Explorers think Mt. Ararat was ark's final stop

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ANKARA, Turkey - U.S. exary wreck of Noah's Ark, the group's the mountain, Steffins said. leader said Saturday.

Marvin Steffins, president of In-ternational Expeditions, told report-the discovery. ers his group located the site Thursday 5,200 feet up the southern slopes of Mount Ararat in eastern scaled the peak of Mount Ararat but s

'We cannot say that this is Noah's jured his leg. Ark, but we believe we have found the site of it," Steffins said.

shaped impression with measurements fitting the biblical de-scription of the Ark in the sixth chapter of the book of Genesis, he

"But I must stress that we don't claim to have found the Ark of Noah itself, although the measurements are similiar to those in the Bible," he

80 feet wide — similar to the measurements mentioned in the Bible.

Steffins' expedition was one of three U.S. groups of explorers that scaled the 16,946-foot mountain this the area around Mount Ararat to year in search of the Ark that farmers and tourists "to prevent any according to the Bible came to rest damage to the site.

on the mountains of Ararat after the

Irwin and his "High Flight Soplorers, including former astronaut ciety" expedition, and a group of ex-James Irwin, have found a boat-plorers from the U.S. Institute for shaped formation on Mount Ararat Creative Research were continuing they believe is the site of the legend- their work on the northern slopes of

He said Irwin, who walked on the

was forced to cut short its work after the astronaut fell off a cliff and in-

"We searched this time on the southern side of the mountain al-His expedition found a boat- though the general belief was that it was on the north," Steffins said. He said his expedition went to work on the basis of evidence provided by Ron Wyatt, a U.S. explorer who scaled Mount Ararat in 1977.

> Steffins posed for photographers holding two plastic bags filled with clay that he said were samples from the site he had found.

"These will be analyzed in the Steffins said the boat-shaped formation was about 450 feet long and 80 feet wide — similar to the meathe area next year," he said.

> Steffins said they had asked the local military authorities to seal off

Another language discovered in Brazil

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SAO PAULO, Brazil - An anthropologist said Sunday she has discovered what may be a new language spoken by Caribbean-origin blacks who arrived in Brazil during a 1930s gold rush and settled in the Amazon

Anthropologist Julieta de Andrade said a language called Lanc-Patua by its speakers is used by 25,000 blacks in towns and gold mining camps over a 1,200 mile stretch

of the Brazilian Amazon.
"Lanc-Patua speakers are descendents of blacks who came from the Guyanas and the French Caribbean during a 1930s Amazon gold rush,"

said De Andrade in an interview.

She said their French-sounding patois was gradually transformed through contact with Portuguesespeaking Brazilians "into something that sounds like a brand new lan-

much of the vocabulary of Lanc-Patua show Portuguese influence. But uted by gold prospectors from English-speaking Guyana.

While French in origin, Lanc-Pathis week.

whether it is truly a language or not, but none can deny it is distinctive."

She said there are no newspapers or books in Lanc-Patua, but that its speakers communicate by letter and travel frequently among widely scattered communities. During five years of study for a

doctoral thesis, de Andrade said she found "the Lanc-Patua people very friendly but a little eccentric.

Suspicious of outsiders and often guided by superstitions of voodoo origin, "they rarely give their correct names, instead inventing colorful but false ones.'

Family members never attend a loved-one's wake, which is organized by friends. Instead, they play domi-noes for eight days straight while friends keep candles lit in a separate

De Andrade discovered Lanc-Patua while visiting the Amazon Delta city of Macapa in 1979.

She listened as two women The pronunciation, spelling and chatted on a street corner in a nuch of the vocabulary of Lanc-Patongue she had never heard before.

She found 500 Lanc-Patua speakthe language also contains words, such as "job" and "drive," contributed by gold prospectors from En-Brazil's Amazon Culture" as a book

tua has its own accent, syntax and vocabulary," said De Andrade, vice president of the Sao Paulo Folklore Museum. "Experts may argue" "Every country's informal culture offers remarkable things, but most people never bother to notice them," she said.

Common cures can banish garden pests

petunia to home gardeners. water and 5 pound.
To protect their plants, many turn quart of buttermilk.

cheaper and more down-to-earth al- sect," Lawrence said

used by old-time farmers and gar- fight insects. "A lot of them have no cost at all," blend garlic cloves and water in Lawrence said. "They are mostly blender, then strain out the solids. common items around the home For the tobacco spray, soak

common items around the home and farm. If you chew tobacco you bacco in water, then dilute the mix-

For example, the professor said, garlic plants repel Japanese beetles, and marigolds fight off Mexican

Mexican bean beetle, Lawrence said. the h "Nematodes can be a problem in potatoes, strawberries and any type To of root crop," he said.

orado potato beetle, while peppermint helps fight flies, which are more of a nuisance to people than plants, he said. Pests that can't be repart the trough for a brew.

To ward off deer, rabbits and other herbivores, he said, sprinkle your garden with blood meal, meat pelled by plants often can be wiped scraps or human hair.
out with other organic materials "As long as the materials" sprinkled or sprayed on a garden, the professor said.

For example:

MORGANTOWN — Bugs, slugs buttermilk will wipe out spider mites. The formula: 25 gallons of water and 5 pounds of flour to one

A West Virginia University professor of agricultural education has a
cheaper and more down to earth al

He recommends diluting garlic Layle D. Lawrence has compiled a and tobacco juices with water to list of about forty organic remedies make all-purpose plant sprays to

To make garlic spray, he said, blend garlic cloves and water in a

already have some of the materials ture until it's about half as brown as the original. 'The nicotine, I guess, is the lethal

ingredient," Lawrence said. "I'm sure these (remedies) are not bean beetles and nematodes. Pota-toes also are effective against the on the other hand, these won't get in the human system and cause prob-

To fight slugs, Lawrence recommends saucers of beer — buried at Green beans tend to repel the Col-soil level so slugs can just belly up to

As long as the material has the odor, it tends to spook them away,' he said.

For more information about non-

 Wood ashes get rid of squash borers, cucumber beetles and potato
 Lawrence suggests contacting your nearest county extension agent

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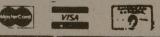
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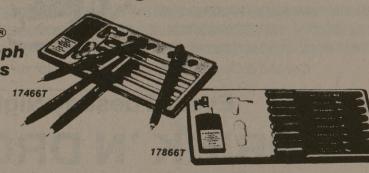
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