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un Asian child meets ed long lost parents

United Press International DALLAS — Separated for nearly a decade by a war and a hostile peace, an Asian boy and his Vietnamese mother ear," said here reunited Thursday with Dallas for a their American father who the National said the moment was like witessing childbirth.

"It'll be like having a newter the Nove oorn son," Robert Reighard, the child's father, said. "We we are ho twill jour the child's father, said. "We be some store, the child's father, said. "We congress in the child's father, said. "We are very, very excited." After her son arrived a day hat at Dallas Fort Worth Re-gional Airport, mother Dang it will jour Reighard, and son Trinh he gains the Quoc Nam, 10, held each other silently in a tearful embrace while family mem-ederal suppression of the solution of the soluti

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new only through newspapaccounts and letters. Even the clergy was repre-

sented with Thick Tri Hien, 42, Zen Buddhist master of Grand Prairie temple. Reighard, a former Buddhist convert, helped build the temple

two years ago. Brian Rieghard, holding his older brother's hand, said he was considering teaching Trinh either soccer or the video game PacMan.

Ushering his family into a white, convertible limousine - decked out in Texas longhorn hood ornaments and state flags - Reighard, a Garland, Texas, engineer, said he felt bitter about all the red

tape. "The communists do use the children as blackmail," he said.

Trinh's arrival ended a four-day journey across two continents and included 27

hours of air travel. Sunday night, shortly before he began the final two hours of his homecoming, his parents tele-phoned to tell him to spend the night in Los Angeles.

"The family just felt that he deserved a rest," said Allen T. Dorough, a spokesman for Delta Air Lines, which provided the connecting flight from Los Angeles.

Trinh, the offspring of an officially hated enemy, was denied housing, ration cards and schooling. Reighard said he was forced to leave the child with a grandmothar child with a grandmother when he was hastily pulled out of the country in 1973 with only two hours notice. "We thought we could get

(him) out sooner, but we weren't able to financially," he

Tribute to orange opens

United Press International HOUSTON — The late Jeff sonally conducted McKissack was a little offbeat. whenever people show The retired postal worker spent the last 25 years of his life building a tribute to a fruit in a vacant lot across the street from his house

the orange grew into a brightly colored, Grandma Moses-like collection of orange-ana — a tiny theme park tucked into McKissack's neighborhood of bungalows in south Houston.

The Orange Show's brightly colored walls feature tile slogans Such as "I Love Oranges", Go Orange; Be Strong" or "Eat Oranges and Live". The park has gallery of stuffed dummies brange, a motorized steamboat in a dry pond, painted antique tractor seats, spoked farm im-plement wheels, weather vanes and other junk artistic line for the show and strengthen some of McKissack's amateur architecture. Nearly \$200,000 and other junk artistically arranged.

McKissack, 77, sculpted a couple of palm tree of metal. He sat a couple of concrete lions on had vast amounts of meta pedestals and named them Mike done in different colors. and Judy. His was an eclectic

McKissack finally opened the show to the public in May 1979

and, for a \$1 admission fee, perwhenever people showed up. When he died in January 1980 the show's future was in doubt. No one is laughing at the World's First Orange Show now.

It has become honored folk art, His almost religious belief in a semi-official city treasure complete with its own supporting foundation. It officially reopens to the public Saturday. The Orange Show Founda-

tion grew from Marilyn Lubetkin's purchase of the park to save it. She bought it from McKissack's heirs for an undis-

was spent. "The biggest part of it, in terms of time and money, was cleaning and repainting," pro-ject architect Jack Kent said. "He had vast amounts of metal work

"We had a couple of areas where there were real structural problems. Those we had to shore up.

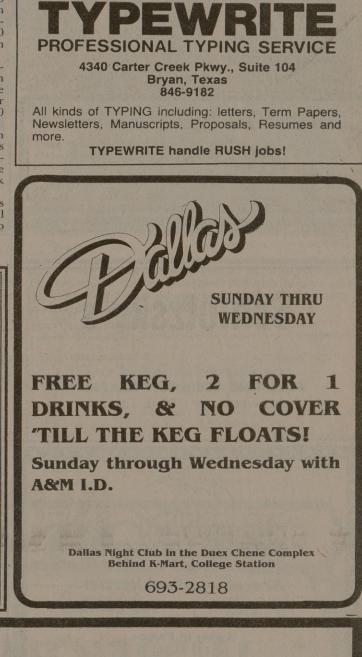
"I think it's wonderful," Kent for a Saturday night gala. tours said. "It's a little bit crazy in certain ways. It's a little bit off from the way most other people would do things, but he had a really incredible sense of space and a sense of detail that was

very fine." The foundation had a series of fund-raising dedication par-ties the weekend of Sept. 25-26, charging \$100 a couple Friday and Sunday and \$1,000 a couple

Foundation member Max

Miller, himself a metal sculptor with an appreciation for McKissack's work, made some replicas of McKissack's metal palm trees and is selling them to raise money. One went for \$2,500.

We've made enough to pay for the work on the park and the first year's operating budget, Max Miller said.



use Appreciative friends bury forsaken woman

reased traffic United Press International ad usage at DALLAS — Irene Walker de-ties. fied prejudice in a lifetime spent rent admissible ping others, so those she ton seems to loved saved her from a pauper's ncerns to Enternal Tuesday.

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ing bodies and er's grave.

te sterna die found an abandoned tod-s demandie der in one of the rooms. help these park She took the toddler to her said

own rooms, and when his mother finally returned, Walker approached her about the boy. Despite opposition from friends and family, Walker kept Stews of Themes and a formed to a functional stems of the set of th Steve Thomas and referred to could not afford a funeral him as her son. She tried in vain

would say she was my mother," Thomas, now 22, said. "Mrs. Walker took on the responsibility of raising me, even though the white people didn't like the idea of her raising a black child." helped Sarah Herron, who was

away like a dog.' About nine years ago, Walker Legion auxiliary which raised

ill and ran short of food.

Herron learned Walker would be buried in a crude for years to adopt him. would be buried in a crude wooden box at county expense and decided to "work in the

name of Jesus to get up some money so she would be put away like a human and not be thrown Friends called the American

\$800, one of Walker's neighbors donated a cemetary plot and a "She helped and helped and sympathetic mortuary owner helped until she died, Herron agreed to take a loss on the bu-rial

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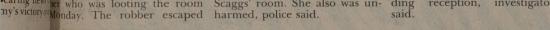
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