

Buoy anchored to warn shipping

Ships locate sunken oil rig

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ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland — Two scientific vessels appear to have located the position of the oil rig Ocean Ranger, which sank Feb. 15 on the Grand Banks losing its entire 84-man crew.

The Canadian Coast Guard ship Bartlett has anchored a fluorescent orange buoy in the area where the oil rig had been anchored, 175 nautical miles southeast of St. John's.

A Notice to Shipping issued Tuesday in St. John's said the buoy was located "4,000 feet from the Ocean Ranger well-head position" and was equip-

ped with a whistle, a radar beacon and a white flashing light.

Coast guard spokesman Gordon Butler said the buoy was placed "on the edge of the rig's anchor pattern" to give Mobil Oil Canada vessels plenty of room to work in the wreckage area.

The scientific vessels Polaris V and Balder Cabot resumed their search for the rig late Sunday. Mobil spokesman Mel Pine said, however, that the company would not issue further data to the news media.

"Whatever information we can get is going directly to gov-

ernment, and will come out when the results of their inquiry investigation is released," Pine said Tuesday.

The Polaris was trying to locate the rig on sonar, and mini-submarines aboard the Balder Cabot were to be used to conduct a visual inspection of whatever was left of the platform.

A local news report indicated the Polaris had determined that the Ocean Ranger was upside down in about 300 feet of water, with her drilling derrick ripped off, but Pine would not comment on the story.

In Calgary Tuesday, an expert on drilling rigs said the fed-

eral government should establish clear-cut responsibility for safety inspections of offshore oil drilling rigs to try to prevent the "mundane human errors" which cause most oilrig accidents.

W.G. (Kit) Carson, visiting professor at the University of Calgary, said there were similarities between the Ocean Ranger disaster and the 1980 North Sea sinking of the Alexander L. Keilland rig which claimed 123 lives.

The latter was caused by a faulty weld in a supporting strut which was concealed by a layer of paint.

"If the cause of the Ocean Ranger disaster was anything like the Keilland," Carson said, "we'll see it was perfectly avoidable."

Carson, author of a book on North Sea accidents, said he was angry at the federal government's "lackadaisical attitude" to the problem of oilrig safety.

"Industry and government officials will create a red herring if they rush off and blame the disaster on the environment," he said. "Most accidents of this kind are caused by mundane human error coupled with the most appalling kind of design fault."

Jury still probing judge's slaying

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appeals court overturned the fine.

Published reports last weekend hinted the grand jury, the third to investigate Wood's slaying, would return indictments within 30 days, but federal prosecutors and the FBI have refused to confirm or deny the reports.

Witnesses believed to be connected with Harrelson appeared

throughout the morning. The panel met last month for one day and interviewed an attorney for a key figure in the case.

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Deena goes ape in Dallas

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DALLAS — Police dismissed the antics as monkey business.

North Dallas residents went ape.

The cause of the ruckus was Deena, a trained chimp who escaped her van and went on a neighborhood spree Tuesday, stealing mail, ringing doorbells and trying to invade a bridge game.

Lucile Middleton found Deena when answered her doorbell.

"I opened my door and there stood the chimp, about as big as a big police dog, and half a dozen kids trying to get the package it had taken out of my mailbox," Middleton said. "They were all chasing each other around and she was having a blast."

Deena tried to join a bridge game at Dorothy Balfour's home.

"One of the women at the game looked up and said, 'I think the doorknob is turning,'" Balfour said. "I said, 'Don't worry. It's only my husband.'"

"Just as I got to the door, the monkey had opened it and was coming in," Balfour said. "I got the door and just kind of shoved her out. She was real nice about it. It kind of lived up my bridge club. But I'd never mistaken a monkey for my husband before."

The fugitive was finally taken into custody by her owner, Mike Stower, who operates Rent-a-Chimp, a firm that provides chimpanzees for entertainment at parties.

"It was really a show," Middleton said. "It isn't every day you see a big old chimp shuffling around on all fours stealing people's mail and ringing their doorbells."

"I'm a creationist and I don't believe in evolution, but after seeing that chimp, I'm starting to think about it some."

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