

Boys say they were molested at prison

► *The juveniles were on a 'scared straight' field trip.*

DALLAS (AP) — State officials are investigating allegations that some boys were sexually molested by inmates on a recent "scared straight" field trip to a prison.

Five or six boys enrolled at the Country Place Child and Adolescent Treatment Center in Collin County said they were molested by prisoners at the state's Eastham Unit near Lovelady.

Larry Todd, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman, said his department is taking the allegations seriously. Investigators are interviewing the field trip participants, correctional officers and inmates at the unit.

"In those interviews, we want to confirm whether the allegations are in fact as the juveniles stated," he said. "If the allegations have any validity whatsoever, and we have no reason to doubt them at this point, it is not the kind of activities that the Texas Department of Criminal

Justice permits."

About 15 of the center's 21 adolescents went on the Feb. 14 field trip. The boys were taking part in a "scared straight" program where inmates discuss prison life candidly.

Michael Hannah, the treatment center's program director, said one of the boys has left the center as a result of the alleged abuse.

After the three-hour prison visit, the adolescents went on a weekend camping trip and returned to the center on Monday night, Hannah said. The abuse was reported when the boys met with therapists.

The two staff members who attended the field trip said they did not witness the abuse. The staff was with the kids during the entire visit, Hannah said. Other participants did not see it happen either, he said.

"I trust our employees, and they are saying they didn't see these things," Hannah said, who would not say if he thought the allegations were credible.

The center's former director of therapeutic ac-

tivities, David Pavelka, encouraged the boys to file a grievance. He said he was present during the therapy sessions when the boys complained about the abuse.

"This was not a group of kids getting together and making up a story. This was three separate therapy groups and the same story was coming out of each one," Pavelka said. "You can't believe how much it shocked me. This is not supposed to happen. These children are our responsibility."

Pavelka said the boys told him although the staff members saw what happened, they did not stop the abuse, which is alleged to have involved fondling.

"These kids were traumatized. They are feeling totally helpless," he said. "My concern is how much they are going to sweep under the rug."

Pavelka was fired Thursday. Hannah said the action had nothing to do with the allegations, but he would not talk about the firing.

Country Place is a residential facility for boys and girls with psychiatric and substance-abuse problems. It has residents aged 12 to 17.

Scientists clone adult mammal

NEWYORK (AP) — Researchers have cloned an adult mammal for the first time, an astonishing scientific landmark that raises the unsettling possibility of making copies of people.

Scientists slipped genes from a 6-year-old ewe into unfertilized eggs and used them to try to create pregnancies in other sheep. The result: A lamb named Dolly, born in July, that is a genetic copy of the ewe.

Experts said the feat opens the door to cloning prized farm animals such as cattle, and should make it much easier to add or modify genes in livestock.

ed States and abroad, agreed.

"I can think of no ethical reason to apply this technique to human beings, if in fact it can be applied," he said Sunday.

"The biotechnology industry exists to use genetic information to cure disease and improve culture," he said. "We oppose human cloning when it was a child. Now that it may be possible, I urge that it be prohibited by law."

A report of the sheep cloning will be published in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*. Wilmut and colleagues at Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, Scotland, and others.

Before the new work, scientists had been able to take tissue from adult frogs and create genetically identical tadpoles. But the tadpoles never developed fully into frogs.

To do the sheep cloning, scientists took cells from the ewe's udder tissue and cultivated them in a lab, using a treatment that makes the cells essentially dormant. They also took unfertilized sheep eggs and removed the nucleus, the cells' central control room that contains the genes.

Then they put the udder cells together with the egg cells and used an electric current to make them fuse. The eggs, now equipped with a nucleus, grew into embryos as if they had been fertilized. The embryos were put into ewes to develop.

The process was horrendously inefficient. Of 277 fused eggs, only one led to a lamb.

Wilmut said he expects the technology to improve. Someday a farmer, for example, might have a few clones of cows that are especially good at producing milk, resisting disease and reproducing, he said.

A farmer would not want herds of identical animals, because populations need a genetic makeup, he said. Without that diversity, a lethal disease struck one cow might wipe out the clones, too.

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It is also scientifically stunning. Researchers used DNA from the ewe's udder cells, proving mature mammal cells specialized for something other than reproduction could be used to regenerate an entire animal.

Scientists had thought that was impossible.

Experts said the same technique might make it possible to clone humans, but emphasized that it would be unethical to try.

"There is no clinical reason why you would do this. Why would you make another human being?" said Ian Wilmut, one of the scientists who cloned the sheep. "We think it would be ethically unacceptable and certainly would not want to be involved in that project."

Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, which represents about 700 companies and research centers in the Unit-

China prepares for Deng's cremation

BEIJING (AP) — Police blocked a cemetery for revolutionary heroes Sunday, keeping back hundreds of curious Chinese citizens while soldiers made final preparations for the nation's farewell to Deng Xiaoping.

Deng is to be cremated today, hours before U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives in Beijing on the last stop of a nine-country around-the-world trek, sources at state-run TV said.

Eulogies praising Deng's exploits and his economic reforms, which raised tens of millions of Chinese from poverty, gushed Sunday from government television and media.

Soldiers, meanwhile, solemnly rehearsed, carrying an empty, see-through bier at the cemetery for Communist veterans where Deng is to be cremated in Babaoshan, a neighborhood in western Beijing.

Police blocked a side road to the cemetery and kept back crowds of about 200 people from its front gate, where a flag flew at half-staff. At one point, a stream of about eight black limousines sped out of the cemetery.

Deng died Wednesday at age 92.

His family asked that his ashes be scattered at sea after a Tuesday memorial attended by 10,000 people. A casket containing Deng's ashes will be covered by the red Communist flag during the memorial, which marks the last day of a six-day mourning period.

Although no foreigners have been invited to the memorial, Deng's chosen successor, Communist Party Secretary and President Jiang Zemin, is likely to welcome Albright's visit as an opportunity to highlight international recognition for his leadership.

Albright has compressed her meetings into one day so she can leave before the memorial. No foreigners were invited because Deng, who retired in 1990, was officially a private citizen with no higher title than "comrade."

Hong Kong's Sunday Morning Post said the political infighting that some expected to sharpen with Deng's death had begun. The newspaper said Communist hard-liners were circulating a 20,000-word criticism of Deng's policies, in defiance of Jiang's orders.

Felicia Moon counsels prisoners

MISSOURI CITY (AP) — Felicia Moon once accused the criminal justice system of meddling with her family life after she accused her husband, NFL quarterback Warren Moon, of molesting her.

Now, one year after a jury acquitted Moon, his wife is back in the criminal justice system.

But this time she wants to be there, ministering to inmates in the state's prison system.

"I feel what the trial did was really free me to be able to help other people," Moon said. "When it was over, my heart wanted to give back and do something for people like me and my husband who have made mistakes."

"I often tell people I don't think there's much of anything you can't overcome."

Next month, Moon and her husband, who is now a free agent, will launch their Rock of Faith Prison Library Project, which will place faith-based libraries in prisoners' reach.

The first one — with 1,000 volumes waiting in storage — is scheduled to be in place March 15 at the Jester Units in Fort Bend County, where the couple lives with their four children.

"When someone comes from out-

side and believes in us, it gives us hope," inmate Isaac Smith, 32, serving time for a robbery-by-threat conviction out of Galveston County, said.

As she tells the prisoners she counsels, a person cannot hide from tough times.

"If you mess up, face it, deal with it and move on," she said.

Last year, Moon dressed in bright red every day of the eight-day trial, saying it represented Jesus' blood and forgiveness.

Fort Bend prosecutors pursued the case, even though the couple said they were reconciled and Moon did not want to prosecute her husband over the July 18, 1995, incident at the couple's Missouri City home.

She believes faith, prayer and hope can work miracles in lives, and said God led her to the prison ministry as a place to make a difference.

"They feel like they can look at me and know that I'm somebody who has gone through some of that same pain — a woman who knows that her husband's committed adultery, for instance, or a woman who has had problems with alcohol, drugs or depression or violence," she said.

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Kyle Field Ramp Romp	Feb. 17-Mar. 18	\$7*
4-on-4 Flag Football	Feb. 24-Mar. 4	\$20
CoRec Indoor Soccer	Feb. 24-Mar. 4	\$35

*\$10 for non-Rec Members

Intramural Registration Dates

Saturday, March 22, 9:00 am

Sport Clubs

Come Cheer Your Team to Victory

Archery Indoor Nationals

Come see archery here at the Rec Center Friday-Sunday, Feb. 28-Mar. 2

Judo Tournament

Witness Japanese wrestling this Saturday, March 1 at the Rec Center-court 6.

Men's Rugby Game

Come experience tough competition this Saturday, March 1 against Southeast Louisiana on the East Campus field.

Rec Sports FREE Healthy Living Lecture Series

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February 26 Eating Disorders

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Event	Date	Register	Fee**
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*Rock Climbing Trip	Feb. 28-Mar. 2	Now-Feb. 24	\$65/72
*Backpacking Trip	March 1-2	Now-Feb. 24	\$45/54
*Horseback/Hiking Day Trip	March 1	Now-Feb. 24	\$36/43
*Kayak Roll Clinic	March 4	Now-March 3	\$12/15
*Rock Climbing Clinic Basic Movement	March 4	Now-March 3	\$20
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• Ouachita Arkansas	Mar. 18-14	Now-Mar. 3	\$250/288
• Wilderness Horseback Trip	Mar. 12-16	Now-Feb. 27	\$362/398

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