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Company head Warped seeks to build new paper mill

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP)

— High-quality paper can be produced from a bamboo-like plant that grows as tall as 15 feet in four months, the chairman of a Califor-nia firm hoping to build a paper mill in South Texas said Tuesday.

The agricultural community has been very responsive," said J.K. "Jerry" Stanners, chairman of KE-NAF International, a company named after the prolific kenaf plant of the Hibiscus cannabinus family.

Stanners announced at the Texas Daily Newspaper Association's summer meeting that his firm has agreed to form a joint venture with Montreal-based Canadian International Parents of Agreement of Section 2015 tional Paper to develop kenaf for use in the manufacture of paper and paper-related products.
"The initial objective of this new

venture is to complete the project economics, marketing and engi-neering to implement a three-year plan to construct a pulp and paper mill in South Texas," he said. "If we started today, we could be produc-ing by late 1990."

The company has studied different varieties of kenaf since 1981 in cooperation with Rio Farms, a non-profit agricultural research organi-

zation in Monte Alto.

It is looking at Willacy County as the site of a planned 37,000-acre production area where it would build a paper mill and buy the crop from farmers. The 37,000-acre kenaf area would be larger than the amount of citrus planted in the Rio Grande Valley, which totals 30,400

Cotton and grain sorghum crops in the four-county Valley area annually average about 300,000 acres each, according to the Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The mill would have a capacity of

215,000 tons of newsprint per year, said Stanners, who estimated that the United States uses 12.5 million tons of newsprint annually.

He said the mill and harvesting operations would employ 400 to 500 people in Willacy County, which has an unemployment rate of nearly 19 percent.

Stanners conceded that early experiments with kenaf newsprint produced low-quality paper, but he said his company has developed improved production methods in recent years.

Financing remains an obstacle, however, and Stanners said more than \$200 million is needed to get

the operation going.

It also must obtain 11 different environmental permits, although he said that "if sugar cane can be grown to meet all the standards, then we certainly should be allowed to."



Man ordered

to take test

for AIDS virus







by Scott McCull

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge or-dered a parolee accused of sexually assaulting two teen-aged boys at knifepoint to take a blood test to de-

termine if he has been exposed to the deadly disease AIDS.

State District Judge Patricia Lykos ordered Clarence Shelvin, 26, on Monday to take a blood test for AIDS and other sexually transmitted

'It would certainly be of interest to anyone who has had recent sexual contact with the defendant that they may obtain treatment and take appropriate caution regarding their own behavior in the future," Lykos

Police have said although they have no reason to believe the man has been exposed to AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, they asked for the test as a precaution for the boys, aged 15 and

Prosecutor Lee Coffee said the test would also ease fears of inmates and employees at the Harris County Jail, where Shelvin is being held. Prosecutors said the order is the

first of its kind in Harris County, and a spokesman for the Attorney General's office said it was believed to be the first time in Texas a suspect in a criminal case has been ordered to take a test for AIDS.

Shelvin was paroled from the Texas Department of Corrections in May after serving six years of a 16-year sentence for burglary and an-other case of sexual assault of a

John Paul Barnich, an attorney for the AIDS Foundation in Houston, criticized the ruling, saying that whether Shelvin tests positive or negative, the victims will still have to be monitored for months because it can take six months or more for AIDS antibodies to show up in a person's bloodstream.

What's up

Wednesday MEXICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in the party room of Courtyard Apartments.

Thursday

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will hold a Bible studyz 6:30 p.m. outdoors between Rudder Tower and the Memorial Student Center.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalian 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days be fore desired publication date.

TDC spokesman says prison guards warned of inmate with AIDS

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Four state prison guards who were spattered with blood and urine of an inmate afflicted with AIDS had been warned that the man had an infectious disease, officials said.

Three guards at the Beto I Unit in Anderson County got blood on them June 23 while wrestling a razor blade away from an inmate who was trying to slash his wrist, according to prison

reports.
The 19-year-old inmate, who is serving a life sentence for a Dallas County aggravated sexual assault, was put in restraints

Two of the three guards had breaks in the skin on their hands and could possibly contract the disease, said Jerry Taylor, a representative of the Texas State Employees Unions.

In a second incident on June 26, the same inmate threw urine on the legs of a fourth guard, Taylor told the *Houston Chronicle*. The names of the guards and inmate were not released. released. exposed to the disease by him.

None of the guards have tested or handcuffing infected inmates.

positive for exposure to the Al rus, he said. Officials have said take six months or mo AS AIDS antibodies show up in son's bloodstream.

A preliminary investigation showed that the guards were we that the inmate had an indeed disease, but Taylor said the were not told that the disease But Texas Department of Contions spokesman Charles Brown Tuesday he understood the shad been told the inmate was

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There is no known cure if quired immune deficiency drome, which attacks the body mune system and leaves it under the control of the control o resist disease.

Taylor said many of the E TDC employees have contacted since news of the two incidents lated through the prison sy Most were concerned about

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Researcher says exposure to sunlight ab can provide positive health benefits

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Thousands of people will flock to the beaches this summer, and while dermatologists warn against the sun's damaging rays, a researcher here says the sun's good for you.

Dr. Russel J. Reiter, professor of neuroendocrinology at the Univer-sity of Texas Health Science Center, says exposure to the sun is good for

"Sunlight is very good for us, but we have misused it," he says. "Dermatologists are opposed to sunbathing, but it's the American way. It's something we're going to do. Reiter is an internationally known

expert on the pineal gland, which produces the hormone melatonin in the brain. The hormone is formed mostly during darkness, and too much of it can lead to depression, Reiter says. The answer, he suggests, is more

exposure to sunlight or, in the workplace, better and more abundant

"Certainly sunlight justifiably has gotten a bad rap in terms of its effects on skin cancer," Reiter says.

"Positively, however, sunlight generally seems to improve mood, sexual performance, possibly, and general

More than 500,000 people each year are diagnosed as having skin cancer and about 7,800 die annually

and should help increase productivity, he says.

Most offices and recreation facili-

ties now use cool, white fluorescent bulbs, but Reiter predicts that within 20 years light bulbs giving off sun-light-like illumination will be more

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— Dr. Russel J. Reiter

from the disease, according to the common

American Cancer Society.

Reiter says, however, that people can reap the benefits of the sun without being exposed to it.

"Studies are being done to show that individuals who have windows to the outside in their offices seem to make fewer mistakes," he says.

You can wear a long-sleeve shirt," he says. "You can wear a hat and keep it off your face, go for a noon walk and get its physiological effects. In the workplace, more lighting non-invasive than light? You don't

can combat the depressive problem have to take anything internally.

"They seem to perform better. "Light can be used as a drug in various types of depression. What is more convenient and what is more

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on animals and humans during to take : past 20 years, however, res Land have come to realize the glands rancis portance. The pineal gland is connected the eyes and the sunlight it reco Noonai inhibits the production of m

nin, the professor says. During winter months, when skies are gray, some people a flicted with "seasonal affective

der," a depressive, lethargic tion caused by too much mela Reiter says.

"There are people in this who take light and darkness granted, he says. "It's not innow It impacts all aspects of our life.

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HOUSTON (AP) — While crude oil price futures have been climbing amid fears of supply disruptions in the Persian Gulf, oil experts disagree on how high prices may go.

On Monday, prices for West Texas Intermediate crude closed at \$22.20 a barrel. Prices for the U.S. benchmark crossed the \$22-per-barrel mark last week for the first time in 18 months.

"Technically, if there is a threat of interruption of supply (from the Persian Gulf), there really isn't a top to the market," said Al Ballard, manager of the Houston office of Broder Oil Fu-

About 8 percent of the non-Communist world's supplies are shipped through the Persian Gulf, with most of the oil going to Japan and Western Europe. Because of fears of Iranian attacks, the U.S.

plans to fly Kuwaiti tankers under U.S. flags and

offer them military protection. While analysts generally agree future prices will depend largely on how high hostilities escalate in the Gulf, they vary in their assessment. Most agree Persian Gulf tensions have added \$2

to \$4 to futures prices of West Texas Intermediate crude, the U.S. benchmark.

The premium reflects fear and uncertainty over whether oil can continue to be transported safely through the constricted waterway, and some analysts say a disruption of Persian Gulf supplies would cause the price of oil to shoot up

Aivars Krasts, vice president of planning and analysis for Conoco Inc. in Houston, said, "You are looking at something like double the current price if there is all-out war. It all will depend on the length of it, the extent of it and how much oil

Krasts says he doesn't anticipate a complete shutoff of Persian Gulf oil to world markets because Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have access to land-based pipelines that could carry some oil currently shipped from the area by tanker.

"(But) the alternative routes are not invulnerable," Krasts said. "If they (the Iranians) become

determined to disrupt supplies, there is a lot more they can do." Tony Lentini, spokesman for Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. in Houston, says a disruption of supplies from the Persian Gulf could oil prices up to \$55 to \$60 per barrel. But Dale Steffes, founder of Houston

Planning & Forecasting Consultants, so present Persian Gulf uncertainties are unli

raise oil prices much from what he feels are currently overvalued levels.
"It could go to \$25 on a temporary bass think it will fall to the \$18 to \$20 range," \$25 on the second country bass think it will fall to the \$18 to \$20 range."

He predicted the Saudis would boost the ume before allowing the price to reach \$25.

"The thing they don't want to see is extion start up," Steffes said.

OPEC's benchmark price for oil has beens \$18, a level that largely discouraged explorations of the price of the

by non-OPEC producers.

Steffes says a sustained \$22-per-barrel could cause the number of active drilling the United States to rise to 1,000 by Sept.

The Baker Hughes rig count, a watched index of U.S. drilling activity, so 891 as of July 13, up roughly 34 percent for low of 663 in July 1986. The rig count reads zenith of 4,530 in 1981.