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Grinning climber proud of publicity from jump stunt

United Press International
HOUSTON — A man who climbed up and parachuted down from the 71-story Allied Bank Plaza refused his mother's effort to bail him out of jail on trespassing charges and was still in custody early Tuesday.

Carol Stanley said her son, David Adcock Jr., 21, who police said also gave a name of Skip Stanley, was "still sort of grinning" after Monday's stunt when she talked to him at the city jail.

She said he was proud of the publicity — a crowd chanted "Let him go" when police arrested him — because he aspired to be a Hollywood stunt man.

"We had a few little words to the effect that he had promised me when he jumped off El Capitan last year he would never do that again," Mrs. Stanley said.

Authorities said the man was in trouble because he also promised a judge who put him on probation for the jump from the peak in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

He faced a criminal trespass charge for which he was jailed

under \$10,000 bond for the tower jump. He also faced a charge of evading arrest — by veering his parachute toward a park and away from police — and another \$10,000 bond.

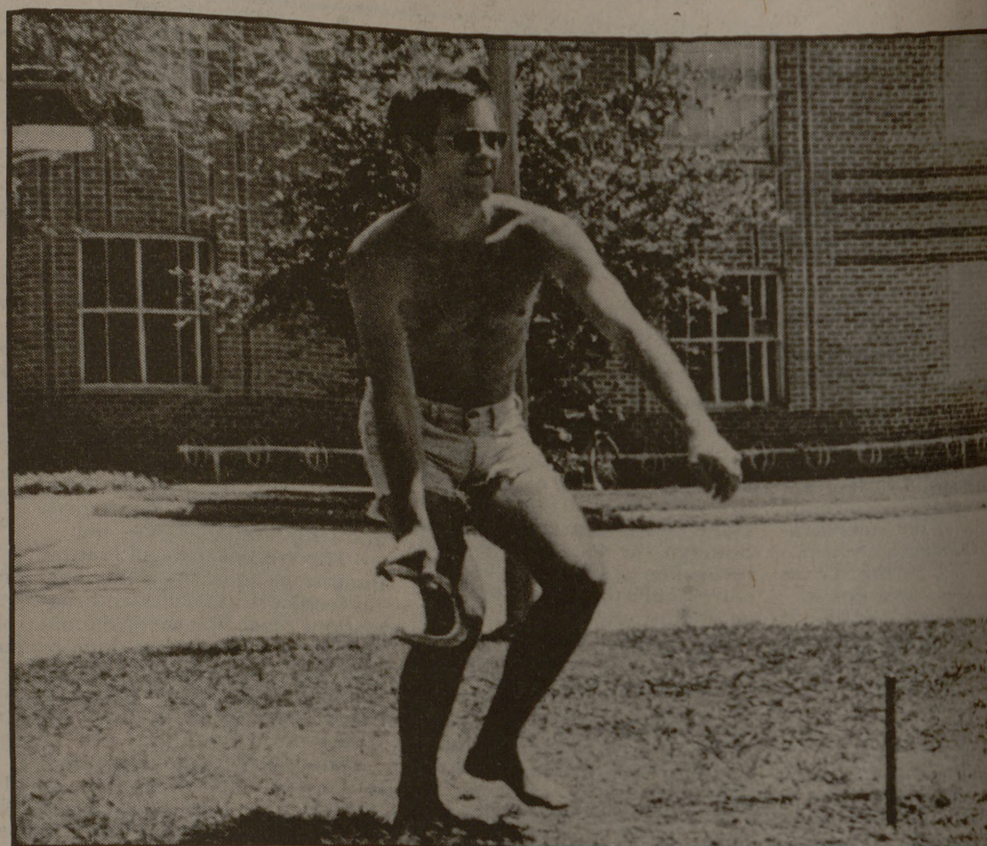
Adcock parachuted from the 70th floor of the building about 8:30 p.m. CDT, leaving police waiting at the top. Adcock was not hurt in the jump.

Adcock previously had identified himself only as "Texas Bluebonnet" or the "Blue Bandit." He wore a blue fringed mask, a blue curly wig and a baseball cap.

"He's never been bad. But he's just like kids, sort of carefree," said his father, David Adcock Sr., in Dallas. "He wanted to fly and he wanted to parachute out. He wanted to skydive."

The elder Adcock said he was divorced from his son's mother, and she had remarried.

Asked during the climb why he chose Allied Bank Plaza, he said, "We ain't got no big buildings in Dallas, and I had to climb one so I had to come down here."



Horsing around

photo by Darla Buz

David Wade, a junior physics major from Nederland, winds up for the pitch in an intense game of horseshoes between the "Men from

McInnis Manor." Wade uses physics knowledge to determine velocity, horseshoe mass and distance and make the perfect pitch.

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White plans live speech urging teachers' raises

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White is planning a live statewide television address Thursday night to plug his proposal for a \$1.27 billion tax package to finance teacher pay raises, his office said Monday.

White's press office said arrangements are being made for a five-minute speech to be delivered statewide via satellite,

beginning at 6:25 p.m. Thursday.

But a spokesman for the originating station, KLRU-TV, in Austin, said the announcement may have been premature since it is unsure whether satellite time can be arranged.

"We're working on it right now," said Tom Spencer, a production assistant at the public television station. "We called and told them we didn't have the

time, but I guess they'll be ahead with it (announcement) anyway."

White's office announced Monday the governor also planned a direct television advertising campaign scheduled to begin Wednesday. The governor also planned a news conference Tuesday from an elementary school in Temple to dramatize the need for increased teacher pay.

PUC to consider GTE compromise rate plan

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission Thursday will consider a \$32.5 million compromise rate increase for General Telephone Co.

General Telephone originally requested an \$85.5 million increase, but parties to the case, along with the PUC and the company, reached a compromise agreement in April calling for only \$32.5 million.

Under the agreement endorsed Monday by PUC examiner Angela Williams, residential customer bills will increase roughly \$1 a month. Monthly business rates would increase between \$2.05 and \$2.15, depending on the calling scope.

The agreement calls for the utility to earn a rate of return on common equity of 14.93 percent.

No change was recommended in the directory assistance charges, but service connection charges would increase slightly.

Williams also recommended corrective action be taken to improve the quality of service in areas just north of Dallas, including Plano, Irving and Garland, before the company receives a rate hike from those areas.

During a precedent-setting regional hearings in Plano, 98 customers complained about the quality of service. They cited static, trouble obtaining a dial tone,

service reduction in bad weather and cross talk from other lines.

Williams recommended an increase in three Plano changes until General Telephone updates its central equipment, which is scheduled for the end of 1983.

Within six months of equipment installation, the would return to Plano for the hearings.

The examiner also recommended the appointment of a task force of PUC personnel and city officials, to study problems in Plano, Garland and Irving.

General Telephone, which serves 1.4 million Texas customers, won \$46.8 million in a \$110.6 million rate request in 1982.

Jurors say fed law unclear, six acquitted in piracy case

United Press International
HOUSTON — Jurors who acquitted six owners and employees of Pirate Video Inc. of charges they stole pay television signals said they thought federal law on the subject was unclear.

"We felt like the laws weren't true to fact. If we were to punish these people, we ought to punish all the sellers and users of the

equipment," said juror J.W. Reineau after the verdict Monday.

"The prosecutor was stretching the law, but so were the defendants," said juror Gerald Weaver.

Defense lawyer David Berg said it was time for Congress to act on the subject of buying special antennas to intercept non-broadcast television signals. Federal public defender Mac Secrest blasted prosecutors for pursuing the case.

But prosecutor Dan Kamin, who put together the case but is no longer with the U.S. Attorney's Office, defended the effort.

"This will serve as a map for

prosecutions to follow," Kamin said.

U.S. District Judge Carl Casper previously ordered employees Chris Walker and Dalton Brachman acquitted without jury deliberation.

The verdicts Monday ending the other six ended a month-old signal theft, fraud and copyright infringement case.

The defendants were accused of stealing microwave pay television signals from Texas Entertainment Network and violating copyrights. They also were charged with defrauding the network by mailing out literature to advertise scheduled

Bandits abandon plan, don't get money, cars

United Press International
DALLAS — Police Tuesday were seeking two bandits in a bungled attempt to extort money from a couple in posh North Dallas to buy cars.

Police spokesman Ed Spencer said the bandits, one armed with a rifle, were rummaging around the house when discovered at about 5:45 a.m. by Minda Brachman.

The pair bound and gagged Mrs. Brachman, then awakened her husband, Malcolm Brachman, and bound him.

While they were in another part of the house, Mrs. Brach-

man broke free and fled to police, Spencer said.

"Once they discovered she'd left, they forced Brachman to get into his car," Spencer said.

"The plan was to drive to a bank, where he was to write a check for enough money to buy these two fellows to buy themselves new Porches."

Spencer said officers did not know why the pair abandoned their plan, but they left Brachman tied up in his car and the

There were no injuries in the incident, and police had no suspects in custody.

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