

# ICE CAPADES

Audiences got a cool break from the Texas September heat at the Ice Capades in Houston last weekend.

This Focus photo feature brings a little ice to College Station.

In the photo at the right, Wendy Burge, a featured solo skater, sparkles for the audience. Burge, the U.S. Freestyle Champion from 1975 to 1977, is noted for her jumps and show-stopping spins.

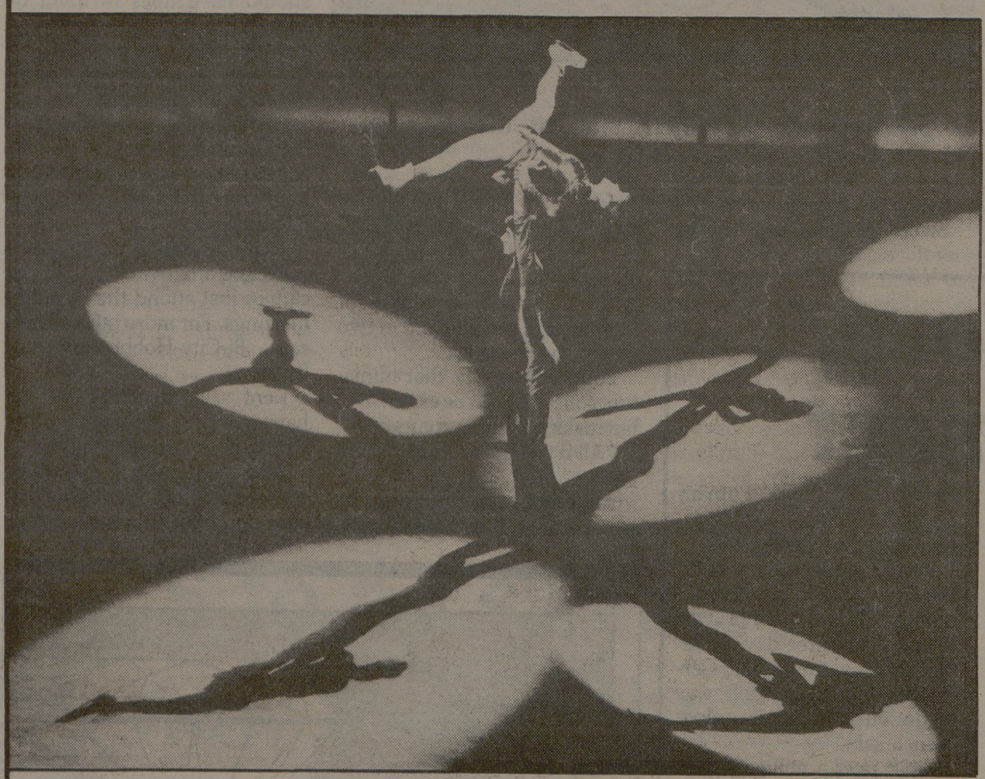
Below, the spotlight is on World Pair Champions Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner as Gardner lifts Babilonia overhead for a spin.

Babilonia and Gardner are the first Americans in 29 years to become World Pair Champions.

Months of planning go into the Ice Capades, which originated on Valentine's Day, 1940.

Through the years, many U.S. and international ice skating champions have joined the Ice Capades company.

Photos by Brian Tate.



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## J.R. is against smoking

J.R. wants to know how to quit smoking. Larry Hagman, "J.R. Ewing" of TV's "Dallas" series, is asking people to write to him describing original ideas on how to quit smoking cigarettes.

The letter-writing contest is a buildup to the American Cancer Society's 5th Great American Smokeout, November 19th.

To be held nation-wide Sept. 14-27, the contest will be conducted primarily by radio stations in cooperation with participating units of the American Cancer Society.

Contestants should write — in letters of 100 words or less — their original ideas on how to quit

smoking. Judging will then be done on a local, state and national level based on originality, practicality and clarity.

Three letters from each state will compete in the national competition.

The national prize features an all-expense paid three-day trip for two to Hollywood to have dinner with Hagman.

As an added incentive to all Texas participants, the Larry Mahan Boot Collection in El Paso has arranged to present each of the three Texas finalists a pair of western boots made from exotic leathers.

## Artists take work to Israel

Sixteen Texas artists leave for Israel today, taking paintings, sculpture, crafts and two young cougars.

The art work is for a three-day exhibit of Texan arts at Maskit, the official crafts gallery of Israel in Tel Aviv.

The cougars are for the Zoolo-

gical Center in Tel Aviv, a special request part of a cultural exchange between Texas and Israel.

The participating artists were all exhibitors at the 1981 Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair in Kerrville, a prerequisite for the trip.

The Israel exhibit is the

second part of the exchange; several Israeli artists exhibited at the Kerrville fair.

While in Israel, each artist and craftsperson will do a special research project on the roots of his artistic persuasion in the ancient country. They will also attend lectures and demonstrations by Israeli artists.