Warning for the unwary

You are now entering ... the Com-

Not quite, but if you spend any time near the Blocker Building (and the remains of Parking Annex 7), the Chemistry Building or the Academic Building, you know that the fences and torn up earth look like a war zone.

If you've been at Texas A&M for awhile, you probably know that the campus is undergoing continuous construction and renovation. The con-struction is one of those "necessary evils." The constant sound of jackhammers can be annoying, but those noises and inconveniences are the price students still must pay for Texas A&M's rapid growth in the 1970s. The campus hasn't caught up with the growth of the student body.

Construction sites can be dangerous. During the spring semester, a student was hit by a loose sheet of metal, blown off the addition to the Halbouty Geosciences building by a strong gust of wind. Accidents such as these do happen.

Sitting in a classroom can even be hazardous — at least to your ears. At least one professor who is teaching a class in the Academic Building has found that competing with a blowtorch is tough. Workers use the blowtorches to loosen paint on the windows so the paint can be scraped off.

The noise is a problem. But another problem — or inconvenience — to be worked around surfaced Tuesday when the fences went up at Spence and Ross streets. To allow construction of the new chemistry building, this major thoroughfare has been closed. So if you ever have to walk from the library to Zachry, allow extra time to reach your destination. Circling around does take longer.

And a gaping hole that has been cut into Ireland Street in front of the Printing Center presents an obstacle course for motorists as workers attempt to repair a leaking sewer pipe.

Stay alert. Don't wander too close to the construction sites. And don't stand in front of windows when blowtorches

Columnist for

United Press International

secretary of state through the turbu-

lent Kennedy-Johnson years, came to

Capitol Hill to dispense some uncon-

ventional wisdom about the conduct of

tween the two major parties about for-

eign policy than election-year rhetoric

would seem to indicate, Rusk told a

Senate Governmental Affairs Com-

tional law professor, now 75, also said

government leaks are a lot less harmful than most officials say they are,

and only one really got to him during

Rusk, the 54th secretary of state,

served under Presidents Kennedy and

Johnson during the Cuban missile cri-

sis and Vietnam War years of 1961 to

As the campaign season gets going,

The University of Georgia interna-

mittee hearing last week.

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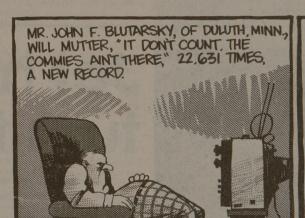
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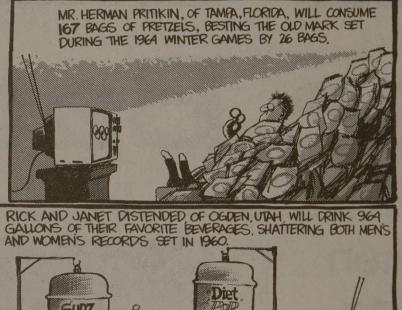
foreign policy.

WASHINGTON — Dean Rusk,

are in use. — The Battalion Editorial Board QUALITHE CREGONAN.

Olympic records will be set that won't be seen on TV this week...





Investing in parking spaces

By ART BUCHWALD

Columnist for The Los Angeles Times Syndicate

There is now a big real estate boom in parking places in Washington. As more "No Parking at Anytime" signs go up in the streets, people are desperate to have a parking spot they can call

To find out about the boom I went to see a real estate agent who specializes in selling parking spaces. He had color photographs of various garages on his wall.

"I'm interested in buying a parking space," I told him.

"You've come at a good time. We have several outstanding ones that have just come on the market. May I inquire what kind of automobile you

"A 1984 Volvo."

main highway.

lines.

"Then you will want a quality parking spot in the upper range brackets. Here is one that was only used by the original owner. The garage is just five

and the rhetoric over Central America

and nuclear arms heats up to the level

of a four-alarm fire, Rusk said the two

parties basically are not that different.

shoulders of the road," he said, "The

American people and Congress have a

way of nudging them back onto the

As for splits between the Republi-

can and Democratic parties, Rusk said:

"There may be differences in tone,

style and emphasis from time to time,

but the central interests of the United

States do not vary significantly when

one party or the other occupies the

White House or has a majority in Con-

He said in his hundreds of meetings

with congressional committees and

subcommittees, "not once have I ever

seen differences of view turn on party

White House are inevitable, but can be

muted by regular meetings, Rusk said.

Tensions between Congress and the

"If a president goes over on the soft

The Rusk view of partisan policies

minutes from the Washington Monument, and your place would be on the first tier, right near the entrance."

"How big is it?" I asked. "It's quite large, 11 by 22 feet. It is marked by lovely gold stripes and decorated with a handpainted RE-SERVED sign on the wall. Your Volvo will be very happy there.

"How much does it cost?"

"Since the owner wants to sell because he is moving to San Fransisco we can let you have it for \$23,000, not including maintenance charges.'

"What are the maintenance charges

"Heating, a 24-hour garage attendant, and keeping your space swept clean, Of course, you'll have to be passed by a board of the other parking space owners, but I'm sure you won't have a problem considering the make

He recommended the president sit

down once a month with the biparti-

san leadership in Congress to "build

up a consensus of understanding," not

other nations to hear a "cacophony" of

voices from Washington. But he said

even when differences are magnified

during an election campaign — which he described alternately as "a grand

inquest of the nation" and "our qua-

drennial silly season" — the damage is

probably say some very foolish things

and create a certain amount of confusion at home and abroad," Rusk said.

"One could hope that candidates on

the campaign trail would be a bit care-

ful about foreign policy matters, but

complete prudence would be asking

over, we are inclined to put these par-

tisan debates behind us and follow the

"Fortunately, when the elections are

"Candidates of both parties will

Rusk said it can be confusing for

necessarily to reach decisions.

not usually too great.

too much.

"Can I get a mortgage on it?"
"You'll have no problem at all. The banks consider parking places in Washington much better collateral than apartments and condominiums.'

"Suppose I only want to spend \$10,000 for a spot. Do you have anything downtown for that?'

"We have a 9 by 16-foot spot in a dark alley that has just come on the market. The front of your car would look out on a meatpacking plant and the rear would face an empty ware-

house. I don't know if your Volvo would feel very safe there or not. Frankly, I would buy something with a

"But it seem like so much money."

You must not look at it as a financial burden. After all, owning your own parking place is now the ultimate

Petroplex A gusher of Aggies

MIDLAND -To understand the culture of Great Britain a tourist visits Buckingham Palace and Big Ben and the Tower of London and a host of other landmarks,

wants to understand what caused the white man to inhabit the lands of the Permian Basin ne make just one stop — the Permia sin Petroleum Museum.

Here you can see oil. Crude Oil.

but a visitor who

Where it comes from and whe going. The men who wildcatte The men who pumped it out of ground. The men who continu wage the battle of the crude.

The museum's brochure says an average visitor spends 1 1/2h in the museum, but a careful in

tion will take, they boast, 4 hours. Four hours in a sacred temple voted to oil?

Yep, that's how long it took for reporter to travel through the

The three wings - the west icated to the pre-drilling people east centering on geology and tech ogy; and the north on the future including reclaimation of old well are equally interesting to the po buff or the environmentalist.

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The video-touch-as-you-go exh range from a nitro explosion to al sized airplane that takes you on ap line checking flight. In the Oil Ha Fame you can see the mugs of then that have pumped the region ind ing a few good old Ags.

Midland itself is an Aggie kind

There's an office building do town that one resident told me the skyline with that Aggie flag."

That building, along with one Midland's newest: Clay Desta, is o trolled by overall good Ag, Clan Williams.

On the floor of Clay Desta, amo the rooms, the glass elevators green plants —that make it look m like a Hyatt Regency than an of building —is a small plastic case.

Does the case cover a pre-his footprint, the Midland women's ho or perhaps a piece of avant garder work, you ask.

No way, not in the petroplex. Upon closer inspection I clearly see the object d'art delic preserved. Gently fingered into concrete it said, "Gig 'em Aggies."

It's a foregone conclusion in land that Aggies are a bit different As I stood in line at the Petrol Museum, I handed my guide \$2 the admission. He pulled and buck from his wallet and laid it on

the cash register a \$5 bill. She smiled, picking one of thes gles off the counter and handing back to him.

counter. Upon realizing that he

only one single, he handed the lad

"NO, no," he said, "that's alre

Flustered, she punched the butt

on the cash register trying to get if open.
"You wouldn't," she asked, "happy

to be Aggies, would you?'

one man's flower, another's crabgrass

By DICK WEST

Columnist for United Press International

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government, I am pleased to note, has expanded by 17 species the list of 76 foreign "noxious" weeds that are subject to import restrictions.

The action by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service means that nobody can lawfully bring the weeds into this country without getting a permit from the Agriculture Department.

While it is difficult to imagine the department being so heartless as to deny an import license to noxious weed-fanciers, I say the move is long overdue.

That some travelers to foreign lands will go to any length to enhance their noxious weed collection is apparent to anyone who has spent any time at a port of entry.

I've known returning globetrotters to try to fool customs inspectors by pressing noxious weeds in the family Bible between the bride's bouquet that Aunt Mossy Belle caught at Cousin Lobelia's wedding and the carnation Uncle Rimbeau wore to the senior

Once they have are safely through customs, having disguised the contraband as keepsakes, these shifty, albeit artful, tourists then evidentally sow the weeds in my yard. At any rate, I've got all 76 varieties flourishing amid the crabgrass.

According to my dictionary, the word "noxious" can mean something is injurious to health or morally harmful. The name of the agency seems to imply that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regards the former as the prime menace. But I believe the threat to our morals is a greater danger.

Oh, I suppose some Americans may be genuinely fond of Rubus moluccanus, a type of wild raspberry that is one of the 17 newly proscribed plants.

I'm told that until you've tasted Rubus moluccanus jam or sipped a bit of Rubus molucannus wine, you don't really know what epicurean living is all

I rather doubt, however, that the problem would be as acute as it is if the motivation for the importation of noxious weeds was mainly a matter of providing new taste thrills, or asthetic appreciation, or ignorance.

policies which are set for our nation as a whole," he added. On the matter of leaks and secrets,

Rusk said he would not like laws restricting disclosure.

"Secrets are not as important as people think," he said.

He said only one leak bothered him during his eight years in office. It is

best known. After the Russians backed down during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and agreed to remove their weapons, Rusk was quoted as saying, "We were standing eyeball to eyeball with the

perhaps the remark for which he is

other fellow and I think he just He has said on other occasions that the remark leaked during a dangerous crisis where considerations of 'face' or prestige could be important, and who-

ever leaked the remark had no busi-

ness doing so.

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