

Firemen develop safe seat

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Reporter

The Aggie Seat, which can be tied quickly into a length of rope, is adding a new safety dimension to firefighting.

The seat — loops formed in a rope by two special knots — was developed by three instructors at the firemen's training school here. It is especially useful in rescuing firefighters from caged ladders when their legs get tangled in the rungs.

John Hubacek, industrial rescue co-ordinator at the Texas Engineering Extension Service's Fire Protection Division, said firefighters are required to wear a Swiss seat when they work in confined spaces, but they can't wear that type of body harness in a cage.

"That's where we come in," Hubacek said. "The Aggie Seat is used when these people are not seriously injured. It removes them easily. It's easy to tie. We're teaching it to all of our trainees, and they come from all over the world, so hopefully they're telling other firemen about it."

Hubacek, along with firemen Billy Parker and Leo O'Campo, designed the knot during rescue training drills at the firemen's training school.

O'Campo recently described the Aggie Seat in Fire Engineer magazine.

"We've found that in most instances where the standard life basket was used, the Aggie Seat was quicker to rig, more comfortable for the victim, and allowed more versatility," he wrote. "With the Aggie Seat, the victim's upper body is supported, and like the



Photo by PETER ROCHA

Fireman Billy Parker demonstrates the Aggie Seat.

Swiss seat, it supports his weight evenly and does not impede blood circulation or breathing by binding."

Hubacek said the Aggie Seat is also used for lowering firemen into industrial vessels or confined areas with small one-man open-

ings, since it holds the user in an upright position, leaving both of his hands free.

"The uses and situations where the Aggie Seat can be utilized are limited only by the imagination," O'Campo said.

Correction

The description of the Rudder Run in the Park and Ride story which ran July 17 can better be explained as leaving Olsen Field and travelling on Joe Routt Street to Coke Street. The Shuttle will then turn north onto Lubbock Street, travel down Lubbock to Bizell Street, head north on Lamar Street then south on Nagle Street to get back to Lubbock. It will then travel around the Lamar Extension (the street between the physics building and the Trigon) and west on Joe Routt back to Olsen Field. The Battalion regrets the error.

Texas official cuts Reagan farm policies

United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower used biting humor and scathing rhetoric Wednesday to blast President Reagan's farm policy for trying to "make chicken salad out of chicken manure."

At a convention marked by speeches that ranged from emotional to boring, Hightower's remarks seemed a relief to the convention delegates — many of whom banged chairs and cheered in approval.

"I come before you today on behalf of America's farm families who want to send a message to Ronald Reagan: Mr. President, there is a world of hurt in the countryside and these farmers want you to know it's bedtime for bonzo in 1984."

Hightower opened his speech with Harry Truman's adage that "no man should be allowed to be president who does not understand hogs."

"Well, I'll tell you what, we've got a guy in the White House right now who does not know a hog from a hand grenade," he said. "Since 1980 it's been hog feeding time at the Reagan White House. And the hogs aren't just feeding at the trough, they've climbed all the way into the trough and they're wallowing in it."

Hightower, the chief architect of the party agriculture platform plank, said Reaganomics threatens to destroy the family farm system and also farm-based economies in rural America.

Stocks plunge after slow trading

United Press International

NEW YORK — The stock market plunged in slow trading Wednesday when a brokerage executed a large selling program for an institutional client and other traders pulled out of the bidding.

The setback ended a three-day rally and disappointed many observ-

ers who thought a summer spurt was underway. Investors still are nervous about the robust economy and high interest rates.

Walt Disney, St. Regis and ARA Services attracted considerable attention because of takeover situations but drug stocks came under heavy attack because of a broaden-

ing price war and some disappointing earnings.

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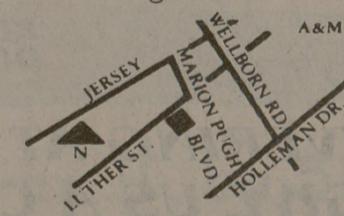
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