Far-out Shorts

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Remember Bob Denver? He played on TV for years as Dobie Gillis' best friend Maynard G. Krebs. Maynard always wore a sweatshirt, had a goatee and sideburns, and freaked out whenever anyone mentioned work. Well, on February 8, Bob Denver was busted by cops in a little California town for possession of grass. Bob told the police he was on his way to Oregon.

In San Francisco, the Downtown Peace Coalition became suspicious when they found a Christmas card from J. Edgar Hoover in their files. The card, and others from law enforcement agencies, addressed to the San Francisco Police department, were stuck in the middle of the anti-war group's files and records. The coalition checked with the Frisco Police. Yes, said Lt. Paul Lawler of Police Intelligence, the files of the coalition had been -perused" and the cards apparently dropped in by mistake. The coalition's files were stolen last month. They were returned nine days later by the police. It wasn't revealed who ripped them off.

A 15 year old "Junior Robin Hood," who escaped from the Ottawa County Youth Home was finally apprehended by officers—after he ran out of arrows. Ottawa County Deputy Sheriffs engaged in a five-hour chase for the youth through woods and sand dunes south of Grand Haven after he escaped Wednesday. Before he was spotted, he broke into a cottage and stole a bow and some arrows and knives. He kept the deputies at bay for some time by firing the arrows at them until his supply ran out and he was subdued.

The county dog catcher and a few others have been demanding a "thorough investigation" by the Tallahassee, Florida school board of "teachers who protest against law and order," because of a demonstration late last month by a group of second grade students. When two of the dog catcher's men tried to nab a pooch across from the Sabal Palms elementary school, the second graders, who were on a break, spontaneously made picket signs and shouted slogans like, "Why don't you leave the dog alone." Obviously, the students are communist dupes.

The head of a leading anti-drug program says that a statement by a Reno doctor that grass may reduce drives, was "awfully irresponsible." Dr. James Barter, the chief of the Sacramento drug abuse program, said the statements about grass reducing sex drives would do more harm than good. Earlier in the week, Dr. Wesley Hall, who is president-elect of the American Medical Association, had said that an undisclosed study revealed that use of grass may reduce the sexual drive of a 35-year-old man to that of a man 70 years of age.

Three women tested several feminine hygiene sprays for the February issue of "Moneysworth" magazine, and gave the magazine's readers their opinion of the effectiveness of the products.

One of the more positive reports was the discovery that one of the sprays, Massengill, will kill cockroaches.

Judge G. Harrold Carswell, Nixon's one time nominee to the Supreme Court, was rejected by the Senate for being a racist die-hard conservative. Now, it turns out that his youngest son, Scott, is into drug culture. You might think that the fact of Scott's pot bust in Tallahassee, Fla. would put him on the other side of the generation gap from his father. But Scott Carswell beat the rap with a time honored maneuver that would do his father proud. In exchange for having the charges dropped against him, Carswell Jr. agreed to turn state's evidence against four other young people who were arrested with him. He joins the ranks of other young ruling class freaks who have been busted for grass and other drugs—Robert Kennedy, Jr.; the son of New Jersey Gov. Cahill; Sargent Shriver's son; industrialist Howard Samuel's son, and many more.

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