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Watch out world!

Engineer Douglas Weiss holds his "smart gun" invention. The gun emits a radio frequency which detects a tag on Weiss' ring finger and enables him to fire the gun. He was granted \$620,000 by the National Institute of Justice to develop a weapon that could only be fired with a code.

Latest tuberculosis outbreak in Texas schools troubles officials

□ Cases of the bacterial disease, which is treatable with antibiotics, are on the rise. Tuberculosis was the leading cause of death in the U.S. until 1911.

EL PASO (AP) — Tuberculosis is making a comeback in Texas' public schools, state health officials say.

Since February, high schools in Houston and El Paso have had to test students and employees for the disease after health officials found that students had been carrying the tuberculosis bacillus for weeks.

While early test results indicate that the infected students did not pass the disease on to

anyone, officials said the incidents should serve as warnings.

"Tuberculosis can happen anywhere," said Ralph Ornelas, principal of El Paso's Riverside High School, whose students and employees were tested for the disease in March.

Known simply as "TB," tuberculosis is a bacterial disease that spreads from person to person through the air. About 8 million new cases occur each year around the world, including more than 25,000 in the United States and 2,000 in Texas.

The disease affects the lungs and can cause such symptoms as coughing, weight loss, chest pains and night sweats. The disease is treatable with the use of antibiotics. Left untreated, it can be fatal.

As late as 1911, tuberculosis was the leading cause of death in the United States. It accounted for nearly 95,000 deaths that year — about 152 deaths per

100,000 people.

During the 1940s, scientists discovered several antibiotics now used to treat tuberculosis. By 1985, the number of new cases nationwide declined less than 10 per 100,000 people.

But since 1985, the number of U.S. cases has steadily increased.

In Texas, cases increased from 1,891 in 1985 to 2,399 in 1993, according to state officials. In 1989, the last year for which records are available, there were 130 reported deaths in Texas.

Health officials said many factors are fueling TB's resurgence. One is drug abuse, which impairs health and undercuts disease resistance. Another is the growing wave of immigration from the United States from Africa, Asia and Latin America, where the disease is more common and often goes untreated.

Too much whole milk during pregnancy may cause problems, study shows

□ Preeclampsia is a common and dangerous condition for both the mother and the unborn child.

By Brad Dressler
THE BATTALION

A recent study indicates that drinking whole milk could increase the risks to pregnant women and their unborn babies.

The study, by Dr. Barbara Richardson, Texas A&M assistant professor in epidemiology, and Dr. Donna Day Baird of the National Institute of Environmental Health, was conducted over several years.

The researchers used data from milk-intake studies conducted at the University of California-Berkeley

from 1959-1966.

Information was taken from 9,271 women who were closely studied during their pregnancies.

The data determined that drinking more than one quart, or four average glasses, of whole milk daily increases the risk of preeclampsia, a sustained rise in blood pressure that may occur late during a pregnancy. However, drinking less than one glass of whole milk also increases the risk.

If not treated quickly and properly, it can lead to eclampsia, a condition involving convulsions, possible stroke and heart failure.

Eclampsia is often fatal to both the mother and unborn child.

The National Center for Health Statistics lists preeclampsia and eclampsia as the second leading cause of death among pregnant women.

The center says that between 5 and 7 percent of pregnant women show

symptoms of preeclampsia.

Richardson said the study's findings threaten what pregnant women may think is healthy.

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— Dr. Barbara Richardson,
A&M assistant epidemiology professor

Richardson said. "Currently, many pregnant women drink whole milk thinking it is best for them. Now we know that is not true."

Richardson said the reason for

whole milk's increased risk is not known.

"We carefully studied the data and yet we do not know for certain why whole milk would cause increased risks," she said. "Although we speculate it might relate to the amount of

fat content in the milk."

Richardson said similar studies were conducted using the intake of skim milk, which showed no increase in the risk of preeclampsia.

She said this shows a strong possibility that the risk is directly linked to the amount of fat in the milk consumed.

"I do not propose that women stop drinking milk completely," she said. "I would strongly recommend that pregnant women drink skim milk. Milk is the calcium it provides are very important to women, especially pregnant women"

Correction

In a Page One story in Thursday's Battalion concerning the proposed on-campus cable fees, the correct proposed rate is \$27 per student per semester.

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Fall Parking Permit News:

Student parking permits and bus passes purchased for the fall of 1995 are valid through May 31, 1996. Students who preregister for parking permits and bus passes before July 1, 1995, will receive them in the mail on or around August 10. Please verify your address with the Fiscal Department.

The price of parking permits has changed from what is listed in the registration booklets due to the approval of price changes made by the Board of Regents. The new prices are as listed:

Option Code	Types of Permits and Prices
10	Commuter Student.....\$75
30	Resident Student.....\$75
09	Night Permit.....\$35
	Motorcycle/Moped.....\$35
	Summer Permit (Effective Summer '96).....\$55
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Lot).....\$100
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Number Space).....\$200
	Garage Roof.....\$180
	Garage (Inside).....\$240
	Garage (Priority).....\$270
	Zachry Basement.....\$270
15	Bus Pass.....\$110*

*Students may obtain a free night permit if a bus pass is purchased.
*This will be effective starting Fall Term '95.

Summer Parking Permit News:

May 15 - 19 - Students who preregister before May 1, 1995, for summer parking permits or bus passes will receive them in the mail.
May 25 - 31 - Student permits and bus passes may be picked up from the PTTS cashiers in the Rudder Tower lobby between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Option Code	Cost of Summer Parking Permits:
15	Bus Pass.....\$55
32	Summer Student Parking.....\$20
12	Motorcycle/Moped.....\$11.72
09	Night Parking.....\$15

*Parking permits and bus passes purchased for the summer are valid through August 27, 1995. Summer permits are non-refundable. Bus passes are non-refundable in Summer Term II. During Summer Term I, the bus pass refund is \$27.50.

Visitor Garage Parking:
Visitor Parking per Hour.....\$.60 Visitor Parking per Day.....\$4.80
*This will be effective in the 1995 Fall Term.

Parking News:
April 17 - The University Center Garage will be reserved until 2:00 p.m. for the "Friends of Library" luncheon.
April 20 - The University Center Garage will be reserved after 3:30 p.m. for OPAS.
April 21 - The University Center Garage will be reserved for Muster.
April 21 - PA 69 will be closed due to the SWC Tennis Tournament.
April 28 - 30 - The University Center Garage will be reserved for Parent's Weekend '95.

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