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## 'Brown Day' set for commissioner

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A group of Bryan-College Station residents will celebrate "Reagan Brown Day" September 20, in honor of the Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner. The day will be highlighted by a program scheduled for the Bryan Civic Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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event we plant to exhibit our appreciation," said J. E. Roberts, chairman of the Brazos Valley Friends of Reagan Brown.
Roberts noted that some 20
Bryan-College Station residents

compose the committee whose task it is to coordinate and implement the various activities planned for the

"It is his birthday and in accordance we plan to have a Texas-size birthday cake on hand for the evenng event," Roberts said

Brown's ties with the Bryan-College Station area date back to 1939 when he entered Texas A&M as a freshman. In 1956 he returned to the community as Extension Sociologist in the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department. During his years with the Extension Service, he worked closely with rural communities, helping to install 750 water systems, upgrade the development of 1,000 small towns, and spearhead the revitalization of 800 rural communities.

Prior to assuming his present position, Brown was named special assistant to Gov. Dolph Briscoe where he was responsible for rural development and agricultural programs.

## A&M vets say pet 'pill' almost here

Those so-called pet "pill" conraceptives to prevent animal pregnancies may be a reality in the near future, but don't expect them to be inexpensive or available at your local supermarket, advise Texas A&M University veterinary officials.

Three kinds of animal contraceptives — a food additive, a time-released wafer under the skin and an injection — are currently being tested on dogs at Ohio State University, Colorado State and the University of Guelph, Canada.

Of the three, notes Dr. Mary Herron, associate professor of veterinary anatomy at Texas A&M, the food additive should be okayed for gen-eral use first, probably in the next

"The concept is good, says Dr. Robert F. Playter, head of Texas A&M's small animal and surgery department, "but people have a tendency to forget to take their own, I think there might be a tendency

the pet contraceptive over a period of time and we might see a loss of its effectiveness in that regard. Both Playter and Herron agree

for pet owners to forget to administer

that the product will not likely be inexpenisve, nor will it be sold off the shelf next to the dog collars and flea shampoo.
"It needs more control than that,

Herron explains.

'I don't forsee this as a regular grocery item that can be picked up off the shelf." Playter says.

"This is not a solution for pet over-population," says Herron. This is a measure for the pet owner who is already concerned because he must be willing to pay for it and must be willing to give it. It won't do anything for the stray dog and cat prob-

But veterinarians are not the only Texas A&M group closely watching developments of animal contracep-

## U.S. hijacker satisfied with Cuban living

United Press International
HAVANA — An American accused of hijacking a charter boat from Key West, Fla. to Cuba in July, 1974, says few hijacking suspects who have remained in Cuba have found jobs, but he has no desire to return to the United States. sire to return to the United States.

Cliff McCrary, one of a group of called Nueva Isla (New Island), showed up at the Riviera Hotel where U.S. newsmen covering the recent opening of the U.S. mission were staying.

The Americans, who are charged with kidnaping and other crimes in the United States, live with Colom-bians, Chileans and Mexicans who

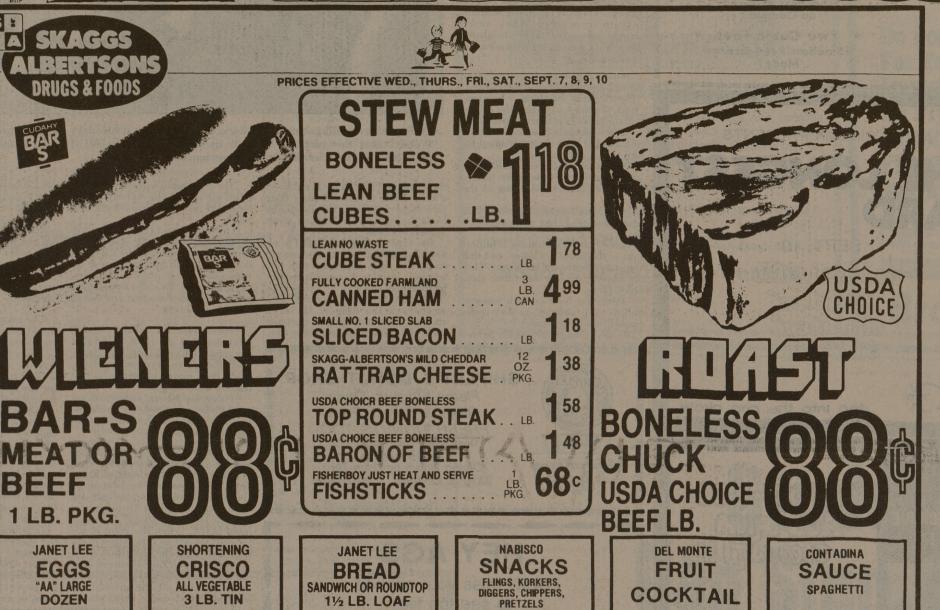
face similar charges in their countries. There are about 15 in all.

McCrary, who came to Cuba with his wife and two children, said his children are enrolled in Cuban schools and speak Spanish fluently. He said he has been treated well and has no desire to return to the United States.

Asked about the crime with which he is charged — pulling a gun on the charter captain — McCrary said, "It still makes me sick to think about it.

McCrary, who lived in Van-couver, Wash., Dallas, Tex., and Omaha, Neb., at various times before his arrival in Cuba, was welldressed even though he said he was not employed.

"I've been promised a job in a new computer center when it opens," he said, addding that few of the hijack suspects had found jobs in





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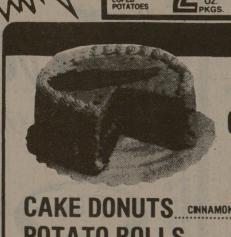
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