

Navy doctor's malpractice prompts suit

Government ordered to pay \$2.1 million damage decision

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — It sometimes takes Karla Foskey's mother three hours just to feed her 8-year-old daughter.

Karla is severely retarded, paralyzed and needs round-the-clock care. She cannot walk or talk and never will be able to hold a job.

Tuesday, a federal judge lightened her family's burden by ordering the government to pay Karla \$2.1 million in damages and medical care she will need the rest of her life because of a Navy doctor's malpractice.

means for this little girl and her mother, who after eight years will finally be able to re-enter the mainstream of life," said the family's attorney, Mark Mandell.

Karla now lives in San Mateo, Calif., with her mother, Yulonda Foskey O'Neill, a sister, brother and stepfather, a Coast Guard pilot.

"I'm very satisfied with today's decision, especially because of what it

ing the government to pay Karla \$2.1 million in damages and medical care she will need the rest of her life because of a Navy doctor's malpractice.

When Karla was 1, her mother became concerned about her slow development. She took her from their home in Delaware to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital in 1972 where she was examined by Dr. Harvey J. Danits.

Several doctors testified during the non-jury trial before Chief U.S. District Judge Raymond Pettine Danits had failed to give Karla standard neurological tests that would have shown she had a seizure disorder. He also failed to give her drugs to control the seizures, they said.

major seizure that left her paralyzed. It was later determined she had been mildly retarded before the seizure occurred.

In his ruling Tuesday, Pettine said Danits "failed to provide a reasonable standard of care" for the girl. He noted Karla still has frequent convulsions and has the mental capacity of 1-year-old.

"She has life but does not live,"

Pettine said. He awarded Karla \$68,000 for loss of earning capacity; \$1.3 million for future medical care, including round-the-clock nursing care; \$6,000 for medical equipment; \$32,000 for past expenses incurred by the family and \$700,000 for pain and suffering.

U.S. Attorney Paul Murray said the Justice Department officials in Washington would have to decide whether to appeal. The award is believed to be the largest personal injury award in the state's history.

O'Neill, a nurse, was in Massachusetts visiting friends and declined to comment on the ruling. But Mandell said she was "elated."

Nurse: No 'wrong' in deaths

United Press International
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — A nurse suspended from her job because of a police inquiry into possible mercy killings in a respiratory intensive care unit of Sunrise Hospital, has denied any wrongdoing.

Jani Adams, 32, was among six employees suspended when the investigation became public.

Sources said the police are investigating reports that a nurse, nicknamed "Death's Angel," tampered with life support systems on critically ill patients.

The investigation began early this month after a nurse told police she overheard a conversation in which two employees predicted a specific patient would fall victim to "Death's Angel" that night.

The police informant said the patient died on the given day, adding she was told some employees in the intensive care unit had wagered bets on the time a patient would die.

Bus troubles slow plans

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CLEVELAND — The rear window of a school bus, empty of children, was shattered Wednesday by either a pellet gun or rock on the first day of stepped-up desegregation in Ohio's largest public school district.

A school board spokesman said the woman driver and a school monitor on the bus were not hurt.

In addition, school officials said many buses broke down, were late and in some cases did not even show up at designated pick-up sites, further hobbling the city's racial busing program.

The Cleveland Board of Education had planned to buy 125 extra buses from International Harvester Corp., but a strike there forced the board to lease used vehicles, of which as many as 50 did not meet state standards.

Cleveland began a racial balancing program last fall, busing about 8,500 students in an effort to desegregate one-fourth of the 94,000-pupil system.

The second step will mean busing 11,000 additional students.

Appointment by Clements

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AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements said Wednesday he has appointed newspaper publisher James Roberts of Andrews to the Governor's Committee on Aging.

Roberts will serve a term ending Aug. 30, 1981, and will fill the unexpired term of Rufus Edmonds Palm of Fort Worth, who was appointed chairman of the committee.

Robert, 56, is president, editor and publisher of Roberts Publishing Co., which publishes 13 newspapers in West Texas.

Clements also announced he has appointed Eristus Sams of Waller to the Family Farm Advisory Council for a term ending Jan. 31, 1981, and appointed Mike B. Perez Jr. of Laredo to the Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education.

Conviction overturned on mistake

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AUSTIN — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday reversed the robbery conviction of a Gregg County man because the jury convicted him under a fundamentally defective charge.

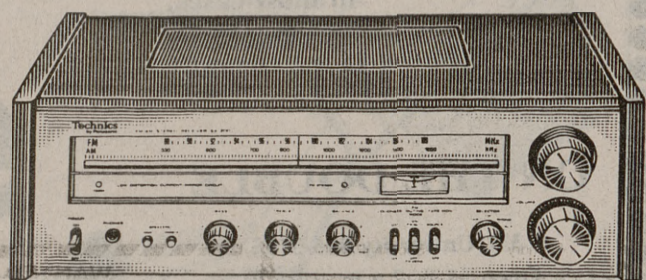
Jerry Jerome Brown was given 15 years in prison for the July 23, 1976, robbery of Donald Gregg. The indictment alleged Brown threatened Gregg with bodily harm during commission of the robbery.

But during his instructions to the jury the trial judge said Brown caused bodily injury to Gregg, a charge not alleged in the indictment.

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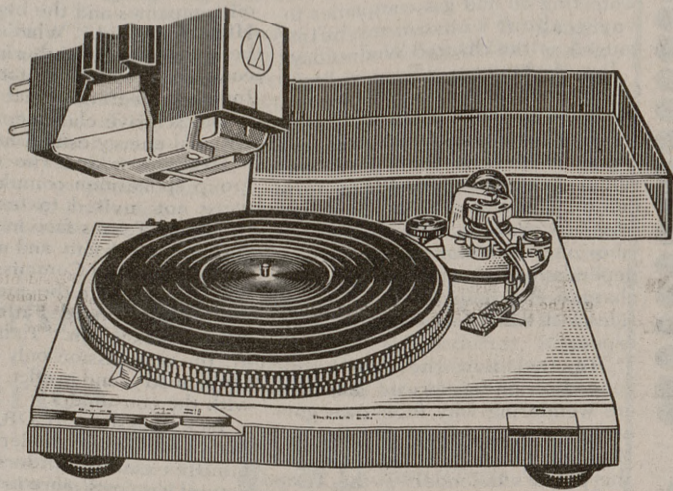


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