

Quirks in the news

Shoppers fight over furs

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CHICAGO — Arms were torn off and hair was pulled out but it was all in the name of good will.

Most of the damage was done to 1,600 secondhand fur coats priced at \$25 each at the annual Goodwill Industries coat sale and chattering fest Saturday.

More than 2,000 fur-crazed buyers streamed through the warehouse leaving a wake of defeated fellow shoppers and a few ravaged coats.

"I saw two ladies fighting over a mink," Rosa Williams said. "One of them pulled the arms off. I got pushed into the corner."

"Stand back — they're likely to do anything when it com-

es to those coats," said Robert Bright, associate executive director of Goodwill. "I pushed those right out into the middle of the room and got out of the way. We thought they might stampede the stock room."

Another shopper, Sudie Davis, said, "I was not ready for this. Those ladies, who are old enough to be my mother, just started fighting. I got pushed out of the way and I didn't dare go back to the rack until they got what they wanted. Those women destroyed a few of the good furs."

Worker hits jackpot

LAS VEGAS — A California aerospace worker who watched a man win \$250,000 on a slot machine hit a quarter-of-a-million dollar jackpot a few hours later.

William Flournoy of Ing-

lewood, Calif., a 40-year-old maintenance supervisor, plunked about \$500 worth of silver dollars in the Flamingo Hilton progressive slot machine Saturday before lining up five sevens for the \$250,000 jackpot.

A few hours earlier, Flournoy had watched John Arwood of Miami line up five fives on the bottom row of the five-reel machine for a \$250,000 jackpot.

Bottled message worked

CLEVELAND — Third-grader Kristi Gregg found an Irish pen pal through the old message-in-a-bottle trick.

In August 1981, the 8-year-old suburban South Euclid girl was on a cruise ship in the St. Lawrence River, going

from Montreal to New York, when she and about 20 other children tossed bottles into the river.

The note, which was placed in a liquor bottle and sealed with duct tape, included Kristi's name, address and telephone number.

On Nov. 19, she got a response from Sharon Parle of Logan's Sherd, Carne Broadway, Ireland.

Sharon, 11, told Kristi she found the bottle while walking along a beach at Carnsore Point, which is on the St. George's Channel leading to the Irish Sea.

The president of Bahama Cruise Lines Inc., of New York, Julio del Valle, said this was the first time in the four years the cruise has been run that there has been a reply to such a message.

Body recovered from MX test cell, others submerged

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TULLAHOMA, Tenn. — Rescue workers wearing asbestos suits and air tanks found one body in the burned underground shaft of an MX missile testing cell, but search efforts for three other victims were delayed Monday until water could be pumped from the 250-foot-deep shaft.

Authorities said the body of John P. Sikes, an employee of Sverdrup Technology Inc., headquartered in St. Louis, was recovered at 10:50 p.m. Sunday. It was identified by a co-worker and taken to a funeral home in Manchester, Tenn.

After finding Sikes' body, the three recovery team members left the underground cell and pumping began.

A spokesman said the search could not continue for the three other victims of Saturday's rocket fuel explosion until water, pumped into the shaft to extinguish the fire, could be removed.

The bodies of Dona J. Roy, 57, Murray L. Tauscher, 49, and Arthur Totten, 48, all employees of Aerojet General Corp., were believed at the bottom of the huge cell.

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Hemingway-authored Soviet dispatch found

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CHICAGO — A 1938 dispatch written by Ernest Hemingway for the Soviet newspaper Pravda while he was covering the Spanish Civil War has been found by a professor of history from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The copyright manuscript, appearing in Monday's editions of the Chicago Tribune and distributed by the Tribune Company Syndicate, was originally published in Russian on Aug. 1, 1938, by Pravda.

The professor, William B. Watson, said in an accompanying article that he found the four-page dispatch in the Hemingway Collection at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston last summer.

He traced its authenticity to a microfilm of the newspaper Pravda.

"During the last 15 months I saw murder done in Spain by the fascist invaders," the dispatch begins.

"Murder is different than war. Men can hate war and be opposed to it, yet become accustomed to it as a way of life when it is fought to defend your country against an invader and for your right to live and work as a free man."

Watson also discovered a telegram sent to Hemingway on July 23, 1938, by M.J. Olgin, the American correspondent of Pravda, asking him to write a 1,500 word article on the "barbarism of fascist interventionists in Spain" for a special anti-war

issue of Pravda scheduled for publication Aug. 1.

A note from Hemingway scribbled on the back of the telegram read, "Will airmail Chicago. Regards to Kolzov. Greetings, Hemingway."

The dispatch vividly describes a variety of bombing raids whose targets were civilians.

"When they shell the telephone building in Madrid it is all right because it is a military objective. When they shell gun positions and observation posts that is war. If the shells fall too long or too short that is war too. But when they shell the city indiscriminately in the middle of the night to try to kill civilians in their beds it is murder," the manuscript said.

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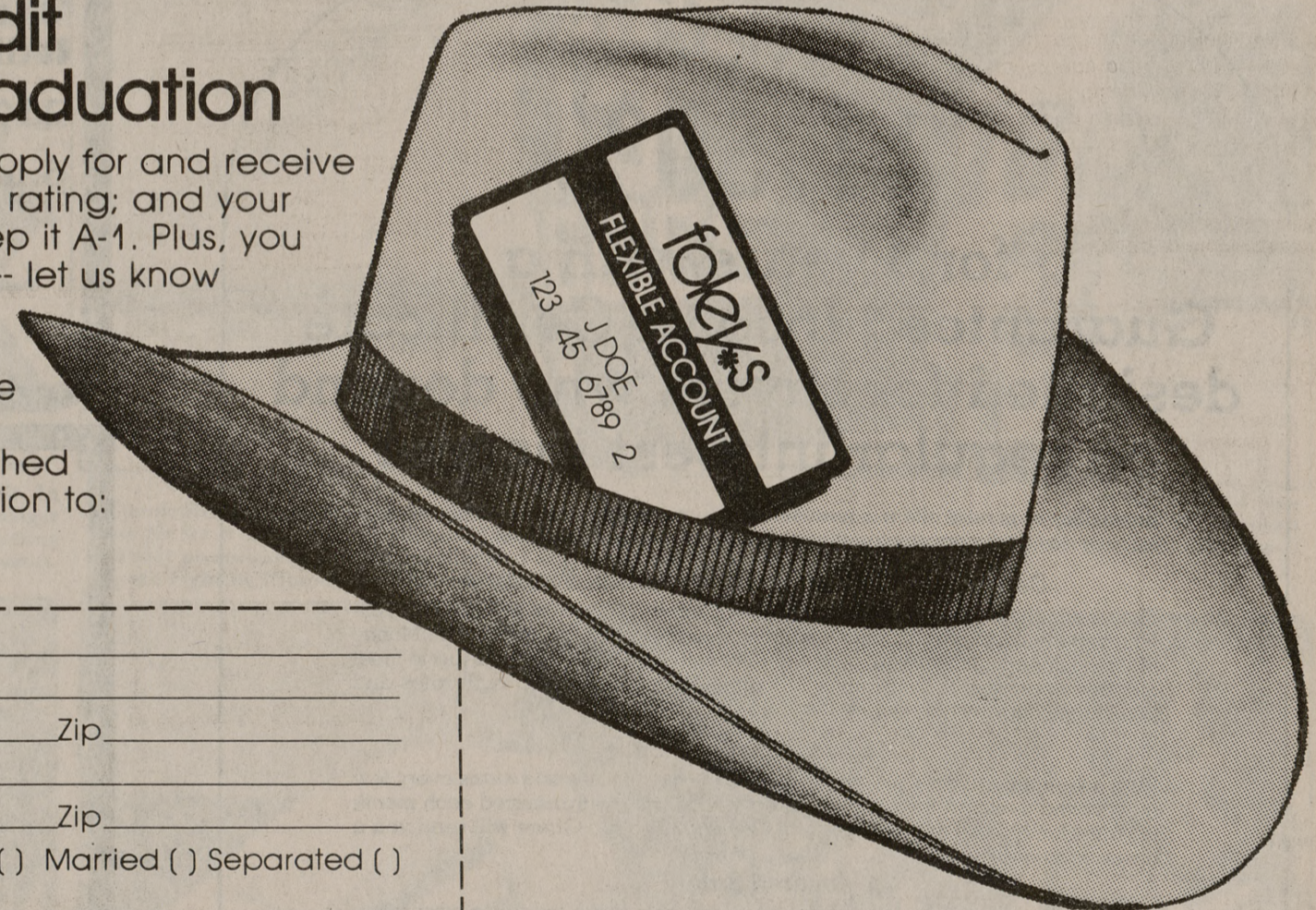
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