

making the news

From Associated Press reports

SALEM — The Oregon Supreme Court today handed down new standards on search and seizure in reversing a Josephine County robbery conviction.

The court, overturning the conviction of Gary Warner, ruled that Rogue River police violated both the state and federal constitutions in obtaining evidence from Warner in a search following a Nov. 7, 1976 robbery of a Grants Pass bar.

The court said the police had no reasonable suspicion that Warner and the other man were involved in the crime because they did not have a physical description of the suspects or the vehicle involved nor did they know how much money was taken in the robbery or the exact time it occurred.

WASHINGTON — In what scientists call a major breakthrough against viral diseases, the Food and Drug Administration approved on Tuesday a new drug to treat a deadly infectious brain ailment.

"Approval of this drug is particularly noteworthy because it holds out the hope that some day we will be able to successfully treat other viral diseases," said FDA Commissioner Donald Kennedy.

The drug, Vidarabine, was developed by Parke, Davis & Co. of Detroit, which plans to market it under the trade name Vira-A.

In studies sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the drug slashed the death rate caused by Herpes encephalitis from 70 percent to 28 percent and substantially reduced the brain damage often suffered by survivors of the rare disease.

SALEM — The number of murders in Oregon in 1977 increased by 20 percent over the previous year and rapes were up by nearly 14 percent.

Those are among the findings in an Oregon Law Enforcement crime study released Monday.

In 1977, there were 117 murders, compared with 97 in 1976. Forcible rapes and rape attempts totaled 937, compared with 824 in 1976.

There were declines in burglaries, larcenies and vehicle thefts, which account for 93 percent of all serious crimes committed in Oregon.

TEHRAN — Iran wants to make drastic cuts in arms purchases from the United States, including cancellation of a \$1.2 billion aerial spying system that has annoyed neighboring Russia, Tehran newspapers reported Tuesday.

The newspapers said U.S. and Iranian negotiators met behind closed doors Tuesday to discuss the cutbacks, which reportedly would save the country \$7 billion over the next five years.

Iran ordered the "Advance Warning Airborne Control System," or AWACS, a year ago, and it was to have been used on the Iranian-Soviet border to report Russian military movement, the newspaper said.

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Dr. Mario Jascalevich was found innocent Tuesday of killing three hospital patients in the mid-1960s, while Myron Farber was freed after spending 40 days in jail for refusing to give up his notes on the case.

The jury that acquitted Jascalevich deliberated for only about two hours over two days after a 34-week trial. He had been accused of giving the patients fatal doses of curare, a muscle relaxant.

Carter asks 'national austerity,' cooperation in anti-inflation try

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter unveiled a largely voluntary new set of wage and price guidelines Tuesday night and pleaded with the nation "to give this plan a chance to work."

"We must face a time of national austerity," Carter said in remarks prepared for a speech broadcast to the nation. "Hard choices are necessary if we want to avoid consequences that are even worse," he said.

The president, speaking from the White House Oval Office, set a guideline of 7 percent in 1979 for increases in wages and fringe benefits and a complex price guideline aimed at holding increases to approximately 5.75 percent next year.

The new guidelines would take the government one step beyond the administration's initial anti-inflation effort, which involved pleas to business and labor earlier this year to restrain wage and price increases by holding them to below the average increases of the preceding two years.

Carter said that if the program is successful this would translate into an inflation rate of 6 percent to 6.5 percent in the next year, well below the current rate of about 8 percent.

He said he would ask Congress to enact tax rebates for workers who comply with the 7 percent wage guide and who would suffer when inflation exceeds that level. Carter called it "real wage insurance."

As part of his new assault on inflation, which the president said would be his administration's No. 1 domestic priority in the coming year, Carter pledged:

- To cut the federal deficit to \$30 billion or less next year.

- To fill only one of every two new job vacancies in the government for "an indefinite period."

- To "oppose any further reduction in federal income taxes until we have convincing prospects that inflation will be controlled."

- To seek legislation bringing increased competition in the railroad and trucking industries. Ear-

lier Tuesday, Carter signed into law a measure that will phase out federal regulation of air fares.

"The inflation pressures on us are getting increasingly severe, and of course they've been bad for the last 10 years," the president said.

"Unless we can unite not only the government officials at the federal, state and local levels, but also private industry, labor and other elements of the American economy, the effort is not going to be successful," said Carter, who opposes mandatory wage and price controls.

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