

Careers in security offered

Security program announced

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The career development program for private security, which is part of the Texas Security Academy, is in the planning stages for next February; it will be a part of the Texas A&M Law Enforcement and Security Training Division.

Private security is the wave of the future, Elrod says; it is an idea already in practice in some northern states, because it is cost-effective.

Police must spend so much time handling non-criminal jobs such as funeral escorts or game security, he says, that they can no longer do the job the public expects. He says that private secur-

ity is already handling banks, hospitals and campuses.

Elrod says, that in Texas there are 35,000 public police compared to the 155,000 private police and that the field of private security is still growing.

"This is training for an almost guaranteed job," he says.

Skip Landis, consultant for the curriculum design, is writing the textbook for the course. He says that he is using the information from the instructors at the academy, which is based on their past experiences.

"All of these guys have been cops with some pretty credible experience," he says. "I'm just writing down what they say."

Since most companies are concerned with security, espe-

cially in the high technology areas, Landis says, the course is a good addition for any business degree.

Elrod says a business student could take the 160 hour program, find a job with a firm for about \$300 a week, set his own hours and work his way through college. The student would make enough in his first two weeks of employment to pay for the program, plus he would have job experience for after graduation.

"With this specialization," he says, "a student could work his way up to something like security manager."

He says that people interested in a law enforcement career should also find the program

useful and that spokesmen from the program are already touring high schools looking for seniors interested in being police officers. Since a person must be 21 before becoming a policeman, he says, this program offers a job plus experience for someone young.

Experience is one main item being stressed in the program. Texas law requires that a security person have only 30 hours of training, says Elrod, but with this program, a person could start with more experience and at a higher pay scale.

With the extra hours, he says, the program can also cover the areas of assets protection, crime prevention, special security and life safety in more detail. While

studying these, the students learn about criminal law, vandalism, fire inspection and CPR. They also are shown how handle alarm systems, bomb threats and strikes, or even how to cope with job-related problems such as stress.

All of the areas to be covered in this program are also available in individual short courses. The courses run from two days to three months and cost from \$95 to \$1,000.

The Texas Security Academy is one of the six institutes and academies at the Law Enforcement and Security Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

Lubbock hepatitis, death unrelated

United Press International
CANYON — The death of a 19-year-old West Texas State University nursing student who had a type of chemical hepatitis was unrelated to the outbreak of Type A hepatitis in Lubbock, officials said.

Dr. John Brantley of Canyon said Tuesday Melanie Mickey died in a hospital Friday after being admitted Wednesday.

He said preliminary medical reports indicated no need for immunization of other West Texas students living in Mickey's dormitory.

"It does not appear that we have an infectious process," Brantley said.

Lubbock health depart-

ment spokesman Pat Cooke said 57 cases of hepatitis had been confirmed in Lubbock by Tuesday afternoon.

Health officials said it is rare for a person to die of hepatitis.

The Lubbock outbreak has been linked with people who worked or dined at People's Restaurant in the last two weeks. The restaurant voluntarily closed Friday.

Lubbock city health officials said Monday they expect to continue getting reports of Type A hepatitis cases for a few months. Type A hepatitis is spread by direct contact with an infected individual.

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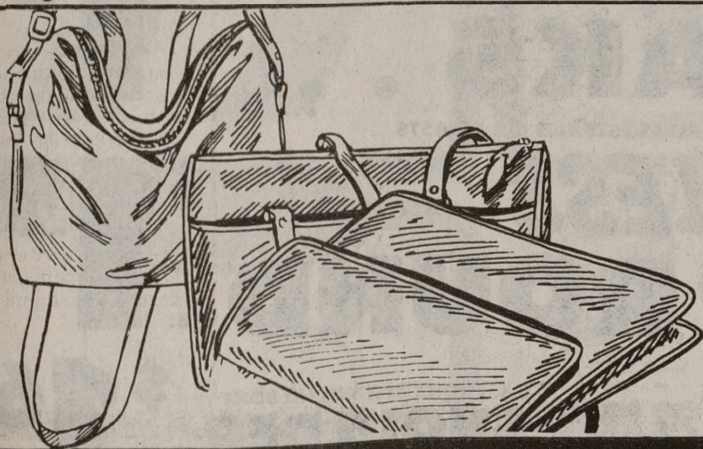
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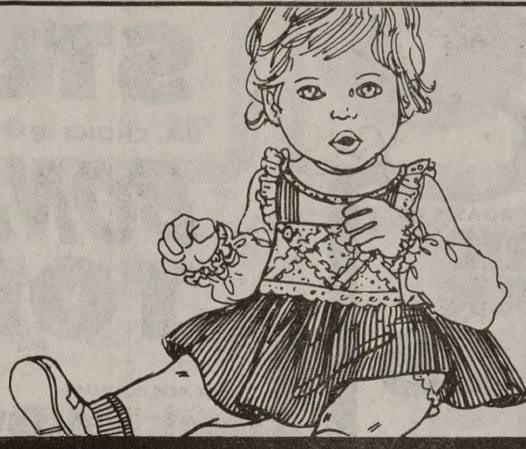
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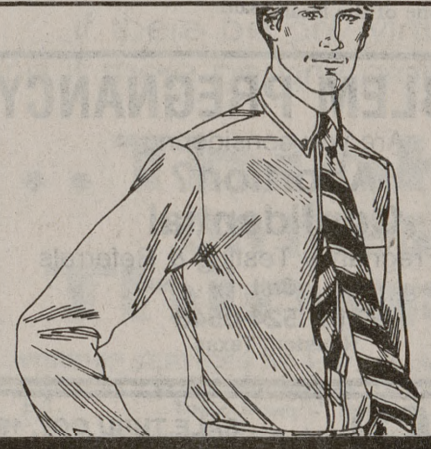
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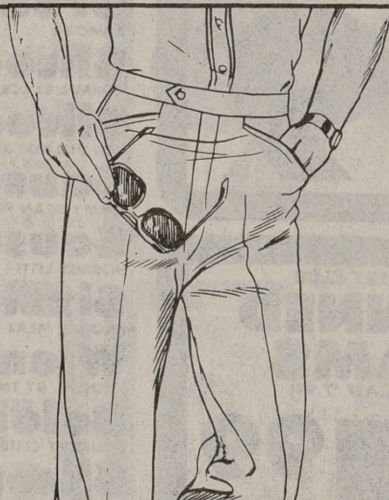
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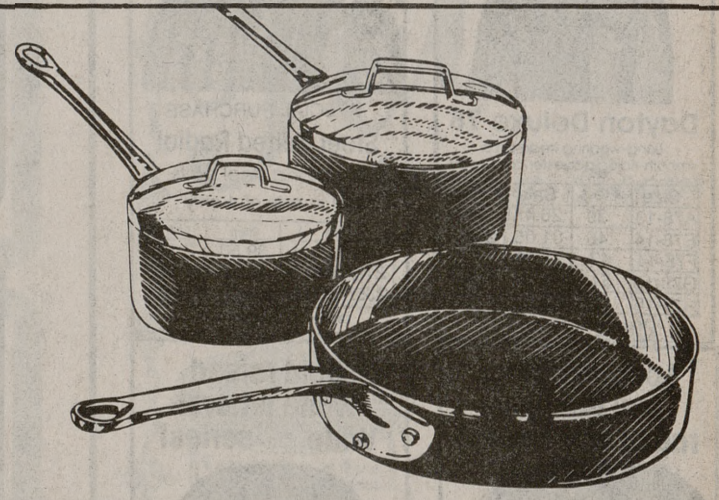
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