iir Researchers will spend \$250,000 to find factors that cause diabetes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Researchers will spend \$250,000 trying to determine why the incidence of diabetes among Mexican-Americans at the level of an epidemic," he said. n San Antonio is 50 percent higher than among residents of Mexico

Unraveling the phenomenon may help researchers discover what dietary or other lifestyle factors trigger

"Diabetes in Mexico, as it is in most of the world, is a major killer," said Dr. Clicerio Gonzalez, a physi-

cian at ABC Hospital in Mexico City.
"Most of the beds in the hospitals in the specialized units are occupied by patients with diabetes or diabetes-related diseases," Gonzalez said Fri-

A preliminary study during the past two years by Mexican doctors showed nearly 10 percent of Mexico City residents of lower socio-eco-

nomic status. But in San Antonio, 15 percent of Mexican-Americans from similar backgrounds had diabetes, said Dr. Michael P. Stern, chairman of the study of disease trends at the health

The health science center completed a computer link with research facilities staffed by Gonzalez and Dr. Joel Rodriguez, a professor of dis-

New law fines for possession

"It seems like now the problem is ease trends at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City, for the diabetes study.

Stern said the differences appeared to be occurring despite similarities among the subjects in Mexico City and San Antonio in genetic predisposition to diabetes.

Native American ancestry is a key indicator of susceptability to diabetes, researchers said.

San Antonio Mexican-Americans living in lower-middle class neigh-borhoods are 40 percent to 45 per-cent Native American, Stern told the San Antonio Light. Among Mexico City residents the percentage is be-

had to be taken, but the costs are prohibitive and keep

Under the new law, illegal possession of a milk case can bring a fine of up to \$300 for each case. The law

also applies to grocery carts, bread trays, laundry carts

There will be a 60-day grace period, lasting until Nov. 1, during which people can return milk cases with-

"College students are big violators, as they use them for shelves and supports in their dormitories and apart-

lieved to be 50 percent or better. Heavy sugar use has long been suspected to increase the likelihood of developing diabetes, Stern said, and Mexico rates at the top of all nations in sugar consumption, making the lower incidence rate even more

"What we have is an opportunity to study a population that has a high genetic susceptibility, that has a high sugar consumption and yet may have less diabetes than the corresponding San Antonio Mexican-American population," Stern said.

of milk cases, other containers DALLAS (AP) — She's deadly serious, but Pat Epley has taken an extreme amount of kidding since peo-ple have learned her wedding reception will take place in the Dallas only affects the dairies but ultimately raises the price of meception will take milk to consumers. The industry regrets that this action accounty morgue.

> She has worked for the Dallas County medical examiner's office for more than 11 years and many of her friends who work at the morgue can't attend the private ceremony earlier in the day when she marries Jack Frost, a 63-year-old retired rail-

> Epley expects many of the 100 employees at the Dallas county facility to attend what she is sure will be one of the livelier gatherings

talk from neighbors," she said.

and baby showers in the past

The honor attendants for the wedding are Dallas County forensics director Mildred O'Dell and her husband, Charles O'Dell. He is bet-

"We've heard a few jokes about

Eyebrows raise at morgue wedding party

"The people at the marriage license bureau just about came unglued when I told them," Epley said Saturday. "And the lady delivering the wedding cake didn't believe it at first, either. I bet she doesn't look left or right when she brings the

But Epley, 56, said the Sept. 1 wedding reception location make

there in some time.

'I'm sure there won't be any back

Epley said the morgue has been the site of several birthday parties

ter known as "Digger," after a Jack Benny radio show character.

that, too," Epley said.

Man pulls co-worker's skirt; another takes photo

and a veteran lieutenant was demoted after the lieutenant told his fellow deputy to snap a photograph of a co-worker as he pulled down her skirt, officials said.

John Barton, 45, who was in charge of the department's information services section, instructed Deputy Mike Phillips on Aug. 14 to get a Polaroid camera and be prepared to

As a civilian employee walked past, Barton pulled down the woman's skirt, Deputy Chief Dan Richards said.

"As soon as the skirt had been tugged down, the lieutenant said something to the effect of, 'Now,' or 'OK, Mike," Richards said, "and the picture was made in just a matter of a few seconds.

arachute out of an airplane.

diving for 31 years.

ave a second chance.

Barton, who has been with the de- his work record.

ODESSA (AP) - Mark Owen told his mother

At heights up to 8,000 feet, the last thing most

people would like to hear is, "Get out of my

But skydivers at the Eagle's Nest Parachute

Club are accustomed to soaring from planes at

Owen, 19, and Rodney O'Shields, 20, both

rained and jumped in the same day recently at

They got involved in the sport through two iends, Todd Robins and Craig Kersting, both

19, who made their second jumps the same day. They are all in the Air Force stationed at Abilene. Jim Fowler, owner of Eagle's Nest, has been

He and his instructors train about 150 people parachute every year.
"Snow skiing is more dangerous than skydivng," the 50-year-old Fowler said.

"If you're skiing down a hill, you don't have a cond chance. Where do you end up? At the

pottom of a hill in a tree. In skydiving, you do

"The element of risk is there; and that's why

Eagle's Nest, 22 miles southeast of Odessa.

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis partment since 1972, will begin his County sheriff's deputy resigned new duties Tuesday as senior patrol warning lawmakers not to pass legis-rally served as the kickoff to a grassnew duties Tuesday as senior patrol deputy. His annual salary will be cut 22 percent, from \$41,200 to \$32,136, Richards said.

"It was horseplay, but it turned out not to be amusing to anybody,'

Following an internal investiga-tion, Phillips, 40, was told he could keep his job but he chose to resign, Richards said.

"The investigation supports his (Phillips') story that he reacted to the order of his superior, and that it happened quickly enough that he didn't exercise his own good judgment in it," Richards said.

Richards said officials discussed firing Barton but decided on the demotion after considering his length of service with the department and

Houston demonstrators

HOUSTON (AP) — Pro-choice the "Rally for Choice" Saturday lation restricting abortions, gathered at a rally Saturday in an effort to demonstrate widespread support for legalized abortion.

Sarah Weddington, the attorney in the historic Roe v. Wade case that led to legalized abortions in the United States, told the crowd that it was up to them to lead the fight in

keeping abortions legal.
Weddington said that while she and others were part of the past struggle, "you are the ones we look

"All we can do is take a step at a time and remember our dreams," she said, adding that she looks to the day when "every child is a wanted child and every mother is a willing

roots campaign aimed at showing legislators that all types of voters support legal abortions, organizers said.

"The best person to make a decision about abortion is the woman herself," rally emcee Susan Nenney of Planned Parenthood said.

Supporters wore pins and carried signs at the rally, including some that read: "Responsible Parents for Choice," "We Vote," and "Baby, Maybe. I'll decide." Another sign that specifically addressed legislators "Take our rights, lose your

Some wore white clothes and purple sashes in honor of the suffragettes who wore all white as they More than 1,000 people attended fought for a woman's right to vote.

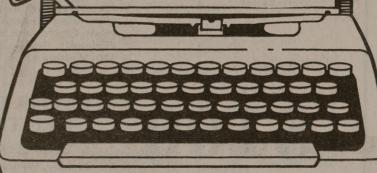
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union Mills, Ind., that he probably would not without losing it. Fowler has only had to use that second chance going to do. or reserve parachute once in 4,468 jumps. Jumping from 3,800 feet, he landed standing

He credits his success to being safety-con-

Parachuters jump with instructors' help

"The American way is to carry it to the line

"The equipment now has been so tested that all the problems come from the individual," he told

f you're skiing down a hill, you don't have a second chance. Where do you end up? At the bottom of a hill in a tree. In skydiving, you do have a second

> - Jim Fowler, skydiving instructor

his students. "If that gear is put on by me it's on

right.
"If you have a question during the day, you ask. If you're at 3,800 feet in the air, that becomes a big question. And once you leave the aircraft, you have to answer that question on your

As the time came closer for their jumps, the four students began to realize what they were

climbed into the Cessna 182. "You're supposed to be," Fowler replied.

The small plane took off in a cloud of dust,

and Robins and Kersting landed about 15 minutes later without incident — except for the wind

changing direction while they were gliding down.
"I almost hit a swing set," Kersting said. "But they were watering the grass, so I just sort of slid

in to home plate out there. Robins said that the three seconds of free fall

were the most exciting for him. "You're out there in the air and you know there's nothing you can do about it now," he said. Carl Chelette of San Angelo began parachut-

ing in college.

"I have been to about 10 other jump centers and this is clearly the best," he said.

"They have a lot of hands-on training here."

Chelette, 40, re-entered the sport after about

"Once you do it for a while, it gets in your blood," Chelette, who has 143 jumps, said. "You can't get rid of it," 'This sport is not for everyone," Fowler said.

"About 90 percent of the people jump one time and only 10 percent come back to jump again."

Owen and O'Shields made their first jumps only hours after they began training.

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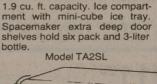
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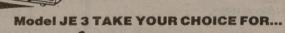




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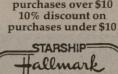


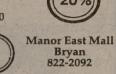
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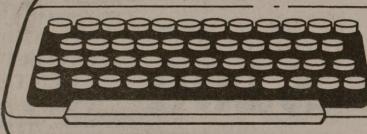


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AUSTIN (AP) — A new law taking effect Sept. 1 to fine people who illegally possess milk cases and similar containers will help save millions of dollars, a Texas da-"The (milk) case loss in Texas and across the nation is tremendous," said Glenn Brown, president of the Dairy Products Institute of Texas. "The state of Texas had a oss last year amounting to over \$7 million Brown said the colorful milk cases, which are used to deliver milk to groceries and restaurants, are popular among college students who use them for shelving in

However, Brown said, the losses dairies suffer "not Dallas cleans up from exhibit of ancient Egyptian god-king

DALLAS (AP) — Ramses, the 3,000-year-old god-king, is leaving town, but the effects of the internationally famous exhibit will linger, as the city counts the revenues and reaps the good will it produced.

And as the last visitors left the Dallas Museum of Natural History

tive knickknack.

dormitories and apartments.

The cases also are popular for storing things in gaages and trucks, he said.

Ramses sign, badge and administra-During preparations for the least one night, Townsend said. March 5 exhibit opening, officials Each out-of-town visitor spent be-

on Sunday, officials prepared for a the museum association, said.

public sale next month of every About half the visitors came About half the visitors came from outside the metropolitan area, and more than half of those stayed at

the Dallas economy.
"We basically hit them all," Robert Townsend, executive director for

predicted it would draw one million visitors, \$10 million gross income, and \$50 million to \$100 million for

tween \$180 and \$200 a day, he said. Since Ramses arrived, the museum, which had about \$20,000 in the bank six months ago, stands to stash away a \$1 million endowment and its membership has soared to more than 5,000 from about 350. The exhibit was coupled with an unexpected debate about how Afri-

can and how black Ramses was. Some Dallas black leaders threat-

ened to boycott the exhibit unless or-

ganizers portrayed Ramses as black.