

Lawyer pleads guilty in killer escape trial

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CLINTON, Tenn. — Attorney Mary Evans, who fell so deeply in love with the killer she was defending that she helped him escape, pleaded guilty Wednesday in return for a suspended sentence. Her lawyer said that she would enter a mental hospital.

Evans, 27, refused to return the periodic glances of inmate Tim Kirk, 37, the convicted murderer whose escape she engineered last year. But Kirk's lawyer said the muscular convict agreed to the plea bargain so he could do what was best for Evans, because he feels very deeply for her.

The couple spent 139 days together on the run before being arrested in Daytona Beach, Fla., last August.

Attorneys agreed to a plea bargain that would drop four counts of armed robbery and kidnapping against the slender blonde attorney, so she could receive life in prison. Under the agreement Evans would receive three year's probation, during which time she would undergo extensive

psychiatric treatment. Kirk pleaded guilty to armed robbery and escape. Criminal Court Judge James Scott said he would decide March 27 whether to permit the plea bargain, and institutionalize Evans after hearing testimony from psychiatrists.

She arranged to have him taken to an Oak Ridge psychologist's office March 31, 1983, for examination, and when she arrived she slipped him a pistol, helped him tie up the psychologist and three guards, and fled with him, authorities said.

"The doctors have recommended a prolonged hospitalization," said Robert Ritchie, her attorney. "The mental illness from which she has suffered goes back a

number of years, and when she was assigned to the murder case, there was a tremendous source of stress."

District Attorney General James Ramsey said he felt he could not obtain a conviction because psychiatrists agreed that Evans was insane when she threw away her promising career to flee with Kirk.

Evans was appointed to defend Kirk against the prison murder charge, and authorities said it was during their lengthy meetings that she fell in love with him.

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"All the psychiatrists, both for the state and defense, who examined Miss Evans have determined that she suffered from a mental disease from the date of the escape," Ramsey said.

Standard's billion-dollar baby

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PITTSBURGH — Standard Oil Co. of California (Socal) launched the biggest merger in business history Wednesday with newspaper advertisements and letters asking Gulf Oil Corp. stockholders to turn in their shares within a month.

The \$13.2 billion deal, intended to save Pittsburgh-based Gulf from purchase by Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens, still must win the approval of government antitrust experts and confront rising congressional opposition to oil industry mergers.

But Socal went ahead with the offer, asking stockholders to tender their Gulf shares for \$80 apiece by midnight April 3.

Socal, the nation's fifth-largest oil firm, agreed Monday to

buy No. 6 Gulf in a deal that would produce the nation's biggest gasoline marketer and third-largest oil company in terms of sales, industry experts said.

The plan sets the stage for other huge mergers, but also could be a test case for future oil industry mergers and their effect on the nation's energy independence, Wall Street experts said.

"If Congress gives it the green light, we could be seeing just the first phase," said R. Bryan Jacoboski, oil expert for Paine Webber in New York. "But Congress could kill it and we'd be seeing the final chapter of merger mania."

A bill prohibiting mergers among major oil firms was in-

troduced in Congress Tuesday, and another was expected.

The plan came on the heels of Texaco Inc.'s \$10.1 billion offer for Getty Oil Co., the previous record, and followed a number of recent mergers, including Marathon Oil-U.S. Steel, Conoco-Du Pont and Cities Services-Occidental Petroleum.

"That's five large integrated oil companies gone bye-bye," Jacoboski said. "And none of these deals has resulted in additional oil and gas."

Robert Pitofsky, a former

FTC commissioner, said, "If this one were to go through — and it's not clear it will — it would really be a signal to many companies that are in the top five in many industries that they could probably merge."

Giant Texaco, an object of takeover rumors, bought nearly 10 percent of its stock Tuesday from the Bass family of Texas in a move that would make an acquisition difficult.

Wall Street experts speculated Pickens and his investors group would raid another oil firm, financed by selling their Gulf shares to Socal.

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Baylor lawyers examining ruling on discrimination

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HOUSTON — Baylor College of Medicine lawyers scrutinized a federal court decision Wednesday that mandated Jewish physicians working at Baylor share in a lucrative program which sends visiting doctors to Saudi Arabia.

U.S. District Judge James DeAnda Tuesday found the school has in the past "intentionally discriminated," and he awarded \$405,782 to two Jewish anesthesiologists.

A spokeswoman termed the decision preliminary and said lawyers were looking at it. Plaintiff's lawyer Stuart Nelkin said the ruling was "clear, courageous and correct."

Several Baylor administrators testified that they believe Jews would not be welcomed in Saudi Arabia because of Arab-Israeli tensions.

The school said no Jews participated, and in the ruling DeAnda said it was significant that Saudi Arabia had never told Baylor it could not include Jews in the program.

DeAnda said he found Jews were not rotated into the visiting program "because of a desire to avoid rocking the boat vis-a-vis the Saudis." In the program, Baylor doctors pulled three-month duty at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center in Riyadh.

DeAnda awarded Dr. Stuart A. Linde, 40, a Baylor assistant professor, \$248,942 in back pay and leave time that he would have accrued during four three-month rotations. The judge ordered that he be given "preference" for the next rotation.

The second plaintiff, Dr. Lawrence M. Abrams, 37, was awarded \$156,840 in back pay and leave time.

Strake seeks re-election as state GOP chairman

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AUSTIN — Houston businessman George Strake said Wednesday he would seek re-election later this year as chairman of the Texas Republican Party.

Diana Denman of San Antonio, vice chairman of the state GOP, also said she would seek re-election to her present posi-

tion when the party holds its state convention Sept. 21 and 22 in Corpus Christi.

Strake was elected as chairman by the Republican Executive Committee in 1983.

He said he was seeking re-election in order to "provide continuous party leadership in rebuilding the Texas Republican Party and to assure the re-election of President Reagan."

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