

Cranes whoop it up on arrival in Texas

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WILDLIFE REFUGE — Refuge
Manager Frank Johnson says
the first of the rare whooping
cranes, who have wintered
on the Texas Gulf coast for at

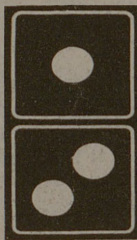
least 44 years, arrived at the
reserve this week.

"We saw four cranes here on
Tuesday and that was the first
arrival," Johnson said Friday.
"Yesterday, we made our first

official flight to look over the
whole area and we found 13."

About 80 of the nearly extinct
whooping cranes — all that re-
main in the wild in the world
today — are expected to trickle
back to the coastal reserve.

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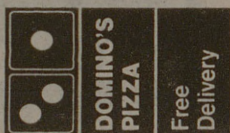
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Flight curfew recommended

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DALLAS — A curfew must be
placed on some night flights at
Love Field, reports a team of con-
sulting firms hired by the city to
study the noise problem at the
controversial airport.

With a total curfew at night,
"the noise (problem) would im-
prove significantly, but the econo-
mic dislocations would be se-
vere," the consultants reported
Friday.

Instead, they recommended a
curfew be placed on aircraft flying
in and out of Love Field at night —
eventually covering flights from
10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"It is proposed that a more
moderate approach to night noise
be adopted through limiting night
use to aircraft that can meet speci-
fied noise limits," the consultants
reported.

The curfew would go into effect
over a 5-year period, beginning
with a midnight-to-6 a.m. curfew
in January 1983, an 11 p.m.-to-7
a.m. curfew in January 1985 and
the 10 p.m.-to-7 a.m. curfew in
January 1986.

The noise limits for night air-
craft operations would not begin
until 1983 to allow "a breathing
space that would permit (airline
companies) to meet the restric-

tion" by buying quieter airplanes,
modifying their existing fleets or
rearranging schedules.

The Dallas City Council has
wrestled for years with the prob-
lem of weighing powerful corpo-
rate interests in any restrictions
against the opinions nearby resi-
dents, many who strongly object
to the constant whine of jets flying
over their homes at low levels.

Under the team's preliminary
recommendations, 50 to 60 per-
cent of the airport's corporate
tenants would have to operate
elsewhere.

Only aircraft that meet noise
standards proposed by the consul-

tants — a maximum of 95 db
— would be allowed to fly at

Under the recommenda-
tions, Southwest Airlines would
probably have to move its main-
tenance facilities to San Antonio or
Houston and Federal Express would
have to relocate to the Dallas-
Fort Worth Regional Airport. The
International also would have to
move its maintenance facilities to
the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

The consulting firms' re-
commendations will be presented
to the city council on
November.

Tests victims of 'kill tactics'

United Press International
DALLAS — Residents near
lead smelters suspected as the
source of toxic lead pollution are
being urged not to undergo the

city-sponsored medical tests in an
effort to sabotage the tests, a city
council member has charged.

Elsie Faye Heggins said anony-
mous callers were telling resi-

idents in West Dallas and East Oak
Cliff, where the smelters are lo-
cated, that it would cost them \$35
to \$50 to take the tests.

"Somebody is trying to kill the
(lead-screening) program," Heg-
gins told the Dallas City Council
Friday.

The callers also have been tell-
ing the residents that giving blood
samples was dangerous, and the
test results were worthless, she
said.

Her political adviser, J.B. Jack-
son, said he had heard from sev-
eral hundred people that they had
received such telephone calls.

Federal and city officials have
determined that soil near the

smelters contains lead levels
higher than accepted limits and
children are particularly suscep-
tible to the pollution, which can
cause brain damage.

The tests to determine resi-
dents' levels of contamination
were ordered several weeks ago
after federal experts determined
the levels were too high.

Heggins said some employees
were telling their workers not to
take the blood tests. She said she
release the names of the
players but said she was sure
companies would be identified as
speakers at the next meeting.

Fair funds end financial worrie

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — A group of
banks has guaranteed \$40 million
to finance the 1984 World's Fair,
ending monetary worries for the
beleaguered exposition, the fair's
general manager says.

Petr Spurney made the
announcement Friday after re-
turning from a meeting in
Washington with U.S. Commerce
Department officials.

In presenting a status report on
the exposition, Spurney said he
told federal officials about the cre-
dit guarantee, leasing of land for
the fair, completion of a master
plan for the exposition and near-
completion of an environmental
impact statement on how the fair
will affect New Orleans.

A group of banks from across
the nation was pulled together for
the funding agreement by three
New Orleans banks, Spurney
said.

The three local banks have put
up a \$15.2 million line of credit

between themselves, he said.

He said he had lined up other banks
for an additional \$24.8 million.

"Because there are still
documents to be signed, we
not be able to release the com-
plete list of participating banks
until the week of Nov. 1," Spurney
said. "However, the agreements
are solid and this virtually guar-
antees our ability to finance a world
on the New Orleans riverfront."

The line of credit is based
pledges of more than \$40 million
by corporate backers who
promised to make up any financial
losses the fair might sustain. It
included in that is a pledge from
city and state to use sales tax
venues from the exposition to
make up any initial losses up to
\$10 million.

Because of concern over
the fair's financial situation, the
city is seeking a \$15 million line of
credit to cover budget overruns, Spurney
said.

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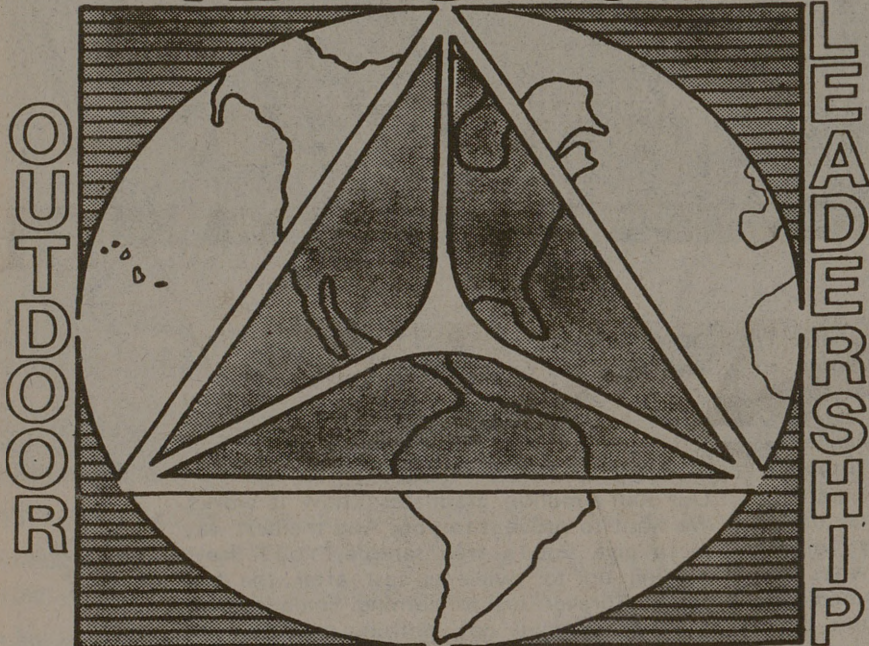
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Pot investigation causes resignations

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HOUSTON — An inhouse
investigation of the use and sale
of marijuana in Hughes Tool Co.'s
main plant has led to the resigna-
tion of six employees and the sus-
pension of 32 more, a company
spokesman says.

Spokesman Frank Potter said
the employees found to be dealing
in the illegal weed during an
undercover operation by private
investigators were lower-level
workers and were not long-term
employees.

The investigation ended
this month at the plant which
employs 4,500 people.

"What they (investigators) really
do is confront these people
with the evidence they have and
guess some of them just quit
others decided they'd fight it,"
Potter said.

The suspended employees
have appealed through their
unions and management. They
would be reinstated and receive
back pay if their arguments are
upheld, Potter said.

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