helen Doby said 95 percent of the town's industry had been destroyed at a cost of \$50 million.

George Dahlin, borough president of the hard-hit Erie County, Pa., town of Albion, said he had been forced to delay a full-scale cleanup effort while he sorted out the responsibilities of insurance companies and federal, state and local governments.

Officials in New York's Chautauque County, on the Pennsylvania border, estimated between \$3.5 million and \$4 million in damage to eight communities.

Plight of black children

Poverty rate on the rise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Black children are losing ground in American society, according to a new study by the Children's Defense Fund.

The study says that statistics have reached levels that essentially guarantee the poverty of black children for the foreseeable future.

The fund, a liberal lobbying group for child welfare, said federal budget cuts since 1980 have reduced spending in "survival programs" for poor families and children by \$10 billion a year. The group said the cuts are showing in the statistics.

The group said black children are more likely today to be born in poverty than five years ago.

In 1979, the group said, 63.1 per-

cent of black children in female-headed families lived in poverty, as were 18.7 percent of black children in two-parent or male-headed families. By 1983, those figures were 68.5 percent and 23.6 percent, respectively.

The group said mothers of black children are now less likely to have proper medical care during pregnancy and are more likely to be unmarried or under age 20.

One of the parents is more likely to be unemployed, the group said, and the children are more likely to be unemployed as teen-agers. And if these children graduate from high school, they are less likely to attend college.

Marian Wright Edelman, CDF

president, released the results of the study Monday. She also said some statistical pointers indicate that this trend will continue for a long time.

She said that in 1950 only 18 percent of black infants were born to an unwed mother, but in 1982, more than 55 percent of black infants were born out of wedlock. Among infants born to black teen-agers, 36 percent of the mothers were unmarried in 1950. By 1982, that figure was 86 percent.

More gaps are apparent in other areas, she said. According to the report, black children are twice as likely as white children to die in the first year of life or be born prematurely; three times as likely to die of child abuse and five times as likely to be dependent on welfare.