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Telethon raises \$49 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jerry Lewis' annual Labor Day telethon raised a record \$49.1 million in pledges and contributions for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's battle against neuromuscular diseases.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world to see this magnificent outpouring of love from the American public," Lewis said after the 21-hour broadcast from CBS studios.

This year's telethon, Lewis' 31st, surpassed last year's record of \$47.8 million.

Included in the live broadcast was a tribute to Lewis' former comedy partner, Dean Martin, who died last Christmas Day.

After a montage of film clips from Martin and Lewis movies and television appearances, Lewis wiped a tear from his eye and said: "He hears it and he knows what we're doing. I cele-

brate his life." Lewis said Martin was supportive when he approached him about hosting the first telethon.

"He said 'Let's get it on, pal,' he helped me build this organization," Lewis said. "So we commu-

rate my partner's contribution to fight against muscular dystrophy." Lewis also announced that a muscular dystrophy clinic would be named for Martin at the Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, near Martin's boyhood home of Steubenville.

In years past, protesters objected to the telethon, arguing that the donations don't go where the money is needed.

MDA spokesman Jim Brown said more than 90 percent of the proceeds go directly into research and patient care.

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Jerry Lewis
Telethon host

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Liddy challenged to drag races

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A gun store owner wants G. Gordon Liddy to put his money where his mouth is.

Don Davis took out newspaper ads challenging the former White House aide and convicted Watergate co-conspirator to a drag race. Liddy often brags about his fast car, a Corvette with the vanity license plate "H20GATE."

The producer of Liddy's radio show said the conservative talk show host will race, said Sondra McQueary, who is helping organize the matchup.

Davis thinks his own souped-up 1990 Chevrolet Corvette, capable of 190 mph, has to be faster than Liddy's 'Vette.

Under Davis' plan, the races would be best two out of three.

The loser would pay track rental fees and make a donation to the winner's favorite charity.

Dukakis bestowed with Grecian honor

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Michael Dukakis hasn't been to Athens in 20 years, but he feels at home in the Greek capital.

Mayor Dimitris Avranopoulos on Monday awarded Dukakis Athens' gold medal, the city's highest honor.

"I am proud that I am an Athenian and I must tell you that Boston is the Athens of the United States," said Dukakis, former Massachusetts governor and the 1988 Democratic presidential candidate.

Dukakis was in Athens with his family as guests of the Hellenic American Union, an organization aimed at forging ties between Greece and the United States.

Dukakis' parents were born in Greece, but he had not visited the country for decades.

"It is a great pleasure for me to be here a second time," Dukakis said. "I assure you, Mr. Mayor, that

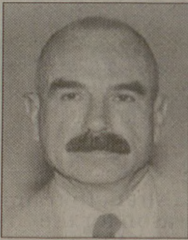
Charles appears despite divorce

POTSDAM, Germany (AP) — Prince Charles has hardly been playing shy since his divorce from Princess Diana last week.

His breakup with Princess Diana was finalized Aug. 28, but the prince already has made two public appearances.

His first came Monday in Potsdam, where he visited an architectural institute that bears his name. Charles approached the Prince of Wales Urban Design Task Force Summer School by police boat, floating under the Glienicke Bridge, the site of East-West spy exchanges during the Cold War.

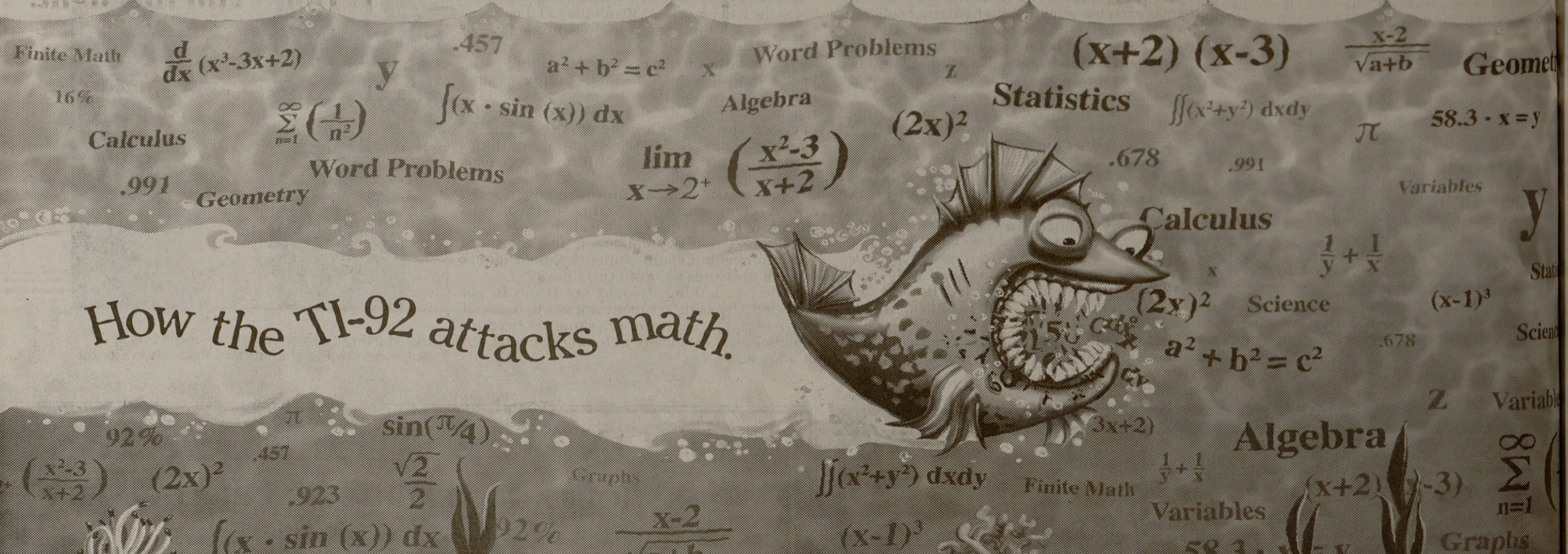
At a villa that once served as regional headquarters for the German secret police, the prince and the British throne reviewed proposals for rebuilding and preserving sections of Potsdam.



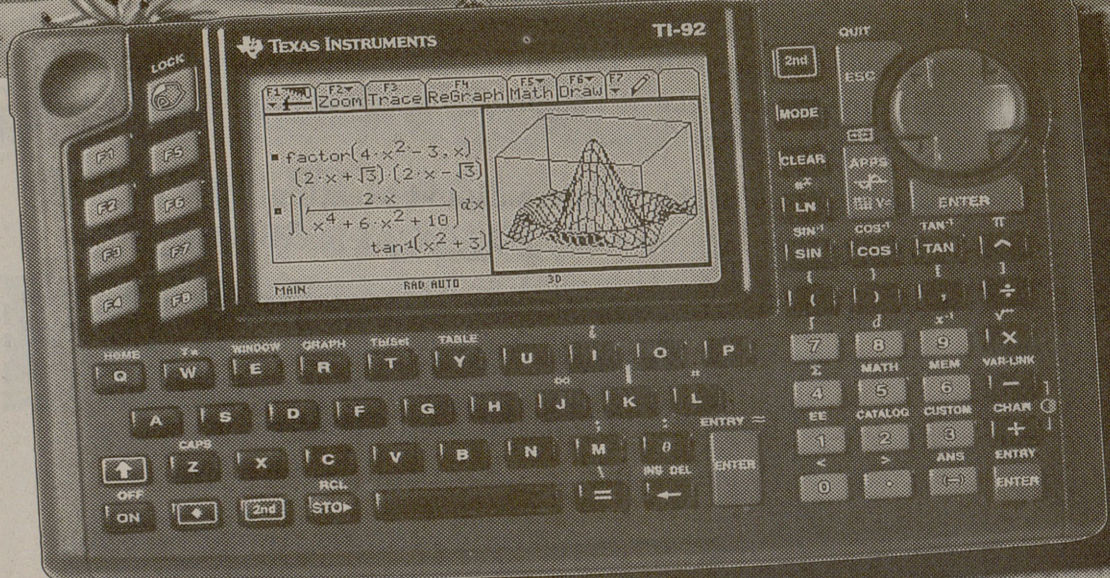
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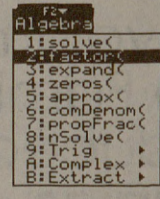
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