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# Bobcats jeopardized, unprotected in Texas

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — A European  
taste for fashionable animal skin  
coats has jeopardized the future of  
the bobcat, long considered nothing  
more than an American pest.  
Now individual states and the  
U.S. Endangered Species Scientific  
Authority are moving to protect the  
species, according to a National  
Wildlife Federation study.  
Bobcats also are known as

wildcats, lynx rufus and bay lynx.  
The federation said the animal,  
once widespread and currently un-  
protected by law in many states in-  
cluding Texas, is a prime candidate  
to replace the now-forbidden skins  
of exotic animals.  
Bobcat skins are yellow-gold with  
black spots and European furriers  
consider them a substitute for the  
skins of leopards, a species regu-  
lated under an international

endangered species agreement.  
The price of bobcat pelts has risen  
to about \$150, with some of the  
most favored species — those with  
thick furs from the northern United  
States — bringing as much as \$400  
each to trappers.  
But the U.S. Endangered Species  
Scientific Authority — William  
Brown — barred the export of bob-  
cat pelts taken after August 30.  
"The high price of bobcat is a  
phenomenon of the last decade,  
perhaps caused by recent  
worldwide restriction of trade in  
larger cats," said Brown, who esti-  
mated exporters sell about \$10 mil-  
lion a year worth of bobcat furs  
abroad.  
Another factor draining bobcat  
population is loss of habitat, the  
wildlife group said. Yet the federa-  
tion found the nocturnal bobcat,  
which preys mainly on rodents and  
rabbits and sometimes young deer,  
has adapted to habitats including  
swamps, deserts, and mountain  
country.  
The study found that half the  
lower 48 states consider the bobcat  
in jeopardy, almost in jeopardy, or,  
already endangered.  
Delaware lists the bobcat as ex-  
tinct and eight states have taken  
administrative or legislative steps to  
save the lynx rufus, the survey  
found. Only Kansas and North  
Carolina have said their bobcat  
populations are increasing.  
Many states have put bobcats  
under game or fur categories but  
closed hunting seasons. Colorado,  
Texas, Mississippi, and Wyoming  
consider the cat a "predator" with  
no limits on hunting.  
The bobcat population was stable  
in 25 states. The largest populations  
reported in the survey were from  
New Mexico with an estimated  
48,300 wildcats and Colorado with  
about 30,000.

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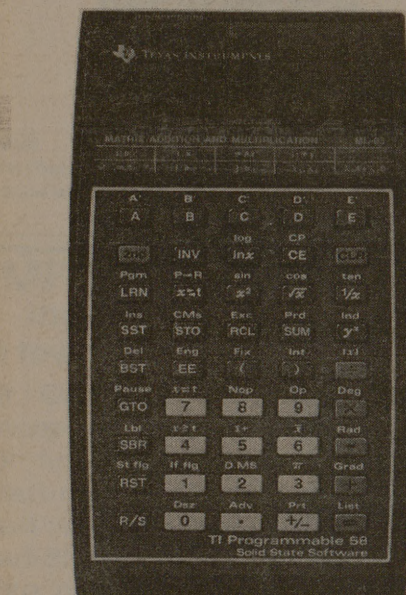
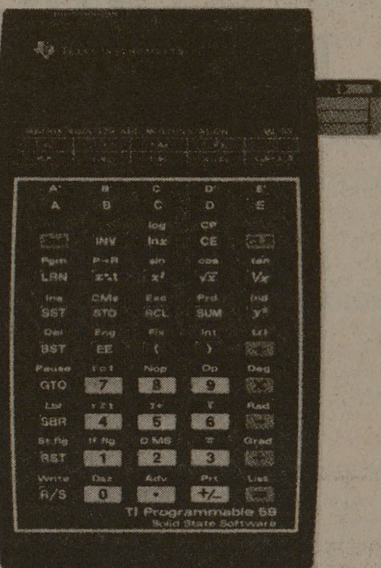
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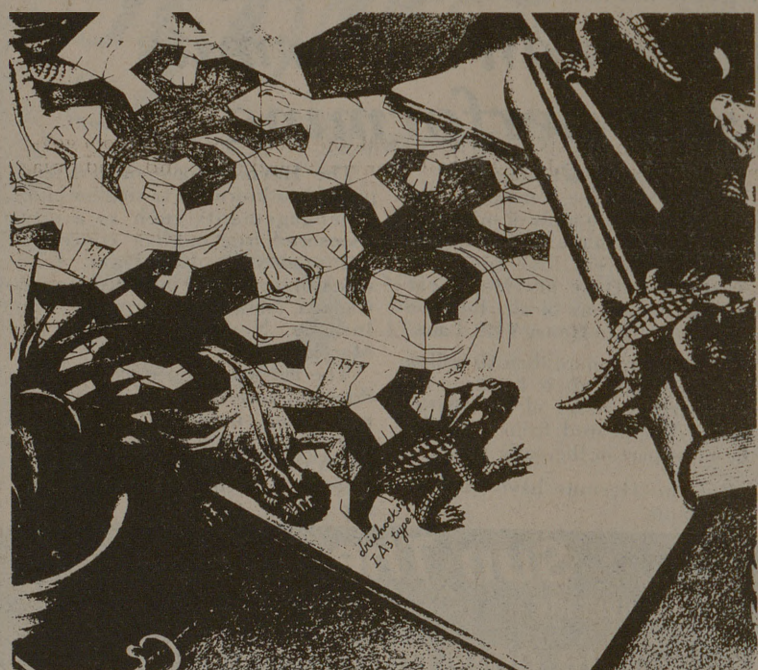
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SOTA, 12 noon, 145 MSC  
Graduate Student Council, orientation, 3:30 p.m., 225 MSC  
Spring 1978 Student Teachers, 5 p.m., 206 MSC  
Free U-Frisbee, 5:30 p.m., 225 MSC  
Health & P.E. Majors Club, hotdog supper, 5:30 p.m., Hensel Park  
Campus Crusade for Christ, 6 p.m., 228 MSC  
Free U-Beginning Astrology, 6 p.m., 350 Rudder  
Cepheid Variable, 6:30 p.m., 308 Rudder  
Biochemistry Society, 7 p.m., 302 Rudder  
Free U-Pipe Smoking, 7 p.m., 402 Rudder  
Black Culture Advanced & Unified, 7 p.m., 410 Rudder  
Free U-Philosophy of Non-Violence, 7 p.m., 407A, 407B Rudder  
Plant Sciences Club, 7 p.m., 510 Rudder  
Free U-Jogging, 7 p.m., 607 Rudder  
Crafts-Macrame, 7 p.m., 139 MSC  
Crafts-Basket Weaving, 7 p.m., 140 MSC  
Free U-Bridge, 7 p.m., 141 MSC  
Pre-Med, Pre-Dental Society, 7 p.m., 206 MSC  
Plant Sciences Club, social, 7 p.m., 510 Rudder  
English 251, Alfred Hitchcock film, "The Man Who Knew Too Much," \$1 admission, 7 p.m., 146 Physics Building  
Traditions Council, 7:15 p.m., 504 Rudder  
Aggie Cinema, 8 p.m., 601 Rudder  
TAMU Marine Technology Society, 7:30 p.m., 102 Zachry  
Health & P.E. Majors Club, 7:30 p.m., 701 Rudder  
Uvalde Area Hometown Club, 7:30 p.m., 137 MSC  
TAMU International Folkdance, 7:30 p.m., 201 MSC  
Floriculture Club, 7:30 p.m., 226 MSC  
Class of '80, 7:30 p.m., 230 MSC  
Frisbee Club, 7:30 p.m., 350 MSC  
Class of '78 Class Council, 7:30 p.m., 404 Rudder  
Biomedical Science Association, 7:30 p.m., 201 Veterinary Medical Science Building  
Great Issues, Paul Armstrong, "Karen Quinlan: A Case Analysis," 8 p.m., Rudder Theater  
Phi Delta Gamma, reception for new graduate students and faculty, 8 p.m., MSC social room  
Free U-First Aid, 8 p.m., 350A Rudder  
TAMU Debate Club, 8:30 p.m., 502 Rudder  
**Wednesday**  
Aggie Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 212-224 MSC  
Great Issues, seminar on "Endangered The Medical Aspects," 12 noon, 601 Rudder  
Affirmative Action, 1:30 p.m., 601 Rudder  
Omega Phi Alpha, 6:30 p.m., 401 Rudder  
Crafts-Needlepoint, 6:30 p.m., 139 MSC  
OPA Pledge Meeting, 7 p.m., 308 Rudder  
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Washington D. C. Area Hometown Club, 7:15 p.m., 607 Rudder  
Bridge Committee, 7:15 p.m., MSC  
TAMU Sports Car Club, 7:30 p.m., 350 Rudder  
Kappa Delta Pi, 7:30 p.m., 401 Rudder  
TAMU Emergency Care Team, 7:30 p.m., 402 Rudder  
Skeet and Trap Club, 7:30 p.m., 402 Rudder  
A&M Missle-men, 7:30 p.m., 510 Rudder  
Student Government Rules & Regulations, 7:30 p.m., 507A, 507B, Rudder  
Crafts-Crochet, 7:30 p.m., 140 MSC  
Social Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., 201 MSC  
CAMAC, Ruben Bouilla, 7:30 p.m., 350 Rudder  
Handball Club, exhibition and clinic, 7:30 p.m., court 9 Dewar Fieldhouse  
Sigma Delta Chi, "Dave and the Dynamite," 7:30 p.m., 003 Reed Medical Building  
Outdoor Recreation Council, 8 p.m., 305A and 305B Rudder  
Aggie Cinema, Swept Away, 8 p.m., Rudder Theater  
Baha'i Club, 8 p.m., 230 MSC  
Wichita Falls Area Hometown Club, 8 p.m., 301 Rudder  
Aggie Speleological Society, 8 p.m., 404 Rudder  
Free U-Job Placement, 8 p.m., 305A and 305B Rudder  
Austin Hometown Club, 8 p.m., 137 MSC  
CAMAC Reception, 8 p.m., 145 MSC  
Medina County Hometown Club, 8 p.m., 203 MSC  
**Thursday**  
Aggie Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 212-224 MSC  
Pan American Roundtable, 7 p.m., University Lutheran Student Center  
Cross-Campus Shuttle Public Hearing, Student Services Committee, 8 p.m., 305A and 305B Rudder  
Political Forum, Barry Goldwater Jr., 8 p.m., Rudder Theater  
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