



Arabic artistry

Photo by KATHERINE HURT

Nabil Qawasmi, a senior electrical engineering student from Jordan, transcribes names from English to Arabic at Post Oak mall on Saturday. This display was part of

the 1984 International Arts Festival, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Art League, the Arts Council of Brazos Valley and the TAMU International Student Association.

## Shultz visits Brazilian economic and arms talks

United Press International  
BRASILIA — Secretary of State George Shultz arrived here yesterday for talks with leaders of the world's most debt-burdened nation and said he was confident the world economy will improve in 1984.

"I believe as we look to the year 1984 we have every reason to believe that it will be a better year for the world economically than 1983," Shultz told Brazilian Foreign Minister Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro on arriving at the military air base.

"Both countries have faced very considerable economic difficulties and with a lot of effort we have managed to keep our systems intact and to search for progress," Shultz said.

Shultz arrived in Brazil's modernistic capital under cloudy skies after a two-day working holiday in sunny Rio de Janeiro.

Brazil has the world's largest foreign debt — more than \$90 billion — and an inflation rate that soared over 200 percent last year.

International bankers last month arranged another rescheduling and loan package for Brazil and Shultz said the economic situation was "stabilizing".

"I think the long-run health of Brazil is very strong," Shultz said earlier. "This is a good time to come here and give support to that idea."

While in Brasilia, Shultz was to review the work of groups on nuclear, industrial, military, economic, and scientific-space cooperation established during President Reagan's visit last year.

The United States has refused to sell Brazil fuel for its Westinghouse-built nuclear reactor because the Brazilian government has declined to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

"Clearly it is something we want to have a cooperative pattern with them on," Shultz said.

Apparently there was no agreement yet on controls on the sale of sensitive U.S. weapons technology. But it was understood the working groups on arms manufacture had agreed to the transfer of more basic weapons construction technology.

Brazil has an ambitious arms manufacturing industry that generates hard foreign currency needed to help service its debt.

On Saturday the secretary held a broad review of U.S. poli-

cy in Latin America with U.S. ambassadors to South American countries.

Shultz and his wife Helena arrived Friday from Caracas, where Shultz represented the United States at the inauguration of President Jaime Lusinchi and held meeting with foreign ministers from Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras.

From Brasilia, Shultz will travel Tuesday to Grenada, where American and Caribbean forces in October ousted the Cuban-backed Marxist regime that was in revolution against itself.

While on the island, Shultz will meet with American medical students whose safety President Reagan cited as a major reason to lead the invasion.

## 'Epidemic' of murderers caused by T.V. violence

United Press International

TORONTO — Violence on television has led to an "epidemic" of murders, suicides and assaults in the United States, especially among young people, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Everett C. Koop said Sunday.

Speaking to about 500 people at a symposium on violence and pornography in the media, the former pediatrician said studies indicated violence on television had a significant affect on human behavior.

During the past 30 years, he said, the homicide rate among white men under 24 years old soared from 366 deaths per 100,000 population in 1950 to 2,800 per killings in 1980. Suicides among young whites of both sexes and young black males tripled during the same period, he said.

In addition, the homicide and assault rates continue to climb, he said.

"Violence in our public and private life has indeed assumed the proportions of an epidemic," Koop said.

Koop said that recent surveys estimate that 1 million U.S. citizens are "abused and victimized" each year and the figure for child abuse was twice as high.

The surgeon general said he discussed the problem of violent television programs last week with CBS executives and would hold similar meetings at ABC and NBC during the next two weeks. He expressed some hope that the talks would lead to reduced violence on network television.

Besides provoking violent behavior, Koop said daily carnage

on the small screen has terrorized some viewers.

"The political and social health of our two countries is endangered when any of our citizens feel unjustly threatened and withdraw in fear from casual human contact," he said.

Leonard Eron, a University of Illinois psychologist and researcher, said a study begun in 1960 of 850 third-graders in New York state showed that those who enjoyed watching violent programs also had a high incidence of aggressive behavior in school.

In a follow-up study 22 years later, where more than 400 students from the original group were re-studied, a link was found between those who watched a lot of violent programs and the incidence of criminal convictions, drunk driving arrests, or records of spouse or child abuse.

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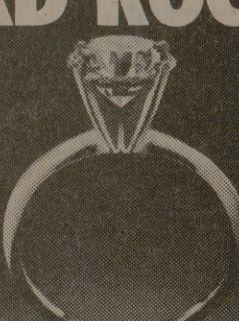
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