Nuclear plant reaches level of full power

BAY CITY (AP) — The South Texas Nuclear Project reached 100 percent power level early Wednesday after months of steadily increasing the power output of the Unit 1 reactor, officials said.

While at the 100 percent power level, Unit 1 will undergo numerous tests to ensure that it is operating properly, Glen Walker, a spokesman for Houston Lighting & Power Co., said. A test Thurs-day will take the plant from the 100 percent power level to the zero power level, Walker said.

By reaching the 100 percent power output the Unit 1 reactor near Bay City, about 90 miles southwest of Houston, is sending the maximum amount of electricity to consumers all over South Texas, Walker said.

After results of tests are eval-uated, Unit 1 will be brought back up to full power for more testing, Walker said. A final review of the 100 percent testing by the plant operations review committee will lear the way for a declaration of commercial operation by the Texas Public Utility Commission sometime next month.

To date, the nuclear plant has generated more than 600 million kilowatt hours of electricity enough power to meet the needs of almost 55,000 South Texas households for one year





A&M veterinarian creates collar to stop barking dogs

By Lyn Jenkins

technology and Pavlovian conditioning to persuade problem barkers to

shut up. The \$65, battery-operated "Pea-ceMaker" is activated when a micro-phone in the collar registers the phone in the collar registers the the behavior with periodical followdog's bark, releasing an ultrasonic noise until the barking has stopped.

The collar's "bark activation" is seen as a better alternative to other collars that use a mild shock

Hunter said by emitting a high-By Lyn Jenkins Reporter Texas A&M veterinarian and bi-oengineer Dr. Jon Hunter has de-vised a dog collar that uses high technology and Payloyian condition Hunter satu by emitting a high-frequency sound similar to the crack-ing of a bullwhip or the strike of lightning, "PeaceMaker" discour-ages dogs from unnecessary bark-ing.

However, the device does not prevent dogs from instinctively barking at intruders or defending their terri-

the behavior with periodical follow-

The collar works best on dogs that weigh more than 10 pounds because it is too heavy for smaller dogs.

The idea for the collar came when Ben Brown, president of Momen-tum Technology, began looking for help in the development of a device to help dogs that bark excessively. Brown contacted Dr. Bonnie Beaver, an animal behavior specialist, who contacted Hunter.

Hunter said he was fascinated by the effects of lightning on animal be-havior and designed the electronic collar.

Because people can't hear the ultra-high pitch, the collar clicks to let the owner know it is working.

The collars will be on the market in the next several weeks.

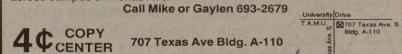


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Mattox says Richards can't defeat him

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mat-Treasurer Ann Richards called him crazy and unscrupulous, Wednesday said Richards is wrong if she thinks she can defeat him for the

1990 Democratic gubernatorial nomination. "A lot of people have said that in the past," Mattox said. "As a matter of fact, graveyards are full of their bones. That is politically, figurati-

Both Mattox and Richards are expected by many to run for governor in two years. While neither candidate has formally announced, both have been raising money and sharp words are being exchanged.

The Dallas Times Herald, in a story from last into a big harangue about that." week's Democratic National Convention, reported on a conversation Richards had in which she said she hoped to defeat Mattox.

ten offered congratulations and said he'd lost the 1984 governor's race in President Reagan's re-election landslide.

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mat-tox, declining to respond directly to a report that governor in 1990, and I hope I get him," the newspaper quoted Richards as saying.

The newspaper went on to report that Edmisten said he thought Mattox was "crazy," and it said Richards replied by calling Mattox "certifiable" and "unscrupulous."

Richards' office said she wouldn't be back to the state until Friday. Her press secretary, Bill Cryer, also was out of the office Wednesday.

Asked about the report, Mattox replied: "I suspect that was said without using much thoughtful consideration at the time. I've said things in haste and under pressure that I some-times later regretted. So I don't really need to get

Mattox attributed Richards' remarks to exhilaration over her much-praised performance as the convention's keynote speaker

The newspaper said that while Richards was greeting well-wishers Thursday night, former North Carolina Attorney General Rufus Edmisyou might not do when you get back to the valley. "And she was on the mountaintop. Sooner or later, you've got to come back to the valley. When you come back to the valley, you often reflect on what you've done or said.

The two-term attorney general also discussed his preliminary plans for the governor's race, although he hasn't formally announced as a candidate.

"I'm definitely testing the waters," he said. "I'm definitely trying to determine whether or not I can pay for a race for governor, because it's very expensive.

"I have a plan for raising the money. I intend to be able to show the Democratic Party that I can carry the burden — not just for a Democratic pri-mary but for a general election should I choose to get in there." Richards' fund-raising efforts were expected

to gain from her convention speech, and according to a report Wednesday by the Dallas Morning News that already may be registering.

Aide Jane Hickie told the newspaper that a fund-raising drive begun shortly before her se-lection as keynoter had topped expectations, pulling in \$77,000 in one-time gifts and pledges of nearly \$6,000 a month.



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Unusual boots gain attention in Texas store

FORT WORTH (AP) — They're Show." Or worse, "Red River." not your basic boots. Not as cowboys The rainbow collection is -working or urban — know them. No simple black, brown or tan. Not the now-routine bull, goat or el-

ephant hide, or lizard even. If it's "weird" you're seeking, fac-tory-outlet boot stores in Fort Worth, El Paso and elsewhere pretty

The rainbow collection is there mostly because it hasn't been sold in front-line stores, so it's on to Outlet City and likely cost markdowns.

Chavez, a salesman at Justin's El Paso outlet. Turquoise, mauve, shiny gold or Wurzbach quickly explained that

silver. Gaudy patterns sometimes adorn the top quarters with rainbowcolor stitching or brightly hued in-

Prices range from \$80 well into the hundreds of dollars, but sales-

even ostriches, lizards and anacondas are too shy to be caught in the wild wearing orchid or violet skin. Even an anteater knows better than

much have a corner on the market. But it's a tough corner.

There's hardly any problem sell-ing "seconds" at these stores, those boots where a stitch might have been dropped or a slight blemish mars the leather.

But then it hits you.

Lined up along with the seconds are some first-line boots. Yep, pardner, right there - boots made of purple ostrich hide, rainbow-color snake skins, electric-blue alliga-

tin Boot Co., said of the factory out-"As far as new skins, colors, lets. kinds of toes and different kinds of heels, that's where they go.

And just who buys them? Mostly, people who slip into the boots that factory managers subtly call "eccentric" are visitors from the East and West coasts. Rock stars and their band members also are pretty good customers.

For example, boots made from the hides of pythons or anacondas tor and hot-pink lizard skin. It's almost as though Ted Turner had colorized Texas author Larry McMurtry's classic "The Last Picture they're flashier," explained Julian

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Even if they were free, one customer quipped, it would be hard to imagine wearing the fire-engine-red lizard skins to one of Fort Worth's North Side country-western parlors.

'Where do you intend to wear those? Antoines?" he asked. Then he

Sales for most experimental boots cost for basically the same boots, but in more subdued tones or design. usually are "not as good as we ex-pected," Wurzbach said, and rarely does one of these designs end up added to a manufacturer's regular line

> Other times, a customer or a retailer will special order a boot, then decide not to pick it up, even though 50 percent of the cost must be paid up front.

Museum guard faces job of just saying 'no'

hoped to prevent vandalism and theft, but whose routine concern is much more mundane: preventing the salts, acids and oils on people's fingertips from coming into contact with works of art. Eight hours a day, five days a week, Barbara Borowy watches peo-le leak et ent Assess and the sand the sand the sand the sand the sand the salts, acids and oils on people's fingertips from coming into contact Eight hours a day, five days a week, Barbara Borowy watches peo-le leak et ent Assess and the sand the san

ple look at art. As a guard at the people respond with sarcasm, which Kimbell Art Museum, she watches them walk up to paintings, then take all part of the job. several steps back. She watches them "There are so get down on the floor and look up, and walk back and forth, looking sideways. She watches them duck Kimbell for six years, said. "And and hob and weave around, or stand that's what you have to watch for. very still, gazing intently.

Mostly, she says, "They want to in their hands in their pockets." see the brush strokes. Anybody who the brush strokes."

a finger, for a quick touch. No harm intended. When that happens Bo- woman comes face to face with a trirowy is there to tell them not to bal mask from New Guinea. Too touch. If necessary, she will tell them close? No. why not.

The mere touch of fingertips can lieve me, you do a lot of thinking out ruin the patina on a bronze or dam-age the surface of an oil painting. Es- over in your head."

understandably upsetting, but it's

There are so many strange people doing things in other museums," Borowy, 56, who has worked at the You have to watch what people have

You can't tell from appearances really knows about art wants to see how someone will act around the art, so you have to watch everyone, she But sometimes, as she watches, says. And about half the visitors in someone will reach out a finger, just the museum get too close.

Borowy watches as a young

"It's pretty boring," she says. "Be-

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