## Drilling ship hearings reopened

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Guard Wednesday reconvened its hearing into the October sinking of a drilling ship near Vietnam amid a bers presumed dead was seen alive sumed dead. in a Vietnamese prison.

the captain of the ship to increase staffing aboard the vessel during the typhoon season because he considered it unimportant.

the father of missing crewman John fate. Pierce, said he has received a letter "I confirm to you that your son, from a Vietnamese refugee who when I met, looked exactly like in

HOUSTON — The U.S. Coast Nang on Nov. 19 after the Glomar Java Sea sank Oct. 25 in the South China Sea during Typhoon Lex.

Divers located the bodies of 34 report that one of the 81 crew mem- crewmen. The other 47 are pre-

Pierce said Vietnamese industrial Also Wednesday, an official with engineer Nguyen Hun Chanh, 35, Houston-based Global Marine Inc., who is now in a refugee camp in the which owns the Glomar Java Sea, Phillipines awaiting a move to Calitestified he ignored a request from fornia, sent him the letter after seeing one of several advertisments sible to find him. Pierce placed in South East Asia Austin attorney Douglas Pierce, ward for any information about his

claims to have seen his son and five the picture," Chanh's letter read.

U.S. State Department conclusion the Da Nang prison and then moved that there is no evidence of survi- to Hanoi.

Secondly, he doesn't want any out.' money and he already has a sponsor

nia," Pierce said. "I am convinced my son is alive and I'm going to do everything pos-

Pierce placed in South East Asia Pierce said he has hired an Ameri-publications which displayed his can-based international security firm Houston and Hong Kong. Pierce said he has hired an Amerison's photograph and offered a re- to investigate Chanh's claim and to to investigate Chanh's claim and to
try to locate the Vietnamese prison been determined, although divers where he believes his son and others found cracks in the hull of the dril-

glish by two Vietnamese people, said months.

The information contradicts a the Americans were questioned at

Pierce said if he is able to confirm "I believe him because he's some- his son's location in Vietnam, he will one I can touch, reach and smell. do "whatever is necessary to get him

Pierce disclosed the letter as offifor himself and his family Califor- cials of the Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board reconvened three days of hearings into the cause of the sinking of the Glomar Java Sea. The board has

Chanh's letter, translated into En- final ruling is not likely for several

### NASA picks crew for Oct. 1 shuttle

WASHINGTON - A Navy oceanographer has been added to the space shuttle flight scheduled to begin Oct. 1, raising the number of crew members to a record seven, the space agency announced Wednesday.

NASA said Paul D. Scully-Power, 40, has joined the four men and two women preparing for the eight-day mission. Scully-Power is a native of Australia and now works as a civilian scientist at the Naval Underwater Systems

Center at New London, Conn. The shuttle Challenger is scheduled to fly farther north and south as it orbits Earth than most missions and thus will give Scully-Power a unusual opportunity to view three-fourths of the globe's seas, NASA said.

"The objective of flying an oceonographer with such experience is expected to result in more effective use of the shuttle for ocean-related missions," the agency said in announcing Scully-Power's addition to the crew.

Scully-Power was born in Sydney and was educated in Australia and London.

#### counterfeit bills 43-year-old man convicted of passing

**United Press International** 

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A man wanted in six states for various sex money in North Carolina, and prosecutors say evidence of criminal sex acts will be introduced at his sentenc-

In court documents unsealed after James M. Debardeleben's conviction, the government alleges Debardeleben is a dangerous special offender and is subject to the enhanced sentence provisions of that statue. The evidence to be presented at Debardeleben's sentencing is to

support prosecutors' contentions, the documents say.

1/2-day trial in which U.S. secret Service agents and Gastonia shopping mall employees testified Debardeleben passed four bogus \$20 bills there April 28, 1983.

"I'm delighted with the conviction got," assistant U.S. attorney Ken P. Andresen said. "I think we had a strong case and it was presented fairly. I was not concerned during the course of deliberations."

Debardeleben, 43, presented no

A court document described some and

The document was a notice filed June 5 by Andresen. In it the government said it intended to show at

evidence in his own behalf. He the sentencing that Debardeleben showed no emotion as the verdict manufactured counterfeit money was read, but glared at the jury as that was of a "high deceptive quality," and had passed \$160,000 worth

The notice also said two firearms were found in Debardeleben's possession when he was arrested in Maryville, Tenn., May 25, 1983, and storage lockers he had in Manassas and Alexandria, Va., contained "equipment, material and parapherof the items the government "equipment, material and parapher-planned to present at the sentenc-nalia used in the manufacturing of counterfeit currency, which included negatives, plates, and a print-

ing press."
"The United States Secret Service

from defendant's storage lockers, in- Missouri on charges ranging from cluding photographs of victims kidnaping to sodomy. whom the defendant had brutally sodomized," the document read. "In addition, the Secret Service seized Wednesday, Stroud called the case notes written by the defendant which described in detail the acts of sodomy and sexual torture. The a store clerk and security officers agents also seized tape recordings made by the defendant of the actual acts of sodomy and sexual abuse...

Debardeleben already has been murder of a real estate saleswoman Phaul.

also seized pornographic material and in courts from Connecticut to

During closing arguments one of "mis-identification" because of inconsistencies in testimony from who identified Debardeleben as the man at the Gastonia store

Last week in Bossier City, La., Desentenced to 35 years in prison for bardeleben was charged with first-counterfeiting in Tennessee. He is degree murder in the April 1982 wanted in Louisiana for the hanging slaying of real estate agent Jean Mc-

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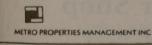


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was read, but glared at the jury as each member was polled.

Defense attorney Keith Stroud of bogus bills. said the decision not to present evidence was "just a matter of trial

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