

**Prison officials: Warped**

by Scott McCullar

**Rapist set for 10 years early**

HOUSTON (AP) — A convicted rapist who was on parole when he was charged with aggravated sexual assault on Oct. 12, was released from Texas prison several years too early because of a record-keeping error, officials said.

Donald Eugene Dutton, 38, of Jano City, was arrested again in October, but the error involving his release from prison for a previous sexual assault wasn't discovered until Tuesday.

David Singer, a Harris County assistant district attorney, said he was looking through Dutton's parole papers that stated the man had been released after serving six years of a 10-year sentence. He actually had been sentenced to 40 years.

Dutton also may face six other charges in connection with a series of rapes in west Houston that began in 1983. He was released from the Texas Department of Corrections June 16. Singer said the parolee should have served at least another six years in prison before being considered for parole.

"It's a pretty bad mistake, especially because the seven women had to go through what they did," Singer said.

After Dutton pleaded guilty to aggravated rape and burglary with intent to commit rape in August 1980, District Judge Charles Hearn sentenced him to two consecutive 10-year sentences. Since Dutton used a weapon, he was required to serve a third of his 40-year sentence before being paroled.

But prison officials apparently coded his sentencing information incorrectly and their records said the sentences ran concurrently, not consecutively, TDC spokesman Dan Nunnelee said.



**Waldo**

by Kevin Thomas



**Joe Transfer**

by Dan Barlow



**Dr. Ruth will answer Aggies' questions about sex at first A&M appearance**

By Elisa Hutchins  
Staff Writer

Sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer will make her first appearance at Texas A&M Friday at 2 p.m. in the Rudder Auditorium. Westheimer will give a 45-minute lecture called "Sexually Speaking," and will answer previously submitted questions from the audience as part of a program sponsored by MSC Great Issues.

Michelle DeVoe, a senior psychologist and chairman of Great Issues, said the organization asked Westheimer to speak at A&M because she is the most popular lecturer in the country.

Westheimer, syndicated radio host and author of "Good

Sex," has been chosen as the outstanding speaker of the year since 1986 by the National Association of Campus Activities.

"MSC Great Issues wanted to bring Dr. Ruth here because the University environment seems interested in sexually related issues, like safe sex," DeVoe said.

Part of the promotion of Westheimer's lecture has included the distribution of condoms by Great Issues and MSC Political Forum. The condoms, donated by Planned Parenthood, were distributed Wednesday in front of the MSC and the Blocker Building.

DeVoe said their distribution is an effort to publicize both Westheimer's visit and an AIDS symposium Wednesday, which is sponsored by Political Forum.

After the lecture, Dr. Robert Hurley, a health and physical education professor, will read the audience-submitted questions.

Hurley teaches Health Education 342, a human sexuality class. In the past few years, he said, sex has become a topic people talk more openly about.

"Dr. Ruth is popular because a lot of people have questions and don't know who to ask, and by calling in to her radio program, they can get an answer without giving a name," Hurley said.

He said Ruth serves a purpose because she stresses communication between the sexes.

"Many females would like to be more aggressive, and many male stu-

dents have expressed the same desire for them to be, but to a point," Hurley said. "It comes down to communication, and that is the void that Dr. Ruth is filling."

Wendy Stock, an A&M assistant professor of psychology, agrees.

"Dr. Ruth is not a trained psychologist, but I agree with her advice about 90 percent of the time," Stock said. "She has been a positive influence on our sexually repressed culture that is still shrouded with guilt in our modern world."

Westheimer earned her doctorate in interdisciplinary study of the family from Columbia University.

She has a private practice in New York City.

Tickets for the lecture are \$4 for students and \$5 for non-students.

**Police suspect band of women in purse thefts**

ODESSA (AP) — Store clerks who keep an eye out for shoplifters might be watching for the wrong thing, says a police official who believes a band of young women is specializing in snatching purses.

Many of the 400 purse thefts since last December were committed by a group of about 20 women varying in age from 16 to 25, Odessa police Cpl. Bianca Brister said.

"This is a group that totally and completely support themselves on purse thefts," she said.

The women operate in groups of two to four, according to authorities. One goes into the back room of a business, where the purses usually are kept, on the pretense of using the restroom or a pay phone. The partners distract the clerk with questions.

"Any type of small business in Odessa that has

one to two clerks is a potential target for this group," Brister said. "Clerks watch customers to avoid shoplifting because shoplifting is something they've been taught to be more afraid of than losing their purse."

At the end of 1986 and the first few months of this year, Odessa police received 50 purse theft reports a month, Brister said. Midland also had a slight increase in purse thefts, though the rate in both cities has gone down since, she said.

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