



While you were gone

staff photo by Sumanesh Agrawal

These cyclists got their enjoyment during spring break by biking around campus. From left to right, they are Shan Ji-Zhu, Ren Mong-Wang, Ji Gang-He and

Lu Jia-Liu. Shan, Ji and Lu are graduate engineering students and Ren is a math professor. All four are from the People's Republic of China.

Workers walk for wages

Chavez blasts growers

United Press International
SAN JUAN, Texas — Union leader Cesar Chavez, leader of a 85-mile march to protest low pay for farm workers, told marchers growers were robbing workers of fair wages.

Early last week Chavez had predicted as many as 5,000 marchers would attend the closing rally Sunday, but only an estimated 1,000 marched single file from the San Juan city hall to the Roman Catholic Church shrine a mile away.

The marchers waved bright red union banners to the strains of the song "Solidarity Forever" and shouted "Viva Senior Chavez" as he rose to tell them "filthy rich growers" were refusing to pay the federal minimum wage.

"They (growers) have formed a plan to break the law — it's an agricultural Watergate," Chavez said in Spanish. "What can these miserable men be doing, being so rich, can

it hurt them so much to pay workers a decent wage?"

"Not only are they liars and abusers, but conspirators. They are taking the food from the workers' mouth. With inflation and the cost of living, how much can a worker buy if they are making less than \$3 an hour?"

Only about 30 farm workers marched the entire six-day stretch, but they were joined along the way by other laborers and supporters representing textile, steel, auto, cotton and government unions.

The march began Tuesday in Brownsville and culminated outside the shrine which serves as a worship center for migrant workers across the United States and Mexico.

"All we want is what we deserve for our sweat and toil," one worker said.

"It's a form of exploitation and slavery."

Tony Bonilla, president of

the League of United Latin American Citizens, and Texas AFL-CIO President Harry Hubbard also addressed the crowd.



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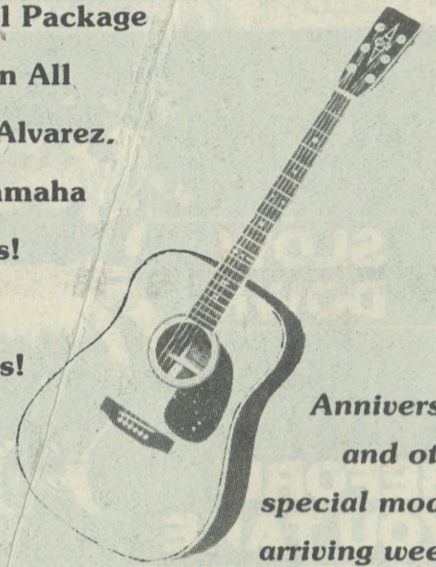
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Parks give economic boost to West Texas

United Press International
CARLSBAD, N.M. — Visitors to national parks in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico contributed more than \$45 million to the economy of the region in 1981, National Park Superintendent Bill Dunmire said Monday.

National Park in New Mexico contributed another \$2.2 million to the region's economy.

The figures do not include federal payments made instead of taxes by the Department of the Interior for federal lands in two Texas counties and one New Mexico county, he said.

In Eddy County, N.M., the federal payments totaled \$915,678. Such payments totaled \$45,505 in Culberson County and \$12,973 for Hud-

peth County, both Texas.

At Carlsbad Caverns, 771,781 people toured the park in 1981, Dunmire said. Spending an average of \$35 a day and staying a day and a half, the total contributed by those tourists was \$40.5 million, he said.

The Texas park attracted 142,641 tourists, who spent an estimated \$30 a day and spent an average of one day in the area. That totaled \$4.3 million during 1981, Dunmire said.

Texan to get scout award

United Press International
PHILADELPHIA — A Texan is one of six people to be awarded the Young American Award during the 1982 National Explorer Presidents Congress, Boy Scouts of America officials said Monday.

The Young American Award recognizes excellence in the fields of science, religion, gov-

ernment, business, humanities, art or literature. Each winner receives a \$500 scholarship and a plaque.

Recipients this year are: Vincent Lazaro, 19, of San Antonio; Karl Edelmann, 19, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Timothy DeLorey, 22, a student at University of West Florida; John Ashley Null, 21, of Manhattan, Kan.;

Cynthia Ann Reeves, 19, of Guymon, Okla.; and Anthony Deh-chuen So, 20, of Wilmington, Del.

Nominations for the awards are made by various organizations that wish to encourage youth to develop a sense of responsible citizenship and are not limited to those active in scouting, BSA officials said.



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