



A Texas-sized Howdy

Barry Parks, left, and Trey Beazley secure the "O" outside their window at Aston Hall. The freshman

representatives of Aston Hall planned and made the 4' by 8' letters to commemorate Howdy Week.

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Watchful parents can help kids' ills

United Press International
HOUSTON — Parents who notice early warning signs could save their children the unhappiness of not being able to conceive their own children later on, two experts say.

"People need to see the long-term in these matters," says Dr. James Gullett, a gynecologist who specializes in fertility. "People are just not used to thinking in the early years about preserving their ability to have children."

Dr. Emil Steinberger, chief of reproductive medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center, also says young people often are so concerned about preventing pregnancy that they ignore early signs of fertility problems.

"They (can be) serious disorders and should not be shoved under the rug just because a person is not wanting a baby right now," Steinberger warns.

Gullett and Steinberger says males need to be more aware that they, as well as females, can suffer fertility problems and should watch for early warning signs and seek treatment if needed.

The doctors says undescended testicles in males should be corrected before age 6 or they could be a problem. This is a new approach and many medical books in the past have recommended waiting until puberty, Gullett says.

Mumps vaccine, which is routinely given when a baby is 15-months-old, is another step

to prevent possible problems in males. Mumps cause testicular infections interfering with sperm production capability.

Young girls approach physician to have their immunity checked, the doctors says. Measles can damage or end a pregnancy prematurely.

The doctors say there are other warning signs of problems in young females. They listed excessive growth, acne, reaching a usual age with no menstruation or sexual development, unexplained menstrual irregularities, breast milk secretion, onset of puberty and obesity in early years.

Study: Budget one-third short

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DALLAS — The National Center for Policy Analysis concluded that because one-third of all government spending is removed from the official budget, the report is not a true guide to the nation's finances.

The NCPA, a Dallas-based think tank, said in a study released Monday that as a result of the high off-budget spending, the official budget has become a useless guide for assessing the effects of government finance on private investment in this country.

The study said that at the federal level, no agencies were placed off-budget until 1973. It also said that since then an increasing number of organizations such as the U.S. Postal Service, the Synthetic Fuels Corp. and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve have been removed from the official budget.

The study was written by James Bennett and Thomas DiLorenzo, economists at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. "Off-budget entities have been created to finance school buildings, airports, parking lots, recreation centers, courthouses, subways, bridges, electric utilities

and hundreds of other activities," Bennett said. "At last count, there were about 26,000 of them operating in the country."

"Spending by these agencies," the study said, "has grown from \$100 million in 1973 to \$23.2 billion in 1981, an increase of more than 23,000 percent in less than one decade."

The study said the impact on the nation's economy is substantial. The federal government borrowed \$111 billion in 1982 to finance the official deficit. But, the study said, another \$50 billion was borrowed by off-budget entities.

"As a result, the federal government borrowed over 40 percent of all credit advanced in the capital market last year," the study said.

The study said the phenomenon has been largely ignored at the state and local levels, where the problem is worse, because widespread abuses in state and local finance in the 19th century resulted in states imposing constitutional restrictions on the debt level of the state budget.

Verdict OKs man for parole

United Press International
DALLAS — The man nicknamed "Snow White" by federal drug agents is happy with the convictions that could send him to jail for up to 171 years, because the one count that would have made parole impossible was thrown out by a federal judge.

John Russell Webster Jr., 40, and three other men were found guilty Monday in federal court on a total of 34 counts of buying and selling cocaine brought to Dallas from Florida, Georgia and other Southern states in the past four years.

The jury that had deliberated the case since last Thursday, after six weeks of trial testimony, declared itself deadlocked, however, on the so-called "king-pin statute."

That charge, alleging Webster was the ringleader, would have sent him to prison for 10 years to life, without parole, and allowed the federal government to confiscate his extensive property, including an expensive home and luxury automobiles.

U.S. District Judge Jerry

Buchmeyer declared a mistrial Monday on that continuing criminal enterprise count. The government could choose to retry Webster on that charge.

For his convictions on the other 20 counts, Webster faces up to 171 years in prison — but with a chance for parole — when he is sentenced March 31.

"I'm just extremely happy that the jury had the same doubts as the judge did (about the conspiracy count)," said Webster.

"He'll never be found guilty of it," added defense attorney Dick DeGuerin of Houston. "It's a ridiculous charge. This has been a show trial from the beginning."

Webster and three other men were among 35 people indicted last fall in what federal authorities called the biggest drug bust in Dallas history. Thirty-one of them pleaded guilty and many testified in this trial.

"Obviously it's a very fair verdict," said a prosecutor. "To get 12 people to agree on anything is difficult."

Services planned for slain reverend

United Press International
AMES — Parishioners had planned a wake Tuesday and a funeral mass today for the Rev. Henry Bouchie, who was shot to death in an apparent weekend robbery that left investigators few clues.

Sheriff's deputies were awaiting autopsy results for possible leads in the death of Bouchie, 68, whose body will be sent to his hometown of Dorchester, Mass., for burial.

Bouchie was found shot to death Saturday in the rectory of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church off U.S. 90 between Beaumont and Houston. Investigators

said that the rectory was ransacked, but a Bouchie associate said he doubted that the thieves got anything.

"The thing about Father Bouchie was he never ever had money in the rectory. Everything was by check," said the Rev. Raymond Woodka. "I don't think Father Bouchie ever carried more than \$10 or \$15. There was nothing of value there."

Investigators said the killing apparently occurred sometime between mass Friday night and Saturday morning, when Ethel Charquois, the rectory manager, found Bouchie's body.

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