

Chemical used on fruit free of DDT

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Texas Agriculture Department said Wednesday it found no trace of the banned pesticide DDT in laboratory tests conducted on dicofol, a chemical used to control mites on fruit, field and ornamental crops.
 Assistant TDA commis-

sioner Ron White said Texas tested 17 samples of the chemical because of a special review of dicofol ordered by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The chemical, manufactured by Rhom and Haas of Philadelphia, was originally registered for use in the late 1950s,

but the EPA has ordered the company to submit scientific data for a new registration, said White.

Dicofol, which is toxic to fish, is sold over the counter under the trade name Kelthane.

According to the manufacturer, White said dicofol is pro-

duced by using DDT as the major raw material. But no DDT is contained in the finished product.

White said the 17 Texas tests on dicofol found no DDT residues, but the tests did find some chemicals similar to DDT.

"Because of this closeness to DDT, it is certainly prudent

of EPA to ask serious questions about dicofol," he said.

White added, "This re-registration by EPA will take several years to complete, but we understand it will examine very carefully the questions of contamination of dicofol with DDT and the environmental effects of the product."

Dolly Parton meeting with crippled girl

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LOS ANGELES — An 11-year-old Texas girl who suffers from a terminal spinal disease that has left her crippled, blind

and mute came to California Wednesday for a one-on-one meeting with Dolly Parton.

The country music superstar agreed to meet Vicky Per-

ales of Pasadena, Texas, and give her a personal concert at the request of the non-profit foundation, A Child's Wish Come True Inc., based in Webster, Mass.

Parton's spokesmen refused to comment, but Wish Come True officials said they understood the meeting was to take place at MGM studios in Burbank, Calif.

The organization along with Houston radio and television stations publicized the girl's ailments — aplastic anemia and calcification, or hardening of the spinal cord — and offers of help came from several companies.

Concorde Limousine drove the family to Houston's Hobby Airport, J-Co Energy Co. of Houston provided the corporate jet that flew her to California, and a Houston hospital's "Lifeflight" program provided a flight nurse for the trip.

Loretta Davis, from the Texas Chapter of Wish Come True, said, "She's blind, she's immobile and she can't speak. But she makes sounds. She's very sensitive, very aware of what's going on around her. When you mention Dolly Parton, you can just start to see this calm come over her face.

"But this serene calm comes over here. It's like magic.

She hears these records. It breaks her heart.

KIKK radio newsman Chuck Wolf said, "Her favorite song she hoped Dolly would sing is 'Love is Like a Butterfly.'" Wolf helped make the arrangements. "Her mom says she was excited."

Vicky traveled to California with her stepfather, Al Gross of Pasadena, Texas, her mother, Liz, and her brother, Jason Perales, 10.

Parton's managers tried to prevent publicity of the meeting because they said they did not want it to appear she was seeking publicity from helping a sick child.

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Applications from the scholarships are available in the Scholarship Office on the second floor of the Pavilion and in 313 Biological Sciences Building. Deadline for application is March 1.

Running injuries topic of symposium

The Athletic Federation and the Health and Physical Education Department is conducting **Running: Sports Medicine's Team Approach to Running Injuries** symposium Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Running injuries will be discussed by representatives from professions including athletic training, exercise physiology, gynecology, pediatrics, physical education, physical therapy, physician assistant and podiatry.

Registration for the symposium will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. in room 100 of Heldenfels Hall. Cost is \$25 for students, with a valid ID, and \$75 for non-students. Lunch is included in the registration fee. For more information contact Chris L. Davis at 779-3777 ext. 546 between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Symposium participants have the opportunity to compete in The Eagle 10K Straight Shot race Feb. 12. Symposium participants are not required to pay the entry fee for the race, which will be run on Texas Avenue.

Science students must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not previously taken the **English Proficiency Examination** should plan to take the test this semester unless they have completed English 301 with a minimum grade of C. Students in the College of Science are required to pass either English 301 or the test in order to qualify as a degree candidate in the College of Science.

The English Proficiency Exam will be administered by the English Department. Students in the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics Departments should register for the exam in 151 or 152 Blocker before March 2.

Haney to discuss band traditions

Lt. Col. Joe T. Haney, director of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band will present a program, sponsored by the traditions council, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Haney will discuss his beginnings with the band and the role the band plays in keeping traditions at Texas A&M. Haney will also show a film title "The Pulse of Aggieland."

Arrowmoon scouts have annual fair

The Arrowmoon District Boy Scouts will hold its annual Scout Fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Post Oak Mall in College Station. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers will demonstrate and exhibit their skills. Activities include a skit competition, model building exhibit and competition and a Pinewood Derby. Tickets are \$1 per person and can be purchased from any area scout. Top ticket salesmen will earn prizes including the first prize of an Apple II computer Starter Package donated by YES Computers of Bryan.

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