

Houston toad — dead or alive?

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Battalion Reporter

The Houston Zoo is conducting a program aimed at saving the Houston toad — which may no longer exist in the Houston area, a curator said here Tuesday night.

Last year efforts by the federal government to preserve habitat in the Houston area for the endangered Houston toad created an uproar among businessmen and politicians.

The Houston toad is found only in the Houston area and a couple of areas in southeast and south-central Texas.

Dr. James Dixon of the Texas A&M Wildlife and Fisheries Science department said a bureauc-

atic mistake in Washington caused a Sharpstown shopping center and other prime development areas to be declared "critical habitat." Construction is prohibited on land which is declared critical habitat for an endangered species.

Dixon said the land was listed as critical habitat without anyone from Washington coming to Houston to investigate the area. He said the problem has been corrected by listing part of Ellington Air Force Base that is no longer in use as critical habitat, as well as another area near the Addicks Reservoir, for the toad.

Hugh Quinn, curator of reptiles for the Houston Zoo, spoke to the Texas A&M University

Herpetological Club Tuesday night.

Quinn said no one is sure if the toad still exists in the Houston area. It is still found in small areas near Bastrop and Caldwell.

The program at the Houston Zoo is an attempt to increase the number of toads in captivity so that they may be released in the wild in an effort to prevent their extinction. The project is funded by a \$2,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Interior.

Quinn said the zoo obtained 6,000 toad eggs from ponds near Bastrop and hatched them at the zoo.

A number of factors have probably led to the near extinction of the toad, Quinn said.

"Watershed programs which drain the temporary pools that they breed in have forced them to breed in permanent ponds," he said. "This has probably led to hybridization with other species of toads."

Quinn said it is possible that the toad's reduced numbers are due to a natural extinction process and not related to human interference.

Five hundred young toads were released in Bastrop earlier this year, and adults will be released this spring, Dixon said. He said the federal government must grant permission before any of the toads may be released in the Houston area.

Inflation 'disappointing' Oil nations rap U.S.

United Press International

BOULDER, Colo. — Representatives of oil-producing nations are disappointed that the United States has not been able to institute effective energy conservation measures and control its inflation.

Three panelists at the Fifth International Conference on Energy in the 1980s Monday said strong conservation measures are needed or the United States will face an increasing petroleum shortage.

"Maximum conservation on the domestic front and the encouragement of conservation abroad" are necessary, said Dr. Feretdon Fesharaki, advisor to the prime minister of Iran.

Fesharaki said the United States should institute a 50 percent sales tax on gasoline to keep consumption down.

Echoing his comments was Arturo del Castillo of Mexico, economic advisor to the general director of Petroleos Mexicanos.

"Oil is as important as food and should not be subject to monopoly by private groups," he said. "Oil, like all other natural resources, must contribute to the welfare of mankind."

Del Castillo said Mexico had decided not to export natural gas and would use it instead to release more crude oil for export.

Taleb Ali of the economics department of Kuwait said OPEC nations saw their oil profits decline by 15 percent last year because of U.S. inflation.

"Kuwait oil revenues have been lost in a real value of \$1.2 million per day," he said.

But he said Kuwait was not being economically damaged and would maintain its production at the present level, or at a slight decrease.

In another session at the conference, an energy consultant said the price of crude oil will more than double during the decade that started in 1975.

Edwards Symonds, a former deputy assistant secretary for energy policy in the U.S. Department of the Treasury, predicted the price of crude oil will rise nearly 130 percent from 1975 to 1985.

Symonds said the world demand for oil would reach 61 million barrels a day by 1985, which said would mean a "finding rate" of new oil of 22 billion barrels per year. He said he doubted the new oil could be found at that rate.

Women in media . . .

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"I looked across the page and I saw a picture of Nelson Rockefeller and Daniel Moynihan and I thought, well, they wouldn't describe them as paunchy or pudgy or anything like that," Blue said. "Nelson Rockefeller was not portrayed as the divorced grandfather of seven or eight."

Blue said in London, the media described Margaret Thatcher as the feminine Margaret Thatcher.

"I couldn't imagine them talking about the 'masculine Harold Miller,'" she said.

"Descriptions such as this take away from the seriousness of what we're doing," Blue said. "What most often happens is that women who are recorded as newsmakers are wives of political figures."

A study has been made that compared media photographs of women to those of men, Blue said. Whereas pictures of men are usually head shots, women's photographs include more of their bodies.

Bill Moyer was speaking about this tendency at a conference in Austin in 1975, the editor said. He noticed a picture in London of a woman's body. He was particularly struck by the fact that the woman was pictured from the neck to the ankles, she said.

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"From all the billions of events that happen every day in the world,

Investiture of pontiff Sunday

United Press International

VATICAN CITY — History's first Polish pope today promised to lead the world's 700 million Roman Catholics on the path of faith and prayed for victims of "injustice or discrimination" anywhere in the world.

The Vatican announced that the first non-Italian pontiff in 455 years will receive the insignia of his office in a solemn investiture Sunday but did not say whether the rites would be in the open in St. Peter's Square as was that of his predecessor.

Pope John Paul II also pledged in his Latin inaugural address to the princes of the Roman Catholic church that he would follow the course of the Ecumenical Council in its search for Christian unity.

"We wish to extend our hand and open our heart at this time to all the peoples and individuals who are oppressed by any kind of injustice or discrimination, whether in economic and social life, or political life, or as regards liberty of conscience and due religious freedom," the former Cardinal Karol Wojtyla told the 110 cardinals who elected him Monday to succeed Pope John Paul I.

He said he would be guided only by religious considerations in his efforts for peace and international justice and would not try to trespass on the rights of civil authorities.

Praising his predecessor, the pope, the youngest pontiff in modern times at age 58, said:

"It seems only yesterday that he left our ranks to take on the weight of the papal mantle. But what a warmth, what a true love . . . he spread out in the few days of his ministry."

The pope said liturgical reform introduced by the Ecumenical Council begun by Pope John XXIII — and continued by Pope Paul VI — must be defended against both those who refuse it and those who are inclined to carry it too far.

The pope, the first pontiff from the Iron Curtain, said the church must exclude "arbitrary and uncontrolled innovations, and also the stubborn rejection of that which has been legitimately decreed and introduced in the sacred rites."

someone has to decide what gets into the paper.

"It is an incredible experience to see how that power can be used to portray good images of ourselves," she said.

Blue said news programs concentrate too much on fires and crimes rather than conferences or city council meetings. "Who can decide that sports and weather should take up 10 minutes of a 30-minute program?" she asked.

"Only by controlling our own media are we able to take the same liberties and decide what is an important news story," Blue said.

Advertisements also depict women adversely, she said.

"When you see men in ads doing something like vacuuming the floor, they're in a white sterile robe and it's like a demonstration."

"You won't see a man in cut-off jeans like your husband or boyfriend helping around the house on Saturday morning," she said.

"Role sharing is very prevalent today, but you will not see it in advertising."

"Women, on the other hand, are shown in blue jeans — and usually tight blue jeans," Blue said.

She said some progress can be made by complaining to the newspaper or broadcast station. She called the Houston Post about an advertisement which implied that

women did nothing but gossip all day.

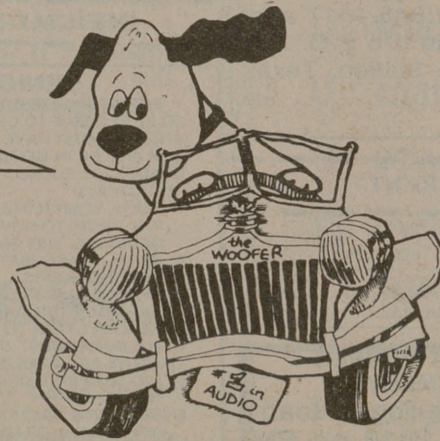
The advertisement was removed shortly after she called them, Blue said.

National Airlines discontinued their "Fly Me" ads after stewardesses argued that they were interfering with air safety. The flight attendant said that people were not treating them as professionals.

"In Oregon, the state controls the liquor distribution and has advertising standards," the editor said. "One of the big issues was the Black Velvet ads, which were banned in Oregon."

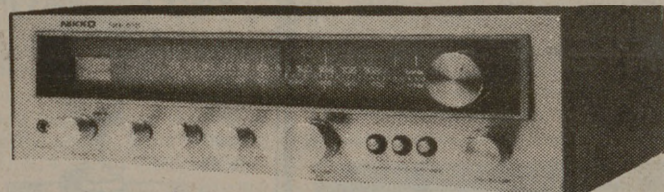
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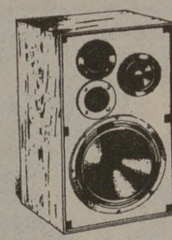
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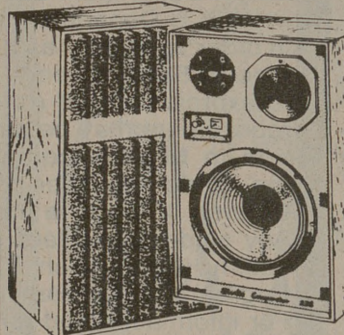


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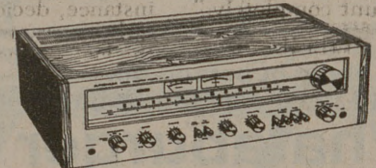
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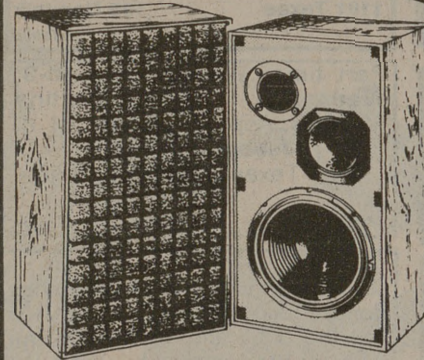


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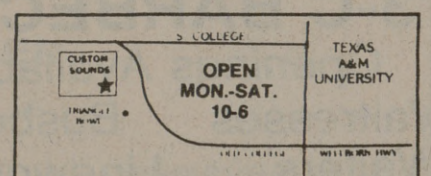
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