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Study shows ghosts not kid stuff

United Press International
KANSAS CITY — More adults than children believe in ghosts, if a recent information survey by a card manufacturer is to be believed. Only 21 percent of a group of grade schoolers, average age, 7 years, said they believed in spooks, compared with 57 percent of the adults and

half the high school seniors questioned for the Hallmark cards study. Forty-four percent of the high schoolers said they had actually seen a ghost and 28 percent of the adults claimed similar sightings. Only 13 percent of the grade schoolers said they had seen a ghost.

Tail-wagging 'killer'

Dog easy on burglars

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SEABECK, Wash. — If looks could kill, Dutch, the \$840 security dog, would be worth his fee. He's big, and when his bark is in full choir, he's in the baritone section. But those soft brown eyes and the wagging tail give him away.

"You just give the word and he'd be chewin' on somebody," Brian Childers remembers the salesman telling him at Hooks Guard Attack Dog Training in Tacoma.

Their house had been broken into several times so Childers, 21, and his roommate, Jerry Boyd, 23, decided to invest in a vicious guard dog. After a little deliberation, they decided on Dutch, a German Shepherd guard dog.

"You leave him alone and there's no way anyone could get into the house without that dog killing him," the salesman told Childers.

So the roommates made the purchase and, as part of the contract, spent six weekends at the training academy learning how to handle their new killer dog.

But about three months after Dutch began his

patrols around their residence, the house was burglarized again. It happened in mid-March. Childers and Boyd returned home to find the garage door kicked in and the door from the garage to the house bashed through.

About \$150 worth of goods and cash was stolen. Dutch, who had been in the garage the whole time, greeted his masters with a wagging tail when they walked through the shattered door.

"I would have at least expected him (the burglar) to be dead," said Childers. "Or the dog should have been standing over him. We were told that with this dog, any thief will be glad to see you when you get home."

But Dutch showed no signs of having engaged in a vicious struggle. Apparently the thief hadn't given him any trouble, and he returned the favor.

Childers and Boyd have filed suit against Hooks in Kitsap County Superior Court, seeking compensation for what the burglar took, as well as those lost weekends of training. They'd also like to regain some of the money they spent on their big — and apparently cuddly — guard dog.

Baker withdraws from convention

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MIAMI — Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee has changed his mind and decided not to pursue votes in the presidential straw balloting at the Florida Republican state convention next month, it was reported Tuesday.

Baker, who at one time pledged "maximum effort" at the convention, has decided to concentrate his presidential campaign efforts on the state's primary March 11, spokesmen said.

Delegates to the state GOP convention Nov. 17 were determined by drawings and Baker's campaign officials say most of the winners were committed before they were

selected. "It would be different if Florida delegates to the state convention in Orlando were going uncommitted," said Clark Baker, national field director for Baker. "But we feel that at least 90 percent of the delegates were committed when their names were drawn."

The Florida Conventions were held to fit (former California Gov. Ronald) Reagan from the state of Horvath said.

Reagan is considered to be the leader in the straw vote and Texas Gov. John Connally also conceded several delegates.

Baker is expected to announce candidacy Thursday in Washington.

Chrysler expects bleak 3rd quarter

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DETROIT — Chrysler Corp.'s fortunes are expected to reach their lowest ebb with third-quarter losses that could go as high as \$500 million.

The company tentatively planned to release its July-September revenue statement Tuesday. Bankers, unions, suppliers and the government have been forewarned of a dismal report.

Analysts are expecting losses in the range of \$450 million to \$500 million.

That would amount to more red ink than any U.S. corporation has posted in an entire year.

The largest previous losses by U.S. firms were \$451.8 million by the Singer Co. in 1975, \$448.2 million by Bethlehem Steel Corp. in 1977 and \$431.2 million by the Penn Central Transportation Co. in 1970.

Third-quarter statements last week from General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. showed Chrysler is not the only U.S. automaker suffering from huge costs in retooling for new model cars, this spring's sudden market shift to small cars and the weakening national economy.

GM and Ford both showed substantial revenue declines in the third quarter but posted overall profits.

Chrysler's situation is by far the worst, since it lacks the larger U.S.

sales base and foreign sales of larger competitors.

The company recorded a quarter loss of \$53.7 million, a second-quarter deficit of \$207.1 million.

In September, Chrysler told several officials its losses could reach \$1.07 billion this year and \$482 million in 1980.

The No. 3 automaker projected a return to profitability in 1981, with earnings of \$393 million.

GM and Ford both said the cash incentives they were providing to sell off inventories of full-size and intermediate cars contributed to the drop in earnings.

Chrysler is in even worse shape that regard, having topped dealer incentives with direct rebates.

The company is seeking guarantees from the federal government to tide it over until it brings out its 1981 cars, including a line of fuel-efficient, front-wheel drive, "K-body" compacts to compete with GM's popular X-body.

The company originally asked for \$1.2 billion in guarantees, but later reduced the request to \$750 million, the government's request.

It later was reported the administration has decided not to recommend a specific aid figure — a Chrysler supporters interpreted as meaning the company could receive underwriting for more than \$1 billion.

Man arrested for snipping hair from sleeping women

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — A 24-year-old man accused of entering homes and snipping hair from sleeping women has been arrested and charged with two counts of burglary and one count of trespassing, authorities announced Tuesday.

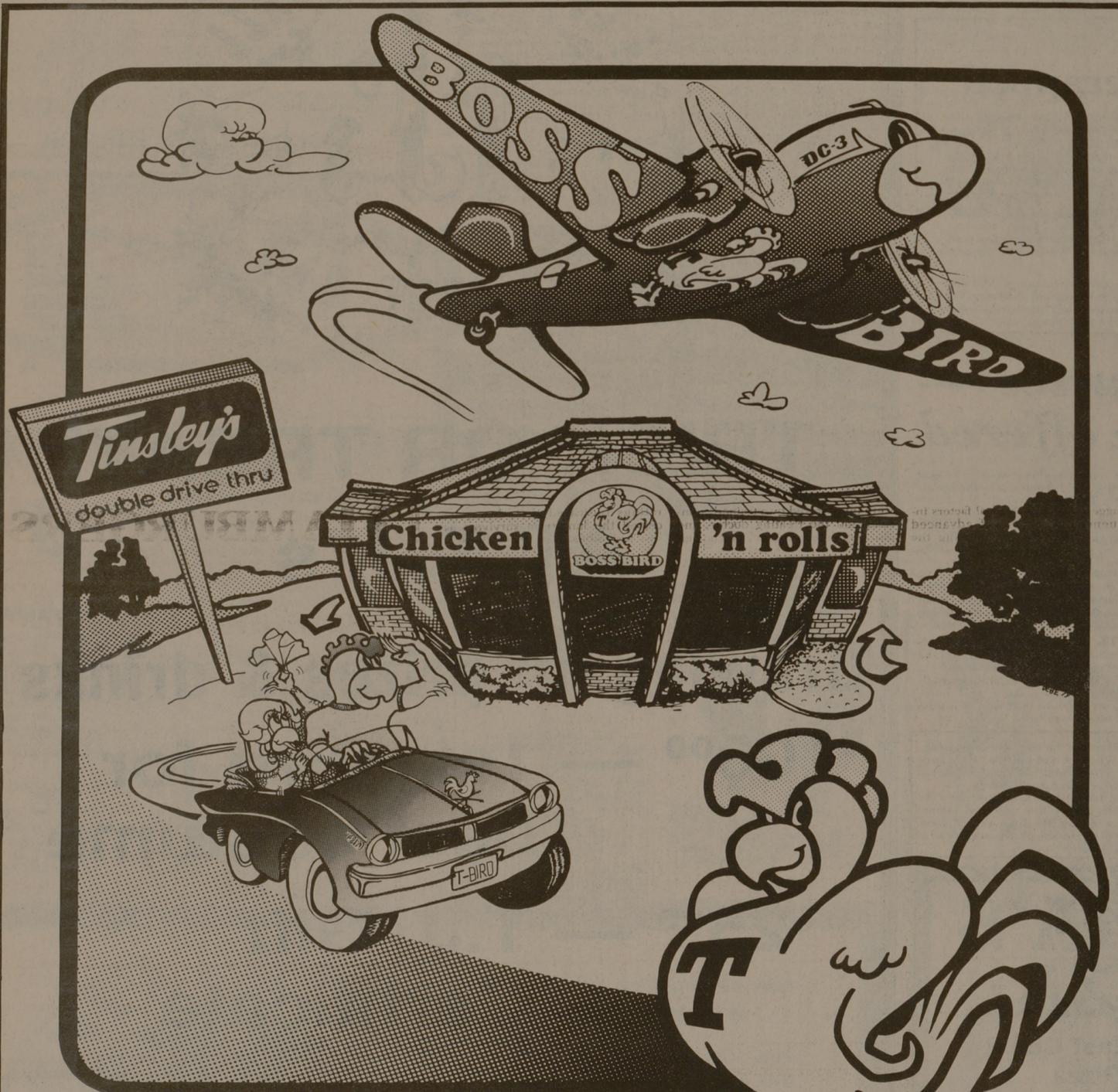
Campbell County Undersheriff Sam Doyle said David Mordhous was apprehended after allegedly trying to cut hair from a woman who lived in a mobile home near town early Sunday. He was being held in the county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Police Detective Sgt. Mel Moritz said the first hair-snipping complaint came Oct. 21.

"We had a lady report to us she woke up with quite a large chunk of her hair cut from her head," Moritz said. "She woke her husband up and told him somebody was in the house, but he didn't find anybody."

Moritz said police immediately put Mordhous under surveillance because authorities in Rapid City, S.D., had previously notified that he had been convicted in several incidents. Mordhous was serving probation in Gillette, where he was seeing a psychologist at a mental health center.

Doyle said Mordhous was hiding in his car after the break-in of the woman's mobile home Sunday.



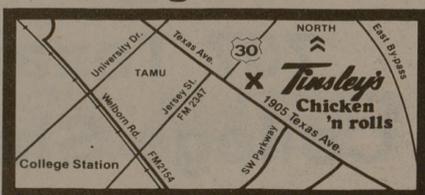
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