

Singing Cadets in Dallas today

Gail Goodman, Singing Cadet drummer shown below, and the Singing Cadet choir will perform at noon today for the 75th Anniversary of the Texas Extension Service. The performance is at the Texas A&M University Extension Service Headquarters on Coit Road, in Dallas. Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller and Gov. Dolph Briscoe will also speak at the function. The singing group performed last weekend in the Memorial Center lounge as part of the football weekend focus on student activities.

Battalion photos by Lynn Blanco



McDonald's devilish rumor 'false'

United Press International
OAK BROOK, Ill. — Officials of McDonald's Corp., admitting they look "a little ridiculous," said this week they are trying to quell a baseless rumor that company profits have been turned over to a devil-worshipping cult.

The rumor has hamburger magnate Ray Kroc, who founded and runs McDonald's, handing over money to the San Francisco-based

Church of Satan. The story has been circulating for about a year, chiefly in the Bible Belt, McDonald's spokeswoman Stephanie Skurdy said, and has appeared in print in at least one church bulletin.

"At first we didn't want to dignify it," she said. "But now it's just red-hot."

Timberlake said the firm also con-

sidered a national advertising campaign to combat the rumor but decided that approach would only spread the story to millions of people who had not already heard it.

Miss Skurdy said there may have been some attempts to boycott McDonald's franchises because of the rumor. But overall, she said, the chain has seen no impact on sales.

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Louisiana's property law disgusts woman challenger

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — Selina Martin, who unsuccessfully challenged Louisiana's "head and master" law, says if her creditors give her a chance she may be able to retain her home, even without help from the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is the end, we have legally exhausted our ends," she said Tuesday after the court refused to consider her argument that the law, which allows a husband to administer a married couple's community property in whatever way he wishes, deprived her of equal protection under the law.

"I really think we're going to get together (with the credit union)," she said. "I owe about \$7,000 and the house needs about \$3,000 in repairs. I think that as long as I pay the bills I will be able to keep the house."

Mrs. Martin said the ruling reinforced the feeling that women in Louisiana still "are treated like animals."

"I'm very disgusted," she said. "It's an unreal situation in our country and in this world where women are really treated like animals. I feel like going to the veterinarian."

The head and master provision allows the husband to manage the couple's community property in whatever way he wishes, even if the wife is the primary breadwinner, as Mrs. Martin contends she was.

Mrs. Martin claimed her estranged husband insisted on placing a second mortgage on their house to help his mother pay off debts. She said she told her husband she could not meet the payments, and the credit union sued when it received only \$50 in payments.

Mrs. Martin failed to file a consent declaration with the mortgage papers that would have prevented her husband's unilateral action.

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Gray seal slaughter temporarily delayed

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KIRKWALL, Scotland — A hired Norwegian seal hunting ship returned unexpectedly to Kirkwall Wednesday, delaying Britain's controversial plan to kill about 5,000 gray seals to protect the Orkney Islands fishing industry.

The Norwegian vessel, Nvitungen, was followed into port by the Rainbow Warrior, a converted trawler chartered by the Greenpeace ecological organization in an attempt to halt the seal slaughter.

The Norwegian ship, which Tuesday scouted the small group of islands where the seals are located, returned to Kirkwall for discussions with two representatives of the Scottish Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The hunt for 5,000 seals, including 4,000 pups, was scheduled to start Wednesday. There was no indication of the nature of the talks on land.

Pete Wilkinson, a spokesman for Greenpeace at Kirkwall said the meeting appeared to be "slightly unusual" since communications between the government and the sealing operation are usually handled by radio.

But he was not optimistic that the hunt would be stopped and said Greenpeace members were ready to take action, including placing themselves between the seals and the hunters.

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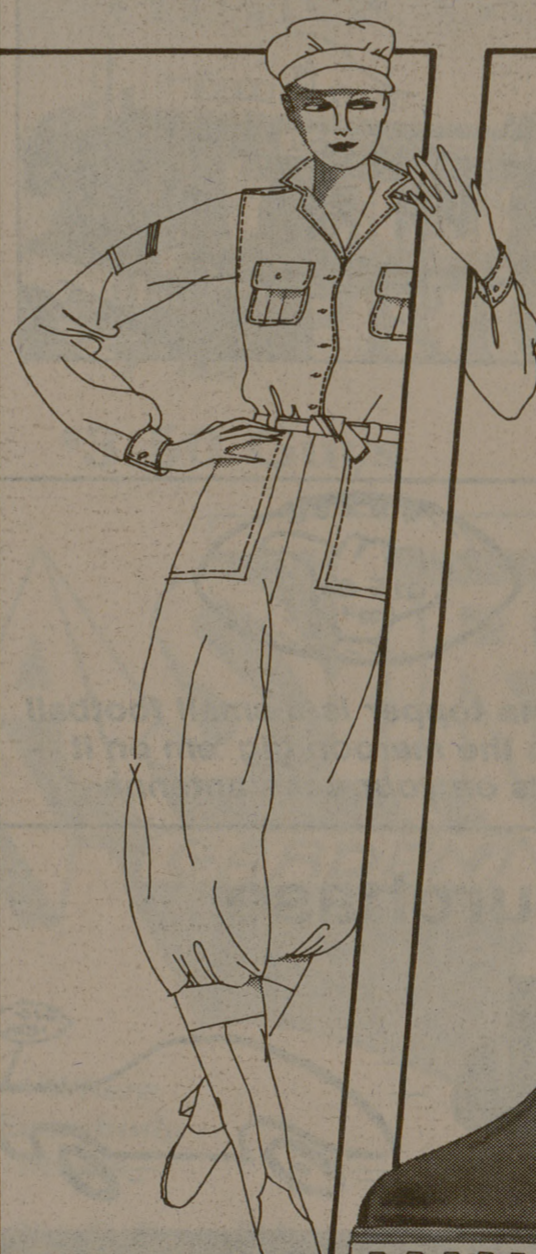


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