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staff photo by Jorge Casari

Vince Denais, a junior engineering technology major from Houston, proudly demonstrates windsurfing on a special simulator. Vince is a member of the Texas A&M Windsurfing Club which welcomes anybody interested in windsurfing to join the club.

## Opened book hearings lauded

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — The push to open state textbook adoption hearings to positive testimony has drawn a favorable nod from the Senate Education Committee and a boost from a Nobel laureate.

The Education Committee approved and reported to the full Senate Wednesday a bill by Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, opening the state textbook selection process to positive as well as negative comment. The bill now goes to the full Senate for debate.

The committee approval came after Steven Weinberg, the 1979 Nobel Prize winner for

physics, now a professor at the University of Texas, urged the lawmakers to do all they could to correct the "perversion of education" caused by the current textbook adoption process.

Weinberg lauded the committee for restoring "a measure of fairness" to the book selection process by calling for positive comment.

But he criticized the procedure for adoption of the education board's proclamation which sets the general and specific content requirements for proposed textbooks.

The measure, if enacted, would thwart the power of fundamentalist textbook critics Mel and Norma Gabler of Longview.

## Armadillos 'not safe to handle'

**United Press International**  
GALVESTON — A University of Texas Medical Branch researcher cautions Texans to wear gloves if they are bent on handling wild armadillos.

Dr. Jerome Smith said Wednesday the same organism causes leprosy found in wild armadillos and leprosy in humans, though he is unsure humans could catch the disease from the cult animal praised on T-shirts, jewelry and hats.

"Since it's the same organism, I think I'd be very loath to skin an armadillo — either to get the hide or to make something out of it or to eat the meat under it — with bare hands," he said.

"We don't have any data at all on the relationship of the disease as it exists in the armadillo community, and the disease as it exists in the human community," said Smith.

"You've always got a few little cuts and scratches and if it's an infected armadillo (being handled), it's going to have literally billions of organisms you'd be rubbing into your hide," Smith said.

Leprosy is a persistent infection that can spread through the body and cause parts to waste away. The disease now is controlled by drugs. It is not considered extremely contagious, but it can be caught.

## Doctor tried in man's death

**United Press International**  
MONAHANS — Two emergency room nurses who assisted Dr. Juan F. Perez on the night of Nov. 4, 1981, testified Wednesday that they were sickened by Perez injecting 20 cubic centimeters of air into the open vein of a patient.

Moments later, the nurses testified, the patient stopped breathing.

Perez is on trial on charges of attempted murder and aggravated assault in the death of Michael Stephen Hoffman, 27, who he was treating for a serious gunshot wound.

Perez, according to forensic pathologist Richard Cohen, caused an air embolism with the injection that could only have been meant to cause death.

"I know of no reason to inject air into a human," Cohen testified. "We used to knock off dogs at medical school that way."

Cohen added, however, that 20 cubic centimeters of air pumped rapidly into an adult "was not enough to kill or seriously injure."

The official autopsy report said Hoffman died as a result of the gunshot wound.

The two nurses, Brenda Rowan and Peggy Brown, said Perez, 57, acted as if he were in a hurry to leave the hospital when Hoffman was admitted.

Rowan said, "He said on a number of occasions, 'Call and see where the police are. I want to get the samples. I want to go home. I had a hard day at the office.'"

She said that at 11 p.m., near the end of the nurses' shift, Perez told her to get a 20 cubic centimeter syringe.

"I was under the impression he was going to draw blood from the patient for a sample, but instead Perez put the syringe and needle into the IV (intravenous) tubing," she said.

Rowan said she heard a popping noise upon the application of the syringe, and that Perez hit the end of the plunger (syringe) with the palm of his hand rapidly, leaving her with the distinct impression that air had been injected into the patient's veins.

Ward County District Attorney Mike Wade disqualified himself from prosecuting the case because he was a patient of Perez. The case was turned over

to special prosecutor Dennis Cadra and District Court Judge Joseph Connally, both of Odessa.

Perez was trained in medicine in his native Cuba. He has practiced in Monahans at the hospital and as a general practitioner since 1967.

Perez has continued his private practice, although he resigned from the hospital staff after his indictment.

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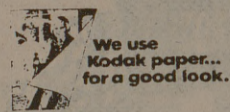
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