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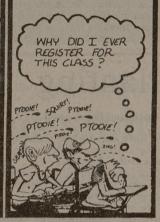


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Sheriff testifies jail conditions did not cause inmates' deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen testified Tuesday that medical experts do not blame crowded conditions at the jail for the illnesses that killed two inmates and sickened at least 35 others.

Klevenhagen testified in U.S. District Judge James DeAnda's court on a motion filed by an inmates' attorey that seeks the release of up to 500 misdemeanor of-

fenders from the jail. Attorney James Oitzinger, who represents inmates in an ongoing lawsuit, filed the motion Monday seeking emergency relief from overcrowded conditions that may contribute to the illness, nicknamed the "jail dis-

DeAnda, citing the seriousness of the situation, said he planned to issue a decision quickly on the request. Oitzinger said he expected the hearing to continue Wednesday, when a ruling may be issued.

Testimony Tuesday afternoon centered on the medical care given to the five jail inmates who died earlier this year. Their cases were unrelated to the current illnesses, but were discussed as part of the ongoing lawsuit filed by the inmates.

Klevenhagen opposed the early releases of the mis-

demeanor offenders, insisting the recent illnesses have "not been caused by overcrowding in the jail." The jail, designed to house 4,200 inmates, now has about 8,300

Oitzinger's motion also seeks to isolate those at risk of contracting the bacterial infection. Jail officials, however, have not identified any common source for the

Late last week, the bacterial infection killed two jail inmates. Both Ricky LaBreck, 30, and Rene Antonio Fuentes, 21, had had their spleens removed, and doctors said that left them more susceptible to the infec-

Eighteen inmates, including the two who died, have been treated at Ben Taub Hospital, and cultures have indicated the presence of the pneumococcus bacteria in five of them, said Mark Canfield, chief of epidemiology with the Harris County Health Department.

The others have various flu-like symptoms that may be possible early signs of the infection, said Nora Shire, spokeswoman for Ben Taub. They also may be sick with the flu or some other type of mild infection.

House OKs compromise spending bill including funding for super collider

House on Tuesday approved a compromise \$18.6 billion spending bill that includes money to break ground on a \$5 billion superconducting super collider physics re-search center in Texas.

The energy and water projects appropriations bill for fiscal 1990 also includes \$636 million — four times the amount allocated for this year for environmental clean-ups at the

nation's nuclear weapons plants.
The compromise between earlier
House and Senate versions of the bill was approved by the House 391-27. Senate action sending the measure to the president's desk was expected ater in the week.

The super collider, a 53-mile underground loop to be constructed 25 miles south of Dallas, would get \$225 million under the compromise.

President Bush had asked for \$250 million for the project in his adopted home state. The House had tut the request to \$200 million after critics called the science project an expensive toy.'

The collider would be the most owerful and advanced facility in he world for examining subatomic particles. Physicists hope to use the machine to duplicate on a an infinitesimally small scale the conditions

particles. Physicists hope to use the partment of Human Services.

The parents stopped their truck about 1 a.m. on Sept. 3 and put the

WASHINGTON (AP) - The of the postulated "Big Bang" mo- and navigation projects, more than ment of creation of the universe, and thus answer the most basic question: What is matter?

> The super collider is just one of many projects in the bill dear to lawmakers seeking federal spending in their home states.

> Construction would begin on some three dozen new flood control

three times what the White House requested. However, the bill cuts total spending on water projects by 2 percent from the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

The \$636 million for nuclear pro-

duction plant clean-ups is part of \$9.7 billion provided for the Energy Department's atomic weapons pro-

Child claims parents abandoned him after trip to 'Biggest Party'

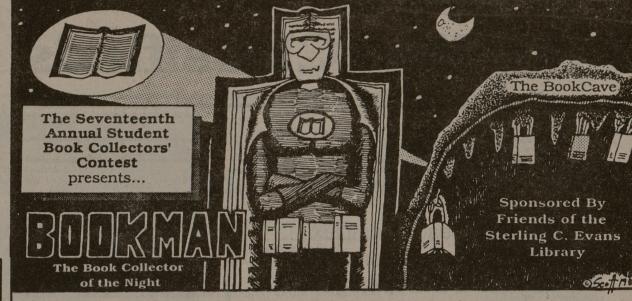
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An 8-year-old boy who prosecutors say was abandoned by his parents after they attended "The Biggest Party in History" has been turned over to a social service agency.

The youngster, his mother, step-father and 5-year-old brother came from Garland to attend the party Sept. 2 at HemisFair Park, said Assistant District Attorney Richard Garcia, representing the Texas De-

child out of the vehicle, Garcia said.
"They were driving on I-35 at
New Braunfels Avenue when they abandoned the 8-year-old at a gas

station," the prosecutor said.
On Sept. 5, the parents returned to San Antonio attempting to get the boy back, claiming he was left behind by accident, Garcia said.

On Monday, state District Judge Tom Rickhoff gave the Texas De-partment of Human Services six months' custody of the 8-year-old and his 5-year-old brother pending a complete investigation.



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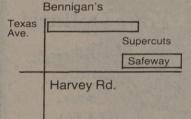
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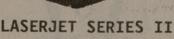
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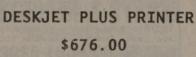
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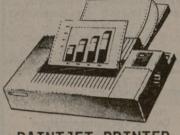
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