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## Waddill Mistrial: 7-5 Dead

### Jurors Say They Were Split from Start

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SANTA ANA — Almost from the very beginning of their 11 days of deliberations, the jury in the Dr. William Waddill baby murder trial was hopelessly deadlocked.

Yesterday after the jurors were dismissed, they recalled that on their first ballot, two had voted guilty, three not guilty and seven undecided.

By the eighth day, three jurors were still holding out for acquittal of the 42-year-old Orange County obstetrician accused of strangling — or letting die —

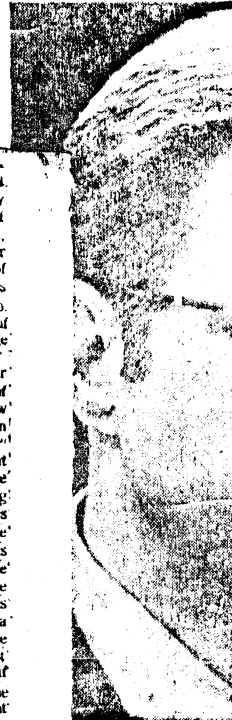
an infant survivor of a saline abortion. The abortion itself was not at issue. Jurors said, after Turner instructed them that the operation had been per-

formed, they could not convict the defendant on those grounds.

"We felt there wasn't enough evidence," said Kathie Davis, the 22-year-old

juror who said she had to be convinced to resuscitate the newborn infant — or failed to act himself to keep the baby alive.

To answer that question, the jurors



Dr. William Waddill

## How Can the Doc

By BROOKS JACKSON

Associated Press Writer

KANE, Wash. (AP) — Carter denounced the American Medical Association as "the major obstacle in our country to a health care system that

## quake in Baja

By DAN TEDRICK

DIEGO (AP) — An earthquake in the Gulf of California through Baja California Southern California yesterday. There were no injuries or damage or injury to persons from the quake.

measured 5.3 on the Richter scale and caused a reading that could cause damage in a populated area. The quake's epicenter was in the Gulf, 70 miles from the Mexican border. The quake was felt in several California cities. The owner of a grocery store which he recognized as a quake store there was no damage to persons in several California cities.

## Q&A

### Space Program

#### A Hoax, Claims

#### Flat-World Leader

Charles K. Johnson, of Lancaster, is president of the International Flat Earth Research Society of America and publisher of its newsletter, "Flat Earth News." He was interviewed by Washington Star staff writer Allan Frank.

Question: Why do you believe the earth is flat?

Johnson: Well, for the simple reason that it is flat. In the first place it's the only logical, reasonable, rational, normal outlook toward the world.

Q: What about the pictures from satellites that show the earth is round rather than flat?

A: They are simulated.

Q: Simulated?

A: The space program is a complete and total hoax.

Q: When you are up in an airplane, can't you see the curve of the earth?

A: When you are up in an airplane you have a slight optical illusion. Speaking of airplanes, one of our proofs about the earth being flat is that airplanes are designed and built to fly level. They do. If a pilot flew a thousand miles an hour when his plane flies level, if the earth were a ball he would find himself about 3,000 feet higher than he was when he started. The simple flying of an airplane itself demonstrates the fact that the earth is not a ball. At any speed he would simply go off the world keeping his plane level.

Q: The plane would fly off the edge of earth?

A: Not off the edge. He would just fly up and away.

Q: Do you believe in gravity?

A: No, no. This is a part of this religious hoax. Actually in the 1500s and 1600s in what was called a reformation — it was actually a re-formation of the universe — there was a creation of an entirely false picture. It was a returning back to a centuries old version of religion. This is a religion that is called astronomy. Science today is an ancient Asiatic religion — a sunworship religion. It was actually in effect at the time Jesus was on earth. He was a flat-earthier. But these Hedons had this absurd idea, the very same idea that is taught in every public school in

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America today, that the sun is god or the sun is the center of the universe. A bunch believe that the sun is all there is.

Q: What convinces you the earth is flat rather than, say, a cube or square?

A: Well, there's no reason it's not square. But there is no evidence since the beginning of time to indicate it's round. The simple fact is that we have demonstrated over and over a hundred, a thousand, times that the earth is actually flat. It's not all that hard to prove.

Q: What is the shape of the earth as you see it?

A: The earth is an island. It's been stated by Moses that the universe is primarily water. Of course, water is flat. There is no other way water can be but flat. Just as Moses said and the facts indicate, the land is sitting in and on the water. Primarily the whole world is sitting on water. The center of the circle of the earth is the magnetic north. The outer — I don't want to use the word edge — the outer limit to which man has penetrated is known as the southern ice. The known, the inhabited world is surrounded by a circle of ice which has never been penetrated but by a few miles. The sun, of course, has never shone out there. We have no ideas what is beyond the southern limits of the known world. And the flat world lies within it. Anyone who has ever been to what they call Antarctica has seen the ice. There is no such place as the South Pole but there is southern ice. When you go out so far in any direction all you come to is ice. That's what it is — utter blackness, cold.

Q: How do you account for something like the Bermuda Triangle, where a ship supposedly mysteriously disappears? Is that a hole in the flat earth, in your opinion?

A: No. Don't be superstitious. It's simply pirates. It's very simple to explain. I really don't care to get too much into this, but, of course, I know what the Bermuda Triangle is. It's not difficult, you know. There's a certain area you go out to like the Lost Dutchman Mine in Arizona. Everyone who goes into it vanishes. You know what's happening, there's people killing them out there. So it doesn't have anything to do with the shape of the earth. It's just simply a certain criminal element out there, enemies of the United States, who kidnap ships and people.

Q: Well, how thick is the flat earth?

A: As far as we know it's infinite.

Q: Infinitely thick?

A: Infinitely thick.



CHARLES AND MARJORY JOHNSON

On their farm near Edwards AFB

Q: It's not like a Hershey bar or anything?

A: One hallucination that this religious science put in everybody's mind is that everything has three or four dimensions. But the earth does not have three or four dimensions. It doesn't have four, it doesn't have three or two. It has one known dimension and that is the surface which is flat. It has one dimension.

Q: Your wife believes that the earth is flat, also, right?

A: Right. She's from Australia, by the way. In fact, she sailed from Australia to this country, and she is one of our, you might say, main proofs, because she swears and testifies to the fact that when she lived in Australia she did not hang by her feet. She has never hung by her feet in her entire life, and when she sailed the ship over to San Francisco, she sailed across the flat ocean. She didn't sail straight up, she didn't come over a hump, she said the sea was flat all the way.

Q: Did your parents believe that the world was flat, too?

A: Well, I never particularly talked to my parents about it. In fact, I never heard of the idea until I first went into grade school and they showed me a globe. The very idea of a globe is too absurd to even think about it. I mean it doesn't make rhyme and reason. If the earth was a globe you'd have to sail over the edge. You still sail over the edge. You have to sail straight down. You come to the edge, you sail over, then you continue to sail upside down, held on by gravity to Australia, where everybody is upside down. It didn't make any sense to me at seven years old, and it doesn't make any sense now.

Q: Do people fall off the edge of the earth?

A: No, the only people that could possibly fall off the edge would be the

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steer cabinet, a flight stand and a chair.

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### Betty Ford's Painful Struggle Shared by Millions