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Wheelchair defense easy with practice

United Press International
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A quick flip of the wrist or twist of an arm and the tables can be turned on any would-be attacker who picks out a wheelchair victim as an easy mark.

That's the message preached by Steve Reddish and his partner, Lt. Jim Bullard, who have put together a program on wheelchair self-defense for the handicapped.

"How to Wheel and Deal with Your Attacker" is the title of the 31-minute videotape the partners produced.

Now, they're working on a book and slide presentation highlighting the same wheel-

chair defense techniques used in the film.

Bullard is a self-defense instructor with the Memphis Police Department. Reddish, whose spine was severed in a motorcycle accident, is a former undercover policeman. He investigated organized crime for five years as a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair.

Together they took a self-defense course that Bullard developed for women and tailored it to suit people in wheelchairs.

"It's effective. It works," Reddish said in an interview.

The defense technique combines simple forms of karate, judo, aikido and other martial

arts that focus on breaking an attacker's hold, throwing him off balance and waging a counterattack — all from the sitting position.

"Somebody in a wheelchair presents an easy victim," Reddish said. "A mugger is going to take the path of least resistance. Say there's a burly guy walking down the street and a guy in a wheelchair. Which one would he pick?"

Reddish and Bullard began collaborating on the wheelchair program in 1976. Finding out there was little information on the subject in print or on film, the two men decided to put the self-defense video together.

Ideal chicken needed to resist summer heat

United Press International
DALLAS — Relentless summer heat which kills millions of chickens has forced breeders to seek a heat-resistant "super" chicken.

"The cross-bred bird always performs better than the pure lines," said Joe Conerly, general manager of Indian River International in Nacogdoches, Texas, the nation's third largest poultry breeder. Indian River has come closest to breeding the ideal bird.

"It's just like plant genetics," Conerly said. "It results in a harder hybrid. In the case of our bird, a breed able to resist great heat anywhere in the world." Drought's heat wiped out 7 million chickens three years ago in Arkansas, and state poultrymen anticipate millions will be lost again this year, in part because of efforts to create a fatter, more profitable bird.

Industry-wide three million chickens — breeder hens and broilers — died during a single weekend last month, the National Broiler Council reported.

"We kind of got caught in our own trap," said Aubrey Cuzik, head of broiler production for Tyson Foods in Springdale, Ark., one of the nation's largest processors.

"We got the chickens a bit fatter each year," he said. "So naturally conditions got a bit more crowded in the houses, and they were more likely to be affected by the heat."

"We probably grow them up a quarter-pound heavier than a year ago," he said, noting appetite-dampening heat forced Tyson to hold birds off the mar-

ket longer to help them gain weight.

"Of course when we leave them in the heat longer, more of them would die," he said. "We'd obviously love to have a so-called super chicken that could take the heat."

Tyson sells roughly four million processed broilers each week. Heat destroys about 5 percent or about 200,000 chickens.

At one time, efforts were made to cross a heat-toughened Egyptian chicken with a white Leghorn and create a breeder hen able to resist high temperatures, said Lionel Barton, extension poultryman with the University of Arkansas.

"The Egyptian breed was very resistant to disease and heat, but didn't lay many eggs," he said. "A Leghorn lays a good number of eggs. Unfortunately, we ended up with a bird that looked sort of like a white Leghorn, but couldn't lay many eggs."

A chicken reacts much like a dog to the heat, he said.

"They have no sweat glands so they must pant to dissipate the heat," he said. "They ruffle their feathers, hold their wings open. Obviously they're very temperature sensitive."

But he noted chickens have less trouble with heat than chill, which is why the poultry industry is centered largely in the South.

Mechanical efforts to improve houses — using evaporative and mist cooling — would save more chickens, he said. "But this is a high volume, low

margin business, and farmers don't want to spend money making chickens comfortable."

Indian River's Conerly said it took several generations before researchers were able to find a breeder hen able to withstand the sizzling Texas summers.

"We got our breed stock from Germany, where the chickens had been used to the cool North Sea," he said. "The first year we had severe losses, 60 percent or so, due to the heat. We never used cool-cell houses, but exposed them to the local climate."

"The next generation showed a better survival rate, until now our birds are pretty much acclimated. In fact, our day-old chicks are marketed very heavily in places like the Middle East."

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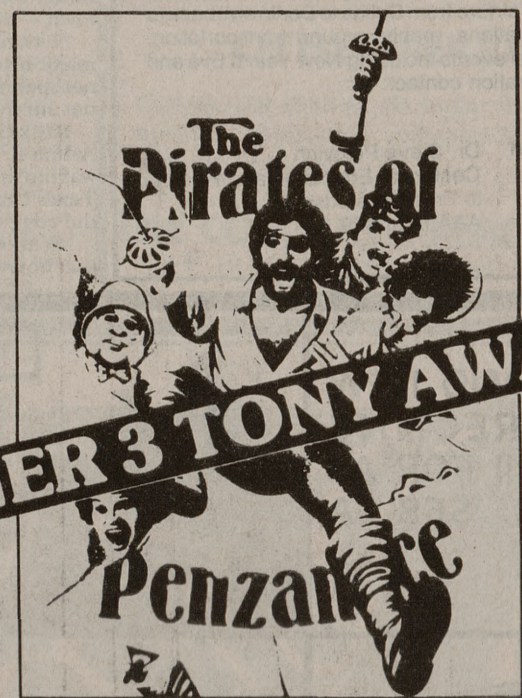
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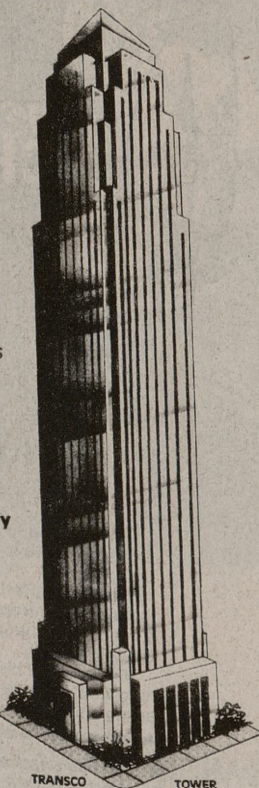
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