



Ineligible families receive gov't checks Welfare payment error rate high

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Nearly one in four welfare families are ineligible or improperly paid despite government efforts to reduce errors, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare said yesterday.

There was a 23.3 per cent "error rate" in the nation's largest welfare program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), for the six months ending last Dec. 31, a HEW report said. The rate was 26 per cent for all welfare cases a year ago.

During the period ending last December, HEW said, 798,600 of the 3.4 million families getting welfare aid were ineligible or were paid incorrectly.

HEW has said previously that welfare agencies or social workers make 51 per cent of the errors and recipients the rest. How much represents actual cheating never has been determined, but fraud prosecutions represent less than 1 per cent of all cases.

The report said 5.3 per cent of the 11.2 million AFDC recipients were ineligible, 13.1 per cent were overpaid and 4.9 per cent were underpaid.

The District of Columbia had the highest proportions both of ineligible, 15.3 per cent, and overpaid recipients, 23.2 per cent. Indiana had the lowest percentage of ineligible recipients, 0.9, and Nevada the lowest percentage of overpaid recipients, 1.9.

Delaware had the most underpaid recipients, with 18.4 per cent, and Nevada the fewest with 0.6 per cent.

Money spent improperly because of errors in the \$10 billion a year program fell from \$457.5 million to \$423.4 million during the same period.

The federal share of AFDC spending averages 55 per cent with states making up the difference.

"The result of three full years of federal and state efforts to reduce welfare errors has been a 48.5 per cent cut in payment error rates and a cost reduction of \$1.4 billion," HEW said.

HEW's original goal in the "quality control" effort undertaken Jan. 1, 1974, was to reduce welfare errors to no more than 13 per cent of all cases by July 1975.

Jury deliberates in nurses' trial

DETROIT (UPI) — A federal jury held its first evening deliberations yesterday as two Filipino nurses, accused of poisoning Veterans Administration hospital patients, grew more anxious each hour that the jurors failed to reach a verdict.

Defense attorney Laurence Burgess said Filipina Narciso, 31, and Leonora Perez, 33, were having a "difficult time." The nine women and three men jurors began their deliberation seven days ago in the U.S. District Court trial.

"They (the defendants) are doing as well as can be expected," Burgess said.

"But the long wait is creating anxiety for them and everyone. Nobody knows what the length of the deliberations means."

The jurors took an extended lunch break away from their hot, steamy, jury room. Another two-hour break gave them a leisurely dinner.

It was not known if the night session indicated an imminent verdict or was just an attempt to speed up the jury's considerations.

The women faced eight counts in the poisoning of patients at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital in July and August, 1975. Injections of Pavulon, a powerful muscle relaxant, were blamed for 52 sudden breathing failures at the hospital during that time, 12 of them fatal.

Most officials and observers had expected a verdict in three or four days. There was no indication what was causing the delay.

Prosecutors in the case said the long deliberations probably were due to the overwhelming amount of evidence in the three-month trial. Jurors were forced to review 6,500 pages of transcripts from 100 witnesses and 58 exhibits.

Student health service panel to meet

The Student Advisory Board to University Health Services meets 7:30 tonight in Ritenour lobby.

An International luncheon will be held by FSHA 330 in the Maple Room cafeteria tomorrow 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The Free U course "The Seabrook Confrontation" will hold an environmental coalition on nuclear power meeting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10 at Harrisburg Community College.

Penn State Young Socialists meet 7:30 tonight in 67 Willard.

The HOPS Lesbian Collective meets 8:30 tonight in the Women's Resource Center.

An introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation will be given 8 tonight in 18 Sparks.

Collegian notes

NITTANY MOUNTAIN SUMMER
The Pennsylvania State University

SPECTRUM

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE
July 9 8 p.m. Eisenhower Auditorium University Park, Pa.

One of the finest modern dance groups in the world today visits Penn State on its first American tour.

Tickets on sale at the Eisenhower Auditorium box office window now.
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except July 4 and 6:30 p.m. on days of performance.
For information, call collect (814) 863-0255.
University Theatre

SCRUMPDILLYISHUS SCRUMPDILLYISHUS

ScrumPdillyishus!

Monday and Thursday are Frozen Yogurt Days at your Dairy Queen in Calder Square. This week try our new flavor: RASPBERRY!

© U.S. Pat. Off. Am. D.O. Corp. 11/19/76 Am. D.O. Corp.

EKTACHROME E-6 Processing
PHOTO TEC 234-2000
237-5327
a division of photographic associates

SUB SHACK
THURSDAY SPECIAL
All Hoagies \$1.00 except Roast Beef and Ham \$1.25
484 E. College Ave.

IBM NEEDS OUTSTANDING PEOPLE

And we can offer outstanding career opportunities in Engineering, Programming or Marketing.
We will be interviewing at

Pennsylvania State University
on July 7, 1977

To find out about IBM and let us find out about you, sign up for an interview at the Placement Office or write to: Ms. M. Dawkins, College Relations Representative, IBM Corporation, One IBM Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

IBM
An equal opportunity employer

Tickets on Sale in HUB Lobby
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
THIS WEEK ONLY!