

Parents risk arrest to return

# Leukemia victim back in U.S.

HOUSTON — Chad, the 10-year-old Massachusetts leukemia victim whose parents went to court to return to Mexico to control his treatment, made a face at the reporters he met during a brief visit to the United States.

"I'm fine," he laughed before slipping back into the hospital for a television appearance Wednesday despite a contempt of court order for refusing to let Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital treat Chad's leukemia.

Chad's lawyer, George Donovan, assured them they would not be arrested.

Massachusetts Judge Guy Volterra issued the contempt citation after the Greens took Chad to Mexico Jan. 23. Chad since has had chemotherapy and vitamin treatment, which American doctors opposed.

Donovan urged the Greens to return home, arguing future court orders appeared likely to run in their favor. The Greens said they would return to Mexico to consider it, but Donovan late Wednesday said he believes he convinced them to return to Massachusetts before March 1.

"I guess I'd like to go back if we could get some peace," Mrs. Green said. "In my personal opinion, it would be very hard to go back to face the same kind of court order."

Green, a former welder temporarily living on donations, and his wife and son appeared with Donovan on a talk show hosted by Phil Donahue and taped for delayed broadcast over 158 stations.

Mrs. Green said Chad, a legal ward of the state of Massachusetts, was in his second remission — temporary disappearance of symptoms — with lymphocytic leukemia.

Although he has cancer of the blood and bone marrow, she said

"he has never stopped gaining weight and growing" on the Laetrile-vitamin treatment, unlike traditional chemotherapy alone which made him ill.

The Greens said they now approved the chemotherapy they formerly opposed, but they still believed chemicals should be supplemented with Laetrile, vitamins and minerals.

"At that time, we were completely against chemotherapy," Mrs. Green said. "We saw the suffering it caused. As it turns out, that's what everybody says he needs — just with the supplement."

Donovan said Volterra's position had softened because an appeals court criticized his tentative ruling in the case.

"We don't have a decision in the case yet. Judge Volterra is aware of what his superior judge, what the appeals court, has said and he has to pay attention to that. It could have a bearing (on the final ruling)," Donovan said.

"We're not trying to tell the medical profession how to practice medicine. What we're saying is parents are as qualified to call the shots based on advice ... as somebody sitting on the bench."

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# Divers discover sunken Aransus

BATHAM, Mass. — It was only luck. A group of amateur divers were just poking around the murky waters off Cape Cod when they came upon the wreck of the Aransus — a passenger steamer that sank 74 years ago in a collision with a barge.

Since last September the team of divers has been salvaging artifacts from the twisted wreckage that has lain on the ocean floor since May 1905.

The divers say they have discovered quite a few wrecks, but none as exciting as the Aransus.

Tom Fish, an employee of a Falmouth firm which manufactures oceanographic equipment, says he has spent a lot of time in the library trying to trace the Aransus's history.

His main diving partner, Arnold Bellingham, an employee with the state Department of Marine Fisheries, said the Aransus was strictly an insurance ship.

They said they were using sonar

equipment to locate another vessel thought to have gone down in the area when they found the Aransus in water 65-feet deep.

The iron-hulled, 241-foot steamer was en route from Boston to New York on a foggy Sunday morning when it sailed over a tugboat's towline. Trailing 200 feet behind the tug was the coal-laden barge Glendower. The Glendower continued on through, crashing into the Aransus's engine room.

One passenger died on the Aransus, but another 100 passengers and crew escaped in the 15 minutes before she sank.

Carr said they may dive to the wreck again in the spring. He has his eye on the ship's wheel. Right now it is sticking very invitingly out of the sand.

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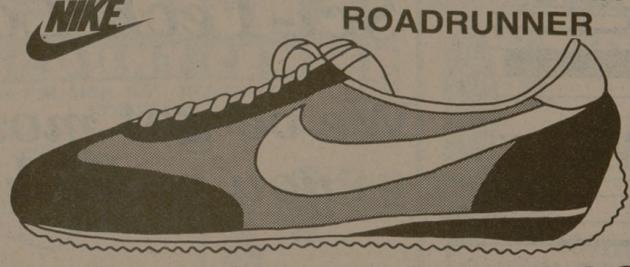
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Pinney, 33, took a correspondence course in income tax of photographs offered under Waupun can Queen, the Prison's educational program.

The indictment said Pinney, serving term for forgery, used knowledge gained from the course to fill out forms and file five false returns for tax refunds.

The Internal Revenue Service sent one check to Pinney at the prison, but computers discovered the error before other checks could be mailed.

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