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Tugboat victims still lost at sea

United Press International
PORT O'CONNOR — A Coast Guard air and sea search widened Thursday over Matagorda Bay but hopes diminished of finding a woman and four men alive in the chilling waters into which they plunged to flee a breakup of a tugboat and two barges.

At noon Thursday, it had been 36 hours since high seas whipped up by winds from a cold front caused the tugboat "Galveston" and the barges to break up near the entrance to Port O'Connor late Tuesday.

The missing woman and three of the men were identified as employees of Haliburton Inc., an oil well service firm. Haliburton officials in Duncan, Okla., confirmed Thursday that the missing are Debbie Cope, Jim Lala, Ken Baze and Arthur Volkert.

Also missing is a crewman from the tugboat identified only as "Mr. Vasquez."

Tom DeForest, the tugboat's captain told authorities he ordered the five to get flotation devices and abandon the tugboat. Later the boat sank in 20 feet of water.

The hefty skipper also dived into the chilling water and was found several hours later on a mud island not far from the wreck scene. Medical personnel at Taylor Memorial Hospital in Port Lavaca — where DeForest was in good condition Thursday — said the 300-pound captain was protected from the cold water by a layer of fat.

A Coast Guard spokesman said a person who spends more than 4½ hours in 55-degree water has only a 50-50 chance of surviving the effects of lowered body temperature. After that time, the chance of survival diminishes with the passing minutes.

Coast Guard Lt. Steve Sparks said the problem that led to the breakup was first noted in the waning hours of Tuesday.

"We first heard about a problem about 10 p.m. last night," Sparks said Wednesday.



Hot dogger

This Bell 222 medium duty helicopter roars off the grounds as members of the Texas A&M University chapter of the American Helicopter Society watch. The machine was provided by

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Injunction blocks return of \$20 million to Iranians

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DALLAS — U.S. District Judge Robert Porter Thursday granted a temporary injunction blocking the United States from returning \$20 million in Iranian assets attached to a breach of contract suit filed by Electronic Data Systems Inc.

Porter's ruling prohibits Marine Midland Bank in New York City from returning \$20 million placed in security on a contract the giant Dallas computer firm founded by H. Ross Perot held with the government of the former Shah of Iran.

Under the hostage release agreement negotiated by former President Carter, all Iranian assets were to be returned to Iran.

EDS is the only American firm to have filed suit and won an attachment order against Iranian assets before the American hostages were taken. More than 300 U.S. firms have accused Iran of contract violations.

The firm has argued the U.S. government had no authority to tamper with the attached funds

because Carter had no authority in the Constitution to overturn court rulings.

Porter had planned since Tuesday to act on the request, but a court spokesman said his ruling was delayed by careful review of briefs submitted by the U.S. Justice Department.

EDS filed the breach of contract suit in February 1979, nearly a year before the American hostages were taken. A few months later, Porter granted the company an attachment order of \$20 million in Iranian assets to cover the expense of the disputed computer contract in the event the company won its suit.

In May 1980, EDS won the lawsuit, which said the Iranian

government stopped making payments on a data processing system the company had installed.

Iran has appealed the ruling in the lawsuit and the case is pending before the 5th Circuit Court in New Orleans.

Since the order was made by Porter prior to Carter's freeing Iranian assets, EDS has contended it should not be subject to the provisions of the hostage agreement.

U.S. attorneys have argued against the injunction, indicating it would violate the agreement negotiated settlement.

But Perot has termed the agreement to return Iranian assets for release of the hostages as "a som."

Nuclear power may cost less in future

United Press International
HOUSTON — Nuclear-produced energy will probably cost at least one or two cents less per kilo-watt hour than energy made in oil, gas, coal or lignite plants, a utility company consultant said.

Lewis J. Perl, testifying Wednesday at a hearing on the Allens Creek nuclear project, said Houston Lighting & Power Co. will need substantially more generating capacity over the next decade, and construction of a nuclear power plant will keep the cost of electricity down for consumers.

Perl, vice president of National Economic Research Associates, a firm specializing in economic consulting to utility companies, spoke

as a witness or HL&P at a hearing by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

He said the cost of electricity from Allens Creek will be about 9.4 cents per kilo-watt hour, compared with 11.6 cents from a coal-burning plant or 10.4 cents from a lignite-fired plant.

Perl told the three-member NRC panel that because the federal government has ordered all oil and gas-fired plants to shut down by 1990, nuclear plants will be needed even if there is a drop in usage.

Because of various uncertainties, a lignite plant might be cheaper in the long run than a nuclear plant, but the odds favor the nuclear plant by 65-35, Perl said.

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