## United States may provide missiles for Israeli defense

WASHINGTON — The United States may give Israel a battlefield missile system capable of delivering strikes upon Cairo, the Aswan Dam and nearly every major target in Syria and Jordan.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger confirmed at a news conference in Cincinnati that the administration has "agreed to study" whether to supply Pershing missiles to the Jewish state.

In Washington, Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres said at a National Press Club appearance that missiles. "If you want to, we shall give such a guarantee," Peres said.

Only the Pershing delivery system would be involved in the proposed program. There has been constant speculation that the Israelis have developed their own nuclear weapons. Israel's government has neither confirmed nor denied it.

Kissinger returned to Washington at mid-afternoon. Other sources in the Capital confirmed that the Pershing would be capable of reaching most of the major targets within the boundaries of Israel's hostile neighbors.

Meanwhile Wednesday, Congress withdrew its barriers to the sale of 500 Hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan. A resolution against that deal died in a House committee, and in the Senate, Republican Clifford P. Case of New Jersey said he and other opponents were now satisfied with President Ford's assurance that Jordan would use the missiles only for defensive pur-

Shortly after those developments, Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco told reporters that We will go ahead with the sale.

Case referred to a letter from Ford to the Congress that the 14 missile batteries would be placed at fixed sites as "defensive and nonmobile anti-aircraft weapons."

In addition to the \$26 million sale, the deal includes "training appropriate to non-mobile weapons,' Ford wrote. Kissinger insisted at his news con-

ference that "There is not a commitment" to give the Pershing missiles to Israel.

A day earlier, President Ford told reporters only that the Pershings



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were on Israel's "shopping list. But U.S. and diplomatic sources ing reached between Kissinger and Israel during the secretary's Middle East shuttle last month provided for giving "a positive response" to Is-rael's requests for the Pershing, new F16 fighter planes and other weapons.

Kissinger did not specifically deny that, saying instead that the said a memorandum of understand- United States has not yet "agreed to supply" the missiles. The United States now deploys

more than 250 of the ground-to-ground missiles in NATO countries. They are equipped with nuclear warheads at least three times as powerful as the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 Minister Shimon Peres is in Washington to discuss the arms aid, part of an over-all U.S. assistance program of about \$2.3 billion for the

Jerusalem government. Kissinger indicated a decision on the Pershings and other weapons will follow the talks with Peres and subsequent technical studies.

The Sixth Republic of Texas Chilympiad and State Chili Cookoff begins today in San Marcos and will climax Sunday.

Johnny Rodriquez, the first Mexican-American to gain fame in country music, will open the Chilympiad tonight with a dance in the Hays County Civic Center.

The State Collegiate Chili Cookoff begins Friday. Faron Young, a long-time veteran of the country

and western world, will entertain in concert at the Friday night Chili Dance The Chili Parade will lead off the

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day on Saturday. The State Chili Cook-off will also be held Saturday with judging in the afternoon.

Also scheduled Saturday is the Sixth Annual Arts and Crafts Show and the Old Fiddlers Contest. Saturday night, Roy Head will

perform for the chili fans.

On Sunday, the State Junior Chili Cook-off will be held after an air show by the Central Texas Wing of the Confederate Air Force.

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THE BATTALION

Bobby Bare will close out the festivities Sunday night at the fourth Big Chili Dance.

Plenty of commercial "Cowboy Chili" will be on hand to feed the expected crowd of 150,000 at the four-day affair.

## **Officers' wives feature** his government is willing to promise not to put nuclear warheads on the missiles. "If you want to, we shall

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — "It was just a nice party," said one of the officers' wives present at a fete

perform on the deck of his ship.

elicited no reprimand.

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would produce unprecedented new

taxes and a full-time legislature with

enormous power, Sen. Peyton

McKnight, D-Tyler, told members

of the Associated General Contrac-

to preserve the Texas Constitution,

said that just this year the legisla-

ture went through a billion dollar

surplus like it was branch water.

"God knows what future legisla-

tures will do if they are given the full powers outlined in this so-called

He said the legislative article in

the proposed document was "rigged

to transfer powers now held by the

people to the legislature . . . Legis-

McKnight, chairman of Citizens

tors Wednesday.

AUSTIN — A new constitution

The ladies who attended couldn't figure out what the fuss is where four U.S. Navy officers clad about," Shackelton said. "Everyone only in their skivvies popped out of a was modestly attired. There was nothing untoward. You see far more at The gathering at Moffett Field a public beach. This is one of the Naval Air Station occurred three

Wednesday

straightest bases in the world." The party, organized by Phyllis Hedges, wife of the commanding ofdays before it was reported that the Navy had reprimanded and reficer, was highlighted by four officmoved from command the skipper of the submarine USS Finback for ers who volunteered to take turns leaping out of a cake made of chicpermitting a topless go-go dancer to ken wire and crepe paper. The men, But there's no comparison betwho preferred to remain unidenween the two events, according to tified, wore "brief but modest" shorts, observers said.

Moffett information officer John Shackelton, who said Wednesday 'It was just a lot of fun for those that the ladies' party at Moffett, cal-

and was reported by local media who were there," said Nancy Far-rar, wife of a Moffett officer. "It's being blown up out of proportion. There was nothing crude, the men were all just topless. There is no parallel to the submarine incident." Mrs. Farrar said the party was

meant to be a spoof of a stag party, and similar parties have been held on the base in past years.

Navy Comdr. Connelly Steven-son was relieved of his command last month for allowing topless dancer Cat Futch to perform for the crew as the Finback sailed out of Fort Canaveral, Fla. He reportedly is trying to convince the Navy that the offense was not serious enough to justify the loss of his command.



SCONA will meet at 5 p.m. in room 510 of the Rudder Tower. Travel Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in room 216MSC.

Bonfire Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in room 308 of the **Rudder** Towe Cepheid Variable will meet at 7 p.m. in room 701 of the Rudder

Tower Outdoor Recreation Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 404 of the Rudder Tower.

Pentagon Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 502 of the Rudder Tower.

Women's Awareness will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 510 of the **Rudder** Towe

Students for Responsible Expression will meet at 7:45 p.m. in room 305 A&B, Rudder Tower

Eagle Pass Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in room 216 L of the MSC

Judicial Board will meet at 8 p.m. in room 216 of the MSC. The Veterans Club will meet at 8 p.m. in room 302 of the Rudder Tower

The Horseman's Association will meet Thursday in the Horse Center, just past the rodeo arena on Jersey at 7 p.m.

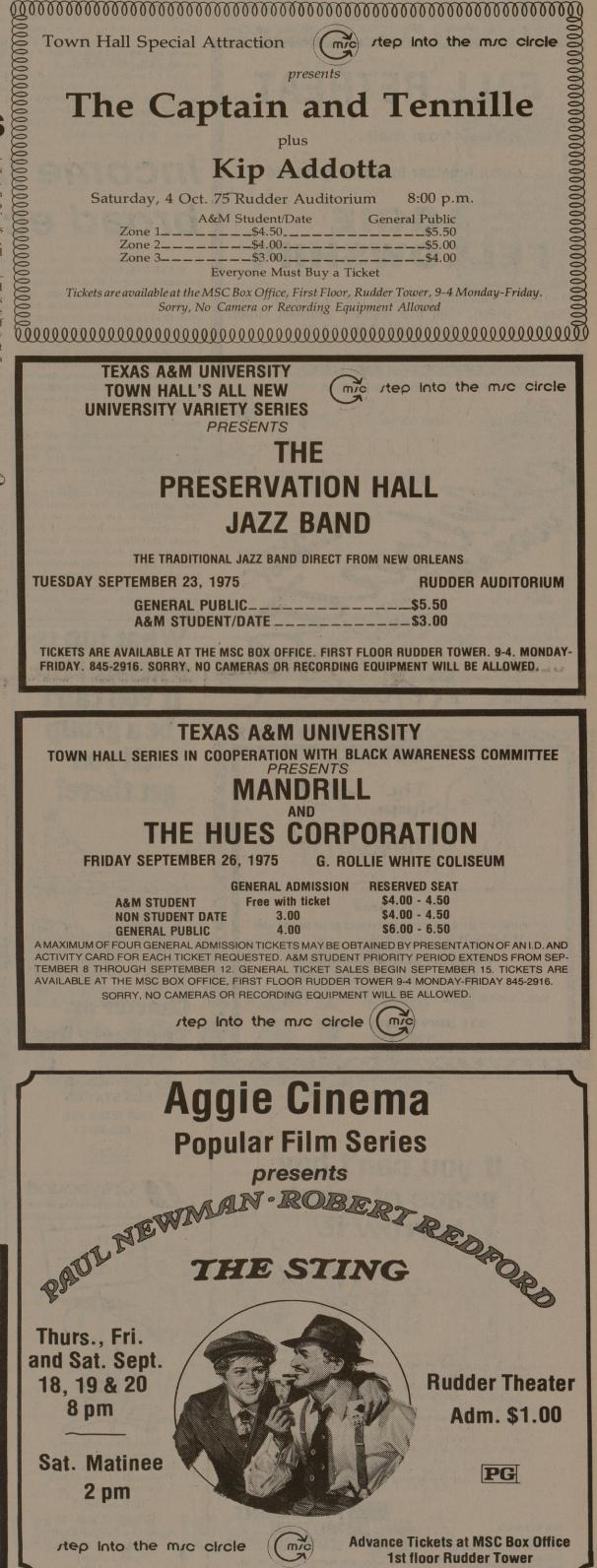
Isshinryu Karate Club will meet Thursday in room 256 of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Beginners should come at 6:30 p.m. Ad-

vanced members should come at 8 p.m. Aggie Players will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Forum. Agricultural Economics reception will be in room 610 of the

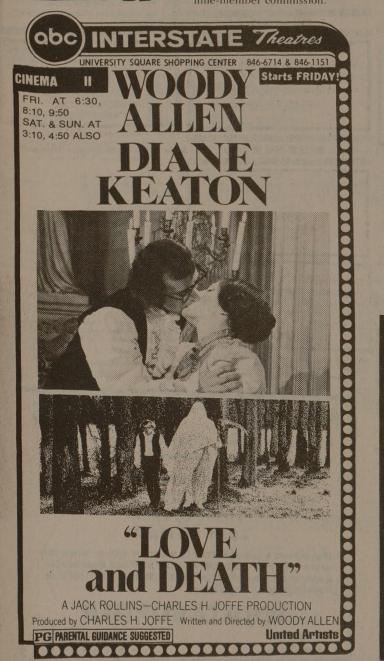
Rudder Tower at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Free U. courses to be offered include:

Aerobic Dance — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 226 of the MSC

Powderpuff Automobile Economy - Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Mechanical Engineering Shop Building.



lative pay and expense allowances, now set by the people, would be set by the lawmaker themselves, subject only to a maximum negotiated annually by a politically appointed nine-member commission



The Baha'i Faith — Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 402 of the Rudder Tower.

Firearms — Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Room 228 of the MSC. Hebrew — Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 402 of the Rudder

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Human Sexuality - Monday at 7 p.m. in Room 504 of the **Rudder** Tower

Investment Counseling - Sep. 22, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 18 at a place to be announced

Library Techniques Workshop - Thursday at 7 p.m. in the A&M Library

Outdoor Skills - Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 502 of the Rudder Tower

Radio — Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 223, Zachry Engineering Center

The Revelation - beginning Monday at 8:30 in Room 504 of the Rudder Tower

Science Fiction Writing - Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room 502 of the Rudder Tower.

Self Defense for Men and Women — Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 261 of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

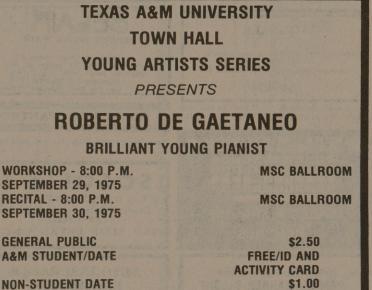
Spiritual Awareness and Meditation — Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504 of the Rudder Tower.

First Aid — Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at a place to be announced.

Guitar — time and place to be announced.

Basic Photographic Techniques - 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 p.m. at a place to be announced.

Advanced Photographic Techniques — 2nd and 4th Mondays at a place to be announced.



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