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Plushanski Jetson Fanjetta - ET was the top purchase at the 1985 Pennsylvania Holstein Convention Sale, held Thursday in Philadelphia. The heifer sold for \$45,000 to Paul Hervochon, New Berlin, N.Y.

\$45,000 Plushanski heifer tops PHA Convention Sale

BY WENDY WEHR
PHILADELPHIA — While city newsmen's cameras clicked and television cameras whirred, a Plushanski Job Fancy daughter easily earned the highest bid of the day at the Pennsylvania Holstein Convention sale on Thursday in Philadelphia. Paul Hervochon of New Berlin, N.Y., succeeded in placing the final bid of \$45,000 on Plushanski Jetson Fanjetta - ET. As first consignment through the sale ring, the Plushanski heifer received lots of attention from Holstein breeders and city news media alike. Curious about a prestigious Holstein cow sale being held in the city's Adam's Mark

Hotel, Philadelphia newsmen were on the scene to record the event, while the Holstein breeders examined and purchased the quality consignments of the convention sale. Offered by Plushanski Farms, Inc., of Kutztown, Fanjetta - ET is a Jetson daughter out of Fancy, a high-producing daughter of the Faith cow. With a state-wide record for protein production, Fancy also has surpassed 1500 pounds of fat as both a 3- and 4-year-old. Looking to these outstanding records, Horace Backus didn't hesitate in proclaiming, "This is perhaps the greatest high test cow

family in the breed today," as the heifer circled the sale ring. The Fancy cow also boasts an index of +1515M and +\$265. Fanjetta's maternal sister, Fantasia - ET topped the 1983 All-American at \$30,000. Also bringing a hefty bid was Art-Acres Kay J - ET, a 3-year-old consigned by Larry Wenger, Lancaster. The gavel came down at \$30,000, second high bid of the sale, for the Valiant daughter out of Art-Acres Elevation Kay. Kay J was purchased by Bruce and Dorothy M. Dudley and Brent Apotheke, Glen Mills. Sold with contract interest, Kay
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Poultry group opposes federal "user's fees"

BY JAMES H. EVERHART
HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation is mounting a campaign opposing a Reagan Administration proposal that would force meat packers and processors to pay for federal meat inspection programs. The Administration proposal would gradually phase in user fees to support the entire cost of the meat inspection program, which will cost an estimated \$362.2 million in fiscal 1985. Budget projections call for a decrease to \$230.6 million in fiscal year 1987, and a \$115.2 million outlay in 1988. Under the administration plan, the government would charge meat packers and processors for the services of the federal in-

spectors who work in their plants. The plants would be assessed an hourly rate that covers office expenses, fringe benefits and travel costs as well as salaries. For some of the plants in central Pennsylvania, the measure could require annual expenditures of several hundred thousand dollars, according to Tim Allwein, director of membership service for the state poultry group. His group opposes the measure, he says, because the inspections are designed to benefit consumers. Thus, unlike other user fee-type arrangements, it is not primarily an exercise of federal regulation that is required for the benefit of the industry. In addition, he says, his group
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Smart pigs save money says Pa. Pork Congress speaker Curtis

BY JACK HUBLEY
HARRISBURG — Pork producers who think they know more about heating their confinement buildings than the pigs do are in for a surprise, according to the University of Illinois' Dr. Stan Curtis. Reporting his research findings at Thursday's Keystone Pork Congress held at the Penn Harris Motor Inn in Harrisburg, the animal science professor noted that porkers are quite capable of regulating their environment when given the chance. Using operant conditioning techniques, (animals are taught to manipulate something in order to receive a reward) Illinois researchers taught pigs to push a paddle, which in turn triggered a microswitch that turned on an infrared heat lamp for eight-minute intervals. Pigs so instructed would consistently maintain nursery temperatures near 80 degrees during the day, and about 60 degrees at night. Also interesting was the fact that an individual pig would handle

all of the button pushing for four to six hours at a time before handing the job to a pen mate. To test the theory that pigs pushed the paddle more frequently
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This year's Pa. Pork Producers Council Pork All-American is David A. Reinecker (right) of York Springs. Presenting the award is PPPC director Abe Fisher.

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ADA/DC Meeting

The "REAL" Vincent Price met local dairymen on Monday at the ADA/DC 25th Annual Meeting in Syracuse. Turn inside to page A20 for a complete report of the ADA meeting

Citicorp aids NEDCO

One of the nation's largest banking institutions, Citicorp, has extended a \$6 million line of credit to the ailing Northeast Dairy Cooperative Federation. The fresh infusion of credit follow reports of problems with cash flow, a price war and member unrest at the federation. For more on the NEDCO-Citicorp matchup, turn to page 10

Tobacco auction

Will low tobacco prices lead to a new marketing system for Pa.? See page A24 for a report on last Friday's tobacco marketing meeting at the Guernsey Barn in Lancaster. Producers who did not fill out a questionnaire at the meeting are encouraged to answer the questions accompanying the article