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## the world

## Man completes record trans-ocean crossing

bor, completing a 54-day solo cros-sing of the North Atlantic in the

from White Bear Lake, Minn., ar-rived at the center of a welcoming American radio shows. flotilla of honking, tooting pleasure boats that had sailed out to escort 5 p.m. (Noon EDT) and went imhim the last few miles to the Cor-nish coast. Thousands of cheering spectators lined the shores. mediately to the local yacht club. His wife Sally, 37, peered through binoculars from the porch spectators lined the shores. Spiess, who left Virginia Beach,

\$2.00 per person

United Press International FALMOUTH, England — Gerry Spiess Tuesday sailed his 10-foot "Yankee Girl" into Falmouth Har-bor, completing 2 54 day saile

sing of the North Atlantic in the smallest boat ever to complete such a journey. Spiess, a 39-year-old engineer Spiess took along the works of Mark Twain and recordings of his favorite

of the Falmouth Hotel, hoping for a

Va., June 1, survived two weeks of first glimpse ofher sea-faring hus-LAKEVIEW CLUB

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knowledged the last leg of the jour-

ney could be the most dangerous. "He chose Falmouth because he wanted a safe harbor not a busy one, Fourteen years ago another American, journalist Robert Manry, set a small boat record by crossing

from Falmouth, Mass., to Falmouth, England in 78 days in a 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-foot boat called Tinkerbelle.

In 1968, American Hugo Vihlen, 36, sailed his 6-foot boat from

she said.

Casablanca, Morocco, to near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a distance of 4,100 miles in 86 days. But he was forced to end his voyage 25 miles







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The foreign ministry said counter-charges that the her Oops, I did whisper to mly July and were intruding into Soviet under the protection of the military a "sheer fabrication

Plane crash claims 11; 12 Texas were aboard

#### **United Press International**

DALLAS - Twelve members of three Texas Baptist churches were aboard a commuter plane that crashed Tuesday in the U.S. Virgin Islands, officials of the Baptist General Convention of Texas reported. Eleven of the 18 people aboard were believed killed. The 12 Texans aboard the flight

were members of the First Baptist Church of Clyde, Texas, the Elmcrest Church of Abilene and a Baptist church at Rising Star, Texas, the Baptist General Convention spokesman said.

In Washington, a spokeswoman for Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, said 18 persons were aboard the flight — 16 passengers and 2 pilots.

and 2 pilots. The spokeswoman, Lois Auer, said both pilots were killed, accord-ing to the Federal Aviation Admin-istration, and 9 passengers died. Seven persons were injured, she said the FAA had informed the Stumford Teres contractment Stamford, Texas, congressman.

Based on unconfirmed reports from a ham radio operator near Christiansted in the Virgin Islands, The plane, Prinair flight the Caribbean island of St The plane had been sche the spokesman for the Baptist Genmake stops at St. Maarten eral Convention said the church Kitt and crashed at about members were going on a "mission EDT. The cause was trip" to St. Kitt. mediately known, airport They were scheduled to attend a said. 10-day evangelistic meeting, the

Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

spokesman said. Hamilton International Aim It was known that an island commuter plane crashed shortly after about 10 persons, many oft ported to be seriously inju the Charles Harwood Me Hospital in Christiansted. taking off from St. Croix, but names of victims or possible survivors could not be immediatly confirmed.

## State Department plans U.S. airlift posed by the continuing got the quarte

WASHINGTON — The State Department says about 100 Ameri-can personnel will be airlifted out of told reporters Monday, "In w Afghanistan because of the danger the security situation we have

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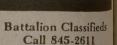
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