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Threatens to clog sewer lines

Man demands free sewage

United Press International
COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Henry Ford Sr., who claims he owns all the air above his trailer park and the bowels of the earth below it, is threatening to pour concrete into the sewer lines under his land unless the city gives him free sewage service. "Henry Ford's a nice fellow," Cookeville Mayor Walter Fitzpatrick said Wednesday. "But when he thinks he's right he'll never back down, and he thinks he's right this time."

At the root of his contention is Ford's claim that by owning the land, he also owns "that property all the way up to the stars and all the way down to China." And it isn't the first time he's pressed his claim. In 1979, Ford built a 60-foot television tower on his property because he said airplanes using the nearby Putnam County Airport were violating his airspace. Ford's tower nearly caused the closing of the airport. State officials said the tower presented a safety hazard, but federal authorities determined the structure fell 3 feet short of violating Federal Aviation Administration guidelines. The matter eventually was

dropped with Ford and the city calling it a draw.

This time Ford is threatening to clog the sewers with concrete unless the city agrees to provide him with free sewage service, as he said they agreed to do when the lines were installed in 1967.

City officials are worried enough about the threat to file suit in Chancery Court seeking a restraining order against Ford and his sack of concrete.

The matter came to a head when city officials discovered Ford hadn't paid his sewage bills, amounting to \$3,344, since April 1979.

City Manager Ed Kimsey said the agreement was only to provide sewer taps, and not service, for free. He said by paying his bills until 1979 Ford has shown he was not confused about whether he

had to pay for the service.

Ford said Wednesday the city actually owes him "in the neighborhood of \$10,000" for the payments he made between 1967 and 1979.

"It says right in the easement, 'sewer charges are waived,'" Ford said.

"After we made that agreement, I forgot about it until a couple of years ago, when the whole thing came up again. I went downtown and reminded them about it and the assistant city manager told me I should get a refund for the sewer charges I'd paid since '67. But when they checked and found out it was in the neighborhood of \$10,000, they decided not to pay me."

He said he decided to stop paying his sewer charges at that time.

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Custody hearing set in cancer clinic case

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LOS ANGELES — A judge scheduled a September hearing to determine if 2-year-old leukemia victim Amanda Accardi — now represented by celebrated attorney Melvin Belli — is receiving proper medical attention at a controversial Tijuana cancer clinic.

decision by the Department of Public Social Services to dismiss a petition for the county agency to assume custody of the girl.

Dr. Ernesto Contreras, who treated Amanda in Tijuana with a combination of holistic therapy and orthodox chemotherapy, said the child's leukemia is in full remission.

He attributed her improvement, however, to the conventional chemotherapy treatments, not to Laetrile.

An American doctor appointed by the court has confirmed clinical remission of the disease.

"My interest is in gaining medical and legal control of my daughter," Accardi said Tuesday. "Laetrile and any other type of treatment is secondary. I am a freedom-of-choice advocate, not a Laetrile advocate."

During a court session Tuesday, Juvenile Court Judge Richard Byrne told Belli would take over the case on behalf of the Accardis, and attorney Daniel Gallardo had been fired by the family.

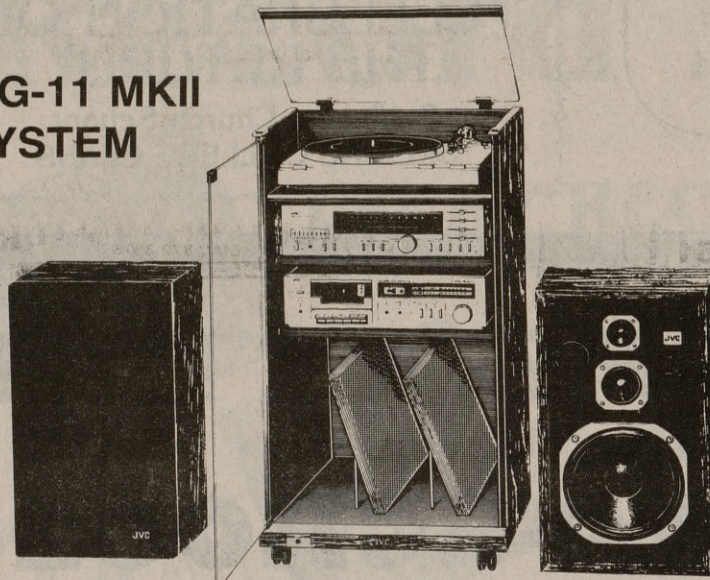
Amanda was abducted from Children's Hospital last July 16 by her father, Michael Accardi, who took the child across the border to Tijuana where she underwent Laetrile and other treatment.

If the court decides in the Sept. 16 hearing the child is being treated properly, it would weigh a

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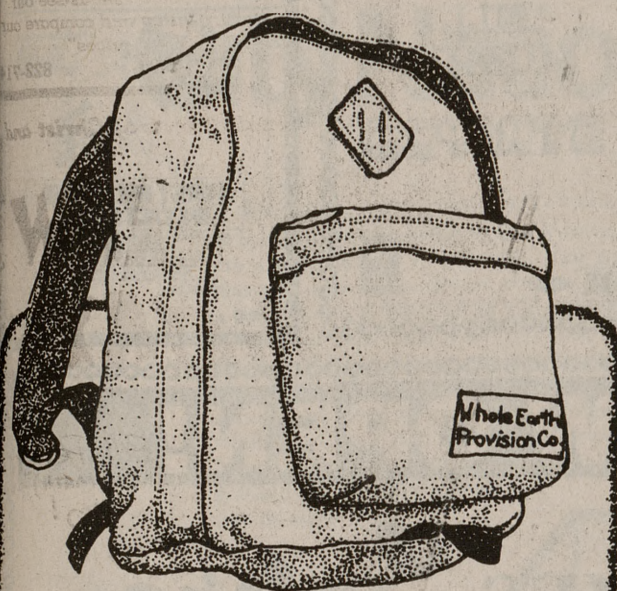
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