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Cough found in South Texas

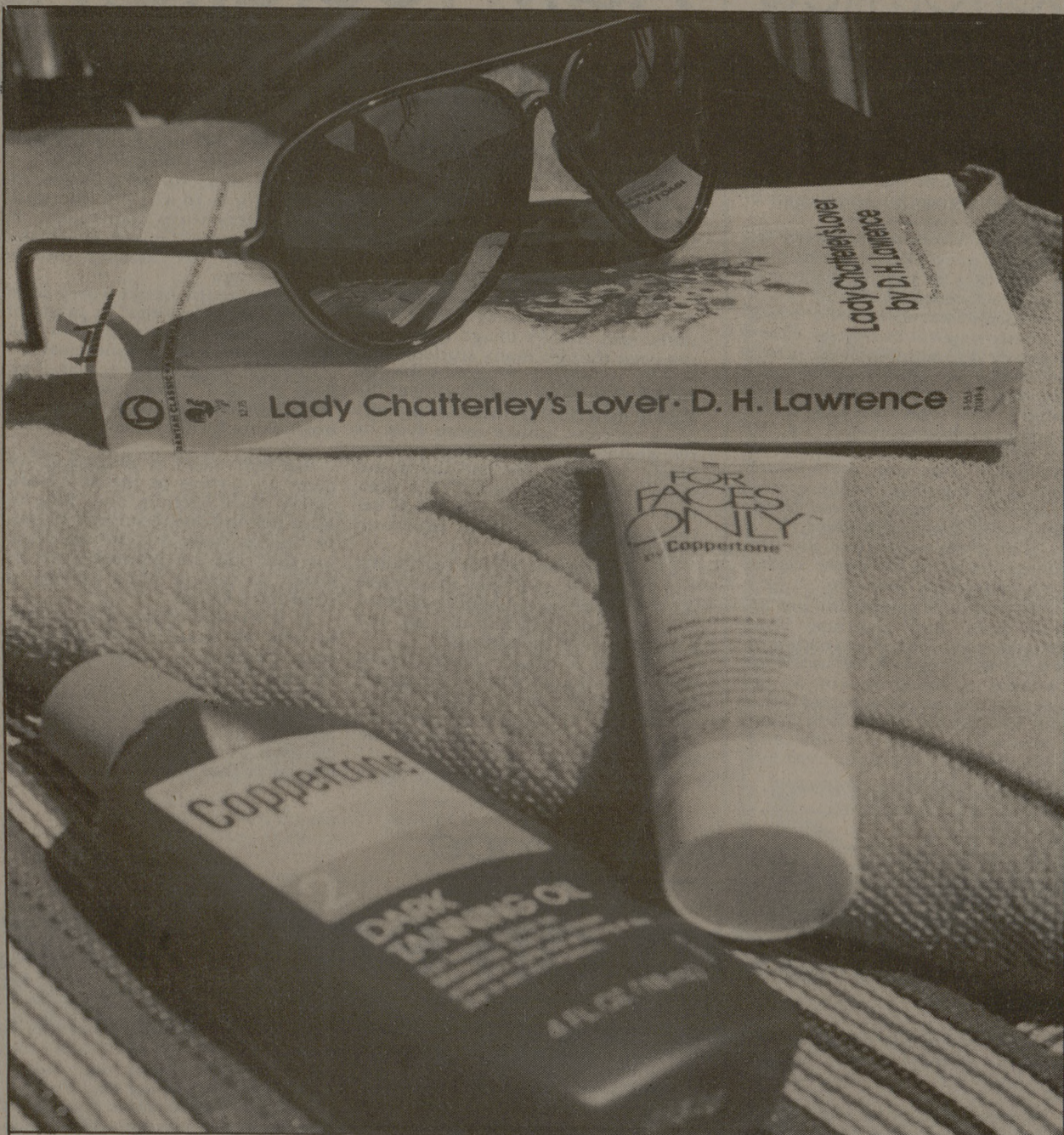
Associated Press
Health officials are battling a whooping cough outbreak in South Texas called the worst in the area in at least 10 years.
So far in 1985, there have been at least 128 cases reported in a 21-county area bounded by Del Rio on the west, Seguin on the east, Cotulla on the south and Gillespie County to the north.
The number is more than double the 60 whooping cough cases reported in all of Texas last year.
This year, 67 cases have been reported in Val Verde County and 50 in Bexar County, said Tom Griffith, head of the 21-county Region 9 of the Texas Department of Health.
Of the cases reported in Texas this year, Griffith said 90 percent have been in South Texas.
"I wish I knew" what caused the outbreak," Griffith said. "We were just going over the statistics this

morning. I hope we've got it nipped in the bud but we're not positive."
The totals, he said, are "the most Region 9 has had in its history or at least in the last 10 years."
There have been no deaths officials could link 100 percent to whooping cough, also called pertussis, Griffith said.
A 1-month-old Del Rio baby who died last week at a San Antonio hospital was diagnosed as having pneumonia. But Griffith said doctors suspected she may have had whooping cough.
Lab tests for the disease, characterized by a heavy, whooping-type cough, are not 100 percent conclusive, doctors said.
In Val Verde County, pertussis cases have been concentrated at Laughlin Air Force Base. Because of the incidence of the disease at the base, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta has sent an epidemiologist to study the situation.

DPS says 45 to die in holiday wrecks

Associated Press
AUSTIN — An estimated 45 Texans will die in Labor Day weekend traffic accidents, but that toll could be substantially less if motorists obey the mandatory seat belt law that takes effect Sunday, safety officials say.
In issuing its fatality estimate for the 78-hour Labor Day period, the Texas Department of Public Safety noted that 41 people were killed in collisions last Labor Day, with five more dying later as a result of injuries suffered in holiday crashes.
But Col. Jim Adams, DPS director, said he hopes the new seat belt law will be followed and that the death toll will be lower.
"We're hoping Texans will start

getting in the habit of using safety belts," Adams said. "If the vast majority of motorists make a conscious effort to buckle up during this Labor Day holiday period, we will see a dramatic decrease in the number of deaths."
The seat belt law, passed by the Legislature this spring, goes into effect Sunday. However, the law includes a 90-day grace period before fines can be levied against violators.
Adams said the DPS also will conduct "Operation Motorcade" over Labor Day weekend, providing the news media with periodic updates on the highway death toll.
Adams said that of last year's 46 victims, 28 died in accidents in which excessive speed or alcohol were factors.



Summer's almost over

As summer approaches an end, students soon will be putting away the beach gear. The suntan lotion, sunglasses and beach towels will be replaced by

books, notebooks and calculators as school begins and the weather gets cooler.

Photo by Lee Booker

Buzzards not as useless as some think

Associated Press
The turkey buzzard has acquired an unfair reputation as an evil, foul exploiter of death, while actually the bird is nature's airborne sanitary engineer.
Misconceptions about the buzzard or turkey vulture are deeply rooted in myth, tall tales and wrong information, according to an article in the September issue of Sports Afield that calls the bird useful, viable and majestic.
The vulture inhabits much of the earth, in our own hemisphere ranging from Hudson's Bay to Tierra del Fuego. He feeds almost entirely on carrion.
Unlike his gigantic cousin, the condor, vultures have adapted readily and successfully to the proliferation of man.
The condor, because of his size, needs large amounts of carrion to survive.
The vulture requires much less and in a nation of fast motorists and consequent roadside kills, there is never a scarcity of easy meals.
Turkey vultures mate in early spring.
The eggs are laid in March and both parents are diligent nesters. Male and female share the brooding.
When the chicks are hatched the parents continue to share domestic chores, displaying gentleness and affection — and fierce protectiveness — toward their offspring.
A chick will play dead if molested, but an immature bird spreads its wings threateningly and croaks its displeasure. An adult bird reaches a height of 3 feet with a wingspan nearly double that.
Adult turkey vultures have few enemies. Their primary adversary is man.
Shotguns, electrical wires and rodent-control poisons kill countless vultures every year. Pesticides can render their eggs infertile or too fragile to survive.
Vulture populations, however, are in little danger because the bird is a prolific survivor.
The vulture is clumsy on the ground, but most graceful in the air.

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