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Rural counties coping with doctor shortage

FORT WORTH (AP) — Many Texans are farther away from health care than in the past, mainly because the counties they live in can't recruit new country doctors, according to a state agency that monitors the dwindling number of rural physicians.

"Today, rural Texans are worse off in their access to health care than they were two years ago," Sam Tessen, executive director of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Sunday editions.

According to the center, 25 Texas counties do not have a primary-care physician and another 13 only have one. Two rural hospitals have closed in the past year, and many others are struggling to stay open.

John Boff, chief executive of the Austin-based Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals, said Medicare and Medicaid cutbacks, compounded by a managed-care system that directs patients out of their communities, are putting a squeeze on small-town medicine.

"If you close a hospital that serves 5,000, there are going to be lives lost," he said.

Tessen blamed reduced funding brought about by the federal Balanced

Budget Act of 1997, which cost some clinics as much as \$20 per patient visit.

Last year, Texas had a net loss of 44 small-town health clinics, he said. And more than 250,000 rural Texans eligible

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for benefits have no Medicare HMO in their counties.

But professional isolation, a lack of big-city amenities and resistance to country living from spouses mean recruitment and retention of doctors is a never-ending challenge for many small towns, said Tessen.

To attract medical staff members, some areas are advertising generous salaries and start-up bonuses. Others try to recruit doctors while they are still in medical school with offers of hefty scholarships or future help in repaying school loans.

Similar incentives are being offered to physician's assistants and nurse practitioners, all with equally poor results, public health officials and hospital administrators said.

Since last year, the 15-bed hospital in Morton, a town of 2,600 located 57 miles west of Lubbock, has been offering a \$150,000 salary plus \$30,000 toward medical school loans as incentives for a second doctor.

"It's very difficult," said Paul McKinney, administrator of Morton's Cochran Memorial County Hospital. "We're such a small community, and it's not exactly the garden spot of the world."

Tessen said income is rarely the issue for doctors. Nationally, the median income of rural family physicians is slightly higher than that of their urban counterparts, \$127,000, compared with \$126,000, according to a May 1998 survey by the American Academy of Family Physician.

Woman jailed for keeping children from ex-husband

AUSTIN (AP) — After spending more than a week in jail for refusing to disclose the whereabouts of two daughters whom she hid from her ex-husband, Debbie Schmidt is back behind bars for the weekend.

The father, Manuel Saavedra, won custody of the girls last year in a California court, but Schmidt has refused to hand them over. He is a convicted sex offender living in California.

On Feb. 9, during a routine divorce hearing in Travis County, Schmidt was asked to disclose the girls' location. She refused, and State District Judge Jeanne Meurer ordered her jailed for contempt.

She was brought back before the judge on Friday, and Meurer told her the couple's daughters, 8 and 5, would stay in a foster home until the matter was resolved, but she again refused to cooperate. Her lawyer, Bristol C. Meyers, said he will appeal Friday's decision.

Schmidt told the Austin American-Statesman she is willing to stay jailed until her daughters turn 18.

"I can't trade my freedom for their safety," Schmidt said. "How can a mommy give her babies to the beast?"

Saavedra's lawyer said Schmidt is being unreasonable.

"Jurisdiction is clearly in California because she defied two court orders by the judge not to take the children out of the state," said William Schuckman, Saavedra's lawyer.

Schmidt believes her flight was justified under a California law that allows a parent to leave the state if he or she has a "reasonable belief" that staying would bring harm to the child.

In 1992, Saavedra pleaded guilty to molesting Schmidt's 12-year-old niece. He served 30 days in jail, received three years probation and was ordered into a sex offenders counseling program.

Schuckman said that incident was blown out of proportion and that Schmidt pressured her husband to plead guilty by threatening to keep him away from their child.

The couple's on-again, off-again relationship ended in a legal separation in 1993.

In 1995, Schmidt won custody of her two daughters. Saavedra received supervised visits with them until 1997.

But during one of those visits Schmidt claimed Saavedra raped her in front of one of their daughters. Saavedra was charged with spousal rape, but the charges were dismissed and deemed by a California court to be false. A court-ordered mediator granted Saavedra visits with the children, but Schmidt did not agree to the terms, saying there wasn't

enough supervision.

In 1997, Schmidt moved her family to Austin, and Saavedra said he has not seen his children since.

After many legal maneuverings, a California Superior Court decided Saavedra should have sole custody, citing that Schmidt had illegally fled the state, had falsely claimed Saavedra raped her and was alienating the children from their father.

The court did not consider Saavedra's sexual-assault conviction a problem, Schuckman said, because his counselor reported that he would not be a threat if he abstained from alcohol.

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News in Brief

Teen found dead in Fort Worth hotel

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth teen-ager who was found dead Saturday morning in a hotel room.

Investigators are awaiting autopsy results to determine what caused the death of Jennifer Baylan, 18, a senior at Mary's Hall, a private school in San Antonio.

Baylan's roommate said that she was dead just before 6 a.m. in their room.

"Apparently, the alarm went off this morning, and she didn't wake up," said Lt. David Burgess, a police spokesperson. "There were no apparent signs of trauma or apparent signs of anything."

Baylan was among dozens of athletes from private schools in Texas and Oklahoma competing in the winter championships of the Southwest Preparatory Conference, a three-day, co-ed athletic tournament hosted by Trinity Valley and Country Day schools in Fort Worth.

The games included soccer, basketball, wrestling and swimming.

"It is a real tragedy to even see one," Thomas said. "She was an outstanding scholar, a dancer, an incredible dancer who was really going to go on to professional dance — a great athlete and a super role model."

Delta follows suit as prices increase

HOUSTON (AP) — Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines announced an increase in ticket prices this weekend, following the lead of Continental Airlines.

Both airlines blamed rising fuel costs. Other airlines were expected to join in the fare hike, but there was no confirmation Sunday.

The specific increments of Delta's ticket prices were not announced, but the increases were "similar fare to those of Continental," Delta spokeswoman Berny Dervin said.

"It's a very dynamic situation," she said. "The history of this is if an airline files higher fares, the other airlines will file similar fares."

Continental's price hikes on domestic fares took effect Friday, ranging from \$5 to \$15 one way.

The price increase is the second this year; both were prompted by Continental and blamed on fuel costs pushed higher by tightening supplies.

In January, Houston-based Continental levied a "fuel surcharge," boosting domestic fares \$10 on one-way fares to \$20 on round trip fares.

The move spurred other airlines to raise prices.