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Couple decorates landfill with rock art

ARCHER CITY (AP) — Raymond and Angie Lee Harrelson have colored life at the Archer City Landfill with a few buckets of paint and natural sandstone rocks.

Neither is an "artist." Harrelson has been a landfill operator for the city for 14 years. After making a new road in August 1987, to the dump, he inadvertently piled rows of rocks in eerie formations that inspired him to carve a large cross above a set of three crosses in one rock. His initial carving lifted a curtain of ideas that eventually revealed a colorful, animated dump and paved the way to his new hobby as a "dump landscaper."

"Things just started coming to mind," Harrelson said.

After work he would spend an hour or two carving on the sandstone and his wife joined in, painting rocks with half-empty buckets of paint that had been thrown away. She found a 6-foot-tall rock that appeared to her to be formed in the shape of Texas, and she painted a yellow rose on it.

"It gives people something to look at instead of garbage and stinking trash," Mrs. Harrelson said.

The pile of smoking rubble and junk in the background of three patches of colored rock sculptures look out of place in the one place trash belongs.

A "littering prohibited" sign at the dump is just a touch of Harrelson's humor. A rock with the word "dump" painted in black and yellow is set in the ground toward the entrance. A "welcome rock" greets dumpers at the front gate.

In the daytime Harrelson buries and burns trash and crunches large metal objects with a front-end loader on a tractor. In the evening he decorates his work place. He has made a bowl of fruit, a whale and an owl.

Harrelson has lived in Archer City 32 years after moving from Hill City, Okla., to work in his brother's grocery store. He had never heard of anyone decorating a dump, but three miles east of Archer City the revelation came to him at age 50.

He transferred his vision to his wife and it

came to her as clearly, though he explained to what he wanted to do. She came up with the paint his sandstone engravings.

"Everybody has a talent of some kind. I have to put it to use. I never thought about being an artist," Mrs. Harrelson said.

Out-of-state visitors admire his work and has been interviewed by television and magazine reporters. When the fifth-grade class at Archer City went on a field trip to the dump, they were surprised to see splash of color and rock engravings all around, Mrs. Harrelson said.

The hilltop landfill dotted with light blue has had its problems from people with destructive intentions.

"You betcha there has been vandalism," Harrelson said. He said rocks painted to resemble fruit have had to be cemented into their holes "because they disappeared quickly."

"They pushed E.T. and his girlfriend's head off," Mrs. Harrelson added.

Harrelson spends no more than an hour or two after work at the dump.

Boy hit by lightning remains comatose

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hugo Arauz wanted to be the man of the house and take care of his mother, but after a lightning bolt ripped through his body, she may have to take care of him for a long time, doctors said.

The 12-year-old Arauz, who was struck by lightning while playing baseball last week, remained comatose at Brooke Army Medical Center Monday. His mother, Marly West, has been spending the nights at his side, hoping he will pull out of the coma.

West moved to San Antonio with her son and two daughters from Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland to be near her sister while her husband, Staff Sgt. Bennie West, completed a one-year tour of duty in Korea, she said.

Her husband, who was training in Mississippi at the time of the accident, may forego the transfer because doctors have told the boy's mother and stepfather his recuperation may be lengthy.

"When my husband went to Mississippi, he (Arauz) said he was going to take care of me and he was going to be the man of the house," West said.

"He was always happy. He was a good boy."

The youngster, nicknamed "Ricky," was playing baseball with other children last Wednesday when lightning struck the field.

The lightning struck Arauz in the neck and the charge exited through his legs, disintegrating his sneakers and burning his legs.

One other youth was hospitalized overnight after complaining of temporary blindness and minor burns and several suffered minor injuries.

Doctors have told West she will have to wait to see how he develops from treatment.

"I get so desperate sometimes," West said.

"I hold his hand and I see him lying there and helpless. I feel like a part of me is dead."

She said his dead-made friends easily.

"The worst part of everything is we just moved here two weeks ago and my son was so happy he was making friends," she said.

West was to have started a new job at Randolph Air Force Base Thursday.

She had just returned home from the base Wednesday when her son came in from playing, she said.

Her son asked if he could go back out until dinner was ready, she said.

Arauz filled a large container with ice and water to take back to the baseball field for his new friends, and that was the last time she saw her son conscious, West said.

"It's a miracle that my son is still alive today and I have to be thankful for that," she said.

World briefs

Dukakis: Reagan ideals injure poor

BOSTON (AP) — Michael Dukakis said Monday that the Reagan administration, with "cramped ideals and limited ambitions," has spent huge amounts of money on wasteful projects rather than trying to help the nation's blacks and poor people.

Dukakis did not mention by name his expected presidential election rival, Republican George Bush, but he made it clear he was including the vice president in his criticism.

"We're going to have a president and a vice president who understand that affirmative action is a necessary part of making an American dream a reality for each and every citizen of our country," Dukakis said.

He commented in a speech prepared for delivery to the National Urban League in Detroit, copy was made available in Boston before the Massachusetts governor left.

Bush, meanwhile, was out of the public eye at the White House Monday, still weighing his chances of a running mate.

Presidents give view in book on future

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan sees communism on the run, Jimmy Carter is concerned about another oil crisis, and Gerald Ford worries about "an economic time bomb" exploding if the nation's deficit keeps expanding.

They, along with former President Nixon, are among 47 of the nation's top statesmen and scholars who peer into the 1990s in a cautionary, mostly conservative guidebook to the future released for review Monday.

"We must not fall into the trap of thinking that a reduction of U.S.-Soviet tensions means the end of the conflict," Nixon wrote in "Thinking About America—The United States in the 1990s."

Nixon has the first word in the collection of essays that also includes observations by Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, Secretary of State George Shultz, Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Attorney General Edwin Meese and three Nobel Prize-winning economists.

Israeli army deport 8 Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — The army on Monday deported eight Palestinians to Lebanon and ordered six more expelled as Arabs in the occupied territories staged a two-day strike to protest Israel's policy of expulsions.

Some Palestinians, meanwhile, painted graffiti on walls denouncing Jordan's King Hussein as a traitor for announcing plans to sever ties with the 850,000 Arabs in the occupied West Bank.

Monday's deportations brought to 29 the number of Arabs expelled in the nearly eight-month Palestinian uprising. Since the uprising began, 235 Palestinians and four Israelis have died.

Security sources said six more Palestinians were handed deportation orders under emergency regulations enacted by Israel in August 1985.

City may face fines for defying judge

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Deft City Council members showed no signs Monday of yielding to a federal judge who is threatening to bankrupt the city and send them to jail unless they endorse a housing desegregation plan.

The council was expected at a special meeting Monday night to vote down a court-ordered plan providing for financial and zoning incentives to attract developers to build 800 units of affordable housing in the city.

U.S. District Court Judge Leonard Sand has said if his plan is rejected, he would fine Yonkers \$100 for the first day and would double the fine each day thereafter.

In addition, Sand has threatened to fine each council member \$500 a day.

Monday night's meeting was the latest installment in an 18-month dispute that began in 1980 when the Justice Department charged that Yonkers had intentionally segregated its housing and schools for 40 years.

State WIC program expected to expand

AUSTIN (AP) — A state-administered program that provides food to pregnant women, new mothers and their young children will be expanded to include 80,000 more people, state health officials said Monday.

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, or WIC, currently serves about 250,000 women and children, said Debra Stabeno, Texas program director.

The Texas Department of Health signed a contract with Mead Johnson Laboratories three months ago. Mead agreed to pay back 99 cents on every can of milk formula sold through the WIC program, and the money will fund the expansion, Health Commissioner Robert Bernstein said.

The WIC program received its first rebate check, for May sales, totaling \$1.367 million, Bernstein said. Stabeno said the department expects to receive an additional \$85 million by the end of Mead's 29-month contract.

Bernstein said 33 of the 40 Texas counties that previously were not receiving WIC benefits will be included in the program by the end of this month. The department hopes to be reaching the additional 80,000 women and children by the beginning of 1989, he said.

The largest expansion will be in Bexar County's San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, where 11,500 people will be added, officials said.

The seven counties that still will be excluded are Bandera, Chambers, Collin, Freestone, Kendall, Kerr and Wilson, officials said.

Supporters of the program hailed the campaign as a breakthrough for the state's needy, but warned that it still was not enough.

Approximately 1.47 million women and children are eligible for WIC aid in Texas, Ms. Stabeno said.

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