

INS increases efforts to locate stowaways

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service is redoubling efforts to inspect trains entering the country for illegal alien stowaways as the summer heat begins pushing temperatures inside boxcars to 180 degrees.

"We are trying to avert a tragedy," INS Commissioner Gene McNary said Wednesday in announcing the effort, code-named Operation Iron Horse II. "We are especially concerned about the hot summer months ahead of us. The temperature inside a closed boxcar can soar to 160 to 180 degrees and quickly dehydrate a person."

Four years ago, 18 Mexican men died in a locked, steel-walled boxcar in the desert near Sierra Blanca, east of El Paso. One man survived by using a spike to punch a hole through the floor and breathed through the opening, but the others perished as temperatures climbed to 120 degrees. A smuggler had locked them in.

The increased inspections will involve Border Patrol sectors from San Diego east to Brownsville on the Southwest border, and from Blaine, Wash., to Detroit on the Canadian bor-

der. The Kansas City area also will be included, the INS said.

Trains entering the country from Mexico and Canada, as well as those crossing the country, will be checked for alien stowaways.

It is only the second time that the INS has launched such a concerted, nationwide effort to inspect freight yards and trains for illegal aliens, said spokesman Verne Jervis. The first Operation Iron Horse was in February.

In the first four days of the operation, which began Saturday, the INS said a total of 1,365 aliens were arrested, including 171 aliens who were being smuggled. A total of 40 alien smugglers have been taken into custody during the inspections, INS said.

Jervis said the agency would never have so many arrests of aliens in freight cars and yards under normal circumstances.

The increased inspections have resulted in two groups of aliens being discovered in locked boxcars in Laredo, including one containing 14 aliens. Two smugglers were arrested. In Lubbock, agents uncovered a smuggling case involving 22 aliens and a smuggler.

Fort Worth stops selling stray dogs for research

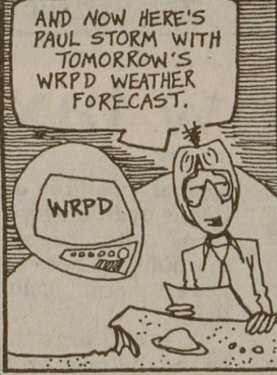
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Stray dogs from the Fort Worth pound will no longer be sold for medical research, ending a debate that's been going on for nearly a year.

The city will close its pound and pay the Humane Society of North Texas to care for stray animals. City officials had considered spending about \$1.5 million dollars to replace the 45-year-old city pound.

But city staff determined that awarding a private contract would save more than \$31,000 a year.

The city and humane society have been talking for four years. Last spring the council agreed to sell stray dogs to the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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by Tom A. Madison

Eruption, tremors cause thousands to flee homes

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Mount Pinatubo spewed steam and ash more than six miles high Tuesday, and a series of moderate earth tremors sent thousands of people fleeing from their homes near two U.S. military bases.

The Office of Civil Defense announced it was setting up monitoring stations near Mount Pinatubo to watch for deadly mudslides that could result if heavy rains unleash tons of ash piled on the volcano's slopes.

The U.S. Embassy said Washington would release \$5.3 million in economic aid to victims of the volcano's eruptions, which have killed at least 310 people and heavily damaged Clark Base and Subic Bay naval station.

The 4,765-foot volcano began erupting June 9 after more than 600 years of dormancy.

The cloud of ash and steam unleashed by the volcano drifted northwest, spreading debris over the provinces of Pampanga and Tarlac, including President Corazon Aquino's sugar plantation.

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