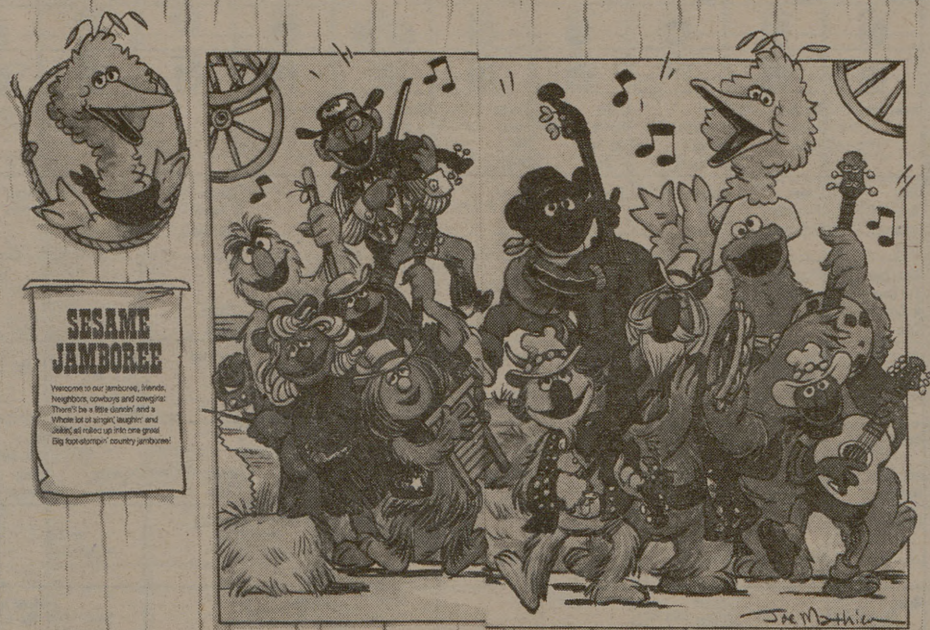


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Jim Henson's muppets will get into the Texas spirit at the Sesame Jamboree Feb. 9-11, at the Summit in Houston.

This year, Bert, Ernie and Big Bird will be presenting the country cowboy through the

eyes of a muppet.

The annual muppet show will feature a new musical score, energetic choreography and a cast of 20 singers and dancers.

The show will have a foot-stompin' hoe-down, jug

bands and down-home country singing. And the Cookie Monster will even set out on a cookie roundup to lasso his favorite food.

For more information, call The Summit at (713) 627-9452.

Ticket sales made easy

The Frank Erwin Center in Austin has come up with a new way to handle the long lines at concerts. No more will people have to push and shove to get a good seat at the Center. Visa Bands provide the solution.

A Visa Bands is a slender snap-on wrist band similar to hospital bands. They have a series of numbers that will correspond to a name list at the Erwin Center. These numbers will indicate a person's place in line for ticket purchase.

Visa Bands will be made available following specified live radio announcements. At

the time that the bands are made available for a certain show, patrons should go to the Red River doors of The Erwin Center with a picture ID. The bands will be distributed on a first come-first serve basis. As the band is placed on a person's wrist, his name will be recorded on a master list that will hold places in line until the tickets can be purchased.

The band is non-transferable and if it is torn off it becomes void.

People who do not have Visa Bands on the first day of ticket sales will be sent to the end of the line.

Video games; love 'em or leave 'em

The hottest games in town are video games, a craze that started in the bars, pool halls and pizza parlors and has now invaded the home.

Pocket Books, the publishers of "How to Win at Pac-

whose child spends their lunch money at the conveni-

ence store...for everyone who has been shot down by aliens, stomped by gorillas or eaten by centipedes and just can't handle it anymore...Pocket Book presents "The Official I-Hate-Video Games Handbook"

This book features a list of "the 15 most insidious video games," case histories of video game addicts and a short history of video games — from primitive aborigine games through early Egyptian games right up to the Russian microchip threat.

Top ten for 1982

And now it's time for some 1982 trivia!

The most popular programs on television for 1982 according to the Nielsen ratings are:

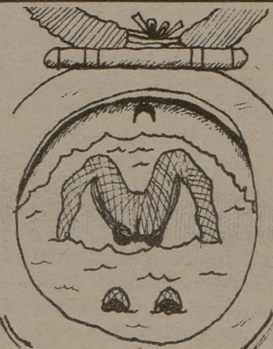
1. 60 Minutes
2. Three's Company
3. Too Close For Comfort
4. M*A*S*H
5. Dallas
6. The Jeffersons
7. Hart to Hart
8. Alice

9. Magnum, P.I.

10. Trapper John, M.D.

The following 5 albums had platinum sales in 1982. Listed in alphabetical order they are:

1. Asia
2. American Fool, John Cougar
3. Mirage, Fleetwood Mac
4. Freeze-Frame, J. Geils Band
5. I Love Rock 'n' Roll, Joan Jett



Do alligators live in B/CS sewers?

Do you believe that an abnormally high number of babies are born nine months after a blackout? Do you think it is illegal for a consumer to remove those little tags on sofa pillows? Do you really think that there are alligators in the sewer systems of major cities in the United States. Well, you're wrong. But you're not alone. These tidbits, or "credos" have been around so long that most people have to think twice before disbelieving them.

"There Are Alligators In Our Sewers and Other American Credos" is the book that will finally put our doubts to rest. Authors Paul Dickson and Joseph C. Goulden will be releasing their book in February, simultaneously with their tour of the talk show circuit.

"There Are Alligators In Our Sewers and Other American Credos," Delacorte Press, \$11.95

The pet in question

For college students, a new semester means new classes, sometimes a new place to live, and maybe even getting a pet. Unlike a textbook, however, a pet cannot be shelved or discarded at the end of the term.

"Getting a new pet is not like getting a stuffed animal that you can toss into the closet when you get tired of it," says Phyllis Wright, Director of Animal Sheltering and Control for the Humane Society of the United States.

While most students focus on the enjoyment of having a dog or cat, many learn the hard way that pet ownership can be expensive and time-consuming. A pet has constant needs which must be met regardless of your study or social schedule.

If you are considering getting a pet while at school, you should consider a few questions.

— Where will it live? Few dormitories of apartments permit pets.

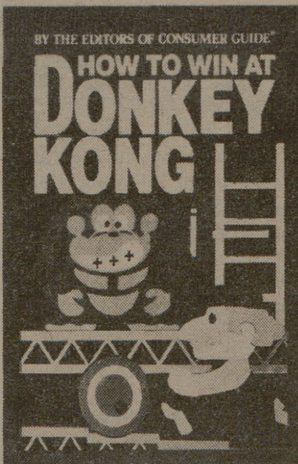
— Do you really have time for a pet? Both dogs and cats require a lot of attention and exercise.

— Can you afford a pet? It costs about 50¢ a day to feed an average size dog. Yearly vaccinations can run from \$30 to \$50.

— Who will care for the animal during semester breaks? Boarding fees can run up to \$100 for a two-week stay.

— What will happen to the pet when you graduate? The average pet will outlive the length of your education and most students have no idea where they will end up.

Be sure you can handle the responsibility of a pet before you get one. If you're not sure how much time you have, you're probably better without one.

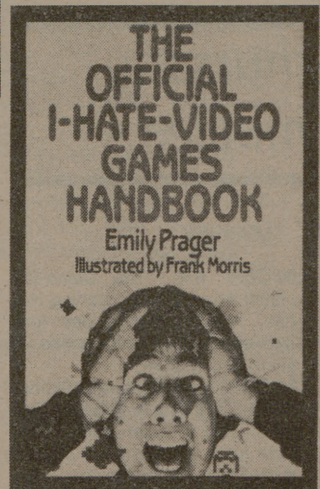


Man," have now released two additional books to fan and fuel the computer craze.

"How to Win at Donkey Kong" provides instructions on how to consistently score more than 100,000 points per

game. Donkey Kong, with its frisky ape, flirty heroine and determined hero has become the number one video game, according to "Playmeter," the magazine of the arcade industry.

And for every person whose girlfriend or boyfriend can't be torn away from the local arcade...for every parent



— "How to Win at Donkey Kong," \$1.95; "The Official I-Hate-Video Games Handbook," \$2.95; Pocket Books