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## Newton plans benefit concert for snow monker

□ The singer's publicist said that he is a lifelong animal lover. The concert will be held early next year in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Hundreds of Japanese snow monkeys roaming the South Texas brush country and facing eviction from their home near Dilley are getting some help from singer Wayne Newton.

The Las Vegas crooner has agreed to perform a concert early next year in San Antonio to benefit the approximately 600 pinkfaced monkeys.

I just talked to him, and he said he did volunteer to perform a benefit concert for the snow monkeys, and while no date has been set, he figures it will be in either February or March," the singer's publicist, Kathy Gangwisch, said in Wednesday's San Antonio Express-News

Newton is a lifelong animal lover, Ms.

Gangwisch said.

"He's cared for a variety of species on his ranch in Nevada. He does have South American penguins, but no snow monkeys," she said by telephone from Kansas City, Mo.

Although they are natives of a forested, temperate zone in northern Japan, the monkeys have thrived in arid South Texas. In recent years they have been unwanted guests on a ranch outside Dilley about 60 miles south of San Antonio. The monkeys have roamed free since their fence fell into disrepair

The primates are descendants of a troop brought from Japan two decades ago and now are owned by the nonprofit South Texas Primate Observatory

Long ignored by the locals, the monkeys became national news last summer after state and federal game officials declared them to be unprotected and thus fair game

No monkeys were shot, but the notion of monkey hunting provoked a deluge of publicity and galvanized animal-welfare supporters.

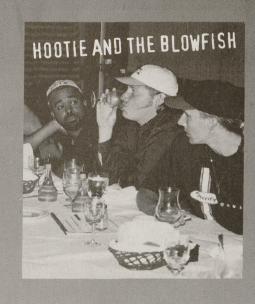
More bad news came shortly thereafter, when a foreclosure was filed on the 180-acre ranch being purchased by the foundation in near lett for the monkeys' permanent home.

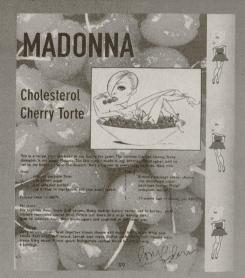
Dallas real estate lawyer Robert T. who is helping raise money to repurch Millett property and move the monkey there, said Tuesday time is running out.

"The general situation is, we've bank loan to buy the land for \$97,000. got an option to buy the land that e December 15, but to get the bank los need \$150,000 in additional pledged and we've been stuck at \$101,000 for time," Trimble said.

On Nov. 6, Trimble got a call from Ne "He said he'd heard about the snow keys and wanted to help them. He sa would do a benefit and cover all his on penses," Trimble said.

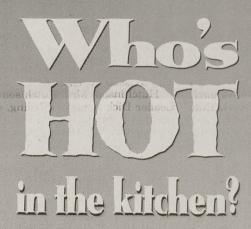
Since then, Michele Cadawalder, a per of the family that owns the Dilley has begun organizing the event. Jeff assistant general manager of the Ma Theater in San Antonio, said even the date has not been set, the theater pla help produce the show.











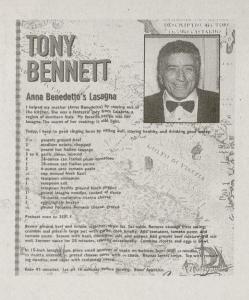


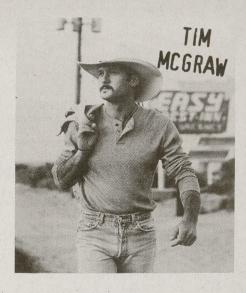


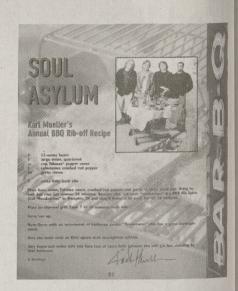
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