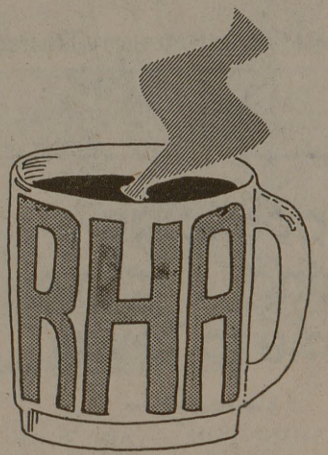


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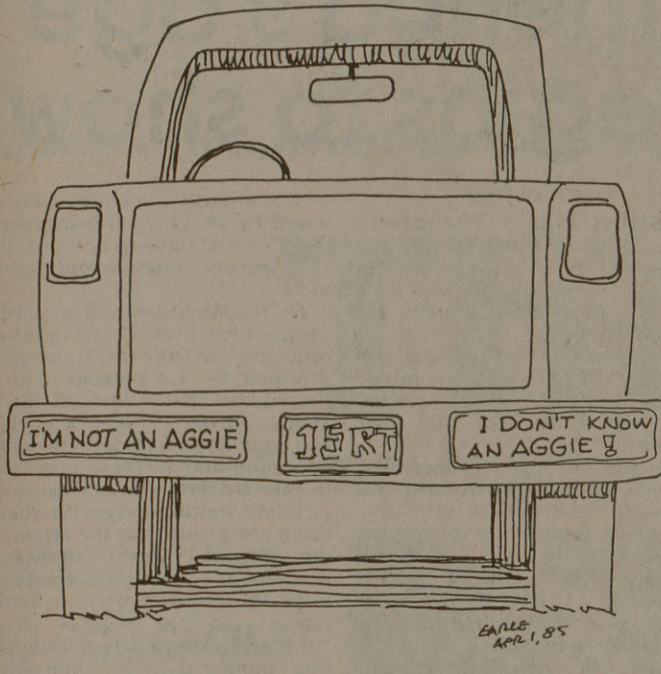


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Studies: IUDs increase risk of infertility

Associated Press

BOSTON — Using an intrauterine device for birth control seems to double the risk of infertility, and 88,000 U.S. couples may be unable to have children because of damage from IUDs, new research finds.

The authors of two major studies being published today recommend that women who have never had children should not have these devices inserted but should choose some other form of contraception.

The reports agreed that plastic IUDs are the most dangerous, while the copper-covered IUDs are less likely to cause infertility.

A study by Dr. Daniel W. Cramer of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and a separate report by Dr. Janet R. Daling of the University of Washington in Seattle were published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The two studies found that two brands of plastic IUDs, the Lippes Loop and the Saf-T-Coil, appear to approximately triple the risk of infertility. The Saf-T-Coil was discontinued about two years ago. The risk is even higher for the Dalkon Shield, another plastic IUD that has not been sold for a decade, according to the studies.

Manufacturers of the three brands of IUDs said they would not comment on the reports because they had not read them.

The Boston study found that the risk of infertility was about 60 percent higher than usual among women who used copper IUDs. The Seattle study found, a smaller, but not statistically meaningful, increase among these women.

Officials uncover \$195 million of pot

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 32 tons of marijuana, with an estimated value of up to \$195 million, was discovered on a battered fishing boat after it was stopped for a routine safety check, federal authorities reported Wednesday.

"It's the biggest (West Coast) haul any of us can recall," said U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency agent and public affairs officer Bob Cox, esti-

imating the street value of the contraband, believed to have originated in Thailand, at \$2,000 to \$3,000 a pound.

U.S. Customs special agent Tom McDermott said investigators suspect that a "mother ship" off the coast unloaded the 65,000-pound cargo of foil-wrapped marijuana bales onto a 76-foot fishing boat.

House votes to end ban on farm jobless benefits

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House tentatively approved Wednesday to ending the 50-year ban on unemployment benefits for farm workers.

The action came three months after State District Judge Harley Clark of Austin ruled the ban an unconstitutional violation of equal protection for all citizens.

"This bill does exactly what Judge Clark wanted done," said Rep. Lloyd Criss, D-Texas City, the bill's sponsor.

Since its inception in 1936, the unemployment benefit system has excluded farm workers.

"It's time we stopped subsidizing farmers," Criss said. "It's time they paid their way. Their employees are not entitled to any fewer benefits than other employees."

Pampa Rep. Foster Whaley said many farmers already are over their heads in debt, and the unemployment insurance payments won't help. He said two farmers in his district have killed themselves this year because of financial woes.

But Texas Civil Liberties Union officials, who mounted the successful court fight against excluding farm workers, called the House action "one more step toward equal rights for farm workers in Texas."

"The House today sounded the death knell of an era of discrimination against workers who are predominantly and overwhelmingly Hispanic and black," said Jim Harrington, TCLU legal director.

Preliminary approval in the House came on an 86-54 vote. Final approval on Thursday would send the bill to the Senate, where Criss expects it to pass with "little difficulty."

"This bill is a great step forward toward equity and equality in this state," he said. "Farm workers, as a group, are some of the poorest people in our state."

The measure would force farm and ranch employers

to pay unemployment taxes if they pay quarterly wages of at least \$1,500 or hire at least one employee for 20 days during 20 weeks of a year.

House members approved an amendment to set up a phase-in of the bill during 1986-87. Criss said the state unemployment fund would go broke if the new law was effective this year.

The Texas Employment Commission estimates \$17 million worth of benefits would have to be paid this year, while only \$10 million in taxes would be collected. If the unemployment fund has a negative balance in November, taxes for all employers would increase — by as much as \$280 million, Criss said.

The two-year phase-in will avoid the deficit and resulting tax hike, he said.

In other action Wednesday, the House gave tentative approval in a 70-69 vote to a bill that would end required examining trials for juveniles who face possible trial as an adult. Under Houston Rep. Mike Toomey's bill, juveniles would be allowed to request an examining trial prior to being certified for an adult trial.

The current law makes examining trials mandatory. It's a law that's used to win reversals of convictions in cases where the examining trial is not held, according to Toomey.

That bill also faces a final vote before going to senators.

In final votes Wednesday, the House approved several Senate bills, including measures that would:

- Make it a felony for inmates to carry deadly weapons in prison. It is now a misdemeanor.
- Allow the Texas Youth Commission to retain custody of juvenile offenders until age 21. TYC now must release offenders at 18.
- Allow race cars to carry ads for alcoholic beverages.

UT-Arlington teaching assistant spends summers hunting jaguars

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — In the summer he can be found deep within the Amazon jungle, hunting jaguars or talking to the Indians.

Hugo Munoz, Spanish graduate teaching assistant at the University of Texas at Arlington, is from Colombia. When he wants adventure, he goes back to South America. He has many tales to tell.

Some of his adventures would make Indiana Jones drop his jaw, like the time an anaconda coiled around his body. And his eyes light up as he talks about hunting cats.

"Jaguars are fascinating," he says, lighting a cigarette as he explains how he stalks the animals. "They are extremely powerful ... the fastest animals around."

To get the cats' attention, Munoz drags a freshly-killed wild pig through the jungle, leaving its scent on the ground and foliage. Then, rifle in hand, he finds a nearby tree to climb.

"I wait until it is pitch dark," he says. "I must be very still. Any sudden noise or movement will frighten the jaguar."

He waits. And waits. Sometimes his outings are fruitless. Other times he gets his prize. And once in a while he is surprised.

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Once time he killed a jaguar and climbed down the tree. He had spent has last shell, but he knew the chances of another jaguar coming were slim.

He heard a noise. He turned on his flashlight to discover two glaring red eyes.

Oops. Luckily, his hunting party came and helped him kill the animal.

Monzo also hunts wild pigs — the only animals the jaguar fears. They travel in packs of 200 to 300 and will charge anything.

"One must be very careful when hunting wild pigs," Munoz says. "They have large tusks that make a clapping sound when rubbed together. If someone is in a tree, the pigs may surround, chew and knock

the tree over. Then you're in trouble."

But the animals that really scare Munoz are poisonous jungle snakes. Non-poisonous snakes he can handle. Without so much as a wince, he recalls the time he encountered a 25-foot anaconda. Anacondas can swallow their victims whole.

"The huge snake was wrapped around me and it was squeezing me very tightly," Munoz says, adding that he thought death was near.

Then he remembered that the snake's weakest part is its tail. Munoz bit that snake right in the tail.

The snake released its grip, and Munoz lived to bite again.

Besides hunting, the adventurer also enjoys studying natives. A translator goes with him on his trips to the jungle.

"We have much to learn from the so-called uncivilized people of the world," says Munoz, who is finishing his doctorate in anthropology. "In ways, the Indian tribes I've studied know so much more than we do."

Many of these tribes put great stock in the family unit. The extended family is common — a child's aunts and uncles are considered his mothers and fathers. Cousins are considered brothers and sisters.