

Appeals court upholds murder conviction in child death case

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AUSTIN — The 50-year prison sentence and murder conviction of a Fort Hood soldier accused, along with his wife, of beating his 2-year-old son to death was affirmed Wednesday

T. Bruch, who was convicted with his wife, Connie Sue Bruch, in Bell County for the Sept. 11, 1979 death of Richard T. Bruch Jr.

According to testimony, the child either died of a massive single blow to the head or a series of blows over a period of

time. The appellate court said testimony and photographs introduced at the trial showed the baby's body was a "buffeted mass of bruises."

Although Bruch's wife was accused of delivering the fatal blow, Bruch was convicted under the theory of a conspiracy

to injure the child. Bruch admitted he struck the child with his hands, a wooden paddle and a wooden spoon because the baby was "head strong and self-willed."

One of the Bruchs' neighbors testified she overheard beatings administered by Mrs. Bruch, some lasting as long as 45 minutes.

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Paper closes after 103 years

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Press-Scimitar, its circulation down by 47,000 in the

past decade, will cease publication Oct. 31 after more than a century of operation, Memphis Publishing Co. announced Wednesday.

The firm, a subsidiary of Scripps-Howard Co., also owns the city's only morning newspaper, The Commercial Appeal.

Some of the 95 full-time staffers of the Press-Scimitar will be given the opportunity to go to work for the Commercial Appeal, which will expand its news coverage.

"This is not a sudden move forced upon us by economic hard times," said Joseph R. Williams, general manager of Memphis Publishing. "Our company is financially healthy and confident about the future. This is, rather a decision based on a continuing decline in circulation and readership which we have been unable to reverse despite considerable effort by a dedicated group of employees and on research conducted over the past eight years."

Williams noted in a statement published in Wednesday editions of the afternoon newspaper, which will be 103 years old the month it closes, that circulation fell from 127,000 in 1973 to 80,000 a decade later, reflecting a national trend in readers' habits away from afternoon newspapers.

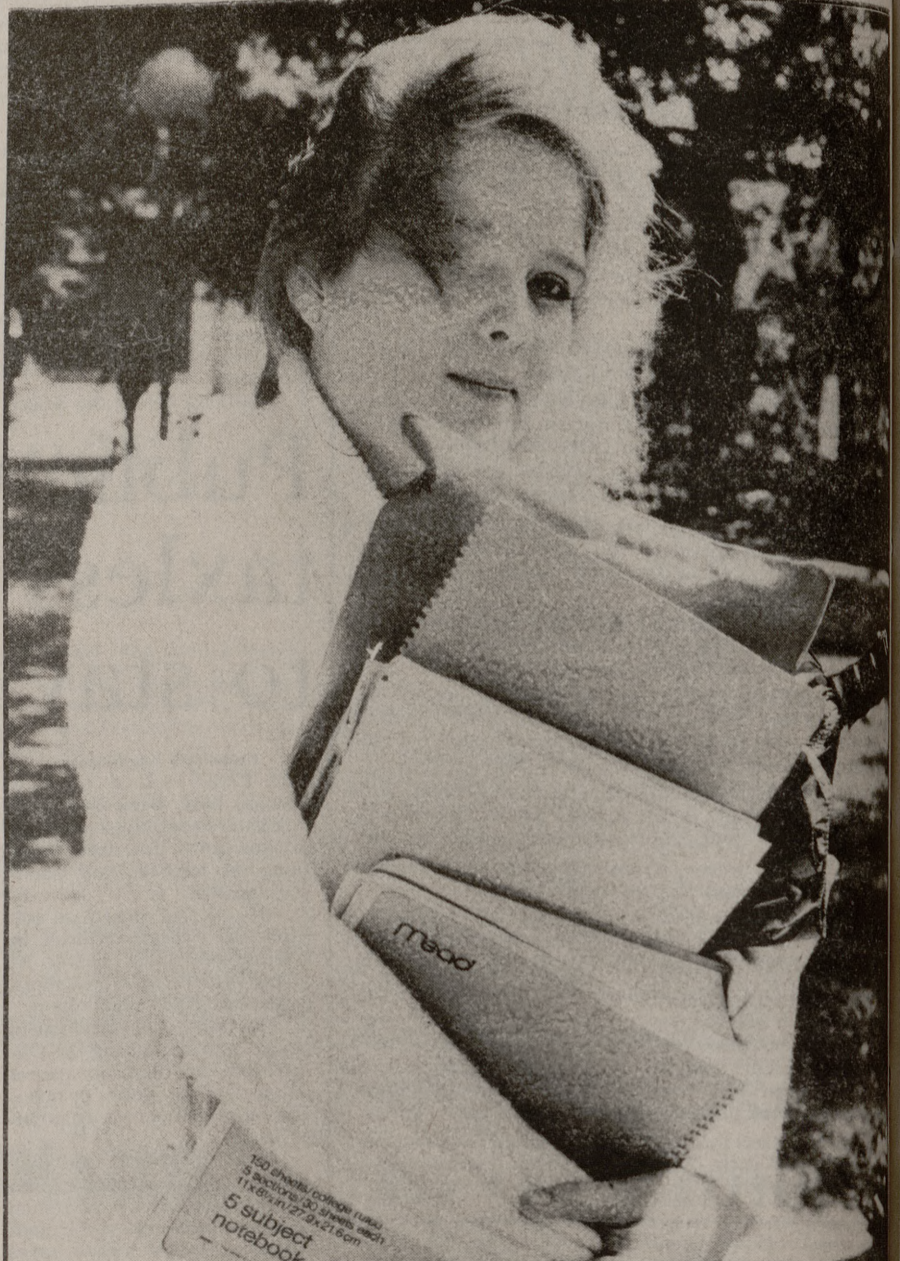


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Brutal weather

Debbie Dixon, a freshman Chemical Engineering student, totes her books to class while braving the chill of College Station's first sub-60 degree day of 1983. The cold weather is expected to continue through Friday. Dixon is from Marshall.

Bubble boy, now 12 celebrates birthday

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HOUSTON — Sterilized birthday presents and specially prepared Holy Communion wafers Wednesday were passed into a sanitized bubble where David, born 12 years ago without immunity against infection, celebrated his birthday.

David, whose last name has been withheld to protect his privacy, passed his birthday with

family and close friends at the family home. His parents gave him adventure books, new video games and "Return of the Jedi" items, and expects soon to start reading a sterilized set of encyclopedias.

Baylor College of Medicine officials said 72-pound David is the oldest survivor of untreated severe combined immune defi-

ciency (SCID). He has been touched by an unguessed human hand and lives in a plastic bubble inside his family living and dining rooms. His year-old sister does not have disease.

"The family and his doctors have always been optimistic at least always hoped there would be a way to treat him," said Baylor spokesman Susannah Moore Griffin.

"They are watching the development at other medical centers that have treated children like David and have had success with bone marrow transplants. There is always the hope that they can get him out of the bubble that he will be able to leave the unit."

David, described by Griffin as "lanky and nice looking with dark hair and beautiful eyes," is in the sixth grade and takes part in classroom activities with a telephone hookup. His teacher comes to his home every day.

He has never been sick outside his germ-free bubble. Death is certain, officials said.

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