SAN DIEGO - The U.S.dexico prisoner exchange has and with little fanfare, and more an half the Americans who were chind bars in Mexico when it

The unusual convict swap was completed Monday night with the urival of 34 U.S. citizens, 33 men nd a woman, freed from Mexican sons to U.S. custody, aboard a artered plane from Mexico City. Only 13 persons awaited the ane, in contrast to the hullabaloo at greeted the first planeload of risoners Dec. 9 when hundreds of anner waving relatives, friends, a ngressman and scores of reporters

Americans released to 281 under the treaty and left 304 in prison in Mexico, federal officials said.

Some wanted to avoid the stigma of a U.S. criminal record, and others were close enough to the end of

More had been expected their Mexican sentences that they Monday, but five were so close to decided to skip submitting themcompleting their Mexican prison sentences that they decided to remain behind, said Jim Meko, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of spo

The Americans left behind remained for a number of reasons.

More than 200 were ineligible because their cases had not yet been completed in the Mexican courts, down to the final confirmation of turning Monday were convicted their sentences, a process which can murderers.

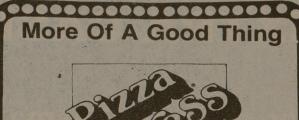
take two years or more.

About 20 per cent of the eligible
Americans preferred Mexican pris
The Americans are bound to serve out their Mexican sentences under U.S. jurisdiction, but by U.S. The final returnees, taken to a ons, where money can buy rules — unlike those of Mexico — detail jail, brought the number of amenities forbidden in U.S. prisons. they are eligible for parole.

McNiel favors lax loan rules

District candidate, says he is opposed to the Panama Canal Treaties because "even though the canal isn't needed today, it may be needed

tomorrow." McNiel's Tuesday talk was pres-



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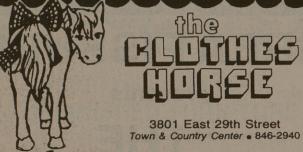
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Don McNiel, 6th Congressional ented by the Texas A&M University Young Democrats.

McNiel also said parents should be able to earn larger salaries without damaging their children's chances of receiving a federal gov-

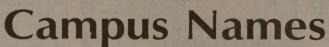
THE BATTALION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 19 He said that pay-backs of these loans should be scaled to a percentage of a

student's starting salary after graduation and increase as his salary increases. "College students should have more time to pay back loans, McNiel said.



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ROTC instructor receives promotion

Army non-commissioned offier, Henderson M. Mendenhall, has been promoted to sergeant

Mendenhall, a three-year member of the Army ROTC de-tachment at Texas A&M University, has 16 years of military service and was recently assigned another year at Texas A&M.

The ROTC instructor has served with infantry units in

Germany, Alaska and Vietnam. Specially trained in mountain and glacier, cold weather and winter warfare, Mendenhall was an army ski instructor in Germany and Alaska.

Texas A&M senior

given merit award

Texas A&M senior Kent L. Van Riper of Sugarland has been recognized for achievement of the Society of American Military

Engineers (SAME) student post. The Texas A&M post, of which Van Riper is president, hosted the Texas Regional SAME Con-ference in late February. It was the first time a student post has ever hosted a regional confer-

selves to American parole restric-

returned Monday, bringing the total

number of Mexican returnees to 72, four percent of the Mexican prisoners eligible.

were drug offenders, but two re-

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Most of the returning Americans

Van Riper received the SAME Award of Merit for 1978, recognizing the achievement.

He is an industrial distribution major and Comapny K-1 executive officer in the Corps of

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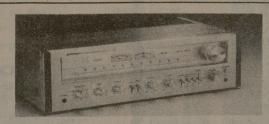
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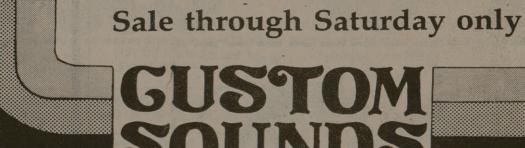


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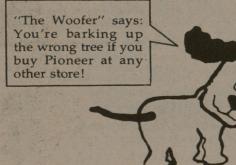
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