

Ex-politician taking longway home to Texas

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WASHINGTON — Alan Steelman can truthfully say, with tongue in cheek perhaps, that he has gone farther than any other former Texas congressman.

His new home is a far cry from Mesquite, from which he represented East Dallas in Congress from 1973 to 1977. But after leaving politics in 1977 and spending a few years in the Washington area, he packed his family up last year and moved to Singapore.

"The island is 25 miles by 14 miles but there are 2½ million people on the island, so there is not much room for single-family housing," Steelman said in a telephone interview from Singapore. "We live in a high-rise."

Steelman, 43, left politics after running unsuccessfully on the Republican ticket against incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in 1976.

He stayed in the Washington area, renovating a seven-bedroom, 150-year-old house on the Chesapeake Bay, and then joined the Alexander Proudfoot Co. about seven years ago as a board member. He later became a full-time employee, working as a productivity consultant for the international business consulting firm.

Steelman, his wife, Carolyn, and the three youngest of their five children moved to Singapore when he was named managing director of Alexander Proudfoot Co., Far East.

For Steelman, who "had never been west of Hawaii," the transition from back-slapping good ol' boys in Texas politics to the somewhat arcane world of Oriental business required a re-education.

He said he plans to stay in the Far East for another three or four years.

"A lot of people think we are entering an age where the Pacific — that is the United States on one side of the Pacific and the Asian countries on the other — are really going to dominate the world from an economic standpoint the same way the Atlantic had for 300 years," Steelman said.

After Singapore, Steelman plans to move back to Dallas but remain with the company. No return to politics is currently in the cards, he said.



Glass Menagerie

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The Memorial Student Center Visual Arts Committee is sponsoring Shane Stead, a glass artist, in the MSC 9 a.m.-5 p.m. until

Friday. Stead has a wide selection of glassware ranging from traditional glass ships to pregnant pigs.

Rugby player wins eel-eating contest

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FRAMPTON ON SEVERN, England — A 24-year-old man ate 1,000 baby eels, about a pound, in 21 seconds Monday to win the World

Elver Eating Championship for the third straight year.

"I love eelers, but at 6 pounds a kilo (about \$3 a pound) they're too expensive for me this year, and this was my first taste of the season," said

Mark Ryder, of nearby Gloucester, who works up an appetite by playing rugby.

The ladies' champion, Marilyn Timbrell, 38, ate 500 in 18 seconds for her third straight win.

America's age begins to show

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's median age has topped 31, with the middle-aged and the very old becoming the fastest growing segments of society, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday.

The nation's median age was estimated at 31.2 years as of last July 1, meaning that half of all Americans were older than that and half younger.

"The median age has increased each year since 1971, when it was 27.9 years," the bureau said in a study. "This aging trend is expected to continue as the early baby boom generations head toward middle age."

That aging of the huge post-war baby boom generation, and improvements in medical care extending the typical lifetime, have combined to make the middle-aged and very old the fastest growing segments of the population.

While the nation's population grew 4.2 percent between 1980 and 1984, the 35-44 age group increased a huge 19.5 percent. The number of Americans aged 85 and over was close behind with a 19.4 percent increase.

"Both of these age groups will continue to grow for some time," the bureau said.

Those large increases were lowered by an 11.5 percent jump in the 75-84 age group and a 10.5 percent increase among people aged 65 to 74.

On the other hand, the number of people aged 14 to 17 fell by 9.5 percent and the age 5-13 population dropped by 3.2 percent. This reflected the "baby bust" of the 1960s and the 1970s, when delayed marriage and increased attention to education and careers caused many people to delay childbearing.

There was an increase in the under-5 age group, but the report said this reflected larger numbers of women in the childbearing age rather than an increase in birth rates.

"The black population is consistently younger than the white population," the study noted, with the median age of blacks 26.3, compared with 32.2 for whites. Both groups have followed the same aging trend, however.

Overall, the study estimated the U.S. population at 236,681,000 last July 1, up from 227,061,000 in 1980. The black segment of the population increased 6.7 percent during that period to 28,609,000, while whites increased only 3.2 percent to 201,358,000.

Countdown begins for next space mission

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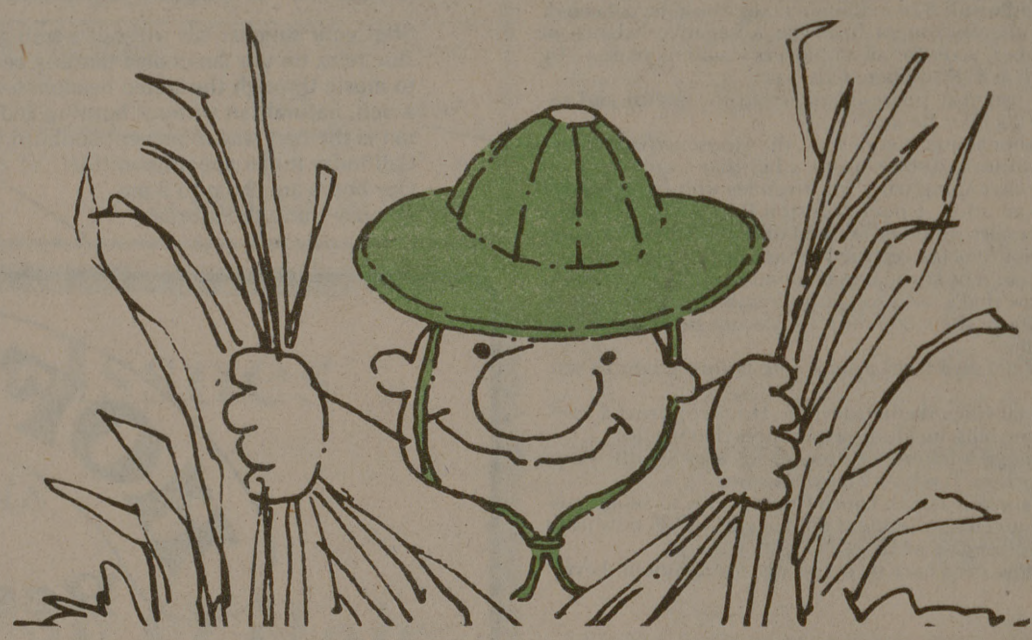
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The two-day countdown for space shuttle Discovery's mission with Sen. Jake Garn aboard began Wednesday, as its sister ship Challenger moved into an assembly hangar to set up a launch doubleheader just 17 days apart.

"We got off to a slow start this year, so it's important that we achieve these two launches in a short period to get us back on a one-a-month launch schedule," said Mark Hess, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The countdown clock started at 8:04 a.m. on Friday. The seven-person crew includes Gen. Robert F. Overmyer, commander of the Utah, as a congressional observer. The flight, originally set for Feb. 1, has been postponed five times for various reasons, scrambling the launch schedule.

Discovery's commander, Michael Smith, and pilot, Donald Williams, went flying Wednesday morning practicing landings on the runway where they are to land 17 after their five-day mission.

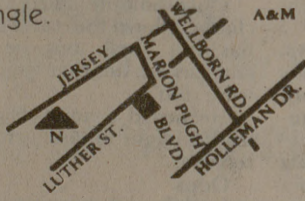
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