## Venom treatment possible for arthritis

The publication said the venom

treatments for arthritis and multiple

sclerosis were provided by two physicians, Dr. Ben J. Shepard, 77, a

United Press International
ATLANTA, Ga. — The government is considering a request to test
for the first time a controversial snake venom treatment for two incurable diseases - arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Frederic C. McDuffie, senior vice president for medical affairs for the Arthritis Foundation, said a qualified physician has been identified to perform the tests on a group of patients with rheumatoid arthritis "if

funds for necessary laboratory tests ida because of restrictions imposed are provided and drug approval comby the FDA.

McDuffie also said medical authorities from the Food and Drug Administration, the Arthritis Foundation and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society plan to meet soon to work out details for the testing.

The snake venom treatments, which use venom from two poisonous Asian snakes — the cobra and the krait — are available only in Flor-

The foundation said controlled scientific trials have not been conducted on the treatments. Patient

testimonials, however, have gained extensive publicity.

One out of every seven Americans has arthritis and the foundation says a million new victims are added each year. Sufferers of these crippling ailments include 250,000 children.

general practitioner who operates a clinic in Miami, and Dr. Murray Sanders of Boca Raton, Fla. The venom is supplied by William McDuffie's comments were car-Haast, whose Serpentarium is a

ried in the inaugural issue of the foundation's new quarterly news-paper, "The National Arthritis

According to the foundation newspaper, both doctors were offering varieties of the cobra venom treatment to sufferers of arthritis, multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's

Haast and Sheppard applied in August 1979 for approval of the venom treatments as an "investiga-tional new drug." Hearings on the application were held in Washington

considering authorizing tests of the

The foundation publication said the venom treatments may not be completely harmless.

'Doctors Sheppard and Sanders have not performed scientificallyvalid tests to prove their effectiveness, and manufacturing methods used to produce the venom, according to inspection reports issued by

The dramatic improvement by some recipients of the veno not be an improvement at at the foundation, but rather are remission of the disease.

Foundation spokesmens however, medical authorities tate to discount the possibility cobra venom may provide a pote remedy for some forms of the

(Except Pudding Mixes)

### Man indicted for sex abuse

United Press International HOUSTON — A former children's home manager, against whom homosexual child abuse charges were dropped two weeks ago, has been indicted on new charges of

compelling child prostitution.

Robert Cuellar, former supervisor
of the Harris County Burnett-Bayland Home for Children, was indicted on the new charges last week but the indictments were withheld

until Monday.
Prosecutor Chuck Rosenthal said the first charges — 14 counts of sex-ual activity with boys aged 14 to 16 were dropped because of weaknes-ses in stories told by teen-age com-plaintants and, in one instance, be-

cause a boy disappeared.
Rosenthal said the two new child prostitution charges arose from some of the same alleged incidents.

### Parents to get \$ settlement in son's death

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental
Retardation will pay \$75,000 to the
amily of an autistic youth who died at Austin State Hospital, lawyers

familiar with the case said.

The MHMR Department also has agreed to revise its rules for the reatment of autistic patients, said Mack Kidd, attorney for the family of Michael Shipley, 16. Shipley died at the state hospital in July while re-ceiving heavy doses of tranquilizers.

Shipley had been in the ste hospital since November, 1976. An autopsy determined he died from swallowing his own vomit and from heart

An investigation determined the boy also received insufficient attention by medical personnel, that he was given Thorazine in amounts above those recommended, and that the department had a general inability to care for autistic patients.

Attorney General Mark White declined to confirm the cash settlement reportedly agreed to by the state and attorneys for the Shipley family. "There have been some offers

made, but no settlement reached, White said. "But I'm not saying that

that dollar amount is inaccurate. One participant in the negotia-tions said MHMR agreed to the set-

tlement to avoid a court battle. "I think that the state preferred to pay the money and correct conditions than have us file a major lawsuit protesting treatment throughout the entire system," said Dayle Bebee, executive director of Advocacy Inc., a federally-funded organization campaigning for rights of the hand-

icapped.

The agreed settlement in the case is expected to incorporate many of the recommendations of the MHMR investigation into the boy's death, including increased staff-to-patient

the use of drugs.

The proposed agreement will be presented to the MHMR board when it meets Friday.

### **Energy talks** in Kingsville

United Press International
AUSTIN — Representatives of both government and industry in the United States and Mexico will participate in an International Conference on Energy Thursday and Fri-lay at Texas A&I University in

Kingsville. Dr. Duane M. Leach, president of Texas A&I, told a news conference at he Capitol Tuesday more than 100 Mexican representatives were ex-pected for the two-day seminar to liscuss energy problems common to

both countries. Speakers for the conference will nclude Robert Krueger, ambassalor-at-large and U.S. Coordinator or Mexican Affairs; Dr. Charles Ebinger, director of the program on Energy National Security; G. Dan Rambo of the regional Department of Energy office in Dallas, and Frederico Price of Monterrey, Mex-

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace also is to speak, along vith Carlos Castillo of Pemex, the

Mexican national oil company. The conference is sponsored by Texas A&I, Instituto Tecnologico y le Eustudios Superiores de Monterey, and the Texas Good Neighbor Commission.

# NEW LOW PRICES



Treat yourself this week to extra savings with our own Safeway Brand products,

the top of our line, equal to or some-

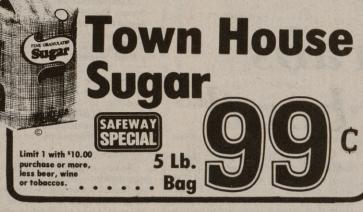
times better than comparable national brand products. And, generally cost

you less! Look for the red S on the

label, on such products as Town House, Manor House, Bel-Air, Mrs. Wright's,

White Magic and many more! It's your

assurance of getting our finest quality!



**Scotch Buy** 

**Soft Spread** 

Scotch Buy Mrs. Wright's **Cake Mixes** BISCULT MIX

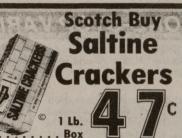




Town House Tomato









### SAFEWAY FINEST-QUALITY PRODUCE! Mushrooms



Fresh **Country Stand** 

### Beautiful Plants and Flowers!

表现的 10 年 12 日本 12	
Navel Oranges 3 Lbs. \$1	Cactus Assorted
Red Delicious Apples Washington, Extra Fancy	5" Pot \$ 1 0 0
Pineapple Fach 79¢	Similar to Hustration
Pears Lb. 39¢	Mums
Grapefruit 8 For \$ 1	Foil-Wrapped 6" Pot Each
Large Tomatoes	Lettuce
Vine RipenedLb. 390	Iceberg Head Each C

Carrots (2 Lb. Pkg37°)		1 Lb. T	04
(2 Lb. Pkg37°)	 	Pkg.	
Cabbage		7	20
Cabbage Crisp, Green	 	. Lb.	1
Green Onions  By-the-bunch	 	) For	

**Russet Potatoes** 8 Lb. 99¢ Apples Raisins

## **EVERYDAY LOW PRICES . . . PLUS SPECIALS!**



Scotch Buy Scotch Buy Tomato



Instant Potatoes Town 16 Oz. 65th House . Pkg. 65th New Potatoes House Sweet Peas East Texas Fair . . Mushrooms Town House Whole Kernel Corn Scotch Buy 16 Oz. 29¢ Bathroom Tissue Scotch Buy ... Cookies Sandwich, 24 Oz. 79¢

Hot Roll Mix Wright's ..... Pkg. 59 Snackin Cake Wright Coconut Town House 15 Oz. 29¢ 4 0z. 48¢ 10 Oz. 55¢ Toaster Pastries Ho Quick Oats Safeway . Box 55° 18 Oz. 77¢ Corn Flakes Safewar 15 Oz. 85¢ Taste-O's Cereal Safeway Salad Oil NuMade 48 Oz. \$1.88 Dairy-Deli Foods!

**Bakery Treats!** Mrs. Wright's **English Muffins** 6 Count

Crushed Wheat Mrs. Wright's. Mrs. Wright's Buns Hamburger, 13 Oz. 8 Ct. 3 \$1 Hot Dog, 11 Oz. ... Pkg. 3 for

Lucerne Colby Cheese Midget, Safeway Everyday Low Price

Canned Biscuits Mrs. Wright Margarine Scotch Buy Pecan Twirls Wright's... Cheese Spread Breeze Imital Processed.

#### STOCK UP WITH THESE FROZEN FAVORITES!

**Kitchen Treat** 6 Oz. Pkgs. Fried Chicken House ... Box 1.99 Orange Juice Scotch Buy, Frozen .... 6 0z. 33¢ Glazed Donuts Bel-air ... 90z. 69¢

Everything you want from a store