

Woman and baby die in fire, trapped inside burglar bars

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FORT WORTH — A woman and her baby were trapped by the burglar bars that sealed the

windows of their home and died in a fire, despite neighbors' attempts to reach them, officials said Sunday.

John Rowe fled the flames carrying his 4-year-old son, Noah said.

"The father escaped with the little boy, who wasn't hurt," Noah said. "He said 'Daddy carried me out.'"

Rowe then tried to re-enter the brick veneer house, but was burned over most of his body and had to retreat, Noah said.

Firefighters doused the blaze, and found Mrs. Rowe dead at the base of a bedroom window. Nichole Rowe, age 18 months, was found in another room.

Warped

by Scott McCulloch



Corps' march raises \$31,000

By **LESLIE MARTIN**
Reporter

The Corps of Cadets began its March to the Brazos Saturday morning in the rain but that didn't put a dampen the annual fund raiser for the March of Dimes.

More than \$31,000 has been collected and the Corps will formally present the donation check to the March of Dimes

when all the pledges are turned in.

"We already have more money now than we had at this time last year," march organizer Philip Leopold said.

Tim Stevens, a senior civil engineering major, collected \$511 in pledges and won the individual first prize, a trip to next fall's Arkansas football game. Steve Shea, a senior in B Battery Band, came in second place with \$393 and gets to choose from six prizes such as a diamond for his senior ring, a Texas Instruments home computer, a walkman, or a two man raft.

The members of B Battery Band collected more than \$3,800 to win the outfit award. They received a \$100 sporting equipment gift certificate.

The march was also a friendly competition between the outfits. They had stretcher relay races, tug-of-war matches, and three frisbee matches. The KORA music van provided the musical entertainment and Dallas Coward, Cheerleader Melinda May, 1981 Texas A&M graduate, and two other cheerleaders were on hand to sign autographs and pose for snapshots.

Challenger to make daring try to capture a runaway satellite

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A free-flying astronaut failed Sunday in a daredevil bid to stop a wobbling satellite so it could be hauled to Challenger for repair. The shuttle backed off for a do-or-die retrieval try today.

The astronauts were told to plan on using the shuttle's 50-foot robot arm in their next attempt to snag Solar Max, but mission control in Houston also raised the possibility of a second untethered spacewalk to try to capture the satellite.

They tried and failed at least twice Sunday to grab the satellite with the arm but ground controllers were attempting to calm Solar Max's gentle tumble through space to make Monday's try easier.

"Tomorrow is our day to succeed or not to succeed," said flight director Jay Greene, acknowledging that failure could

leave the Solar Max satellite dead in space.

"We haven't given up on it yet and I don't see any reason to."

He said if the arm does not trap the satellite, astronauts Robert Crippen, Dick Scobee, George "Pinky" Nelson, Terry Hart and James van Hoften would be ordered home early — an ignominious end to their much ballyhooed flight to retrieve, repair and redeploy the crippled satellite.

"As of right now, we're worse off than we were before launch," said Dave Bohlin, program scientist for the Solar Max mission. "Scientifically, the satellite is useless to us."

Greene said ground controllers were racing against time to use the satellite's dwindling batteries to calm its wiggle so Monday's maneuver could succeed. "If they cannot get the satellite stabilized and pointed toward

the sun and Challenger cannot retrieve it — Solar Max will be useless.

The shuttle also had a limited amount of fuel for its forward control jets that will be necessary for the rendezvous and for the "rotating grapple" attempt.

That fuel shortage made another free-flying spacewalk doubtful but mission control, anxious to recover from Sunday's failure, told the astronauts that a second free flight over the satellite was still under consideration.

"I guess I'd just as soon not do that," Crippen said.

After backing Challenger out to about 30 miles from Solar Max, Crippen will guide the shuttle back toward the satellite and put it in the same rotation so the arm can attempt to snatch it.

If the backup plan works, the satellite will be tucked into its

cradle in the cargo bay. Days of planned repair will be compressed into one. Challenger will put the orbital observatory back in space Wednesday.

A problem with a fancy rigger hitch — known as a tension pin attachment device — that was supposed to disconnect Solar Max from the shuttle was to have been the program's finest hour in a large question mark.

The device's three spring-loaded jaws failed to clamp the 2 1/2-inch mating pin on the satellite and Nelson's frustrated attempts to fix it with the satellite started Solar Max wobbling worse than ever. "I hit the thing square and bounced out and I went back and hit it again and it didn't snap either time," he told mission control.

After two days of relentless pursuit, Challenger caught up with Solar Max Sunday morning and parked 200 feet away. "Holy mackerel, there he is," said Nelson from the cargo bay where he was getting ready to don his manned maneuvering unit to fly to Solar Max.

He lifted lazily off the shuttle on his 10-minute try to grab the satellite. He ducked around the solar wings and began attempts to link up.

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The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Sunday.

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 • A red Columbia ten-speed bicycle was stolen from Crocker Hall bike rack.
 • A Midwest Video Co. employee reported the theft of a television channel converter box from the floor utility room in Aston Hall.

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 • The right rear window of a 1972 Chrysler parked on Agromony Road was broken.
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