

'Businessmen' corner pot market in State College

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Most survivors of the 60's will tell you that the mood, the climate and the complexion of marijuana smoking and selling has changed — for the worst.

The Vietnam War created a new humanist morality which preached war was evil and love of mankind good. Marijuana was not yet socially acceptable, but was used by the "anti-establishment," the "hippies," the "freaks."

Today, pot is smoked by professionals, "normal" students and even parents.

Not only has the type of person who smokes pot changed, but also the person who sells pot. Big businessmen, for the most part, have cornered the pot market.

One source said, "The new morality has been de-emphasized by the big businessmen. When tighter controls were made on the (Mexican) border, Florida and the Carolinas, more people became prone to criminal activity."

Another source said, "In the older days, the cops didn't know what was going on. Today, if it's hot outside and the windows are rolled up (in a car) the cops will look at it (closed windows) in a different perspective."

"People are realizing it's not the kid with long hair any more, necessarily," who smokes and/or sells pot, the source said.

Because the pot-selling business has become big time, one source said big businessmen usually do not care about the quality of the pot they sell, and sometimes do not even bother to try the pot to see if it is worth selling.

The source said that because the pot business has grown so large, the people at the top become "detached" from their buying public. Even though these people will come into contact with good pot in small quantities, they will keep some of it for themselves, sell some to their friends, and sell the rest to the public. However, the source said, it is the large quantities of commercial Mexican pot which the big dealer sells to the public.

Another source said it's the dealer who only sells one or two pounds a week who hurts the consumer most. He said these people want to sell their pot quick, make a little money, and save some pot for themselves. Those are the people who don't care," he said.

The same source also said the big dealers vary in their sense of responsibility to their consumers. Even though



all of these big dealers are "out to make a buck," he said, some look out for their consumers by always supplying consistent quality for a steady clientele, adding, however, "they don't have to screw people to get money."

The first source, however, said, that some "survivors of the mood of the 60's" still exist, who try to constantly sell quality merchandise.

Another source said that compared to four years ago, pot in State College is bad. But another said the quality "hasn't been too good or too bad, but the Columbian (marijuana) has been excellent."

All sources agreed that marijuana dealing has become more business-like, but one said he only deals Columbian (marijuana), Mexican marijuana and hashish, selling about two pounds per week.

Because the pot business has grown to such a capacity, fear of being arrested, or paranoia, has become a thorn in the dealing community's side.

One source said that paranoia for getting "busted" generally exists. He said, however, that it is those people who don't get that scared that "are those who can assess things objectively," adding

that "most people who get busted are those who have done something stupid."

The source said it's not who you know that applies anymore — it's who you trust.

Marijuana, according to one source, doesn't come to State College specifically from one area. He said many deliveries come from the large east coast ports, such as Boston and Philadelphia. Another source said a good deal of pot comes from the south, from Florida and the Carolinas.

One source said that pot doesn't arrive in State College in any particular fashion. "So many people try to improve; everybody does something different," he said, adding that pot deliveries arrive in small quantities, under 20 pounds, or large quantities, over 50 pounds.

The same source said State College is really neither a destination or a transitional town for pot — some of it stays, some of it goes. "Everything is situational," he said.

The source said, "If I could do one thing to improve the pot in this country, I would bring the pot in from Africa. We should stop screwing around with south of the border pot," he said, adding, "but I can't think of a way to do it."

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Carter wins in Pa. primary

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Jimmy Carter crushed Henry Jackson and Morris Udall in Pennsylvania's pivotal primary yesterday and predicted he will win the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot.

"I think we're going to win on the first ballot," a jubilant Carter told his cheering supporters. "We're No. 1 now and we're going to stay No. 1."

Carter, the 51-year-old former Georgia governor won his seventh and most important primary, routing Jackson, Udall and Alabama's three-term Gov. George Wallace.

The key primary in the country's fourth largest state proved a disaster for Jackson, Udall and Wallace. But they refused to surrender and said they would go on with their campaigns.

Jackson, however, announced that he would make a "dramatic change" in his campaign strategy, foregoing gimmicks and taking his message to the American people. Udall, in desperate need for money to keep on the road, scheduled a news conference in Washington today to announce future plans.

Hubert Humphrey, who has stayed on the sidelines in hopes that a stalemated convention once again would turn to him as the Democratic standard-bearer, may have also been a victim of Carter's stunning, one-sided victory.

"This was such a sweeping victory that Carter is now unstoppable," Pittsburgh Mayor Pete Flaherty declared.

"Up to today it was Carter versus Humphrey," Flaherty said. "Now it's Carter versus Ford."

At midnight, EDT, with 52 per cent of the state's 9,638 precincts reporting, it was:

Cand.	Votes	Per Cent
Carter	244,343	35
Jackson	196,342	28
Udall	136,657	19
Wallace	72,002	10
Shapp	20,262	3
McCormack	19,719	3
Bayh	10,065	1
Harris	7,864	1

In the complicated delegate count, which may not be clear for several days, Carter also forged a surprising lead with 21 per cent counted.

Carter had 50 delegates pledged or favorable to him, Shapp had 23, Jackson 15, and Udall 9, Wallace 1. There were 37 delegates leading who were listed as

uncommitted on the ballot. Jackson had been heavily favored to take the most delegates.

In winning, the 51-year-old former Georgia Governor not only routed Jackson, Udall and Wallace but also licked the coalition of organized labor and the state party machinery which grouped behind Jackson in an undisguised "Stop Carter" plot.

Jackson, from his headquarters in Philadelphia, said "I thought I could win but I didn't. I have no excuses. We didn't get our message across."

Udall, the liberal Arizona congressman who has yet to win a primary, took the crushing loss with his customary good humor, declaring he would not withdraw.

Garner, Eisenstein in close race

By early morning an extremely close race was developing between Marie Garner and Virginia Eisenstein in the race for Democratic state committee woman.

Garner had a slight lead, 1,396 to 1,341 votes, at 2:30 a.m., with 25 out of 78 precincts counted. Still to report are a majority of State College precincts and most of the surrounding urban areas.

In the four State College precincts counted, State College East Central II, East I, South Central I and Northeast, Garner beat Eisenstein 71 votes to 37, 160 to 69, 97 to 115, and 55 to 122.

Eugene Fulmer, running on a Republican local team, appeared to be taking a strong early lead in the race for Republican county chairman. Early returns showed Fulmer leading his closest opponent Loretta Williams 1,217 to 790 votes. Henry Haranin trailed with 60 votes, and Rembrandt Jackson, Jr. was far behind with 247 votes. Jackson said a few days ago he had, for all practical purposes, stopped running.

With only nine precincts reporting at 3:30 a.m., the race for the Republican nomination to the General Assembly from the 77th district was, as expected, very close.

Albert F. Williams of State College led with 703 votes, compared to 614 votes for

Robert N. Hines of Ferguson Township. Hines had carried four out of the six precincts. Both are area businessmen.

For the Democrats, Helen Wise of State College is well ahead of her opponent Henry Guttenplan, also of State College. Wise has carried all nine of the reporting precincts with 895 votes, compared to 614 votes for Guttenplan.

Both are teachers, with Wise's significant lead possibly attributed to her position on the University Board of Trustees.

According to early returns, the race for Republican state committee man and committee woman appears to be won by the Republican team candidates J. Doyle Corman, Jr. and Bonnie McCormack. Corman has 763 votes and McCormack has 1,653 votes.

They are running against Arnold Addison, municipal council member, and Lula D. Witherow. Addison has 905 votes and Witherow has 1,045 votes. Witherow, 70, is the incumbent. Both Addison and Witherow had a strong State College showing.

For Republican delegates to the national convention with 30 precincts reporting out of 79 at 2:40 a.m. today, the apparent winner was Lula Witherow. She has 2,262 votes, Gregory Leshock had 1,644, Richard Reuscher had 1,221,

Charles Dodd had 1,067, Robert Hall had 1,111 and Samuel Breene had 575.

For delegates to the Democratic national convention from the 34th Senatorial district, the leaders at 2:45 a.m. with 30 precincts reporting are Allen Patterson (committed to Udall), 961 votes; Robert O'Connor (committed to Carter), 912; A. Frederick Fellmeth (committed to Carter), 761 votes; Jo Hays (committed to Jackson), 745 votes; Elizabeth Yeager (committed to Udall), 614 votes.

Incumbent Albert W. Johnson led in the Republican Pennsylvania primary election for U.S. Congress from the 23rd district by about 2,000 votes over Charles Seeger at 1:30 this morning.

Johnson, who could not be reached for comment, was pronounced the winner in Elk, McKean and Warren Counties.

Johnson had early leads in six other counties, including Centre and Clearfield. He was ahead by 225 votes in Centre County with 20 of 78 precincts in and 737 votes ahead in Clearfield with 34 precincts counted.

The total vote in the district as of 1:30 a.m. was Johnson, 11,433 and Seeger, 9,360, with votes reported from all counties except Potter.

Seeger said it was too early to say anything because he expected 50,000 votes to be cast.

State Senator Joseph Ammerman appeared the winner in the democratic primary election for U.S. Congress from the 23rd district as of 1:30 this morning with a 3,200 vote lead.

Ammerman, contacted at his office, said he was gratified with the votes he had gotten. "Now is the major undertaking," he said, "with Johnson seemingly re-nominated." Ammerman called for everyone interested in effective representation for the 23rd District to join with him for the general election in the fall.

Ammerman had early leads in seven counties including Centre County, where he led by 1,300 votes with 20 of 78 precincts tallied and Warren County which he won by 250 votes.

Atigan, also running for a state senate seat, blamed this for his defeat. "If I had stuck to just one candidacy I believe I would have clobbered him," he said.

He also blamed a lack of money for his defeat. "Totals in the voting as of 1:30 this morning were Ammerman 9,589 and Atigan 4,409."



The message

Members of Bridging the Gap, a religious organization operating out of Portland, Oregon, preached to listeners outside Willard, bearing this sign and passing out "Know Your Bible" cards. The group's members travel mostly to college campuses.

Green takes Demo nomination

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Congressman William J. Green of Philadelphia captured the Democratic nomination for Hugh Scott's U.S. Senate seat yesterday. Two Republicans battled for the right to face him in November.

Former Philadelphia Dist. Atty. Arlen Specter jumped to a lead over Congressman H. John Heinz III of Pittsburgh on the strength of returns from Philadelphia and its suburbs. The count was slower in Heinz' territory in western Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia journalist George Packard was third. Three other candidates were far back.

With a third of the vote in, Green enjoyed better than a 3-1 margin over his lone opponent, state Sen. Jeanette Reibman of Easton.

"I'm delighted. I thank the voters and everyone who worked for me," said a jubilant Green from his campaign headquarters.

With 48 per cent of the vote counted, Green had 372,000 votes (75 per cent), and Reibman 126,000 (25 per cent).

Specter had tallied 170,000 votes (45 per cent), Heinz 101,000 (27 per cent) and Packard 65,000 (17 per cent) and

in the state treasurer's race, Democrat Robert E. Casey of Johnstown held a narrow lead over party-backed candidate Catherine Baker Knoll in a fave-way race.

In the Republican contest, state Rep. Patricia Crawford appeared headed for victory over Norristown banker Joseph Cicippio.

The state's other fiscal post, auditor general, also was contested, with state Rep. Patrick Gleason holding a slim lead over two other candidates.

Democrat Al Benedict was unopposed. The vote count was slow in both contests.

Specter piled up votes in hometown Philadelphia and its four suburban counties where 35 per cent of the GOP faithful statewide are registered. He also was doing well in some rural counties.

Heinz, heir to the Pittsburgh food processing fortune, was running well in western Pennsylvania, especially Allegheny County where he was expected to win heavily.

Scott, a potent force in state and national politics for over three decades, announced earlier this year he would not

seek a fourth, six-year term.

Green's victory over Sen. Reibman was expected, although it marked only the second time she's lost a race in the 20 years she's been in politics. The first defeat occurred during the Eisenhower sweep of 1956 when she was edged out by 188 votes in her second bid for the state House.

Green, 37, has served in Congress for 12 years. His successful fight last year against the oil depletion allowance made him a favorite of the working man.

His name recognition in the Philadelphia area — where 25 per cent of the Democratic vote is located — was enhanced by his late father who served in Congress for 18 years. He was boss of the Philadelphia party for most of them.

Weather

That cold weather we've had the last two days will let up today and tomorrow. A blend of sunshine and cloudiness today. High 51. Clearing and cold again tonight. Low 36. The outlook for Gentle Thursday calls for partly sunny skies and milder with a high of 61.

New Lift-off to heaven preached

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"Bo and Peep forfeited literal heaven to bring us the principles needed to enter the next evolutionary state," Floyd, a blonde-haired man told a HUB lounge audience yesterday. More than 60 people sat in trance-like conditions, as Floyd and Cecil told them they didn't have to die to reach literal heaven. UFOs will take people to heaven, they said.

"Bo and Peep counsel the heart when they say we teach the departure," Floyd said in a slow, deliberate voice.

Cecil added, "We've been given an understanding of what these beings are like, and they are not human in any way."

"They are sharing the principle of overcoming the discarnate minds binding us to this garden, earth," Floyd said.

These discarnate (stripped of flesh) minds can only express themselves through a viable human plant vehicle, Floyd said. "They (discarnate minds) take over because they don't want to get vehicles of their own and we are trying to overcome this," he said.

He added most people have large armies of discarnate helpers guiding them through their lifestyles. "We must encourage them to disassociate from our vehicles," he said. "When one is successful in overcoming these discarnate minds, one is changed into a higher

vibration."

Floyd said members of his group were in the process of converting body cells into new vibrations. "We are endeavoring to overcome our human condition and be harvested off this planet or garden," he said.

Members of his group flanked him with alternating happy and stoic expressions on their faces as he spoke. The individuals in the group said their names were not important and changed them frequently. The only female member of the group said she couldn't talk because she was "giving energy" to what was happening.

When asked to explain the specific process and experiences, both Floyd and Cecil said experiences mean nothing out of context. They quickly added that the principles Bo and Peep showed them had not deceived them in any way.

Cecil said many members of the higher level came from gardens very much like earth. "We all had pretty human lives," he added. "We were fairly successful at being humans." Cecil said he literally "walked out of his life" to give 100 per cent effort to the movement in the upward direction.

"Anything that would be an expenditure of energy in the lateral direction was wasted," Cecil said. "We have chosen to be what some people feel as being selfish during this period because we are not expending energy in

human type relationships. But we're striving to become members of the next evolutionary level."

Floyd said the information has always been around but the change-over requires a certain "mind stuff" found on this planet.

"It entails taking your head off, shaking it up, putting it back on, then thinking and seeing in a completely different way," Cecil said.

"It's like a dog can't help a dog but a man can help a dog," Floyd said. "We would serve this place after overcoming it. We can take over some responsibilities in tending this garden that aren't easily comprehended."

Steven R.C. Erikson entered into a one-sided shouting match with Floyd. Cecil and his group claiming they were false prophets and man needn't be taken by spaceship to heaven. "You are denying the religious connotations of Christ," he told Floyd.

Floyd and his group sat quietly and thanked Erikson for his comments.

Floyd reiterated that his group wasn't recruiting members, "just making information available to you." He added, "When we're gone, you'll know what we did."

"What we are offering is not a pathway to the mountaintop," Floyd said, "but a departure from the mountaintop to literal heaven."