

Suspect held on sex charges

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DALLAS — Police Thursday were trying to link a man being held on sexual assault charges in Denver with a nine-month string of child molesting incidents in Dallas.

James Henry Ginn Jr., 42, was arrested Aug. 18 in Denver, where authorities suspect him of being the "Lost Dog Rapist" who lured children in six states by asking help in finding a lost dog, then sexually assaulting them, Dallas police spokesman Jim Landers said.

Ginn was being held in lieu of \$20 million bond in protective custody since other inmates of Denver County jail threatened him, officials said.

Dallas police have compiled a file of eight cases reported in affluent North Dallas between October 1981 and July 1982, in each of which the assailant lured girls between 4 and 11 years old, then assaulted them, exposed himself, or showed them por-

nographic pictures, Landers said.

Investigators said the method of operation was similar to cases in Colorado. Landers said Ginn was refusing to cooperate with Colorado authorities, so Dallas police have not sent officers to interview him there.

Ginn also faces charges of kidnapping, child molestation, and sodomy in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Missouri.

State's oil and honor don't mix in Oklahoma

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Oil and gas producers in Oklahoma grossed at least \$10.2 billion last year — and paid their gross production taxes on the honor system.

But this system may be failing.

The state Tax Commission has 13 auditors to check the state's 40,000 oil and gas leases. The only way the commission has to determine the amount of oil and gas sold is through records provided by the buyers, one tax official said.

"As bad as it sounds, I think that would be close to right,"

said Steve Martin, deputy director of the agency's gross production tax division.

Two years ago, the Legislature changed the law to eliminate a requirement that producers report the amount produced, he said.

The problem comes if a producer and a buyer report a lesser amount of oil than was actually produced, he said.

Martin said his office is not able to estimate how much tax money the state may be losing due to unreported sales of oil and gas, but "if it's 1 percent it might be cost justifiable to monitor individual wells," he said.

That 1 percent would be million, based on the state's production of more than \$10 billion in gross production during the past fiscal year.

Rick Conner, state department manager for the Corporation Commission, said there are about 110,000 wells in the state. Trying to determine if a single well is producing more than it should is a difficult job, he said.

Checking reports filed by the commission against payments filed at the gross production tax department is complicated because tax documents are protected by privacy laws.

Explorers fail in search for Ark but plan to return

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DALLAS — One of 12 Americans who scaled Mount Ararat in search of Noah's Ark said Thursday he wanted to make another mission because the biblical vessel may be preserved on the mountain's east canyon which was not searched.

"I feel we covered the north canyon so well there's no need to look there again," Robbie Gowdey, 29, said. "My greatest disappointment is we weren't able to look at the east side."

Gowdey, a staff member of Campus Crusade for Christ, said, "I've never seen anything that was so awesome looking" as the 14,946-foot Mount Ararat in Turkey. "You're looking at the most massive mountain in the whole world."

"You're looking down at the Iranian border and the Soviet border and seeing the lights of Russia at night," he said. "You felt like you were certainly located in a strategic place. We would read Genesis — we believe that's where it happened."

Gowdey was one of 12 Americans on an expedition led by

former astronaut and astronaut Christian W. Smith of Colorado. The team made an attempt to climb and it was the first in a decade the Turkish government granted a group permission to climb the north side of the mountain.

The 12-man team brought back evidence that described vividly in the mountain was imbedded and preserved a glacier. The trip was however, when Irwin was injured.

rest of the building. An arson investigator said the scene, but there were no immediate reasons to suspect arson, officials said.

Classes started at the school last week.

Manor has a population of about 1,000 persons. The school has another elementary school and a high school.

No damage estimate given and there were no injuries.

Manor loses school to fire

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MANOR — Fire destroyed the Manor elementary school and gymnasium early Wednesday, one of only two elementary schools in this town of 1,000.

Local volunteer fire fighters, with later assistance from Travis County and Austin city fire units, started fighting the blaze at 3:30 a.m. and brought it under control at 5:30 a.m., though some flames continued until daybreak.

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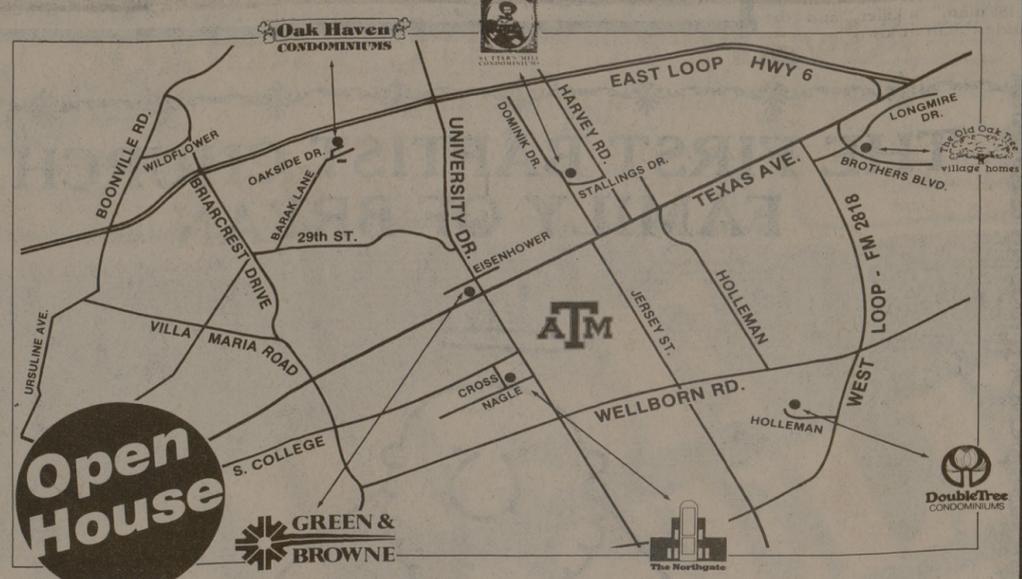
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