

# First commercial satellite may launch from island

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**JACKSON, Miss.** — An island near the Mississippi Gulf Coast could be the site of the nation's first commercial satellite launching in early 1985, officials say.

Gov. William Winter and former NASA astronaut Donald K. "Deke" Slayton said at a news conference Tuesday Cat Island, an uninhabited area 10 miles off the coast, is under strong consideration by Space Services Inc. of Houston for its first launch pad.

"Subject to state and federal approval, we would like to launch from that location because it would be the only non-governmental site that would allow us optimum conditions for polar orbital launches," said Slayton, now president of the firm.

The satellite liftoff would be the first commercial launching in the nation, Winter said, and "would put Mississippi squarely in the middle of the space business."

Negotiators from the company have talked with the island's owner, Nathan Boddie, and found him "amenable" to the project, Slayton said. He said SSI is interested in buying or leasing 200-250 acres of the island for its launch site.

"This is a splendid opportunity for both Mississippi and SSI," Winter said.

"We hope they establish a thriving, commercial space port on Cat Island and that their venture will attract other high-technology companies to our state," Winter said. "In fact, the Mississippi Department of Economic Development directly encouraged SSI to look over the site, and on examination they found it highly suitable."

The unmanned satellites would gather information on the atmosphere, weather, agriculture, geology and other conditions, Slayton said. The information then would be sold to interested parties.

Slayton said he expected most of the company's business to come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and private oil companies interested in data gathered by the satellites. The number of satellites launched, he said, will depend on the number of customers purchasing gathered information.

If the company obtains the land, Slayton estimated installation of the launch pad and related facilities would cost about \$2 million, with the actual launch of each satellite costing

\$8-10 million. He said no price has been discussed for the island acreage.

A launch site on the island would not affect development outside the launch area, Slayton said, nor would it adversely affect the environment. The power and exhaust of the 900-pound satellites would be 20 times smaller than comparable larger NASA satellites, he said.

In other business, Winter appointed Col. Charlie D. Brackeen of Decatur as assistant adjutant general of the Mississippi National Guard. Brackeen will replace Gen. Gray Harrison, who was appointed recently as the guard's new adjutant general.

Brackeen is a 30-year veteran of the military, Winter said, currently serving as dean of students at East Central Junior College in Decatur.

Also at Tuesday's news conference, Winter's wife, Elise, presented a \$2,000 check to the Mississippi Children's Foundation for continued work in helping mentally disturbed children.

The money represents the royalties from the first printing of her book, "Dinner at the Mansion," a recipe manual, Mrs. Winter said. She said the royalties from the book's second printing this fall also will be donated to the foundation.



Who's pulling who?

Thad Nelson, 12, rides his bike in front of the All Faith's Chapel while Joe Carmody, 13, gets towed by holding onto a string attached to the back of the bike. Either way it beats walking.

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# TV evangelist launches talk show

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**EDMOND, Okla.** — Television evangelist Richard Hogue says asking for money to film his religious program made him "uncomfortable," so he launched his own secular Donahue-type Hollywood talk show.

Hogue's previous media offering — "Richard Hogue Weekdays," a commercial-free combination religious and entertainment talk show — ran short of funds, so the Edmond-based evangelist decided in September 1982 secular was the way to go.

"Trying to raise enough money through gifts to fund a top-quality show is a difficult thing to do," Hogue said. "Frankly I got to the place where I was very uncomfortable having to ask people for funds."

Hogue, pastor of the 5,000-member non-denominational metrochurch in Edmond, says his new talk show, "With Richard Hogue," contains "some laughs and some tears too," plus "those Hollywood guests you want to meet."

family and negotiating for sex," he said in filming promotions for 16 stations that will add to the present 25 subscribers. "We're also going to look at some fun stuff like chocolate mania and cosmetic surgery."

Hogue said the difference between the two shows "is more in the funding aspect of the show than the actual content."

While the old show was filmed in Dallas, "With Richard Hogue" is being taped in Hollywood.

The new 30-minute show aimed at women began airing every weekday in January and now is carried on 25 stations. The number of stations will in-

crease to 41 in the fall. Among the new cities the show are Denver, Dallas and Salt Lake City. The show also will be aired in California, Missouri and Alabama.

Although "With Richard Hogue" is not being broadcast in Oklahoma, Hogue said he is trying to arrange that.

## But was he a good cook?

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**CORTE MADERA, Calif.** — Garry James Odehill was jailed and faces charges for being an uninvited guest.

Police said the problem was that Odehill, 35, of San Francisco, apparently used a ladder to climb in the window of Susan Emily Zivic's home in Corte Madera.

Ms. Zivic heard noises and called police, who said they peeked in the window to see Odehill put something in the oven. The "something" turned out to be a pound of frozen hamburger, taken out of Ms. Zivic's freezer.

With dinner in the oven, police said they observed Odehill remove his clothing as he left the kitchen.

When they finally broke into the house to apprehend him, they found the suspect comfortably languishing in the bathtub. He claimed he lived in the house.

Police arrested him and booked him into the Marin County jail, where he was held on \$5,000 bond.

# 7-foot fish bites Chicagoan

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**RHINELANDER, Wis.** — Forget about "Jaws" and "Shark." Wisconsin has grown its own summer horror story in the form of a 7-foot-long muskie that took a bite out of a Chicago girl.

The rare muskie attack left Amber Fairley, 13, with a cut on her foot that required 15 stitches to close. It scared off some swimmers, but brought scores of fishermen to Island Lake.

Fairley said Tuesday that she was pulled "three or four inches into the water" by the giant fish before it let go. She said she felt pain and swam back to the raft.

"I didn't know what it was. I could picture this monster biting my foot."

She said the bite covered her whole foot. "I even have teeth marks on my toes," Fairley said. "My whole foot is all mutilated. It's really gross-looking."

The attack last Thursday and the giant nature of the game fish was confirmed by the girl, the doctor who treated her, fishermen and Iron County sheriff's deputies.

"The lake gets as clear as glass," Fairley said, adding she and others had seen the huge muskellunge for two days be-

fore the attack. "We saw this big muskie circling a duckling. It must have been about seven feet long."

"Fishing has really picked up since the attack," said Jody Teeters of Raap's Resort, where the girl and her family were staying. "One guy had it on his line Saturday night. But it got off."

Muskie attacks are rare but not unheard of in the north woods, said Steve Serns of the Department of Natural Resources in Woodruff. A muskie attack was reported on Tom Doyle Lake near Rhineland in 1980, and Serns himself was bit-

ten in 1978 on Mid Lake Minocqua Chain of Lakes. Serns said he was on a boat while treading water and "It felt like a real shock. I felt a real strong sensation, then pain." He required 23 stitches.

"A muskie wouldn't attack anything that it could swallow," Serns said. "It swallows things whole, like a shark which bites."

"Poor visibility contributed to a muskie attack. The fish see the whole body and get a flash in the water. I think they can swallow it," Serns said.

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# Bridge reopening at Pass uncertain

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**GALVESTON** — A disabled shrimp boat that struck and severely damaged the San Luis Pass-Vacek Bridge in Galveston has been salvaged, but officials said Wednesday they are not sure when the 1.8-mile toll bridge can be reopened.

The 75-foot boat "The and the Tramp," was dislodged from under the bridge Tuesday and was towed to Port Wednesday. The vessel was salvaged a week ago and was pulled in structure by the trawlers at San Luis Pass.

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