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Mike Schulz, a Texas A&M student, joins other members of Citizens for Decency in nationwide protest against 7-Eleven's sale of "pornographic" magazines. This group was protesting at the 7-Eleven store on Jersey near Northgate Monday.

Anti-porn group pickets 7-Elevens

United Press International
DALLAS — Picketing of 400 7-Eleven stores Monday by an organization protesting sales of Playboy and Penthouse magazines may be the largest such action ever staged, but bigger things are on the way, the organization's leader has promised.

The Rev. Don Wildmon, speaking from the Tupelo, Miss., headquarters of the National Federation for Decency, said the protest against the sale of Playboy and Penthouse magazines is scheduled for only one day.

"However, I want to say we're not firing all of our ammunition at one time. We have something else in mind and planned. We don't want to go public with it now, but it will be much larger than this, I can assure you," he said.

The Southland Corp., which operates and franchises 7,300 7-Eleven stores, said the pickets will not stop the company from selling the magazines.

the convenience store chain, a brochure explaining the action will be handed to customers. In other places, he said, pickets are not to hand out any type of material.

Wildmon explained, "We're not saying to 7-Eleven 'You can't sell these magazines.' What we're saying is 'As long as you sell these magazines we will not do business with you, and we will encourage others not to do business with you.'"

Martin said Southland's policy, affecting company-owned 7-Elevens, is that only three magazines featuring pictures of nudes are sold: Playboy, Penthouse, and Forum. She said the magazines are kept behind the counters and not in self-service areas. They are sold only to adults and by request only, she said.

Wildmon said he had met three times with Southland representatives.

"They said two things. The first is that 'we have the best policy' on porn of any retailer in the country. They don't call it porn, of course, they call them 'sophisticated magazines,'" he said.

Air Force films on campus

University News Service

Air Force fuel experts recently filmed one segment of a safety training film at Brayton Firemen Training Field on the Texas A&M University campus.

The College Station portion of the film — "Great Balls of Fire II" — was shot in mid-July. Special effects are used to demonstrate safe handling of fuels.

A stuntman contracted by a California film company used the American Petroleum Institute storage tank mock-up at Brayton field as a setting.

The film, due to be completed in December, is an update of an award-winning safety film produced 10 years ago. Much of the firefighting equipment has changed, as have the aircraft and other equipment depicted, said Air Force officials. Remaining segments will be filmed in California.

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De Lorean trial starts to end

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LOS ANGELES — John De Lorean "designed his own disgrace" by plunging into the grimy world of narcotics in a desperate attempt to save his failing sports car firm, a prosecutor told jurors Monday.

"He saw the opportunity and he accepted the risks," Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Perry said in beginning the first of two days of closing arguments.

The jury is expected to begin deliberations late Tuesday or Wednesday after opposing lawyers take turns summing up their cases.

Perry painted an ugly portrait of De Lorean as a man driven by ego and greed, "a user of other people's money" and a braggart. The prosecutor interspersed his presentation

with snippets of secretly-recorded surveillance tapes showing De Lorean discussing narcotics with undercover agents posing as underworld thugs.

"He designed his own disgrace. He and he alone is the architect of his own destruction," Perry said.

The prosecutor said evidence presented during 21 weeks of testimony proved the ex-automaker's guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt" and urged the six-man, six-woman jury to "have the courage to look John De Lorean in the eye" and come back with a guilty verdict.

"Oh, how he chased this deal," the prosecutor said, citing the time and money De Lorean — "an interna-

tionally renowned businessman whose decisions affected thousands" — expended to meet with undercover agents during their four-month probe.

De Lorean, 59, is charged with putting up \$2 million to finance importation of 220 pounds of cocaine in hopes resale of the narcotics would raise \$40-\$60 million to bail his Northern Ireland car company out of receivership.

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Second panda cub dies

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WASHINGTON — Ling-Ling, suffering the third tragedy of life, delivered a stillborn cub.

National Zoo scientists vowed to continue their decade-old struggle to produce a baby giant panda.

The tiny, white male was delivered Sunday night, a little more than a year after the furry, black and white Ling-Ling — and her mate, Hsing-Hsing — lost America's giant panda cub, also a male, to pneumonia.

As in July 1983, Ling-Ling — following instinct — held small apples after veterinarians used fishing pole-like device to snare dead cub, which she gently held and cradled through the night.

"It's been a very long and a tremendously disappointing event. We're all very disappointed," said rector Dr. Michael Robinson at news conference. "Everyone looked good until we realized wasn't making any noise; it was moving."

Zoo scientists pledged to preserve despite the stillbirth, the death of the first cub, and a third tragedy in Ling-Ling's life — the kidney ailment that nearly killed the cub's gift from China during the winter.

During the weekend, Ling-Ling — on antibiotics since recovery from the kidney disorder — built bamboo nest in a corner of her conditioned den. After about 10 hours of labor, she skillfully made the infant's five-ounce body as emerged from the birth canal.

Subcommittee hears horror stories

'Thrill ride' safety urged

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A House subcommittee heard horror stories Monday about amusement park ride accidents, including a description from a man who watched a wrenching jerk on a Missouri "thrill ride" hurtle his wife to her death.

The House health and environment subcommittee took testimony on legislation introduced by Rep. Paul Simon, D-Ill., that would expand the powers of the Consumer Products Safety Commission to inspect amusement park rides in states that do not conduct inspections.

Simon said federal intervention is needed because half the states have no inspection programs, even though amusement park rides have claimed at least 10 lives so far this

year and cause an estimated 6,000 injuries annually.

Carl Holcomb of Indianapolis testified his wife, Stella, died July 7 because of inadequate seat restraints on the "Rail Blazer" ride at the Six Flags over America park at Eureka, Mo.

"We had just a terrible whip, and at that point, she was gone," said Holcomb, who was riding with his wife, an avid roller coaster rider.

"I heard that other people the same size as my wife had trouble being locked in securely," he said. "I feel if there had been more security, I would have my wife sitting here with me."

Simon said the safety commission regulates traveling carnivals, but due

to a 1981 change in law obtained by the amusement park industry it has no jurisdiction over the nation's 520 permanent amusement parks.

"When we as parents take our children to these amusement parks, we are invited to check our worries at the gate," Simon said. "But it's hard to be carefree when there is mayhem on the midway that no agency is responsible for correcting."

Rep. Frank Guarini, D-N.J., called for even broader legislation, saying the consumer safety commission should inspect not only rides, but also "amusement facilities" such as the haunted house at a Great Adventure amusement park in Jackson, New Jersey.

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