



Photo courtesy of Terry Anderson

Terry Anderson met a boy in a Hanoi park and helped the boy catch his lunch, an eel. Anderson said he met many starving Vietnamese children.

## Bullock says economy has bottomed out

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Texas economy has hit bottom and may soon be bouncing back up, according to State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

In a recent report, Bullock said signs of better economic times are "solid and widespread" and that the rebound should continue over the next two years and surpass the national rate of growth.

He attributes the expected recovery to the declining value of the dollar and high levels of defense spending that are spurring growth in manufacturing, petrochemicals, electronics, aerospace and other industries.

Sectors of the economy not expected to share in the growth are finance, insurance and real estate, Bullock said.

## Dallas club creates airline for smokers

DALLAS (AP) — Three Dallas businessmen say smokers won't be treated as second-class citizens on a charter airline that will let passengers light up despite a federal smoking ban during short flights.

The Great American Smoker's Club will initiate service from Dallas Love Field on April 22, the day the federal ban takes effect on flights of less than two hours.

"We want to offer cigarette smokers a choice to continue their right to smoke," said Glenn Herndon, club president. "To fly on a plane nowadays, smokers are treated like second-class citizens and must sit on the back rows."

## Group shows film to honor history month

By Barbetta Foley  
Reporter

About 30 people attended the showing of a film on desegregation in Southern schools sponsored by the Black Awareness Committee Monday night in honor of Black History Month.

The film titled "Eyes on the Prize: Fighting Back" was the second of a six film series which covers the time period of 1957-1962. The film deals with the psychological and sociological consequences of desegregation on blacks and whites.

France Brown, chairman of BAC, said this film was the first program of many that the organization will be presenting in February.

"I think that it is time that A&M realizes and recognizes the great achievements and experiences of the Black American, and Black History Month is the perfect opportunity to educate an unfamiliar audience on these experiences," he said.

The film depicts the struggles of the first blacks who had to deal with the separate-but-equal law and later the fight for desegregation in states such as Mississippi and Arkansas.

It vividly shows the mobs that protested the enrollment of the nine black students at Central High in Little Rock, Ark. in 1957.

The film also emphasized James Meredith's struggle to register at the totally segregated University of Mississippi in the 1960s.

During that ordeal, 35 marshals were shot and two people were killed.

Dr. Cedric Herring, a sociology professor, was asked to facilitate the discussion after the film.

Herring asked the audience several questions, including their opinion of desegregation if blacks had to confront it today.

Among the many responses, one student said this was an unfair question because today the situation is totally different.

Herring voiced his opinion on the separate-but-equal law after the open discussion.

"Separate but equal is not inherently unequal," Herring said. "But in the American context it is (unequal) because of the power structure in America."

"All institutions of power are controlled by whites. Even if some institutions are set up by blacks, there is an invisible higher level of whites controlling the institution."

Brown, a junior speech communications major, said it was an accomplishment for blacks to have gone from Black History Day to Black History Month.

"We have already accomplished one goal, which is to earn the respect of black students as a legitimate programming organization sponsoring quality programs enlightening the entire community on the black experience," Brown said. "We must first get the respect of our own before getting respect from others."

## Vietnam

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the North Vietnamese leader who lead the Viet Cong forces.

"Suprise, disbelief, then smiles was the usual reactions when I identified myself," Anderson said. He said he was suprised by the Vietnamese friendly welcome, especially since about 1 million Vietnamese died in the war.

"I thought there might be an old lady who would spit on me and say, 'You killed my son,'" Anderson said. "But it never happened."

Even in Hanoi, the new country's capital and former headquarters of the North Vietnamese forces, he received a friendly welcome. During the war, the Hanoi area sustained one of the most fierce bombing attacks of the war.

Anderson said the North Vietnamese usually greeted him by saying, "The war is over. Let's be friends."

"Most of them had never seen an American and they would stop and stare," Anderson said. "I was probably the only blond American they had seen in years."

In the south, he said, his welcome was even friendlier. In Da Nang, one man told Anderson and Eder in a back room of his shop about his son who left Vietnam in a boat and is now a professional in Philadelphia.

"As we left, the old man stood up, bowed, and said, 'America No. 1,'" Anderson said.

In 1966, Anderson was a fire control technician. He pulled the trigger of 5-inch guns that shot 2-foot-long shells with a range of 19 miles.

Anderson remembers his captain being so pleased at his shooting that the captain once climbed to the signal bridge and ran to Anderson, shook his hand and said, "Nice shot, son! Nice shot!"

The captain was happy because Anderson had fired a shell into a cave that was reported to contain Viet Cong and munitions.

"I had never seen that old, fat guy run," Anderson said. "Oh, he was so happy."

The cave was on a cliff a mile away from Anderson, who was on a ship rolling with the waves in the Gulf of Tonkin.

"I adjusted my sights for my third shot. Fired. And it just went screeching into the cave," Anderson said. "And the God-awfullest enormous amount of smoke belched out of the cave. The whole cliff shook. Then I lobbed three more right in a row, right in the hole. It was a great day for the U.S.S. Basilone."

Anderson recognizes the irony of his different roles in Vietnam. In 1966, he went to shoot weapons, and he never set foot on Vietnamese soil. In 1987, he went to meet the people and to shoot pictures.

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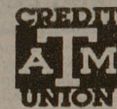
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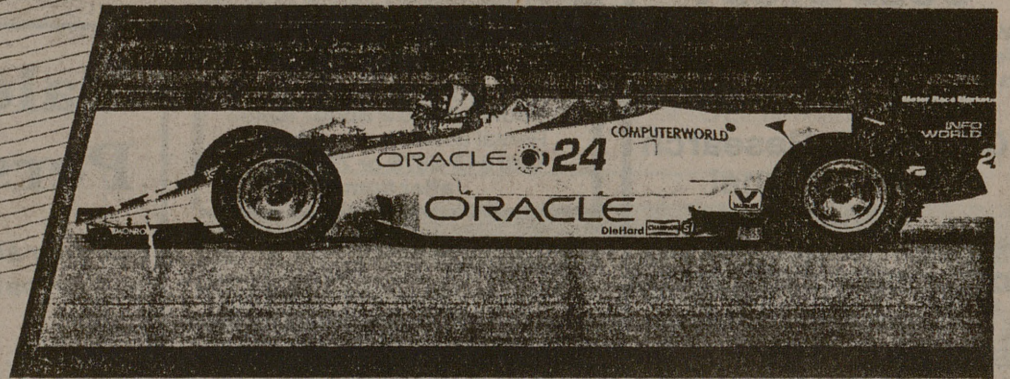
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