

# A&M needs FDA okay to test glaucoma drugs

Testing has been requested on drugs that could treat glaucoma on a few of the side effects of plaque victims who presently use other medication. Medical researchers at Texas A&M University are waiting for Federal Drug Administration approval to begin testing on human volunteers.

Research leader George C.Y. Chiu, head of medical pharmacology at Texas A&M, says demethylcarbachol, or DMC, has proved to be as good as other drugs on the market in tests with dogs and developed glaucoma.

DMC also has the added benefit of producing few of the undesirable effects such as eye irritation and pupil contraction, adds Chiu.

Chiu and graduate student John Liu also want to explore a combined dosage of DMC and another drug already on the market, timolol. Each has reduced side effects, but works in a different manner.

The researchers believe tests could show that a combined dosage of each drug could be obtained with few if any side effects.

Glaucoma is caused by buildup of

pressure in the fluid of the eye. Untreated, the pressure eventually deadens the optic nerve head, resulting in blindness.

Regular eye checkups and attention to such symptoms as sore eyes and blurred vision will help detect the disease. A simple medical test can confirm it.

Although glaucoma usually occurs in persons over age 40, Chiu says it can develop in people as young as 20.

# Chips are down; Carter pair splits

WASHINGTON — Chip and Caron Carter, the president's son and daughter-in-law, Monday announced they have separated.

Caron and the couple's son, James Earl Carter IV, will move back to Georgia from the White House, according to a statement issued through the office of Rosalynn Carter.

Chip, the president's second eldest son, will remain at the White House and continue working for the Democratic National Committee.

No reason was given for the separation. It was announced there would be no further public comment from any member of the family.

"They know that their friends respect their decision to make no further comment," the statement said.

The couple was married in 1973. Chip is 28. Caron, 27, is from Hawkinsville, Ga.


Rumors of marital problems have circulated for some time. In the summer of 1977, Chip and Caron separated for a weekend, but later moved back to Plains, Ga., where Chip worked at the family's peanut warehouse during the harvest season.

Jeff, the Carters' third son, and his wife, Annette, still live at the White House. Annette is on a Friendship Force trip to Europe with her mother at present.

The Carters' oldest son, Jack, and his wife, Judy, live in Calhoun, Ga., and are expecting their second child.

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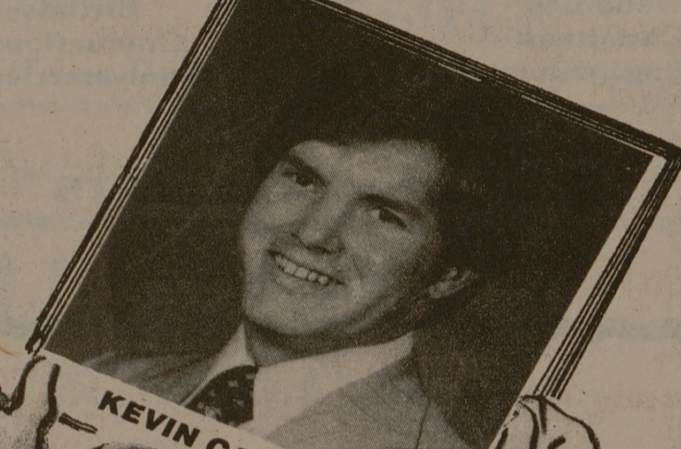
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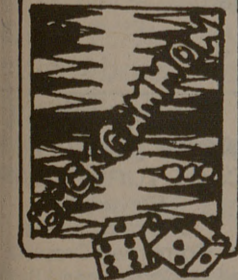
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