## editorial opinion

## Carl Stoddard writes News stories I'd like to read

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WASHINGTON-A CIA spokesman testified today that the super-secret agency had stopped all domestic spying. He told the Senate subcommittee that

his agency would never again spy on Americans, unless the agency could figure out a way to do it and not get caught. PENTAGON-General Buster Bluster

said today that the Army is prepared to fight in the Middle East. He admitted that Henry Kissinger had

ruled out the possibility of military inter-vention. But, Bluster said, the Army would still like to go so as not to let all the desert combat training go to waste.

NEW YORK-A network vice president announces the cancellation today of 17 new television programs

He said the cancellations were due to a growing desire on the part of television audiences for more intellectual programs Among the new shows scheduled for the network is a program called "Return of the Hathaways." he said. It is a family comedy show about a suburban couple who raise three chimpanzees as children. The program will star Jack Weston, Tottie Fields and Bonzo, Gonzo and Elonzo

LANSING-A state senator said today that the Michigan legislature should handle the issue of teacher strikes.

However, action will be delayed as long as possible, he said, in the hope that either the courts will resolve the situtation or people simply will forget about it.

He said Michigan legislators are reluctant to deal with the situation because they know most of their constituents would like to see a law passed favoring local districts. The problem is that 90 per cent of those now in the Michigan legislature have received backing from the Michigan teachers' union, he said

DETROIT-The president of one of the nation's largest automobile companies said today that his company plans addi-tional layoffs. These layoffs will bring Detroit's unemployment rate up to a staggering 87 per cent.

DETROIT-Faced with still more auto layoffs, Mayor Coleman Young announced a new austerity program for the city. Young said the city will provide one-way bus tickets to any city outside Michigan for anyone wishing to leave Detroit.

MIAMI-City officials here report a sudden leap in the city's unemployment rate. According to one official source, bus loads of unemployed persons have been arriving during the last two days. Most of the new arrivals head for the beach

HOLLYWOOD - Frank Sinatra anounced his retirement today.

The blue-eyed singer said he was quitting show business forever. He could not be reached for further comment. Aides said he was busy reading scripts for an upcoming television special

PENTAGON-General Buster Bluster said the Army was still "itching" for a war in the Middle East. In preparation for such an event, he said, he has already had his personal tank silver plated.

WASHINGTON-President Gerald Ford rejected suggestions that he lower his salary by 10 per cent as "gimmicary". The president then departed for his ski chalet in Colorado

WASHINGTON-A Senate subcommittee investigating Watergate-related activities reported today that they had uncovered no new information and voted to end the investigation.

the Virgin Islands rum council presents a rum tasting party. We were all invited to sip six samples

and hear about the swashbuckling history of rum on the islands. EVERY FRIDAY night, the dining

room at our hotel turns into a West In-

dian smorgasbord. If you have a sensitive

spinach-based soup which is a favorite of

the islanders and absolutely no one else

From then on, if you've lived through the first course, you're on your own. Among the buffet notables are rice with

tuna, hot curried lamb, souce, salt fish

creole, conch stew, potato stuffing, john-

ny cake, pigeon peas rice, sunshine salad

and soursoup or rum ice cream for des

Sert. One thing you don't have to worry about on St. Thomas is bugs. Gin is only

87 cents a fifth and it's cheaper to rub

over the body than any insect repellant

According to the islanders, gin keeps everything from ants to tarantulas away When I get depressed, I mix a banana daiquiri, think of all the money I saved.

duty free, and break into sobs.

stomach. I suggest you don't read this. We first sampled a glass of maube, which is a fermented drink made with

bark of the tropical maube tree Next we had what they call kalaloo. a

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### Jackie Klein writes A typical day in St. Thomas

Are you suffering from the winter doldrums? Has the heartache of bleak. tattle-tale gray days gotten you down'

'Just 40 miles east of Puerto Rico lies St. Thomas with its secluded crescents of velvety beaches, sun-filled days in the azure-blue Caribbean, lush foliage-covered hills and moon-filled tropical nights

If that sounds like a travelogue, it is But as I sit here mourning the pelting rain, I think of St. Thomas at Christmas and I cry a lot.

IT'S NOT my intention to make you feel worse. But here is a typical day in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Mind you, we didn't do all these things. But the ingredients-sea, sun and blue skies were there

At 10 a.m. we could have participated in a snorkel clinic at the pool. If we were so inclined, we could have attended a tennis clinic at 10 a.m.

The pro guaranteed to make a better player out of you whether you were a beginner or an expert. Sneakers were requested but they wouldn't fit over our feet flippers so we sat by the pool and drank banana daiquiris instead.

Speaking of dalquiris, if there was a nip in the air, we grabbed it. At 3 p.m.

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