

# News in Brief

## Six Senate workers arrested on drug charges

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Six Senate employees, into Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., were arrested on Capitol Hill Thursday for possession and use of marijuana. A spokesman for Schweiker said his aide would be fired at once.

One of the six also was charged with possession of PCP, a chemical sometimes called "angel dust."



Tito

## Some success in Tito's treatment

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia (UPI) — Doctors Thursday reported yet another small success in their battle to keep Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito alive, but the condition of the 87-year-old leader was still grave.

The daily bulletin from his eight-man medical team said internal stomach bleeding reported in the past few days had been almost completely stopped.

## Woman claims record rafting Atlantic

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (UPI) — A former airline hostess and her boyfriend, claiming a record for a woman, completed a 67-day crossing of the Atlantic Ocean aboard a home-made raft Thursday, defying storms, shark scares and a fall into the sea.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the trip," said Margaretha Arens, 34, of Hilversum Holland, Thursday. "But I don't plan to do it again."

Women have rafted across the Atlantic before as a group but record-keepers said this was the first known case of a single woman completing the crossing.

## Small amount of radiation released from TMI

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UPI) — Technicians at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant scrambled Thursday to locate a suspected leak of contaminated water from the cooling system of the disabled Unit No. 2 reactor that caused a small release of radiation into the atmosphere.

Spokesmen for plant operator Metropolitan Edison Co. and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said the release occurred early Thursday morning after an alarm sounded at 1 a.m. in the Unit No. 2 auxiliary building, indicating increased airborne radiation.

## U.S. balance of payments improves

WASHINGTON (UPI) — After two years of big deficits, the United States brought its international payments into virtual balance in 1979, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The payments deficit for 1979 as a whole was only \$317 million, compared to deficits of \$14 billion in 1977 and \$135 billion in 1978.

## Kidnapped baby girl found safe

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A baby girl stolen from her mother in a maternity ward was found unharmed Thursday in a Knoxville home and police took into custody a former mental patient who had longed for her own child.

Police identified the suspect as Hilda Jean Lawson, 26, a former patient at mental health centers in Knoxville.

Miss Lawson was charged with kidnapping. Detective George Hipshire said she would be held under \$100,000 bond.

The infant, 5-day-old Erica Elaine Adams, was taken from her mother Wednesday afternoon by a woman posing as an employee at Knoxville's University Hospital.

## Budget panel recommends cuts to defense

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Budget Committee recommended Thursday that Congress cut \$1.4 billion from President Carter's proposed defense budget, eliminate \$1.7 billion in aid to states and end Saturday mail subsidies.

The decision on defense spending indicates the Pentagon's budget is likely to be a point of contention in coming months as Congress tries to balance the fiscal 1981 federal budget.

If Congress goes along with the panel's recommendation, the Pentagon would have a budget of \$147.9 billion next year, down from the \$149.3 billion Carter proposed in January.

The committee recommended the Defense Department reduce its management costs by \$1 billion and save another \$400 million through personnel moves. It did not recommend any cutbacks in weapons programs.

## State lists daily lottery numbers

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — The New York state daily lottery numbers, drawn Thursday and applying to weekly lottery cards dated March 17 - March 21, 1980:

Daily number: 322  
 Bonus number: 6  
 Matching the three-digit daily number wins \$300.  
 Matching the bonus number in the doubler circle makes a winning daily number worth \$600. Matching the bonus number in the tripler circle makes a winning daily number worth \$900.

# Cancer Society changes guidelines on checkups

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The American Cancer Society Thursday revised its recommendations for cancer checkups, reducing in some cases the frequency of suggested tests aimed at detecting malignancies in their earliest, most treatable stages.

The new, more conservative recommendations represent a major change in policy for the nation's leading private anticancer organization. They were endorsed in general by the government's National Cancer Institute.

The checkup changes, the first since the society began issuing such recommendations in the 1950s, take into account the latest information on the risks, costs and effectiveness of various cancer detection techniques.

The new advice no longer recommends annual chest X-rays for symptom-less smokers and other high-risk individuals over age 40, and reduces the recommendation for an annual Pap test for cervical cancer to every three years for low-risk women over 20.

It also cuts back the frequency of recommended sigmoidoscopic exams for colon cancer from annual tests for those over 40 to one every 3 to 5 years for those over 50. Recommendations for pelvic exams for women under 40 were cut back from annually to once every three years.

Recommendations remained the same for standard monthly breast self-examination for women over

20, and annual digital rectal examinations by physicians for men and women over 40.

General checkups were recommended annually for those over 40 to look for cancers of the thyroid, testicles, prostate, ovaries, lymph nodes, oral region and skin. Such exams are advised every three years for men and women between 20 and 40.

Dr. S.B. Gusberg, president of the society, said the new recommendations will deliver essentially the same health benefits as earlier recommendations "at a greatly reduced cost, risk and inconvenience to the patient."

The risks of the individual examinations such as the radiation hazards of X-rays weighed heavily in the decision by the society's directors to revise the cancer checkup recommendations. Risks were compared with test effectiveness as demonstrated by recent studies.

Gusberg emphasized the new recommendations apply only to tests designed to detect cancer, and are for people without cancer symptoms.

People with recognizable signs of cancer should seek immediate medical help, he said.

Cancer warning signals include a change in bowel or bladder habits, a sore that does not heal, unusual bleeding, thickening or a lump in the breast or elsewhere, indigestion or difficulty in swallowing, obvious change in a wart or mole, and nagging cough or hoarseness.

## Board approves Thruway rate hike

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — The three-member board of the state Thruway Authority Thursday voted to hike tolls on the 559-mile superhighway 25 percent for passenger cars and 30 percent for commercial traffic around August 1.

The rate hike, the first in five years, is designed to raise \$140 million for major rehabilitation work on the 20-25-year-old road over the next five years.

"This work has to be done to keep

the Thruway safe," explained Executive Director James Martin. "There are 819 bridges in the system and many need major rehabilitation."

The increase would boost the toll for a passenger car traveling between Albany and New York City from \$2.30 to about \$2.90 (excluding tolls south of the Thruway), and boost the cost of a trip between Albany and Buffalo from \$5.30 to about \$6.75.

## Spurney denies blame for problems

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (UPI) — The general manager of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics, responding to a report blaming him for transportation troubles during the Winter Games, says a bus driver shortage caused the massive problems.

Petr Spurney Wednesday responded to criticism by Assistant Industrial Commissioner Theodore Testo, who told a state legislative panel that Spurney caused the problems when he failed to "properly

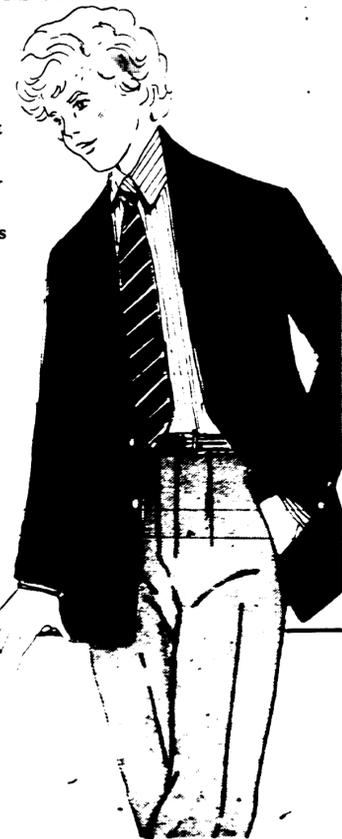
plan for the scheduling and supervision of bus drivers and inadequate number of servicing buses."

Testo's comments came in a statement, released Tuesday by Sen. Roy Goddman, R-Manhattan, chairman of the committee looking into problems at the Games.

Spurney said he was only trying to get a Canadian bus firm, Rive Sud, to do a job worth the \$450,000 paid in advance to the company.

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