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Process-industry symposium explores modern technology

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Process-industry manufacturers will have the chance to learn about the latest technological advances in a symposium being held at Texas A&M beginning today at 10 a.m. and continuing through Thursday.

The 43rd Annual Symposium on Instrumentation for the Process Industries, sponsored by the Department of Chemical Engineering, will be conducted at the Rudder Conference Center.

An estimated 600 instrumentation engineers and others from the process industries, such as refining and chemical production, will meet for the symposium.

The gathering is widely known for its presentation of reports on successfully applied advanced technology from industry representatives, said Dr. Rayford G. Anthony, chairman of the symposium and professor of chemical engineering at A&M.

"The main objective is education," Anthony said, "and it is a good opportunity for instrumental engineers, manufacturers, users and vendors to learn about the latest use of equipment available. It is a chance to see the leading edge of applied technology."

Anyone interested in the subject is encouraged to attend. Registration is \$75 and does not include workshop fees or the Wednesday evening barbeque.

Full-time students interested in attending the symposium may obtain a free pass/badge at the Rudder Conference Center beginning at 8 a.m. today.

Peter A. Waldheim, the symposium's keynote speaker, is the vice president for engineering for the M.W. Kellogg Co., one of the "big five" worldwide engineering firms.

After the opening ceremonies today, Waldheim will discuss "Change — Do We Manage It or Does It Manage Us?"

Other topics to be discussed during the three-day symposium include expert systems in the control room, instrument maintenance and the communication hierarchy for plant-wide automation.

Four pre-conference workshops will also be offered today from 10 a.m. to noon before the symposium, which begins at 1 p.m. The workshops consider topics such as controller tuning, relief-valve application and sizing; and the techniques and tools used in fiber optics.

Registration for the symposium is required to attend the workshops, which cost \$10.

About 57 exhibitors will present educational ideas in the MSC during the exhibit's hours, which are today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Old gun wound kills Dallas man after 20 years

DALLAS (AP) — More than 20 years ago, Army veteran M.C. Russell of Dallas was shot by his wife in a fierce argument.

Last week, the bullet that lodged in his spine, keeping him bedridden and almost a quadriplegic, finished its work.

Russell, 60, died and was buried last week. The Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled the shot and pre-existing heart disease killed Russell.

His death was labeled a homicide, but investigators expect the case will be promptly closed.

Relatives have said his wife Lois, whom Russell later divorced, died four years ago.

Russell, described as a mild-tempered and religious man, moved to Dallas in 1966 after he left the Army and took a job with Canada Dry.

On Nov. 6, 1967, he returned home late from work and he and his wife got into an argument, according to Fred Russell, his brother. He said Mrs. Russell grabbed a .22-caliber pistol and shot her husband once in the neck.

Doctors could not remove the bullet for fear of causing more spinal damage.

Imogene Evans, who cared for her brother after the shooting, said Russell declined to press charges against his wife and never acted bitter toward her. "He said if he pressed charges against her, he was not leaving anything for God to do," Evans said.

15 years of incest ends for three sisters

DALLAS (AP) — A mother and her three grown daughters say they are ready to begin their lives free from a man who ruled them for 20 years.

"It's been a disaster all these years, and it's cruelty and it's anguish and everything else," Vera Elliott, 45, said. "To me, I felt like I have been used to the max. To continue it, I would rather be dead."

Elliott, her children and her grandchildren have ended 20 years of rule by Lewis Charles Elliott. He was convicted in November on three counts of incest. Mrs. Elliott's grandchildren are her husband's children.

Elliott, 53, is in the Dallas jail awaiting a 10-year sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections.

The daughters say that although Elliott never let them date, have close friends or even have private telephone conversations, they still love him.

"This was the kind of situation that had so many different feelings involved," the middle daughter said. "You'd want to cry, you'd want to die. You'd think you'd want to kill. But then you'd have the times you think you were good, and you were happy and you'd love him so much."

They said the incest began when

they were adolescents and lasted for more than 15 years.

Elliott had a suspicion of outsiders and it was an outsider who eventually brought an end to the only life the women had ever known.

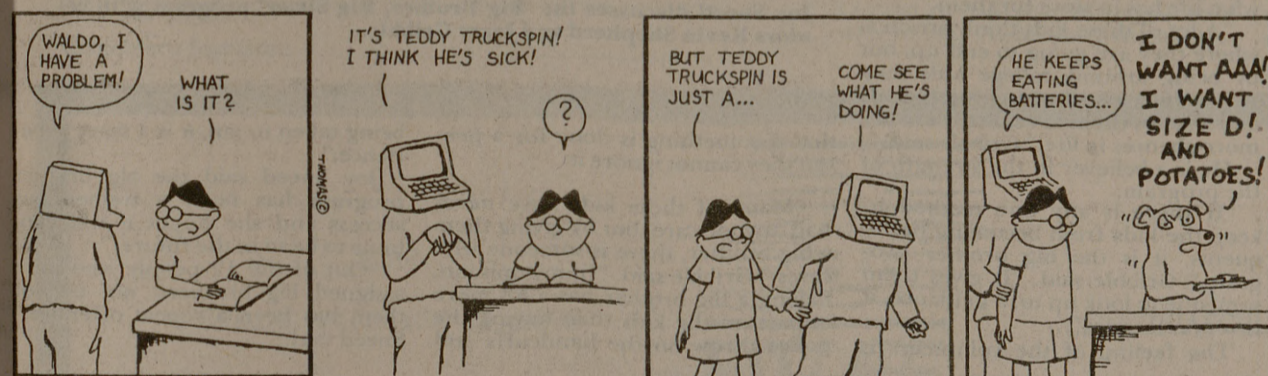
The youngest daughter had been allowed to work away from the family to pay off her business school tuition loan. She fell in love with a co-worker and told him what her life was like.

The man immediately went to human services authorities who took the children from the home in August.

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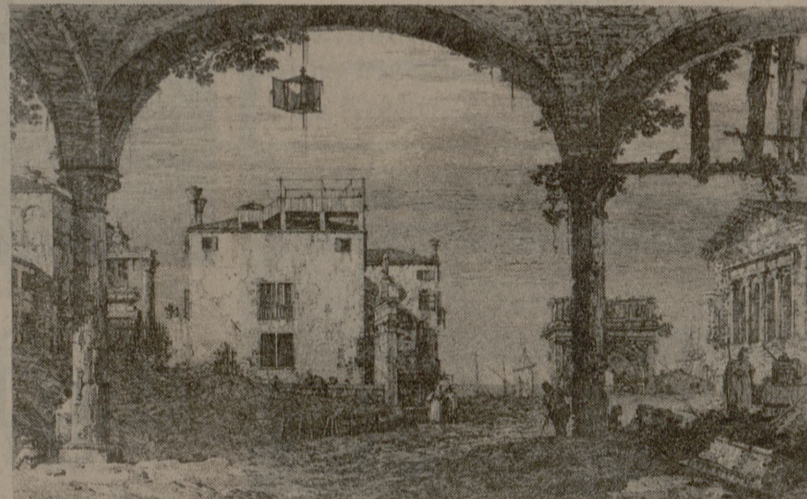
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