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Date rapes not uncommon today

Battalion Reporter had noticed Greg in class. She thought he was goodng and seemed like a real nice guy. So she was very ed when he asked her out.

hey went out to eat and to a movie and Jan was having a at time. They stopped at a park on the way home to "talk,"

of a sudden, Greg grabbed her, twisted her arm and hed her down in the seat of the car. Jan tried to fight back she was no match for him.

told her it was now her turn to "pay up" for the evening.

he proceeded to rape her. nusual and far fetched? Things like that just don't happen It not only happens here, says District Attorney Travis an, but 10 percent of the rapes in Brazos County are date

cording to statistics, the victim knows the man who ulted her in nearly 50 percent of the estimated half million s reported yearly in this country. Not all rapes are re-ed, and people who work in rape counseling believe that najority of these unreported assaults are also committed meone the victim knew.

common mistaken belief is that "If you knew him, you show invited it," said Kerry Hope, a counselor for the onal Counseling Service.

you do not know the person, you are taking a risk, Hope But no one thinks she is going to be raped.

is person, she explained.
in 100 Ke. "With any rape, you feel a sense of loss," Hope said, "and a leading amount of grief."

In a date rape situation "you deal with a lot more guilt,"

All rape victims, she said, encounter four stages of grief reactions: 1) denial that it has happened; 2) depression (feeling helpless and hopeless); 3) anger, and 4) resolution-acceptance

of what has happened. Research has found that when something like this occurs between ages 19 and 29 it affects the young adults' trust in others, independence, motivation, sense of self-worth and the image of their place in society. This trauma is likely to affect their lifestyle and plans for the future. Their bonding and intimacy potential also suffer. Rape trauma is caused because rape is primarily a life-threatening act of violence where sex is used as the weapon.

One of the biggest problems prosecutors have with rape

victims is their not reporting it.

"They feel as if they ve done something wrong and that it's their fault," said Assistant District Attorney Hank Payne. Nothing is further from the truth. FBI Crime Reports show that unreported rapes outweigh reported rapes 20 to 1.

"Reasons for not reporting rape include fear of retribution from the man (especially if she knew him), horror stories and

wanting to forget it," counselor Hope said.

Another reason a woman might not report rape, Hope said, is that its sexual nature puts it in a very sensitive area. By contrast, a physical assault would be easier to report because there is nothing sexual about it.

"Rape is not a sex crime," Payne said. "It is a violent one. The only sexual part about it is the sex act itself. The only crime

more serious to me would possibly be capital murder."

Rape, according to the Texas penal code, is when a person

has sexual intercourse with a female not his wife, without the female's consent.

Prosecutors in the Brazos County area have been standardizing procedures that will make prosecution and conviction easier, Payne said.

They are standardizing the procedures used in dealing with rape victims. Now they are given a set series of tests when they arrive at a hospital, Payne said. These tests are not new, but are improvements on the old procedures.

"We are trying to educate the medical personnel as to the importance of the chain of custody," Payne said. In the past, that has been a problem. Chain of custody is a record of where and who collected the evidence. It helps validate the evidence and establish that it has not been tampered with, often a

critical question when the case goes to trial.

"We want to use every possible tool to aid in conviction," Payne said. "We are not qualified, but the medical profession

More than a dozen men have been tried for rape over the last two years in the county and all have been convicted.

Even though prosecution is vigorous and incidence is low at Texas A&M, the fear of rape can have bad effects. Uncertainty about campus security can scare women out of attending extracurricular activities scheduled at night or using the library and athletic facilities.

No on-campus rapes have been reported from students this year, said Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services. Five were reported last year, one occurring on campus.

That incident took place on the jogging track behind the president's home, Koldus said. Since then, lights have been added to deter any further attacks.

Texas company gives 'Chinadillos

HOUSTON — Four armadillos - a "racing" model from Fredericksburg and three captured in West Texas - were shipped to the Peking Zoo Thursday as a gift to the Chinese people from a Texas oil equipment service company.

One of the problems with armadillos when they're taken into captivity is they stop eating," said Ben Gillespie, a spokesman for Geosource Inc. "These are eating.

We made sure."
Gillespie said Geosource employee Don Ball was in China for a trade mission and learned of the zoo's interest in acquiring the bony-plated

This shipment included two male

and two female armadillos plus a month's supply of food. Zoo officials in Peking have already prepared fa-cilities for the animals after their arrival Sunday by airplane.

Three of the armadillos were caught in Edwards County near Rock Springs and the fourth is a 'racing" armadillo from Fredericksburg provided by Sam Lewis, president of the World Armadillo Breeding and Racing Association.

'We have done some business with the Chinese and hope to do more. This is really sort of a good will gesture on our part," Gillespie said. "I don't know whether it will improve relations between the two countries or not.

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Voman receives criticism or owning boa constrictor

United Press International
BOISE, Idaho — Joyce Kacalek, whose missing boa
anstrictor was returned last week after its five-month nture in Boise, says she has received a vicious letter obscene telephone calls about her exotic pet.

e woman says she has received several late-night saying she was "crazy" and "a nut" for keeping her

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ot snake, Abner, as a pet. bner disappeared in May, but was returned to his ner Nov. 26 after another Boise woman, Joyce Branliscovered the animal coiled on top of her clothes

Brandi was described as being "hysterical" when Ida-rize of \$100 hake. Kacalek, who thought the boa had perished, the four dise leved Abner from the humane society shelter on aksgiving Day.

Front-page news stories and television accounts abing, the part of the incident apparently sparked the subsequent and Main suse against the snake-owner.

It will more Kacalek's joy about recovering her snake also sparked to the sparked

west (right) weral newspaper letters-to-the-editor that referred to

wire service stories about a recent incident in Texas in which a pet python got loose and killed a baby in its crib.

A letter signed by a disgusted "mother and grandmother" arrived in the mail Wednesday. It said, in part, When I saw you on TV caressing that ugly boa constric-

tor, it turned my stomach. I don't care if you did raise it from a baby; there is something about men or women who fondle snakes that (makes them) really, really sick." The letter also suggested that Kacalek's neighbors

should kill the snake and that Kacalek should seek psychiatric help. The snake owner said she believed she received about a half-dozen profane calls, apparently from the same person who wrote the letter.

People who object to snakes as pets don't understand reptiles, she added. "Man's best friend, loveable Rover, can take the front off babies' faces and parrots can take off

Kacalek said Abner is the "world's greatest coward" and that in the past she had to "stun" live food for the snake before it would eat. But she acknowledged the snake apparently used its natural abilities during its

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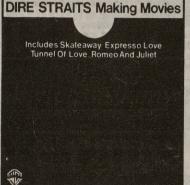
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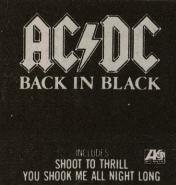
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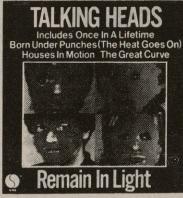


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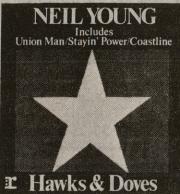




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