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by Scott McCullar



Convicted swindler moves from jail to halfway house

United Press International
BIG SPRING — Convicted swindler Billie Sol Estes was slated to be transferred from a federal prison to a half-way house in Abilene early Tuesday until his parole becomes effective Dec. 15, a prison spokeswoman said.

She said Estes was slated to spend the next 30 days at the Salvation Army Halfway House, which the Salvation Army federal in conjunction with the federal prison system five months ago.

Estes, 58, was convicted in 1979 on two felony counts of fraud and tax evasion in a scheme involving non-existent oil field equipment leases. A total of 22 charges were filed against Estes and Abilene businessman Raymond Horton.

The government said the two leased oil field cleaning equipment to oil companies, but the cleaners did not exist.

A federal jury in Dallas ruled Estes and Horton were guilty of evading \$10 million dollars

worth of taxes and said they had used the mail to promote their scheme.

But the jury was unable to determine if the pair bilked leasing companies on non-existent cleaners. Most of the charges against the pair were dropped.

Estes was sentenced to 10 years in prison for conspiring to defraud investors. The U.S. Parole Commission last year rejected Estes' request for early parole, leaving intact the Dec. 15 parole date.

Salvation Army Capt. Dan Turner, halfway house director, said Estes would be the sixth man to participate in the program, which includes four men at once. The halfway house is a large room with four beds connected to the Abilene Salvation Army headquarters.

Turner said the prison system kept Estes as long as possible, adding officials can release inmates to a halfway house six months before they are to be paroled.

Halfway house participants

must find and keep a job to stay at the halfway house. Turner said participants sign in and out on their own, but must obey a 10 p.m. curfew.

"I'm sure he'll find one of his own," Turner said of Estes' possible job. Turner said he would ask Estes what kind of employment he wanted upon his arrival at the halfway house.

"Other than introducing the individual to the employer all these guys have gotten jobs on their own. Most of them already have a job arranged when they come here. We've gotten white-collar fellows so far," Turner added.

One overnight pass is granted each week if the participant has family he can stay with and if he is saving at least 20 percent of his paycheck, Turner said. Federal probation officer Billy Johnson of Abilene also consults with the halfway house participants.

"It's the kind of thing where they can walk off if they want to," Turner said, adding every participant had to be accounted

for everyday. "If they walf off or don't report in (from an overnight pass) then we call the federal marshal and back they go" to prison.

"This is just the next step to getting them involved with their family," Turner said.

Presidential candidate says Mondale will fade

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AUSTIN — Democratic presidential candidate Ernest Hollings said Monday that Walter Mondale's current support among Texas party leaders was illusory and would fade as voters become more involved in the 1984 elections.

Hollings, a U.S. Senator from South Carolina, came to Texas to pay a courtesy call on Gov. Mark White and to drum up support for his campaign among influential party leaders.

Although recent polls show him trailing both Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, and Mondale in Texas, Hollings said a different picture would emerge as voters become more interested in the campaign.

"I'd say 95 or 98 percent of the voting public could not care less this very minute about a presidential race next year," he said. "They have their minds on the Texas football team, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If I can prove my efficacy in New Hampshire (primary voting) I'll have no problem in Texas."

Hollings discounted a survey of the Texas Democratic Party Executive Committee that showed Mondale a clear favorite among the party leaders. Hollings said Mondale's early support was based primarily on name recognition, not any stand on issues.

"I would have the people committed to Mondale switch over to me by having them stop, look, listen and sober up," he said. "We can nominate Fritz

Mondale, but he can't be elected. He can't carry Texas or South Carolina or any other Sun Belt state. You'll find that support about a mile wide and a half an inch deep."

Hollings said he expected to be "right up at the top" in the New Hampshire primary March 6, and chided the news media for giving too much attention to Glenn and Mondale.

"Three and a half, four months before we really get into this thing and they're wanting everyone else to get out," he said. "They've tried to put it down to that name recognition factor and say its just a two-man race."

PRE-LAW SOCIETY

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Wednesday, November 16

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AFL-CIO fights bus fare hikes

United Press International
In a show of support for striking bus drivers and terminal workers, the Texas AFL-CIO said Monday it will challenge a statewide fare increase approved last week for Greyhound Lines, Inc.

At an Austin rally attended by about 40 striking members of the Amalgamated Transit Union, state AFL-CIO president Harry Hubbard said union lawyers would ask the Texas Railroad Commission to reconsider Greyhound's rate hike.

The state regulatory agency last Wednesday approved a 6.4 percent increase for regular fares and charter fares in Texas. The strike-bound company had asked for a 15 percent increase.

Hubbard said the union would use Greyhound's proposed wage and fringe benefit package to persuade the commission that the carrier's fares should be reduced in Texas.

"If Greyhound can reduce its labor cost as dramatically as its proposed contemplates, then it certainly will not need a fare increase," he said. "In fact, the Railroad Commission may be shown that it should reduce Greyhound Fares."

Local and state AFL-CIO leaders staged a rally at the Austin Greyhound station to demonstrate support for local union members.

Austin AFL-CIO president Walter Timberlake said local union members would help ATU members by providing manpower for a 24-hour picket and helping find temporary jobs for striking bus employees.

"If Greyhound intends to operate its buses through Austin, it can expect to find a picket line around the station day and night," said Timberlake.

Meanwhile in San Antonio, strikers outside the Greyhound terminal threw away letters

from the carrier informing them they were fired as of noon.

"We all put them in the trash can," said picket Merrill Moxson. "There were 110 people here. None of them went back."

Gene Freabe, vice chairman of union Local 1313 in San Antonio, charged that Greyhound was trying to break the union. "I feel like I've been stabbed in the back," he said.

Hubbard said the Texas AFL-CIO would support the strike by asked Texas' 650,000 union members to boycott the bus service. "We have also asked the AFL-CIO to put Greyhound on organized labor's official 'Do Not Buy' list and we are confident that that will be done quickly," he said.

An official of the international ATU poked fun at the company's plan to replace striking workers and resume bus service on a limited basis to 27 states, including Texas, by Thursday.

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TENDER MERCIES

7:20 9:50
UNDER FIRE

7:30 9:55
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TRADING PLACES

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7:45-9:50
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1990: BRONX WARRIORS
IN DOLBY STEREO 7:30-9:30
DEAD ZONE

CINEMA II
1500 Harvey Road 766-0616

8:00-10:00
RICHARD PRYOR "HERE AND NOW" (R)

7:30-9:50
DEAL OF THE CENTURY (PG)

7:30-9:50
"RISKY BUSINESS" (R)

4th Annual Miller Lite 10,000 Meter Road Race



Saturday, November 19, 1983 8:30 a.m.

at the Brazos Center

A 6.2 mile 1982 TAC Certified Course

ENTRY FEE: Pre-registration \$6.00 per runner; \$8.00 Day of race. Entries will be accepted in the main hallway of the Memorial Student Center from November 14-18, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

CHECK IN: Race packet pick-up and registration will be at the Brazos Center on Nov. 19 from 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

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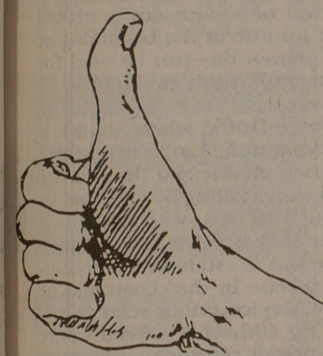
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