

They judge horses, don't they?

B.F. Yates, a Bryan 4-H leader, runs his horse for a group of about 40 judges from the Texas A&M Collegiate Horseman's Association. The Horseman's Association sponsored the judging

event Sunday in the Animal Science Pavillion. Horses were supplied by the Brazos County Equestrian 4-H Club.

Battalion photo by Larry Parker

Man's home sold for tax mistake

United Press International
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Melvin Tolliver says he hopes he's "never that big a fool again."

Kent Gates says he's no longer in the market for a house.

And Jackson County officials just hope the whole thing never comes up again.

Last week, Tolliver and his wife Gertrude discovered their house had been sold on the steps of the county courthouse to Gates for back taxes.

The first they knew of it was Jan. 10, when an attorney for Gates came to their door.

The plight of the Tollivers, who had not received a tax bill since 1972 and never were notified of the impending sale, brought an outcry of alarm and sympathy from other taxpayers. The problem, Jackson County officials said, was a clerical error — a misplaced digit — that resulted in the couple's tax bills being sent to a rural address.

"You're never going to eliminate something like this 100 percent," said Dale Baumgardner, Jackson County executive, "but once our tax rolls are revised, it should eliminate a lot of problems."

Baumgardner said that for the fu-

ture, he will recommend that properties sold for back taxes be visited by a county worker who will either contact the residents, or will leave a notice attached to the house or property.

Because it is a taxpayer's responsibility to see that all taxes are paid, the Tollivers, who owed \$1,955.43, had no legal recourse in the loss of their home.

However, a settlement was reached during the weekend between Gates, the county and the Tollivers.

And on Monday, Gates returned the property to the couple.

Gates will not lose any money through the settlement and the Tollivers will pay their back taxes to the county.

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U.S., China meet 30 years later

United Press International
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Carter recalled that he was in the city in 1949 when his submarine was near Tsingtao, China. At the time, Teng was the commander of the Communist forces surrounding the city.

"So we almost met," Carter remarked to Teng with a wide smile. Teng remembered the episode well. "That was in April," he said, "when our forces crossed the straits."

National Security Affairs adviser Henry Brzezinski then injected, "all might have worked out differently and you would have been his

guest — under different circumstances."

Brzezinski referred to the fact that at the time, the United States supported the National Chinese, who were the enemies of Teng and the Chinese Communists.

The two leaders communicated through a Chinese interpreter.

The conversation took place in the Oval Office after the welcoming ceremony and after Carter and Teng stood in a receiving line to greet official guests.

They posed for pictures together under a cowboy painting by Frederic Remington and when the diminutive, paunchy Teng, dressed in an oxford gray Mao suit, saw the photographers, he grinned and stuck out his hand to shake hands with Carter.

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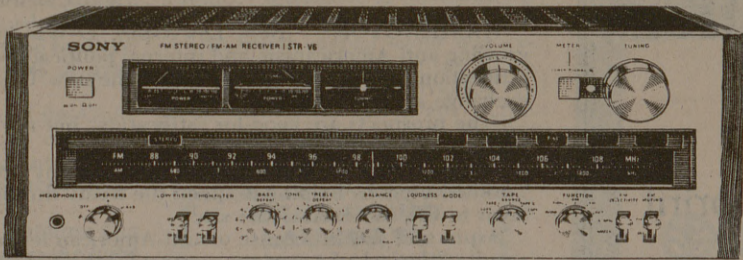
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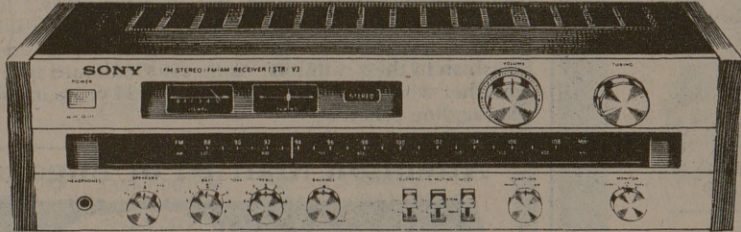
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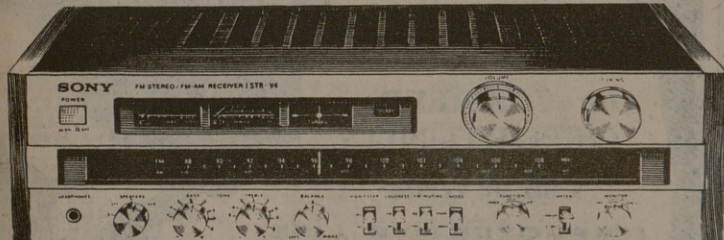
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