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Construction mishap claims Pampa's life

A 41-year-old Pampa man, Robert Earnest Sikes, died in a construction accident Monday near Williamsport, Pa.

Sikes was attempting to stop an unoccupied, rolling side boom at a pipeline construction site when he slipped, fell, and was run over by one of the tracks on the vehicle, according to a Pennsylvania State Police report.

The accident occurred off of Beagle Club Road in Lycoming County.

Sikes was employed by Sheehan Pipeline Construction Company. He was a lifelong Pampa resident.

Services for Sikes will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

DEATHS

June Butler, 69, Sunday School teacher.
Billie Ray Medley, 45, truck driver.
Robert E. "Robbie" Sikes, 41, construction worker.

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Man held in wife's stabbing

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

A Pampa woman remained in stable condition today in an Amarillo hospital while her husband sat in the Gray County jail, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in her stabbing.

Veronica Robinson, 28, 721 S. Barnes, was in stable condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital after being airlifted by LifeStar helicopter

to Amarillo shortly after 9 p.m. Monday. Hospital officials said she underwent surgery overnight for multiple stab wounds.

Travis Don Robinson, 26, 721 S. Barnes, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of bond after being charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing bodily injury.

Officers said Mrs. Robinson called the emergency operator about 9 p.m. Monday after being stabbed.

Robinson was arrested by Wheeler County Sheriff's deputies about 11:30 p.m. Monday at his father's home in Allison.

Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams said today that Robinson made no effort to resist arrest.

Adams said Robinson was taken to the Wheeler County jail where Gray County Constable Chris Lockridge picked him up and returned him to Pampa.

Officials said Robinson was cov-

ered with blood at the time of his arrest.

Authorities said Robinson was fired from his job Monday and apparently left a note and pocket knife on the porch of his former boss Monday night.

Officers said they believe they have recovered the weapon with which Mrs. Robinson was stabbed.

Police detectives continued to investigate the assault at press time today.

Mother, son die in crash with big rig

Funeral services were pending this morning for a mother and son killed in a truck-van crash Monday night south of Perryton.

Elbert Shaun Pillow, 15, and Tina Vanderpool Pinkerton, 32, both of Spearman, died shortly after 7:30 p.m. in a collision with a tractor trailer rig at the intersection of Texas Highway 70 and Farm-to-Market Road 281 about 21 miles south of Perryton.

Brad Allen Van Well, 27, Hoover, S.D., the driver of the 2001 International truck, was treated at the scene for scrapes and bruises, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers said today.

Troopers said Pillow, the driver of the van, and Pinkerton, a passenger in the van, died at the scene.

Authorities said the truck was north bound on Texas Highway 70 at the time of the accident. The van was west bound on FM 281.

Officers said the van apparently disregarded a stop sign and pulled in front of the truck. The semi broad-sided the van.

Troopers said the intersection is in a construction zone with a speed limit of 60 mph.

Officers said all three people were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident.

Services were pending today with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Spearman.

Through the window



High above Russell Street in the morning light, Victor Cerritos paints the window casements on the Gray County Courthouse as restoration continues on the historic building.

What's in a name?

Man gives police another's name when arrested

A man arrested for transporting hazardous chemicals last week now faces additional charges.

Jeff Paul Gugenheim, 35, of Amarillo, was one of a trio of people arrested early Saturday morning and charged with possession of a hazardous chemical, only dross ammonia, in an unauthoritized container.

Gugenheim, Monty Paul Givens, 48, 400 Louisiana, and Alison Glass, 27, of Amarillo, were arrested about 7 a.m. Saturday by Pampa police officers and charged with possession of a hazardous chemical.

Gugenheim, however, apparently gave officers the name of Alison Glass, brother Garrett Glass.

Gray County Sheriff's deputies said today that Garrett Glass had nothing to do with the incident. They say they discovered the rise over the weekend while questioning the trio and filed new charges against Gugenheim Monday.

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Architectural firm evaluates Guthrie site

By SETH DAVIDSON
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

How do you recreate the past? What's the best way to re-invent something that no longer exists? Where do you find the essence of history in an old, abandoned building?

Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie is seeking to answer those very questions with the help of ArchiTexas, an Austin-based architectural firm that specializes in restorative work.

Originally hired to work on the renovation of the Gray County courthouse, the firm has also been retained to help restore the building that will eventually become the Woody Guthrie Center in downtown Pampa.

Although Guthrie's Oklahoma origins are well-known, the fact that his musical career began in Pampa almost qualifies as a local secret.

The Woody Guthrie Center will serve as a historical tribute to Guthrie's life and work, and will also act as a tourist attraction and interpretive center for Guthrie fans worldwide.

As with all big dreams, however, this one has its share of reality "grunt work" to get through first.

Larry Irsik and Elliott Bazan of

ArchiTexas were in Pampa on Thursday of last week to analyze the materials inside the building, assess the condition of the structure, evaluate the electrical and plumbing systems, and help develop a concept for how best to restore the building.

Irsik, trained at Kansas State



(Photo by Seth Davidson)
Larry Irsik of ArchiTexas and Loralee Cooley, president of Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, meet on site.

University and a former instructor at the Boston Architectural Center, had good things to say about the building.

In good shape structurally, the building has been modified little from its original condition — always a good thing for any type of restorative project.

The pressed metal ceiling, cornice trims that connect the ceiling and wall, and openness of the area mean that the building has charm and a great deal of flexibility with respect to how the center will ultimately be programmed.

Obvious modifications to the building will include air conditioning and heating, and changes that will bring it up to building code: emergency exit signs, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and detection, as well as ADA entrances and restroom access.

More interesting than the nuts and bolts, however, is Irsik's conception of what the center is capable of as an interpretive vehicle for Guthrie's life.

The building's historical significance lies in the street and surrounding context, according to Irsik.

A restored streetfront that replicates the Guthrie era in Pampa, would create an ideal setting for visitors to explore the rest of downtown, seeing the same



(Photo by Seth Davidson)
Elliott Bazan of ArchiTexas takes notes as he evaluates the old building.

things that Guthrie saw during his time in Pampa.

The fact that Pampa has not retained much of its early charm, with

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Did You Know...

When Did The "Black Duster" Hit Gray County?
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Business Review

Complete Computer Service: New in town

Complete Computer Service is the newest computer business in Pampa. Located at 211 E. Francis, the new business is owned by Danny McDowell.

With many years experience with computers, McDowell established his own business locally July 1. He was employed by internet service providers in Pampa the past two-and-one-half years just prior to opening

the business. Prior to returning to his hometown of Pampa, McDowell managed two internet service providers in Amarillo.

McDowell was originally a pre-pharmacy major in college, but discovered chemistry wasn't nearly as interesting to him as he thought it would be.

"I didn't know anything about how computers worked at first, but

the more I was around them the more I liked them," said McDowell. By experience, he developed many trouble-shooting skills.

"This is what I wanted to do," said McDowell.

McDowell not only works on personal computers, but he works on Macintosh as well.

His business provides complete computer services just as its name implies.

McDowell provides software and hardware troubleshooting and repairs problems in Windows 98 as well as Windows 95 and Dos.

Also he corrects general protection fault errors, resolves illegal operations and organizes folders and customizes software.

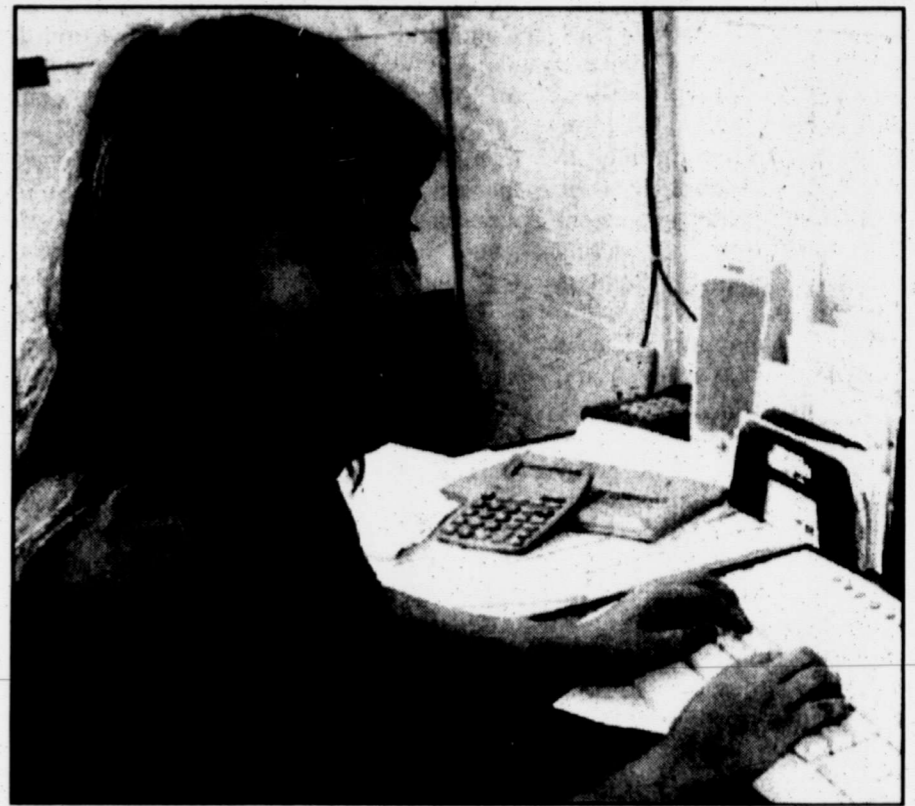
Virus detection, removal and prevention is another specialty of his, as well as internet set-up.

Troubleshooting is his specialty as he works with all phases of computers. He also does network troubleshooting as well as building computers, and will work with customers on their warranties of name brand computers.

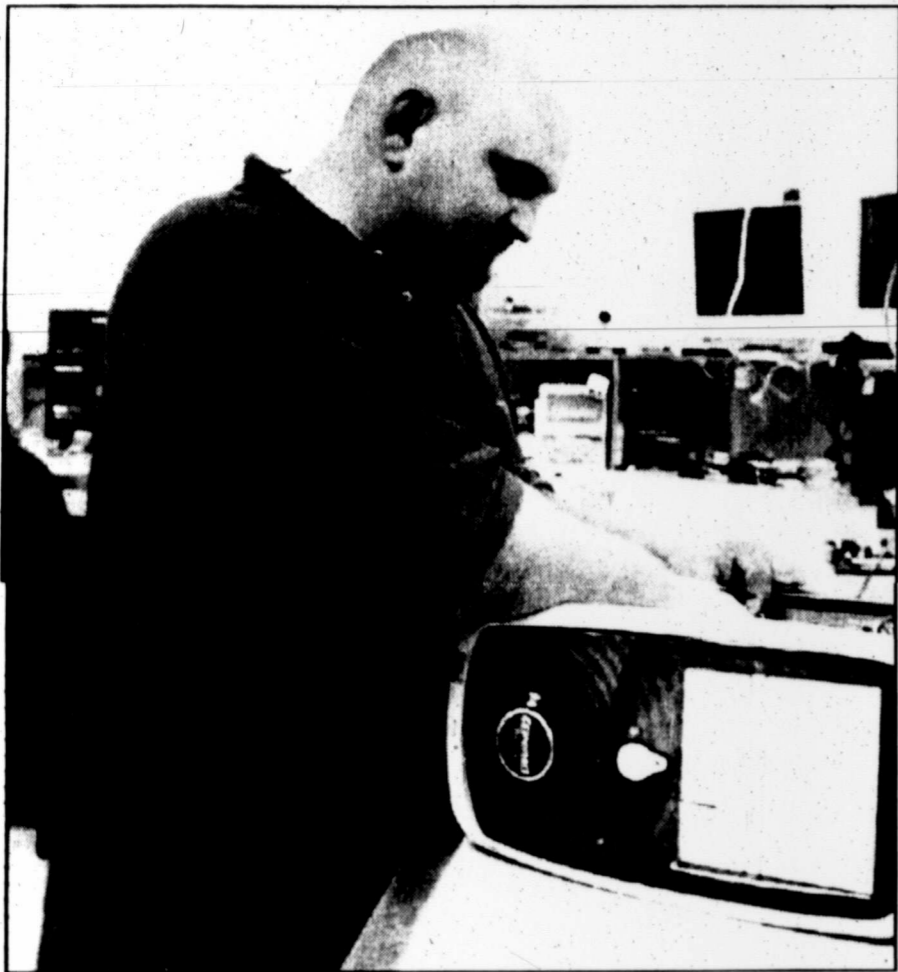
Hard drive clean-up by McDowell guarantees the computers to run faster. He also provides purchases consultations.

McDowell believes in training people to be computer literate, and he provides training to novice as well as the more experienced computer user at his business.

He said he will begin conducting classes in about two months, but for the present he will provide individual training for \$15 an hour. He encourages people to write down the steps or any information he gives them so they will have it when they are on



Pleasantly greeting customers as they arrive at Complete Computer Service is Nicki Germany.



Danny McDowell offers complete computer services at his new business located at 211 E. Francis. He welcomes any inquiries about the services he offers.

their own computer, he said.

"Little things are what we're good at," said McDowell. "But we also cater to businesses."

Nicki Germany, who handles accounting at the local business. Formerly employed at computer-related businesses, she also assists in repairing computers. A native of White Deer, she now lives in Pampa.

"I haven't put in less than 11 hours a day since we opened," he said. "That's just part of owning your own business."

McDowell and his wife, Amy, returned to their hometown to be near their parents as both are natives

of the local community.

"We don't strive to be the cheapest, but we are the best," he said. He added that most computers are in and out in 24 hours.

Amy is employed at Pampa Regional Medical Center. They are the parents of a daughter, Leslie, who is 8 years of age.

Complete Computer Services is open from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The phone number is 669-2560.

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UW Campaign Cabinet



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Local United Way (UW) Chairperson Lisa Ryan recently presided over a meeting of the 2002 Campaign Cabinet. Cabinet members are: (left-right) Ryan, plant manager of Celanese, chair; Randy Watson of FirstBank Southwest, UW Special Gifts Division; Duane Harp of Edward Jones, UW Major Firms Division; Mark McVey of Pampa ISD, UW Professional Division; Shannon Buck, UW Commercial Division; and John Curry, Pampa UW President for 2002. Not pictured: Captain Gary Steward of The Salvation Army, overall agency cabinet member. This year's campaign is entitled "The Way America Cares. Community by Community." The fund-raising goal is \$375,000.

Malaysia harsh on aliens

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Facing rising anger in neighboring Indonesia and the Philippines, the Malaysian government on Tuesday defended its use of whipping and other tough new punishments aimed at forcing out illegal immigrants.

The Philippines formally protested to Malaysia on Tuesday over reported mistreatment of Filipino migrants after three children died during deportation. Philippine officials said migrants are rounded up by Malaysian authorities into crowded detention facilities, sometimes, without food and water.

"The conditions in the detention centers are unduly harsh and could be immediately improved. The congestion is appalling," Philippine Foreign Secretary Blas Ople told reporters in Manila after lodging the protest with the Malaysian ambassador.

In the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, demonstrators burned a Malaysian flag and tried to force their way into the Malaysian High Commission on Monday in a protest against the crackdown.

Since Aug. 1, authorities have been enforcing new laws that allow whipping, imprisonment and large fines for illegal foreign workers in relatively wealthy Malaysia, which has become a magnet for migrants from its poorer Southeast Asian neighbors. Dozens of people have been sentenced to prison terms and strokes of a rattan cane.

Malaysian officials estimated up to 600,000 illegal workers were in Malaysia before the laws were introduced. An estimated 300,000 illegal immigrants fled Malaysia during a prosecution amnesty before the August deadline.

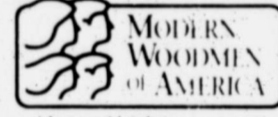


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World Summit delegates discuss poverty

By DINA KRAFT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALEXANDRA, South Africa (AP) — Tumbledown shacks of tin and cardboard hug the roadside, smoke curls from open fires, and women balance drums of water on their head under the shadow of shimmering shopping centers and office towers.

The township slum of Alexandra, known simply as Alex to its residents, is a five-minute drive from Sandton, one of the wealthiest patches of real estate on the continent and host to the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Poverty eradication is the summit's No. 1 priority, but few of the world leaders and delegates gathered here to discuss access to clean water, proper sanitation and electricity are likely to venture to Alexandra to see people living without those amenities firsthand.

"They are two worlds apart. People from Alex are not at all benefitting from the richest town, which is Sandton," said Xoliswa Mkhahali, spokeswoman for the Alex Renewal Project, a massive new government initiative to revitalize the township.

Ravaged by soaring unemployment and HIV infection rates, the township is home to 350,000 people when it was only designed to house 75,000.

In the Imputheng neighborhood, space is so scarce squatters have moved onto the grounds of elementary schools.

Cecilia Matala, 31, and her two sisters, also unemployed, sit in a one-room shack on the edge of a schoolyard.

"There is not enough room here. ... There isn't even room to plant a few vegetables," Matala said, sitting on an oil can, examining herself in a small chipped-off piece of mirror.

There is no electricity or running water in the neighborhood. The only toilets are portable ones lined up in rows in a dirt yard between shacks.

When Alexandra residents go to Sandton they see smooth-tarred roads, mani-

cured roadside gardens and shopping malls with marbled floors, fountains and designer boutiques.

Crime and urban flight drove the stock exchange and most of the country's top businesses from downtown Johannesburg to Sandton over the past 20 years.

Sandton's spacious homes, with their swimming pools and well-tended gardens, are hidden from view behind high walls topped with electric fences.

"Rich people in Sandton go to sleep with full stomachs. Sometimes I go to bed without eating," said Matala before sending her sister Jeanette Moji, 21, off with 2 rand (20 cents) and a list of "lucky" numbers, to a streetside gambling ring.

Alexandra has been marred by the legacy of the former apartheid regime, said Philip Bonner, an urban historian at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand.

"It was deliberate neglect and an attempt to strangle it," Bonner said.

Apartheid's system of racial segregation forced blacks to live in townships outside cities to keep them out

of sight but close enough to perform cheap labor for whites.

But Alexandra, built in 1904, was an anomaly as a black township in unusually close proximity to white suburban Johannesburg and as an area where some blacks owned their own property.

When the apartheid government came to power in 1948 they did all they could to dismantle it.

"It was perceived as a 'black spot.' ... (at a time when the) government was trying to reconfigure racial geography," Bonner said.

The former government was also wary of Alexandra as a hub for musicians, artists and resistance politics.

For now, the talk in Alexandra is less about culture and more about jobs and lack of proper housing.

Since the first democratically elected government came to power in 1994, housing has been a priority, but change has been slow to come. Locals hope the infusion of government money will transform Alexandra.

"It's useless to be politically liberated, but still economically oppressed," said Thomas

Selala, 30, who came here from the north of the country looking for a job. "We can shout the slogan, 'Amandla.' 'We are liberated,' but how free are you if your stomach is hungry?"

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Sexual Pleasure Possible For Couples of Any Age

DEAR ABBY: I read that letter from the widower who wondered when to tell his new lady friend that he was unable to fulfill his "bedroom duties." As a single woman in my 50s, please let him know he is not alone in his difficulties. I've learned that as men age, sexual problems become more frequent due to diabetes, heart attacks, prostate trouble and other health problems.

Research shows that couples in their 80s and 90s enjoy sex. Sex is what you make it — it doesn't have to be intercourse to be enjoyable. Our lives and bodies change with age, so why not our view of sexual pleasure? We should work with what's available.

Men need to communicate openly and honestly with the women in their lives. Doctors need to be aware of how traumatic this is for couples and offer advice, bringing the subject up rather than waiting for the men to bring it to their attention. Some men are too shy or embarrassed to initiate the discussion. Sex is a basic human need, and there is no time line for it.

A LAS VEGAS READER

DEAR ABBY: I applaud you for encouraging that man to seek medical treatment for his problem, as there are, indeed, many new treatments available for erectile dysfunction (E.D.).

However, I want your readers to also know that even if E.D. is untreatable, one's bedroom activities need not be over. The brain is the most important sexual organ that we humans possess, and extending from there, the human imagination offers any number of wonderful ways to express erotic love for our partners.

I would advise that gentleman not only to explore further treatment but also his own and his partner's creativity. There's more than one way for that gentleman to be a red-hot lover to his lady.

TONY IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: I agree!

DEAR ABBY: If the widows I know had that man's address, there would be a stampede to his door. Most of the women in my circle who are older than 65 just want dinner and the theater and a peck on the cheek at the door. I'm sure you know this to be true.

LOIS IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR LOIS: Some do; many don't. That's why I never generalize.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I was impotent. I was seeing a wonderful woman who, when she

learned of my problem, told me, "We'll face it together." With my best friend and soul mate, I found that intimacy and affection are not an X-rated movie. Love is much more important than that.

I later saw a doctor and overcame my problem, but in that time of difficulty, I learned more about love than I had in any of my 40-odd years. If the woman that widower in San Diego loves cannot accept reality, then I hope he can take comfort in knowing there are women in the world who can. I have been there, and I am grateful for my best friend.

LONGTIME READER

DEAR LONGTIME READER: Although we live in a sex-drenched culture, not everyone has the same appetite, ability or enthusiasm for it. While sex is an important part of a relationship to many people, sex itself is not enough to keep a relationship going. And I have received thousands of letters from readers over the years that prove it.

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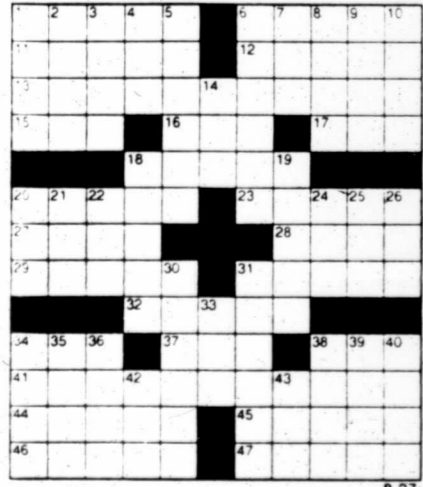
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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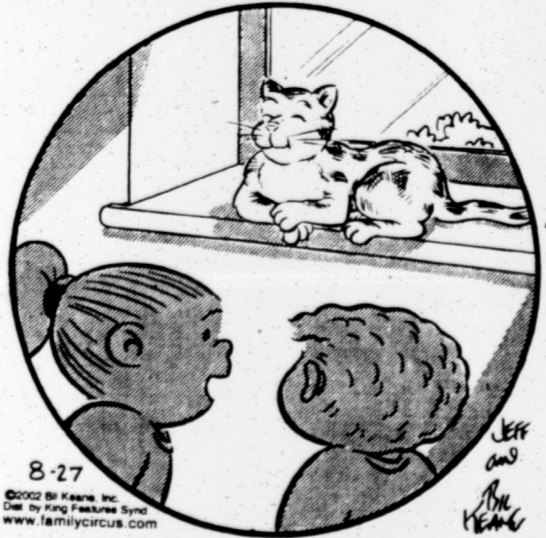
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Putting caffeine on skin lowers cancer risk in lab mice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Caffeine, the chemical stimulant in coffee and tea, has been found to lower the risk of skin cancer in laboratory mice.

A study suggests that a skin lotion spiked with caffeine or with another compound found in green tea can reduce by more than half the number of cancer tumors on the skin of hairless mice exposed to brutal levels of ultraviolet radiation, said Dr. Allan Conney, a professor of cancer and leukemia research at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

"We had between 50 to 70 percent tumor formation inhibition in the mice that were treated with caffeine or with EGCG (the other chemical compound)," said Conney,

senior author of a study appearing this week in the online site of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers in the United States. The American Academy of Dermatology estimates about a million cases will be diagnosed in the country this year. Among them will be more than 88,000 new cases of melanoma, the disease's deadliest form. Skin cancer generally is curable by cutting, burning or freezing the tumor cells, but untreated it can be deadly.

To test effects of caffeine on skin cancer, Conney and his colleagues exposed 90 mice to high levels of ultraviolet radiation twice a day for

20 days. They used a strain of animals, called hairless mice, commonly used for skin cancer studies.

After the mice got their ultraviolet doses, the animals were divided into three groups. One group was slathered daily with a solution of acetone and caffeine. Another group received acetone and EGCG. The third group got skin applications of acetone only. Acetone is an organic solution often used on the skin.

At the end of 18 weeks, the three groups of mice were killed, and the level of skin tumor formation was analyzed.

Conney said mice in all three groups developed malignant skin tumors, called squamous cell carcinomas, but the number of tumors

per mouse was reduced by 72 percent in those treated with caffeine and by 66 percent among those treated with EGCG, compared to the controls treated only with acetone.

The treated mice also had fewer nonmalignant, sunlight-related tumors, said Conney. Compared to the control group of mice, the mice treated with caffeine had 44 percent fewer nonmalignant tumors per mouse, the EGCG group 55 percent fewer, he said.

Conney said that although both compounds were effective in lower tumor risk, caffeine has an advantage because it is chemically more stable than EGCG.

Unlike sun screen lotions, which protect against skin cancer by pre-

venting the skin from absorbing ultraviolet rays from the sun, the caffeine's cancer protection works in the cells after exposure to the ultraviolet rays. Rays from the sun can cause genetic changes in the skin that can lead to skin cancer. Conney said caffeine apparently blocks this action by causing abnormal cells to kill themselves, a type of programmed cell suicide that prevents development of abnormal growths.

"This is not a suncreening effect," said Conney. "It is a biological effect."

He said the caffeine acts selectively, causing the abnormal cells to die but not affecting the normal cells.

Beer, liquor lobbies seek cuts in sin tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — As several states consider trimming budget deficits by raising taxes on beer, liquor and wine, the industry is finding support in Congress to cut the federal excise tax on alcoholic beverages.

Already, more than 200 lawmakers seeking re-election — many beneficiaries of the industry's political largesse — have signed on to tax cut proposals. Industry lobbyists say if the bills do not pass this year, they hope they'll be first in line the next time Congress considers tax cuts.

"There's lots of good reasons to pursue this legislation that go beyond getting it passed," said Frank Coleman, spokesman for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.

If anyone suggests raising the federal excise tax on liquor, "you already have a solid bloc of people who say, 'Your taxes are too high and/or inequitable,'" he said.

At least 18 states have raised cigarette taxes in recent months. At least 15 have considered raising alcoholic beverage taxes, of those, Alaska and Tennessee have approved increases.

In Oregon, the Distilled Spirits Council convinced lawmakers it would be more profitable to allow liquor sales on Sunday than to raise the state tax, a victory the council hopes to repeat in other states with laws banning Sunday sales, including New York.

The spirits tax cut pro-

posal is sponsored by Rep. Ron Lewis, R-Ky., a Baptist preacher who doesn't drink. Lewis' district includes several bourbon distilleries, spokeswoman Kathy Reding said. About 100 lawmakers are co-sponsoring Lewis' bill.

Rep. Phil English, R-Pa., proposes cutting the beer tax in half, from the current \$18 per barrel to \$9, its 1990 level. That would save beer drinkers about 16 cents a six-pack. At least 223 lawmakers — more than half the House — have signed on to his legislation.

The beer lobby is portraying the beer tax as unfair to working-class Americans. A poster handed out on Capitol Hill features Uncle Sam sternly declaring, "I want half your beer," and says taxes take about 44 cents of every dollar spent on beer.

The poster promotes an Anheuser-Busch "Roll Back the Beer Tax" Web site featuring profiles of "Joe and Jane Six-Pack: The Average American Beer Drinkers," described as "young, average Americans, many of whom are raising a family."

"Lowering the beer tax means more money in the pockets of these young, hardworking men and women," the Web site said.

English said the current economic slowdown is a good time to "pass back to a lot of working-class consumers a little bit of their tax money."

"I think this is a fairness issue," he said.

Second set of remains identified at Oregon home

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — The nationwide search for two girls who disappeared from the same apartment complex ended at a neighbor's house just a few hundred yards from their homes.

Authorities said Monday that a body recovered from a barrel buried under concrete in Ward Weaver's yard was that of 12-year-old Ashley Pond. The body of her friend, 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis, was found over the weekend in a backyard shed.

Weaver, 39, who has been in jail since Aug. 13 on an unrelated rape charge, has not been charged in either death. But Greg Horner, the chief deputy district attorney in Clackamas County, said he would present the case to a grand jury to seek an indictment.

"We expected this," said Tim Lyons, Weaver's attorney. "We are going to await the return of the indictment and see what the charges are and proceed from there."

Weaver said weeks ago that he was a suspect in the FBI investigation, but denied any involvement.

The twin disappearances happened just before several

higher-profile kidnappings turned a national spotlight on the issue of childhood abductions.

Ashley's family last saw her on Jan. 9 eating breakfast with her younger sister before school. Miranda disappeared March 8 from the same apartment complex down the road from Weaver's home in this Portland suburb.

Some relatives said they were bothered that the bodies were found so close to the girls' apartment complex.

"It makes a pit in your

stomach. I get angry because she was right there the whole time," said Terri Duffey, Miranda's aunt.

Authorities have said that they have moved as fast as they could to investigate Weaver, given constitutional limits on searches.

FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said search dogs were allowed in Weaver's back yard a few months ago, but it's possible that the bodies weren't there at the time.

Weaver was arrested on Aug. 13 on charges of raping

his 19-year-old son's girlfriend. His distraught son, Francis Weaver, told emergency dispatchers after the alleged rape that his father had confessed to killing Ashley and Miranda.

"I'm sorry that any of this even happened," Francis Weaver said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America." "I hope that now that (the girls' families) have closure and everything, they can go on with their lives and live their lives as good as the can."

Man missing since terror attacks surfaces at hospital

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man who was believed to be near the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 and was later reported missing has apparently been found at a New York hospital.

The family of George V. Sims, 46, said they learned of his whereabouts earlier this month when the hospital called and said they believed Sims was a patient there. They asked for a photograph of him to confirm their suspicions.

"He's alive, but he's not in the best of health," his moth-

er, Anna Sims, told The Star-Ledger of Newark on Tuesday. "When I saw him, he did not know me. He did not know his daughter. He did not know his brother."

Anna Sims said her son has been diagnosed with amnesia and schizophrenia. She did not disclose the hospital where he is being treated.

On an Associated Press list of 694 victims from New Jersey released last week, George Sims was listed as "reported missing" because there was no verification, other than a missing persons

report filed by his family, that Sims was a World Trade Center victim.

Family members said they believed Sims was "selling things" near the twin towers when the attacks occurred and, when they did not hear from him for a few weeks, they reported him missing to city police on Oct. 7.

While no one knows exactly where Sims was the day of the attacks or how he ended up at the hospital, his family remains hopeful that he will eventually recover and tell them what happened.

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