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If you believe in fairies . . .

■ The chief of the fbi's Los Angeles office attacked The Times Monday for publishing a story on Paul Lin, a visiting scholar at UCLA who discovered he was being followed by fbi agents.

"If a bona fide law enforcement agency is conducting an investigation, then I think the American public and press have to assume that it's legitimate," Special Agent Ted L. Gunderson said. "You have just to take our word for it—if it's our investigation, it's a legitimate surveillance."

-Los Angeles Times, July 18, 1978

... then clap your hands

■ The United States Solicitor General says that news-gathering organizations are not in danger of having their offices searched as a result of a recent United States Supreme Court decision. . . . [Wade H.] McCree said that the fact that the Supreme Court had held that law enforcement offices could obtain warrants to search news offices probably would not have much effect.

"The Stanford case is a fluke," he added. "No one is going to search media offices without good cause."

-New York Times, July 9, 1978

Details, details

■ Charles L. Schultze, President Carter's chief economic adviser, says the Administration might turn to some form of tax incentive plan to combat inflation if the present voluntary effort to get unions and companies to accept smaller wage and price increases fails....

He said the Administration was studying such incentives but there were significant problems to be worked out, such as whether business and labor would accept them.

-Los Angeles Times, July 17, 1978

If they'd just stick to making war

■ The Knesset, Israel's parliament, approved new legislation Thursday making it easier for religious women to gain exemption from military duty. . . .

Orthodox groups contend that the army's integration of sexes and the young woman's sudden freedom from parental oversight can corrupt their morals. "It is impossible to put a Jewish girl in a framework where her parents have no control over her. The girls aren't strong enough to resist temptation," said Rabbi Menachem Porush of the small but influential Agudat Israel Party, an ultra-Orthodox group whose four Knesset members, all rabbis, were the prime movers behind the bill.

-Los Angeles Times, July 21, 1978

With those salaries, they can afford it

■ Dr. Peter G. Bourne also said there was a "high incidence" of marijuana use among members of the White House staff, and he told of the "occasional" use of cocaine by "a few" of his former colleagues.

-New York Times, July 23, 1978

Not the place to talk about ethnic purity

■ West German officials here [Bonn] and in West Berlin are "a little bit nervous" over a "town meeting" that President Carter is to conduct in West Berlin next Saturday with about 1,000 residents....

In such a forum, the West Germans are worried that the president might not have enough time to think about the impact of his words and could slip or say something about West Berlin or allied policy toward the city that could have important East-West repercussions.

-Washington Post, July 10, 1978

Just so he had a good time

■ President Carter yesterday vowed to hold down federal spending even if he must pay "political consequences" for unpopular actions, then viewed a military firepower display that cost taxpayers \$1.1 million.

—San Francisco Examiner, June 25, 1978