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**Cover:** † We begged and pleaded — and Tandy is selling its new HTX-100 here, and now! Made by Uniden, this is one cute little rig, according to Neil Duncan. See page 11. ‡ The world is buried in books. Find out which ones you want in our report starting page 16. † Dick Smith Electronics turns 21 this month — but they're giving you the presents! Get your name in the barrel for a chance to win... **Right:** It's "three wise monkeys" time! These three individuals are all regular ARA contributors. Who are they? The first correct answer received at the editorial office wins a free 12 month subscription!

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