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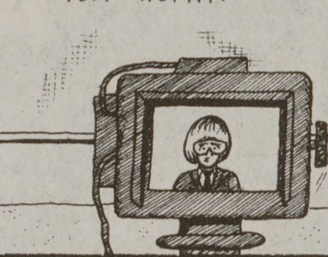
By Scott McCullar

WELL, THE NATIONAL "DUKES OF HAZZARD LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST" WAS HELD TODAY IN CALIFORNIA.

50 CONTESTANTS COMPETED TO BE JUDGED AS LOOKING MOST LIKE SERIES STARS JOHN SCHNEIDER AND TOM WOPAT.

EACH STAR CHOSE FROM AMONG 25 LOOK-ALIKES THE ONES THEY THOUGHT LOOKED MOST LIKE THEMSELVES. AFTERWARDS, BOTH STARS AND ALL 50 CONTESTANTS WERE TAKEN TO A SOUNDSTAGE.

AND SHOT, THUS ELIMINATING ANOTHER MORONIC TV SHOW, AND FOLLOWERS. PLANS WERE THEN ANNOUNCED FOR NEXT YEAR'S "LOVE BOAT LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST..."



## Paris seeks federal aid; storm loss: \$50 million

United Press International PARIS, Texas — Authorities Tuesday said damage estimates to a 5-mile strip of town devastated by a tornado were approaching \$50 million and they began formal steps to obtain federal help for the long road to recovery.

Bulldozers manned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers crews Monday began removing piles of rubble that were all that remained of at least 750 houses leveled by Friday's storm.

An application for federal disaster relief submitted by city officials to the state Monday put total damage at \$40 million, but Civil Defense Director Dick Boots Tuesday said the latest assessment pushed the figure closer to \$50 million.

City Manager Bob Sokoll said if the north Texas city of 25,000 is declared a major disaster area, residents would be eligible for low-interest, federally backed loans.

The Texas Insurance Advisory Association Monday estimated insured property losses would exceed \$25 million and could go as high as \$35 million or \$40 million.

The tornado killed eight people in Paris, about 90 miles northeast of Dallas. A woman died in nearby Dodd City from the same storm system and a representative at St. Joseph Hospital in Paris reported a 10th victim died en route to another hospital.

Boots said there had been no major problems with cleanup operations.

"It's just something you've got to take a block at a time," he said. "We've got plenty of equipment and plenty of people, but something like this is just slow-going. We're just trying to get our recovery center set up so people know where to go for information. We've got people from the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency and from the state touring the area right now.

"We'll probably know by Friday whether it's going to be declared a disaster area."

The Salvation Army, which has had more than 330 volunteers in Paris since Friday, said

the most pressing needs in the community are for donations of cash, clothing, infant supplies, canned goods, bedding, cooking utensils and furniture.

Boots said officials in Wichita Falls — where a tornado struck in 1979 killing 47 people — had

sent advisors to assist city government in drafting ordinances and organizing the administrative base for reconstruction.

Authorities have imposed a 10 p.m. curfew in the town and Boots said it would be continued through Friday.

## Drifter pleads guilty during murder trail

United Press International BEAUMONT — In a move that shocked prosecutors and jurors, drifter Stephen Peter Morin pleaded guilty Tuesday to the capital murder of a San Antonio woman.

"Before the jury and before God, I plead guilty," Morin told Judge David Berchmann, just minutes after the judge had ruled against a defense motion to bar the media from the trial.

The seven-woman, five-man jury — which took eight full working days to choose — appeared shocked at the announcement. The punishment phase of the trial, which will decide whether Morin will be sentenced to life in prison or death by injection — began immediately.

Morin, 34, was charged with the Dec. 11 shooting death of Carrie Marie Scott, 21, outside a popular all-night restaurant in San Antonio. His trial was moved to Beaumont on a change of venue.

Authorities said Morin also

was a suspect in a nine-state violent crime spree that included the rapes, kidnappings and killings of several young, blonde attractive women.

He also has been indicted on charges of attempted capital murder in San Antonio and

capital murder in two other Texas cities. Colorado and Nevada authorities said he was wanted in several killings of young women in those states.

He was captured the day after Scott was killed following a multi-state manhunt.

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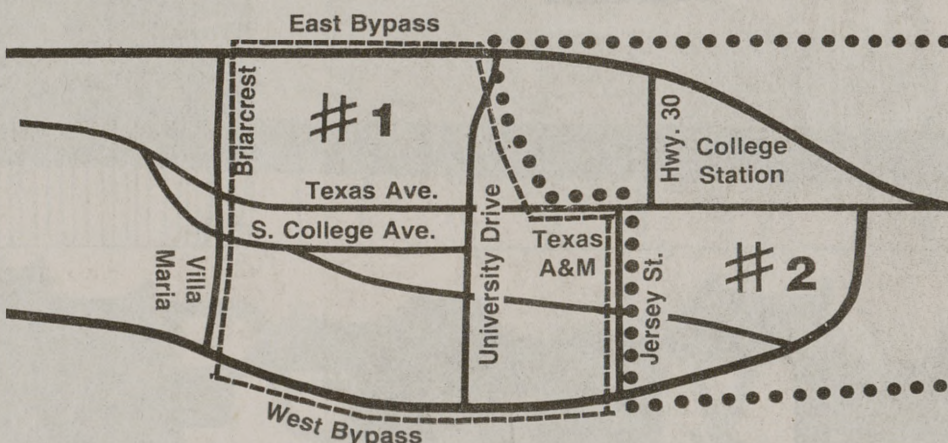


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## TV staff released on assault

United Press International HOUSTON — A television reporter and photographer were free on their own recognizance Tuesday after a confrontation outside municipal court with the family and attorney of a man they were trying to interview.

KPRC television reporter Phil Archer was charged with two counts of assault. Photographer Judy Barton was charged with using abusive language in a public place after the incident Monday.

The two were trying to interview William Morris III, who was charged last November in an assault on Houston Chronicle reporter Raul Reyes and photographer Buster Dean, after his court appearance on a charge of reckless conduct.

KPRC news director Bill Goodman said when Barton and Archer approached Morris, the man's sister, father and lawyer blocked the reporter's path and put their hands and briefcases over the camera lens, shielding Morris from the camera.

"Apparently there was some attempt to keep them (Barton and Archer) from moving forward or standing in front of them," Goodman said. "It is a puzzle to us on where they get the idea an assault occurred."

Morris' brother Malcolm Morris said he and his sister, Marietta Maxfield, filed the charge because Archer and Barton "accosted me and other members of my family, as well as shoving and pulling my sister in addition to the verbal cursing by both."