

GRE answers now available

Students who took the Graduate Records Examinations Aptitude Test on Jan. 12 can now obtain a copy of the questions used in that test and a list of the correct answers.

Although sample tests have been available for many years, this is the first time that the questions and answers of the GRE have been disclosed immediately following a national test administration.

A 40-page booklet was released March 15 containing the questions that were counted toward the actual scores, a list of correct answers, in-

structions for obtaining "raw" scores and a table for finding scaled scores reported for the test. The booklet also includes a description of the test and explanations of the kinds of questions asked.

The booklet costs \$2 per copy. For \$3.50 examinees can also obtain a photocopy of their answer sheet.

ATLANTA — Medical researchers hope to use two anti-virus drugs — amantadine and interferon — to combat allergies in some children.

Dr. Oscar L. Frick, professor of pediatrics at the University of California in San Francisco, and fellow researcher Dr. John Mills, believe

there is a link between virus infections in certain children and subsequent allergic reactions. The theory is that virus infections trigger allergies in children born into families of allergic parents.

Frick believes that once the connection between virus illnesses and allergic reactions is fully understood,

"We will be able to prevent the start of the allergic reaction by taking the drug approach — using amantadine and interferon — to prevent the virus infection in those who are at risk."

Amantadine is a drug known to be effective in preventing certain types of influenza. Interferon is a natural

material manufactured in tiny amounts by body cells to combat virus infection.

Frick and Mills discussed their research findings at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Allergy.

Frick said if both parents are allergic, there is a 75 percent chance their

children will also become allergic. There is a 50 percent chance the allergy will develop in the first few years, usually following a virus infection.

The conclusions reached by Frick and Mills were based on two separate studies.

Clements promotes festivities

United Press International
AUSTIN — Celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of Texas should promote the state's unique history and spirit, Gov. Bill Clements said Tuesday.

Clements urged the newly formed Texas Sesquicentennial Commission to draft plans for activities to make outsiders more aware of the quality of life in Texas and Texans' self-sufficient attitude.

"I believe our celebration of our 150th anniversary will demonstrate our uniqueness," Clements told the 24-member commission. "It's a marvelous opportunity to put our best foot forward."

Clements spoke at the organizational meeting of the new agency created by the 1979 Legislature to organize activities celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Texas in 1836 and the state's progress since joining the Union in 1845.

"What started here 150 years ago has resulted and will result in the future in the kind of state that we all want and one that we have enormous pride in," Clements said.

Secretary of State George W. Strake Jr. administered oaths to the new commission members and urged the group to "bring out the things that this state has done, point out the way we've overcome our handicaps."

Strake said promoting the "optimism and can-do attitude of Texas that is so much more prevalent here than it is in the East" could help revitalize America.

'Human Fry' sits in ketchup

United Press International
LAFAYETTE, La. — Rip Howell calls himself the "Human French Fry" — and with good reason.

The 23-year-old geology major at the University of Southwestern Louisiana Tuesday began his quest for a footnote in the Guinness Book of World Records — the first man to sit in a tub of ketchup for 34 hours.

"I'm totally insane," Howell said Tuesday in a telephone interview. "I'm just crazy enough to do it."

As he squatted into a 31-gallon tub of ketchup 8 a.m. Tuesday, the Pineville native was covered with the red sauce up to his waist.

Howell said he plans to remain in the tub until 6 o'clock tonight, raising pledges for muscular dystrophy. There is no existing world record for a ketchup squat, he said.

"There's been no itching so far," Howell said. "The doctors said it may stain my skin a bit but it should only last for a week or two. It probably won't be permanent. But who knows?"

Three killed by Basques

United Press International
BILBAO, Spain — A young gunman shot an insurance and shipping executive to death Tuesday in what appeared to be the third assassination by Basque separatist guerrillas in less than 24 hours.

The victim, Count Enrique Aresti Urien, 62, was shot once in the back of the head as he climbed the stairs to his office, authorities said.

Police said they recovered the shell of a 9-mm S.F. Parabellum bullet, the kind of ammunition most often used by ETA (Basque Land and Liberty) guerrillas.

The killing was carried out in the style of ETA guerrillas, believed responsible for 21 of Spain's 31 political assassinations so far this year.

Authorities said the gunman placed an "out-of-order" sign on the elevator in Aresti's office building and ambushed him on the stairs.

Suspected ETA guerrillas Monday night killed a jeweler with right-wing political sympathies, and a marble cutter accused in the past of being a police informer.

Aresti was vice president of the Union and the Phoenix insurance company, manager of its Basque subsidiary Maura y Aresti, S.A., and a shipping agent for the port of Bilbao.

The assassinations were the first in the strife-torn provinces of northern Spain since Basques elected their first home-rule Parliament March 9.

Virus, allergy may be linked

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