

YO Ranch celebrates 100th

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MOUNTAIN HOME — One of the biggest parties the Texas High Country has seen in years was held this weekend to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the YO Ranch.

Temperatures in the 30s and snow forced a Sunday morning chuckwagon breakfast to be cancelled, but

Saturday night's fun was not hindered.

Charles Schreiner threw the giant party for 2,000 invitation-only guests. Wearing a tuxedo and cowboy boots, he mounted a 2,000-pound longhorn steer named "Governor" and rode it right into the middle of the cheering crowd.

The hundreds of politicians, big game hunters and Hill Country gentry enjoyed exotic foods from seven countries, fine cheese and fruit, and crowded around a large table for helpings of jackrabbit chili.

An official for the party said the affair cost Schreiner approximately \$20 per person.

Women's rights

Female pilot wants jet training

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NORFOLK, Va. — Her daddy used to take her flying when she was five. She began "playing around" with private planes at eight. Now at 27, she is the only Navy woman aviator qualified to land on aircraft carriers.

"It was just great!" Lt. Donna Lynn Spruill said.

Relaxing in her zip-up flying suit, Lt. Spruill, of Starkville, Miss., explained how to line up a plane with "the meatball" — the colored light on the carrier which helps orient the aircraft for a safe approach.

But it's clear the first excitement of snaring the trip wire with the tailhook and bringing the bird, with its throbbing engines, to a jarring stop is giving way today to a bittersweet disillusionment.

Four months after a first meeting at Atlantic Fleet headquarters last fall, Spruill's enthusiasm seems to be giving way to quiet anger.

As a woman pioneer in the Navy, she has reaped a small whirlwind. And she's run into a roadblock.

The media has begun to picture her as the sexy single woman, the woman "airedale" (that's a jab, in Navy lingo) who drives a yellow Mercedes and shakes her yellow curls lustily out of her helmet after a flight.

Recently, a titillating write-up in a local newspaper prompted her male comrades to phony up a message, purportedly from the men of the carrier USS Eisenhower, requesting her out "on a VIP tour."

Spruill and others are also furious at a group of Navy, Air

Force, Marine and Coast Guard women who have posed nude in the April issue of *Playboy*. It undermines their efforts to be accepted as professionals.

But beyond the publicity problem, Navy women see roadblocks in their careers as long as they are barred from combat jobs.

By law, the Navy is not allowed to place women in combat situations, although it can assign them for up to 180 days on warships not in combat zones.

It doesn't help that the Navy has opened up 102 of its 118 ratings, or jobs, to women.

For Spruill, the roadblock is

specific: the Navy will not train her to fly jets.

Jets mean fighters, like the F-14 carrier-based interceptor.

And the Navy will not hand out expensive fighter training to women when it is not going to employ women as fighter pilots.

"I'm having a hard time right now," Spruill conceded. "Unfortunately, I think they're going to make me quit flying. Eventually, they have to. And flying is really my first love."

Combat in the Navy is vastly different from killing your enemy in hand-to-hand combat as a Marine or Army infantryman may have to do, Navy women argue.

"My concept of the Army is fox-holes, tents, hand-to-hand, and

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real close encounters," Spruill said.

"In the Navy, we're set aside from that. We don't have to worry about not being as strong as somebody else as long as we do our jobs."

"The actual physical strength isn't involved. There's no real

need for us to be out there

handling some 6-foot-5 giant. Petty Officer Kathryn Murphy, 26, of State College, Penn., is the first woman to qualify as a crewman on the kind of plane Spruill flies.

She agrees with Spruill. "I concede, though, she's not keen" on hand-to-hand combat.

But she thinks Navy women ought to be allowed combat jobs if they are willing and interested.

Murphy recently spent a night on the carrier Eisenhower and spotted many job possibilities for women.

"I can see a lot more in this women could do. Mess room, Radar room. Radio room."

Spruill adds: "Some men are not suited for combat either. Right? But if women are capable and want to, that's great. Right should be determined on an individual basis."

The Navy, as well as the Air Force, is asking Congress to repeal the law barring women from combat.

If the law is reversed, the decision to assign women to combat — or not to assign them — will lie with the secretary of the Navy.

Navy Secretary Edward Hall goes for removing the legal barrier but with this kicker: "I'm absolutely opposed to women serving in combat," says.

'Fantasy Island' house is raided

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LAKEWOOD, Colo. — Eight persons have been arrested in a raid on an alleged house of prostitution called "Fantasy Island" that offered services ranging from \$15 drinks to a \$180 champagne bath with two hostesses.

Agents from the Lakewood Department of Public Safety surrounded and then raided the house

Friday night.

Agents began investigating the house, which opened in February, after receiving several complaints from persons who received brochures from the business. The circulars said Fantasy Island provided "an island of Utopia" for businessmen and featured hostesses catering to "every whim that the busy executive really deserves."

U.S. expects more support for boycott

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Government officials predicted Sunday that America's boycott of the summer games in Moscow would receive widespread support from the free world.

Egyptian athletes were the first to get on the boycott bandwagon, and Canada, West Germany, and Australia appeared ready to join the United States. Aides to President Carter said they felt more nations would follow now that the U.S. Olympic Committee has officially agreed to stay away from the games.

"We are confident that other leading nations of the free world will join in this demonstration that no nation is entitled to serve as host for an Olympic festival of peace while it

persists in invading and subjugating another nation," Carter's chief of staff, Lloyd Cutler, said.

In an ABC interview in Washington, Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Prendergast predicted that the Olympics will be "only a shadow of what was expected before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan."

Sen. Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also said America's "may be willing, many of the join with us in boycotting the games."

The USOC voted by a margin of 1,604-797 Saturday to support the demands for a boycott of the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.

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Uncommitted Ark. deleg to pledge before convention

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LITTLE ROCK — Seven Arkansas delegates to the national Republican convention are currently uncommitted, but some say they plan to commit themselves to a candidate before they go to Detroit in July.

One of the delegates, Doyle Webb of Benton, was originally committed to Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn. He said he will decide who he will sup-

port after the Pennsylvania

April 22.

Reagan now has nine delegates committed to him and Bush

The 19-member delegation Saturday to make plans for its Detroit in July. The group Bo Holleman of Wynne its chair over Rep. John Paul Ham-

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