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Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) instructor **Richard Harbuck** familiarizes City of Terrell official **Francis Grossel** with the latest technology created by TEEX. The Water and Wastewater Mobile Training Laboratory was available for participants to view at the 84th annual Texas Water and Utilities Association Conference.

**Expert witness says Yates
a threat before drowning**

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates was a mere "shell," a threat to herself and her children, in the weeks before she drowned them in the bathtub, a psychiatrist testified Monday.

Ellen Allbritton, who admitted Yates to Devereux Texas Treatment Network on March 31, said she immediately recognized Yates was someone who required in-patient treatment. Yates' five children were dead less than three months later.

"When I walked in the room and saw her, I pretty much knew this was someone who needed to be in the hospital," said Allbritton, testifying for the defense as the third week of testimony in Yates' murder trial got under way. "She looked mentally ill."

Asked by defense attorney George Parnham to elaborate, Allbritton said: "Someone who had declined to the point of non-function, just there, a shell."

In her medical notes, Allbritton wrote that Yates, whose father had died about three weeks earlier, "needs in-patient stabilization for safety of self and others."

Under cross-examination, Allbritton told prosecutor Joe Owmy that Yates denied having any suicidal or homicidal thoughts but "I wouldn't have trusted her to walk across the street."

Allbritton said Yates and her husband, Russell, were hesitant to hospitalize her and did

so only after Allbritton filed an emergency detention order.

"The patient was so ill and had obviously been ill for quite some time," Allbritton said. "I really wondered why she hadn't been presented to our facility sooner."

Defense attorneys are trying to show Yates did not know right from wrong on June 20, when she drowned her children.

Yates, 37, who has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, faces murder charges in the drownings of 7-year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary. Charges could be filed later in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2. She faces life in prison or the death penalty if convicted.

An expert witness who testified for the defense last week told jurors Yates suffers from schizophrenia, which was worsened by her bouts with postpartum depression following the births of her fourth and fifth children.

Schizophrenia causes a person's thinking, feeling and behavior to become impaired. It includes symptoms such as delusions, hallucinations and social withdrawal.

Defense witness Phillip Resnick told jurors Friday that Yates knew her actions were illegal, but that she thought drowning her four sons and 6-month-old daughter was the only way to save them from hell.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Medical examiner details wounds mauling victim

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A veterinarian testified Monday that the dog that killed a woman in her San Francisco apartment building last week attacked like a wild animal.

Dr. Boyd Stephens, the medical examiner in San Francisco, said the dog gnawed and crushed Whipple's arm and to asphyxiate her.

"It's not uncommon for a carnivore to go for the neck," he said. "A lion or a leopard they go for the throat."

Whipple, 33, was attacked by her neighbors' two huge dogs on Jan. 26, 2001. The prosecution has sought to show Marjorie Knoller, 46, and her husband, Robert Noel, 44, their dogs were dangerous.

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ment," Wade said. "PCBs are common in transformers, fluorescent lights." One way the PCBs get into the environment is bad maintenance practices.

"If you are changing a light in your lights at home, you see warnings saying it contains PCBs," Wade said.

It is common for these products to be thrown in the trash, where they are subject to runoff, which ultimately ends up in the rivers and the ocean.

Since 1984, when the program originated, NS&T has seen a decrease in the number of contaminants in the environment, although some are taking longer than others.

"Some of these are taking a tremendously long time to get down below detectable levels," Wade said.

"At the NOAA testing sites, however, the majority of sites pose no concern to human health."

The few sites that are contaminated are closed to fishing and the like.



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