

# Sneaker clad stuntman foils St. Louis police

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ST. LOUIS — A stuntman used suction cups attached to his tennis shoes to climb the side of a 23-story downtown office building Sunday says St. Louis police. "This is the worst it's ever been over with the police," said David Adcock, who climbed to

the 68th floor of the 71-story Allied Bank Tower in his hometown of Houston last May. Adcock, nicknamed "The Blue Bandit," said Houston police paid little attention to his exploit. In St. Louis he said the police wanted to throw every charge in the book at him. The 21-year-old college stu-

dent said he wants to make a name for himself as a stuntman. He is in the process of changing his name to Skip Stanley.

Adcock scaled the Equitable Building Sunday and unfurled a large American flag as he neared the top. He planned to parachute to the street, but changed his mind when police threatened to arrest his two-man ground crew.

Adcock was arrested after he rappelled down the outside of the Equitable Building. However, he was released before the warrants charging trespassing and property damage were issued.

Police were upset on Monday when Adcock left St. Louis before the warrants could be issued against him.

The Equitable Building was Adcock's second choice for something to climb in St. Louis. He tried to scale the 630-foot Gateway Arch on Saturday, but his suction cups would not work properly on the steel structure.



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# Greenhouse effect warms up Texas

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AUSTIN — A University of Texas professor says that the "greenhouse effect" could turn Houston into a "modern-day Venice," cause palm trees to flourish in Austin, and even obliterate Padre Island.

Lothar Koschmieder, associate professor of meteorology, said that the expected warming of the Earth — due to excessive amounts of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere — is expected to produce far-reaching changes in global weather and sea levels. And it could begin creating changes in Texas in the next few decades.

Scientists say the growing amounts of carbon dioxide permit the sun's rays to reach Earth but keep heat radiation from escaping into space.

Although Koschmieder said it is difficult to predict precisely what will happen to Texas' weather, he said he believes Austin will get not only warmer, but wetter, too.

"We (in Austin) are between tropical and mid-latitudinal weather now," he said. "If we increase by 10 degrees

Fahrenheit, I personally expect Austin to become more tropical than it is now."

While there is disagreement among experts on how soon the weather will change, Koschmieder said that glaciers around the world are receding. He said this is an indication that something is already happening.

"The length from the tip of the mountain to where the glaciers end is decreasing steadily," he said. "The polar ice caps will be reduced substantially and that will, in turn, increase the level of the sea."

That means, Koschmieder said, Houston may end up under water as early as 2050.

"It will be a modern-day Venice," he said.

Padre Island also has a chance of becoming lost beneath the sea if current trends continue, he said.

Koschmieder said that automobiles are not to blame for the excessive amounts of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

"The real problem is the big power plants," he said. "We're burning millions of tons of coal and natural gas and other fossil fuels."

Koschmieder said that he believes people will adjust to the higher temperatures and some may even benefit from the change in the weather.

Meanwhile, environmental and energy organizations have asked Gov. Mark White to appoint a task force to study Texas' response to the phenomenon.

The environmental coalition said that even if the effect is irreversible, action should be taken to reduce carbon dioxide emission in order to give society enough time to develop new plant strains, plan new farming systems and relocate coastal communities.

"A phenomenon with such far-reaching environmental and financial implications must not be announced one day and forgotten the next," the group said.

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