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Twists and turns — Iowa's first skateboard park — in Davenport.

Tulips — an annual Pella, Iowa panorama.

Tabbies — a cat show this weekend in Moline.

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Tornado Smashes Grade School

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A tornado smashed through the High Point Elementary School near Clearwater, Fla., Thursday, killing two students and

injuring 16 students and teachers. Tornadoes swept down in the Gainesville and Jacksonville areas also. (UPI photo)

Carter Assails Lawyers For 'Unequal Justice'

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — President Carter assailed his proposals for improving the criminal justice system Thursday and charged America's jails are jammed with "the powerless and the poor" while "big shot crims" get help from high priced lawyers.

Blaming the legal profession for much of America's inept justice, Carter proposed a long list of reforms including "a major new effort" against white collar crime, passage of no-fault auto accident and divorce laws, more financial disclosure for public officials and removal of such crimes of drunkenness and vagrancy

from the over-burdened court system.

The president delivered his powerful words in a speech prepared for delivery in the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Carter in a four-state Western tour devoted alternately to unveiling new policy proposals and showing support for Democrats.

The president, addressing the bar association on its 100th anniversary, said to question had occurred in his adult life "more than that of human justice."

"If our nation is to thrive, if we are to fulfill the promise of our founding fathers, if we are truly to

serve the ends of justice, we must look beyond the comfortable institutions of privilege," he told his audience of attorneys.

Then he turned to the legal profession, as the Western lawyers are accused of helping fight down-guns and in the "big shot crims" he first attacked when he accepted the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination.

"Not a percent of our lawyers serve 2 percent of our people," he said. "We are over-saturated and under-responsive."

Among his proposals for making the criminal justice system fairer, faster, more accessible to ordinary

citizens and less dependent on expensive legal aid, the president included:

— Urging the House to approve the historic overhaul of the Federal Criminal Code already approved by the Senate. One of its major provisions is set of guidelines for uniform punishment of similar crimes.

— Plans to reorganize the 96 federal agencies concerned with law enforcement.

— Support for reducing "the tremendous overhead" on the courts by relieving them of responsibility for "such crimes as drunkenness and vagrancy."

— Urging House passage of Senate-approved legislation requiring

major executive branch, legislative and judicial officials to disclose their personal finances, and the Senate to approve the House-passed Lobby Reform Bill.

— Proposing for congressional approval of a merit selection law designed to increase the number of female, black, Hispanic and other minority group judges on the federal bench.

— Working for expansion of low-cost, prepaid legal aid plans and legal clinics.

— Doubling the budget of the Federal Legal Services Corp. for fiscal 1979.

Food Tops Sharp Rise In Prices

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Another sharp rise in food costs coupled with a huge increase for poultry contributed to a 1.3 percent climb in April wholesale prices, the largest gain in 41 months, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

Government analysts were unanimous in saying the low level of inflationary pressure poses a serious problem.

And Jack Carlson, chief economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, fully predicted, "double-digit inflation has returned to the American economy."

THE 1.3 PERCENT jump in the government's Producer Price Index for Foodstuffs — those products ready for sale to consumers — was the sharpest since a 1.8 percent gain in November 1974.

The April advance was more than double the .64 percent registered in March, and it topped February's 1.1 percent gain when severe winter weather hindered the nation.

In the past three months, prices of products at the wholesale level — the first stage before consumers buy them — have jumped at a 1.2 percent



THE THIRD LITTLE PIG BUILT HIS HOUSE OF BRICKS.

annual rate, far above the administration's 6.5 to 7 percent projection for inflation in 1978.

In a VIVID EXAMPLE of how the cost of living has increased, the double-digit goods index was 10.4 last month, meaning products costing \$100 in 1967 were for \$104.40 last month.

Rapidly rising food costs were a major reason for the poor performance. They advanced 1.8 percent during April — an annual rate of 22.8 percent.

The second sector registered a 1 percent gain. This category includes durable products, such as autos, furniture, appliances and jewelry, which registered a 10 percent wholesale gain in April.

Teens Flee County Jail

By Rick Jost

of the Times

Authorities were still searching late Thursday for two of the three juveniles who spent their way to freedom Thursday by using a backdoor made on the back of the Scott County Jail.

Scott County Sheriff Kenneth Padden said he was not sure how the three youths got the escape tool, but added it was his opinion they may have obtained the device during visitation at the jail.

Quad-City law officers had not turned up Victor Phares, 17, of Cedar Rapids, and Dan E. Bowyer, 16, of Iowa City by late Thursday officials said.

THE THIRD youth, Henry C. Lowe, 18, of 1909 Indian Road, Davenport, turned himself over to the Davenport police department a few hours after the escape.

Lowe had been held on charges of burglary and possession of their glazy tools.

Phares was being held in the jail on a charge of extortion. Bowyer was serving a jail sentence for 30 traffic charges, officials said.

All three were in the same day room last night.

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Derby Lines Up

Kentucky Derby favorite Alydar draws the No. 1 spot. Sports

Talk Of The State?

The commotion over the Iowa General Assembly's drive for adjournment in an most lawmakers' minds — or is it? Editorial

Cloudy

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