

Farm spraying rulings praised

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AUSTIN — Proposed regulations for the application of pesticides are a good first step but don't provide protection from all health hazards associated with the poisons, several environmental groups said Monday.

The Texas Pesticide Project, the Sierra Club, the National Audubon Society and several other groups praised Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower for having "the guts" to propose the regulations in the face of opposition from farm groups and the pesticide industry.

The proposed regulations, which were announced last week after nearly a year of study, would require farmers to notify their neighbors before making aerial sprayings of pesticides.

The proposals also established guidelines on how quickly farm workers can re-enter citrus and vegetable fields after the crops have been treated with pesticides.

"Until this past week, very little has been done — at either the state or federal level — to address these problems," said Tani Adams, director of the Texas Center for Rural Studies. "In our eyes, they (the regulations) represent an enormous first step forward in the creation of a system to protect Texans from pesticide hazards."

However, Adams said further rules were needed to protect people from the drift of poisonous pesticides after aerial spraying.

She said the Texas Center for Rural Studies would urge Hightower to issue rules requiring farmers to post notices along all fields that have been treated with pesticides.

Under the rules currently proposed by Hightower, farmers only would be required to provide such notices on fields that remained dangerous for eight days or more after pesticides were applied.

The proposed regulations, which will be published in the Texas Register today and then undergo a 30-day period of public commentary, also were praised by the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus.

Rep. Al Luna, D-Houston, said Mexican-American lawmakers would oppose any attempts to weaken the proposed regulations or to strip the Agriculture Department of its authority to issue such guidelines.

Luna said the Texas Farm Bureau in particular had been critical of the proposed regulations.

"I would not be surprised if they (the Texas Farm Bureau) made a run, legislatively, at the proposed regulations," Luna said.

However, a spokesman for the Farm Bureau said the organization has no specific plan to combat the regulations.

Nurse charged again with drugging baby

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SAN ANTONIO — A doctor testified Monday that he believed a 4-week-old boy was given an anti-coagulant drug which caused him to suffer multiple cardiac arrests while in the care of nurse Genevieve Jones at Medical Center Hospital.

Jones, 34, already convicted and sentenced to 99 years for the murder of a 15-month-old girl in Kerrville, is charged with injuring Rolando Santos by administering heparin — a drug routinely used to clean out IV lines.

Dr. Victor F. German, an assistant professor of pediatrics who worked in the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit, said Santos began bleeding profusely Jan. 6, 1982, from intravenous sites.

"It appeared the child had been anti-coagulated," he said. "My first guess would be heparin. I'd say a low to moderate dose."

German read from a nurse's logbook which showed that Jones

worked the evening shift when the child began bleeding. He said that after Jones' shift, Santos' problem lessened.

During questioning by special prosecutor Nick Rothe, German said that Santos was taken off the IVs because doctors thought the child accidentally was given heparin.

However, Santos suffered similar bleeding on Jan. 9, after the IVs had been removed.

Rothe suggested at the questioning that the IVs were removed initially to prevent bleeding — German agreed.

Santos was given protamine sulfate, the specific antidote for heparin, following the Jan. 9 bleeding spell, German said.

The next day Santos' condition improved rapidly and he was moved from intensive care to the main pediatric ward. The child was later released from the hospital, German said.

Helicopter crash kills 2 near El Paso

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FORT STOCKTON - Federal investigators were still looking for clues Monday for the cause of a Saturday helicopter crash. The crash took the lives of two U.S. Customs Service employees when their helicopter crashed in a vacant field.

Morley Miller, 52, and John Hollingsworth, 37, were looking for drug smugglers and other contraband during a routine surveillance flight when the helicopter crashed.

State trooper Zeke Rodarte, who witnessed the crash, said Miller, the pilot, was flying directly above a manufacturing plant when the helicopter started backfiring.

"The fellows were heading south from Fort Stockton, and the chopper was backfiring, and it seemed more like the guy was trying to get it out into a field away from where the public was," Rodarte said.

He said Miller appeared to gain control of the helicopter, a Bell Cobra, when it "shot up in the air, and then it came straight back. The tail hit first, and it burst into flames."

Rodarte, trooper Jerry Kirtchgaber and a passer-by, Mike Pritchard of Fort Stockton, tried to rescue the men.

"The flames were there, and it was real hot, but we just managed to get them out of there," Rodarte said. "They were still strapped in the seat belts in their chairs."

The helicopter's tachometer generator gauge had just been repaired by a mechanic, Joe Beaver, chief of the Customs Air Support Wing in El Paso, said.

After the repair, Miller tested the gauge.

Beaver said: "It worked all right, and they took off for a maintenance flight. They flew over the motel, and one of them even waved at somebody there, as if nothing were wrong. Then things did go wrong."

Federal investigators were in Fort Stockton Sunday and Monday. Beaver said it may be months before the cause of the crash is known.

Hollingsworth, who was unmarried, was stationed in the Big Bend area. His mother lives in Presidio.

Miller, of El Paso, is survived by his wife, Anna; a daughter, Carrie Miller, El Paso; another married daughter, Donna, Laredo; and two sons, David, Houston, and Kenny, attending school in San Marcos.

2 inmates stabbed

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HUNTSVILLE — Two stabblings Sunday at the Eastham Unit and Ellis One Unit increased the number of inmate stabblings in Texas prisons to 319 this year, a spokesman said Monday.

Inmate Rickey Gage, 28, was stabbed in the stomach with a 7-inch paring knife in the Ellis kitchen at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, said Phil Guthrie, spokesman for the Texas Department of Corrections.

Gage, who is serving a life sentence for theft and possession of a firearm in Dallas County, was in fair condition Monday at the TDC hospital in Galveston.

Kitchen worker Johnny Cabalero, 37, is being held as a suspect. He is serving 18 years for carrying a weapon on a licensed premise, robbery and aggravated assault from Caldwell County.

At the Eastham Unit, James Scott, 23, was stabbed five times in the neck and back with a sharpened metal spoon in his cell at 6 p.m. Sunday after a disagreement over commissary items, Guthrie said. Scott, who is serving a 20-year sentence for escape and burglary from Coleman County, was in fair condition Monday at the TDC hospital.

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Associate Professor, Political Science, TAMU

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Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering, TAMU

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ATTENTION, AGGIES! THE TIME IS NOW!!!

An organizational meeting to form a special student committee on athletics at Texas A&M will be held:

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Letterman's Lounge of G. Rollie White Coliseum

ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

This meeting is being jointly-sponsored by the Texas A&M Athletic Department and Texas A&M Student Government

Associate Athletic Director John David Crow and Lynn Hickey, Assistant Athletic Director for women, will be present.

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Richard Smith

State Representative

When the students of Texas A&M needed a friend, Richard Smith was there.

Last Spring, **the Democrats** (led by Gov. Mark White) called a **Special Election for State Representative during Spring Break**. When the Aggies would not be in town to vote. The Battalion Editorial Board called the scheduling of the election by the Democrats 'an attack on Texas A&M students, staff and faculty members,' as reported Friday, Jan. 26, 1984. The Bryan/College Station Eagle Editorial Board said 'Let's face it, this whole thing smacks of partisan politics at its most petty level.'; Sunday, Jan. 29, 1984.

Richard Smith, George Strake (Chairman, Republican Party of Texas) and local Republicans worked to change the election date as did Student Government leaders. Not only would the Democrats not change the date but they would not even meet with Student Government.

George Strake said, 'Mark White, probably in consultation with the Democratic candidate in Brazos County, undoubtedly looked at the high Republican vote totals in Texas A&M precincts and decided to give an edge to his candidate over Republican Richard Smith...' as reported in The Eagle Thursday, Jan. 26, 1984.

Richard Smith said, 'This act of political expediency is another sign of the lack of sensitivity of the state Democratic party and our state Democratic elected officials for Texas A&M University', as reported in The Eagle, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1984.

Then Richard Smith went one step further to make sure as many students would be allowed to vote as possible, despite Neeley Lewis and the Democrats. **Richard Smith personally provided for a shuttle bus system to take Aggies to the polls to vote absentee.** Students who wanted a ride were taken to the polls, with no regard to party affiliation or who they were voting for. When Texas A&M and its students come under attack, Aggies stick together.

When the students of Texas A&M needed a friend, Richard Smith was there. Where was Neeley Lewis?



Richard Then:

- Member, Squadron 22
- Varsity Swimming Team
- Distinguished Student
- BS Mechanical Engineering, Class of '59
- 4 Years Active Duty U.S. Air Force
- Captain, USAF Reserve

Richard Now:

- Former Mayor, Bryan (5 years)
- City Council Member (3 years)
- Founding President, Brazos Animal Shelter, Inc.
- Member, Century Club, Association of Former Students
- Varsity Donor, The Aggie Club

