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Education progress exalts Castro

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SAN ANTONIO, Cuba - Progress in education is the pride and joy of Fidel Castro's 24-year-old government. Schools rate high priority on itineraries prepared for foreign visitors, and Cuba provides teachers to other Third World countries. In Nicaragua alone, where a government friendly to Cuba is trying to establish a socialist system, there are 2,200 Cuban teachers helping set up an education system.

More than 3,000 other Cuban teachers have gone to places like Angola, Mozambique and Guinea, according to Education Minister Jose R. Fernandez.

"The best education for our teachers is to spend two years in a place like Nicaragua," Fernandez told The Associated Press in an interview. "They see there what we used to be." Between 1975 and 1980, Cuba trained more than 67.000 elementary school teachers and more than 49,000 high school teachers. Their job is to turn

out a new generation of Cubans educated in Marxist-Leninism. Lourdes Martin Fajardo, 19, is one of the more

volunteering to work abroad. "I always wanted to be a teacher. I never thought of being anything else," said the young woman sitting in a library that included a large number of books on Marxist-Leninism, as well as

some popular American novels. The students at the Salvador Allende School in Havana come from all parts of the country. The school is obviously a showcase and the Cubans show it proudly

"We believe in the concept of the new school for the new world," Fernandez said. "We believe that in socialism man can develop much better.' Cuba spends heavily on an educational system designed to form the individual academically and politically. It was one of the first objectives of the

Castro revolution During the early years, Fernandez said, "we did not have enough teachers and we had to use students who had not even finished their (own) schooling.

Young people just out of elementary school were recruited for crash courses at teachers' colleges and then were scattered throughout the country as elementary school teachers. Many

training. Fernandez sai Some of the teachers' college candidates will come from the Batalla de Jigue Rural Middle School near San Antonio, one of the 412 schools of this type throughout the country. The children, ranging in age from 9 to 12, live in the schools six

days a week alternating academic and field work. They work 15 hours each cultivating vegetables and other farm products, and spend 30 hours in the classroom. There are more than 600 boys and girls at the school. "It is not that the school needs to produce something to sell," said one of the teachers. "We

believe that work is part of their training." "An educational system must have the brand of the society it serves." Fernandez said. "We try not to be dogmatic, but we show firmness in our principles

Students get a heavy dose of political indoctrination at school meetings in which individual attitudes are reviewed and sometimes criticized. Regular courses on Marxism begin in the ninth grade

Fernandez said not all students adjust to the system or accept the political indoctrination. Students with "behavioral problems" are sent to different schools.

Chilean truckers strike; most workers still on job Students boycotted classes at some

By RICHARD BOUDREAUX Associated Press Writer

SANTIÁGO, Chile — Thousands of truckers parked their rigs yesterday, paralyzing Chile's largest port, but the government arrested three more union leaders and kept most workers on the job during an attempted general strike against President Augusto Pinochet's military rule.

The truckers' work stoppage halted most truck traffic in Santiago and Concepcion, the country's two largest cities. As a result, there was no cargo handling at the Talcahuano-San Vicente port complex on the Pacific Ocean near Concepcion, which sharp-

ly diminished delivery of fresh produce to the capital's main outdoor market. Many vendors closed early. There were reports of major absenteeism only in the coal industry. where about 1,000 of the 7,000 workers



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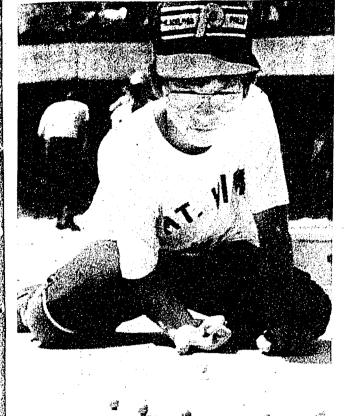
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universities to hold anti-government monstrations on campus. Police used tear gas to break up an attempted march by 1,000 students from the Catholic University grounds, dispersed a smaller group leaving the University of Chile campus, and arrested seven students in a march in Concepcion from that city's Some workers said they were un-

aware of the hastily organized strike call, but most appeared unwilling to heed it because such walkouts are illegal and they fear for their jobs. "What strike?" asked truck driver Gilberto Rodriguez as he arrived from the coastal city of Valparaiso with a cargo of plastic cups, only to find a Santiago trucking terminal warehouse closed. Strikes by militant truck drivers were a major factor in the labor



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King and queen mibsters crowned at Wildwood, N.J.

By ROBERT WADE **Associated Press Writer**

WILDWOOD, N.J. - A freckle-faced boy from West her orange and tan shooter marble nicknamed "Old Virginia and a feisty 12-year-old Maryland girl yesterday Killer," much the way her brother Jeff did when he won were crowned king and queen mibsters at the 60th Annual National Marbles Tournament on the beach of this shore

In the boys division of the marble-shooting here Tuesday to begin competition in what is also known championship, Kerry Acord, 11, defeated Carmel Burn- as the Ringer Bowl. Winners in each division receive \$500 side, 14. Both are from Mount View, W.Va., and they had shot it out for hours each day in their hometown in preparation for this week's finals.

"It was harder than I thought. It's the best I've ever seen him shoot," said the bashful Acord, who had a York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and sizeable callous on the knuckle of his index finger and another on his thumb. Acord was defeated last year in the last game of the tion sponsored by Macy's Department Store, and World

14. of Cumberland. Md. In the girls finals, Patricia Kimmel of Cumberland,

13-year-old sister Lisa won the championship last year. In the best-of-11-game girls finale, Miss Kimmel was marble, or taw, to hit the smaller marbles out of the ring. down 4-0 but came back to win six straight.

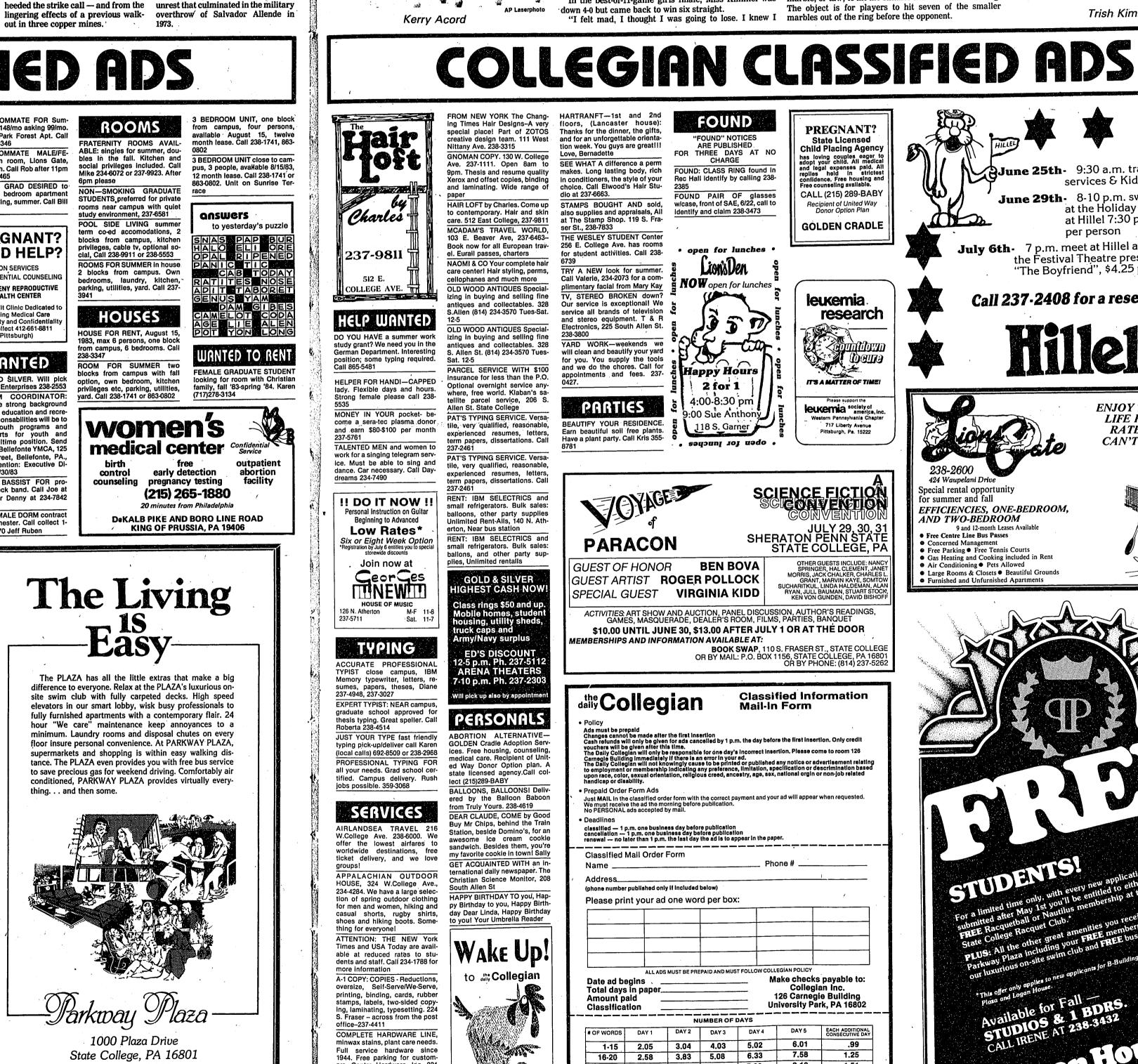
needed to do something fast," she said, choking back tears of joy. She said she simply decided to take more time aiming

the 1981 boys championship. The champs had outlasted mibsters from 10 states who survived regional marbles-shooting contests and arrived

scholarships, payable when they enter college. The national meeting of sure-fired youngsters between the ages of 8 and 14 featured more than 40 competitors from Alabama, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New West Virginia

Competitions began in 1922 as a promotional competibest-of-21-game championship match by Michael Moore, War II forced the only interruptions in the annual tournament in 1944 and 1945

The game is played with 13 small marbles assembled in Md., defeated Nicole Stamm, 10, of Reading, Pa., whose a cross pattern in the middle of 10-foot diameter ring. The player, kneeling just outside the ring, uses a large shooter The object is for players to hit seven of the smaller



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