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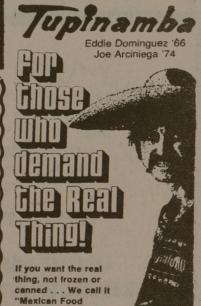
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# Fish doctor makes house calls

The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag didn't appear on the American scene until 1892 when Francis Bel-United Press International rent an aquarium or some fish for a LOS ANGELES — Alan Beck special scene," he said. fishes through his little green But Beck spends much of his time lamy, staff member of a boys' magazine, "Youth's Companion," wrote it for a Columbus Day promomedicine kit looking for the right on the phone, helping customers concoction to cure a convulsing koi nurse ailing fish back to health.
or a vitamin to perk up a tired tetra. "People get attached to their
Beck, owner of Coral Reef fish," Beck said at his showroom in



## Pony 'slippers' cut

Enterprises sells and stocks the Pacific Design Center. "If any-

quariums and ponds and runs a thing happens to them, people get

24-hour hotline for owners of sick very depressed. You don't only treat fish. His staff of 17 employes even the fish, you treat the people, too.

Beck has designed aquariums — "People who name fish are in he calls them "living furniture" — trouble. It seems those fish always

for such stars as Elizabeth Taylor, go first."
Sammy Davis Jr. and Barbra Beck said his firm sometimes gets

Streisand and even rents out fish up to 100 calls a night - many long

Sometimes a studio will want to a fish owner in Great Neck, N.Y.

hooves, King the Shetland pony frolicked in a pasture yesterday, "as happy as a lark."

makes house calls.

King was found last week in a dung-filled stall in Plaistow.

SPCA officials estimated the 10year-old pony had been in the stall for years and had existed almost exclusively on a diet of hay. The owner of the horse, Barbara Reed, faces animal cruelty charges in Plaistow District Court Sept. 13.

It took Dr. Walter Hilton of the University of New Hampshire about two and a half hours to trim the hooves, which had curved upward to resemble what one SPCA member called "Turkish slippers."
He found no damage to the blood "Turkish slippers."

SAN ANTONIO — A former sub-

ordinate of fired Southwestern Bell

Telephone executive James H.

Ashley testified yesterday Ashley was a crude talker who put little im-

Joe Cochran, 46, a \$39,200-a-year

commercial supervisor, said he fal-sified expense vouchers and bor-rowed \$12,000 from a bank on

Ashley's orders, helped send Bell

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portance on telling the truth.

"He's as happy as a lark and has DURHAM, N.H. — Finally freed been running around," said of his 15-inch "Turkish slipper" Jeanette Turcotte, who works in the university's Veterinarian Diagnostic Laboratory. "They were very sur-prised he was able to stand right. And he wasn't frisky at all when

They are so into their animals.

"People who name fish are in

distance. One frantic call came from

they were trimming."
"He's as good as gold and is feeling just perfect," said one of the stable hands in charge of King's care. "He was just perfect through-

out the whole thing."

Hilton has said the next few weeks will be crucial for the pony. He said if the horse is a fast healer, he could be back to normal within

Phone exec 'crude talker'

pornographic movies on a video

"I'd say in general the employes were afraid of him (Ashley)," Coch-

ran said. "His basic motivation was

by fear. His method of controlling people was making them afraid of

Ashley has joined the survivors of the late T.O. Gravitt in a \$29-

they attempted to disclose illegal wiretaps and campaign contributions by the company.

Cochran testified that Ashley, a

San Antonio Commercial manager

until his suspension on Oct. 9, 1974,

used "frequent profanity and sexu-

ally oriented innuendoes," includ-

ing one profane statement in Spanish which other witnesses have

quoted Ashley as using in the pres-

Cochran said two of Ashley's fa-

Cochran and other Bell employes

have testified they never knew of

Bell practices, as he has claimed in earlier testimony. He said Ashley

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vorite sayings were: "I can't remember the last lie I told" and "I

ence of female employes.

embarrasment.

Ashley's brother, and joined his boss and other men in Ashley's San

Gravitt, former vice president for Texas, committed suicide because

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She threw a party and a guest spilled liquor in her fish pond. What should she do?

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poured chicken soup into the pond and killed the lot, then frantically sought to replace them before her son returned. "The crux of curing a fish is proper diagnosis, then you have to

give the proper medication," said Beck, whose firm researches cures and maintenance techniques for

He even has a special sling he uses to give fish shots.

The problem with fish, he said, is ou can't always tell they're ill until it's too late. "If a dog is sick, he will let you know. Fish don't always do

Sure symptoms of illness, he said, include fish lying on the bottom of the tank, floating at the top gasping for air, having faded colors or ragged fins, or scratching themselves along the sides of a tank.

noted. And most pr caused by stress.

Though aquarius biggest sellers, he said

with koi, or Japanese coming very popular And when one dies "You can bury them great fertilizer.

#### Prisoners in Men apply for release

United Press Interna LAREDO, Tex. — Th sulate said yesterday a can inmates in the Nu Prison who are eligible in the prisoner release have applied for returnited States.

A spokesman for the said there was no truth printed in a Mexican I that none of the America to take part in the exc

### Barnes alters su

BROWNWOOD — An amended petition filed Tuesday in the \$22 million libel suit by former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes claims the Dallas Morning News circulated a libelous article about Barnes in his home county but not in Dallas County.

The 19-page amended petition charges the newspaper, which is a defendant along with publisher A.H. Belo Corp., circulated in Brown County an Oct. 5, 1976 re-

The petition claims paper and publisher we

attempting to damage Ba The original suit was Barnes in September, series of articles the connecting him with a

Barnes alleged the s cles detailing a goven gation of alleged bank libelous. He said the stories was to connec tion" to other persons named in the articles

and "in good faith d duty to convey infor public on a subject whi as a right to be infor

The publishing firm facts or publications ci added that the articles "without malice about

ure on a matter of pul It said the fact the i the articles came fr meant the newspaper liable.

Barnes won eight p in Texas before his fi

#### Ashley was regarded as being "very aggressive" in obtaining higher telephone rates, also in contrast to Ashley's testimony Cochran said Ashley was told he

ordered him to make political contributions, then recover the money by false expense vouchers. He said

was "overextended on credit and "privileged exercise under the 1st and 1 dinate to borrow \$3,000 on short ments of the Cons term from a bank. Ashley paid back such loans three times but still owed Cochran \$1,300 when he was suspended, Cochran said.

Earlier in the trial, Bell attorneys called 15 female employes and three male employes to testify that Ashley and Gravitt were "lechers" and 'ladies men" who stole money from the company on false expense vouchers and handed out promotions in exchange for sexual favors loss, a 1972 bid for the

### Fire safety question

AUSTIN - An installer of fire rotection equipment says state officials' proposal to change safety regulations for installations of fire extinguishers in restaurants would discourage owners from installing

Richard M. Davis of Marshall said Tuesday at a hearing before the State Insurance Board the proposal would not work because commercial kitchens already have stove hoods and duct vents before fire protec-

tion equipment is installed. "It (the proposed rule) is not Laredo, Mexico, have i going to accomplish anything but city government unle make the restaurants not want to in-stall a fire extinguisher system at quit providing services he asserted.

The proposal would prohibit the installation of automatic sprinklers and other fixed fire extinguisher systems in kitchens where stove hoods and duct vents are substandard.

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