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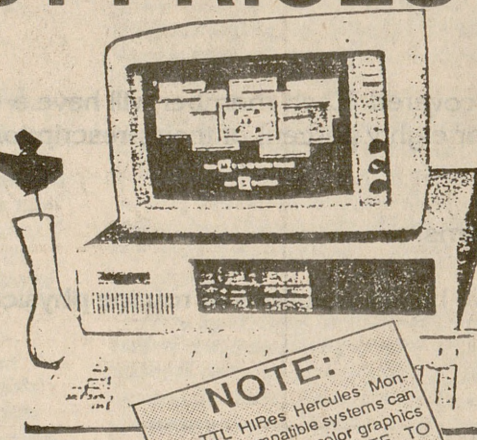
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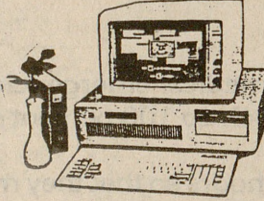


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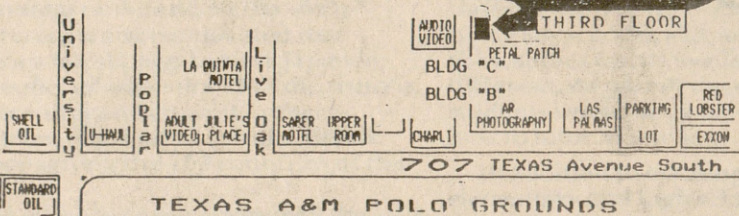
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## Dallas couple witness uprisings in Philippines

DALLAS (AP) — A cardiologist who was feted as the honorary guest of Philippines President Corazon Aquino was a firsthand observer when rebel soldiers attempted to overthrow the government hours later.

Rolando Solis and his wife Margara attended a dinner last week given by Aquino for the visiting physician, who had performed bypass surgery on her late-husband Benigno in 1980.

Later that evening the couple was awakened by gunfire as rebel soldiers led by Col. Gregorio Honasan attacked the presidential compound, military bases and broadcast facilities.

The Dallas cardiologist ended the evening at a Manila hospital coordinating treatment for Aquino's son, Benigno S. Aquino III, who was injured when his car was sprayed with bullets.

Solis said the uproar attracted

spectators, with some pulling out lawnchairs to watch.

"There were some people out there watching the shooting like they were watching the shooting of a movie," Solis told the *Dallas Morning News*.

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— Rolando Solis, firsthand observer of the coup attempt in the Philippines

ing News in a story published Wednesday.

He said the first casualties were civilians cheering for Aquino.

"They were out there clapping... shouting, 'Cory, Cory!'" Solis said. Then the rebels began shooting into the cheering crowd, he said.

Mrs. Solis stayed with the president, the Philippines first democratically elected president in more than a decade. Solis said Aquino's family was directed to direct emergency efforts and attend to her family.

"She was actually in charge whole time, giving orders to the generals on what to do," Solis said.

But the following morning said Aquino spent her time with children. "She was just there, mother to her children, playing around with the grandchildren, nothing was going on," he said.

Solis, who is a native of the Philippines, served as Aquino's personal doctor during her election campaign in 1986. He says the Philippine president needs time to straighten out the country's 20 years of "plunder."

"In 18 months, Mrs. Aquino is able to restore democracy," he said. "She abolished the old constitution, which was very biased to the executive branch. A new constitution was ratified and there were congressional elections. That's a lot in one-and-one-half years."

## Truckers learn rules of road in Limestone County airfield

PRAIRIE HILL (AP) — Lanell Huckaby says she has always been fascinated by large trucking rigs and the adventurous lure of the open road.

When she found herself looking for a new direction after a divorce, Huckaby, 32, of Mesquite, went to the American Truck Driving School, a nationally-known training program based in Central Texas.

Huckaby says she also was interested in truck driving because of the good pay and the opportunity to travel.

"You sure can't see the country working in a factory," she said.

Every morning, seven days a week, ATD students can be found on the runway of an abandoned airfield in Limestone County. Once used to train pilots in World War II, the old runway provides an off-the-road arena for the rookie drivers. From the field's renovated tower, an instructor guides student drivers in as many as 60 trucks at a time.

The school's practice area is about

a quarter of a mile off U.S. 84 in this town of about 150, approximately 25 miles northeast of Waco.

The school has 30 instructors at Prairie Hill, who work the students 10 hours a day, seven days a week. Usually, mornings are spent in the trucks and afternoons are spent in the classroom.

ATD also has two campuses in Michigan, but Prairie Hill is its largest. The company's headquarters are nearby in Elm Mott, just north of Waco.

Bob Bird, director of training, says the ATD program has between 150 and 200 students from all across the country enrolled for its three-week courses throughout the year.

Most of the school's students are men, Bird says. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, but job placement is expected only for those over 21, says Bird, who says at least 90 percent of graduates over 21 get driving jobs shortly after finishing the course.

But there are other single women, like Huckaby, in the course and

some married couples who enroll together.

David and Cynthia Hill, husband and wife from Mexia, signed up hoping to increase their income looking forward to taking the trucking trips together.

Huckaby says women truckers may have a harder time than men "because we have to be harder physically, and also because truck driving is considered to be a man's job, so it is harder for a woman to be accepted in the trucking world."

She says the hardest thing to do at the school is double-clutching backing. The trucks at the school have seven, eight, nine, 10, or 11 gears.

"I was having a lot of trouble with the 13-speed," Huckaby says. "I got out there with it, and I whupped it. It didn't whip me."

"I just can't wait to get on the road. For years I've seen those old trucks go by and wonder where they were going. Now I'm finding out."

## Financial woes threaten closeout of Houston's Hispanic-theme mall

HOUSTON (AP) — Merchants at El Mercado del Sol, the Hispanic-theme shopping center project that was the city's first venture into private redevelopment, have until the end of the month to clear out because of financial problems.

"Everyone out here has had a dream trying to come true on this project and we almost made it," said Adrian Guerra, owner of Adrian's Restaurant. "I had all my savings in this place and now everything is going down the drain. It's sad."

Merchants at the mall had been staying open on a month-to-month lease since the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corp. took over ownership in November 1986.

The FSLIC, which took over the project as part of the failure of Mainland Savings Association, told tenants Tuesday that the building would close Sept. 30 and the 50 shopkeepers would have to move out.

In a letter to tenants, the FSLIC said efforts to find a buyer for the property had failed and that because of large monthly losses by the project, it was no longer in the best interests of creditors or the FSLIC to keep it open.

Houston shopping center developer Dennis Raman with financial backing from boxing promoter Joseph P. Abercrombie, had been negotiating to buy the mall and try to revive it.

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