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Carter criticizes Reagan

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Reagan has "abandoned" the human rights policies of the Carter administration and has avoided taking responsibility for anything "unpleasant" or unsuccessful, former President Carter said Sunday.

"What will be the Reagan heritage is too early to say," Carter said on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes." "I cannot think of a single international or diplomatic achievement that's been realized by Ronald Reagan."

Under Reagan, the nation has lost its place as the "foremost proponent or user of negotiations and diplomacy," said Carter, who was interviewed at his Plains, Ga., home. A transcript was released by the network.

On prospects for peace in the Middle East, Carter said substantive progress cannot be made "without the Palestinians being intimately involved in the process."

On human rights, Carter said Reagan "has basically abandoned our nation's commitment to the human rights policy that we espoused."

Asked why, Carter said: "I think part of it was a natural adverse reaction to my administration's policies. One of his (Reagan's) first moves ... was to send Mrs. (Jeane) Kirkpatrick to snuggle up to (President Augusto) Pinochet in Chile and to the military junta in Argentina who had been responsible for more than 10,000 deaths."

"... The result has been that the world now sees our country as not being a champion of human rights, but as being dormant at best in the face of persecution," said Carter, who now teaches at Emory University.

He added, "Reagan has been extremely successful, more than (any) of his 39 predecessors, in not being responsible for anything that's unpleasant or completely, or not completely successful."

"He's blamed me for his \$200 billion deficits. He's blamed me and Ford and Nixon for his lack of understanding of the Lebanon crisis.... He's blamed Congress for his withdrawal of the Marines (from) Lebanon."



Ride 'Em Pig Girl

Photo by VIVIAN SMITH

"Oreo," a 265-pound purebred Hampshire barrow gave owner Valerie Smith a rather unexpected ride recently while she was trying to prepare him for a county livestock

show. Valerie was thrown onto Oreo's back as he ran between her legs. Oreo was enroute to a mudhole after Valerie had given him a bath.

Academy Awards tonight

Suspenseful night planned

Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD — The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has a night of suspense for an estimated 1 billion television viewers tonight as the 57th annual Academy Awards opens without a clear favorite to sweep the show.

While in the two previous years "Terms of Endearment" and "Gandhi" predictably took the top honors, the movies and performances of 1984 leave open the chance that none will emerge dominant — even though "Amadeus" tops the nominations with 11.

Those include best picture and

best director, and F. Murray Abraham and co-star Tom Hulce are nominated for best actor. But multiple nominations from the same movie in the same category tend to split votes, making it difficult to

Besides the suspense of announcing the winners, there is the challenge of streamlining 1984's three-hour, 45-minute show into a sleek production that delivers entertainment as well as acceptance speeches.

There are four producers for this year's show instead of one. A flashing red warning light at the podium awaits overlong acceptance speakers, and the orchestra has been ordered

to play music if the winner talks longer than 45 seconds.

The show's host this year will be Jack Lemmon, a response to movie industry criticism for using in past years Johnny Carson, a television personality.

Co-hosts and presenters, about 40 in all, will be mass-introduced at the show's beginning to save time, and show producers including actor Gregory Peck, writer-producer Larry Gelbart, director Robert Wise and Academy President Gene Allen have decided to spread the big awards

throughout the show.

Report: Contras terrorize civilians

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S.-backed rebels fighting against Nicaragua have destroyed medical facilities and killed doctors and nurses in a campaign to terrorize the rural population, says a report by an organization of U.S. health workers.

The group charges that 63 health units have been destroyed or forced to close because of attacks by the rebel groups known as "contras."

"Based on my direct observation, it's rather incredible that President Reagan could refer to the contras as freedom fighters or as the moral equivalent of our founding fathers," said Dr. David Siegel, associate director of emergency services at San Francisco General Hospital.

Siegel is co-author of a new report, "Health and the War Against Nicaragua, 1981-1984," which has been released by the Central America Health Rights Network. The other author is Richard Garfield, an epidemiologist at Columbia University in New York.

The Central America Health Rights Network is an association of 30 local committees of health workers who provide medical assistance to Central America and to Central American refugees.

"The U.S.-backed contras are largely by terrorizing the population," the report says. "Doctors, nurses, teachers and especially community volunteers have often been kidnapped, tortured, raped or killed by the contras."

The report is based on visits to health facilities and schools and interviews with witnesses. Siegel said in a telephone interview. He has been to Nicaragua four times, most recently last October.

In Washington, Bosco Matamoros, spokesman for the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, the largest rebel group, said he had no knowledge of such activities by rebel forces.

A U.S. State Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the administration had comment on the new report, which had not been seen, but added that human rights violations by individuals in the forces fighting for a democratic regime in Nicaragua do not represent policy of those forces or their leaders.

Siegel said the findings in his group's report are largely confirmed by international groups, including the Pan American Health Organization.

Teachers vie to be first private citizen in space

Associated Press


DALLAS — More than 400 Texas teachers are in the race to become the first private citizen in space.

But National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials say they expected more applicants from Texas, considering its size and the fact that it is the home of the Johnson Space Center.

Texas ranks seventh in number of applicants. California leads with 926 applicants. Sparsely-populated Wyoming has 386 applicants, NASA said.

After President Reagan said the first private citizen in space would be a teacher, 10,690 teachers nationwide applied for the space flight tentatively scheduled for January 1986.


The applicants will be screened by education agencies in each state by May 1, each state and U.S. territory must nominate two candidates for the program. NASA will choose one teacher and a backup training.



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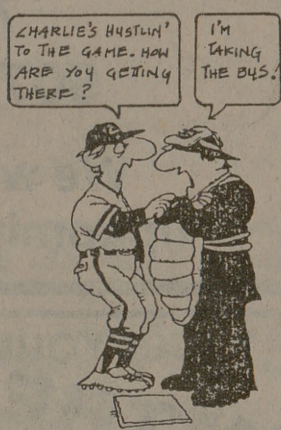
REMINDERS

Track and Field Scratch Meeting is this Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in 164 East Kyle. Team captains and individual participants should attend.

Softball playoffs will be posted Wednesday, April 3 after 2 p.m. in the Intramural-Recreation Sports Office.

ASTROS VS REDS BUS TRIP

The Intramural-Recreation Sports Office is sponsoring a bus trip to the Astros — Red Baseball game in the Astrodome on Wednesday, April 24, 1985. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person. The bus will leave at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 and return after the game. Reservations can be made in the Intramural-Recreation Sports Office, 159 East Kyle from April 1 to April 15. Space is limited to 40 persons. For more information contact Burnis Simon or Tom Reber at 845-7826.



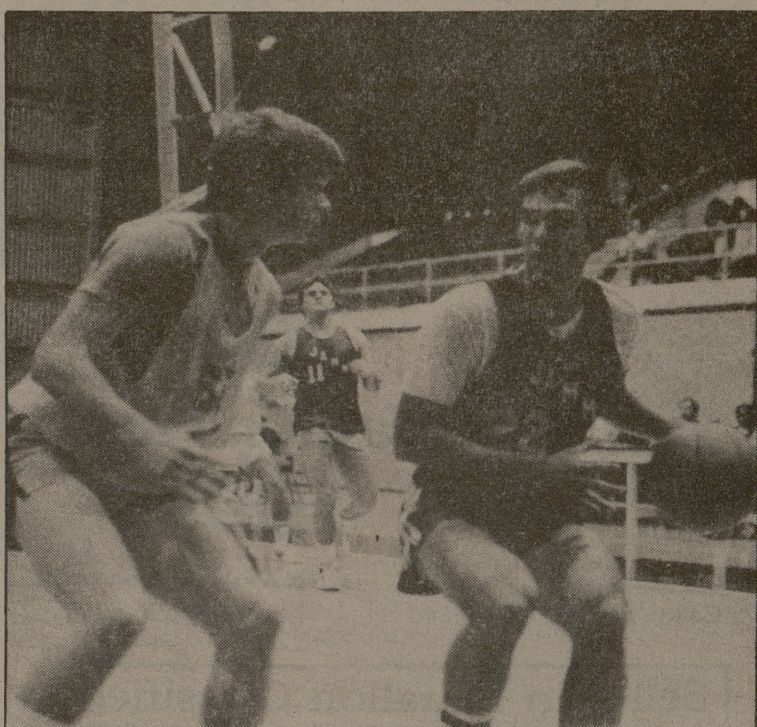
FRONT—LINE CARE

Suppose you were playing Intramural flag football, when suddenly you find yourself on the ground with a twisted ankle. What do you do? Get up and hobble home or limp back and play some more? Before you decide, you should contact one of the Intramural EMTs out at the field.

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are an important part of the Intramural program. Their job is to provide medical care for injured Intramural participants, whether the injury is a broken fingernail or a compound fracture. Without the expert judgement of the EMT staff, minor injuries could easily become major injuries, especially during close games. You see, EMTs have the final word on whether the injured player will be allowed to continue in the game.

Before becoming EMTs, trainees must complete 20 hours of hospital work, ride on ambulance calls and pass state written and practical exams. Here at A&M, a course is offered for Emergency Care Attendants (ECAs) wishing to become EMTs.

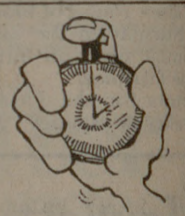
The Intramural EMTs are there for the players protection. Without their help, Intramurals would not be as safe, or fun.



IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES CLOSE:

TRACK AND FIELD — Entries close Tuesday, March 26. A Scratch and Information meeting will be held Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in 164 East Kyle. Field events will be held Sunday, March 31. Running event prelims will be Tuesday, April 2; divisionals are Thursday, April 4 and All-U will follow on Tuesday, April 9.



HANDBALL DOUBLES — Entries close Tuesday, March 26. Play begins Monday April 1 on the East Kyle handball courts. USHA rules will apply. Matches consist of the best two out of three games.

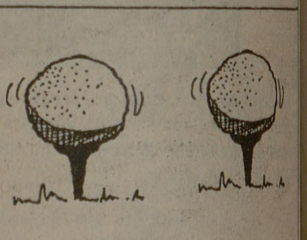


ENTRIES OPEN:

PICKLEBALL DOUBLES — Entries open today, March 25 and close Tuesday, April 2. Play begins Monday, April 8. Practice times will be available by reservation only.



GOLF DOUBLES — Entries open today, March 25 and close Tuesday, April 2. Green fees must be paid at registration. TAMU Golf Course members must show their membership receipt with entry card. For more information on tournament structure and rules call the Intramural Office, 159 East Kyle at 845-7826.



HOMERUN AND BASEBALL HITTING CONTEST — Entries open today, March 25 and close Tuesday, April 2. Entries will be taken at the event site on an availability basis only. The event will be held Thursday, April 4 at Olsen Field. Participants will swing at 10 pitches released from a pitching machine. Rules are available in the Intramural Office.



INFORMATION NUMBERS

- GENERAL INFORMATION845-7826
- COURT RESERVATIONS845-2624
- RAINOUT CONDITIONS845-2625

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