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## **Autumn Hills**

### Doctor says elderly woman was dying

SAN ANTONIO — An elderly woman was dying and nothing could be done to save her when she entered a Texas City nursing home, a doctor testified in a murder-by-ne-

glect trial Tuesday. Dr. Gene Boisaubin, who described himself as an expert in internal medicine, clinical nutrition and

medical ethics, also testified Elnora home Breed died of a combination of factors at an Autumn Hills nursing

The 87-year-old woman, he said, likely died of a stroke, heart attack and colon cancer.

"Was there anything that could have helped Mrs. Breed in 1978?" asked defense lawyer Tom Sartwelle.

Not that I know of," Boisaubin said.

"The dying process was under lieve it (dietary order) was ar way with Mrs. Breed," he said. "She ate," the Houston doctor said was in the dying process for six

months to a year before she entered Autumn Hills." Boisaubin's testimony came in the state's murder trial against Autumn Hills Convalescent Centers Inc. and four of its current and former em-

They are charged in the Nov. 20, 1978, death of Breed. She died 47 days after entering the nursing

The state claims she died of overwhelming infection and starvation, both brought on by poor nursing

The defense claims Breed died of

Boisaubin defended a doctor's order for a 600-calorie daily diet for Breed. Prosecution witnesses described the order as a starvation diet and said it contributed to her death. "Under the circumstances I be-

lieve it (dietary order) was appropri-"There's no doubt withholding

ing dying ones, is very serious," he said. "But you have to look at the full benefit. This patient was unrespon

sive, unable to feel hunger. Boisaubin, who is a professor of internal medicine at the Baylor medical school in Houston, said increasing Breed's caloric intake could have

caused trauma to her malnourished But under cross examination, the doctor admitted the dietary order

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amounted to a starvation diet. "Could she have lived on 600 calories daily indefinitely?" prosecutor David Marks asked.

'No, nobody can," the doctor said. "It starves you to death, doesn't it?" Marks asked.

"I guess if you put it that way, it's

he said.

Marks also pointed out Breeds charts from a hospital stay prior to entering Autumn Hills showed she was improving.

# Earthquake homeless hurt by cold weather

MEXICO CITY - As the overnight temperature dropped below freezing to its lowest point in 30 years, city officials on Tuesday blamed the cold weather for at least

Forecasts called for the cold wave, which sent the thermometer down to 27 degrees, to last for more than two days. There was concern that thousands still living in tents or temporary shelters because of the September earthquakes could suffer even more hardship.

Police announced that their Operation Indigent, which is put into effect for winter weather each year, rescued 36 people in the past 24 hours at the entrances to subway stations or in the doorways of large department stores.

The polar air has affected most of interior Mexico, causing major snow storms last week in the northern border state of Chihuahua. The forecast Tuesday for the northern mesa was for continued cold, ice in the mountains and some rain in northwestern

mained unaffected, and temperatures remain seasonably warm in southern Mexico.

Few homes have central heating systems in Mexico City, where the temperature rarely drops below the 40s even in January. The average temperature is 72.

The latest government figures show that 40,000 people remain homeless from the Sept. 19-20 earthquakes that killed at least 7,000 people and destroyed or badly damaged about 3,000 buildings.

President Miguel de la Madrid has

said it will take 15 months for the problem to be solved completely.

Private estimates are that the number of homeless is even higher, with many people living in tents refusing to leave their neighborhoods

to enter government shelters.

The lowest temperature ever recorded in Mexico City was Jan. 11, 1914, with 24.4 degrees. On Jan. 12, 1956, the temperature dropped to

#### Crewmen eject to safety before F-4 jet crashes

**Associated Press** 

TILDEN - Two officers of the Texas Air National Guard ejected safely Tuesday afternoon before their F-4 Phantom jet crashed about two miles northwest of Tilden.

The two were identified as Col. Gary Walston and Maj. Bruce Beasley, both of San Antonio. Walston is the commanding offi-cer of the 149th Tactical Fighter Group of the guard.

The crash occurred about 3 p.m. during a routine training mission as Air National Guard, said Phoebe Brown, a spokeswo-man at Kelly Air Force Base.

"The two crew members ejected successfully before the crash and have been picked up by helicopter," she said.

A team of experts from Kelly was dispatched to the scene to investigate the incident, Brown

## Owner seeks incorporation for truck stop

**Associated Press** 

HILLSBORO — Carl Cornelius' vision about building a monument to truckers started with Carl's Corner truck stop, complete with two Jacuzzis, a swimming pool, a 24-hour restaurant and a game room.

Now Cornelius has bigger plans.

He wants to incorporate his truck stop as a city — Carl's Corner,

Voters from the area's population of 220 will go to the polls Saturday to decide whether they want to incor-

porate their 1,280 acres as a city. Voting will be at the truck stop, lo-ted about five miles north of Hillsboro in Central Texas.

more a matter of pragmatism than one of fame and advertising. A city has access to state and federal aid for building and improving water systems and fire and police protection. "I would like to see a nice bank

Cornelius says incorporation is

come out here," he says. "And I'd like to see a nice fire department come out here. I want it to be self-

supporting." ration, another election will be held to elect city officials. Cornelius wont pound, dancing, polyurethane frogs from a slumping Dallas nightclub tion. and put them at his truck stop for

the world just for truckers.

Cornelius has teamed up with former Waco artist Bob "Daddy-0" Wade for his truckers' drive-in. Wade is the designer of the frog Cornelius bought in Dallas and is better known, perhaps, for his sculp ture of a huge iguana that sits atop the Lone Star Cafe in New York.

If the vote is in favor of incorpo-

But in an interview in 1984, when looks. He also is designing and asked what position he would hold building the only drive-in theater in in his dream city, he responded with a smile, "Owner."

