

Heart disease may be inherited

A unique colony of dogs with congenital heart defects is being established here to aid medical studies at both Texas A&M University and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

The project just reached a major milestone with the birth of the first puppies bred from parents in the colony. One of the four young pups is thought to have a heart defect. After undergoing tests in Houston to confirm the condition, the puppy may eventually be able to create

other offspring with the same problem.

Such research, said Dr. David Cross of Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, will benefit both dogs and children.

Puppies may serve as stand-ins during experimental surgery techniques and basic physiology research since these types of studies cannot be conducted on babies with identical problems.

Information gathered from the studies will also benefit veterinarians and animal researchers

because little is known about the effects of certain heart defect treatments on dogs which actually have heart defects.

In the past, much of this research was conducted on normal dogs and the results are quite different.

Dogs with heart defects seldom live past two years and nature has built in other self-restraints among those animals with defects. They are poor reproducers and are more susceptible to maladies such as

pneumonia.

So it has been a struggle to establish a breeding colony. The current population of five was almost doubled with the arrival of the four puppies.

Now, with banks of frozen semen, the scientists will not have to keep males with certain defects in the colony indefinitely waiting for the right female. Should the male die, or be needed in other studies, its semen can be frozen for use later.

D.W.I. classes: 'I don't belong here'

By JAN BAILEY

"Excuse me... do you know where the... (in a low whisper)... D.W.I. class is being held?"

"What... (in a too loud voice)... Oh, you mean the drunk class. Sure, it's on the second floor of the courtroom."

My cheeks burn as I slip up the stairs. What if someone sees me here? All my friends will know. They will never believe my story. I don't belong here.

I sit in a pew-like bench near the front of the room. Everyone is staring at me, I can feel it. Yet when I turn they're all looking straight ahead. There are 33 of us in the room, but we're each very much alone. A few seem to have friends here and they make idle chatter, but even they seem alone—their voices drift off and they stare at the blank screen at the front of the room.

No one wants to be here. This is no PTA meeting. This is a class for people who have been convicted of drinking while intoxicated, or as it's more commonly known, D.W.I. Usually on the first conviction the judge sentences you to probation and assesses a fine. Both the length of probation and the amount fined vary. The maximum penalty for this

first offense, a misdemeanor, is six months in jail or \$1,000 fine, or both. Most here received considerably less than that. Many had to spend the night in jail while they sobered up and their bond was posted. And as part of their probation they have to attend this class.

Since this is a misdemeanor and a first offense, this D.W.I. does not go on your driving record. When you get off probation there will be no record that the crime was ever committed. But two more D.W.I. convictions in the next five years will add up to a felony.

Jim Harris strolls into this room in the Brazos County Courthouse. He's a community alcoholism counselor for the Brazos Valley Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center and he directs this class. He is followed by a probation officer who records everyone's name. If you're on probation and you miss a class you have to make it up. You also have to tell your probation officer why you are not going to be there. The class begins at 7 p.m. sharp; if you arrive after 7:15 you're counted absent and you must make up the class.

A few mumble about the rules. I mumble along with the rest. I am a reporter. I am not on proba-

tion. I have not been convicted driving while intoxicated.

Over the next four weeks I'll be reminded myself of these facts, become more concerned over my own drinking habits. Over the four weeks there will be many times I want to jump and scream, "But not like the rest of you. I shouldn't be here."

I soon find that everyone else in the room feels the same way. After Jim introduces himself, explains the purpose of the class and is bombarded with questions.

"Why do we have to come to these things? I know a man who's had D.W.I.s and he's never had a problem," complains an old man named Khaki.

"Why did I have to stay in jail last night, when I know a fellow who's out in a couple of hours?" another asks.

"The 'I know a man...' question buzz like flies. No one wants to be here. But if they do have to be here, why doesn't everyone else who's committed the same crime?"

Jim doesn't have any pat answers. Besides, most of these people want answers. They want to know what they did wrong. (see "No one" page 9)

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Hypnosis helps police solve crimes in Israel

United Press International

LONDON — When Israeli police found the bomb in the bus, the driver said he had no idea how it could have been placed aboard his vehicle. The Criminal Identification Division of the Israeli police then called in a psychotherapist.

Under hypnosis, Israeli police experts related in an article in the Journal of Forensic Science, the driver was able to reconstruct the entire route "and report every small event and detail which took place.

"He reported that upon arriving at a certain bus stop a dark-skinned youth entered the bus carrying a parcel. When the driver handed him his change he noticed a cold sweat on the young man's palm. Therefore, during hypnosis, he pointed out the youth as being a likely suspect.

"Although the driver only faced the youth for the short period of time needed to sell him a ticket, he was able to reconstruct an Identikit portrait. At a later date a suspect, whose description perfectly fitted the Identikit portrait, was arrested and confessed to the crime," the article said.

The Israelis marked their article "preliminary communication" — meaning it is subject to still more experimentation. They also cautioned that the technique should only be used on witnesses or victims who wish to cooperate fully and never on suspects except at their specific request and in the presence of an attorney.

From the 40 cases thus far studied, the authors of the article said, it appears that hypnosis may be a potential tool to elicit essential information providing it is used by experts and the questioning relates to meaningful material.

The two techniques used to achieve "hyperamnesia" — memory recall greater than that achieved in a non-hypnotic state — are "age regression" and "revivification."

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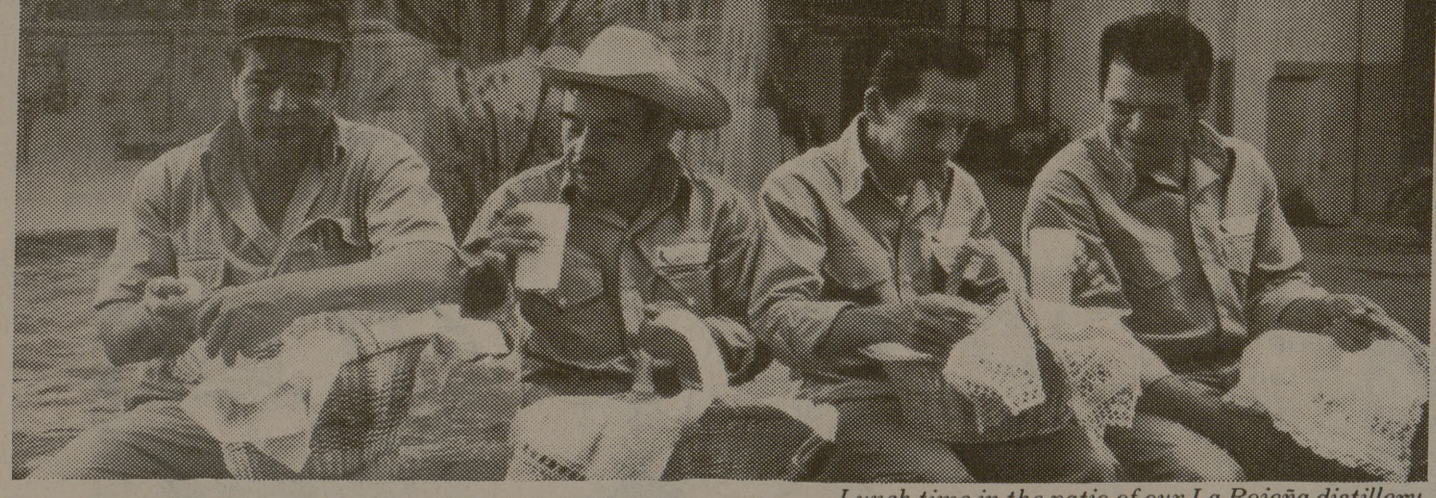
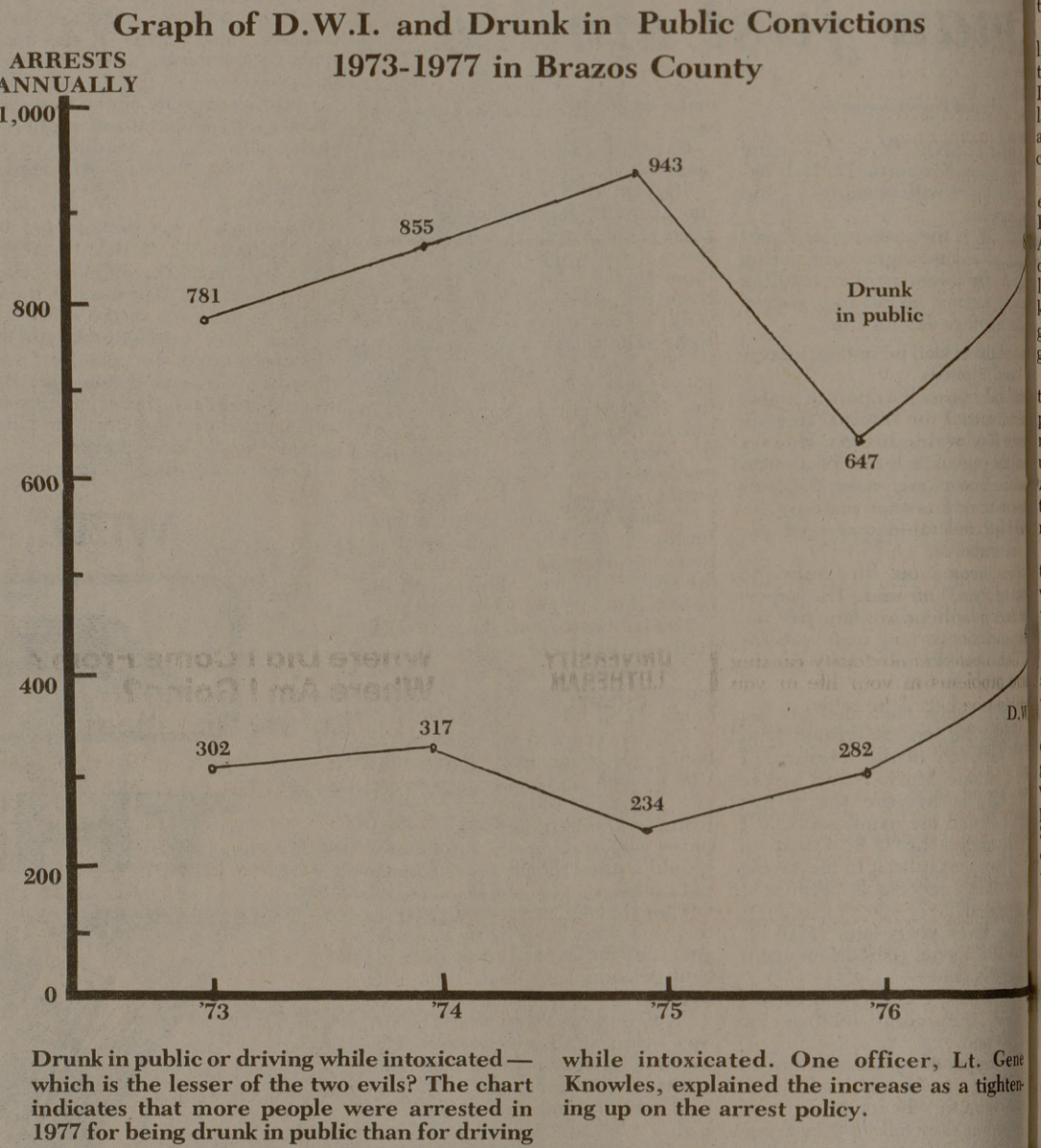
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 - A Clockwise Orange_____
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 - House of Wax_____
 - The 7th Voyage of Sinbad_____
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 - The Deadly Mantis_____
 - Dr. Strangelove_____
 - Omega Man (Charlton Heston)_____
 - Abbot & Costello meet Frankenstein_____
 - First Men in the Moon_____
 - Them_____
 - Fantastic Voyage_____
 - Satin Bug_____
 - Destroy All Monsters_____
 - Spirit of the Dead (E.A. Poe's)_____

Please return all film polls to room 216 of the MSC. There will be a special box for film polls in the Cepheid Variable cubicle. There will also be a film poll box next to the Aggie Cinema movie flat on the first floor of the MSC. Thanks for helping us. Deadline: Wednesday, April 19