

'Old Sparky' gone, but more may die

HUNTSVILLE — Changes in Texas' death penalty law have brought changes at the place of execution. Death row is growing again, but "Old Sparky" has quietly retired to be replaced by a lethal syringe.

Texas has not executed anyone since a 1964 Supreme Court ruling voided most capital punishment laws. For a while, the death row population was relatively stable. But under new law, it's growing again. And appeals are running out.

"We originally had the one cellblock," Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Ron Taylor said. "We've had to expand to another cellblock and when we reach 120, we will have to expand to a third cellblock."

The Texas inmate-built electric chair, in which 361 capital criminals died between 1924 and 1964, has been crated and stored without fanfare somewhere at TDC's Huntsville headquarters.

Mary Lou Anderson, 35, of Lake Charles, La., currently is the only woman in Texas on death row. She

is being housed in a special section of the Goree Women's unit five miles south of Huntsville.

Taylor said currently 98 men are on death row at Ellis, but at least 11 more have been sentenced to die and are in county jails around Texas waiting to be sent to Huntsville.

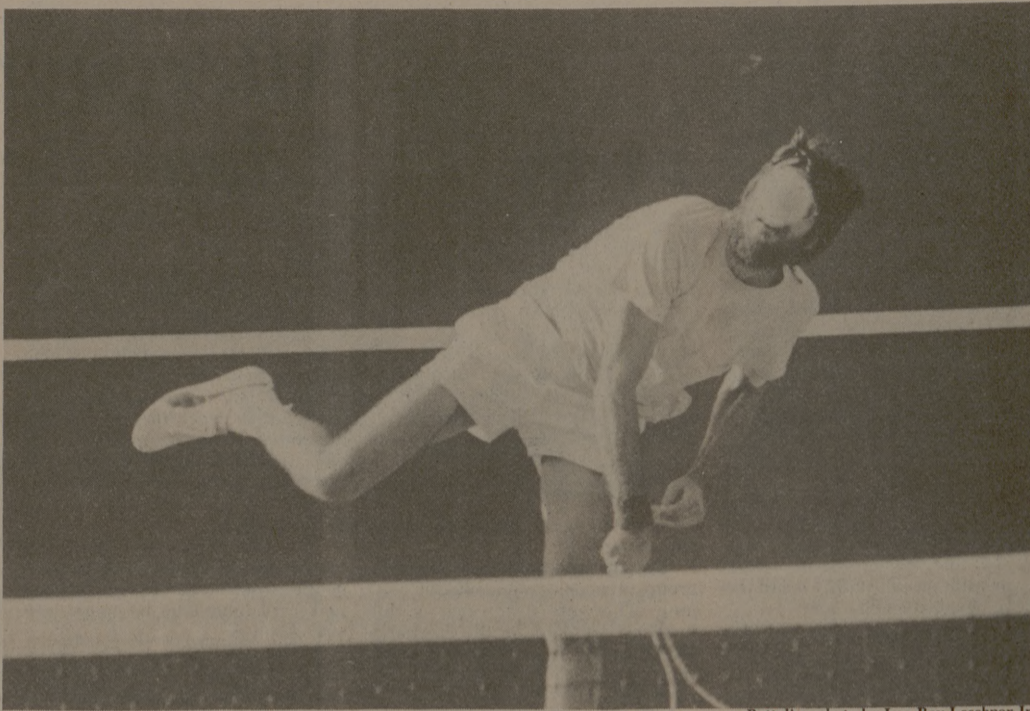
"The officials are trying to keep track of the announced death sentences, which we have not received," he said. "We originally had the one cellblock. We've had to expand to another cellblock and when we reach 120, we will have to expand to a third cellblock."

All inmates on death row are individually housed.

Taylor said the state's first death by injection could come "some time in 1979."

"It will be the consequence of timing, rather than a shift in philosophy," he predicted. "It's simply a matter of the inmates on death row. They are getting to the point where their appeal opportunities are severely curtailed."

"There's a fairly high probability that in 1979, there could very well be an execution in Texas."



Keeping his eye on the ball?

Student Scott Mc Kercher isn't being hit by a tennis ball, as it appears here. The camera just happened to catch the ball at the moment

passed in front of his face after his serve. He was playing tennis Sunday morning at the Bryan High School tennis courts.

Entire town celebrates end of 8-year battle

11-year-old boy survives, conquers leukemia

SHEEP RANCH, Calif. — The whole town sipped champagne Saturday as it watched the ceremonial burning of 40 left-over syringes to commemorate the victory of an 11-year-old boy over the leukemia he has battled for eight years.

It was a celebration of life unlike any party this Mother Lode community in the Sierra foothills has

seen in a century of existence. The hero was Stephen Keuning, a towhead whose lymphoblastic leukemia was discovered just in the nick of time.

"The doctor told us that if we had waited much longer, it would have been too late," said the boy's mother, Nancy Kizer. "One cell, if untreated, can kill a rat in 60 days and a human being in six weeks."

Ever since then, until three months ago, Steve has undergone chemotherapy. From now on, the treatment will only be occasional bone marrow tests to determine if his remission is holding.

"I think he's got a better than 50 percent chance, and maybe as high as 80 percent, of being in permanent remission," Dr. William Thayer said.

Except for nine arm and leg fractures, caused by drugs that weakened the bones, Steve has led a near-normal life. He earns money to buy photographic supplies with a parttime job feeding horses.

"He deserves the biggest party I can think of," Mrs. Kizer said. "I decided that if he made it, I was going to throw one heck of a party for him because he's just a super kid."

For the occasion, the population of Sheep Ranch swelled from 50 to 250 by guests milling around the 100-year-old Pioneer Hotel playing horseshoes and nibbling homemade ice cream, apples, cheese and turkey casserole in flower pots they can take home.

For Steve, there was only one slight disappointment. Because the big event was coming, he didn't get his normal birthday party in July.

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500 believed in GSA fraud

WASHINGTON — About 500 government employees and their associates in at least 20 cities are believed to be involved in the snowballing corruption scandal at the General Services Administration, sources said Saturday.

The sources predicted the list of cities would lengthen in the weeks ahead and the number of persons involved in the investigation would more than double.

"We believe the real count will be between 1,100 and 1,300 people when this whole thing is opened up," one congressional investigator said.

GSA Special Counsel Vincent Alto has estimated the agency is losing more than \$66 million a year because of fraud. He said the figure soars to more than \$100 million if mismanagement and waste is included.

Based solely on the amount of money involved, the widespread GSA fraud is believed to be

the single biggest scandal in government's history.

Grand juries are investigating charges in Baltimore, Washington and Boston, Manchester, N.H., New York City, Puerto Rico, Bayonne and Newark, N.J.

Still other investigations are in Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso, Denver, Missouri, Honolulu and San Pedro and Santa Ana, Calif.

The building, leasing and supply agency, which has a budget of nearly \$5 billion a year and employs more than 36,000 people, has been battered by discrediting corruption for more than 18 months.

The allegations of payroll kickbacks and other fraudulent practices include stealing GSA supplies and payment for work never done by corrupt contractors and fraudulent use of government credit cards by federal employees.

UTSA coed may be released soon

TEL AVIV — The lawyer for a former University of Texas at San Antonio coed convicted on spying charges said Saturday she hopes her client will be set free in the near future.

"I do not know, but I hope it is true," said Felicia Langer, who defended one-time Kuwait Airways stewardess Terri Fleener in a trial that resulted in a five-year sentence.

She said she expects to hear by Monday of the fate of the 23-year-old San Antonio, who has been in jail since her arrest at the El Guorion airport last Oct. 25.

Fleener was convicted of conveying information to the enemy, conspiracy and rendering service to an illegal organization.

After the verdict and sentence were upheld by a higher court, Langer appealed for clemency to President Itzhak Navon.

She said she asked congressmen from Texas as well as Ohio and Kentucky, where Miss Fleener's parents live, to send petitions for their own.

"I am sure they did so," she said. "She really hasn't done anything wrong."

Fleener was convicted Jan. 9, 1978 by the Tel Aviv district court after a secret trial. She was accused of intending to take pictures as part of a scouting mission from Arab guerrillas.

Cancer-causer DES cannot be reduced in animals, judge says

WASHINGTON — A Food and Drug Administration judge has ruled that the growth-stimulating chemical DES causes cancer and there is no way to reduce the animal feed additive to safe levels.

FDA administrative law judge Daniel Davidson issued the ruling Friday, but the agency said it would give DES producers 50 days to respond. After that, FDA Commissioner Donald Kennedy will make a decision.

The FDA has been trying for six years to ban DES as a feed additive and implant since 1972, but the

U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington ruled that the FDA could not act until it held a hearing.

Davidson held the hearing according to FDA officials, ruling that DES causes cancer in man or animals.

—DES causes cancer and there is no known amount below which it can be shown not to cause cancer in man or animals.

—The existence of DES in animal feeds has been sufficient to establish that it causes cancer in man or animals.

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