

# Jury deliberates cowboy's death

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 AMARILLO — Attorneys for the city of Borger and three Panhandle counties rested their case Thursday without presenting witnesses in the \$5 million civil trial concerning the fatal shooting of a 6666 Ranch cowboy.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson scheduled closing arguments for 9 a.m. Friday. She spent Thursday afternoon with attorneys preparing instructions for the jury.

The three-man, three-woman jury heard about three weeks of testimony in the wrongful death trial of James Grandstaff, 31, shot near his home by authorities who mistook him for a fugitive they were hunting.

His widow Sharon Grandstaff filed the suit against the city of Borger and the counties of

Hutchinson, Carson and Gray. Mrs. Grandstaff's attorney Jan Fox of Houston's Haynes & Fullenwider law firm rested her case shortly before noon Thursday.

Testimony indicated Grandstaff was shot once in the back early Aug. 11, 1981, as he approached six officers on the north camp of the 100-acre ranch east of Borger.

Police had chased Lonnie

Cox, wanted on a theft warrant in Oklahoma, from Borger into the country when Cox drove his pickup truck through two ranch fences and ran into a pasture near Grandstaff's home.

Mrs. Grandstaff said her husband had been sleeping, but noises of the chase woke him up and he got a gun and went to help authorities. None of the six officers present have admitted to firing the shot that killed Grandstaff.

# Houston steel mill closes down today

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 HOUSTON — The mood Thursday at Armco's Houston Works was somber, the day before one of the nation's largest steel mills finally closed down and the last of the more than 3,000 workers were laid off.

The company announced in October it would shut down the

750-acre facility on the Houston Ship Channel because the slump in the steel market and steep competition from cheaper foreign imports made it impossible for the company to turn a profit.

During the first 10 months of 1983, the Houston Works operated at less than 20 percent capacity and lost nearly \$40 million, said George Hansen, area vice president of Armco. The plant had operated in the area for more than 40 years.

"The mood has been like someone who was sick has died in the family," said United Steel Workers of America Local 2703 president Early Clowers. "We kind of expected it, but is sad anyway."

The last load of steel was made at the plant in November. A skeleton staff of about 75 workers will remain at the facility to handle the last few shipments and do maintenance work. Hansen said all plant activity will be completed by the end of March.

The facility has not yet been sold, although there have been several companies interested in the prime land location, which includes 76 miles of on-site rail line and a mile of frontage along the channel.

Clowers blamed the closing on the "government's inability to address the imported steel problem," Hansen agreed.

difficult to be competitive virtually impossible to be able," Hansen said. "In our principal market, energy industry, during the two years was the final sale."

Clowers also there was of good management, part of the company which have aided in the closure, admitted that the steelworkers were among the highest union members in the area.

"A lot of people said reason the company failed because of high labor cost, our costs were not high enough to put a multimillion-dollar out of business," Clowers said.

About 2,000 workers had been laid off during the past year; the closing of the plant will idle another 1,000 workers. However, some of them already found new jobs.

Clowers said a job retraining program, funded with \$30 million in federal dollars, has been set up for union members preparing themselves for other jobs.

The retraining program is not actual job training but one of counseling and applying for jobs.

"We've been rather successful, but we have not approached helping every Clowers said. "We've helped out 600 people find jobs at Goodyear, Houston Light Power Co. and others."

Hansen said as of Monday 197 workers had undergone formal job search training, another 50 will enter beginning soon.

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# Rescuers to make final recovery try

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 LANGTRY — Rescuers will make one final attempt Friday to recover the body of a man buried in a landslide in the remote Amistad Recreational Area, a national park official said Thursday.

Rescuers Thursday rigged a complicated system of high-pressure water pumps to wash debris from an area believed to hold the body of Joe Edgar Dorroh, 45, of San Antonio, who was buried in a landslide Saturday in the national park.

"I think it's pretty fair to say that if this doesn't work, it's done," assistant park superintendent Don Goldman said.

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The landslide that buried Dorroh and a second slide Sunday that covered the search area represented "only a small part of what could fall," Goldman said.

Rescuers today will use a system of four pumps to wash water on the slope to expose Dorroh's body.

"We're dealing with a rock and some serious problems," he said. "Keeping our fingers crossed this one."

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measure of a person's level of intoxication. The tests are based on presumptions about people's chemistry which may not apply to everyone, which causes results to vary, he said.

Pharris said he's seen enough to know the tests are valid.

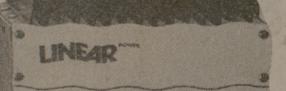
"People have always claimed they are not valid and are always going to do so," he said. "That's their job to put doubt in the jury's mind, but I don't feel like the jury will believe them."

McDonald said the machines must be kept in good condition so they can be proved they were working at the time a test given.

McDonald said there have been problems with the intoxilyzer. When the office was being repainted, painters moved the machine. The county chemist said. The county chemist is the only person authorized to move the machine. Defense attorneys represent clients who were tested at the machine was moved. The court that the moving of the machine caused its measurements to be off, McDonald said.

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