Crash investigator says wet cloths saved lives

tween life and death.

over their face.

United Press International FLORENCE, Ky. — The 23 people who survived a fire aboard Air Canada's flight 797 may have saved their lives by remaining calm and putting wet cloths over their faces, a federal

Donald Engen, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Sunday a copilot, Claude Quimet, may have saved pilot Don Cameron, who was credited with bringing the smoke-filled plane to an emergency landing Thursday night

Authorities listed smoke in-halation as the preliminary cause of death for most of the

23 victims. Based on interviews with crew and passengers, Engen said split-second actions during 11 minutes — the time between

"Things really began to go to pieces rapidly," he said.

a decision to land and the touch-down — made the difference be-

During that time, "white, then gray, then black" smoke rapidly poured from the rear restroom into the rest of the cabin and

through the open door to the

"The pilot put on eye goggles and an oxygen mask," said En-gen. "All passengers who survived had some sort of wet cloth

"A washcloth, a Kleenex, a vest, they all had something over their face to protect them from the smoke. They also leaned over and put their head between their legs," he said.

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Asked if the people killed had not used wet cloths, Engen said,

smoke.

But Engen said "nothing definitive" had been determined.

"I can't say that. We just don't

He said oxygen masks in the passenger compartment were not deployed "because of the concern" for fueling the fire.

Despite smoke so thick one passenger said it was impossible to see the seat in front of her, Engen said, "There was no panio in the cabin. It was 'amazingly quiet,' to quote some passen-gers. The absence of any panic enhanced the escape a great

Engen reaffirmed it was "highly probable" an electrical fire produced the thick deadly smoke. As for where the fire began, he said he remained "high-ly suspicious" of a rear restroom, where passengers first noticed

John Kennedy Jr. receives college degree from Brown

United Press International PROVIDENCE, R.I. — John F. Kennedy Jr., his mother smiling proudly, marched Monday in a procession through the city's historic East Side to receive his baccalaureate degree at Brown University, Kennedy, 22, tall and angular, was lost in the sea of 1,400 black-robed graduates until a swarm of photographers crowded him. With news cameras clicking, his classmates formed a tight circle around the impassive Kennedy, son of slain President John Fitzgerald Ken-

The Ivy League school's 215th commencement began at 8:30 a.m. from the Green of the College Hill campus, winding its way through the historic district

Kennedy's sister, Caroline, smiled and waved at Kennedy as he joined his classmates in the processional march led by marshals in top hats and tails.

The graduates were to gather in the First Baptist Church to hear an address by Brown President Howard Dearer, then march back up College Hill for the formal awarding of degrees.

Many members of the famous family were on the Brown campus ever the weekend to visit

pus over the weekend, to visit Kennedy and hear his uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., speak at one of the college's commencement forums.

Sister Caroline also attended.

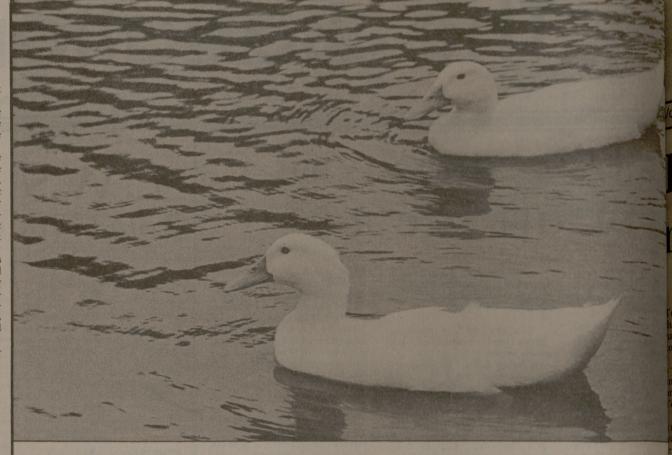
Kennedy broke a longstandtional family calling — politics.

as parents, friends and family ing family tradition when he de cided to enroll at Brown. His cided to enroll at Brown. His grandfather and three uncles all went to Ivy League rival Har-

vard University.

Kennedy said he chose Brown because he wanted to stay out of the limelight, which he has done quite well except for an occasional mention in the media. Gaining attention were Kennedy's acting debut in a campus production in his sophomore year, his launching of an organization to help students understand South Africa's apartheid system, and his trip to Municipal Court in the fall of 1981 to pay

\$108 in overdue traffic tickets.
Kennedy has not made public
his plans after college, but he has
an avowed interest in a tradi-



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United Press International LOS ANGELES — A jury said CBS and Dan Rather did not show "reckless disregard for the truth" in a "60 Minutes" segment that linked a doctor to a fraud scheme, ruling against the physician in a \$4.5 million de-

The verdict strikes a blow for the First Amendment," CBS attorney William Vaughn said Monday outside the courtroom, after the jurors' 10-2 vote was announced.

Dr. Carl Galloway, who claimed the network and its bestknown newsman had damaged his personal repution and humiliated him, and his attorneys said the ruling may be appealed.
Asked if he felt CBS had been

incompetence, if you can vindicate ineptitude, then they have been vindicated."

Galloway told ABC if he had won the suit "it would have put a proper responsibility on the news-gatherers.

After three days of deliberation, the jurors ruled the net-work, Rather and the producers of the highly rated TV program did not act with a "reckless disregard for the truth" when linking Galloway to the scam in a De cember 1979 segment titled "It's No Accident.'

Rather and a "60 Minutes" film crew visited a clinic allegedly involved in an insurance scam. Galloway did not appear on the show but was implicated when Rather showed a phony medical vindicated by the verdict, Gallo-way said, "If you can vindicate loway." report he said was signed by Gal-loway.

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Makeshift ramps built over Utah floodwaters

United Press International SALT LAKE CITY — Con-cruction crews finished makeshift ramps to carry drivers over the "State Street River," and police had airplanes and helicopters ready Monday to direct more than 100,000 commuters into flood-plagued Salt Lake City.

Crews blasted a clogged storm drain with explosives Sunday in an attempt to contain the record mountain runoff. Officials urged more than 100 residents to move out of homes plagued by backed-up sewage, but they did not officially order an evacuation because the raw sewage stopped short of the homes.

The major freeway ramps into the downtown area - used by nearly 25,000 drivers on workdays - lead to streets that

Guard has called off its search

for a Houston man, 31, who dis-

appeared Saturday night while

swimming near the Texas City

Thomas Jackson Jr. was using an inner tube and swimming

with another man when he dis appeared about 9 p.m., Satur-

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finding Jackson.

the "State Street River" because work crews have lengthened to 2 miles the stretch of road carrying tons of runoff from the hills overlooking the city.

Workmen constructed 4-foot high hills to help motorists driving on the freeway on-and offramps, the most heavily used in the city. Two-foot diameter corrugated pipes were rammed into the dirt hills to carry the water underneath the makeshift

commute to the city by other down the middle of the city beroutes. Police scheduled extra cause the storm drain designed help direct that traffic.

the downtown area during the average day to shop or do business, police figures show.

Salt Lake City flood control spokesman Paul Barber said officials were forced to lengthen the river streaming down State Street to 14 blocks to relieve pressure from the rushing spring runoff from City Creek

Barber said workmen ex-Another 85,000 motorists tended the controlled river men and helicopter patrols to to control the runoff was plughelp direct that traffic. In addition to the 110,000 with silt and rocks carried into daily commuters, an estmated the system by the canyon runoff.

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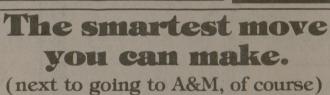
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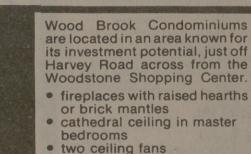
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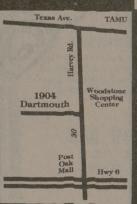
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