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Plans for controversial Big Bend ranchland exchange fall through

United Press International
AUSTIN — Despite the efforts of Gov. Bill Clements, a plan to acquire a Texas businessman's ranch in Big Bend for designation

as a state wilderness park has fallen through.

Atlantic Richfield Co. Chairman Robert Anderson said Tuesday he no longer was interested in

exchanging his 190,000-acre ranch in the Big Bend area for land the University of Texas owns near El Paso.

Anderson issued a statement from Roswell, N.M., where he heads the Diamond A. Cattle Co., saying he was withdrawing from the proposed deal because of the controversy surrounding it and the fact the mineral values given the University of Texas would exceed the value of the surface land involved.

Texas officials have been trying for the past two years to acquire the land owned by the Atlantic Richfield Co. chairman. Gov. Bill Clements, a longtime friend of Anderson, became involved in the negotiations this year and reportedly had worked out the tentative land exchange deal.

UT officials were not enthused by the proposed deal but the Texas Legislature had passed a resolution urging the regents to "consider" the trade under which UT would retain mineral rights to

the land it traded away as well as to Anderson's ranch.

In his statement, Anderson said he appreciated the efforts of Clements and many others "to acquire this unique property for present and future generations of the state of Texas."

"I have felt from the outset that the proposed exchange was not only extremely favorable to the state of Texas but the mineral values to be conveyed to the University of Texas exceeded the value of the surface land involved in the exchange," his statement said.

"Unfortunately, the controversy that has been stirred up not only clouds the true merits of the transaction but clearly makes it inadvisable for us to continue discussions."

House Speaker Bill Clayton said he had heard reports of possible gas exploration on Anderson's ranch.

"I heard there was a little gas play down there now," he said.

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Protest causes change in Gilley's concert location

United Press International
PASADENA — The owner of Gilley's Club has changed his plans and will hold a Fourth of July outdoor concert at the city rodeo grounds, moving it from his club parking lot which is near a hospital.

Sherwood Cryer, owner of the club located on 21 acres of land, said he made his decision Tuesday night as "an open effort to get along with the community."

Cryer plans to meet today with Mayor Johnny Isbell to work out details of the two-day concert. For two weeks citizens and hospital officials have been protesting the planned concert, which is expected to draw 10,000 people. Hospital officials said the noise and crowds could effect the

patients, some recovering from heart surgery. Don Francis, administrator of Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, said the traffic near the hospital would be hazardous for emergency vehicles. He estimated more than 30,000 would attend the concert.

"The concert will devastate our ability to care of people," Francis told the council Tuesday. "The noise has got to be mind boggling. It's tremendous concern about the staff and patients having access to the hospital."

About 150 citizens attended the city council meeting.

"I was very pleased that Mr. Cryer was open to discussion on the issue especially since we knew that legally he could have held the concert right where he was," said Isbell.

Ridleys endangered

Turtles get new home

United Press International
PORT ARANSAS — Marine scientists gave about 1,500 Ridley sea turtles a plane ride and a new home in an effort to encourage the endangered creatures to adopt new spawning grounds on the Texas Gulf Coast.

The Ridleys, the most endangered species of sea turtles in the world, were released along a 20-mile stretch, five miles offshore from Port Aransas Tuesday, shortly after arriving from Galveston on an airplane.

Scientists hope the 1-year-old Ridleys, brought to Galveston last summer from a Gulf Coast beach in Mexico, will adopt new spawning grounds on "the beaches of Padre Island."

The turtles had grown to a length of about 8-10 inches during

their year of captivity from the size of a silver dollar at birth.

For the next 30 days, scientists will monitor the turtles' dispersal patterns with small radio transmitters which were attached to ten of the Ridleys, said Jim Woods, a biologist at the Padre Island National Seashore.

Tuesday's release was the third in the last three years for the Ridleys, as marine scientists attempt to "imprint" into the turtles' biological system the desire to return to Padre Island beaches to spawn.

The Ridleys' natural spawning ground, discovered by accident in 1948, is at Rancho Nuevo, Mexico. But many Ridleys, whose meat is prized and believed by some to be a powerful aphrodisiac, have been slaughtered in Mexico in the last 30 years, scientists say.

The Ridley Turtle program, which involves the National Marine Fisheries Service, government of Mexico and scientists from Texas A&M University of Houston — effort to encourage the turtles to return to Padre Island instead of Rancho Nuevo — is their survival.

Scientists say they will be able to judge their success in seven years, when the first of the Ridleys released in 1978 will be old enough to spawn.

In the meantime, a new generation of Ridley turtle eggs, some before they had a chance to be laid on Rancho Nuevo, will be raised until they are old enough to be released at Padre Island.

Historic island paradise for sale

United Press International
HOUSTON — Robert Lutanno is selling a piece of paradise. He owns a Caribbean island, former home of pre-Columbian Indians, pirates and British plantation owners.

Lutanno said the 500-acre island, about 40 miles from Honduras, has a selling price of \$2.9 million.

The island, Morat, is part of the Bay Islands, which includes Roatan, a resort with several hotels. Lutanno said the island has electricity, a protected harbor, communications and no mosquitoes or poisonous snakes.

The island is covered with palm and other trees, and near the 30-acre lagoon is a barrier reef.

Lutanno, 41, a former export businessman, is selling his island paradise because he and his partner-cousin cannot agree on how to develop it.

He said the history of the island goes back to the 16th century when it was discovered by Columbus in 1502. "The artesian water wells were dug by the Mayans. The island was a sanctuary for pirates who plundered the Spanish fleet," Lutanno said.

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Texan tied to March drug bust

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LUBBOCK — A 24-year-old man, the second Texan to be named in one of the nation's largest drug hauls, has been named in an indictment issued by a grand jury in Tennessee and jailed in Lubbock.

Charles L. Kageler Jr., 24, was arrested Tuesday in Lubbock International Airport on charges of conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to deliver.

State and federal drug agents seized a twin-engine Beechcraft airplane at a Tennessee airport on March 24 and claimed the 614 pounds of cocaine aboard.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHERE: 224 MSC

WHEN: Wednesday, June 10

TIME: 12noon-5p.m.

Who: Anyone may take a Free U class that can make the class meetings. Needed For Registration: Pen and Full Payment-Check or Cash.

Class Locations and Meeting Times:

All classes will be held on the University campus and in the evenings, unless otherwise stated in the brochure. Please take note of this and make arrangements accordingly.

Interested in Teaching:

The Free U Committee is presently taking applications for those interested in teaching for Free U fall courses.

**No phone registration
**No pre-registration

For more information call 845-1515 or stop by the Free University cubicle in room 216 MSC.

CLASSES OFFERED

DANCERISE

The purpose of this class is to shape up while learning dance movements. The class will be a mixture of ballet, jazz, and floor exercises. (For Women Only) Monday's class will meet 6:30 - 7:30, June 15, 22, 29, July 6, & 13. Wednesday's class will meet 6:30 - 7:30, June 17, 24, July 1, 8, & 15. Instructor: Julia Mashburn Cost: \$7

BEGINNING C & W DANCE

Beat the rush to the Hall of Fame and impress your friends with your improved dancing. Learn to Two-Step, Cotton-Eyed Joe, Schottische, and Jitterbug. Come for the class and stay for the rest of the evening at the Texas Hall of Fame. No partners needed! Class will meet Tuesday, June 16, 23, 30, July 7, & 14 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Instructors: Ford & Sandra Taylor Cost: \$12

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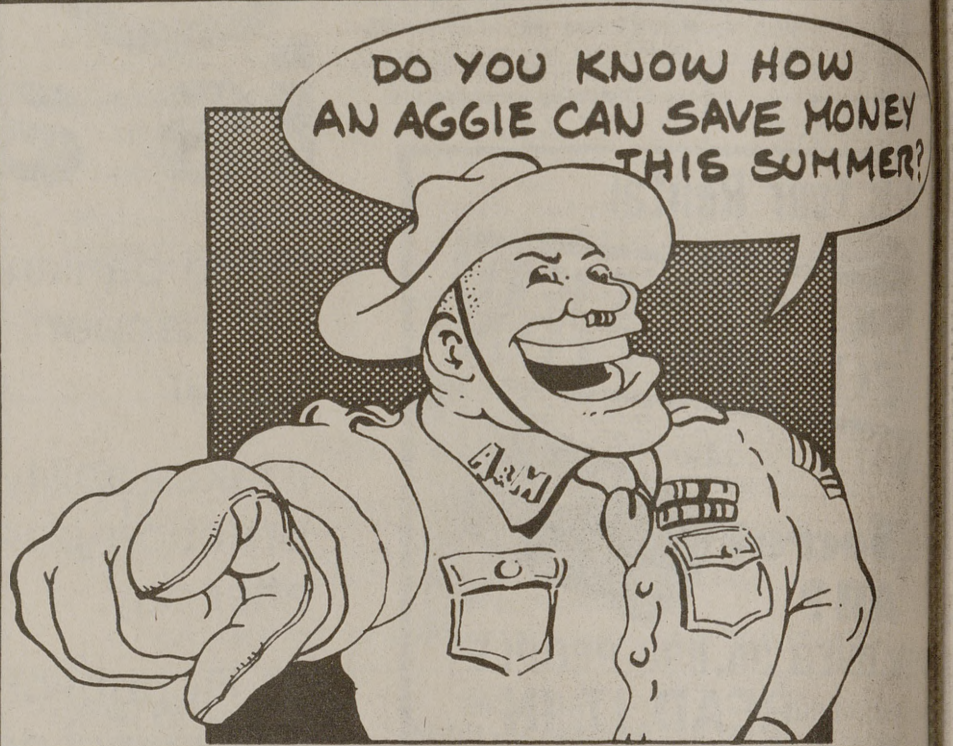
Aerobic conditioning and stretch for those in dance or any type of sport. A fast paced, fun exercise class done to familiar music that increases your physical capacity for all activities. Tuesday's class will meet 7:30-8:30, June 16, 23, 30, July 7 & 14. Thursday's class will meet 7:30-8:30, June 18, 25, July 1 (Wed.), 9 & 16. Instructor: Marcella Wells Cost: \$7

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Be the hit of the dance floor — learn to Jitterbug! Class will begin with the very basics and will advance as the ability of the class progresses. A variety of spins, turns, pretzel, aerials (if the class desires), and much, much more! No partners needed! Class will meet on Saturday nights from 6-7 for 5 weeks. Instructors: Mike McCarley and Sherri Cobb Cost: \$7

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Learn many advanced moves in Jitterbug. Learn to turn to the left and right while dancing the Two-Step, Polka, and Waltz. Learn to do Jitterbug moves while Two-Stepping, Waltzing, and doing the Polka. All this and more, taught at the Texas Hall of Fame. No partners needed! Class will meet Thursdays, June 11, 18, 25, July 2 & 9, from 6:15 - 7:30. Instructors: Ford & Sandra Taylor Cost: \$12



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