

### Man versus dog

United Press International  
—COUDERSPORT, Pa.—Dog may be man's best friend, except, maybe, where politics is concerned. Potter County District Attorney Jeff Liebert, who is running for reelection, has a tough Republican rival — his black Labrador retriever Amos.

Amos won the nomination in the May primary as a write-in candidate. While the dog now sports a collar that reads, "Vote for Liebert," his owner said he is unsure "if Amos is campaigning for himself or me."

## Cruise missile defense cost to be \$50 billion for Russia

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — It would take a crash program costing about \$50 billion or more for the Soviet Union to build an adequate air defense system against the present Cruise missile, Defense Department officials said Monday.

If the Russians went that route, United States might have further need for a new bomber that could penetrate air defenses, the officials said. But the capability of the 21-

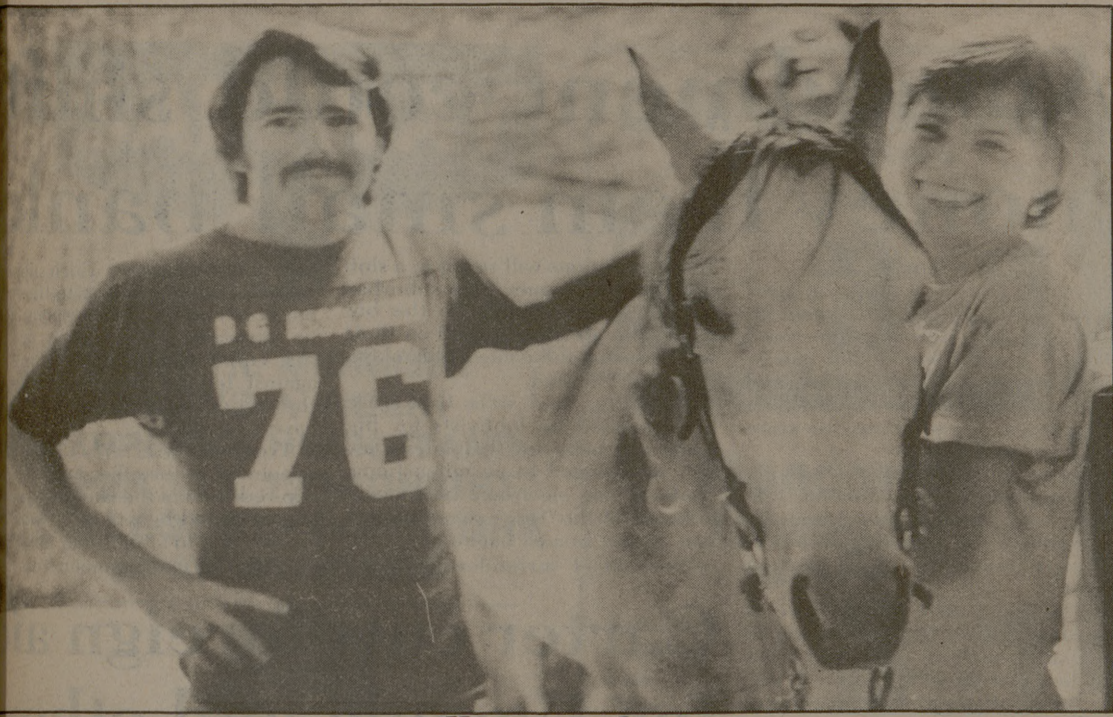
foot-long, pilotless jet drones can also be further improved to evade air defenses, they said.

The drones already present a radar target smaller than a basketball when they approach head-on, about 3,000 to 4,000 times smaller than the radar image of a B-52.

The officials who discussed potential vulnerability of the missiles with reporters made the assessment without waiting for results from "survivability" tests scheduled to

begin next month and continue into next year.

The tests will pit the Navy's Tomahawk Cruise missile — candidate for an airplane-launched weapon that will replace the B1 bomber — against the Navy's F-14 fighter with its Phoenix missiles and the Army's Hawk anti-aircraft missile system.



### A Halloween horse

The winner of Davis-Gary Hall's most original costume award went to Su Echo (center) over the weekend. Su Echo happened to be visiting friends in the dormitory after Monday's Halloween activities.

Battalion photo by Jim Hoppenrath

## Low wage to be \$3.35 by '81

United Press International  
WASHINGTON—President Carter Tuesday signed legislation raising the minimum wage to \$3.35 an hour by 1981—a \$1.05 increase and the biggest in history.

Carter conceded during a White House signing ceremony the legislation might contribute to inflation and unemployment, but insisted it would be good for the economy and millions of low wage workers.

Government officials estimate the bill providing an initial raise to \$3.65 next Jan. 1, will put an additional \$9 billion into the pockets of some 5.3 million American workers over the next four years.

The bill represented a major victory for organized labor. Never before has Congress approved a

minimum wage increase as big as \$1.05 an hour.

AFL-CIO President George Meany, who attended the first minimum wage bill signing in 1939, expressed the gratitude of the minimum wage workers—most of whom do not belong to his federation.

"This is a great day for people on the lowest rung of our economic ladder," echoed Sen. Harrison William, D-N.J.

Carter noted that big business always opposes minimum wage increases on grounds they will be inflationary and contribute to unemployment. "Again there are predictions there will be an adverse affect on inflation," he said.

"There will be some slight increase in inflation perhaps and some

people perhaps might not gain a job that they would have had otherwise. But the overall impact of this bill is good."

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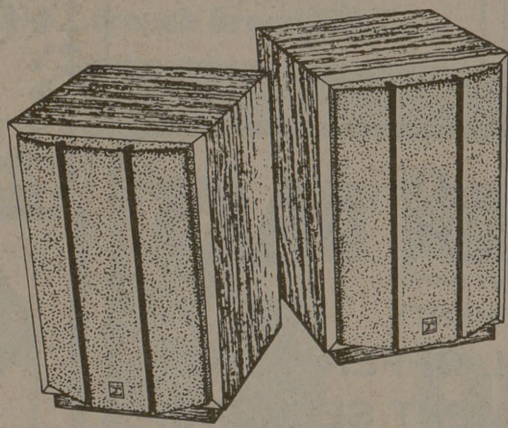
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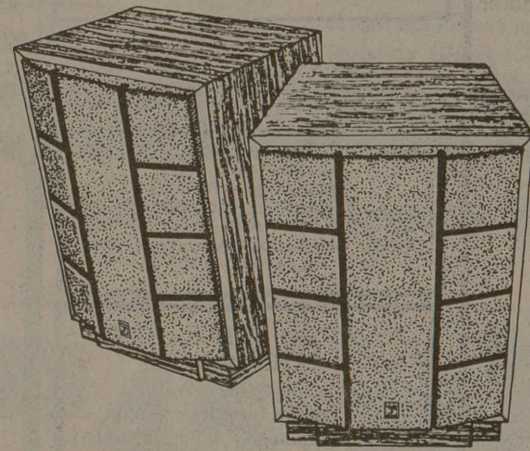


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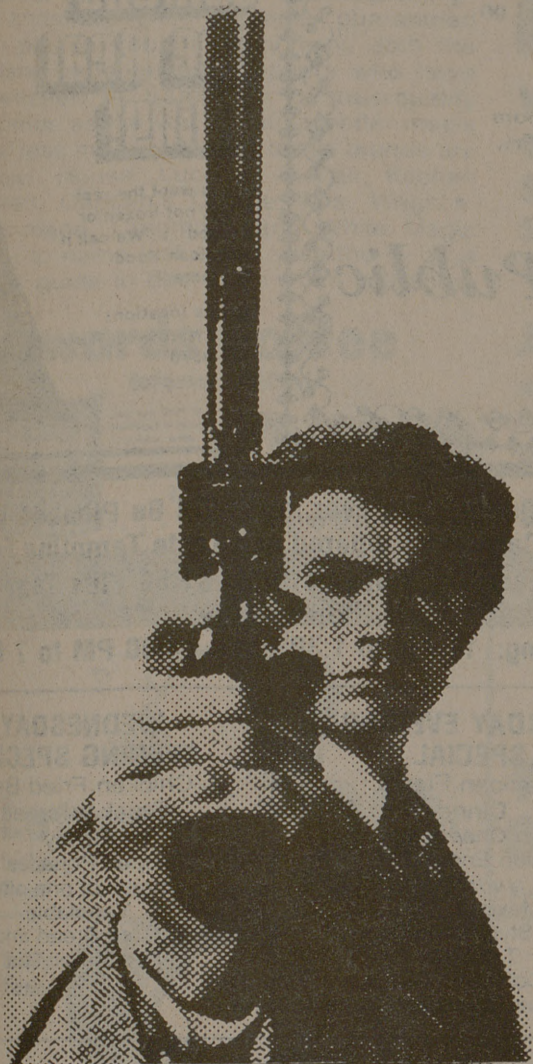


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