

RR cars derail in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A Union Pacific freight train derailed on the city's southwest side and burst into flames early today when parked cars from a side track rolled onto the main line, a railroad official said.

D.R. Castillo, 42, of San Antonio and Joe Wheatley, 41, of suburban Helotes, both employees on the moving train, were taken to Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital in undetermined condition, officials said. Their condition was not believed to be serious, hospital spokeswoman Barbara Williams said.

Alex Tice, regional vice president for Union Pacific, said 35 cars derailed in the accident. He added that it appears the moving train was not at fault in the accident.

"San Antonio is a switch yard," Tice said from the company's Omaha, Neb., headquarters. "Evidently a string of cars that had been on the side rolled on to the main track."

Two reassignments okayed for county probation office

Scurry County Chief Probation Officer Larry W. Thompson has requested a reassignment effective Jan. 1 to become the county's full-time juvenile probation supervisor, with longtime adult probation official Jenny Peveler assuming the role of chief probation officer.

The reassignment for Thompson and the appointment for Peveler has been approved by District Judge Gene Dulaney, who oversees these offices.

He noted Friday morning that the reassignments "were Larry's

idea" so that he could concentrate on work with juveniles, which he noted was already the main focus of his work.

Peveler, wife of county appraisal district chief Ray Peveler, is a native of New Mexico and an economics and political science graduate of Duke University. She was appointed a probation officer here in 1978.

After Jan. 1, Dulaney said she will continue to concentrate on misdemeanor cases while adult probation officer Herman Fox

will concentrate on felony cases. Effective that date, Peveler will be the "overall supervisor" of the adult and juvenile offices.

"Larry wanted to be just the juvenile officer," the judge said, adding that he has been "very pleased" with Thompson's work.

Thompson, 31, was the youngest chief probation officer in Texas when he was appointed to the post in January 1985.

The appointments are to handle probation cases in Scurry and Borden counties.

Friday

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Ask Us

Q. — Will the new Walmart have a pharmacy?

A. — A pharmacy is included in the plans of the store.

In Brief

Belly landing

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A newly elected legislator says he was forced to pilot a small plane to a belly landing at Abilene Municipal Airport after an electrical failure.

Neither State Sen. elect Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater, nor his wife were injured Thursday evening in the emergency landing.

2 banks close

by The Associated Press
Two Texas banks were reopening under new names today, one as a branch of another institution, after they had been closed and ordered placed under Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. supervision, the FDIC said.

Texas Banking Commissioner Kenneth W. Littlefield Thursday ordered the closing of East Texas State Bank of Buna and The Bank of Kerrville.

Hunter killed

RUIDOSO, N.M. (AP) — A San Marcos, Texas, man apparently killed by a stray bullet is the third person to die in a hunting accident since the deer hunting season opened last Saturday, state police said.

Robert Lee Posey, 27, was shot and killed Thursday near Bonito Lake.

Local

Play opens

The first performance of "The Fifth Season," which will comprise Western Texas College's American College Theatre Festival entry this year, will be at 8 p.m. Friday in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

The play will be repeated nightly at 8 o'clock both Saturday and Monday.

Tickets may be reserved by calling 373-8511, ext. 249, during regular office hours or 373-8419 at other hours. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Students who have reserved seats will be guaranteed.

Auxiliary bake

The Snyder Police Auxiliary will have its annual bake sale Saturday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Parkside.

2nd bake sale

A pre-Thanksgiving bake sale of pies, cakes and cookies will be sponsored by the West Texas Lee-Kyran-Do-Parents Association Saturday. It will be at Knart from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 65 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 53 degrees; no precipitation or total precipitation for 1988 to date, 20.51 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 40. Southwest to west wind 10 to 20 mph and gusts. Saturday, partly cloudy, windy and colder with a low in the lower 30s. Wind becoming northwest to north 10 to 20 mph at gusts.

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B-1 crashes again

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A B-1B bomber crashed and burned on a runway at Ellsworth Air Force Base in the second accident involving one of the long-range strategic jets in nine days, officials said today. The crew of four parachuted to safety.

A police officer said the \$280 million plane, which was reported to have crashed in a landing attempt about 10:40 p.m. Thursday, may have come in too low and hit a utility pole. A witness said an engine was on fire before the crash.

The crew ejected from the plane, officials said. One crew member may have suffered a minor concussion and another had a possible back injury, said Sgt. Tom Evans, a base spokesman. The other crew members were unharmed, he said.

Ellsworth spokesman Maj. Joseph B. Saxson said at the base on Rapid City's eastern edge that the cause of the crash was not immediately known. The plane was on a test flight from flight 46 of the Air Force.

It is possible that the plane in too low at the power pole, said police Lt. Fred Brown. Local officials said the plane knocked down a radio tower nearby.

A witness, Fred Lindreth, told radio station KOA today. The engine was on fire before it hit the ground.

Maj. Gen. Bob Black, in Washington, and a board of officers will be convened to investigate, he said. He said that weather might have been a factor.

The Rapid City Journal reported today that the pilot of a B-1B bomber crashed today.

The crash occurred after officials reported that a B-1B bomber had crashed in more than 25 years. The B-1B bombers, which were grounded following a crash Nov. 8 that destroyed one of the planes in Texas.

The crash today was the fourth in the four years since the United States began flying B-1 aircraft, the nation's first new long-range bomber in more than 25 years.

The long-range bomber built by Rockwell International is designed to fly at high speed and low altitude and deliver nuclear weapons.



THE TRADE DELEGATION — Ira High School students were filing into Worsham Auditorium Thursday morning for Career Day activities at Snyder High School. Some 80 speakers discussed their respective

job fields with the more than 950 high school students participating from Snyder, Hemleigh and Ira. (SDN Staff Photo)

David Counts...

New representative due oath Nov. 29

David Counts of Knox City, the newly elected state representative for the 78th District, will be officially sworn in at ceremonies slated Nov. 29 in Austin.

Counts, a Democrat, will receive his oath of office from Speaker of the House Gib Lewis

at 9 a.m. ceremonies.

He won the right to succeed Steve Carriker, D-Reby, in balloting Nov. 8, defeating ex-Snyder mayor Rod Waller.

Counties represented by the 78th District include Scurry, Cottle, Fisher, Garza, Jones, Kent,

King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Stonewall and a portion of Taylor County.

The special election to fill the remainder of an unexpired term was called after former State Rep. Carriker vacated the post to run for the 30th Senatorial seat

vacated by Ray Farabee.

Carriker won the senate seat over Bobby Albert, R-Wichita Falls, for the remainder of 1988 in a special election held Aug. 13 and again Nov. 8 for an unexpired term to begin Jan. 1.

Living Yule trees available

A Christmas crop six years in the making will see its first harvest this Yuletide season.

Blackie Mears will be offering approximately 300 live Christmas trees for sale, part of an original planting here of some 2,000 trees.

The living tree lot is located on the south side of U.S. Hwy 84 as it passes through the northeastern edge of Snyder. It is across the highway from the West Texas Animal Clinic.

Mears will be offered 5 to 7 ft tall Blue Eldierica Pine. He said all sales will be "choose and cut your own."

The remaining trees will be offered for sale in subsequent Christmas seasons, he said.



CHRISTMAS TREES — Retired Sun oil company employee Blackie Mears has planted 2,000 Blue Eldierica Pine trees over the past six years to be cut for Christmas trees. He has colored 300 trees to be sold this season in the first harvest from his acreage adjacent to the U.S. 84 bypass. (SDN Staff Photo)

Doll 'doctoring' is museum topic

The Diamond M. Museum of Fine Art will open a new show, "Yesterday - Dolls Today," and host a seminar on doll making and the care of antique dolls on Saturday.

Jean Aaron and Wynama Gould of Lubbock, who are loaning the dolls for the exhibit, will direct the seminar. They will also appraise old dolls for those attending, with a limit of two dolls per person.

Christmas cards made by local school children will be displayed along with the dolls.

The seminar will begin at 1

p.m. and continue through 4 p.m.

Aaron, a doll collector for 60 years, learned doll repair from her mother who had a "doll hospital." She holds a certificate from the Seely School of Porcelain and has been making porcelain dolls for 10 years. She also teaches classes in doll making, has taught sewing and has taken costume design classes at Texas Tech.

Gould has a doll shop in Lubbock and was previously associated with a shop owned by Aaron. She is certified by the In

See DOLLS, page 9.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The teller on Deep Creek says, "Beware of an open mind, something may fall out."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors
James Roberts, in the Andrews County News, picked up some helpful hints from the current edition of the Old Farmer's Almanac. It quotes 51 different ways to get rid of warts.

Rub with dandelion juice

Rub seven times with a gold ring

Wash your hands in water used to boil potatoes.

Count the warts each night for nine consecutive nights.

Give your warts names and think good things about them.

Rub the wart on St. Abdon's Day, July 30.

Rub it with the sole of your shoe.

Cut an apple in half; rub each half over the

wart, tie the halves together and throw them away.

Look at the new moon, rub the wart three times, saying "you grow and you go" each time.

Rub the wart with a fish.

Kiss the wart, then kiss someone else.

The Almanac didn't say whether the last remedy meant the wart disappeared or simply that the kissor passed it on to the kisssee.

Our neighbors from Big Spring will invade Tiger Stadium at 3:30 p.m. Saturday for a part of Pee-Wee all-star football games with Snyder Boys Club teams.

The first game is for boys ages nine and 10 with a game to be followed by the 11 and 12 year olds. Admission is \$1 and Snyder's Dave Harlin promises two good games tomorrow evening.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Margaret's Style Show and luncheon; MAWC; \$7.50; 11:30 a.m.

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 11-18-88			
♠ A 6 5			
♥ A K J 4			
♦ 10 7 3			
♣ 7 3 2			
WEST		EAST	
♠ Q J 10 9		♠ 8 7 2	
♥ 10 7 2		♥ Q 6 5 3	
♦ A Q 5		♦ K 9 6	
♣ 6 5 4		♣ 10 9 8	
SOUTH			
♠ K 4 3			
♥ 9 8			
♦ J 8 4 2			
♣ A K Q J			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass		Pass	
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

By James Jacoby

Here is another interesting card combination — one that is not often seen. It is normal for South to arrive at three no-trump and to receive the queen of spades lead. If declarer follows basic technique, he will count his tricks and find that he needs one more. Since the only possibility of a ninth trick is in the heart suit, it is not surprising that declarer will take a finesse. Since the heart finesse loses, the deal is over and the contract is down one. Or is there more to it?

In fact, if you look a little deeper into the heart holding between dummy and declarer's hand, you will find an extra option. South does not really need to play to the jack of hearts. Instead declarer can lead the eight of hearts and play low from dummy. If that loses to the 10 in the East hand, the remaining heart can later be played to the jack. The contract will be made if either the 10 or the queen is in the West hand. If not, you may be down three, but the extra chance is worth taking when you're not doubled.

Why lead the eight? Because you don't really want West to cover, but if he does put the 10 on declarer's eight, the safe sure play for nine tricks is to go up with the ace in dummy and then lead low to the nine in the South hand. (The heart suit would be blocked if the play went eight, 10, jack, and East won the queen and returned a spade.)

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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Farmers awaiting insurance checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of farmers are waiting for government insurance checks to cover crops scorched by last summer's drought, as the agency that handles the program wrestles with its biggest caseload ever.

The government will end up making about \$1 billion in crop insurance payments for the 1988 season, an official said, but for a pair of South Texas farmers who have been waiting for their checks since summer, the delay has been tough on their cash flow.

"I'd be bankrupt if I didn't have a seed corn crop. It's the only thing keeping me going," said Edinburg farmer Gene Houts, who has been waiting since July for insurance payments on cotton and corn crops devastated by the drought.

"There must be a tremendous backlog because we're not getting much satisfaction down here," said Harlingen cotton and grain farmer Tommy Funk. "I'm about ready to go to Washington on it."

Funk said he received a check for a withered grain crop early on, but has been waiting since

late August for a check in the thousands of dollars on his cotton crop.

Houts said he was appealing to Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Rep. Kika de la Garza, a Mission Democrat and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, to investigate the situation. He said he knows of several other Valley farmers in similar circumstances.

John Marshall, chief executive officer of the Federal Crop Insurance Corp., said the U.S. Department of Agriculture agency has received more than 53,000 claims and has processed and paid about 44,000 of them.

But that leaves 9,000 other farmers waiting for their checks, and Marshall said a few thousand of them have had delays of over 60 days, while a few hundred have had to wait more than 90 days.

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Questions remain about deaths of four young adults

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A nationwide search for four young adults ended with the recovery of bodies from a car in a river, but questions remain whether the accident was a deadly combination of illegal drinking, missing safety barriers and a misdirected detour sign.

A car containing what authorities believed were the bodies of the four young people was found Thursday in 15 feet of water on the bottom of the murky Mill River near New Haven harbor.

Authorities were awaiting autopsy results to make positive identifications, but city police Lt. James Sorrentino said it was likely the four victims were the missing friends, who graduated together from East Lyme High School in 1987.

The three women and one man were last seen by their parents about 7 p.m. Saturday, when they left their hometown of East Lyme for a night in New Haven.

The four were Jill Sawyer, 19, a student at the University of Rhode Island; Christy Stevens, 19, a student at Mohegan Community College in Norwich; Michael Gallo, 20, a student at Southern Connecticut State University; and Laura Lagrotteria, 19.

"They were good kids. I can't picture them being drunk and driving," said Michelle Funaiohi, a student at Southern Connecticut. "It's horrible. It's the most horrible thing I've ever seen happen."

Police have determined the four spent at least part of Satur-

day night drinking at a bar near Yale University. State police Detective Andre Trudelle said a bar employee told authorities that the friends left together about 3 a.m. Sunday. The legal drinking age in Connecticut is 21.

Their car apparently traveled down Chapel Street, went over a concrete barrier that was in place Thursday and plunged into the river, Sorrentino said. The street has been a dead end for years because the Chapel Street bridge is out of service.

Officials said the bridge pivots open on a center axis to allow water traffic to pass and has been in its open position for years.

Private investigator Francis "Bud" Mullen, former head of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, said he believed the barrier was not in place at the time of the accident. Mullen was hired by the youths' families to find them after they were reported missing. The families also put up a \$20,000 reward for helping to locate them.

Several news reports, quoting unidentified sources, also said no barriers were in place the night of the accident.

"I have no information either way," Sorrentino said. "I've been led to believe the barriers were always there."

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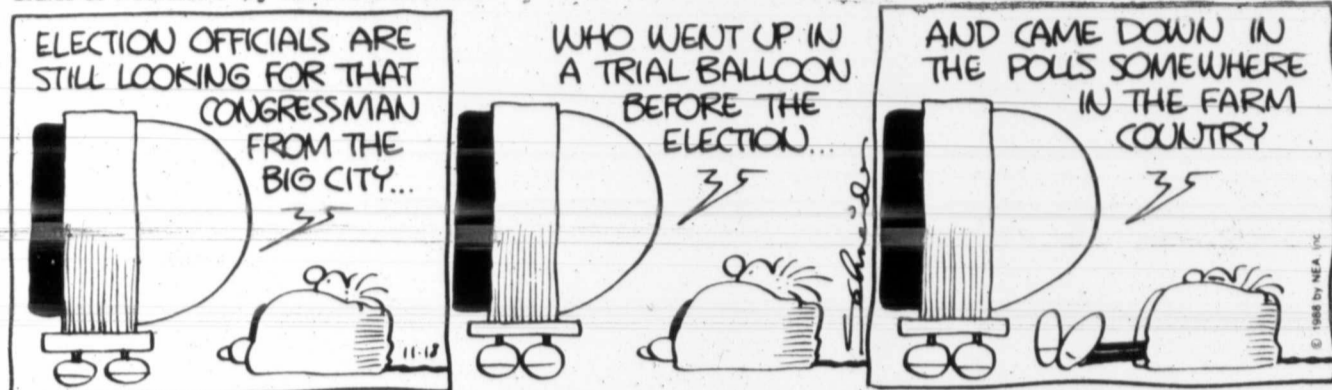
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 - Black
 - Astronaut's ferry
 - Isn't (sl.)
 - Unless
 - Unsuccessful car
 - Composed
 - Thou
 - River island
 - Old French dance
 - Scarlett
 - 33 — first you don't ...
 - Pertaining to dawn
 - 36 — Kippur
 - 37 — Vegas
 - Doesn't exist
 - Type of pasta
 - Stair part
 - Study course
 - Voodoo cult deity
 - Canal system in northern Michigan
 - Protective glove
 - Tobacco for sniffing
 - Freshwater porpoise
 - Soil deposit
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 - Ornamental flower holder
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 - Senator Claiborne
 - Beast of burden

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DIRT BIKE RACER — 11-year-old Banyan Winkler, a fifth-grader at West Elementary School, had the second-highest area point total in his age group in the fall campaign of the Honda National Motocross Championships, accumulating points in seven races on his Yamaha 80-cc dirt bike at the Water Wonderland and Midland Motocross tracks in Midland and the South 40 track at Crane. (SDN Staff Photo)

City residents lured to island

FRENCHBORO, Maine (AP) — Residents of this pristine island town are luring city dwellers with offers of low-cost land and homes in an attempt to stop Frenchboro from becoming just another tourist spot along Maine's scenic coast.

Sanford Lunt, his family and their neighbors developed the homestead plan after years of watching residents forsake the island for the mainland.

The first homesteaders arrived recently, and by Christmas the rest are expected to be living on the island, most of which is owned by the heirs of Nelson Rockefeller.

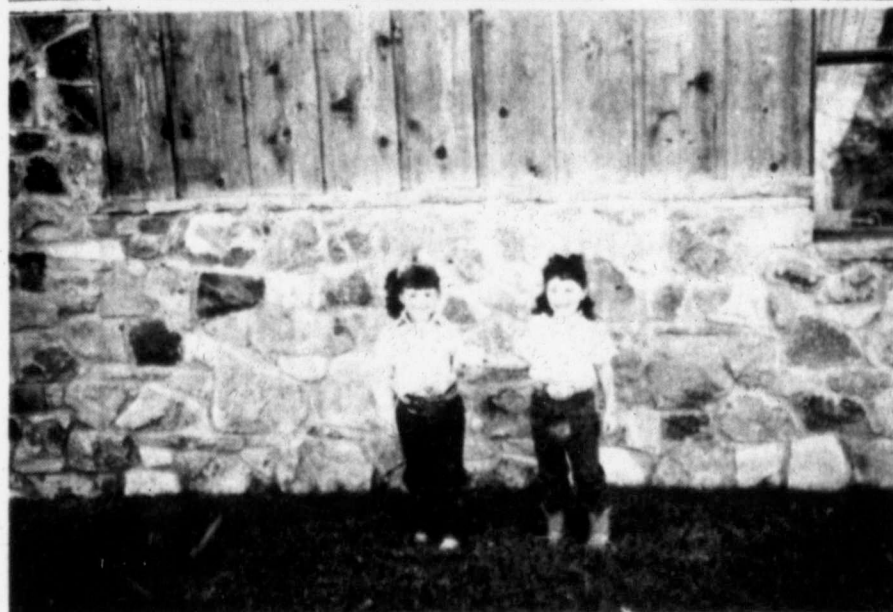
"These people are great," said Steve Beote, a 27-year-old electrician who moved from Salem, Mass. "You don't find people like this in Massachusetts anymore."

Beote's and six other families were chosen from about 300 applicants who moved onto the 2,500-acre island, officially called Long Island, across Blue Hill Bay from the mainland.

Between 1960 and 1980, Frenchboro's population dropped from 57 to 43 as young residents left for the mainland and older residents died.

About the same time, vacationers discovered the island, with its clear, accommodating harbor and proximity to the popular resort town of Bar Harbor, 25 miles away by boat.

The island's attractiveness concerned residents, who prefer a relaxed life without distractions from the outside world, said



ALL AROUND WINNERS—Pictured are the Scurry County 4-H Horse Club All Around winners. (Photo One) Tommy Henderson, nine and over, was presented the All Around buckle by Denise Beck. (Photo Two) Terra Bynum, eight and under, was presented the All Around buckle by Katy Voss. This year's All Around buckles were donated by Harrel & Beck and Jan and Sonny Harrel. (Club Photos)

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Dear Abby



Daughter She Gave Away Is Still Close to Mother's Heart

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter signed "Adopted in Illinois" (and your reply) prompts me to write to you for the first time since I started reading your column approximately 30 years ago.

The author of that letter could very well be my daughter. I gave up an absolutely gorgeous baby girl for adoption 27 years ago in the state of Indiana. It was the most painful and unselfish thing I have ever done. If there was any way I could have kept her and given her a life even close to normal or good, I would have. I was trapped in an impossible situation and had no other choice.

All these years I have hoped and prayed that maybe someday I would get to see her. I am married now with two grown sons, but I never had another daughter. I have my name on file in Nevada with an agency that unites adoptees and biological parents — but only if it is mutually agreeable.

If my daughter's attitude is anything like the person who wrote that letter, I'll never get to see her. (She wrote: "Why should I go searching for my 'real' parents? I found them the day they found me.")

Just because I gave her up does not mean I did not love her — it meant I loved her enough to care about the kind of life she would have.

Abby, how could you call that letter a "beautiful and generous attitude"? I disagree completely. It's a narrow-minded, misunderstanding attitude. There, I've said it and now it's off my chest!

HEARTSICK IN WASHINGTON

DEAR HEARTSICK: I owe you — and other mothers who unselfishly gave their babies up for adoption — an apology. And here it is.

DEAR ABBY: Recently my 3-year-old grandson got into my daughter's vitamins. We called the poison control center as soon as we discovered it and rushed him to the hospital. Fortunately, he survived. The doctor in the emergency room said that five iron pills can be fatal to a 3-year-old! He also told us that some children who have taken iron pills feel just fine for a week or so — and then all of a sudden they die!

Abby, I was shocked to learn that iron pills are so dangerous. Please print this. It might help a mother who debates if she should or shouldn't take her child to the hospital.

GRATEFUL GRANDMA IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR GRATEFUL GRANDMA: Thank you for the warning. Marc Bayer, M.D., medical director of the Los Angeles Poison Center, says, "Everybody should be aware that ALL over-the-counter drugs — particularly vitamins containing iron — are potentially dangerous to children."

Also, let me add that children should never be told that they are being given "candy" when taking medicine. All medications (and vitamins fall into this category) should be kept locked away, out of the reach of children.

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'Circus atmosphere' upsetting

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Attorneys for a landlady suspected of killing seven tenants for their Social Security checks

accused the media and police of turning the case into a "circus." Public defenders Peter Vlautin and Kevin Clymo criticized the

Sacramento Police Department for transporting Dorothea Montalvo Puente from Los Angeles to Sacramento in a jet chartered by a television station and allowing a reporter to interview her.

"It's unheard of that a law enforcement agency would team up with a news organization to transport a person to jail," Vlautin said.

Bill George, assignment editor for the station, KCRA-TV in Sacramento, said Thursday night that the reporter, Mike Boyd, was "only doing a good job."

"(He) was just being an aggressive journalist," said George. "No deal was made with police. They needed a way to get back (to Sacramento) and we offered one."

George added that there were no commercial flights at the

time. Puente, 59, who vanished early Saturday after police unearthed the first of seven bodies buried in her yard, was arrested in Los Angeles late Wednesday. She appeared briefly Thursday in Municipal Court here, but did not enter a plea to a single murder count.

Assistant District Attorney Dan Kinter told the judge that additional counts and special circumstances would be filed. Special circumstances means the penalty upon conviction could be death or life in prison without parole.

Puente was ordered held without bail. Vlautin and Clymo were appointed to represent her, and the case was continued to Dec. 15.

Man convicted on four counts

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — The government overstepped its bounds in charging an Odessa developer with racketeering, the defendant's attorney said after his client was convicted of bank fraud.

A U.S. District Court jury convicted Louis Rochester, 70, on four counts, finding him innocent on 21 other counts ranging from racketeering to fraud.

A seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated for almost two days before finding Rochester guilty Wednesday of mail fraud, misapplication of funds, making false entries and personally benefiting from a loan transaction without disclosing that benefit to all the parties involved.

But Dallas attorney David Schick said federal prosecutors were "obviously overreaching" with charges of racketeering.

Schick vowed to continue to contest the case but wouldn't say if he planned to appeal.

Rochester, scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 12 by U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton, faces a maximum five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each charge. Schick said he will request a probated sentence.

Rochester continued to maintain his innocence.

"It's been difficult," he told the Odessa American. "I don't feel that I'm guilty at all with the charges against me."

All four counts leveled against Rochester involved a real estate venture between Odessa Savings

participation agreement between the association and Pruett for the real estate venture in Arlington known as Stagecoach Estates. The loan later was increased to \$8 million.

On Aug. 13, 1984 — the same day the loan was secured by Pruett — Rochester and Pruett entered into a side agreement in which half of Pruett's interest in the 110-acre Arlington development was conveyed to Rochester.

Rochester, who testified in his own defense Monday, said the side agreement never was disclosed to Odessa Savings directors.

Government attorney Jim Blankinship said the government was satisfied with the verdict.

"That's a real hard case for the jury ... bringing to the jury witnesses who praise the defendant and listening to the defendant's attorney say the defendant will have to live with their ruling for the rest of his life," he said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Mills said it may have been difficult for jurors to grasp a scheme he said spanned 15 years. Rochester was found innocent on charges relating to that scheme.

Prosecutors alleged Rochester devised a plan in 1973 — and operated it until the July 1988 indictment — to milk millions of dollars in cash and credit from Odessa Savings and its depositors through fraudulently obtained real estate loans, dividends, commissions and loan-related fees.

He was accused of concealing his true stock ownership in Odessa Savings by placing stock in nominee names.

Rochester also was accused of receiving millions of dollars in loans he should not have had because of his affiliate status with the thrift.

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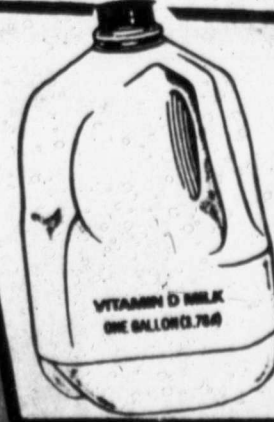
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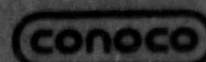
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