

Oklahoma approves injection executions

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Gov. David Boren's office indicated yesterday he would sign the lethal drug injection bill passed by the Oklahoma legislature if it is cleared by an attorney.

An aide said Boren had no objections to the bill's purpose but wanted legal counsel to check it. The bill provides for execution of criminals by a dual injection of drugs to put the victim to sleep and a second to kill.

The bill provides for execution by continuous, intravenous administration of a lethal quantity of an ultra-short-acting barbiturate in combination with a chemical paralytic agent. Death is pronounced. Sponsors of the method would result in death in less than five minutes.

The bill states that if the courts find the drug method unconstitutional, the state would revert to the electric chair. If both methods are found unconstitutional, the bill designates the firing squad as a second alternative.

Sponsors of the bill said lethal injections are more humane, calling the electric chair a "violent" method which would encourage further violence.

Opponents contended that lethal

drugs would not provide as much deterrence to crime as electrocution.

Rep. Bill Wiseman, R-Tulsa, commented, "I think we all know in our hearts we are proceeding in the proper way."

Fruit supplies mostly adequate

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WASHINGTON — The April supply of fresh winter pears is 50 percent greater than a year ago the U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its monthly "Food Marketing Alert" newsletter.

Most other fresh fruit supplies are only adequate.

The canned vegetable picture is better. The USDA reported plentiful supplies of canned sweet corn and canned green peas, up 29 and 45 percent respectively over the canners' 1973-75 average.

Frozen corn-on-the-cob and cut corn inventories were 39 and 11 percent above average for the same period.

Stocks of fresh potatoes were at a record high on March 1, seven percent above a year ago and four percent above the three-year average.

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Roaming poster-artist drawn to universities

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When Bob Waldmire visits a college town — and likes it — he's apt to return and spend a few months making a poster of the university.

Two years ago, Waldmire stopped in College Station while driving along the Gulf Coast. He walked through the Memorial Student Center, picked up a city map and a copy of the Battalion, and later decided to draw the school.

The small, bearded man wearing a hat and a t-shirt was in College Station last week to deliver his latest product: a pen-and-ink drawing of Texas A&M University.

Waldmire has illustrated 25 universities in 13 states, specializing in student-oriented posters of college towns.

The A&M poster, which Waldmire took four months to complete, shows several campus landmarks and shops of some of Bryan College Station merchants. Included are enough bits of Texas trivia, comical maps of the area and other material for hours of wall-gazing.

Waldmire was in College Station last week delivering copies to advertisers.

"I had a stack — maybe four or five inches high — of clippings and brochures that I used as reference materials," he said. "I don't do much research. It's already been done."

He doesn't consider himself an artist.

"An artist has a style, and I'm still trying to develop one," he said. Waldmire said he includes favorite photos, historical information and notes about the environment in every poster. And for the students, a three-year campus calendar.

He said he does most of his pencil-sketching "on location." He sits outside and draws each building, then compiles the sketches into

an area map. When it's raining or windy, he draws inside his car.

"I can't do this in cold weather," he said. "It involves living in my car, a Volkswagen squareback. I don't make enough to stay in motels."

He said he worked in two "studios" in College Station: a lounge in the MSC and a Northgate washateria.

"I had permission to put in all-nighters in the laudromat — inking," he said.

Waldmire did most of the drawing here, then completed the poster "back home in Illinois." He has his work reproduced by a "medium-sized printer that takes a lotta pride in their work."

He said he learns more from talking to people than from reading up on a university. His poster contains a graffiti-like "gallery" where about 60 A&M students have contributed drawings.

"The first calendar-poster I made, five years ago, was in Austin," he said. "I flooded the market with those posters, and the merchants couldn't give them away."

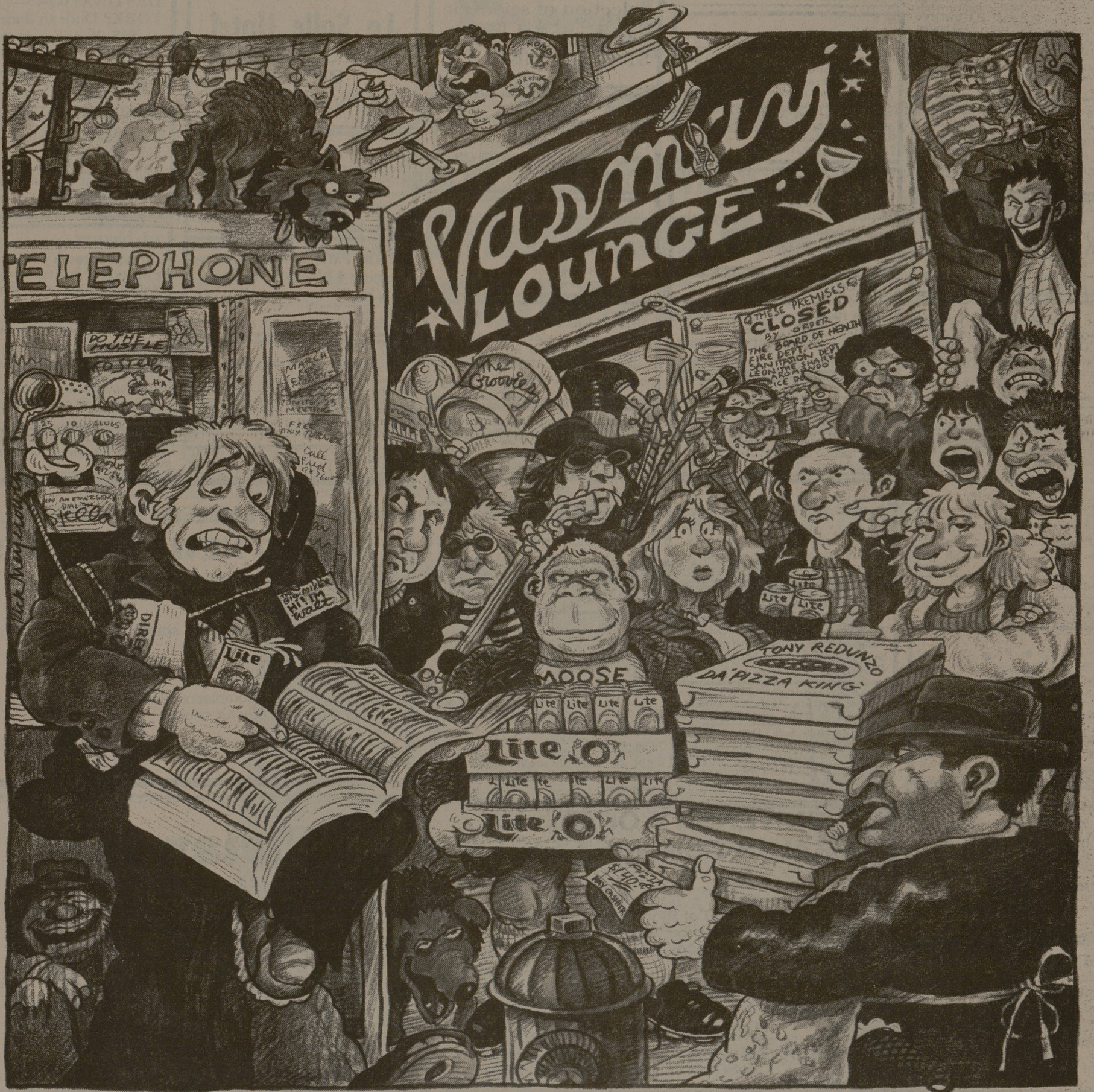
Now, he keeps the volume low — 1,800 posters — depending on how much money merchants spend on advertising and how many copies they order.

"I've made a lot of mistakes over the years. I've streamlined the operation."

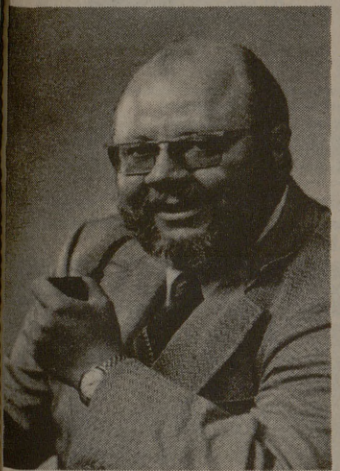
Waldmire, 32, was a zoology student at Southern Illinois University. He took a drawing course, became inspired by the work of an artist he met at school, and dropped out to begin illustrating college campuses.

His work includes posters of Amarillo, Tallahassee, Fla., and Laramie, Wyo. Bryan-College Station marks the half-way point towards his goal of 50 college posters.

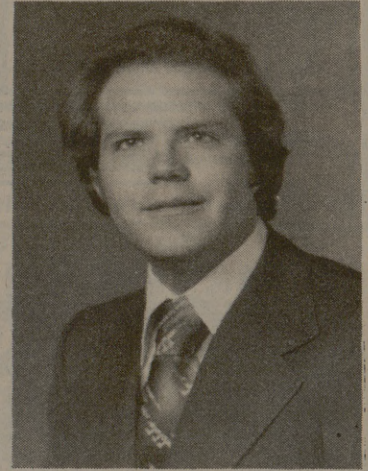
What happens after 50?
"I'd like to stay in one place and draw cartoons," he said.



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