



Six Flags beaver clears island trees

ARLINGTON — They call him "Buford." He's never been seen, but he's known for his work. Buford is a beaver and his current project is chewing down trees on a small island in the middle of the Caddo Indian Canoe ride at Six Flags Over Texas. Last week he gnawed his way through the trunk of a 30-foot-tall cottonwood. On its way to the ground the tree smashed the decorations near a teepee on the island. But, Six Flags officials aren't the least bit upset. As a matter of fact, they're hoping that Buford will sink his teeth into a towering oak tree a few feet away. What Buford doesn't know is that he's systematically clearing the way for an elaborate fireworks show which will be featured by the theme park next season. Long before Buford began gnawing away, Six Flags planners had decided that the whole island had to come out of the lake sometime after the park ends the 1979 season Nov. 25. But, with the park still open on weekends, they didn't feel they could start cutting trees to make way for the bulldozers which will remove the island.

The Indian warrior is a clever animation, but the "beaver stump" is the real thing. Buford the Six Flags beaver left this tree as he went about the job of clearing the timber from an island in the park's Caddo Indian Canoe ride lake.

Carter's decision draws support

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President Carter's second major move in the Iranian crisis — freezing the Middle East nation's U.S. assets — solidified his support at home, particularly in financial circles. The stock market, which was slumping from an earlier announcement that Iran would withdraw \$12 billion in reserves from the United States, rallied Wednesday with the news of Carter's declaration of a national emergency to freeze the assets. "This rally reminds me of the Kennedy-Khrushchev missile crisis in 1962," said Robert Stovall, vice president of the Dean Witter Reynolds brokerage firm in New York. "Kennedy came out looking well and the stock market went up in a big way. The market today is saying it is proud of Carter's Iranian face-down." The action also produced a moderate rally for the dollar on European exchanges, where it had been fluctuating wildly after Iran's announcement. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller said the U.S. position has solid support abroad, especially among Iran's neighbors who belong to

the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Saudi Arabia's state-run Riyadh Radio quoted OPEC Chairman Maneh Said Otaiba as saying: "OPEC is ready to spare no effort capable of helping to solve the problem of the American Embassy in Tehran if there were any role the organization could play." Immigration officials, meanwhile, interviewed thousands of Iranian students across the nation to determine if they are violating their visas — an offense that can lead to their deportation. Apparently fearing such a possibility, a group of 25 Iranian students in El Paso, Texas, crossed the International Bridge into Mexico to apply for enrollment at a university in Juarez. When they tried to return, U.S. customs personnel detained them for several hours. Other Iranian students, angered at the plight of their countrymen, vowed to demonstrate on the U.S. side of the bridge until the detainees were allowed to return. Late Wednesday, immigration officials allowed the 25 students back into the country, giving no explanation for their detention. "We're not going to rock the boat with respect to the Iranian students who are here legally in school," the district immigration director in Boston, Sam I. Feldman, said.

INS interview let Iranians air views

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HOUSTON — The Iranian students crowding the hallway outside the door of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service office were resigned to what they considered a certainty. Each clutched the all important documentation — passports, transcripts, tuition receipts. At the front of the line, behind the closed doors, waited the dreaded INS interviews. The Iranians leaned forward, eager to state the points each knew would evoke American sympathies. If only they could be heard, they pleaded, the Americans would understand their frustrations and return the shah and the hostages would be set free. "The U.S. media are trying to say our government is killing Christians and Jews. We respect all religions. Christians are our brothers. Jews are our brothers. These people who have been executed were tried for their crimes, not for their religions," Hossein Azimi said. Azimi and Mohamad F. Tabrizi clearly saw a U.S.-shah conspiracy. "Carter should return the shah as a gift to our revolution," said Tabrizi. "Tell the American people the truth!" It was perhaps 100 feet from the last of the Iranian contingent to the elevator and in an otherwise deserted turn in the dimly lighted maze a hand pulled at a reporter's sleeve. "One final Iranian student seeking to make one final point. They killed my brother," Mehdi Gerami spoke in a whisper. "I can't go back over there. I need refuge in the United States. My family is not comfortable there. They are getting ready to leave. We are not Moslem. I need refuge. Over there everybody has to obey the ayatollah but I hate Khomeini. My brother was killed three months ago because he didn't obey Khomeini. I'm very worried about my family. I can't make a call, it is always busy. I've had no news for a month and a half." The other students may have been scared but each masked his fear with defiant bravado. Gerami was quivering. "Everybody has to be a Moslem or obey Khomeini. I'm not safe over there. I believe in Jesus." With a glance over his shoulder, he pulled a silver chain from his shirt and displayed a tiny silver cross. "I haven't told anybody (other students) because they are very sensitive about their religion. I'm afraid to tell them. I'm afraid there would be a fight. There is only my cousin, he knows. We're alone, always. I need help how."

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