

American youths will teach, play basketball in Uganda

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DALLAS — A Baptist minister, whose name was on Uganda dictator Idi Amin's hit list, announced Wednesday a project to take 100 American high school boys to Uganda to teach basketball this summer.

The Rev. Webster Carroll said under the project, sponsored by the lay ministry group Global Outreach Association, the American boys will spend six weeks teaching basketball in Uganda and arranging tournaments.

"When Amin came to power,

basketball was the fastest growing sports in the high schools," Carroll said in a news conference at the First Baptist Church in Dallas. "For 10 years, our people haven't even smiled much less played organized sports."

Under the project the 100 boys will be divided into 10 teams and sent to 10 schools where they will spend the morning in class with the other students and teach basketball in the afternoon.

"They will be sharing their Christian insight in the classes at the schools in the morning," Carroll said. "In the afternoon they will work with the boys who go out for basketball."

"At some schools, we expect up to 500 boys and we'll let all of them be on the squad."

He said after two weeks the boys will organize a tournament and then move to another school.

Amin took over the government by force in January 1971 and his eight-year reign of terror intensified when he returned from a one-week state visit to Libya convinced that he was the Moslem savior of Africa.

"He came back anti-American and anti-Christian," Carroll said.

"I do not know of an African family in Uganda which did not lose a father, brother or uncle. I'm convinced it was the hand of God that permitted us to stay all these years."

He credited Providence for the fact that he and his wife were in near-by Kenya visiting their daughter at boarding school when he learned that he was on Amin's hit list shortly before the dictatorship fell.

Doug Adkins, counsel for the Dallas Mavericks, presented the team's first autographed play-off ball to Carroll for delivery to Uganda President Apollo Obote. Adkins said that if Carroll happened to see a high school player who "has to duck coming through doors" to let the Mavericks know about him.

Carroll said Adkins' request was one of many.

When Carroll told him he was not sure the players were ready for college academics, Jester said "you send us young men who have never been to high school and we'll send them to high school."

Suit filed in newborn abduction

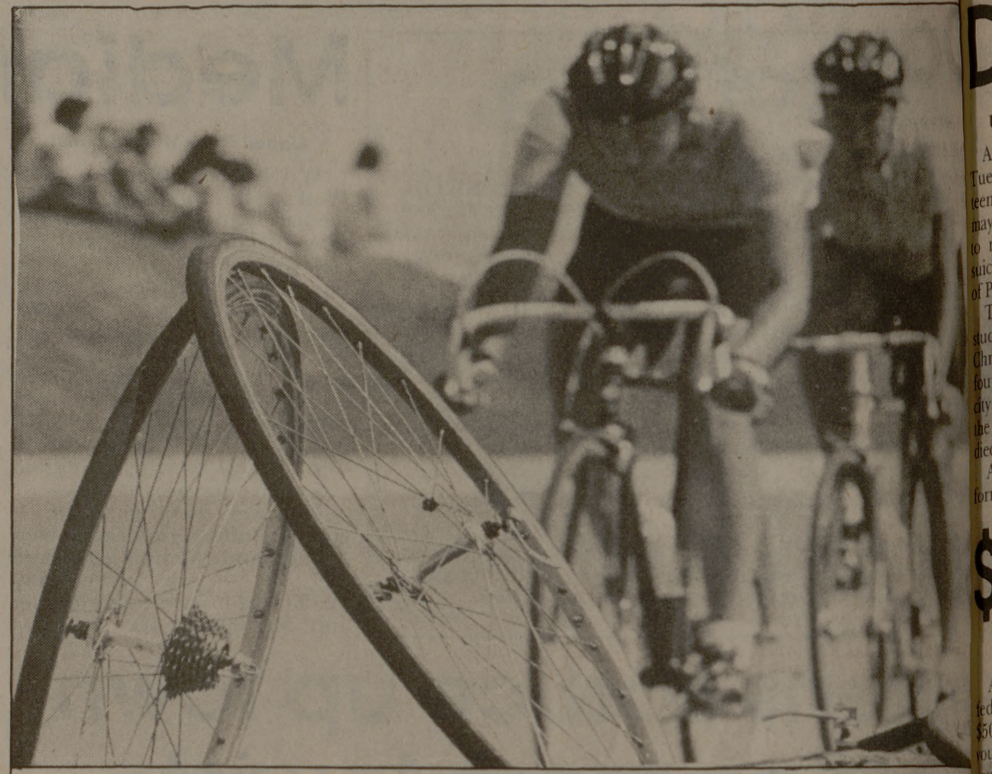
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GALVESTON — The parents of a 4-day-old baby kidnapped from John Sealy Hospital almost two years ago have filed suit against the hospital for \$250,000 in damages, officials said Tuesday.

Christina Lewis was kidnapped by Bonita Renee "Jackie" Johnson, 24, who posed as a new hospital nursery employee, took the child from her mother's arms and walked out of the hospital with the infant.

The baby was returned to her parents by a relative of Johnson's several days later.

The lawsuit, charging negligence by the hospital, was filed by the child's parents Carolyn and Tommy Lewis of Beaumont.

Johnson was arrested in October in Rome, Ga., and charged with kidnapping. She later entered a guilty plea and was sentenced in January to serve a four-year term.



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Decorating the parking lot of Post Oak Mall are the bikes and bikers ready for the Women's Open-Aggieland Stage Race held Saturday.

Police chief says drug programs need funds

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WASHINGTON — If the government can spend billions on defense and space, it should also spend enough to stop the drug abuse and control problems eroding society from within, a South Texas police chief said Tuesday.

"I propose to you that the social and physical well-being of the citizens of the United States is just as important, if not more so, than any space program," said Brownsville Chief Andres Vega Jr.

"Law enforcement is ready and willing to meet the problem head-on but we must have the necessary resources," he told the House Select Committee on

Narcotics. "We need to do something now."

Vega said he found it ironic that the nation spends billions on improving defense and continuing the space program, yet the appropriations for the drug abuse and control problems are minimal.

He told the committee that federal funding cuts sometimes have forced border patrol agents to stop daily patrols because they cannot buy gas. He said an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms official begged the use of a battery so his official car could stay on the road and drug enforcement officers were riding double because they could not afford fuel for separate cars.

Kleberg County Alcohol Office head David Pollard, Kingsville, Rep. Solomon D-Texas, and Vega updated a panel on the status of problems and programs in Texas since the committee's hearings last year in Corpus Christi and Brownsville. They repeated their call for more funding and resources.

Ortiz and Pollard urged a panel to investigate the abuse of inhalants among Mexican-American youths in Texas.

He said current estimates indicate more than 700,000 youths need drug abuse treatment with as many as 14,000 aged 12-17 being added annually.

State 'mobility crisis' viewed

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AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation was criticized Tuesday for failing to assume a leadership role in helping solve the growing "mobility crisis" in Texas cities.

A House subcommittee studying mass transit in Texas also was told the Legislature should provide more consistent funding matches for federal grants to finance bus and rail systems.

Tom Niskala, general manager of the Corpus Christi mass transit system, said Texas is experiencing a "mobility crisis" because it is becoming more urbanized.

He said the state highway agency should follow the lead of other states in helping Texas

cities solve their public transportation needs.

He suggested state-financed demonstration projects for rural and urban areas, the establishment of equipment procurement specifications, ridership surveys and technical assistance.

Phil Wilson, a planning engineer for the highway department, said funding problems could be eased with an increased allocation from the Legislature and a change in the 60-40 split between large and small cities. He recommended an 80-20 formula.

Wilson said in the current two-year budgeting period, the Legislature appropriated \$17.6 million for cities over 200,000 population and \$11.7 million for other Texas cities.

The problem, he said, is the larger cities have exhausted

their money, but the smaller cities' fund "is sitting virtually

idle." State law does not allow large cities to apply for less money in the small city block until only six months are left in the fiscal period, said Wilson.

Another problem he said, he said, is the Legislature "on-again, off-again funding for mass transit. Wilson suggested lawmakers establish a base of between \$15 million and \$20 million and "build" on that on what the transit industry says it needs.

The subcommittee chairman, Rep. Clint Hackney, D-Houston, also said the Legislature should consider creating a state public transportation agency to facilitate state financing of transit systems.

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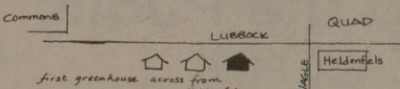
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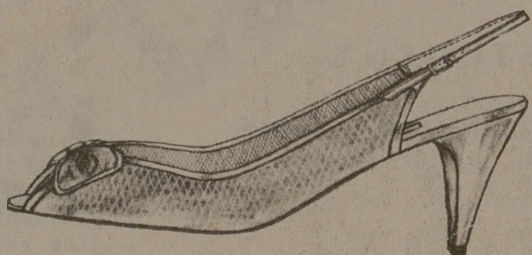
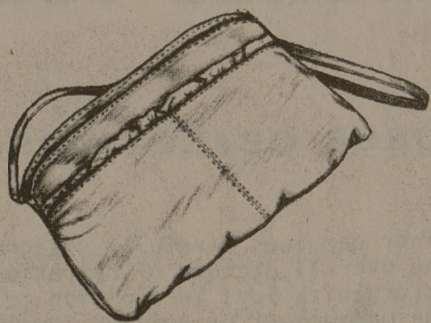
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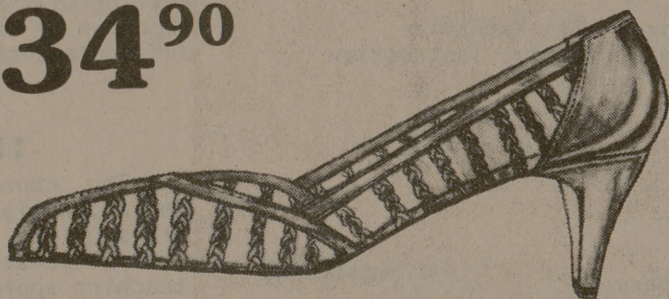
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