

EPA may ban pesticide

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LITTLE ROCK — The Environmental Protection Agency may seek a ban on the chemical EDB or ethylene dibromide — widely used as a fumigant in soil, fruits, vegetables and stored grains — because it has contaminated groundwater, the Arkansas Gazette reported Sunday.

The federal government has had evidence since the 1970s that EDB poses an extraordinarily high cancer risk to workers who handle it, and traces of the chemical have showed up in human food supplies.

Virtually all EDB, which is used in pesticides and as an anti-knock gasoline additive, is manufactured by three southern Arkansas plants — Dow Chemical Co. and Ethyl Corp. in Magnolia and Great Lakes Chemical Co. in El Dorado.

Pressure from the citrus industry apparently stopped a ban on EDB that had been planned by the EPA this year, according to documents obtained by the Gazette in Washington.

In correspondence with Rep. Andy Ireland, D-Fla., former EPA assistant Administrator John Todhunter said a proposed "phase-out" of the chemical in mid-1983 would be "carefully re-evaluated" in light of industry concerns.

A letter from Ireland reminded Todhunter of an "unofficial" promise during a meeting that "the immediate ban in 1983 of EDB will not take place, and we will now be discussing plans for 1985 at the earliest."

Labor unions have criticized the Occupational Health and Safety Administration for knuckling under to similar pressure and

ignoring EDB's threat to workers.

But an EPA spokesman said last week a ban may be sought by the end of September because of reports this summer that EDB has contaminated underground water wells in Florida, California, Georgia and Hawaii.

Evidence has been mounting since 1974 that EDB is a potent cancer-causing agent and could also cause gene mutation, sterility and birth defects. Several studies place the risk of cancer at more than 99 percent for workers who are regularly exposed to EDB. One study says the risk could be as low as 7 to 10 percent.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has issued regular "alerts" about EDB since 1975. It estimates that "several hundred" of every 1,000 EDB workers exposed to the legal limit of 20 parts per million will die of cancer.

Scientists caution, however, that the cancer studies are projections based on reactions in laboratory animals.

A spokesman for the Florida citrus industry said EDB is the only effective protection against post-harvest fruit fly infestation.



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Good Bull Stickers

Freshmen Cadet Mike Thomas, left, and Senior Cadet Todd Little sit awaiting buyers of their Aggie bumperstickers. The stickers are being sold at the Memorial Student Center

for \$1. Thomas is a political science major and Little is an economics major. The proceeds from the sale go to the cadets' outfit, Squadron 1.

Woman gets money but no match

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HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A finicky woman will get back the \$250 she paid a matchmaking firm that failed to find three Jewish gentlemen who met her exacting specifications, a judge has ruled.

Mildred Rosenstein, 59, said she asked Jewish Introduction Inc. to find a marriageable man who was "knowledgeable, considerate, understanding and cultured."

She also wanted prospective suitors to be non-smokers between 60 and 70 years old who were generous and sympathetic and "assertive without being obnoxious."

"She might be an extremely difficult person to please. What she's looking for might be impossible to satisfy, but you did agree to the contract," Broward County Circuit Judge Morton L. Abram ruled Monday. "The contract just wasn't performed."

Ms. Rosenstein dated one man she met through the service, but it didn't work out.

Abram ordered the matchmaking firm to return \$250 Ms. Rosenstein paid in April 1982 and to reimburse her court costs.

"I think he was very fair and wise," Ms. Rosenstein said of the judge's decision.

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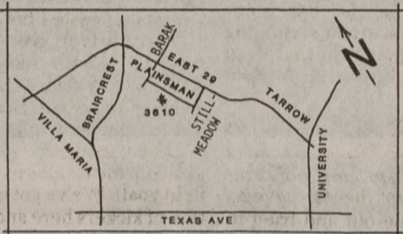
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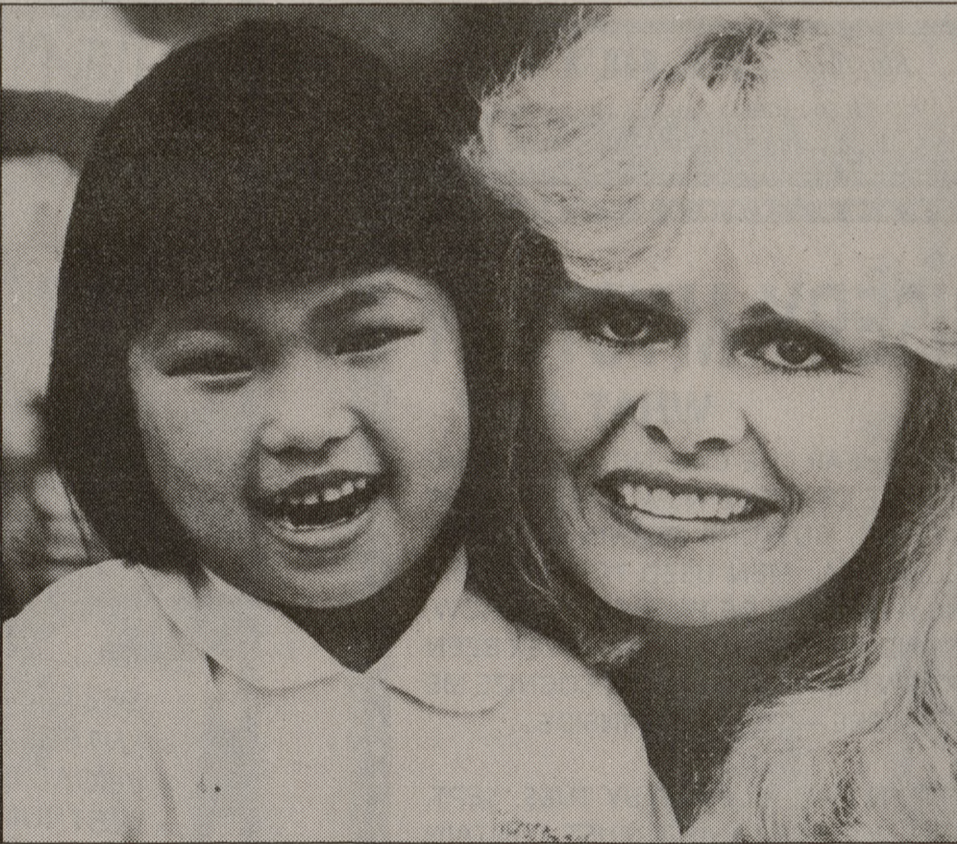
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