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## Couple jailed for drug possess overdose of child on illegal subst

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 22-month-old boy overdosed on a date rape drug while trying to drink from a soft drink bottle, say police. The boy's mother and her boyfriend have been arrested on charges of drug possession and child abuse.

Dillon Everett Stevens was recovering today at Cook County Medical Center in Fort Worth from the drink that contained hydroxy butyrate.

The boy's 24-year-old mother gave the thirsty toddler a date rape bottle in the refrigerator of a house she was visiting Saturday, police said.

"The mother had asked if there was anything for her son to drink," Halton City police Detective Dennis Ochs told the Fort Worth Telegram. "She was told there was a soft drink in the refrigerator." Dillon became comatose 20 minutes later, police said.

Tests showed the boy also had cocaine in his system, according to hospital reports.

"We don't know if cocaine was added to the GHB or what," said Lonnie Dale Lackey, 31, remained in Halton City Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond on charges of injury to a child/serious bodily injury - receipt and possession of a controlled substance.

Tema Denise Strong, his 36-year-old girlfriend, was also jailed on a \$20,000 bond on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

The drug GHB, sometimes used as a date-rape drug because it makes people defenseless against sexual advances, was banned for public sale in 1990 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration because of its severe, uncontrollable side effects.

State Child Protective Services also is investigating the case, police said.

## County seeks local control of detention center

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Brazoria County would run its own detention center instead of using a private contractor if a deal is inked to house inmates from Hidalgo County and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, officials said.

"From my personal standpoint, I would like to think that we at the local level, with Brazoria County employees, can do a better job and be more responsible to the taxpayers than we could expect from a private contractor," County Judge John Willy told The Brazosport Facts.

"I think it gives the county direct control over the success or failure of the endeavor," Willy said.

Brazoria commissioners will meet Tuesday to consider contracts to replace Missouri inmates recalled last summer after allegations of brutality by guards employed by a private contractor. Attempts to find new tenants for the indebted county jail have proven difficult.

Because of the stir caused by the release of the Sept. 18, 1996, videotaped shakedown, many states and counties with prison overcrowding problems were hesitant to deal with the public-private partnership.

After voting in March to cancel Capital Correctional Resources Inc.'s jail lease contract, county leaders sought to bring other inmates to the detention center.

If the commissioners court approves the contracts, the pacts would then have to be ratified by Hidalgo County and the INS before they go into effect.

The current offer is to bring about 80 Hidalgo County inmates and an estimated 200 INS detainees to the detention center, Willy said.

Although the final details are not yet worked out, Brazoria County stands to earn in the neighborhood of \$38 per Hidalgo County inmate per day and around \$52 per INS detainee for each day of incarceration, Willy said.

Once the county's costs of hiring new guards, feeding the inmates and administrative costs are filtered out of the equation, the county stands to make about \$2 million profit on the one-year renewable contracts.

That equals the county's earnings from the Missouri-CCRI contract, Willy said.

## Texas cities hold their own X-Files stories

WACO (AP) — Was a Waco drive-in movie theater a favorite stopover for flying saucers? Does a half-man, half-goat lurk in the shadows of a Central Texas bridge? Do spirits haunt the paths of Waco's Cameron Park?

The truth is out there, says a line from the science fiction television program *The X-Files*, but luck finding it.

Few people are willing to publicly of the Waco area's incidents of the unexplained. Doubt evidence of an elaborate conspiracy to conceal the fantastical.

Thousands of science buffs with a hankering for covers are expected to flock to theaters to see *The X-Files: Future*, the big-screen continuation of the Fox television show that has grown from a cult following to mainstream favorite.

But Central Texas residents do not look farther than their own yards for tales of the paranormal or at least tales of the past.

In 1952, what is now known as Old Dallas Highway earned the nickname of Flying Saucer Road following a rash of UFO sightings above the Joy Drive-in Theater.

According to newspaper accounts from the time, Lt. Edward Galt, the former James Connally Air Base was enjoying a film with his family one Sunday night in April when he reportedly spotted a formation of 20 objects in the sky.

"They were in the sky not more than 10 seconds, leaving a red glow," Gaucher told reporters. "They must have been flying 600 mph ... They did appear to round like saucers. There were lights on them, but they glowed from the inside."

Air traffic controllers at the time reported no unusual contacts on their radar screens. There was word as to what movie seemed to be the most popular with the extraterrestrial visitors, but more moviegoers claimed to see the unidentified aircraft during the following weeks.

On April 25, 1952, another movie patron reported spotting another passing fleet of alleged ships, but claimed the glowing craft appeared to be flapping their wings.

The UFOs were eventually dismissed as birds reflecting the light from the movie below, though unlikely that Mulder and Scully would have settled for such a simple explanation. Another dozen so UFO sightings were recorded that summer in Waco, but to another phrase - trust no one.

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