



William Penn Elementary School students recently conducted a meteorology experiment using helium filled balloons. The students, aid-

ed by CSB Physics Professor Dan Detwiler, attached post cards to the balloons in an effort to measure the speed and direction of wind currents.

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The Plight of Abandoned Children

by Karlene Keosheyian

Would you allow your child to live in an environment so dirty that he would get lice and sores all over his body?

Would you let him get so filthy that flies would swarm over to him?

And would you force him to live in large dormitories that smell of spoiled milk, with many other children?

Probably not.

Yet that is what many Mexican parents do or are forced to do when they leave their children in orphanages in Mexico.

The children at these orphanages are not orphans in the sense that they have no parents. They do have parents. Parents who sometimes come to visit them. Parents who abandon them.

Why do they leave them at these orphanages?

"Many reasons," said one Mexican woman in Spanish. She runs an orphanage about twenty miles south of the border.

"The cannot afford to keep them, or the children are just too much trouble to have around," she continued.

The orphanage she runs is owned by the government. Government owned orphanages are usually in worse condition than those owned privately because they must operate on a lower budget.

Parents who leave their children at private orphanages pay a small subsistence.

Privately owned ones are more like day care centers. They have better facilities and sometimes include some type of schooling.

This particular orphanage, like many others, does receive help in the way of food, clothing, and time spent with the children from private U.S. citizens and various Mexican and U.S. organizations.

"We try to visit as often as we can," said one woman who has just pulled up in a station wagon filled with food, toys, and clothing.

The children run out to help carry the supplies inside. They search through the boxes for toys, grabbing whatever catches their fancy.

One little boy can be seen in the background with a toy truck he has found. His pants are apparently dirty, for they are caked with flies moving around like bees on a beehive. No one seems even to notice him.

The orphanage itself is a one story dirty white building, containing two large dormitories, one for the boys and one for the girls, and another small room for the little babies.

The children eat in a large living type room because of the space needed to feed them all.

"We have anywhere from 50 to 100 children here at a time," the Mexican woman said. "They range in age from a few months to around 12 years old."

The children eat three times each day. They stand outside the back door in two lines with the littlest ones first.

Most of the children have no shoes and they jump around on the hot pavement looking for a little shade to stand in while they wait.

"Grace" is said in Spanish before they are fed. After being given a cup of water they go inside to get their food. Many of them come back outside to eat. Flies crawl over their food, and the children are lucky if insects fly away before they take the next bite.

Some of these children's parents do come to get them after a while, but for various reasons they are forced to bring them back.

There are a few lucky ones who are fortunate enough to get adopted. However, this procedure is not an easy one.

The children have to be left at the orphanage for six months without their parents coming to see them before they can be considered abandoned and become adoptable.

This is not as simple as it may sound. If the child's parents come to see him just one day before the six months is to end, the child has to start the six month period over again.

Such was the case of one 3-year-old boy who was about to be adopted by a man from California.

The man became acquainted with the little boy by taking him fishing and on other outings. He was looking forward to becoming a father.

Just a couple of weeks before the six month period was to end, the boy's mother came to see him.

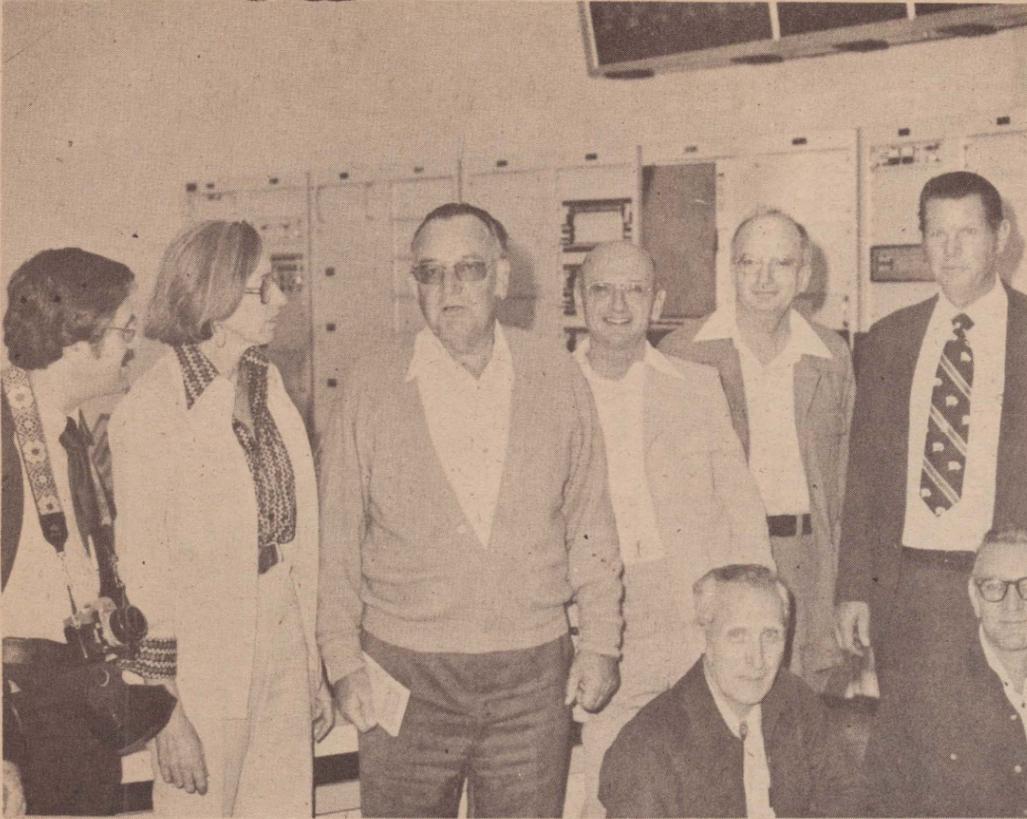
The little boy now must go through another six month period, continuing to live in the same inhumane conditions he has known for the past several months.

It is sad when one considers he could have been adopted. Adopted by someone who could provide him with the love and medical attention he would need.

For these children desperately need some type of medical attention. Many of them have lice and several are covered with pus filled sores which they pick at until they bleed and fester. One can only imagine the types of internal and unseen medical problems they might have.

Many of these children, especially the younger ones, don't seem to realize that anything is wrong or different. They play with their toys and each other and almost seem content to live the daily routine of eating and playing with an occasional bath and change of clothes.

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Former Governor Edmund Brown (center) joined Dept. of Water Resources Director Ron Robie (left) and Resources Agency Director Claire Dedrick on a recent tour of California Aqueduct facilities near Bakersfield. Local aqueduct administrators are also pictured.

Christmas Seen Round the World

by Marijana Maric

Christmas is celebrated many different ways in foreign lands.

In France, the children sing songs as they go into the woods to gather holly, berries, and lichens with which to build the creche (a nativity scene).

On Christmas Eve, the creche is surrounded by candles, which are lighted each evening until Epiphany. Children believe in La Pere Noel (Father Christmas), who brings them gifts if they are good.

During this season, beggars are allowed to sing before the houses and money is thrown to them. Sometimes, the coins are wrapped in paper which is set afire, so the money can be found more easily.

Germany celebrates the Christmas holiday for three days. Among their customs is

Distribution Day, during which poor children are gifted with clothing.

Then there is Christ-market, where, in snowy alleys, booths are set up, displaying nutcrackers, jumping jacks, incense burners, and gingerbread men.

Just before Christmas, an oddly dressed character called Ruprecht goes to each house, inquiring if the children have been good and have said their prayers. Every home has a Christmas tree, and on Christmas Eve the family circles the tree singing, Heilige Nacht (Silent Night).

A full month before Christmas every home in Italy is busy making shrines depicting the birth of Christ. Fresh green grass and toy animals are placed on a wooden tray, with a baby doll.

In shop windows, house windows, and doorways, one sees these trays. The dark city streets are lighted only by the flicker of candles around these shrines.

On Christmas Eve, from the hills come the sound of bagpipes and the brightly colored players, come marching into town. These are shepherds who pipe carols before each shop in town in honor of the Holy Child;

CSUC Student Trustee Re-elected

The California State University and Colleges Student Presidents Association in an overwhelming vote of confidence has decided to allow Student Trustee, Kathleen Carlson to continue serving in this capacity for at least one additional year.

Carlson who was appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor Brown in March, 1976, was selected by the Governor from a list of five names that were nominated by the CSUCSPA earlier this year. This procedure was followed as a result of Senate Bill 534 which provided for a student member of the Board of Trustees who would serve for one year.

During this past legislative year, the legislature passed and the Governor signed Assembly Bill 2932 which provides that the student member shall serve for two years rather than one.

However, with AB 2932 becoming law on Jan. 1, 1977, there was some question as to whether or not Carlson would be entitled to a second year as the Student Trustee.

After considerable consultation with the Governor's Office and the legal staff of the Chancellor's Office, the CSUCSPA voted to suspend the current application procedures for the selection of nominations to the Governor. The Governor would have selected from a list of nominations the replacement for Carlson whose term would have ended as soon as this replacement was appointed by the Governor.

However, Section 1302 of the Government Code provides that a member of the Board of Trustees shall serve until such time as a replacement has been appointed by the Governor.

Announcing ...

Sunday Night ...
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The first annual Foot Ball was a complete success. The dance raised \$463.60 for the

Special Olympics fund. Everyone of the 250 to 275 people present had a good time dancing to the music of Axis and Cedar Street bands. The dance included participants from area high schools, Bakersfield College, and CSB who joined together to contribute to a good cause.

NTE TESTS will be given on Feb. 19, 1977 and July 16, 1977. The closing dates to file are Jan. 27, 1977 for the first test (a listening test), and June 23, 1977, for the second.

LSAT TESTS will be given on Feb. 5, 1977 (closing date to file Jan. 6, 1977) and on April 16, 1977 (closing date March 17, 1977).

GRE TESTS will be given on Jan. 8, Feb. 26 (aptitude test only will be administered), April 23, and June 11, 1977. The closing dates to file (respectively) are: Dec. 7, 1976, Jan. 26, Mar. 23, and May 11, 1977.

The GMAT TEST will be given on March 26, 1977. The closing date to file is March 4, 1977.

Sierra Club Introduction

The Kern-Keweah Chapter of the Sierra Club is sponsoring a membership drive for new members during the month of December and it will begin with a slide presentation on the Sierra Club on the evening of Dec. 8.

At 7:30 p.m., in the Beale Library auditorium a slide program entitled "The Sierra Club: An Introduction" will be shown and to be followed by a question and answer portion during which members of the chapter's executive board will field questions from the audience. Chapter chairman John Ludeke and conservation chairman Joe Fontaine will give summaries of the programs that the chapter has sponsored in the last year.

Founded in 1892 by John Muir, the Sierra Club works in the United States and other countries to restore the quality of the natural environment and supports the education of the public towards this goal.

The Kern-Kaweah chapter, which includes parts of Tulare county and all of Kern county, has sponsored backpacking trips, family camping trips, day outings, a Kern River clean-up, and is concerned with local environmental issues. In January the chapter holds its annual banquet with this year's being devoted to the 25th anniversary of the chapter.

All members of the public are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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Hannukah Story as Told to a Child

What awe, what wonderment, what envy I felt whenever I saw a friend's Christmas tree. As a youngster, all my playmates told me their trees miraculously appeared on Christmas morning, fully decorated, laden with popcorn, cranberries, and candy canes. And, oh, the presents underneath it!

"Ah," I said to myself, "the only thing I need to have all that glory to myself is a TREE," and with childish fervor proceeded to accomplish that fact. A few weeks before Christmas when my first grade teacher asked which children would not have trees for the holiday, I raised my hand. I was promptly placed on the charity list. Deceit had furthered my plan. Little did my teacher realize that I wasn't going to have a tree because I was Jewish, not because I was poor.

Lo and behold, the tree was brought to my home by a delegation of people on Christmas Eve, along with a basket of goodies for a Christmas feast. My mother thanked them kindly, explained the situation and invited them in for coffee and cake. (Always in our household the standard operating procedure in times of stress was to eat first and talk about it later.)

"Why, my child," she chided me after the people left,

"did you say we NEEDED a tree?"

"I didn't say we NEEDED a tree, Momma," I cried, "I just said we wouldn't have one."

And so once again my mother told me the story of Hannukah to assuage my crushed feelings about the tree.

"Although Hannukah comes at the same time as Christmas, a little before sometimes and sometimes a little after, it is more like Independence Day than Christmas in its concept.

"The story of the Maccabees, a small band of Jews under the leadership of Judah, who overcame the tyranny of Antiochus Epiphanes in the 2nd Century B.C., is the essence of Hannukah, and the miracle that followed is still celebrated.

"On a hill called Masada, Judah, his sons and his brothers fought against an overwhelming army of Assyrians. They overcame the horde, and gave independence to the Jews of that area.

"The idolators had sacked the Temple and desecrated the holy place, and so the Jews, now freed from slavery, set about cleaning and restoring the Temple to its glory.

"In their search for pure oil with which to light the eternal lamp (Ner Tamid) over the altar, only one small cruse was found. That was only enough

to keep the lamp burning for one day. But, the Jews went ahead with the rededication of the Temple and in the meanwhile sent a messenger to a nearby town for more oil.

"In those days it took about eight days to go and return, even if the runner was fast. On and on burned the one little cruse of oil and the people gathered round and exclaimed, "It's a miracle."

"The runner returned within the eight days and the Ner Tamid was still burning. It was replenished with the oil he brought and the people rejoiced.

"And that is why we celebrate Hannukah," my mother concluded.

We lit the Menorah candlestick, one light for every day of Hannukah until all eight were lit. We ate latkes, little potato pancakes, and drank sweet wine. We played dreidle, a put and take game of top; the top has letters in Hebrew signifying "A Great Miracle Happened There." (In Israel the dreidle signifies 'A Great Miracle Happened HERE.')

And I received Hannukah "gelt" (money, usually a penny). I never overcame my fascination with Christmas trees, but never resorted to having a Hannukah Bush. That is not quite the same. It is usually a blue or white sprayed tree decorated with gold or

silver trimmings; sometimes a manzanita limb is used.

My children have heard the story of Hannukah many times, and I have shared it with their schoolmates by demonstrating the Menorah, dreidle and distributing

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before each carpenter shop, in honor of Joseph; and before each home, in honor of Mary.

Mass is at 10:00 in all the churches, and at midnight, bells ring and the Child is laid in the manger. On January 6, the children's gifts are left beside the hearth.

Part of Spain is sunny at Christmas. Only in the north does the snow lie deep. On Christmas Eve, prisoners with light sentences are liberated, and patients in hospitals visited. Before the midnight bells announce the birth of the Child, every person must perform at least one good deed. After the mass, at which the babe is brought out from under the altar, the people have a night of celebration. It is believed that on Christmas Eve the Virgin Mary blesses every home in which she finds a picture of her Son.

There is an old Spanish legend that each year the Wise Men go to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Infant Christ. As they pass through Spain,

Hannukah gelt in the shape of foil-wrapped candy.

As the children cluster around me it gives me a feeling of pride and a glow about my heritage, and also a giggle when a non-Jewish child gazes at our Menorah with envy and says, "Boy, you sure are lucky. You get eight days of Christmas and we only get ONE."

they leave gifts for the good children. The children fill their shoes with straw for the horses of the Wise Men, and place them outside. In the morning, the straw is gone and the shoes are filled with gifts.

Several days before Christmas the children of Yugoslavia run off into the woods to pick a branch which they decorate and set outside the door.

On Christmas Eve everyone brings straw in the house, spreads it on the floor and sleeps on it. Then on Christmas day friends greet each other and travel from one house to the next having meals. This goes on for three days. Then on the third day the dishes are washed and everything is cleaned up.

Every country has its own customs, beliefs, and superstitions, but in nearly every one, commemorating the birth of Christ in a religious ceremony forms the heart of celebration.

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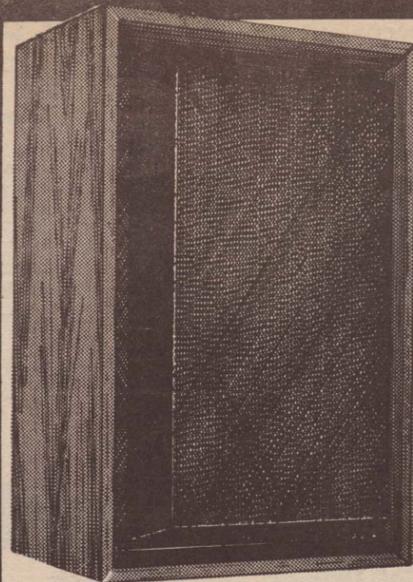


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Comment

by Teri Bucher

Recently, one of television's most popular networks, NBC, brought Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind" to our livingrooms. For two nights millions of Americans sat mesmerized in front of their boob tubes reliving the Civil War era with Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh. For days after the showing of this epic conversation was filled with talk of favorite scenes in the movie, although one topic seemed very interesting to me.

People who had seen the movie at the theatres were very disappointed in the television version because of the constant commercials. They felt that these repeated interruptions took away from the excitement and high emotion of these two great stars.

At the theatre, we don't have to hear Mrs. Olsen tell us how much better Folgers Coffee tastes because it's mountain grown, or Mr. Whipple telling us not to squeeze the Charmin and Crest warning us that if we use anything other than their toothpaste we will spend long suffering hours in our dentist's office. Yes, TV helps sell products ranging from dog food to vitamins, even political candidates. Everything a person could ever want or need is advertised on television.

Billboard advertising ranks right up there with media advertising.

Another very popular form of advertising has become the bumper-sticker. Everywhere you go you can see bumper-stickers expressing views ranging from abortion to warnings of rear end mishaps.

Ok, you might be saying, what is she getting at? Let me give you a few clues. What's blue and white (orange and white, orange and black), has recently sprung up all over California's televisions, bill boards, magazines, and car bumpers and has three simple words as its advertising logo? If those clues didn't help then maybe there are a few of you out there who haven't as yet let this newest advertising gimmick bother you.

However, I am sure that the majority of people reading this will know that I am writing about the newest, hottest thing since the Salvation Army Band, and the most bizarre recruiting charade yet to come. Yes, you poor lost souls, the "I FOUND IT" campaign is spreading across Bakersfield's newspapers, campuses, and televisions, and even the mightiest of communication tools, the telephone, has been employed to spread the word of IT. In the LA area alone over \$100,000 has been spent for I Found It advertising.

Now, what is IT supposed to symbolize? A lot of people have substituted for the pronoun various nouns I will not bother to write here (even though the majority of the substitutions are quite innovative.)

IT is the Lord, or if you prefer, the Lord is IT. Up until now the popular "advertising" gimmicks have been parole such as "Honk if you Love Jesus" and, just as corny, "Smile if you Love Jesus."

The "religious" advertising we have had to put up with thus far has been demeaning enough, but now it has gone too far. There are millions of people who worship God and who support the Church of their choice. They do so quietly and with deep respect. A lot of us don't attend a particular church nor do we support individual religious organizations. Our religion is too dear to us to splatter all over any empty wall.

The gist of this article is simply to say, let's go back to a quiet, meaningful respect for God. I don't necessarily mean a spiritual God but respect for everyone's personal God. The I Found It campaign has LOST a lot of people.

Rebuttal

by Trena Lee

In response to a comment by Julio Borquez which appeared in the last issue of "The Runner," I suggest that Borquez do some further homework and soul searching regarding his statement.

I disagree with the idea of giving amnesty or a pardon to Vietnam draft resisters.

My reasons are simple. I have to think to myself of the mental anguish and heartbreak that families went through wondering if their loved ones were coming home to them. Families were also wondering if their unborn babies would ever see their fathers. But ask yourself why they had to go.

They went because of agreements made by both Republican and Democratic administrations. These agreements were aimed at protecting smaller nations from Communist domination.

Some of the men that went to Southeast Asia were maimed for life; some physically, some mentally. They paid the price for those who left the country to protect themselves. Those who stayed and stood up to authorities, I can't blame them. At least they had the guts to face what was facing them. What makes those who left the country so special?

I was shocked and disgusted to hear Mr. Borquez's statement that "the war had nothing to do with preserving freedom or democracy, but only our distorted form of capitalism." The motive behind our involvement in Southeast Asia was to try to help the native people to keep what freedoms they did have. Since the American troops left Vietnam, the Communists have tortured and killed civilians and have taken away their land because of their old beliefs. This is a documented fact by those few foreign journalists who have been let into the country.

As for our capitalistic system, it may be faulty but not distorted. I know of a Jewish citizen of the Soviet Union who is

The Marine Corps. . .

is looking for a few good men.

Home Brew

Mr. Lee Coe, author of the "Beginners Home Brew Book," and a knowledgeable and entertaining lecturer, will be in Bakersfield on Monday evening, Dec. 6, when he will speak in the Beale Memorial Library on Truxtun Ave. on "Home Brewing and the Law." The lecture is sponsored by the amateur beverage creators. It will start at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Parting Shots

by Jon Bashor

In case you haven't noticed, Christmas came again this year, at its regular time — Thanksgiving. Of course preparations began around Halloween, but that's to be expected.

Christmas trees are on sale, Christmas sales have started, and decorations have been plastered around. The only missing item seems to be the constant barrage of Christmas music from the radio. But give them time.

Lots of great new toys have hit the market — literally. Mohammed Ali dolls, a Hangman game, and even Super Phaser II Target Guns.

We can even turn our already over-used TV sets into electronic sport fields. Science marches on.

I guess the only remaining thing for merchants to do now is launch a gift-buying campaign. Using bumper stickers, buttons, and billboards featuring an "I want it!" logo, they should be able to capture the spirit of the season.

Have a great holiday season!

trying to win his freedom to migrate to Israel. He has been trying for almost half of his life. He has been persecuted and nearly mentally broken. Is this the type of system we need to replace our capitalism?

One other point of the article claims that the U.S. violated Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution. Remember that this was written in 1787, before anyone knew of the threat of the super powers. I'm not saying that the U.S. was right in fighting in Vietnam, because I was as much against the war as anyone else. But we do have to uphold any agreements by earlier administrations.

Finally, I too agree that the war is not yet behind us. Not for the reasons that Mr. Borquez stated when he so gallantly justified amnesty for the resisters, but for the reason that over 2,000 men are still missing in action. Their families may never know what happened to them. Neither Mr. Ford nor Mr. Carter was clear about what their plans were to find these men. It's just the same old line over and over again.

The process is stagnant.

By reading Mr. Borquez's article one might think that he was ready to convict the men that did go over there, and fought, for war crimes.

My opinion is that instead of giving amnesty to those men whose actions bordered on treason, let's try to help those veterans in the VA hospitals who are getting slipshod treatment. Let's try to find those who went to Southeast Asia and gave up their freedom and possibly their lives to try to preserve the way of life for them and for us.

If we were in another war, Heaven forbid, and everyone had the idea that they could get pardons for not fighting, what would happen to our form of government? Chances are that it would fall.



In a strange turn of events, convicted murderer Cary Killmore claimed he was "stabbed in the back" by the judicial system.

Sentenced to be executed by a Utah firing squad, Killmore has broken tradition with previous executions by defying prison authorities. "Go ahead, let me live," whimpered Killmore on the way to his place of execution.

Judicial authorities are currently re-examining Killmore's case and are deciding whether or not he may be granted his life wish.

Should he be condemned, Killmore has requested a six-pack of beer for his last meal. When asked which brand he preferred, Killmore retorted "Schlitz! After all, you only go around once in life. You have to grab for all the gusto!"

More Brew For Your Beer Bucks

by John Kaiser and Harley Quinne

Editor's Note: The newspaper serves a number of important functions in the community. Service to the public is not least among these duties. In order to promote a more academic atmosphere at CSB, the Runner presents the following article, and hopes that its contribution is significant, even if in only a small way. The two reporters should be commended for their participation.

It's not very hard to find beer, especially in a red-neck town like Bakersfield. But where do you get the best buy in brews? Well, the answer to this question became clear as our brains became clouded.

In this experiment, we visited five different pizza places in Bakersfield (other establishments will be surveyed later). Armed with a graduated cylinder, we purchased a pitcher of Budweiser beer at each location (for consistency) and measured the number of ounces in the pitcher. This number was then divided into the price, producing a price per ounce figure. Computations were calculated on a Texas Instruments model SR51-II calculator to insure accuracy.

And now, the results.

We first went to the Straw Hat Pizza Parlor, 4130 California Ave. A while ago, these guys had a great selection of both domestic and foreign beers, but now feature U.S. suds exclusively. Besides serving Bud (draft), Pabst dark, Pabst light, Michelob and Coors can be had from the tappers.

The pitcher of Bud cost \$2.15 and contained 52 oz. This represents a \$.041 cost per oz. The beer, though, seemed a little watery tasting.

Straw Hat features self service, lots of families and some average-to-good cartoons and films. Pong and pinball games also provide amusement.

Our next stop was Pizzaville on Oak St. They serve, besides Budweiser, Miller light and dark, half-and-half, Coors, Michelob, and Olympia. Our 56 oz. pitcher was \$2.40. One ounce, then, cost \$.042.

Not many people in the place on weeknights, but the high schoolers fill it up fast on weekends. A juke box and pinball machines, as well as repetitive cartoons provide the action.

Stumbling on to Pizza Hut at 2125 Brundage Lane, we were fortunate to have waitress service. They have Bud, Michelob, Coors, and Anheuser-Busch dark beer on tap. They serve two sizes of pitchers and the visible difference is hard to detect. One, though, has 51 oz. and the other fatter pitcher has 54 oz. Both cost \$2.25 which represents a \$.044 per oz. cost for the small one and a \$.041 cost per oz. for the fat pitcher. Ask for a fat pitcher.

The whole place has a nice atmosphere, and features a pong game and juke box.

The beer has a good flavor, and you can buy pitchers for only \$1.50 during the Friday happy hour from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

After Pizza Hut, we called it a night.

A few days later, we ventured out to Fat T's Pizza Eazy at 3504 Wilson Road. The place wasn't very crowded at 9:30 p.m., Sunday night.

They have a great selection, though. Featured brews are Schlitz light and dark as well as Bud and Michelob, all from the barrel. Bottles pour out Superior, Anchor Steam, Coors, Dos Equis, and San Miguel light and dark.

Their Bud had excellent flavor and cost \$2.40 for a 52 oz. pitcher. The cost per ounce was \$.046.

The friendly workers, movies, piano, and electronic games gives the place a pretty good atmosphere.

Our last stop of our long march was at Sam's Pizza Boat on Union Ave. Sam serves only Miller light and dark from tap and has Michelob, Budweiser and Olympia in containers.

Our small 44 oz. pitcher cost \$2.50. This gives a high \$.057 cost per ounce. The self-service Sam's also has a juke box and pong game.

Sam's, then, was significantly more expensive in their beer prices.

For a good atmosphere and good prices, Pizza Eazy, Straw Hat Pizza Parlor, and Pizza Hut are the best bets. Remember to ask for a fat pitcher at Pizza Hut, and don't forget their Friday Happy Hour.

Soon, we'll look at beer prices in other places.

Blue Oyster Cult Set In Civic Concert

Heavy metal kings Blue Oyster Cult debut in Bakersfield for an incredible evening of laser wizardry and blazing rock 'n' roll on Dec. 16 at the Civic Auditorium

Consisting of Buck Dharma (guitar), Albert Bouchard (drums), Alan Lanier (keyboards), Eric Bloom (vocals) and Joe Bouchard (bass), Blue Oyster Cult has become a rock legend in America. Their first album "Blue Oyster Cult" on Columbia Records was one of the most acclaimed debut albums of the seventies. Since that time, they have released four albums, the last of which ("Agents of Fortune") is receiving tremendous national airplay and includes the top-ten smash single, "(Don't Fear) the Reaper." Greem magazine calls Blue Oyster Cult "a monster band, one of the very best and most precision-tooled, powerful (bands) on the current boards."

Tickets are on sale at the Civic Box Office and all the usual places.

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Compiled by Greg Stene.

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Howdy House - 1021 Oak Street
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Casa Royale - 251 S. Union
Charles Strong Trio 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Tam O'Shanter - 2345 Alta Vista
Second Wind with Mike Myers 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Trouts - 805 N. Chester Ave.
Sanland Bros. (Country & Western) 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Lyons - 5410 Stockdale Hwy.
Chuck Mendoza

Maitia - 700 Truxtun Ave.
Sound Towers

Iron Horse - California & Oak
Doug Beatty (Rock)

Ramada Cocktail Lounge - 2670 Pierce
Hayshakers

Freddie's Top of the Hill - 2674 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Banny 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

THEATRES

Stockdale Six - 5430 Stockdale Hwy.
1. Snowmobile
2. Return of the Man Called Horse and Missouri Breaks
3. Two Minute Warning
4. Carrie
5. Norman, Is That You?
6. Shout at the Devil

Nile Theatre - 1721 - 19th
1. Once Upon a Girl & Alice in Wonderland
2. Amazing Dobermans and The Land That Time Forgot

Valley Plaza
1. The Other Side of the Mountain
2. The Front and Where's Papa?

Fox - 2001 H Street
1. Marathon Man and Hard Times

Tejon - 1200 Baker Street
1. Carwash and Mustang Country

South Chester
1. The Next Man and The Man Who Would Be King

OTHER PLACES

Civic Auditorium - 1001 Truxtun
Dec. 5 - "The Messiah" (Play) 8 p.m.
Dec. 16 - Blue Oyster Cult in concert, 8 p.m.
Dec. 13 - Kern Philharmonic Concert with guest Benny Goodman, 8 p.m.
Dec. 19 - Battle of the Bands, 8 p.m.
Dec. 20, 22 - CSB Basketball
Dec. 26 - Concert with Olympus, The Days, and King Bee Band, 8 p.m.

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The moon bids us sweet goodnight,
Between the glorious shine,
Between the lines of darkness,
Form the wonders of Delight.

Deborah Rosenberg



They rake and they claw until you are raw,
Exposed like the chill of the wind
It seems they are through, that it is no longer you--
then they tear you apart from within:

Running so fast your mind cannot breathe and each
limb of your body is afire
The questions, the lights follow you all through your
life -- your soul besmirched with mire --

Beyond what is private,

Beyond what is right,

Beyond what is misunderstood . . .

Alone

stands

a

woman.

—Deborah Rosenberg

REACH, Reach, reach — for my hand before death takes me away,

PRAY, Pray, pray — for my soul as my limbs drift away,

I'm alone — it is cold,
Is life cruel? I am bold,

reach, Reach, REACH — for my hand I wish to live unafraid,

pray, Pray, PRAY — for my soul has vanished amongst the waves

Deborah Rosenberg

*If a man does not keep
pace with his companions,
perhaps it's because he hears
a different drummer. Let him
step to the music he hears,
however measured or far away.*

Thoreau

How Suddenly Strange to be Seventy

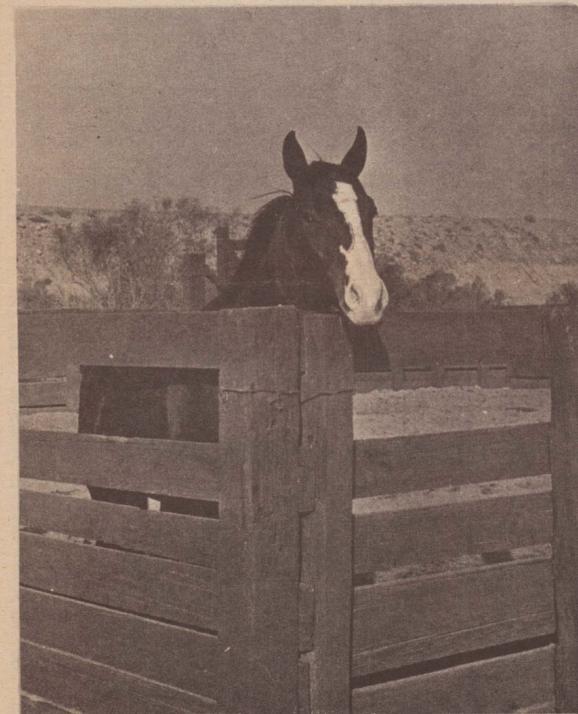
Inert the aged blade
No longer sharpened
On the stone
No longer flexed and taut
Erect and poised.

Dull metal mindful
Of previous neglect
And feeling a little guilty
For it.

He cannot recall
The swift hand
The unerring eye
Thrust into service—
Servitude.

The dutiful
No longer driven
Complacently reflecting
On waxed floors,
The flower fixed just so
So long.
So long.

—Katie Burnham



Filly

Rainwet sleek sides heaving
Just beyond the fence
Selecting a spot
A flooded bed beside the barn
For the eighteenth time
In so many years.
Calmly preparing to give being
To her swollen girth
White eyes flicker in the windy black.
She pitches her strong head
Strains and struggles to nuzzle
A red and mud covered daughter
White flashing, many jointed,
Toppling on the soggy surface.
Knowing that strength is more important
Now, than nourishment
She leads her round to the gate
Many times.
In the early blue light
She's finally allowed
A milky breakfast.

Katie Burnham

Love is first,
Glancing across the room, a smile is shared
While the eyes glare,

The last ones out, to walk alone
Say hello, what's going on?

Behind the buildings, beneath the shadows
Whispering words, innocent and mellow,

To steal a kiss, a wish fulfilled
A smile to follow, wishing still,

Late to class, better late than last,
For love is first, quick and fast . . .

G.C.R



— TO YOU —

I was thinking of writing you a love song and making it into a poem from something I heard on the radio, off a record or read out of a book. To tell you, you've always been a part of my life. You're the reason why the sun shines. I had no way of knowing I could feel so good about one person and you came into my life so sudden, but not as soon as I wanted you to. You were here only for a moment or were you ever here? I want to give you something. A part of me that will last as long as a memory can. A flower would have been nice, but its beauty is momentless. A piece of jewelry, but too soon cold against your body. A perfume, but only it can be of you to be as sweet. A note, but the thought soon worn and torn and the words changed and forgotten. Your heart for mine?

—Dawnfeathers—

Valiente

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Children Suffer in Orphanages

Yet they are starving for attention. They reach up with their hands begging to be held and begging to be played with.

Perhaps it is really the older children who fully realize the significance of their surroundings. The older ones who are somehow responsible for helping take care of the smaller children and helping the Mexican woman who runs the place.

Maybe they have been to a better place and have seen a better way of life. One can only guess. Yet it is true that many of them want to leave, to get out somehow.

"She always begs me to take her with me," said one woman, pointing to a small 12 year old girl.

"I would if I could," she added. "But I already have two small adopted children now."

The 12 year old girl's mother is a prostitute who has left her three little girls at the orphanage because she cannot keep them with her.

She goes to see them so often that a six month period is not likely to ever end. Even if it did not many people would be willing to adopt a 12 year old Mexican girl.

A Southern California woman couldn't stand to see one little boy subjected to such poverty any longer so she took, saved, or kidnapped him depending on how one looks at it, from the orphanage.

"I just couldn't stand to see him living in that place any longer," she said.

One might think getting him across the border would be hard, but the woman explained, "It was easy. We had other kids with us and they thought he was just part of the group."

After many years and several legal battles later, the boy is still not completely hers. Yet, he is healthier, perhaps happier, and will probably lead a better life because of his prospective mother's actions.

Taking a child that doesn't belong to you isn't something that should be condoned. Yet, this incident shows how really awful the boy's surroundings must have been in order to prompt this woman to resort to such drastic measures.

This particular orphanage was rediscovered by the government earlier this year and was closed down. The children were moved to other orphanages, put in foster homes, and if they were lucky, adopted.

However, there are still many orphanages all over Mexico just like this one, filled with innocent children who didn't ask to be put there.

Children who are somehow surviving in an environment the average person would consider impossible to endure.

Editor's Note: "The Runner" cannot directly aid the children in Mexico, but we can assist those in Bakersfield who need our help. "The Runner" is collecting clothing, shoes, toys, and canned goods for distribution to the needy in town. Please help. Bring what you can to "The Runner" offices, FT 302E-F. Thank you.

Vet's Best Bet - OVA Jobs



by Jerome Evans
Office of Veterans' Affairs

books and fees, but this increase is equivalent to a 192% wage increase over a ten year period!

Lastly, I have some really shocking news.

A person working a full time job (40 hours per week) earns \$400 per month (at minimum wage of \$2.50 per hour). Subtracting 22% of this gross earning for monthly withholdings (federal income tax, social security, etc.), the resulting figure is \$312 take home pay.

This take home pay figure is only \$20 more per month than the \$292 figure that the single vet draws each month in educational benefits. A married vet receives \$35 more than the \$312 figure, so his rate of pay is somewhat better than the person working a full time job at minimum wage.

Educational benefits are not taxable, and few, if any, employers pay their employees extra money for having dependents. So, a school going vet might want to look at his educational benefits as pay for a full time job — the job of getting an education.

Life may not be so bad after all!

The OVA announces three work-study positions to be available Winter Quarter 1977. Applications may be obtained and submitted at the OVA near the tennis courts. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 10, 1976.

Duties of the work-study student may include typing, filing, answering the telephone, writing news articles, giving out information about vets' benefits and general office work.

The only qualifications are that the applicant must be a veteran enrolled full time in the quarter in which he intends to work.

In most cases, 100 hours are allotted to the work-study student for which \$250 is paid. Additional hours may be requested at the completion of the initial 100.

Working hours are arranged to fit the students' class schedule.

GRADUATE STUDENTS ATTENTION! Beginning Winter Quarter 1977 all grad students who are veterans must have on file in the OVA an outline of the classes they must complete for their particular graduate program

The outline must be approved by a department advisor.

VA benefits will be impaired if the proper outline is not on file by Winter Quarter 1977.

Counselor For CSB Handicapped

Linda De Souge joined CSB this year as parttime counselor and program coordinator for handicapped students.

De Souge assists handicapped students in handling admissions, registration, financial aids, coordination with outside agencies, academic advising, and counseling.

"Handicapped students should feel free to utilize my office to voice their problems and/or make suggestions about their needs," said De Souge.

She may be reached each week-day morning in the counseling center, Dorm F, Room 103, 833-2131.



Varner Has NSE Forms

The National Student Exchange provides state college and university students with an opportunity to become better acquainted with different social and educational patterns in other areas of the U.S.

Governed by the philosophy that participation is essential to education, the NSE encourages students to experience new life and learning styles, appreciate differing cultural perspectives, learn more about themselves and others, and broaden their educational backgrounds through specialized courses or

unique programs which may not be available on the home campus.

To qualify for participation in the National Student Exchange, a student should be a full-time student, be in the sophomore or junior years during the exchange, and be in good standing at his/her home institution.

The student must have a grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 scale).

For more information call Sandy Varner 833-2274. Deadline for application is Feb. 15, 1977.

Chronology of Actual and Proposed Educational Assistance Rates

Law and Type of Course	Vet	Vet & 1 Dep.	Vet & 2 Dep.	Addn. Deps.
Public Law 89-358, June 1, 1966				
Full-time institutional	\$100	\$125	\$150	
Public Law 90-77, Oct. 1967				
Full-time institutional	130	155	175	\$10
Full-time cooperative farm	105	125	145	7
Full-time on job	80	90	100	
Public Law 91-219, Feb. 1, 1970				
Full-time institutional	175	205	230	13
Full-time cooperative farm	141	165	190	10
Full-time on job	108	120	133	
Public Law 92-540, Oct. 1, 1972				
Full-time institutional	220	261	298	18
Full-time cooperative farm	177	208	236	14
Full-time on job	160	179	196	8
Public Law 93-508, Dec. 3, 1974 retroactive to Sept. 1, 1974				
Full-time institutional	270	321	366	22
Full-time cooperative farm	217	255	289	17
Full-time on job	189	212	232	9
S.969, as amended, Oct. 1, 1976				
Full-time institutional	292	347	396	24
Full-time cooperative farm	235	276	313	18
Full-time on job	212	238	260	11

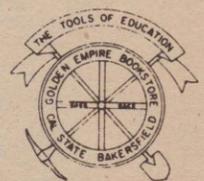
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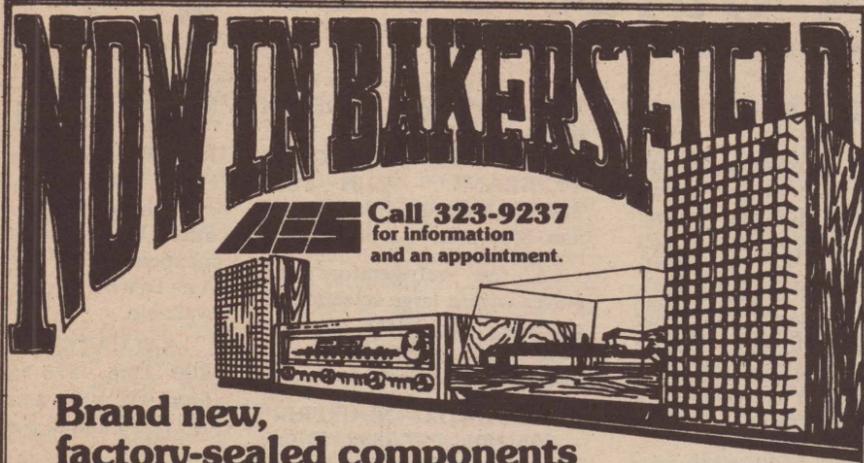
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Art Exhibition Involves Visitors

by Sandra Emory

CSB's Art Gallery features two shows that will run through Dec. 3. The show in Gallery I is titled "Prints and Drawings from the Sixteenth to the Twentieth Centuries," and Gallery II is a sound environment by Los Angeles concept artist Michael Brewster, entitled "A Nice Place to Probe."

the piece the more the nuances of the experience reveal themselves.

If the viewer is able to extract himself from the traditional notion of having to have something to look at, to face, he is able to come to a better understanding of the concepts that Brewster is dealing with.

While viewing the print show, one is conscious of a low humming which is coming intriguingly from Gallery II. As one opens the door marked "A Nice Place to Probe," the sound is no longer intriguing: it is enveloping.

The piece is clearly not traditional. Still, there are deceptively traditional things about it. There is always a creative interaction between the artist and the space he is dealing with, whether it be a canvas surface or an institutional gallery.

Centered on the west wall of the 36' x 18' room — the side of the room from which you enter — is a 15" woofer contained in a particleboard speaker box. You are impelled into the room and away from the speaker, and as you move you realize that the sound — one continuous low frequency tone — varies in intensity from spot to spot.

Brewster installed the piece primarily on the basis of his response to the space, and the sensitive viewer can discover and appreciate as many nuances in this piece as he can in any of the prints in Gallery I.

The dimly lit room is empty but for the speaker, which may be the one negative aspect of the piece: not that the room is empty, but that there is a tendency to focus on the one object that is present.

Here lies the human quality of Brewster's work: in the interaction of the viewer with the piece. The perceptual aspect of it causes one to have to struggle with the reality of the experience.

On the other hand, Brewster's intention may have been to make the source of sound obvious so that the viewer would not spend his energy trying to figure out where the sound is coming from.

The viewer may find himself vacillating between its abrasiveness and the delicate sense patterns that he finds himself involved with. Like all good art, the piece resists summary.

The main appeal is to the sense of hearing, but it becomes more than that. The space becomes tactile. You can aurally — and sometimes physically — "feel" individual waves of sound as you move into the spaces they occupy. And the more time spent with

The visual appeal of the print show and the nonvisual appeal of Brewster's piece form a contrast causing the viewer to have to stretch not only his notions of what art is, but also perhaps a few perceptual muscles that aren't usually exercised.

CSB Gallery hours are: Tuesday through Friday 12:30-4; Saturday 10-2; Sunday 11-1; closed Monday.



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Health Dept. Warns of Problems During Holiday Festivities

Food will be a central part of many upcoming holiday celebrations. Without proper care, though, it can easily become the source of much misery.

The Kern County Health Department recommends that holiday family chefs pay particular attention to cleanliness and food temperatures. Most food poisoning cases result from contamination of perishable food and from storage temperatures which are neither sufficiently hot nor sufficiently cold to prevent bacterial growth.

According to Leon M. Hebertson, M.D., County Health Officer, the risk of food poisoning increases during major family holidays. "Often when kitchens are worked beyond their capacities or when groups convene for potlucks, food is stored at unsafe temperatures. Bacterial growth rapidly begins and in an hour or more people can be endangered by bacteria or toxins built up in the food." Dr. Hebertson recommends that food be kept either hot (over 140°F) or refrigerated (below 45°F).

Frozen foods, such as poultry and other meats, should be kept refrigerated during thawing and not at room temperature. These foods can also safely be quick-thawed in cold water or cooked without thawing. Generally, cooks allow at least one and one-half times as long to cook frozen products as is required for thawed or unfrozen products of the same weight and shape.

Leftovers likewise should be kept hot or refrigerated immediately. To speed the cooling of turkeys and other large meats, stuffing should be

removed and they should be divided into smaller pieces.

Dr. Hebertson explains that people often unknowingly contaminate the food they are preparing. Inadequate hygiene is the culprit. People are sick and cough on the food. They have infected cuts or skin infections on their hands and pass the bacteria on to the food. They fail to wash after using the toilet or blowing their noses. Though seemingly small transgressions, all of these actions can result in food poisoning for the guilty party and their families.

Food poisoning symptoms commonly include nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Severe infections of some types can cause high fever and death. Salmonellosis, perfringens and staphylococcal food poisonings typically share these symptoms. Botulism a less common poisoning, is characterized by double vision, inability to swallow, speech difficulty and progressive respiratory failure and death. Botulism is avoided through proper canning techniques and by boiling home canned foods for 10 to 15 minutes before use to destroy possible toxins.

Suspected cases of food poisoning, whether from commercially prepared or home made foods, should be reported to the health department's environmental health division, 861-3636.

"Food poisoning is easily preventable," states Dr. Hebertson. "No one wants a beautiful holiday dinner spoiled by illness. Hopefully all holiday chefs will prepare their families' food with the care, cleanliness, and safe temperatures which will ensure a memorable, festive meal for all."

Thrift Stores Survey: A Guide To Bargains

by Lucy Granillo

Need a wardrobe, perhaps some furniture or just a few knick-knacks for the house? "No money," you say? Forget it. Money is of little importance when you enter a thrift store. Don't think that thrift stores sell junk, because you can leave stores with items that sometimes are practically new and inexpensive.

There are a number of thrift shops around Bakersfield. If you have the patience to look long and hard enough, you'll probably find the items you've been wanting. The following shops mentioned are operated by charitable organizations. This guide will help you in your bargain hunting.

BARGAIN BOX — 916 California, 323-1317. Hours: Mon., Tues., Thur. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed Wed.

Receipts go to poor children in the area. This shop primarily has clothing for men, women, and children ranging in prices from 25 cents to \$5.

They have a good selection of books and housewares.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS — 1101 18th, 324-9261. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

A few refrigerators and stoves with a large selection of clothing of lesser quality. Limited in everything else, some items are overpriced.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES — 805 19th, 327-7332. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Funds go to the handicapped. The largest thrift store in Bakersfield has about everything that you need, from clothing to Oriental rugs, Color TV's, antique furnishings and complete sets of silverware priced at \$15. There is an upstairs boutique where the more stylish clothes are sold. A few first and signed edition books. Ski-equipment is available at times. A few oldie but goodie albums priced from 33 cents to \$1.50. The best place in town to shop for bargains.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL — 300 Baker, 323-2941. Hours:

Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Funds go to 'Big Brothers, Drug Rehabilitation and Boy's Home. Small shop with a bit of everything. Kitchenwares and other bric-a-brac. Clothes are inexpensive but are less stylish. Antiques occasionally available.

SALVATION ARMY — 200 19th, 325-8629. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Funds go to rehabilitation programs. This shop has a fine selection of antique furniture although steep in prices. I found a nice antique wicker rocking chair there. There's a good variety of costume jewelry and silverware. Refrigerators are priced from \$25 and up.

RETARDED CHILDREN'S THRIFT STORE — 1111 19th, 327-8818. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Jimmy Carter Look is In

by J.J. Devlin

Upon reading the "L.A. Times," (Mon., Nov. 22), I noticed this article about a new style of fashion: the Jimmy Carter look. This new fashion trend consists of a T-shirt with a picture of "Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Carter" a la Mary Hartman, complete with wig. The T-shirt is being advertised

as a giveaway item with the purchase of a political record containing a cast of "soap opera" characters including: "Faithful Rosalyn, little ambitious Amy, wise Miss Lillian, evangelical sister Ruth, and motorcycle maniac sister Gloria!"

This idea, although novel, does lead to some odd

conclusions, such as authentic "Jimmy Carter" teeth; "Miss Lillian" wigs; Amy Carter T-Shirts, complete with a picture of little Amy selling lemonade; Rosalyn Carter recipe books; "Billy Carter's Gas Station" iron-on patches for jackets; or even decorator boxes of "Presidential down-home soil" from downtown Plains.

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